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“THE DIRECTOR’S CUT”

Congratulations to past-pupil Nicky Phelan (class of '99) on his directorial success. He has been working in animation for Brown Bag Films in Dublin and his latest film ‘Granny O’ Grimm’s Sleeping Beauty’ has just been short-listed for an Oscar nomination!

There are ten films on the short-list in the category of Best Animation Short Film. The final choice of five films nominated will be decided on 2nd Feb. so we all have our fingers crossed for him. The film has already won a number of audience awards at film festivals in Ireland, America and Australia, which bodes well for his chances.

Nicky is pictured above with fellow classmates Marika Bourke, Jane Cross and Ms Prendergast attending the 10 years class reunion in October.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome one and all to this year's school magazine. As usual there are a wide variety of articles covering all aspects of school life (past and present) and it to be hoped that there is something to interest everyone. This year between flooding, industrial action and contributors somewhat cavalier attitude towards the notion of meeting deadlines, it has taken rather longer than usual to compile. Hopefully the end product is "worthy the winning" to quote Hopkins.

At time of writing we are facing immense challenges individually and as a school community. The education sector as a whole has suffered budgetary cutbacks and Protestant schools in particular have had D.E.S. funding withdrawn. The budget in December is supposed to bring more of the same. Once again we urge the government to rethink this short-sighted strategy regarding education.

Amidst all the doom and gloom of recession there is still much to celebrate. Recently past-pupil Nicky Phelan (class of '99) had an animated film short-listed for an Oscar nomination. Considering the level of competition worldwide, this is a remarkable achievement and we congratulate him upon it. He returned to Midleton College on October 17th to attend the past-pupils 10, 20 and 30 year reunion dinner. These reunions have proved very popular and are always well attended. Further proof of the ties that bind people to the school and each other long after their days in the classroom have ended.

In both academic results and sporting achievements we also have reasons to be cheerful. This year Form VI scored significantly higher than the national average. Special mention goes to Darragh Crosbie, Josh Gregory-McCarthy and Barry Cunningham all of whom have just been awarded Entrance Scholarships to T.C.D. and U.C.C. respectively. In sport, both the senior girls and junior boys hockey teams were cup winners. In all other sports we performed very well for a school of our size and in some cases were unlucky not to win more honours.

During the year there was a bewildering array of tours, trips and outings. By far the most eagerly awaited were the senior girls hockey tour to Manchester and the senior boys rugby tour to Edinburgh. Form II went on a daytrip to Oysterhaven, Form I on a history trip to Ferrycarrig Form IV were away for work experience and for an activities week in Kilfinane. This is just a sample of these activities and doesn't even touch upon the various fieldtrips, theatre visits, workshops, etc. which enrich the life of the school. If Minister O'Keeffe has his way all such outings may cease to occur due to financial constraints. This cannot and will not be allowed to happen.

Within the school there have been many changes this year. Two of the longest serving members of staff Mr Dineen and Mrs. Geary retired. We wish them a long and happy future. Ms Jane O'Sullivan is still on maternity leave and is enjoying her bouncing baby boy Ethan. Her successor Ms Kelleher has just departed on her maternity leave and she will soon be followed by Ms Buckley and Ms Henry on the same happy mission. Mr Cashman's wife is also expecting but unfortunately for him paternity leave "hath all too short a lease". Congratulations to all concerned and it is reassuring to know that you're working towards keeping future pupil numbers high!

On campus three new classrooms have been built and Youngrove has been put to good use. The new Board of Management is now fully up and running. We also made our debut in hurling this year and it was great to see the enthusiasm of the students involved. Another change was the addition of a new form in 1st year, designated as Ix. This has increased our student numbers while in no way diminishing the quality of overall education. All of these new arrivals may be seen in the class photos on page 33.

Sadly not all of the changes during the year were welcome ones, leaving aside the financial losses due to government cutbacks we lost several past pupils. Their death's "diminish us all" as John Donne puts it in "No man is an island". These alumni have remained in touch with the school down through the years and we deeply regret their passing. Indeed Albert Adams wrote a lengthy piece for us about his schooldays which was published in the magazine some years ago. The death of Marian McGrath at a tragically young age had a particularly strong impact on the wider school community and we once again offer our sympathies to her family.

In conclusion we had a year of triumph and adversity but through it all the school continues about its business "bloodied but unbowed." Once again we wish any past pupils reading this to get in touch with the school to keep us abreast of your lives in the wider world. The jottings portion of the magazine seems to be one of the only growth industries in the current economy! Finally I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to a number of people who helped in compiling this year's magazine.

Mrs Rosemarie O'Sullivan-Hourihan for her patience and efficiency in the typing and collating of articles. Also to the magazine committee for all their hard work although some were more committed than others! (You know who you are). Thanks to Mrs Cairns for all her work on the Jottings and to James Buckingham our Gap student and Mrs Stead our librarian for their help with last minute typing. Finally to everyone who submitted articles, photographs etc. (especially those who got them in on time!) we are very grateful. It would simply not be possible to produce a magazine if we had nothing to publish. While this would certainly make my dread of November disappear completely it would deprive the school and the past pupils of the opportunity to engage again with Midleton College.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2009

One of the most significant developments in the governance of the College in recent years has been the completion of the review of governance structures. The past year saw the completion of this process. Our College now has a tripartite governance structure compliant with the 1998 Education Act. The Trustees of the College, the Governors now oversee the day-to-day management & operation of the College in partnership with parent/guardian and teacher members. While the process has been long and the documentation necessarily arduous, the outflow of the process was simply stated in the presence of **Mr Morrissey, Ms Power, Mr Lynch & Mrs. O'Neill-Coyne** on the platform alongside our Governors at Prize Day.

Review of 2008/2009

It has been a tremendously challenging 12 months for the College and our community. The national economic downturn has had significant impact here in East Cork as elsewhere. The new economic realities place challenges in front of all of us, in our personal lives & in our professional ones. That we can act in a spirit of hope and relative confidence for the future is a tribute to the efforts of everyone who supports Midleton College but most particularly our parents & guardians. I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your continued support for, & belief in, the rounded education that we in Midleton College seek to provide to our pupils. We are acutely conscious of the financial demands that face all of us at present. We have sought to ensure that we continue to provide the very best for all of our pupils while equally ensuring that the impacts of Budgetary cuts imposed last December, implemented initially in January & extended this September, have had as little impact as possible both on the breadth of educational experience we provide to pupils and costs to parents & guardians.

As you will be aware there were specific additional cuts imposed on Protestant Voluntary Schools against the imposition of which a determined campaign has been mounted involving church leaders, governors, principals, teachers & parents. Over 300 people attended a conference in Tallaght on the 3rd of October organized by the Committee on Management to highlight these matters. Speaking at that conference **Dr. John Neill** and leaders from the Presbyterian & Methodist communities united in their call for the re-instatement of both the grants withdrawn and the re-alignment of Protestant voluntary schools with all other schools in the 'Free Scheme'. This in itself was a re-statement of what had been said to the Minister and his officials in writing last March and face-to-face last May. Further impetus to the matter occurred at the end of October when **Dr Diarmuid Martin** spoke, as he does on so many matters, with wisdom and insight, saying that Protestant schools have represented 'a major contribution to pluralism in education in Ireland' when minorities of various kinds, religious and others, were able to 'find a home in Protestant schools'. He went on to say that 'without Protestant communities and

without their schools, pluralism today in Ireland would be 'poorer'. I welcome these strong statements of support and ecumenical understanding from Archbishop Martin and thank him for the strong ecumenical message that his words send out across the country.

The reality is that the Protestant community is not looking for an exemption from education cuts, what it is looking for is equality across education cuts, if there are to be such cuts. Will those with the power to make decisions listen finally to the strength of what has been said? By the time you read this publication, I believe we will know.

It is nonetheless of great encouragement to note that despite the significant change in the economy, parents & guardians continue to value what Midleton College offers. For that expression of trust, I express my appreciation to the broad parental community of the College. Our pupil numbers continued to expand in line with the objectives of the development plan that the Governors have set in place. This year our enrolment stands at 321 pupils having closed last June with 306. Our projected enrolment over the next four years envisages a rise of total pupil numbers to 360, with 3 Form groups in each of our Junior years.

This process commenced this year with the arrival of a new sibling for the long-standing twins of 'E' and 'O' Form groups, in 1X. Concerns that this expansion may dilute the personal, familial nature of the College are offset by the knowledge that **this re-structuring has allowed us to reduce class sizes in Junior Cycle** while continuing to provide equally for the differing needs of all our pupils: male, female, boarder day and wide-ranging academic levels.

A growing pupil body requires the increased provision of resources and facilities in which to learn and live. Despite the serious change in economic circumstance, under the leadership of the Governors we have not been found wanting in this regard. The summer saw **the installation of 3 new classrooms and two expanded Music rooms**. The Main Building has been insulated to SEI standard. While we have found much to be critical of the DES for over the past year, I must express our gratitude to the Department of Education for their contributory funding to these necessary capital developments. The provision of locker space for all pupils has been upgraded. The upgrading of the library, generously supported by the PTA continues.



Members of the junior school are shown outside the newly built classrooms.

Staff Changes Over The Past 12 Months

We are an open, family-based community. It is this which attaches many people; staff, parents, former pupils, to Midleton over long periods of time. Last June, two of our longest serving members of staff retired from the College. **Mrs. Irene Geary & Mr Tim Dineen**, as members of the household and grounds staff had, each in their own way, woven themselves in to the fabric of daily life in the College. Both were utterly reliable, capable and dedicated members of staff.

For colleagues and pupils they worked quietly at their tasks ensuring that what was needed was done and done well. With a strong sense of gratitude we held a celebratory meal and made a presentation to Irene & Tim last June and I wish to acknowledge once again our appreciation for their contribution to this school.

Irene and Tim were members of two of the many teams that collectively make up our staff. As a member of the teaching staff as well as Principal, I fully recognize the support that our front line teachers receive from our administrative, household, catering, grounds & nursing staff. Quite simply, without their professional commitment we could not do our jobs effectively. To **Cliona, Thelma, Rory, Gerry & Paula** and by extension all those colleagues who work with them in their respective areas of responsibility, I express the sincere gratitude of the College community to you for the contribution you give.

We have equally had the good fortune to welcome new members of the College community. Mr Terry Jones, as assistant groundsman, **Mr James Buckingham** as GAP Year student, **Ms Claire Hinchliff** as a Church of Ireland JUMP Programme participant. I also welcome **Ethan Mathew O'Sullivan**, whose mum, **Ms Jane O'Sullivan** has been on Maternity Leave in recent months.

6th Form 2009

Last June we also said farewell to our 6th Form of 2009. Saying farewell was an elongated process stretching over the Governor's Reception, the Farewell Ceremony, Sports Day and the State Examinations in June. But perhaps that was no harm. As a year group they were people whom we enjoyed having in the College. They were friendly, co-operative and, during 6th Form, positive leaders within the College community. The senior prefects, **Darragh Crosbie, Rosie Hockenhall, Clare Stead & Daragh Mathews** brought mature, consistent leadership to the Prefects and the year. As a year group they demonstrated once again that it is possible to succeed in academic study while also being heavily involved in a rich diversity of activity. They aimed for high academic attainment, backed it up with serious application to study & earned the reward of outstanding collective and individual results. It was a pleasure to welcome members of our 6th Form and their families back to Prize Day for one final hurrah.

Academic Prizewinners for 2009:

Darragh Crosbie nearly made it a perfect 6 A1's attaining 590 CAO points. **Barry Cunningham** reached the 99th percentile on the Hpat test prior to entry to medicine at UCC. Ten 6th years have entered University College Cork this year. **Josh Gregory McCarthy** has entered Trinity College Dublin along with **Darragh, Clare Stead & Miranda Russell**.

Darragh Crosbie, Barry Cunningham & Josh McCarthy were subsequently awarded Entrance Scholarships at TCD & UCC respectively in Science, Medicine & Legal Studies based on their attainment of over 570 CAO points in the Leaving Certificate 2009.

Sinead Walsh has commenced studying Engineering at the University of Edinburgh, while **Criostoir Humphries** is studying the same field in UL.

Simon Casey, Lillian Hurley and Alistair Murphy, all managed to maintain high standards of application to study across the full range of subjects while making a discernable contribution to the life of the College through their captaincy of senior hockey and cricket teams.

The winners of the Midleton College Association Prizes, **Rourke MacMonagle, Robert Markham, & Meg O'Hanlon** each demonstrated a determination to tackle the challenge of Leaving Certificate study that was maintained throughout senior cycle and rewarded with a strong sense of accomplishment in the State Examinations

Alison Kavanagh's tremendous creativity is acknowledged in both her awards in Art & Creative Writing.

Kate Murray & Alistair Murphy both received the Bishop Hearn Memorial Prize in recognition of their sustained academic improvement through the two years of senior cycle concluding in impressive overall grades obtained in the exams.

5th Form remained a high achieving year group with the prize winners each attaining a set of summer exam grades that marks them as students of outstanding academic capability. The 2nd Form prize winners were closely bunched in terms of academic attainment, but, encouragingly are closely pursued by many others who hope to have their turn next year.

First Form pupils found the initial Christmas exams a challenge but many people's overall grades had risen by the summer time with the class prize winners displaying their abilities right across the breath of the curriculum.

4th Form concluded with both the TY Awards Ceremony and the summer examinations. Julie Coyne & Caleb Powell hosted an unforgettable evening of presentations in which over half the year group participated. The diversity of presentations from the award winning 'Lazer Blazers' Mini Company to self-composed musical items, to reflections on the year was a tribute to all that the pupils had done and the guidance they had been given.

In reviewing our academic attainment in the state examinations, I have asked three questions of ourselves:

Can we significantly exceed national attainment levels at Junior Cycle?

Yes we can.

At Junior Certificate, our pupils' collective attainments exceeded the achievements of almost all their predecessors within the College, while also outstripping national figures. 79.4% of all papers were taken at Higher Level of which 90% attained Higher Level A, B or C grade. **Tim Bourke, Mark Twomey & Andrew Colton** each attained 7 Higher Level A grades and were joint winners of the Intermediate Shield for outstanding Junior Certificate attainment. Tim, along with **Elsbeth Wolfe & Shane Murphy** were awarded prizes for their tremendous capability in Art, while Andrew, Mark & **Sabrina Laatz** received History prizes in Junior Cycle.

It was wonderful to see the success that **Sally Anne Quill & Hugh Delahunty** achieved recognised in the award of the Midleton College Association Prizes.

Can we exceed National CAO Points attainment levels at Leaving Certificate?

Yes we can.

3 times the national average of Leaving Certificate pupils attained over 500 CAO points this year. 10 individual pupils out of 47 attained over 500 Points. Twice the national average attained 450 Points or higher. One third more pupils attained over 200 Points than the national average.



Can we consistently exceed National attainments at Leaving Certificate?

Yes we can.

Midleton College pupils have consistently significantly outperformed the national average attainments over the course of many years and thus been able, in the vast majority of cases, to access the domain of life experience beyond school that is their chosen field of endeavour.

I am proud to be able to say that there is persuasive evidence from analysis of the State Examination achievements of our pupils that we do indeed succeed in providing a rich, varied, meaningful education that allows our pupils take their place with confidence as informed active citizens in their lives beyond Midleton College.

Expanded College Activities:

Each school year brings new opportunities and possibilities to further enhance the depth of our pupils' experience. 2009 brought enrichment in a diversity of ways. In modern languages we have built relationships with the Colleges Georges Brassens in Paris & the Parque Lisboa de Madrid over the past 3 years. **3rd Form Spanish pupils traveled to Madrid** in November accompanied by Ms Power, Mr Leopold, Mrs. Johnston & Mr Baker, and we acted as reciprocal hosts last April. These language exchange opportunities will continue to develop as we have now introduced German into the curriculum in Junior Cycle. **Agricultural Science** is now firmly rooted in the curriculum alongside **Economics, Applied Maths & Religion**.

To date we have managed to implement these expansions of the curriculum without reducing the number of class groups within core subjects, thereby retaining our distinctive class sizes at Senior Cycle. For this I thank my teaching colleagues for their flexibility in undertaking additional teaching loads in order to diminish the impact to pupils of the budgetary cuts imposed on the College since last December. This professional commitment is reflective of all that is good about our teachers' dedication to the learning of our pupils.

2009 saw **Mr Morrissey** complete his first year as Deputy Principal with a calm assurance deriving from his personal and professional expertise in understanding colleagues, pupils, parents/guardians and flustered Principals!

Beyond the curriculum Midleton College made its debut at **Hurling**, participating in the Lord Mayor's Trophy ably coached by Ms Kelleher, and assisted by Mr O'Mahony. The **Summer Music Evening** reached new heights moving to the Assembly Hall and featuring individual, duet, quartet, choir & orchestral pieces: classical to contemporary with over 60 pupils involved, co-ordinated by Ms Anderson, Mr Sexton, Mr O'Callaghan & Mr & Mrs. Nicholls. A similar level of expanded participation and achievement was on show in **'South Pacific'**, ably directed by Ms O'Brien and featuring a cast & crew of 70 pupils.

A final area of new development was in our **Nursing Care**. Mrs. Paula Stead has been joined by Mrs. Sheila White & Ms. Sinead O'Connor to create a nursing team that ensures round the clock care for all our pupils, boarding and day, based in the Surgery in the Main Building. As one consequence of the implementation of our nursing team, the College now has 17 trained First Responders on the staff and possesses 3 Defibrillators for emergency use if ever required.

In addition to new developments within the curriculum, 2009 saw the retention of all that we take for granted but which goes beyond the experience of many second level pupils. **Seachtain na Gaelige**, organized by Mr O'Mahony,

Ms Buckley & Ms O'Brien brought us a magnificent Ceili, Table Quizes, poster competitions and widespread use of Irish by all – even myself.

5th & 6th Form Geographers traveled to **Waterford & Kerry** to complete their Field Studies as preparation for their Special Study for Leaving Certificate, 4th form spent a week in **Kilfinane**, 2nd Form a day getting wet & muddy in **Oysterhaven**, 1st Form seeing history in action in **Ferrycarrig**.

1st Form pupil **Jack Cowhig** won a special award at the **Young Scientist Finals** held in Dublin in January and, partially in consequence of this outstanding achievement & partially for his excellent practical work is the winner of the Ron Little Award for Practical Science.

The incredible work of pupils staff and families members in support of The **HOPE Foundation** continued in 2009. The total amount raised by pupils over the past four years exceeds 100,000. This unique effort funds a 24 hour a day, 365 day a year Ambulance service in the city of Kolkatta, something in which we take great pride.

In **Rugby** the senior squad almost pulled off an historic 'four-in-a-row' in the Mungret Cup. The squad worked hard all season and were narrow losers to Newtown in the final Mungret Cup finalists. Brian Quill earned selection for the Munster U19's & Jack Lynch, Denis O'Riordan, Daragh Crosbie all played for the Munster A side. The senior squad were once again afforded the opportunity of traveling on Tour to Scotland, a trip co-ordinated by Mr Preston & Mr Power. The JCT also reached the Cup final loosing a ding-dong encounter to St Nessan's but showing great determination and pride in a tough game.

The **Senior Girls Hockey** team, captained by Lillian Hurley, were Munster B champions and as a result the squad has been promoted to the Munster A League for the first time ever this season. Julie Coyne played for Munster U18's and Jess Griffin was selected for Munster U16's. The squad ended the season with a very successful tour to Manchester, co-ordinated by Mr Seale.

The **Junior Boys** became Munster Cup winners in one of the most memorable matches in years: 4-4 at full-time: 5-5 after extra time: 2-2 in penalties, when Nick Burns stood up to score the penalty to win the Cup for the first time in 23 years. The Senior Boys hockey squad, captained by Alistair Murphy, qualified for the All Ireland Schools Championships and reached the Munster final loosing narrowly to Bandon but laying a clear foundation for the coming years. Nick Burns represented the Irish U16 & Munster U18's, Adam O'Callaghan Munster U21's & Andrew Colton Munster U16

Our **girls' soccer team** competed in the Cork Schools League last year and we are installing new goalposts on the soccer pitch over half-term.

Orienteering continues to grow in participation & attainment. Former pupil Nick Simonin competed for Ireland at both junior & senior level this summer. All Ireland Schools Post-Junior Certificate Boys & 1st year Boys won the team titles Hattie Durrant won the individual 1st year girls title.

In **Golf**, Julie & Edel Coyne who won the Irish Ladies Golf Union, Munster Senior Schools Championship.

All of these strands of activity reflect our ethos of providing an educational experience that is rich and diverse, open to a range of aptitudes and abilities, supportive, encouraging and caring of all pupils. However, by itself it is not enough. Parents/ guardians who seek a 'rounded education' for the children want assurance that this is based in a strong, varied academic programme that caters for the needs of their child.

At Midleton College can we successfully fulfill both dimensions of a rounded education?

In a phrase attributed in my own home more to Bob the Builder than President Obama: 'Yes we can'.

The new 6th Form of 2009/10 have commenced their final year in positive manner and are ably led by our four senior prefects,

HEAD BOY	Sean O'Regan
SENIOR DAY BOY	Ethan Dillon
HEAD GIRL	Paige Crosbie
SENIOR DAY GIRL	Laura McPadden

Paige has also been elected **Chair of the Student Council** for 2009/2010, ably assisted by Deputy Chair, Elliot Murphy from Form 5.

The Midleton College Association continues to act as an important link between the College and former pupils. The importance of reunions and maintaining links with former pupils cannot be overestimated. I thank Mr John Smith and his MCA committee for the time they give in support of the Association. It was a privilege to be able to recognize the recent **outstanding achievements of five former pupils** who this year completed academic study at the highest level or were awarded for excellence in their field of professional activity. They were:

Sarah-Jane Phelan, Nicky Phelan, Oileann Lyons, Meriel Smith, Tara Browne.

I would also like to thank all the members of the PTA committee of 2008/09, chaired by **Mr Robin Smith** for the many ways in which they have supported parents/ guardians in meeting & socializing while also providing practical assistance to parents through activities such as the Second Hand uniform sale.

Despite the difficulties which face each and every one of us at present it is a pleasure to be able to conclude this report in optimistic form. The Board of Governors gave formal consideration to the **Tender Reports from Henley Kavanagh McGowan for the Sports Complex** that forms the major component of the College Development Plan at their October meeting. The recommended tenders came in at just under 1.9million euro, some 23% below the prices expected just 12 months ago. The Governors have decided to commit to the establishment of a Development Plan Fund-raising committee to oversee the generation of the necessary funding to ensure that this project can be brought to fruition without putting the College finances at risk in troubled economic times. This is another significant step forward in seeing these ambitions plans become a reality in the near future. Parents/guardians will continue to be informed as this project moves forward.

Finally, two pictures to consider. The first shows pupils in 1908. They sit by the front steps in much the same way that pupils continue to do so today - with some obvious differences. The second picture shows some of the new first year pupils at sports day last June, just before they joined the College. Lives long since completed through Midleton College, lives in the early years of life's journey. For nearly

three centuries this College has educated young people in a unique and meaningful manner. Let us look forward with enthusiasm, the same enthusiasm that you can see in the eyes of our youngest pupils as we continue to live, work, learn and guide young people in the development of fulfilling lives in Midleton College.

SIMON THOMPSON - Principal



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The Board of Management are pictured in The Midleton Park Hotel following their recent meeting.

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Mr. Brian Gill, B.A.		Business, Economics.
Ms. Laura Guest, B.Sc.Ed		Science, Mathematics.
Mr. Mitch McGuckin, B.A.		Mathematics.
Ms. Melanie Henry Dipl.-Germ. (Univ.) – DaF		German
Mr. Ray O'Callaghan		Music
Ms. Mary Linehan, B.A.		I.T., Learning Support
Ms. Catherine Synnott, B.A.		Art.

Librarian:	Mrs. P. Stead.
Career Guidance:	Mr. P. Twomey and the Principal.
Director of Choral Music:	Mr. I. Sexton.
Acting Transition Year Co-ordinator:	Mr. S. Thompson.
Gap Student:	James Buckingham.
Church of Ireland JUMP Programme:	Claire Hinchliff.
Medical Officers:	Dr. B. Jordan and Dr. C. Healy.
Nurses:	Ms. P. Stead, Ms. S. White and Ms. S. O'Connor.
Household Manager:	Ms. T. Strickland.
Chef:	Mr. R. Graham.
Grounds Manager:	Mr. G. Maguire.
Bursar:	Ms. C. Hurley, B.Comm., C.P.A.
Administration:	Mrs. R. O'Sullivan-Hourihan, Mrs. E. Flynn and Mrs. C. Cashman. Household Staff: Mrs. Julie O'Brien, Mrs. Helen Sinclair, Mrs. Mary Barry, Ms. Marie Duggan, Ms. Noelle Lomasney, Mrs. Susan Foley, Mrs. Genowefa Tomczuk, Mrs. Betty Power, Mrs. Kathleen Smith, Mrs. Josephine Mulcahy, Mrs. Makgorzata Tyczynska Mrs. Christina Daly, Mrs. Kathleen Cody, Ms. Josephine O'Driscoll, Mrs. Anne Nixon, Mr. Liam Power, Ms. Krystyna Woronivch, Mr. Terry Jones, Ms. Rosemaire Sisk.

Head Boy:	Sean O'Regan	Head Girl:	Paige Crosbie
Senior Day Boy:	Ethan Dillon	Senior Day Girl:	Laura McPadden

PREFECTS:

GIRLS:	Hannah Brown, Yvonne Coleman, Anna O'Leary, Sarah O'Shea, Jen Preston, Rachel Smith, Emily Simonin, Vivien Von Treu, Grainne Walsh.
BOYS:	Lennart Berg, Angus Griffith, Owen Jermyn, David Kenefick, Diarmuid Long, Adam O'Callaghan, Killian O'Dwyer, Donnacha O'Riordan, Emmet Rose.

TEACHING STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES 2009-2010

Mr. Simon Thompson:

Principal, Acting Transition Year Co-Ordinator.

Mr. Bud Morrissey:

Deputy Principal, Senior Resident Master,
Co-ordinator of Duty Rota, Form Teacher.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Mr. Ivan Leopold

Job Placement Co-ordinator, Form Teacher.

Mrs. Ruth Levis

Student Council Co-ordinator, Form Teacher.

Ms. Mary Power

ELOS Co-ordinator, Uniform Co-ordinator,
Form Teacher.

Mr. Leonard O'Mahony

House Exam Co-ordinator, Form Teacher.

SPECIAL DUTIES TEACHERS

Mr. Martin Preston

Form Teacher, Maintenance Liaison,
Tuck Shop Co-ordinator, Rugby Secretary.

Mr. Ray Power

Form Teacher, IT Purchasing & Support, October Returns.

Mrs. Margaret Rumley

Form Teacher, School Attendance and Absences.

Mrs. June Johnston

Form Teacher, School Books/Stationery Purchasing.

Ms. Lucy O'Regan

Form Teacher, School Lockers Co-ordinator.

LEARNING SUPPORT EDUCATION

Mr. Ivan Leopold

UCAS/CAO APPLICATIONS

Mr. Pdraig Twomey

Ms. Liz Weston

Ms. Lisa Kelleher

Ms. Mary Linehan

Mr. Mitch McGuckin

Mr. Brian Gill

IT CO-ORDINATOR

Ms. Mary Linehan

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Mr. Brian Hickey

IT PURCHASING and SUPPORT

Mr. Ray Power

ANNUAL MAGAZINE

Mr. Brian Hickey

FESTIVAL CHOIR

Mr. Ian Sexton

ORCHESTRA

Mr. Colin Nicholls

Mrs. Angela Nicholls

GAMES AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR

BOYS HOCKEY

Mr. Ivan Leopold
Ms. Mary Power
Ms. Liz Clifford
Mr. Clive Seale
Ms. Catriona Hassey

GIRLS HOCKEY

Mr. Clive Seale
Mrs. Jane O'Sullivan
Ms. Liz Clifford
Ms. Catriona Hassey
Mr. Andrew McCarthy
Mr. Mitchell McGuckin
Mr. Brian Gill
Mr. John Levis

RUGBY

Mr. Martin Preston
Mr. Ray Power
Mr. Paul Cashman
Mr. Kevin Stanley

ATHLETICS

Ms. Liz Clifford
Mr. Paul Cashman

FITNESS CO-ORDINATOR

Mr. Jean Diez

CRICKET

Mr. Jim Doran
Mr. John Levis
Mr. Brian Hickey

TENNIS

Mr. Clive Seale

ORIENTEERING

Ms. Liz Clifford
Mrs. Rosemarie O'Sullivan-Hourihan

GIRLS SOCCER

Mr. Ken O'Neill
Mr. Paul Cashman

EQUESTRIAN

Mrs. Paula Stead

GOLF

Mr. Leonard O'Mahony

CHESS

Mr. Brian Hickey

DRAMA

Mr. Eamonn Doyle

FRENCH CLUB

Ms. Lisa Kelleher

IRISH CLUB

Ms. Gobnait Buckley

YOUNG SCIENTIST CLUB

Ms. Louise Curtin

MUSIC LESSONS

Mrs. Ann Anderson (Piano/Singing)
Mr. Ian Sexton (Piano)
Ms. Katrina Emtaj (Flute)
Mr. Ray O'Callaghan (Guitar)
Ms. Afric Prendergast (Violin)
Ms. Rachel Deloughry (Saxophone/ Clarinet)
Ms. Deirdre Long (Piano)
Mr. Colin Nicholls & Mrs. Angela Nicholls (Orchestra)

DEBATING

Mr. Chris Baker

PRIZE LIST 2009

Moore Memorial Prize:

Darragh Crosbie.

Intermediate School Shield:

Timothy Bourke, Andrew Colton, Mark Twomey.

Midleton College Citizenship Prize:

Clare Stead.

James MacNeill West Memorial Prize For Mathematics:

Darragh Crosbie, Barry Cunningham, Su Bin Kim.

Timothy West Memorial Prize For Mathematics:

Timothy Bourke, Andrew Colton, Amy Kingston, Greg Chambers, Kristian Karpati, Thomas Turkington.

AIB Leaving Certificate Prize For English:

Joshua Gregory-McCarthy, Luke Dillon.

Webster Memorial Prize For English:

Darragh Crosbie, Kieran James.

Dorothy West Memorial Prize**For Junior Certificate English:**

Timothy Bourke, Mark Twomey, Emily Humphreys, Sam Lynch, Ned Hodson.

Long Memorial Prize For Irish:

Darragh Crosbie, Criostóir Humphries, Clare Stead, Daniel Roche, Amy Kingston, Emily Humphries, Stuart O'Sullivan, Niall Madden.

J.H. Bennett Memorial Prize**For Leaving Certificate Chemistry:**

Darragh Crosbie, Daragh Mathews.

Bank Of Ireland Leaving Certificate Prize For Physics:

Darragh Crosbie, Barry Cunningham.

Iris Olive Atkins Memorial Prize For Biology:

Darragh Crosbie, Barry Cunningham, Joshua Gregory-McCarthy, Kieran James, Daragh Mathews.

J.H. Bennett Memorial Prize For Science:

Timothy Bourke, Andrew Colton, Mark Twomey, Amy Kingston, Greg Chambers, Hannah Hayes.

Alan Mcbeth Memorial Prize For Languages:

Miranda Russell, Jack Lynch.

B.F. Hickey Memorial Prize For Modern Languages :

Kieran James, Sinead Walsh, Clare Stead.

Bagwell Prize For Languages:

Andrew Colton, Amy Kingston, Emily Humphreys, Sam Lynch, Sabrina Laatz, Sophie Smyth.

Isaac Butt Memorial Prize For History:

Joshua Gregory-McCarthy, Kit O'Keeffe, Jesse Shanagher.

Dorothy West Memorial Prize**For Junior Certificate History:**

Andrew Colton, Mark Twomey, Sabrina Laatz.

J.W. Smyth Prize For Leaving Certificate Geography:

Darragh Crosbie, Joshua Gregory-McCarthy, Daniel Roche.

Lindsay Maing Prize**For Junior Certificate Geography:**

Andrew Colton, Mark Twomey, Nathanael Ottman, Shane Murphy.

Dorothy West Memorial Prize For Business:

Joshua Gregory-McCarthy, Rebecca Deane.

Business Prize:

Mark Twomey, Greg Chambers.

Prize For Applied Mathematics:

Barry Cunningham, Luke Dillon, Sinead Walsh.

Tait Prize For Agricultural Science:

Luke Dillon,

Mrs E.F. Bennett Memorial Prize For Music:

Daragh Matthews, Timothy Bourke, Amy Kingston.

Brian D. Cairns Memorial Prize For Singing:

Joshua Spink.

Art Prize:

Alison Kavanagh, Timothy Bourke, Elsbeth Wolf, Shane Murphy.

Tait Prize For Creative Writing:

Clare Stead, Alison Kavanagh.

Maura Lee West Prize For Special Achievement:

Brian Quill.

Midleton College Association Prize:

Meg O'Hanlon, Robert Markham, Rourke MacMonagle, Hugh Delahunty, Sally Anne Quill.

Principal's Prize:

Gerard Murphy, Simon Casey, Lillian Hurley.

Bishop Hearn Memorial Prize:

Kate Murray, Alistair Murphy, Elsbeth Wolfe, Nathanael Ottman, Evangeline Mills.

CLASS PRIZES:**Dr F.M. Hilliard Memorial Prizes For Form V:**

Osal Sutton-Kelly, Owen Jermyn, Jen Preston, Paige Crosbie, Séan O'Regan, Owen Barnes, Laura McPadden, Lennart Berg, Rachel Smith, Hannah Browne.

Form IV: 1st, Michelle Callan; 2nd Caoimhe O'Sullivan; Equal 3rd Class Prize, Duncan Cronin, Aine O'Mahony; Equal 5th, Josh O'Sullivan-Hourihan, Andrew Power Alex Spink; Equal 8th, Stepahnie Malbasha, Shane Somers; Equal 10th, Julie Coyne, Candela Vega Penichet.

Form II: 1st, Kate Phelan; 2nd, John McEvoy; 3rd, Hannah Spink; 4th, Billy McCarthy; 5th, Oliver Ind; 6th Niamh Hanbidge; Equal 7th, Kim Crosbie, Jessica Knoblauch, Kevin Laatz, Rachel Quinn.

Form I: 1st, Olwyn Anthony, Kate O'Mahony; 3rd, Andrew McGregor; Equal 4th, Emma Herlihy, Jonathan Ottman; Equal 6th, Owen Chambers, Eoin Doyle; Equal 8th, Jack Cowhig, Daniel Moore, 10th, Pamela Wolfe;

Ron Little Memorial Prize for Practical Science,
Jack Cowhig.

HAIL AND FAREWEL

AVETE

The following entered the College at the beginning of the academic year. We bid them welcome and wish them happy and rewarding careers in the College.

BOYS: Joshua Beamish, Richard Broderick, Jaco Bronkhorst, Alex Burns, Kevin Carew, Rodrigo Cashat Usabiago, Eoghan Daly, Alexander Deane, Adam Dwane, Luke Finnerty, Blai Garcia Costa, Benjamin Hales, Edward Hayes, Robert Johnston, Ian Keating, Ciaran Lydon, Joseph Lydon, Christian Lynch, Peter Matthews, Brandon McEvoy, Jack McGauran, Misael O'Brien, Rory O'Hara, James O'Mahony, Niall O'Mahony, Patrick O'Riordan, Anthony O'Shea, Wenceslas Ostasenko, Cormac Phelan, Kieran Simpson, Gavin Smiddy, Jack Tierney, Eoin Walsh, Johnathan Walsh, Philipp Wiehen.

GIRLS: Angel Axson, Eva Bourke, Kerry Browne, Ailbhe Cronin, Laetitia Dechamps, Rachel Drennan, Daisy-Beth Gibbons, Julie Guinee, Lena Hoppenstadt, Danielle Hornibrook, Sinead James, Beata Karpati, Sophie Keating, Lisa Kenneally, Aine Lehane, Elizabeth Martin-Murphy, Niamh McCormack, Olivia O'Callaghan, Aisling O'Sullivan, Emma O'Sullivan, Ruth Provan-Bessell, Katrin Paulus, Raphael Renz, Isabel Rodriguez De Codes Lopez, Blanca Rodriguez Loras Calgas, Janet Rumley, Ellen Ryall, Nova Schonenberger, Eadaoin Sheehan, Sonia Stronach, Hayley Trevor, Anna Sophie Von Cossel, Esther Von Schultz, Amelie Von Spee Mirbach, Caoimhe Walsh, Beth Wardle.

VALETE

Shirley Baker Limerick Institute of Technology – (Business & Sports Management)
 Katie Bourgeois University College Cork (Biological & Chemical Science)
 Maximillian Bennien Gap Year
 Tiernan Brennan University College Cork – (Arts)
 Sharin Busch Studying Business in Germany – (Apprentice with V.W.)
 Simon Casey National University of Galway (Engineering)
 Eirne Connolly College of Commerce (Business & Spanish)
 Darragh Crosbie Trinity College Dublin (Science)
 Barry Cunningham University College Cork (Medicine)
 Rebecca Deane University of Limerick (Business)
 Luke Dillon University College Cork (Energy Engineering)
 Loughlin Gethins University College Cork (Biochemistry)
 Joshua Gregory-McCarthy Trinity College Dublin (Law)
 Rosemary Hockenhall Plymouth University (Business Studies)
 Daniel Hollywood University College Cork (Computers)
 Cristoir Humphreys University of Limerick (Engineering)
 Lillian Hurley Hotel Management in Shannon
 Kieran James University College Cork (Biological & Chemical Science)
 Alison Kavanagh University College Cork (Philosophy, Celtic Studies English & Archaeology)
 Monica Kim University of Jung Ang (Politics)
 Megan Keena College of Commerce (Travel & Tourism)
 Clara Kirchner Training as an Assistant in Medical Rescue Service in Germany
 Jack Lynch Physiotherapy in London
 Rourke MacMonagle St. John's College (Sport)
 Robert Markham St. John's College (Film & Multimedia)
 Daragh Mathews University College Cork (Biochemistry)
 Harris Monagan Cork Institute of Technology (Recreational & Leisure Management)
 Alistar Murphy University College Cork (Commerce & Hispanic Studies)
 Gerard Murphy Dublin City University (Actuarial Studies)
 Kate Murray University College Dublin (Medical Chemistry & Chemical Biology)
 Colin O'Brien University College Cork (Arts)
 Meg O'Hanlon Deane College
 Kit O'Keeffe University College Cork (Commerce)
 Sean O'Sullivan University College Cork (Music with Arts)
 Brian Quill University College Cork (Law and French)
 Daniel Roche University College Cork (Physiology)
 Miranda Russell Trinity College Dublin (Business & Spanish)
 Misaki Seto Bruce College
 Jesse Shanagher Dundee University (Politics)
 Joshua Spink University College Cork (Arts)
 Clare Stead Trinity College Dublin (Earth Sciences)
 Kobinian Vogler University of Graz, Austria (Psychology)
 Stephanie Von Schultz University of Dundee
 Sinead Walsh University of Edinburgh (Engineering)
 Ian White Cork Institute of Technology (Business & Information Systems)
 Victoria Wilson University of Bangor (History)
 Annabel Zu Castell Gap Year (In Kenya working with Orphans)

PRIZE DAY 2009

This year Prize Day took place on Friday 23th of October. The whole school community assembled in the Silversprings Moran Hotel for the event. Bishop Paul Colton as chairman of the Board of Governors began proceedings on a lively note.

The bishop took the opportunity to publically comment on recent cuts in education funding especially those that "targetted" the Protestant community. He did not mince words as he described frustrating meetings with various ministerial minions. The bishop suggested that Minister O'Keeffe is willfully ignoring the legitimate concerns of the Protestant schools. He concluded his remarks with a strong demand for the return of the status quo which has obtained since 1967.

The Principal's Report was next in the running order. Mr. Thompson began by welcoming everyone once again and most especially the members of the now fully operational Board of Management. This was accompanied by a slide of this august body. The inclusion of various slides to coincide with highlights of the speech made for a most entertaining addition.

Mr. Thompson also spoke out most strongly in defense of the minority schools and pointed out that we are not seeking exemption from cuts but "equality across education cuts" if such cuts have to be made. The review of the many achievements and changes made within the school over the past year was very comprehensive. (See Principal's Report 2009 p. ...for details). Near the end of the report he invited this year's senior prefects to come forward to accept their insignia of office. These were Sean O'Regan Head Boy, Ethan Dillon Senior Day Boy, Paige Crosbie Head Girl and Laura McPadden Senior Day Girl. He concluded his report on an upbeat note looking forward to the future of the College with great enthusiasm.

This year's guest speaker was Mr. Alan Brook. He is a former pupil of Midleton College and had a distinguished career in education as a Trinity scholar and as headmaster of The High School for many years. In his speech he recalled how Mr. Thompson had been a young pupil of his once upon a time. He also confessed that he would be more comfortable delivering a headmaster's report than fulfilling the more dauntingly unfamiliar role of a guest speaker.

Mr. Brook decided to structure his speech as if he was being interviewed by a chat show host. He posed questions of interest and then provided the answers. We quickly learned of his time in Midleton College in the 1940s and he commented favourably on how the school has grown since his day. Next he spoke of Trinity and of his many happy years spent teaching in England. Then came the "miraculous" phonecall inviting him to interview for the post of headmaster of The High School. This job was the culmination of his time as an educator.

As the speech came to a close Mr. Brook also called on Minister O'Keeffe to value and appreciate all of Ireland's schools. He particularly emphasized the importance of not neglecting the Protestant schools. In concluding he offered the audience a piece of advice from his time teaching: "thou shalt not be offended" by things said or done.

Next we had the musical interlude. The College choir sang a Beatles tune "Here, there and Everywhere" which was very well received. Matthew Wilson performed a Japanese flute sonata and then the College Orchestra performed a medley of Beatles songs which gave the afternoon a distinctly 60s flavour. Finally, the prizes were distributed among the various class groups. The Bishop proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Brook he gave a final blessing and Prize Day was concluded for another year.

-Ed.

Form I Prize Winners



Back Row L-R: O. Anthony, K. O'Mahony, J. Cowhig, E. Herlihy, P. Wolfe, O. Chambers.
Front Row L-R: Mr. Brook, D. Moore, A. McGregor, E. Doyle, J. Ottman, Mr. Thompson.

Form II Prize Winners



Back Row L-R: R. Quinn, B. McCarthy, O. Ind, K. Laatz.
 Front Row L-R: Mr. Brook, J. McEvoy, K. Phelan, K. Crosbie, Mr. Thompson.

Form III Prize Winners (Junior Cert)



Back Row L-R: H. Hayes, A. Kingston, N. Ottman, S. Murphy, H. Delahunty, S. Smyth, E. Wolfe, S. Laatz.
 Front Row L-R: Mr. Brook, S. Lynch, S-A. Quill, E. Mills, T. Bourke, M. Twomey, T. Turkington, Mr. Thompson.

Form IV Prize Winners



Back Row L-R: S. Malbasha, J. O'Sullivan-Hourihan, S. Somers, M. Callan, C. O'Sullivan
Front Row L-R: Mr. Brook, A. O'Mahony, D. Cronin, J. Coyne, Mr. Thompson.

Form V Prize Winners



Back Row L-R: L. McPadden, P. Crosbie, H. Brown, O. Kelly.
Front Row L-R: Mr. Brook, J. Preston, O. Barnes, S. O'Regan, R. Smith, Mr. Thompson.

Form VI Prize Winners



Back Row L-R: K. Murray, M. O'Hanlon, S. Markham, R. MacMonagle, R. Deane, C. Stead, L. Dillon, D. Roche, D. Mathews, K. James.

Front Row L-R: Mr. Brook, A. Kavanagh, C. Humphreys, A. Murphy, B. Cunningham, Bishop Colton, G. Murphy, B. Quill, J. Gregory-McCarthy, L. Hurley, Mr. Thompson.

Head Prefects



L-R: Mr. Brook, L. McPadden, E. Dillon, Bishop Colton, S. O'Regan, P. Crosbie, Mr. Thompson.

OTHER IMAGES FROM PRIZE DAY



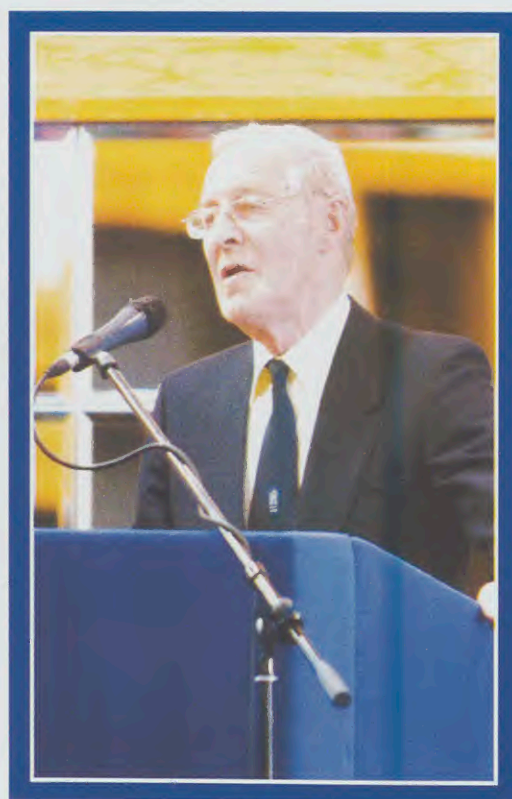
Mr. Brook and Alison Kavanagh the winner of the Tait Prize for Creative Writing.



Mr Brook, M. Twomey, T. Bourke, Mrs Colton (on behalf of her son Andrew). These were the top Junior Cert prize winners.



The Top Table!



Mr. Brook the guest speaker.

Christmas Concert



The box office smash production of 'South Pacific' received great praise from everybody who went. Those who had never seen the classic movie were in for a treat with performances of the musical hits "Nothing Like A Dame", "Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair" and "Honey Bun". The quality and range of the show stole the attention of the audience with brilliant vocals and snappy choreography. Apart from the students talents for singing, their acting capability got all the audience laughing and clapping along.

The theatrical performance told the story of a young woman, Nellie Forbush, who finds love and scandal with the French resident, Emile De Bacque, on a tiny island in the Pacific during WWII. Emily Humphreys and Darragh Matthews played the loved up couple. They are pictured centre stage above, singing their grand finale number. Other thespians who showed off their incredible skills were Josh Spink playing the young, stubborn but warm-hearted Lieutenant Cable, Jen Preston and Laura McPadden with their hilarious double act as the Bloody Marys and Sean O Sullivan as the old and grumpy Commander Brannigan.

All of this couldn't have come about without help from the Director, Ms O' Brien, the Co-director Ms Lenihan, musical accompaniment by Mrs. Anderson, Ms O' Regan for designing the stage and the fabulous lights and backstage crew for doing all the odd jobs, make-up and everything. Thanks to all.

- Killian O' Dwyer (Form VI)

6TH YEAR'S HIGHER OPTIONS

On the 17th of September all of the 6th years were up and out at an unusually early hour to attend the annual RDS Higher Options Conference. We arrived in Dublin around 11 o'clock. Some of us already knew which courses to find out about but others needed a bit more inspiration! There was a wide range of information available, from seminars about choosing the right course to taking a Gap Year. Whether we were looking for a Business course in UCD, Medicine in Budapest or doing volunteer work abroad, there was something to suit everybody. I'd like to thank Mr. Twomey for organising the trip and also thanks to Mr. O'Mahony and Miss. O'Callaghan for giving up their day to come with us, we know the DVD may not have been your first choice!

- Grainne Connolly (Form VI)

YOUNG SCIENTIST

I began my project on social networking sites by making a variety of surveys and handing them out to some schools. I tested a 1st year class a 6th and 5th year class rural/inner city and the results were mostly that the rural schools used the social networking sites and knew more about them than inner city schools. My explanation for this was that the rural children did not see their friends as much so communicated using the internet and not phones because the internet was cheaper. When I got to the exhibition I was amazed to see the diversity and range of the projects displayed at the RDS there was a whole lot of fun stands to visit in the section towards the back and a very big selection of freebies. The judge's comment was 'Very relevant, worthwhile topic chosen. Work clearly presented in a logical step by step manner, interesting to read. It is great to see a 1st year student of this quality. Well done', Ms. Ruby Morrow-judge at Bt Young Scientist.

- Jack Cowhig (Form II)



Jack is pictured here in front of his display in the RDS.

NEW LANGUAGE IN MIDDLETON COLLEGE: GERMAN



Members of Form I in their German class. L-R: E. Sheehan, J. Lydon, R. Drennan, K. Simpson, N. McCormack, A. O'Sullivan and Ms. Henry.

German to Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate level has been taught to interested pupils of Middleton College outside school hours for many a year. However, in the school year 2009/2010, it has been formally incorporated into the timetable of Form I as an alternative language to Spanish and French.

8 pupils took up the offer in September 2009 with numbers expected to increase over the coming years. Taught by a native speaker, the pupils have been learning about the German language, history and culture ever since. With a degree in Teaching German as a Foreign Language and extensive teaching experience in Irish

2nd and 3rd Level Education (UCC), the German teacher Ms. Melanie Henry strives to make the German classes a very authentic, interesting and rewarding experience for her students.

In order to create a German atmosphere in and outside the classroom, pupils in Form II are offered the chance to participate in a school exchange with the Hariolf Gymnasium Ellwangen, a secondary school in Southern Germany, where they would experience German life and undertake day trips to places of historical and cultural value. The aim is to combine historical and cultural learning with German language acquisition.

Overall, German in Middleton College has had a very good start over the past few months, and hopefully will continue to do well in the future.

- M.H.



FORM II OYSTERHAVEN TRIP

In April 2009, second form went on an excursion to the outdoor activity center in Oysterhaven. When we arrived we were split into two groups, one went off to enjoy a day of watersports and the other group went to do landsports. Halfway through the day the groups switched and got to have a taste of another activity. The watersports included kayaking (single and double), waterpolo, the pontoon and overall we had a fun filled session. The landsports included activities and challenges which left us covered in mud but with a smile on our faces. Overall we had an enjoyabe day which we'll never forget! Thanks very much to Mr O'Neill and Ms Curtin for organising the trip.

- Niamh Hanbidge and Rachel Quinn, (Form III).



HOCKEY TOUR



On Friday 3rd April the Senior Girls hockey team met in Cork Airport after a long and eventful season to set out on our 2009 hockey tour to Manchester. There was much excitement, and luckily we had Mr. Seale, Mr. Leopold and Miss Guest to keep us focused. We arrived at the Village Hotel in Cheadle late that night and the next morning were woken early (by our standards!) to leave to play the first match of the tour. The match was against Westleigh Hockey Club which we won by a comfortable scoreline of 8-0 with goals from Jen Preston, captain Lillian Hurley, Jess Griffin, Michelle Callan (2), Claire Stead and Laura McPadden (2).

After returning to the hotel for showers and a change we went to the Trafford Centre, one of the biggest shopping centres in the UK. After 4 hours and barely even having managed to make it half way across it, we headed back for dinner and the cinema.

Sunday's fixture was against Stockport Hockey Club, about half an hour from the hotel which saw another win by 10 goals to nil and Julie Coyne's debut in goal in the second half! Edel, Emily and Julie added their names to the goal scorers along with some of the others from the day before. After the match we were treated to the local delicacy of "chip butties" in the club house! That we all went out for dinner at a Mexican restaurant, with Jen and Laura demonstrating their massive appetites after proceeding to finish off all our plates after their own dinners (something they may have regretted the next day!!) and then some bowling down the street to top the day off!

On Monday, the last day of the tour we faced a tough game against Cheadle Hulme School. We won this game by 5 goals to 2 with scores from Claire, Julie, Michelle and Edel. This was most memorable for it being our last game together and the last one played by Claire Stead and captain Lillian Hurley for the College. Their performances and leadership throughout the season and previous seasons have been invaluable.

After another late night trip we arrived back in Cork exhausted but having thoroughly enjoyed the few days. We would like to thank all those who helped with fundraising or donated money which was hugely appreciated and to Mr. Seale, Mr. Leopold and Miss Guest for their guidance and coaching on tour and throughout the season.

- Emily Simonin (Form VI)



"What goes on tour, stays on tour!"
Laura and Jen refueling between matches.

RUGBY TOUR



With the recession sinking its teeth in, costing was a strong factor in deciding the venue for this year's biennial rugby tour. However, after much time was spent trawling through websites and painstakingly tedious phonecalls, Mr. Preston finally secured us a good deal on a trip to the old faithful Edinburgh.

We gathered, 29 players and 5 coaches in all at Cork Airport on the 3rd April, extremely sleepy but equally excited. Having landed at Edinburgh Airport we were whisked away by coach to The Cairn Hotel in the centre of Edinburgh. We would take up residence here for the next three nights.

After barely dropping our bags into our rooms, we were on the road again destined for our first fixture against North Berwick High School. Situated on the Firth of Forth, 25 miles from Edinburgh conditions here were not the most forgiving. Playing in a swirling easterly wind and heavy downpours the team carved out a victory against a very physical opposition. Tries came from Jesse Shanagher and Luke Dillon, while Colin O'Brien kicked 5 points to secure a 15-0 win for the touring side.

On returning to Edinburgh we visited the local cinema to see 'Angels and Demons'. Following such a compelling story we were all exhausted and after sampling some of Edinburgh's culinary delights (battered Mars bar and battered haggis) in Café Piceante we all hit the hay.

On the next morning we drove to Dunbar, which is situated 30 miles east of Edinburgh; Bob our trusty coachdriver pointed out the sights. In what were once again unfortunate conditions a less than full strength Midleton side was fielded against Dunbar. Due in part to the weather the game was a bit lack lustre in parts. Unfortunately we were under the rule of quite a ruthless referee and thus the game lacked an element of continuity.

After a slow start tries eluded us as a steely determined Dunbar side found holes in our defence. The second half

was a more positive affair as we began to dominate but the bounce of a ball and occasional lapses in concentration meant that we were slow to capitalise on our possession. After a try from our Kiwi number 8 Adam Keane the game finished up 20-5. Disappointed we refused to be disheartened and after a good chat in the dressing room we got over this set back and looked forward to the next fixture a trip to Murrayfield. We were to see Edinburgh vs Cardiff but unfortunately heavy fog made the game very difficult to follow.

Sunday 5th April was a free day. Following church services we drove out to Edinburgh International Climbing Arena where we took on the Aerial Assault Course and hung terrifyingly 100ft in the air. This wasn't for the faint-hearted and the real adrenaline junkies came to the fore as others preferred to watch. That evening we continued the competitive element of the tour as we hit the bowling alley. Results were tight and only the truly co-ordinated survived the ten frames.

After another peaceful nights sleep we headed off for our final fixture against inner city team, Portobello. This match was a culmination of a seasons training as we dominated from the off against very steady opposition in a very physical battle we came out on top despite a controversially disallowed try. Tries came from Daragh Crosbie, Captain Brian Quill, Jack Lynch and Sean O'Regan with Colin O'Brien slotting two difficult conversions. The notable crowd watching the game were not disappointed as the two respective sides fought inch for inch.

Following a successful tour we headed, battered and bruised but happy to Edinburgh International. There we bumped into none other than Serevi Waisa, Fiji's former midfield dynamo and the Brian O'Driscoll of his day. This happy encounter was a fitting end to a very successful tour.

- Sean O'Regan (Form VI)

SPANISH EXCHANGE APRIL 2009

For the 3rd year Spanish class, Monday the 20th of April was much anticipated. It was the start of the second part of our exchange with Parque de Lisboa school in Alcorcon, Madrid.

That Monday night we were re-united with our penpals whom we had known since September 2008. It was great to see them all again and after all the greetings we brought them to our homes.

On the Tuesday and Thursday of that week the Spaniards went on various bus tours, while we stayed in school. On Wednesday they attended classes in our school like Irish, English and Geography. We then went to the dining hall for a 'traditional Irish dinner' which was bacon and cabbage. After that we went to Cork city to go shopping together.

On their last day here both the Irish and Spanish went to Ardmore and did the cliff walk which was enjoyable and gave the Spaniards a good view of the coastline. On the way back we stopped at Youghal beach where the lads played soccer and some of the girls bravely went swimming. That evening everyone went to Perks and did some bowling.

It wasn't easy saying goodbye to them on Saturday morning because we had a great time with them and we were really only just getting to know each other. I think we all learned a lot from each other and I could speak for the whole class and say I'd do it all over again if we could!

Sophie Smyth (Form IV)

FERRYCARRIG

During the spring term Form One embarked on a history trip accompanied by Mr. Leopold, Mr. Baker, Mr. Preston and Ms. MacKillop. Our first stop was the Dunbrody Famine Ship in Co. Wexford. There we were given a unique insight into a period of history that shaped modern day Ireland and America. First, we were shown a video that taught us the background to the famine and then we were given a tour around the ship itself, where we encountered actors playing emigrants who told us their harrowing stories of being forced to emigrate.

We then left New Ross and travelled to the Irish National Heritage Park where we had the opportunity to experience how our ancestors lived first hand. Starting with the Stone Age, we were guided through the major changes in Irish history learning how people lived, worked and died. Our tour began with another video and culminated at a reconstructed Viking house and boat yard on the edge of the River Slaney. Sights, sounds, smell and even taste enabled us to get a unique perspective into Early Irish History.

A well earned trip to McDonalds concluded the day perfectly and I can confidently say that the day was enjoyed by all.

- Olwyn Anthony (Form II)

GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP

On a bright and early morning on the 8th of October an enthusiastic bunch of 6th formers embarked on our geography field study, accompanied by Mr. Morrissey, Ms. Levis and Mr. Cashman. Spirits on the bus were high when we arrived at our first destination; Ballycotton Cliffs.

Surprisingly, the sun was shining and not a cloud in the sky was to be seen. This was excellent for us the students, but not so great for recording wave height when there was no wind for waves! The aim of our field work was to examine the process of coastal erosion on a bay or headland. So on we went with our clinometers, tape measurers and trundle wheels.

In groups of three we then proceeded to interview the inhabitants of Ballycotton on their personal experience with coastal erosion and how they deal with the every day threat. The interviews went well and thankfully no Ballycotton natives or Midleton College students were harmed in the process!!

Our next stop was at Ballycotton Bay where we observed that the coastline had receded by 139 metres in the past 100 years!! We also saw the measures that have been put in place to prevent further damage caused by coastal erosion. These were in the form of a hydrodynamic dammed wall, wooden poles and an assortment of large boulders.

Finally, we made our way to Garryvoe beach. Here an unfortunate student was delegated the job of putting on the massive waders and making their way out to sea, with a measuring pole to measure wave height.

All in all it was a great day, academically and socially!! And this years 6th formers would like to give a big thanks to Mr. Morrissey, Ms. Levis and Mr. Cashman for co-ordinating the trip.

Hannah Browne (Form VI)

TRANSITION YEAR EVENTS

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is a great learning opportunity. In all I completed four weeks of work experience in three different situations. My first was a two week stint at Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors on the Mall. I was a little apprehensive as I walked down the street filled with men and women wearing suits and carrying briefcases. Even though I myself was wearing a suit, I felt out of place and somewhat ridiculous. However, my nerves soon dissipated as I was greeted by the friendly staff, who quickly set me to work. During my two weeks I was given a fair balance of office tasks and court attendance. Although jobs like filing and photocopying are monotonous, they are, nonetheless, worth learning.

A large part of my time was spent at the High Court. Here I witnessed a variety of cases from back problems to bank robberies. I found the role of a barrister compelling. The heated debates and quick thinking appealed to me, although I found the wigs and gowns a bit pretentious. The highlight of the cases was the trial of Ted Cunningham for the Northern Ireland bank robbery. The selection of a reluctant jury, accusations and denial made it an intriguing spectacle. Having observed the case first hand it was very interesting to follow the news reports and, eventually, see Cunningham convicted. I also spent an afternoon at the district court. Gone was the glitz and glamour of the High Court, replaced by the terrifying District Justice roaring down at the criminals. It was an entertaining experience but also gave me a more realistic outlook on the courtroom. At the conclusion of my two weeks I came away with a great knowledge of law as a profession and would definitely consider it as a potential career.

My next week was at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. This was not particularly successful as my time was cut short by a nasty dose of the winter vomiting bug. Although I will be reluctant to visit a hospital next time I cannot make a judgment based on what I saw. I would not discard a future in medicine just yet.

My final week was spent at the Sheraton Hotel. Here I was immediately put to work. Each day I would participate in a different department: from serving breakfast to impatient American guests, to explaining that a day trip to Galway wasn't really possible to impatient American guests. I did it all. By the conclusion of my week, I had come to appreciate how much time and effort it takes to maintain a high quality hotel, such as the Sheraton. The area I enjoyed most was as a concierge. It consists mainly of simply being extremely friendly and carrying bags for welcome tips. I ended up getting a part-time job during the summer as a concierge.

Having reached the end of my work experience I can say that for me it was by far the most valuable part of Transition Year. It gave me an insight into the positives and negatives of different areas. I would like to thank Mr. Leopold for making sure we all had placements and making the whole experience possible and rewarding.

- Caleb Powell (Form V)



"We aim to please!" Caleb is pictured here on duty in the Sheraton Hotel.



Pictured L-R are Gearoid, Shrew and Shane.

LAZER BLAZERS

The Lazer Blazer team consisted of Shane Somers, Shrew Power and Gearoid Collins. We took part in the Millipore Science competition. First prize was 150 Euro voucher for each member of a three person team. This generous prize was probably the reason for the large number of projects submitted, with about ten projects finished and presented to the two Millipore judges.

Our Lazer Blazer project was to build a laser from the diode from a DVD burner in a computer, we also had to make the circuit to run it and control the power so the diode didn't burn out immediately. The ultimate goal of our project was to actually create a laser capable of burning something like a balloon but that aim was never realised. Though we did raise the temperature on a thermostat, which is basically the same thing. It turned out the most dangerous thing was not the burning laser but Gearoid with a hot soldering iron in his hands!

Our laser won the school competition, after which we went on to present in front of a panel of judges. Our competitors were from various other East Cork schools, the judging took place in the Sheraton Hotel. After a tense wait, listening to the other presentations we began to feel confident. After a short break the judges announced the winner, a school from Youghal, who had tested commercially available water filters. Since Millipore make filters....tactics maybe....but I am sure personally that I would have chosen the laser over the filters not that I'm biased!! However we did get a free lunch afterwards, so that helped to stem the flow of tears from Shrew's eyes. Overall it was a great experience and we would like to thank Mrs Linehan, Mrs. Curtin and Mr. O'Neill for helping us with our project.

- Shane Somers (Form V)

CALCUTTA

My trip began with an early 4am start and a marathon journey involving long stopovers in Heathrow and Dubai, to bring us half way across the world to Calcutta, officially known as Kolkata.

We arrived at 10am local time (5.30am Irish time) and were thrown straight into a visit to a HIV and AIDS home which housed 24 affected and infected children. They sang for us and our tired, jet-lagged voices attempted to sing back to them!

An hour and a half journey brought us to the hotel, which was situated in the suburbs, followed by a meeting, dinner and a long awaited bed!

An early start on Saturday brought us to the Kasba Girls' home, which housed 65 young girls. Here we were greeted and entertained with song and dance. We were then given a tour of the spotless, cheerful home. Games followed including "Simon says" and a human train consisting of children, volunteers and teachers! And finally a shaky version of "Rock the boat"!

I then got the chance to have a traditional lunch with the younger girls, where I sat cross-legged on the ground eating rice in a mouth-wateringly, spicy sauce.

After saying goodbye we continued on to the young boys' home, where we were again entertained and shown an impressive karate display.

On an historic note we visited Mother Teresa's tomb and saw the adjoining museum.

We were then let off on a shopping spree in a market area where we all bough saris and shalwars (typical Indian dress) and lots of typical Indian knick-knacks.

Sunday brought all the children from the HOPE homes to our hotel, where they spent the day colouring, skipping, playing soccer, cricket, blowing up balloons and bubbles. The highlight of the day was the pool. One hundred and twenty children, none of whom could swim, jumped into our waiting arms with squeals and screams of delight and extreme splashing!

Eventually, to the children's disgust, we formed a human chain and herded them out!

This was followed by food, singing and dancing and a great day was had by all!

Monday started with a bus journey bringing our group to a crèche at the edge of a bustee. There a group of children were learning numbers, letters, songs and poems. They were delighted to see us. What struck me though, was the crowd of dirty children at the door who were not allowed in and just gazed at us in wonder. We sang songs and danced and these children just looked on, knowing they were not allowed to enter the hut to join in. After a while I ventured over to them and sang and danced with them outside the hut while the rest of the group stayed inside with the other children.

"Up In Arms?"



Michelle is shown holding one of the many street children that the HOPE Foundation tries to help.

After the crèche it was on to an older girls' home in the red light district for lunch. Here were daughters of prostitutes and some former prostitutes. They danced for us and told us of their plans for the future which included art college and becoming air hostesses!

Next was our first proper venture into a slum. We visited two coaching centres, which ran after school programmes for children who had no one to go home to and no one to help them with their homework. After visiting these centres we mixed with the people living in the slums. Cameras were a huge hit; everyone loved getting their picture taken and there were mad rushes towards all cameras! The screams of delight must have been heard all over Calcutta as the children saw themselves on the screens of our digital cameras. It was sad to see young children wandering around, taking care of their even younger brothers and sisters; seven year old girls were minding extremely young babies with no parents in sight, not something you would see in Ireland.

While we were waiting for the bus a group of young boys came up to us and thrust a rat into our faces, obviously not expecting our response of high-pitched screams (from the boys as well as the girls!). They were delighted with our response and went to find more rats to show us to get an even greater reaction. It just goes to show that boys are the same where-ever you go! After a long day it was home for a swim, shower and bed.

First stop on Tuesday was the HOPE hospital, an immaculately clean building containing consulting rooms, an x-ray room, a lab, a male ward, a female ward and an operating theatre. An adorable little boy, Sahid, had been admitted with a twisted stomach. He had stayed in the hospital for three weeks and went home cured. Two weeks later he was back again, this time with a terrible fever. Sahid is now fit and healthy but has no home to go to. The staff at the hospital do not know what to do with him. Sahid's plight will stay with me for a long time to come.

Next stop was a drop-in centre. This literally was a room donated at a police station for street children to come to during the day while their parents worked. This kept the children off the streets and safe, during the day at least. These children were scruffier and more wary of us, but none the less adorable.

After that we had lunch on the roof of the girls' home and a quick power nap! Then a quick visit to another coaching centre and some more shopping!

A long drive brought us to Ultandanga slum on Wednesday morning. For me, this was undoubtedly the most eye opening aspect of the trip. In an area the size of a soccer pitch, six thousand people lived. It was situated along the river in which people bathed, cooked, excreted, and played. Between the river and open sewers the smell was overwhelming. We visited two coaching centres there, squeezing down narrow passages to get to them. Once again I found some of the happiest people I've ever seen; we were greeted with smiles, hand shakes, hugs and kisses. Although these people had nothing but the clothes on their backs, and some of them didn't even have that much, they welcomed us, laughed with us, sang with us and made us feel welcome. They didn't beg or make us feel uncomfortable. Again cameras were a huge hit and brought many smiles and laughs. As we were leaving we all left our lunches behind, to be shared out among everyone, and even then it was heartbreaking to leave, knowing that a lot of the people we had seen that day would be dead in a few years.

On the way back we stopped in a McDonalds to get some lunch, a much needed calorie binge! Yet most of us had forgotten that Indians don't eat beef so everything was substituted with either chicken or fish!

As Wednesday was our last night, everyone dressed up in either their Saris or Shalwars. We had a great night and everyone looked beautiful. As a group we had bonded and knowing it was going to be our last night was sad but we all made the most of it.

Thursday morning was spent frantically packing, everyone exhausted from a late night the night before. Suitcases were thrown on the back of a lorry and taken to the airport. The morning was spent in the RCFC hospital (Rehabilitation Clinic For Children); this was a hospital for children with deformities. It had an outreach programme whereby many of the children came from miles away, had their operations and recuperated for up to two years. During this time some of the children seldom saw their parents, depending on how far away they lived. It was tough for them but yet again unfailingly every one of them was smiling and cheerful.

Our last stop was to a life skills shop/HOPE restaurant. This was a building with a restaurant downstairs and a shop upstairs. Here young girls learned a trade which they could use to survive e.g. cooking, sewing, etc. We had our lunch there and for a euro we got soup for starters, followed by toasted egg sandwiches, spicy chips and noodles, finishing with a plate of cakes to be shared among those at the table.

Then the start of a long journey home.

It was heartbreaking to leave, knowing that some of the children we had seen would not live into adulthood, if even their teens. But there was also a great sense of hope. With the help of the HOPE Foundation, children were being given a new start, the chance of an education and a completely different life to what they would have had on their own.

HOPE stands for "Help One Person Everyday", and that is exactly what the organisation is doing.

This was really a life changing experience. It opened my eyes and made me appreciate everything that I take for granted. Some of the people I saw literally had nothing - no money, no proper shelter or clothes, no stable job and had a whole family to feed, yet they made us feel welcome and special.

It is hard to put into words what this trip meant to me. As a person I am changed, but changed for the better. It has given me a new attitude towards life and towards happiness.

These people prove that to be happy you just need the right attitude.

- Michelle Callan (Form V)

"Tiny Dancers"



Girls from the HOPE Foundation home are shown dancing for their guests from Ireland.

KILFINANE

On the morning of 20th April excitement filled the air. We were all anticipating the week that lay ahead. After what seemed like a lifetime on the bus we finally pulled into Kilfinane outdoor education centre.

On arrival we were split into four groups that would be doing activities together. That day my group got to take it easy with indoor rock climbing. This was a lot of fun but was also quiet daunting, hanging from ropes.

Day two we were woken up by the wind and rain, hoping that our activity would be indoors. Unfortunately we were told we would be doing the dreaded hill walk. This consisted of climbing up and down a mountain which is not easy with the elements up against you. It was a day with plenty of slips and falls but there were smiles all around when we returned and were served a nice warm dinner.

On the third day we were told we would be doing the river walk. This was my favorite activity by far. There were nature slides on the walk and an area deep enough so we could jump in. On the fourth day we did team challenges, we were blessed to have the sun on our side as all of these were outdoors. We had to work together and use our logic to complete these tasks and they brought us closer as a group.

Our last day, we were all upset to be leaving but that morning we had our last activity. Absailing down the side of a cliff. This didn't sound too appealing to me, however I still did it and had a lot of fun.

On behalf of all who travelled I would like to thank all the teachers who co-ordinated and supervised and all the staff at Kilfinane for a week that will never be forgotten.

- Stephanie Malbasha (Form 5)

“Layabouts”



The author and friends relax after a hard day of exercise.

JUNIOR CERT C.S.P.E FIELD TRIP

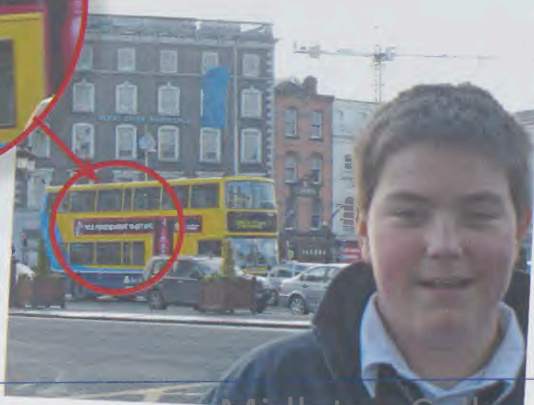


“Democracy Rules!”

David Stanton T.D., far left with Mr. Twomey and members of Form III in front of the Dail.

In early December 2008 the entire 3rd form group traveled by train to Dublin accompanied by Mr Twomey, Mr O'Neill and Ms Guest. This was the main part of their Junior Cert project which was partly organised by the pupils themselves along with their teachers and FG TD David Stanton. It accounted for 60% of their final grade. They departed early in the morning from Kent Station, the group attended a guided tour of An Oireachtas Eireann and watched a small bit of a debate which included Mary Hanafin debating on social housing with her opposition and received a brief talk from Michael Ahern about being a TD, overall the tour was very interesting, educational and enjoyed by most. Following the tour a lunch was organised in the National Gallery, after lunch the group made their way towards An Luas and on the way had a look at Trinity College, Dublin. They were ahead of schedule so had some time to look around the Heuston Station shops before boarding the train and heading back home. They arrived home in the evening very tired. Each pupil then wrote about the task they had in organising the project from organising lunch on the journey up to writing a letter to TD David Stanton enquiring about the trip.

- Greg Chambers (Form IV)



BIRD

Fluttering, flapping, flying above,
watching the world's colours change.

Dark, to dawn, to day. A graceful
swoop, a jolt to the left, a silent landing
on the swinging line. Perched high,
like the King of the world, the sun
hitting its feathers, white, green, like
the Kings robes.

A plunge and a swoop.....
but a sudden drop!

All is over, with one fell swoop all is
over. With a thump of the heart and
then silence. Never climb the clear
blue sky, catch the wind, to plunge and
swoop, gliding above the ground.

Silence. Death is a peaceful end to a
glorious life. God's life.

Megan van der Meer (Form 5)

*This poem is an interesting homage to
G. M. Hopkins' "The Windhover".*



ART WORK

Here we see two
colourful pieces designed
by Elsbeth Wolfe (Form
IV). For other artistic
endeavours see P. 50.



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge againn i gColáiste Mhainistir na Corann ón 9ú lá de Mí na Samhna go dtí an 12ú lá déag do Mí na Samhna i mbliana. Chuireamar tús le Seachtain na Gaeilge le píosa amhránaíochta agus ceoil ag an tionól maidin Dé Luain ó Rachel Ní Chinnéide, Sian Mathers agus Paddy Ó Maoldomhnaigh. Thug ár ndaltaí idirnáisiúnta taispeántas den scoth don rince 'Ionsaí na hInse' dúinn. Bhí Tráth na gCeist againn ansin leis na ranganna sóisearach ar dtús ar maidin Dé Luain agus leis na ranganna sinsearach ansin níos déanaí. Bhí tóir taisce rathúil eagraithe ag Iníon

Ní Bhuachalla ar siúl tráthnóna Dé Máirt. Bhain gach duine taitneamh as an Factóir X tráthnóna Dé Máirt ina dhiaidh na scoile, bhí an t-Uasal Ó Mathúna go h-ionach mar óstach mar is gnáth, agus bhí roinnt iomaitheoirí iontacha againn a chan agus a sheinn cheoil agus a chur siamsaíocht ar fáil do chách. Ar an gCéadaoin bhí Bingó ag bliain 1,2,3 le Éamon Ó Súilleabháin san halla. Bhí oíche iontach ag gach duine oíche Dé Céadaoin ag an gCéilí Mór, bhí banna ceoil traidisiúnta beo againn agus bhí siad an bríomhar ar fad. Bhí craic iontach ag gach duine, agus bhí an t-adh liom mar fuair mé rince leis an t-Uasal Ó Mathúna roimh deireadh na hoíche! Tháinig Seachtain na Gaeilge go dtí críoch maidin Déardaoin le buatóir an Factóir X Áine Ní Mhathúna ag canadh beo ag tionól agus le bronnadh na nduaiseanna do bhúatóirí na himeachtaí faoi leith. Seachtain taitneamhach a bhí ann do gach duine a bhí páirteach.

- S.Ní.Cheallacháin



"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing!"
Pictured L-R are K. Carew, C. Clarke, E. Hayes,
P. O'Riordan and K. Lydon taking part in the table quiz.

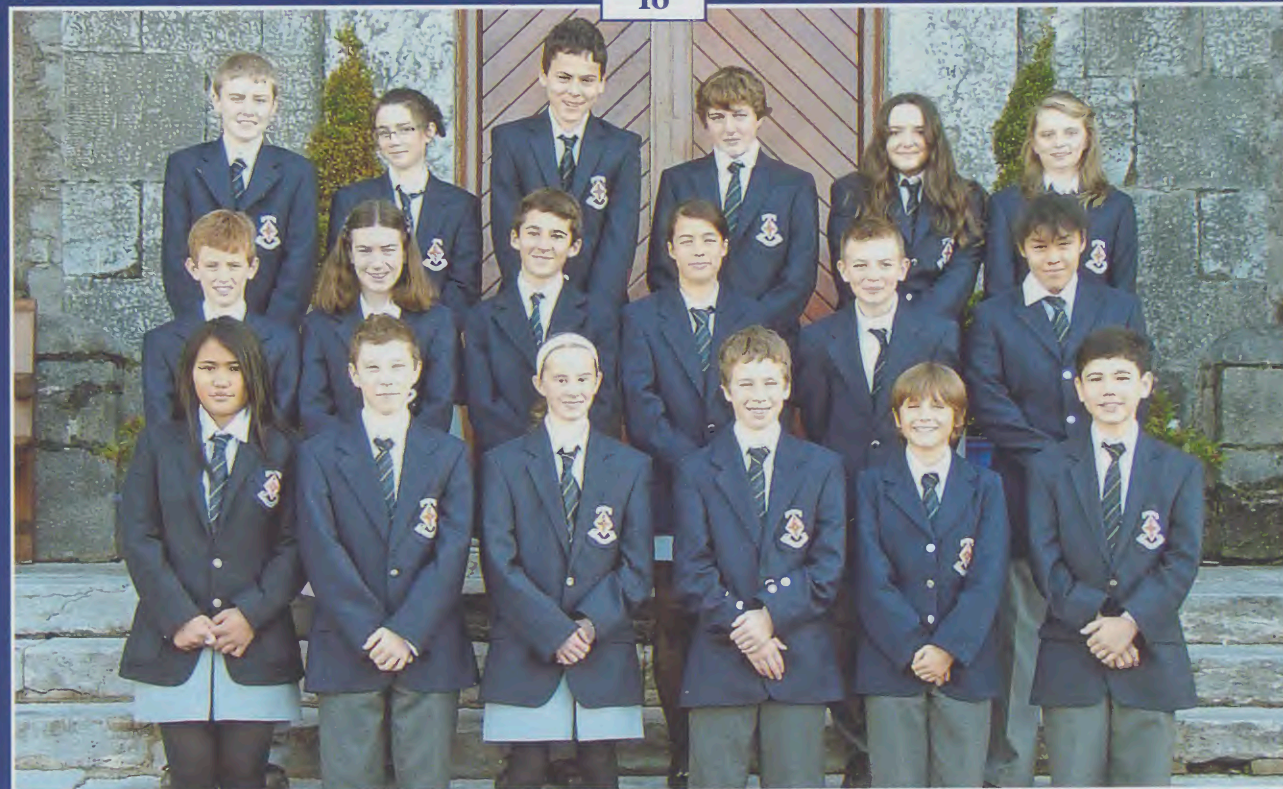
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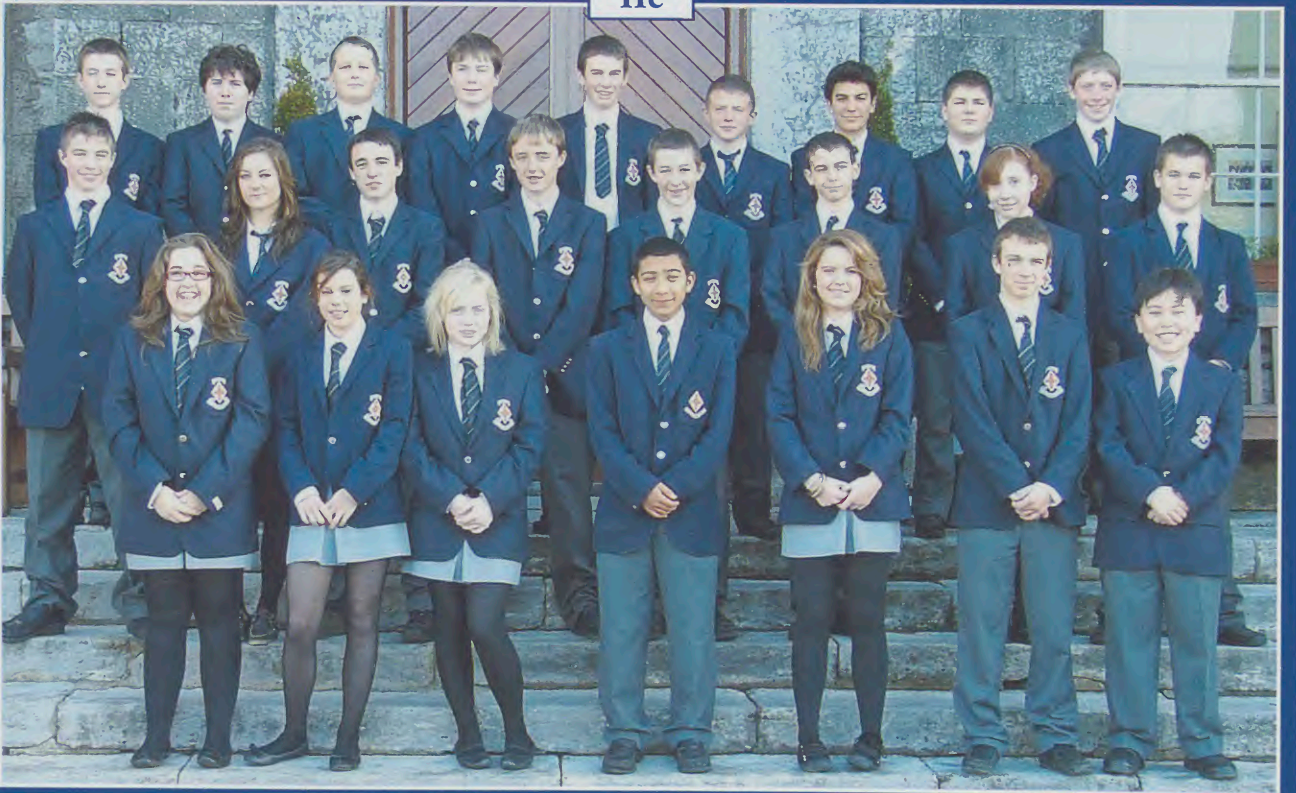
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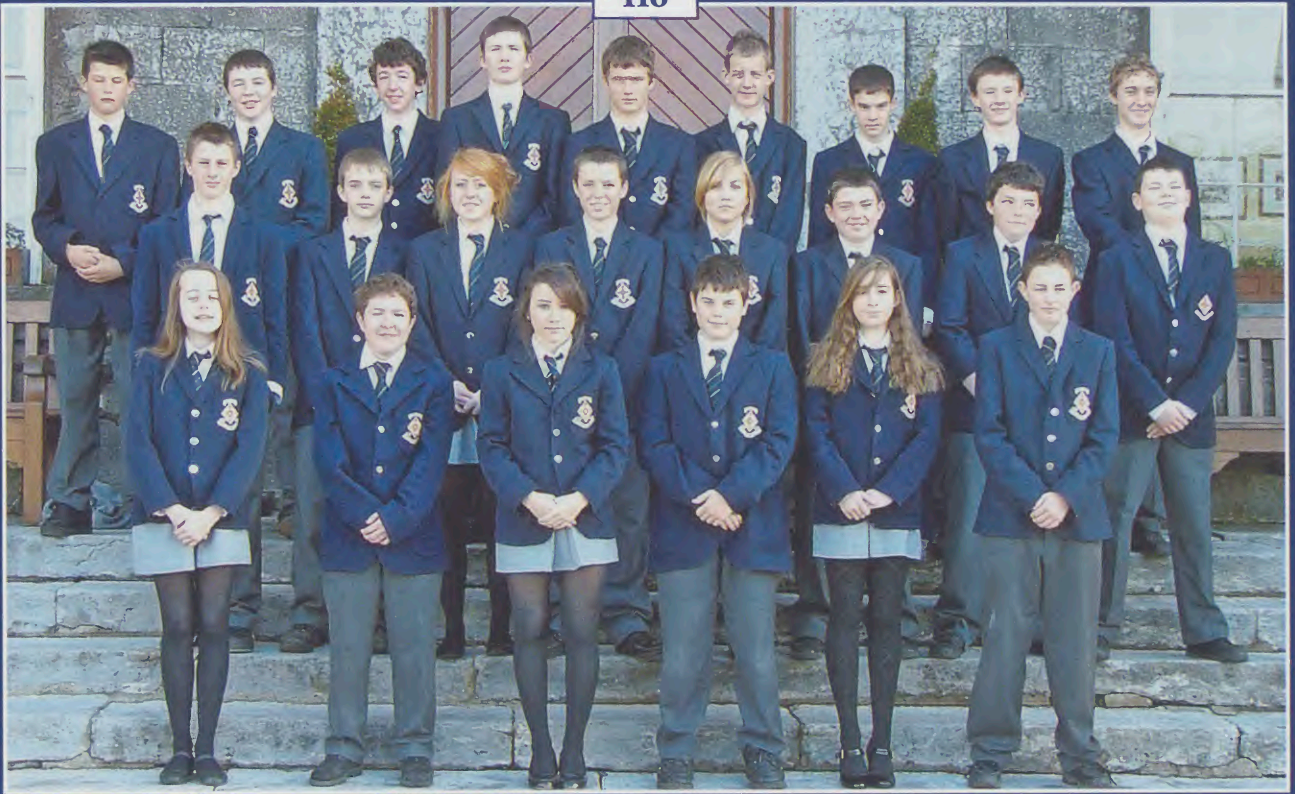


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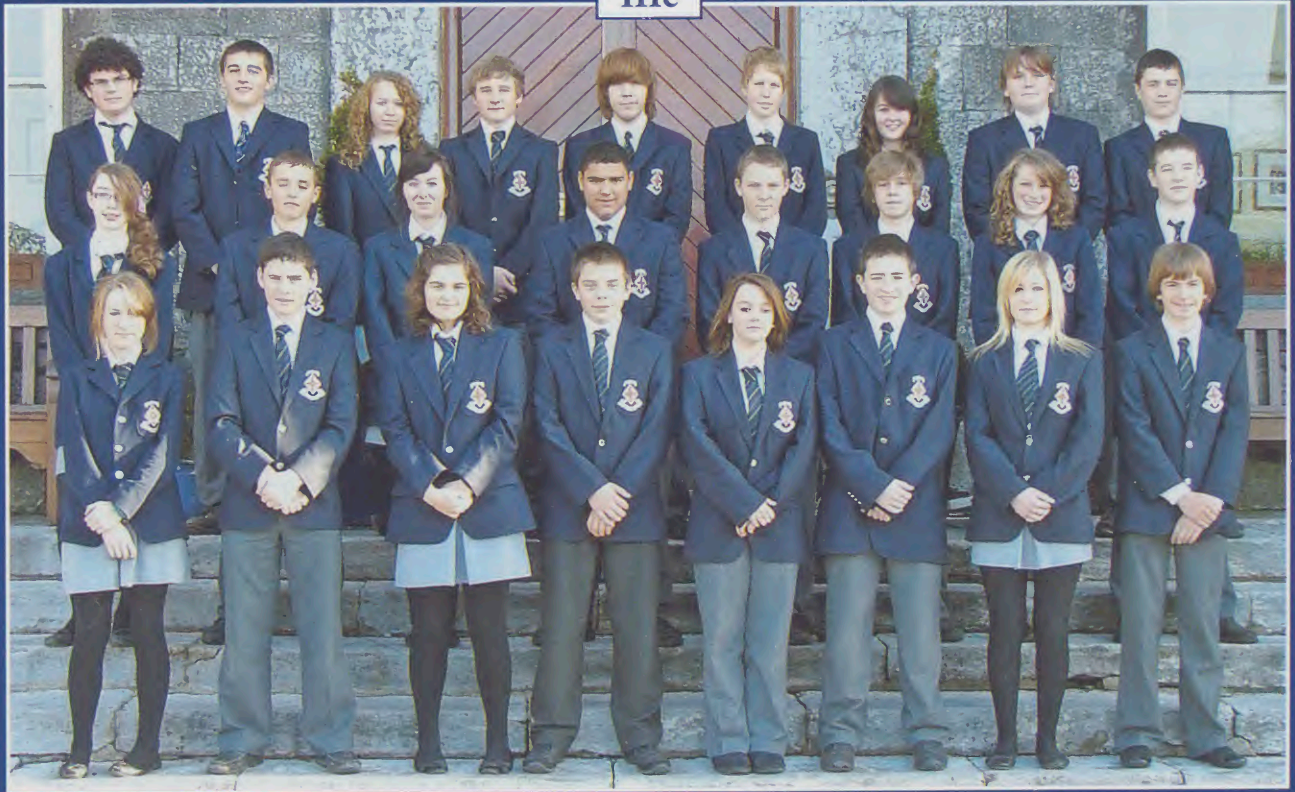
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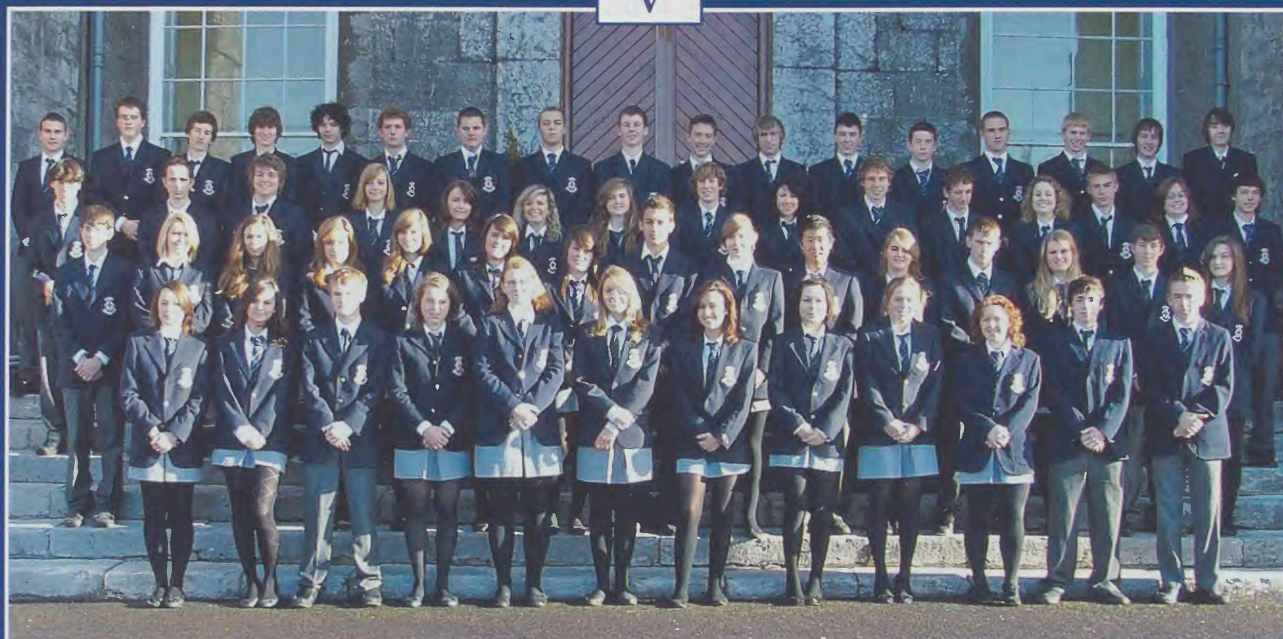
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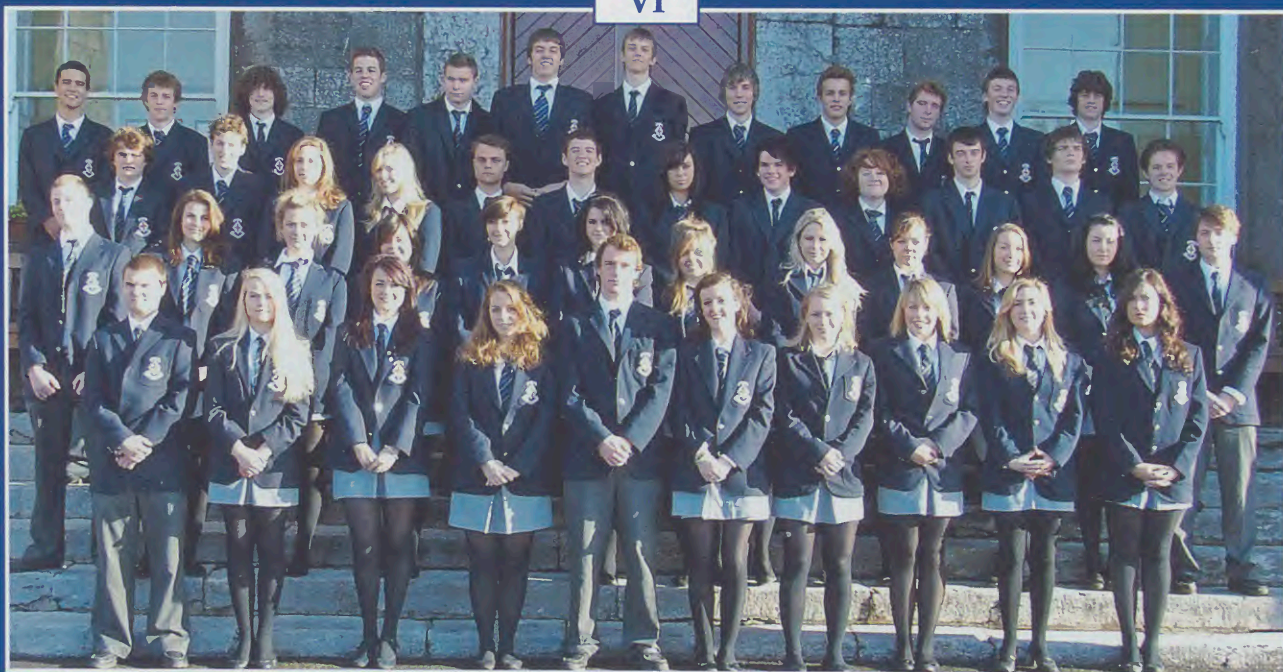
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 1st Mid Row L-R: T. Gregory-McCarthy, J. O'Mahony, A. Spink, A. Steifendsand, S. Day, J. Poynton, S. Fitzgibbon, A. Power, A. Lynch, C. Powell, S. Thompson, R. Renz, H. Kiy, A. O'Mahony, D. James.
 2nd Mid Row, L-R: S. Somers, E. Von Schultz, C. Hoehn, T. Verweyen, L. Deschamps, J. Coyne, E. Coyne, G. Durrant, M. Van Der Meer, J-W. Kim, J. Moore, C. Day, A. Von Cossel, T. Norton, E. O'Sullivan.
 Front Row L-R: C. O'Sullivan, T. Roberts, N. Douglas, A. Von Spee, K. Paulus, L. Hoppenstadt, S. Malbasha, A. Field, L. Northridge, M. Callan, J. Hartnett, J. O'Sullivan-Hourivan.

VI



Back Row L-R: J. Devlin, E. Rose, I. Andrew, O. Barnes, O. O'Sullivan, D. O'Riordan, D. Long, C. O'Sullivan, L. Von Hardenberg, D. Kenefick, O. Jermyn, A. O'Callaghan.
 1st Mid Row I-R: A. Walsh, T. Dwyer, J. Crux, C. Zu Castell, O. Kelly, S. Shanagher, J. Preston, K. O'Dwyer, P. Crosbie, B. O'Connor, E. Dillon, A. Griffith.
 2nd Mid Row L-R: B. Thomas, E. Simonin, B. Kelly, G. Walsh, R. Finn, K. O'Callaghan, S. Mathers, R. Kane, Y. Coleman, R. Smith, V. Doyle, M. Wilson.
 Front Row L-R: P. O'Rourke, H. Brown, L. McPadden, V. Von Treu, S. O'Regan, G. Connolly, E. Von Raben, S. O'Shea, M. Kennedy, A. O'Leary.

Head Prefects '09



L-R: Ethan Dillon, Laura McPadden, Paige Crosbie, Sean O'Regan.

Students receiving their Junior Certificate Results



Here we see the happy faces of members of Form III on the day they got their exam results.





“DINNER FOR TWO?”

Pictured are Mrs Irene Geary, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Tim Dineen on the occasion of their retirement dinner last June (see Principal’s report P. 7). We wish Irene and Tim a long and happy retirement and are assured that Mr. Thompson did actually have a chair and meal of his own somewhere!

“TEA FOR TWO?”

A pattern emerges as again one person sits sans crockery! These three knights of the round table are Shane Somers, Shrew Power and Gearoid Collins and were pictured at the Sheraton Hotel during their Lazer Blazers project (see article P. 28). Shane seems deep in thought pondering his next scientific scheme or possibly whether to order more cake!



“HELLO SAILOR!”

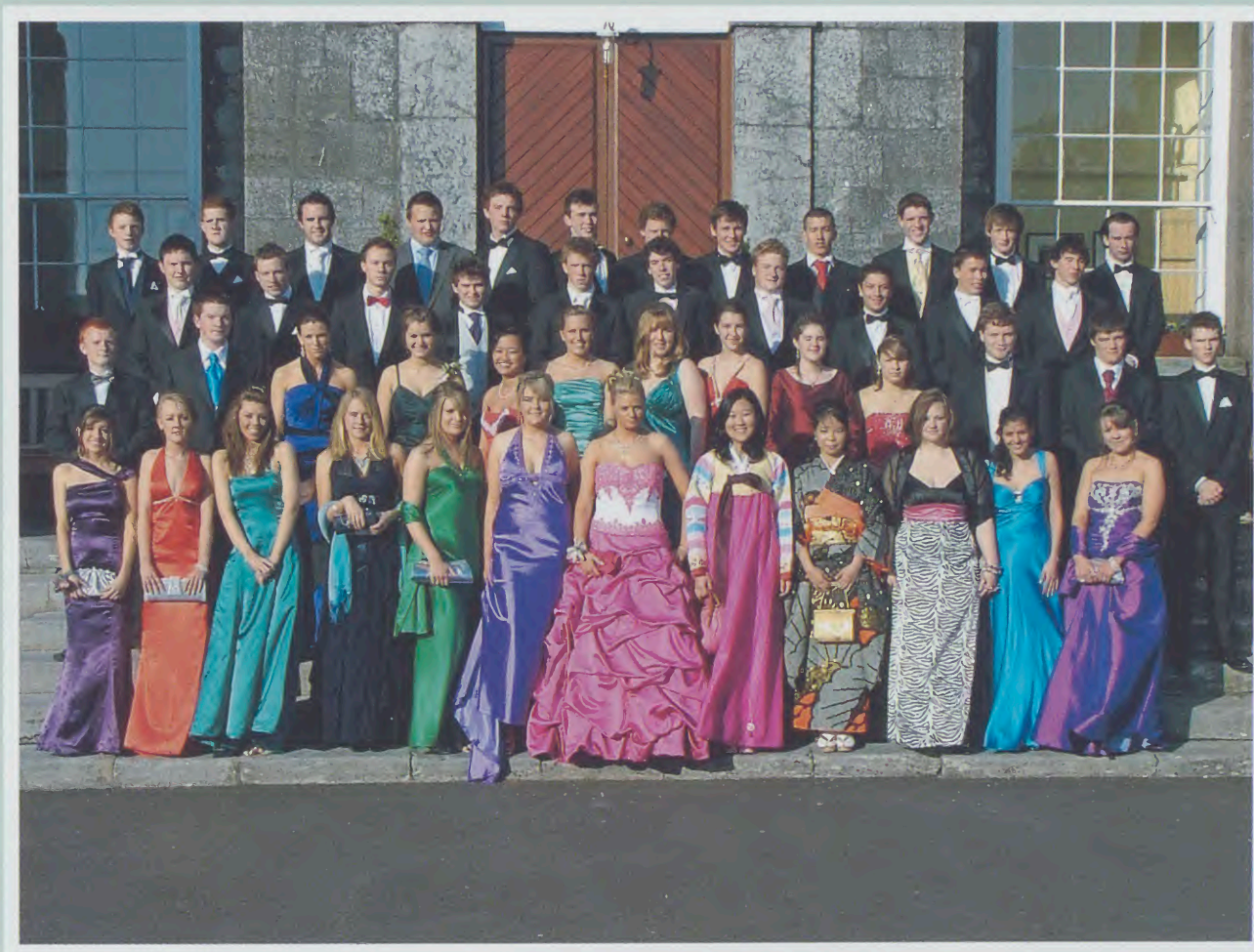
Pictured are members of Form IV on their visit to the National Maritime College of Ireland at Ringaskiddy.

Mr. O’Neill, a Tipperary native seems slightly bemused by all this fuss about water as opposed to land!



“PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE!”

Catherine Lynch is clearly mistress of the high seas and enjoying every minute of it! This was one of the many activities on the Form II trip to Oysterhaven (see article P. 23).



“OFF TO THE BALL”

A fabulous evening with the members of Form VI as they prepare to attend the Governors Reception. They all “Scrubbed Up” extremely well (see article P. 49).

“STRIKE UP THE BAND!”

Not having been booked for the Govs. the No. 1. Band of the Southern Command visited the school to audition for next year’s gig! Actually they visited in November and entertained the whole school with their virtuosity (see article P. 48).



“ARTISTS INTERNATIONAL!”

Pictured are members of Ms. O’Regan’s Form V and Form VI art class on their recent visit to the National Gallery in Dublin. The group consists of 7 Germans, 7 Irish and 1 confused Aussie (James the Gap Student, back row, far left) who isn’t sure which group to align with!

“INTERNATIONAL PLAY-BHOY!”

Nic Burns on the ball, literally as he plays for Ireland U-16s against Wales. We congratulate him on this great sporting achievement and also for retaining his distinctive Cork tone!



“HMM IS IT A...TREE?”

Daragh Crosbie and Ian White testing their skills to the limit during the Form VI fieldtrip to Fota. Both went on to perform well in their exams despite appearing momentarily “stumped” here!

“FROM SHRUBS TO... SCRUBS”

Michelle Callan has eschewed botany in favour of animal welfare. She was pictured here looking very professional during her Form IV work experience placement in a veterinary clinic.



Staff Quotes

Mr. Simon Thompson

"We do not claim to have achieved perfection, but we have a system, and it works."

Michael Rennie

Mr. Bud Morrissey

"There comes a point when any reasonable man will swallow his pride and admit he made a mistake. The truth is... I was never a reasonable man."

Ewan McGregor

Mr. Ivan Leopold

"Do you want the job done right or do you want it done fast?"

Homer Simpson

Ms. Ruth MacD. Levis

"Insanity runs in my family. It practically gallops."

Cary Grant

Ms. Mary Power

"Punctuality is the art of guessing how late the other fellow is going to be"

Anon

Mr. Leonard O'Mahony

"Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theater."

Gail Godwin

Mr. Martin Preston

"If you cant take a punch you should play table tennis."

Pierre Berbizier

Mr. Ray Power

"Common sense is not so common."

Anon

Mrs. Margaret Rumley

"Math is like love -- a simple idea but it can get complicated."

"Do not worry about your problems with mathematics, I assure you mine are far greater."

Albert Einstein

Mrs. June Johnston

"Only the gentle are ever really strong."

James Dean

Ms. Lucy O'Regan

"Life beats down and crushes the soul and art reminds you that you have one."

Stella Adler

Mrs. Louise Curtin

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close knit family in another city."

George Burns

Ms. Gobnait Buckley

"Babies are such a nice way to start people."

Don Herald

Mrs. Allie Mackillop

"If your house is really a mess and a stranger comes to the door greet him with, "Who could have done this? we have no enemies."

Phyllis Diller

Mr. Ken O'Neill

"The face of a child can say it all, especially the mouth part of the face."

Jack Handy

Mr. Brian Hickey

"I'm probably the smartest person I know."

Chris Cooper

Mr. Kevin Stanley

"I've never seen a purple cow, I never hope to see one: But I can tell you anyhow, I'd rather see one than be one."

Gelett Burgess

Ms. Jane O'Sullivan

"Flattery will get you nowhere... but don't stop trying."

Lois Maxwell

Ms. Lisa Kelleher

"I take my children everywhere, but they always find their way back home."

Robert Orben

Mr. Paul Cashman

"If I tell a lie it's only because I think I'm telling the truth."

Phil Gaglardi

Staff Quotes

Ms. Siobhan O'Callaghan

"For every person who wants to teach there are approximately thirty people who don't want to learn much."

W. C. Sellar and R. J. Yeatman

Ms. Melanie Henry

"Even when freshly washed and relieved of all obvious confections, children tend to be sticky."

Fran Lebowitz

Ms. Catriona Hassey

"Teaching kids to count is fine but teaching them what counts is best."

Anon

Mrs. Ann Anderson

"Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing."

John Erskine

Ms. Elizabeth Weston

"I meant what I said and I said what I meant."

Dr. Seuss

Mr. Chris Baker

"I used to be an atheist till I realized, I am God."

Ross O' Carrol Kelly

Mr. Clive Seale

"To get back my youth I would do anything in the world, except take exercise, get up early, or be respectable."

Oscar Wilde

Ms. Liz Clifford

"I am thankful for laughter, except when milk comes out of my nose."

Woody Allen

Mr. Ian Sexton

"Hell is full of musical amateurs."

George Bernard Shaw

Mr. Brian Gill

"Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. It's just that yours is stupid."

Anon

Ms. Mary Linehan

"A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing."

Emo Philips

Ms. Laura Guest

"Whoever said 'Winning isn't everything' probably lost."

Martina Navratilova

Mr. Mitch McGuckin

"Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."

Clark Gable

Mrs Stead

"A library may be very large: but if it is in disorder, it is not as useful as one that is small but well arranged."

Arthur Schopenhauer

Rory Graham

"I like children. Properly cooked."

W.C. Fields

Mrs Olivier

"In Paris they simply stared when I spoke to them in French; I never did succeed in making those idiots understand their own language."

Mark Twain

Sheila White

"Either this man is dead or my watch is broken."

Groucho Marx

James Buckingham

"When you're as great as I am, it's hard to be humble."

Muhammad Ali

Household Staff:

"Avoid fruits and nuts. You are what you eat."

Jim Davis (Garfield the Cat)

6th Year Movies

Iain Andrew
Napolean Dynamite

Owen Barnes
Disco Beaver From Outer Space

Lennart Berg
Bruno

Hannah Browne
Vampires Assistant

Yvonne Coleman
Need for Speed

Grainne Connolly
Baby's Big Day Out

Paige Crosbie
Leprachaun: Back 2 da Hood

Josephine Crux
Little Rascals

Jason Devlin
Lost in Translation

Ethan Dillon
Zoolander

Vanessa Doyle
Sister Act

Tom Dwyer
Golden Eye

Rosa Finn
From Russia with Love

Angus Griffith
Men who stare at goats

Owen Jermyn
A Fish called Wanda

Rosie Kane
The Girl Next Door

Brona Kelly
How She Moves

Osai Kelly
*Dr Strangelove: How I Learned To
Stop Worrying & Love The Bomb*

David Kenefick
Aquatic Wizard

Mollie Kennedy
500 days of Summer

Diarmuid Long
Get Shorty

Sian Mathers
Surveillance

Laura McPadden
Little Miss Sunshine

Adam O'Callaghan
The Rugrats Movie

Katie O'Callaghan
Edward Scissor Hands

Beneoin O'Connor
New in Town

Killian O'Dwyer
Some Like It Hot

Anna O'Leary
The Eye

Sean O'Regan
The Girlfriend Experience

Donnacha O'Riordan
Godzilla

Philip O'Rourke
Jackie Chan

Sarah O'Shea
How To Marry A Millionaire

Charlie O'Sullivan
Save the Last Dance

Olann O'Sullivan
Law Abiding Citizen

Jennifer Preston
50 1st Dates

Emmet Rose
Step Up

Seth Shanagher
I am Legend

Emily Simonin
The Invention of Lying

Rachel Smith
Cookies and Cream

Brendyn Thomas
Waynes World

Lennart von Hardenberg
Man of The Year

Elisabeth von Raben
Anger Managment

Vivien von Treu
17 Again

Alan Walsh
Happy Gilmore

Grainne Walsh
Curious George

Mathew Wilson
*Harry Potter and the
Half Blood Prince*

Cecily zu Castell
Gossip

IRISH SCHOOLS HOCKEY 2009

This year we qualified for the Irish Schools Hockey Tournament for the fourth year in a row. We qualified by beating Villiers 2-0. We headed to Belfast on Tuesday 20th October. It was a 16 person squad, and Mr Leopold, Ms. Power and Mr Seale accompanied us. On Wednesday we had our first match of the tournament against Wallace, who won our group and lost the finals of the Irish Schools on penalties. We lost that match 4-0 against a very good Wallace

“Double Trouble!”



Adam (left) and Andrew Colton were both selected as U-16 hockey representatives for Munster.

side. We had two matches on the Thursday. Our first match was against St. Andrews who, were last years winners of the Irish Schools. We beat St Andrews 3-1 in an excellent performance. Greg Chambers scored one and Nick Burns scored the other two. Cookstown were our next opponents and we lost to them 2-0, we were very unlucky to lose to them and we should probably have beaten them if we had taken our many chances during the game. Despite this we finished second in one of the toughest groups of the tournaments. We finished the tournament with a friendly against Friends on the Friday. We returned to the school late on the Friday evening. Thanks to our coaches, who trained us and brought us to the tournament.

- Andy Colton (Form IV)

HISTORIC MOMENT FOR MIDLETON COLLEGE

In May 2009 Midleton College made history as the first hurling team in the school took to the pitch in Parc Ui Ring. This was the first occasion for GAA to be officially played by the school. The competition, The Lord Mayor's cup, is run for schools in Cork who don't normally play hurling.

In the weeks leading up to the competition the team trained on Midleton GAA pitch where the group of players showed great ability and confidence. On competition day the inaugural hurling team for Midleton College played two matches; firstly against Christians and then Carrignavar. In two hotly contested games, where each player fought hard, unfortunately the day was not to be. The players showed great dedication and played with determination despite being new to the competition and being under constant pressure from two visibly stronger teams.

“Gladiators!”

It was an enjoyable experience for all who participated and congratulations to the panel of players who were fortunate to be part of the historic moment for Midleton College.

Panel: Brendan Doyle, Adam O'Callaghan, Brian Quill, Tiernan Brennan, Darragh Crosbie, Christoir Humphries (captain), Andy Daly, Niall Madden, David O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Long, Alistair Murphy, Sean O'Sullivan, Ian White, Donnacha O'Riordan, Killian Abernethy, Jason Keneally, Luke Dillon, Ethan Dillon, Peter Abernethy, Tom O' Dwyer, Odhran Brennan, Nick Burns.

Trainers: Ms Kelleher and Mr O'Mahony

- L.K.



Donch leads his troops onto the field of battle (see squad photo P. 67).

YOUNGROVE NEWS

Pigs, cattle, horses, vegetables, traditional skills, architectural salvage: if that's your area of interest, Youngrove was the place to be over the past year. 2008/09 has seen considerable activity at the lands purchased by the College the previous year. One of the great assets of the land is that it forms a portion of what was previously the Youngrove Estate; as such there is a maturity and atmosphere to the lands beyond what would be the case for open fields. This has allowed us to begin structured use of the rural landscape.

Two fields were sublet to tenants who used the land to raise cattle and horses. The College purchased 6 weanling Old Gloucester pigs which were raised in the Courtyard of the old House ruins. Our professional advisors were Martin & Noreen Conroy who sell their own home produced pork at the Farmers Market. From April to October the pigs were fed and watered by a team of willing volunteers led by Grace Hamilton, the Nixon family & the Walsh family. From September, the TY Horticulture group, led by Ms MacKillop & Ms Turner took on the job of maintaining the pigs each week. The pigs were slaughtered and consumed in the Dining Hall during October.

The TY groups' main activity has been planting under the Polytunnel which has been moved from the rear of the Dining Hall at the College. The Horticulture group is based in Youngrove most Thursday's this year and gaining valuable practical experience from their work in addition to the benefits of spending time in such evocative surroundings.

Last June the College ran a Traditional Skills Course, supervised by Mr John Hennessy. The outcomes of the week were Bat Houses, a dry-stone wall sculpture, a 6 berth pig trough and, most impressively, a fully equipped & functioning compost Toilet.

In August Voluntary Services International (VSI) work camp ran for one week. 8 volunteers who had traveled from Russia, the Basque country, Belfast, Manchester, Italy & the Czech Republic worked to clear an area around the stable yard and the main house which has allowed us move to roofing and securing a small area of the stable building so that a dry secure location is available. In recent weeks a permanent water supply has been re-established and vegetables grown in the field are being consumed in the College Dining Hall.

- S.T.

"The 3 Little Pigs"



These piglets were not afraid of the big bad wolf but should have watched out for the college chef!



SOUTHERN BRIGADE FIRST ARMY BAND

On the 19th of November the school was visited by the Southern Brigade First army band. The band was conducted by Captain Michael Prendergast. All the school, from first to sixth year was present at the performance in the gymnasium. The band played a wide variety of pieces that appealed to all of the audience. The concert began with a typical rousing march and led on to the Toreadors fanfare and march from the opera 'Carmen' by Bizet. After these initial pieces that grabbed our attention the concert took a more mellow line of thought. Some of the older members of staff were reminded of popular Beatles songs such as Here There and Everywhere and Penny Lane. However, the conductor also demonstrated the various sounds of some lesser known instruments, that the non-music students of the school were, perhaps not familiar with. These included the tuba (largest and deepest sounding brass instrument), and the piccolo, (higher version of the flute). We also heard two songs, sung by members of the band. A song from the musical Chess and a Jazz standard captivated our imaginations. The concert concluded with a

Michael Jackson medley that was enjoyed by all, so much so that after lunch off tune renditions of Bille Jean and Beat It could be heard throughout the school. After the concert head boy Sean O'Regan and Senior Day girl Laura McPadden presented Captain Prendergast with a crest of the college as a token of our gratitude. The band in the past have performed for Pope John Paul, Presidents Kennedy and Regan. It was therefore an honour to have such a prestigious group of musicians perform at our school.

- Matthew Wilson (Form VI)



Pictured here are (left) Monica (Subin) Kim from South Korea and Misaki Seto from Japan. They brought a multi-cultural feel to the evening as they wore traditional costumes of their respective countries.

On Friday the 15th of May the Board of Governors hosted their annual dinner for the 6th year students. The class and their teachers gathered on the front steps for the much awaited photo opportunity.

The girls finally got the chance to put on the dresses they'd been talking about for months. Misaki and Monica, in their traditional national dress looked very well. The boys were in their tuxedos and were forced to pose with the eager girls, some enjoyed the photo opportunity more than others and even looked like they'd been practising their stances for years!

They were soon whisked off to the Midleton Park Hotel for some more photos and of course the excellent meal that awaited them. Speeches were provided by Darragh Crosbie and Rosie Hockenhull, both sharing an insight into their experience while in the College.

The night was a great success, thanks to the Board of Governors for once again hosting and also to all those who organised the event.

G. Connolly (Form VI)

CONCERN QUIZ

Last year a group of 6 of us who had taken part in debating were given the chance to participate in the Know Your World Quiz run by Concern, The aim of the quiz was to encourage young people to take an interest in current affairs especially involving third world countries. After winning the first round in Wilton the team of Sean O'Regan, Emily Simonin, Ethan Dillon, Sarah O'Shea, Seth Shanagher and myself moved onto the regional finals to be held in Limerick. Accompanied by Mr Baker and Mr Gill we made our way there. With tough competition from Christ The King and several other schools, we managed to come in 2nd. This was enough to move us onto the next round, held in Dublin. Unfortunately Emily couldn't come with us and so was well substituted by Hannah Browne.

The national finals were very competitive and even though we led all the way through the quiz we were beaten at the post by St Macartan's College Monaghan and a particularly difficult picture round coming in second overall.

We had a great time at these quizzes and on behalf of the seven of us I would like to thank Mr Baker and Mr Gill who accompanied us and increased our current affairs knowledge in the car.

"Brainboxes!"



L-R: Paige, Sean, Seth, Ethan, Hannah and Sarah are shown all looking very smart (in both senses of the word) at the Concern Quiz final.

- Paige Crosbie (Form VI)

INTERVIEW WITH CLAIRE HINCHLIFF JUMP PROGRAMME STUDENT

We interviewed the new Jump Programme student, Claire Hinchliff to find out a bit about her and why she's with us for the coming year.

Interviewer: "Where are you from Claire?"

Claire: "I'm from Derry."

Interviewer: "Could you give us some information about your background please?"

Claire: "I have a sister who is in her second year of college and a brother who just started first year in Derry."

Interviewer: "What brought you to Midleton College?"

Claire: "I'm part of a programme called 'Jump' which is to do with the Church of Ireland. I'm down here working with the school and the church."

Interviewer: "What do you think of the place so far?"

Claire: "I really like it! The weather here is so much better than Derry, and everyone is so friendly!"

Interviewer: "What will be the biggest change for you this year, do you think?"

Claire: "I think living in a school will be a big change. Peoples accents are so different!"

Interviewer: "What are you hoping to gain out of this year?"

Claire: "To know what God's plan is for me for the future."

Interviewer: "What are you hoping to do after this year?"

Claire: "Either to work for the church or do something that includes my degree, which is in environmental science."

Thanks very much for your time Claire, best of luck in your year here!

- S. Smith (Form IV)



"TRANSFORMER"

"SOLO ARTIST"



Here we see Killian O'Dwyer standing among an array of posters designed to promote Seachtain ná Gaeilge.



A papier mache monster created by Eamon Moloney of Form III.

Senior Boys Rugby



Back Row L-R: Mr. Preston, L. Dillon, D. Mathews, D. O'Sullivan, A. O'Callaghan, C. O' Sullivan, O. Barnes, A. Weston, A. Tibshraeny, I. White, Mr. McGuckin, Mr. Thompson

Middle Row L-R: G. Harrigan, J. Devlin, D. O'Riordan, T. Brennan, J. Lynch, B. Quill (Capt.), D. Crosbie, J. Shanagher, C. O'Brien, H. Monagan

Front Row L-R: J. Waite, C. James, A. Power, J. Spink, S. O'Regan, S. Shanagher, D. Roche, A. Keane, J. O'Sullivan Hourihan

Alas, talk of achieving a four in a row in the Mungret Cup proved somewhat fanciful. Certainly if early season form was anything to go by, it was very much a pipe dream with only one win recorded in the period up to Christmas. Having said that it is a credit to the collective squad and leadership of the team that they managed to turn things around, reach the Mungret Cup Final and then only go down 15 – 8 in a close encounter.

In truth, the whole season was taken up in the search for a credible half back combination at nine and ten. The fact that coming in to the season there was no obvious choice in either position created major problems and in many respects solving this problem was to prove "a bridge too far" and ultimately our Achilles heel in the final. No fewer than five scrum-halves and four out-halves were used over the season.

What we did end up with was a highly competitive pack lead by an outstanding back row of Brian Quill, Jack Lynch and Darragh Crosbie. They would grace any team and their talents were deservedly recognised at Munster School's Level. Brian played for the U- 19 Squad, whilst Jack and Darragh played a second season in the successful Munster "A" Team that beat Connaught and Leinster "A".

The front row was made up of an ever improving Tiernan Brennan at loose head, a fiery and combative David O'Sullivan at hooker and an extremely solid Denis O'Riordan at tight head. Denis' ability was recognised by Munster "A" at the Inter- Pro Series. Overall though, one would like to see him more involved in the full seventy minutes of the game as occasionally he would go "awol".

In between the front and back row we eventually settled on a second row combination of Owen Barnes and Charlie O'Sullivan. They provided solid and steady line out ball and were often prominent in the loose.

Adam O'Callaghan and Ian White finished the season as the half backs but as I said we never achieved the stability and consistency that these crucial positions require if a team is going to do well. Jesse Shanagher and Luke Dillon were more often than not the centre partnership. Jesse will be remembered for his hard straight running and no nonsense tackling. Luke was back to rugby after a break and improved after every game he played scoring a memorable try on tour against North Berwick. Colin O'Brien settled eventually at full back. A dedicated trainer, his hours of practice place kicking proved a very impressive and valuable asset. Knowing that you have someone who can step up and slot a penalty or goal in a tight situation was a great consolation to the team. Again several players played on the wing. What a pity that Dan Roche broke his arm at a crucial stage in the season as he was coming into a rich vein of form. To travel as honorary bag man on the rugby tour was scant reward. Sean O'Regan, Andy Daly, Seth Shanagher, Kieran James and Nick Burns all made appearances on the wing at one stage or another.

Our Senior Cup campaign consisted of one game, an 8 – 22 defeat to a strong Bandon Grammar side. Although disappointing this was a marked improvement on the 3 – 44 defeat to the same opposition in early September. In every one's mind though, was the Mungret Cup encounter

with local new comers Pobal Scoil na Trionoide , Youghal. We were the cup holders and as the captain's mother told me on several occasions, this was a game we couldn't lose. Neutrals were not to be disappointed. It was an epic struggle and we just scraped home 8 – 3, Nick Burns scoring the all important try. I don't think anyone present will forget the last seven minutes of the game, camped defending our own goal line, desperately waiting for the referee's final whistle. We'd escaped having been given a thorough examination.

The semi final encounter with Waterpark in Midleton produced the same result. A fine try by Jesse Shanagher in an extremely tight game brought us to a final for the fourth year in a row. Sadly in the days before the final, Denis O'Riordan was concussed and would play no further part in the season. Andy Weston stood up to the mark well but he lacked the experience and indeed the firepower of the "Donch". The final was played on a good surface in Clonmel RFC but with a gale of wind blowing down the pitch. We played into it in the first half and got a vital first score when Charlie O'Sullivan burrowed over from a ruck close to the Newtown line. Turning around in the second half we didn't have the accurate kicking game to use the elements to the best of our advantage and with Denis injured and Jack Lynch obviously carrying his shoulder for much of the game it was always going to be a big ask against a fine, well balanced Newtown side. They opened up our defence on a couple of occasions and despite a

late penalty from us turned out deserved winners at 15 – 8. We had put up a very creditable performance to come so close but in truth the best side won. The disappointment was tempered by the fact that we were shortly to embark on a successful trip to our old haunt of Edinburgh.

The seconds played 3 three games, going down heavily in two games and recording a 19 – 15 victory against Bandon in the other. Many of the players gained valuable experience and are regular first team players in the current season.

We are grateful as usual to the MAR for supplying us with official refs wherever possible and indeed Rory Graham in the kitchen for looking after early lunches and also our ground staff lead by Gerry Maguire for keeping the pitches in good order.

Panel: Brian Quill (captain), Tiernan Brennan, David O'Sullivan, Denis O'Riordan, Owen Barnes, Olan O'Sullivan, Darragh Crosbie, Harris Monagan, Kieran James, Colin O'Brien, Dan Roche, Jack Lynch, Jesse Shanagher, Andy Daly, Sean O'Regan, Emmet Rose, Greg Harrigan, Seth Shanagher, David Matthews, Charlie O'Sullivan, Nick Burns, Andrew Power, Adam O'Callaghan, Ian White, Alex Tibshraeny, Josh O'Sullivan -Hourihan, David Kenefick, Luke Dillon, Andy Weston, Jason Devlin, Adam Keane, Scott Hornibrook.

- M.P.

J.C.T. Rugby

I'm sure many of you are familiar with the story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Two dramatically different characters inhabiting the same body. This years J.C.T. had two similarly disparate personalities. When Dr Jekyll was the dominant persona all was well with the world. The ball always went to hand, kicks bisected the uprights and scores were frequent. When Mr. Hyde was in residence, however, the reverse was the case.

Anyone involved in rugby knows that some years a team has a good set of backs but lacks the forward strength to supply them with good ball or else the team has a strong pack with backs that continually fail to achieve closure. This season we had the rare good fortune to have a good blend of forwards and backs.

A quick glance at the notes written on a season's play will tell you if it has been a good one or not. Statistics are shown for good seasons!

This seasons stats. read well.

**PLAYED 10 WON 8 LOST 2 POINTS FOR 176
POINTS AGAINST 59.**

A fast winning start is always welcome. Victories over CBC, Bandon Grammar, Villiers and Newtown happened in quick succession. While only friendlies these matches provide an opportunity to see as many players in action as possible and proved good preparation for the competitive games to come.

The Mungret Shield was our first competition. We were drawn away to Patrician Academy Mallow. As early as the warm up it was obvious that Mr. Hyde was present. Over eagerness and nerves had much to do with the number of dropped balls and wayward passes. The same performance continued after we took to the field. Mallow played with commitment and we made too many mistakes. Despite a try from Marc Hornibrook we still found ourselves down with only four minutes to full time. Ned Hodson in true captain style saved the day with a late converted try. We had been only four minutes away from exiting the competition! We needed to improve. We needed to banish Mr. Hyde!

This win qualified us to play in a new cup early in the New Year. The Giles Shield . First however we had the small matter of playing Glenstal in the semi-final of the Mungret Shield. What the game against Mallow lacked this one had in abundance. The build up had the feel of a big cup day. We were aware of Glenstal's reputation. It was this reputation that ensured our boys would be fired up for the match.

Glenstal were clearly a polished side. They threw everything at us. It was a very physical encounter. The tackling and ball carrying of players like Mark Twomey, Stuart O'Sullivan, Greg Chambers, Andy Colton and Adam Colton made for very exciting forward exchanges. In the

backs Rory Hurley and Ned Hodson linked well while Dino James and John Sweetnam were wonderful under the frequent high balls. With only ten minutes to go the sides were level three apiece thanks on our part to a penalty from Steven O'Brien. With only minutes to go Glenstal kicked a penalty to take the lead. We threw caution to the wind. This left us open to counter attacks and unfortunately in the last act of the game we shipped a try to lose by a score line of 11 - 3. We went down fighting. Disappointed but proud of our performance.

Christmas can often lead to a leeching of fitness so cup games in January can pose problems. This year we were spared this difficulty as a combination of circumstances including poor weather resulted in an absence of fixtures until March. A successful practice game against PBC helped us to prepare for our opening match in the Giles Shield against Waterpark.

This game was played at home in front of an appreciative crowd. We ran out winners 26 - 5 with tries from Steven England, Ned Hodson, Marc Hornibrook and Greg Chambers. Steven O'Brien kicked three conversions. We had qualified for the final! It was a happy changing room. Unfortunately this game resulted in concussion for Shane Murphy who had become a stalwart in our back row during the season. This injury required a three week recovery time so Shane would miss the final.

Fermoy RFC kindly provided their grounds for the final against Newcastle West. It was a miserable day weather wise. A great troop of noisy supporters made the journey up from Midleton. They did their best to spur the boys on but Mr. Hyde was in evidence at times again. That and some sickness in the camp led us to under perform against a good physically strong Newcastle West side. Despite our best efforts and tries from Marc and Greg and a conversion from Steven we lost 20 - 12. The disappointment was huge since the hopes had been so high. I suppose the old adage holds true, "what does not kill you only makes you stronger". This bunch of players has great spirit and a work ethic second to none. These assets I'm sure will stand to them and secure success in their future endeavors.

Panel: An. Colton, K.Abernethy, M.Twomey, S.England, P.Ponchon, S.Murphy, P.Abernethy, Ad.Colton, R.Hurley, N.Hodson(capt.), M.Hornibrook, A.Simonin, S.O'Brien, J.Sweetnam, D.James, S.O'Sullivan, B.Mitchell, A.Lenahan, L.Farnham, A.Spink, G.Chambers, T. Turkington, T.Bourke, D.Stead, S.Lynch, N.Ottman, K.Karpati.

R.St.J.P

J.C.T. Rugby



Back Row L-R : Mr. Power, P. Abernethy, K. Karpathi, S. O'Brien, P. Ponchon, K. Abernethy, Ad. Colton, A. Spink, An. Colton, R. Hurley, A. Simonin, Mr. Thompson.
 Middle row L-R: S. Murphy, S. England, J. Sweetnam, S. O'Sullivan, M. Twomey, G. Chambers, D. James.
 Front Row L-R: S. Lynch, T. Bourke, N. Ottman, A. Lenahan, D. Stead, M. Hornibrook, T. Turkington, L. Farnham.

U14 Rugby



Back Row L-R: Mr. Stanley, S. McCarthy, N. O'Shea, B. Sly, L. Farnham, K. Crosbie, T. Turkington, J. Pope, F. Browne, Mr. Thompson.
 Middle Row L-R: A. Linehan, O. Ind, O. Kane, B. Moore (capt.), A. Pennington, C. Simpson, R. Steele.
 Front Row L-R: D. Wardle, D. Tierney, R. Whiting, D. Poynton, E. Stapleton, L. Deane.

A dedicated, hardworking and talented group of players produced a series of excellent performances in what was a particularly enjoyable season. They showed great enthusiasm for the game and played with a fierce determination in every match.

In the front row, which rarely took a backward step, Robbie Steele and Kim Crosbie were the regular starters at hooker and tight-head prop respectively, while Dan Wardle and Tomas Turkington battled it out for the loose-head position. In the engine room, Adam Pennington and John McEvoy formed a formidable second-row partnership. With Captain Brian Moore locking the scrum at No. 8, the remaining back-row positions were contested for by Oliver Ind, Frazer Browne and Luke Deane, all of whom made significant contributions throughout the season.

At scrumhalf, James Pope provided the link between forwards and backs with great endeavour. Simon McCarthy played outhalf in a number of games and acquitted himself admirably. Ollie Kane was our most potent back. Playing at either outhalf or first centre, he chipped in with five tries and numerous conversions during the season. Conor Simpson's searing pace made him a very effective outside centre.

There was huge competition for the wing positions with Ben Sly, David Poynton, Evan Coates, Dan Tierney and Robert Whiting putting in quality performances whenever called upon. Eric Stapleton and Ned O'Shea missed a number of games for various reasons but both made significant contributions when present. The most memorable of those

contributions was Eric's crunching tackle during the 26-5 victory over Bandon and Ned's two try came in a 17-12 win over the same opposition later in the season.

Ben Mitchell proved to be a strong running, reliable fullback and Louis Farnham showed his versatility by being effective in a number of the backline positions.

A special word of thanks must go to John Levis who willingly gave his time to train the players and to referee matches throughout the year. His input is very much valued and appreciated by both the players and the coaches of all the teams he has assisted.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the squad for their efforts during the year and I wish them all the best in their future rugby careers as they move up through the school and beyond.

- K.S.

Panel: Robbie Steele, Kim Crosbie, Dan Wardle, Tomas Turkington, Adam Pennington, John McEvoy, Brian Moore, Oliver Ind, Frazer Browne, Luke Deane, James Pope, Simon McCarthy, Ollie Kane, Conor Simpson, Ben Sly, David Poynton, Evan Coates, Dan Tierney, Robert Whiting, Eric Stapleton, Ned O'Shea, Ben Mitchell, Louis Farnham.

U13 Rugby



Back Row L-R: Mr. Gill, Mr. Cashman, J.Ottman, C. McPadden, C. Clarke, D. Somers, R. Scandrett, P. Hegarty, K.Webb, J. Foley, C. Sheehy, Mr. Thompson.
 Middle Row L-R: P. Kingston, E. Doyle, R. Cashman, S. McCarthy, A. Deane, L.Hevers, R. Donovan.
 Front Row L-R: O. Chambers S. McPadden, G. Spillane, D. Wood, B. Kiy, E, Keane, C. O'Sullivan, M, Murray

An enthusiastic and capable group of players made a very impressive start to their Midleton College rugby careers and enjoyed a very successful season. The group showed a high level of commitment, character and ability to produce a number of commendable results which were achieved with a pleasing combination of flowing rugby and sheer determination.

The opening performance of the season produced a 29-10 victory over a decent Newtown team and set the tone for the season. Further victories followed against CBC and a touring English school, Hollywood House. Two visits to PBC saw a fantastic 41-0 victory followed by a 22-26 defeat against a reinforced PBC side. One of the most determined performances of the season saw a 5-5 draw in terrible conditions away against a very physical Bandon Grammar team. Narrow defeats to Rockwell and Newtown were disappointing however the team returned to winning ways with a resounding 48-15 win over Ballincollig. Midleton RFC were beaten 22-0 before the best performance of the season saw Bandon beaten 26-17. The season ended with another draw, this time in a very tough match against a Crosshaven team who would have looked more at home playing against the JCT!

Throughout the season the forwards proved a very competitive and adept unit posing great threat when in possession of the ball and demonstrating great resilience in defence. Gavin Spillane, Brendan Kiy, Johnathan Ottman and Paul Kingston all helped to provide a solid base in the front row. Peter Hegarty and Luke Hevers were consistent performers in the second row with Luke in particular going from strength to strength and contributing an impressive nine tries. Dylan Somers, Rob Cashman, Cormac O'Sullivan, Shane McPadden and Rob Scandrett provided a combination of pace and power in the back row proving potent in attack and solid in defence.

The backline developed into an effective unit over the course of the season and played with great spirit and no little flair. Owen Chambers made the scrum-half position his own and provided decent ball for Simon McCarthy at out-half. Simon was an outstanding performer throughout the season and was both a creator and scorer of tries – a tally of nine tries and eighteen conversions shows what great potential he has. Aarron Deane, Josh Foley and Ross Donovan were all skillful and powerful runners in the centre and were responsible for many tries scored and a significant amount saved. Connor Sheehy, Andrew McGregor, Michael Murray, David Wood, Chris McPadden, Eddie Keane and Colin Clarke all occupied the two wings at different times and could be relied upon to show pride in the shirt and give dedicated performances with Andrew McGregor, in particular, very reliable. Eoin Doyle provided a strong last line of defence at full back and showed intelligence in his use of the ball and timing of supporting runs.

In summary, this is a squad with a nice balance of players providing ability and character in equal measure both in attack and defence. There is a clear hunger and desire that will serve the squad well over the coming years. Providing they retain the focus that was apparent throughout their first year I would be confident in predicting great things ahead both individually and collectively. I look forward to watching their progress over the years ahead and would like to thank the squad for an enjoyable and rewarding year. To conclude I also wish to thank my colleagues in the Rugby department, in particular Martin Preston who provided us with plenty of fixtures, Brian Gill who was of great help in training, particularly with the forwards, and, of course, John Levis who, as ever, was invaluable both in coaching the backs and refereeing games to his usual high standard.

-P.C.

Panel: S. McCarthy, G. Spillane, B. Kiy, J. Ottman, P. Hegarty, L. Hevers, D. Somers, P. Kingston, R. Cashman, C. Sheehy, O. Chambers, A. Deane, R. Donovan, J. Foley, E. Doyle, C. O'Sullivan, S. Mitchell, R. Scandrett, C. Clarke, A. McGregor, S. McPadden, M. Murray, D. Wood, C. McPadden, R. Steele, F. Browne, D. Wardle, J. Pope, L. Deane, E. Stapleton, O. Kane, M. O'Callaghan, E. Keane.

Senior Girls Hockey (1sts)



Back Row L-R: Mr. Seale, M. Callan, R. O'Callaghan, E. Simonin, E. Wolfe, L. McPadden, F. Power, T. Roberts, Mr. Thompson.
 Middle Row L-R: G. Walsh, S. Baker, L. Hurley, C. Stead, J. Preston.
 Front Row L-R: J. Griffin, E. Coyne, J. Coyne, E. Humphreys.

The senior squad played a total of 14 matches, recording 3 losses and 11 wins. The season started with two friendlies against Kilkenny College and Mount Mercy Convent A. We lost 1-2 and 0-3 respectively. We started out our league campaign in November against St Angela's College with a 3-0 win with goals from Michelle Callan, Shirley Baker and Edel Coyne. Our next outing was against Bandon Grammar in the league resulting in a 4-0 win, with Shirley Baker scoring all 4 from centre forward. Our next league game was against Scoil Mhuire resulting in a 3-0 win with goals from Michelle Callan, Jen Preston and Emily Simonin. With two league matches remaining we faced Sacred Heart Clonakilty away which proved to be a tough game but we came away with a 1-0 win due to a short corner strike by Julie Coyne which was saved but with Julie getting on the end of the rebound to score.

After Christmas we had the Senior A Cup which was against Ashton away, after playing some excellent hockey we went forward to the next round with a 3-0 win with goals from Shirley Baker and two from Michelle Callan.

Back to the league, we needed a win against Regina Mundi to win the South Munster League, which we did with a 5-0 result, with a hat-trick from Julie Coyne, Michelle Callan and Shirley Baker getting a goal apiece. Next match was Senior A Cup against Bandon Grammar, who were Munster League champions and which was a daunting fixture. After

a hard fought game Bandon came out the better side with a 1-0 win and they then went on to win the Senior A Cup. St Angela's College Cork were our next opposition in a friendly in preparation for the Munster Senior B League final, resulting in a 5-1 win with goals from Shirley Baker 1 and two each from Clare Stead and Michelle Callan. The Munster League final against UCT was the best game we played all season after a nervous start nearly conceding a goal we settled after and looked like coming out as winners which we did winning 3-0 with goals from Shirley Baker, Michelle Callan and Julie Coyne.

With such a successful season we wish to play Senior A League and Cup next season. I would like to thank Lillian Hurley who captained the side with Clare Stead as vice-captain, Jessica Griffin who represented Munster at U16 level and Julie Coyne at U18's. I would also like to express my thanks to Ivan Leopold and Laura Guest for travelling to Manchester on the Easter Hockey Tour which resulted in a good tour (see tour notes compiled by Emily Simonin).

Also thank you to Ms Hassey, Ms Clifford and Ms Power for umpiring during the season and to Rebecca Murphy who coached in Midleton College until Christmas.

Panel: E. Wolfe, J. Coyne, J. Preston, T. Roberts, L. Hurley (c), E. Coyne, E. Simonin, J. Griffin, M. Callan, S. Baker, C. Stead, L. McPadden, G. Walsh, E. Humphreys, R. O'Callaghan, Y. Coleman, F. Power.
 -C.S.

SENIOR 2NDS HOCKEY

The Senior seconds played in the Munster Inter B2 league this season. With two wins, one draw and five losses there was plenty of mixed fortune on the playing pitch. However, fielding twenty-one different players and competing against eight different teams the senior seconds had a successful year. There was a great spirit in the team throughout the year regardless of result. Captain, Rosie Hockenhill and her fellow sixth years Erne Connolly, Kate Murray and Shirley Baker ably ensured this. Top scorer for the year was Shirley who memorably hit four in a comfortable 5-0 league victory

over Bandon Grammar. I would like to thank the four sixth years for their dedication throughout a very challenging final academic year in Midleton College. I would also like to congratulate Brona Kelly, Rachael Smith and Rosie the only players from the panel who started in all eight of the games.

Panel: K. Murray (GK), J. Moore, C. O'Sullivan, A. O'Mahony, R. Smith, S. O'Shea, B. Kelly, R. Hockenhill, L. Northridge, R. Deane, E. Connolly, P. Crosbie, S. Malbasha, E. Wolfe, G. Walsh, L. McPadden, Y. Coleman, S. Fitzgibbon, J. Poynton, S. Baker, E. Humphries.
 -L.G.

Girls U16 B1 Hockey



Back Row L-R: Ms. Clifford, E. Humphreys, L. Smyth, E. Wolfe, K. Mathews, T. Waite, K. McCarthy, Mr. Thompson.
 Middle Row L-R: R. Johnston, S. Smyth, R. O'Callaghan, J. Griffin, J. Knoblauch.
 Front Row L-R: R. Lynch, F. Power, C. Thomas, A. Hackett.

PLAYED - 10 WON - 4 DREW - 3 LOST - 3

The U16 B1 had a very early start to the season, kicking off mid-season with a trip to Mt. Mercy. Such an early match always has its benefits and disadvantages- its tough to go straight into a match after only a few training sessions but good to get a few friendly matches before the league starts to look at various positional options for the season ahead. Unfortunately we faced a strong Mt Mercy side, losing 4-0, but it gave us a good idea of the standard we were playing and made us realise we needed to step up a gear for the coming season.

Next up were St Aloysius, on the grit, a surface we're not really used to any more. We went into this game without 4 of our usual starting players, and were unlucky to come out on the wrong end of a 4-2 scoreline, but again played well at times, showing we were gelling as a team and going to be capable of some positive results through the season.

The league competition started in early November. We played St Angela's in a very competitive match, but on this occasion we were unable to score and it ended in a 0-0 draw. Scoil Mhuire were our next opponents in the league. Again, we were without a couple of key players, in Ruth O'Callaghan and Elsbeth Wolfe, which resulted in various positional changes. We played well but once again found it difficult to score and the end result was a 0-0 result.

Loreto Fermoy were next up. This was the match where we really came together as a team and started to reach our potential. Fi Power scored the only goal in a very positive, attacking game. It was good to finally get the win that we deserved and gave us encouragement heading into the start of the cup campaign against Scoil Mhuire. This was a great team performance and Sophie Smyth scored twice, giving us a 2-0 win. Mt Mercy were our next opponents in the cup. There were a certain amount of nerves, after the 4-0 loss at the start of the season, but we really stepped up to the mark

here, proving ourselves, scoring five without reply, with two goals each from Tiger Waite and Sally-Ann Quill and one from Katie Mathews. Again, this result gave us the confidence we needed after a few tough matches.

The final league game was against Sacred Heart, Clonakilty. This was possibly our toughest challenge in the league. We went a goal down early on, but fought back and scored through Lydia Daly, but just couldn't find a second goal. All-in-all it was a good league campaign, but unfortunately so many draws denied us a place in the play-offs.

A cup semi-final against Rockwell College was our next game. A very tight match followed, with both teams failing to score in normal time. In extra time we won a short corner and Sally-Ann Quill stepped up and put it in the back of the net with an excellent strike to put us into the U16B Cup Final.

We faced a long bus journey to Ursuline's, Thurles for the final. The match started well for us, with Robyn Lynch putting us one up, but unfortunately late on Ursuline's equalised to send the game into extra time. Ursuline's were the team to get the breakthrough in extra time and we were subjected to a heartbreaking extra time defeat. The team was ably captained by Ruth O'Callaghan, who turned into a very strong, solid defender, having played in attack in previous years. Other players who developed and played well through the season were Sophie Smyth, Fi Power and Tiger Waite. This group of girls were a great group to coach, always positive and enthusiastic (and their occasional blond moments always kept me entertained!!). I wish them every success and enjoyment for their future hockey careers.

Panel: LDaly, JHassel, RO'Callaghan (c), LSmyth, RJohnston, K Mathews, S Smyth, F Power, S-A Quill, K McCarthy, R Lynch, T Waite, J Knoblauch, E Humphreys, C Thomas, K Phelan, L Smyth, E Wolfe, J Griffin, R Quinn, A Hackett.

-L.C.

U16 B2 GIRLS HOCKEY

The U16 B2 team this year were a great group to coach, always enthusiastic and very keen to play matches. They played a total of 9 matches and even though the stats don't sound too favourable (2 wins, a draw and 6 losses) this didn't curb their enthusiasm for the sport. Captain for the year was April Hackett, who led from the front, finishing the season as top goal scorer with three goals. The season started with a 2-1 win against Ashton, but then there were 6 defeats in a row, but the girls managed to end on a high with a resounding 3-0 victory over Colaiste Mhuire, Cobh and a 1-1 draw with Christ the King. Players who performed particularly well during the season were April, Lydia Daly, Tiger Waite Amy Kingston and Rachel Quinn. Well done to all who played their part in making it a thoroughly enjoyable season and may they continue to enjoy playing hockey as they go through the school.

Panel: K Phelan, S Little, A Kingston, E Kearns, R Quinn, C Thomas, L Daly, E Mills, A Hackett (c), C Toomey, H Hayes, C Douglas, S Thomas, A Jeffrey, C Lynch, H Spink, L Smyth, T Waite, J Knoblauch, P Wolfe, E Wolfe, K Matthews, H Durrant, F Power, E Herlihy

- L.C.

TENNIS 2008 – 2009

This summer was a busy time in the world of tennis with people playing in our internal competitions. The competitions were played at three different age groups for both Boys and Girls, with over eighty pupils taking part. Most of the competitions were held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, with some interesting surprises and assumed certainties. Results of the competitions are as follows:

	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
U16 Girls	SA quil	A Hackett
Senior Girl	J Coyne	E Coyne
U14 Boy	L Deane	J Gibbons
U16 Boy	R Hurley	H Delahunty
Senior Boy	T Dwyer	D Roche
		-C.S.

ATHLETICS

The athletics season was quite a short-lived one this year, with weather, exams and a hectic summer term not allowing a massive practise time. Once again we participated in the Interschools Athletics competition. This year it happened in Kilkenny on the 12th May and unfortunately because of a clash with the transition year awards night we were without some people who would have competed well for us in the past and who, no doubt, would have helped add to our points tally. We still managed a respectable 4th position in the boys and girls overall placings with Luke Hevers winning the U14 Boys high jump, Greg Chambers winning the U16 800m and Denis O'Riordan winning the senior boys shot.

The schools championship was a great success this year with large numbers taking part in most events. In the U15 girls competition Fi Power equalled two previous records (check when previous records were made), the 100m and the 200m. Luke Hevers broke the high jump record in the U13 boys competition and Donnacha O'Riordan broke the record in the senior shot. Placings 1-3 are listed below in all age- groups. A massive thank you to Paul Cashman, Brian Gill, Catriona Hassey and all the other teachers who helped with the coaching and organisation of the school championships, and congratulations to all the athletes who took part.

SENIOR GIRLS

1. E. Coyne
2. J. Crux
3. C. Stead

U15 GIRLS

1. F. Power
2. J. Griffin
3. T. Waite

U13 GIRLS

1. P. Wolfe
2. R. Hornibrook
3. R. Kennedy

SENIOR BOYS

1. C. O'Sullivan
2. I. White
3. D. Hollywood

U15 BOYS

1. C. Simpson
2. K. Karpati
3. G. Chambers

U13 BOYS

1. L. Kevers
2. O. Chambers
3. J. Foley

- L.C.

Senior Boys Hockey



Back Row L-R: Mr. Leopold, A. Power, D. Crosbie, D. Long, C. Humphreys, D. O'Sullivan, J. Sweetnam, Mr. Thompson.
 Middle Row L-R: J. Spink, I. White, S. Casey, A. Murphy (capt.), A. O'Callaghan, N. Burns, C. O'Sullivan.
 Front Row L-R: S. O'Sullivan, M. Hornibrook, A. Colton, G. Chambers, D. James.

The Senior Hockey team had a somewhat mixed season, producing some good but also some rather average performances. In reality we were a little behind Bandon and Ashton and ahead of Villiers and Newtown. On a positive note we qualified for the Irish Schools' Tournament for the third year in a row. In the tournament, played in Limerick, we were drawn in a group containing RBAI, Wesley College and Kilkeel. In our first match, an even game, RBAI defeated us by 4 goals to 2. Defensive frailties cost us dearly, as we conceded three goals on the break, and despite owning the second half, we just could not claw back the necessary goals. Annihilation followed against Wesley in the second match, when our difficulties in defending short corners were ruthlessly exposed, resulting in an 8 nil trouncing. Wesley went on to contest the final losing out by the odd goal in three. After suffering such a shattering reverse, it is to the credit of the whole panel, that they were able to lift themselves so quickly, and come from behind to defeat Kilkeel by 2 goals to 1. In the cup we succumbed to a strong Ashton side, with a very good short corner routine, by 4 goals to 1. The disappointment from our perspective was that most of our top players chose this occasion to play their poorest match of the season. In retrospect, playing the match just after the mock exams may not have been such a good idea.

Goalkeeping duties were shared by Charlie O'Sullivan and Josh Spink. There was very little difference in ability between the two, and both had their outstanding and scary moments during the season. The latter usually occurred at short corner time against some very good drag flicking.

In defence Simon Casey and Adam O'Callaghan, were dependable and aggressive in the tackle and quite prepared to put their bodies on the line. Ian White a skilful and attacking right-back played some good hockey but his performances lacked the consistency of last season. Darragh Crosbie,

was a direct, whole hearted and honest left-back, what you saw was what you got! The O'Sullivan brothers, David and Stuart, were regular members of the senior panel. David was a determined and robust player with a strong hit, he does however, need to improve his tackling technique. Stuart was a player with a lot of potential and very good skills but lacked the confidence or desire to really impose his obvious ability on a game.

In mid-field Nick Burns displayed some wonderful skills and was our leading scorer with 8 goals. He also represented Munster at Under 18 and Ireland at Under 16 levels. A player of undoubted class, Nick is destined for further honours so long as his temperament does not jeopardize this progression. Alistair Murphy, who captained the team, filled the difficult centre link berth. A natural centre-forward, he selflessly adapted his game for the sake of the team. Volatile at times, in the sporting arena, Alistair displayed the maturity and self control necessary for a team leader. Andrew Colton, an intelligent player with a degree of composure not always found in one so young, progressed nicely and was rewarded with a place on the Munster Under 16 panel.

Up front Andrew Power, a player who likes to attack and commit defenders played some fine games but was frustrated by a niggling injury which restricted his natural pace and dynamism. John Sweetnam a skilful forward, played some good hockey, a simplified and more pragmatic approach, allied to a better execution of a pass, would improve his game no end. Marc Hornibrook, a winger with lightning pace, and Greg Chambers, a young forward with developing skills, displayed admirable progress. Daniel James showed promise as a useful and intelligent right-back, while Diarmuid Long and Criostoir Humphreys filled in as useful utility players in defence and mid-field respectively.

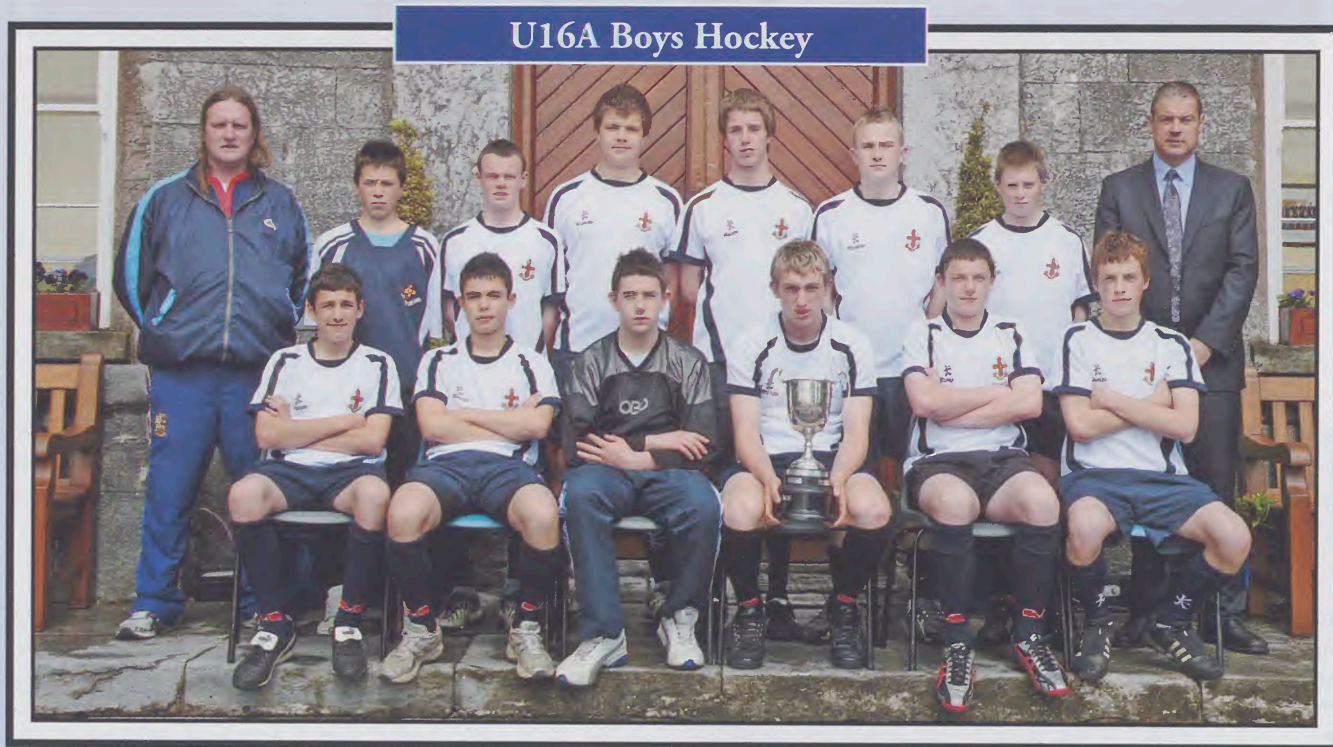
In conclusion my thanks to the usual suspects: Clive Seale and Mary Power for their outstanding help and advice especially at the Irish Schools' Tournament. Mary's excellent umpiring saw her deservedly awarded a semi-final match. My thanks to Paula Stead for attending to our medical matters, and our chef, Rory Graham, for looking after our culinary requirements. My thanks also to Gerry Maguire and Liam Power for assistance with pitch maintenance and the School Office for their expertise regarding administrative and financial matters.

Panel: *Charlie O'Sullivan, Josh Spink, Simon Casey, Ian White, Adam O'Callaghan, Darragh Crosbie, David O'Sullivan, Nick Burns, Alistair Murphy, [Capt] Andrew Colton, Andrew Power, John Sweetnam, Stuart O'Sullivan, Mark Hornibrook, Daniel James, Greg Chambers, Diarmuid Long, Criostoir Humphreys.*

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS:

Nick Burns, Ireland U16 and Munster U18
 Adam O'Callaghan, Munster U21
 Andrew Colton, Munster U16

-I.L.



Back Row L-R: Mr. Seale, D. Poynton, M. Hornibrook, Adam Colton, S. O'Sullivan, J. Sweetnam, D. Stead, Mr. Thompson.
 Front Row L-R: A. Simonin, D. James, B. Doyle, N. Burns, Andrew Colton, G. Chambers.

This season we played 4 matches winning all four games. We got the season started with a friendly against Newtown School Waterford with a 4-3 win with goals from Niall Madden, Oliver Kane, Greg Chambers and Louis Farnham. Our season was very broken with a lot of the players involved in the Senior A squad. We played Bandon Grammar at home in the league with a 3-2 win with goals from Nick Burns 1 and John Sweetnam 2. We drew Ashton School in the U16A Cup resulting in a 4-3 win with goals from Nick Burns two from short corners and one apiece from Stuart O' Sullivan and John Sweetnam even though having numerous chances late on in the game to finish off our opposition.

Our highlight of the season was the cup Final against Bandon Grammar. With the side's level 2-2 at half time, 3-3 at full time, we faced extra time after which the game ended as a 5-5 draw. With the score line alone it was a very good game but not exactly good for the heart. With no replay the match had to be decided by a penalty shootout competition which we won 3-2, which meant we won the U16A Cup for the first time since 1987. Goals scored during the final were, Greg Chambers 2, Nick Burns 1 Ned Hodson 1 and John Sweetnam 1.

I would like to thank Nick Burns for his excellent season as a player and captain, even though he was U16 he represented Munster at U18 and went on to play for Irish U16 for the 3rd season also to Andrew Colton who was on the Munster U16's.

In conclusion I would like to thank Ivan Leopold, Liz Clifford, Mary Power and Catriona Hassey for their help during the season.

Panel: *B. Doyle, D. Poynton, Adam Colton, J. Pope, S O'Sullivan, J. McEvoy, D. James, N. Madden, O. Kane, I. Deane, G. Chambers, L. Farnham, T. Norton, T. Bourke, A. Simonin, N. Hodson, N. Burns (capt), Andrew Colton, J. Sweetnam, M. Hornibrook, P. Abernethy, K. Abernethy, D. Stead, J. Hartnett.*

-C.S.

U14 Boys Hockey



Back Row L-R: C. Hassey, C. Clarke, R. O'Donovan, O. Chambers, S. McPadden, J. Foley, A. Deane, D. Somers, M. Murray, E. Doyle, P. Kingston, S. Thompson
 Middle Row L-R: K. Webb, D. Moore, A. McGregor, L. Hevers, C. O'Sullivan, C. McPadden
 Front Row L-R: P. Hegarty, M. O'Callaghan, J. Ottman, J. Swanton, D. Wood, R. O'Mahony

U14 BOYS' HOCKEY

Due to several factors our fixture list this season was very limited indeed. However we had a good bunch of interested and enthusiastic players who enjoyed their training sessions and their matches.

John Albert McEvoy captained the side this year, and showed himself to be a very able defender who is very comfortable on the ball, and allied with Bryan Moore made a very solid defence, unfortunately, Bryan missed a lot of the season due to injury.

David Poynton our goalie put in a few noteworthy appearances between the sticks, and Luke Deane was another reliable and skilful player at this level.

Others to catch the eye were Jack Gibbons, Adam Pennington, Conor Simpson, James Pope, and Oliver Kane.

The rest of the squad included: Frazier Browne, Evan Coates, Kim Crosbie, Donnchadh Gethins, Oliver Ind, Kevin Laatz, Billy McCarthy, Daniel Wardle, Daniel Wathen, and Robert Whiting.

I wish all the boys the best of luck in their future hockey careers. - M.P.

FIRST YEAR BOYS' HOCKEY

Numbers of hockey players in first year seem to increase year by year, so much so that with 25 students taking to the pitch this season, two coaches were necessary to control the masses. Ensuring that everyone participates can be difficult with such high numbers however we managed to compete on ten different occasions, so that everyone played a match. These included three 6-a-side blitzes in Bandon, Villiers and Ashton, two 11-a-side blitzes in Midleton and Newtown and five friendly full pitch matches. These matches gave rise to an impressive set of statistics, in all 69 goals were scored by 17 different players.

The 6-a-side blitzes provide an ideal start to the season as they allow for development of skills at different levels while still ensuring that everyone gets a chance to compete. The blitzes can be lively affairs with over 100 players competing, usually from five different schools. This acts as a great

opportunity for the students to meet fellow hockey players that they will compete against for the next six years. This year also saw the attendance of Kilkenny College at the blitz in Villiers.

While the 6-a-side matches provide plenty of goal scoring chances it is worth noting that in 11-a-side matches this season Midleton scored 21 goals and only let in 5, thanks in part to goal keeping displays from Aarron Deane. Matches were a team affair, ably led by Captain Andrew McGregor. Other players to note were Owen Chambers who joined Andrew in midfield and Luke Hevers who started many of the attacks from his position in the centre of the defence. The records for the full pitch matches include six wins (Ashton 3-0, 4-0, 4-0; Newtown 2-0, 4-0; Bandon 1-0) one draw (Bandon 1-1) and two loses (Bandon 1-2; Villiers 1-2).

The final outing of the season proved a tense affair, as the trip to Newtown to participate in an 11-a-side blitz had the incentive of a trophy for the victors. Three schools competed for the trophy. Midleton won the first match with an impressive performance against Newtown (4-0), with goals scored by Owen Chambers, Paul Kingston, Andrew McGregor and Shane McPadden. The second match against Bandon proved to be a tougher affair. The end result was a 1-1 draw, the Bandon keeper finally being beaten by a deflection from his own team of a short corner shot by Cormac O' Sullivan. This result however meant that Bandon went home with the trophy due to their higher goal difference.

Top goal scorers for the year were Paul Kingston and Cormac O' Sullivan (9 goals), closely followed by Andrew McGregor (8 goals). I would like to thank all those involved for their participation throughout the year and I wish all the players success in their future hockey careers.

Panel: O. Chambers, E. Doyle, C. McPadden, D. Wood, L. Hevers, R. O'Mahony, D. Moore, A. McGregor (Capt.), P. Kingston, C. O'Sullivan, R. Donovan, J. Foley, A. Deane, S. McPadden, J. Ottman, M. Murray, S. Mitchell, J. Swanton, D. Somers, C. Clarke, R. Scandrett, M. O' Callaghan, C. Sheehy, C. McGuigan, K. Webb.

-C.H.

Girls Soccer 2009-2010



Back Row L-R: Mr. Cashman, Mr. O'Neill, H. Durrant, J. Walsh, P. Wolfe, Y. Coleman, E. Wolfe, E. Humphreys, S. Thomas, A. Finn, Mr. Thompson

Front Row L-R: E. Von Raben, C. Zu Castell, M. O'Hanlon, S. Baker, C. Stead, J. Crux, C. Thomas.

This season Midleton College is competing in both the senior and junior Cork league and cup competitions. The senior squad captained by Yvonne Coleman began their campaign with a 3-2 defeat to St. Fanahans of Mitchelstown in a game which they dominated right until the closing stages and were unfortunate to lose. Hopefully our upcoming fixtures will see a reversal of fortunes! Our junior team captained by Hattie Durrant lost their initial league match 3-1 away to a much more experienced Buttevant but were later victorious in a thrilling 5-4 victory at home to Presentation Ballyphehane. This year

has also seen the purchase of new goalposts and nets for our pitch along with the introduction of official squad tops for all players. Other developments have seen the commencement of a link up with our local Munster Youths Development Officer in a programme to develop further the coaching and training skills of our panel. Onwards and upwards we go!!

- K. O'N.

Equestrian 2008-2009



Back Row L-R: Mrs. Stead, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Browne.

Front Row L-R: T. Waite, F. Browne, S. Lynch, D. Wathen.

This year, with our 6th years (Gerard Murphy and Clare Stead) taking time out to concentrate on their exams, we had one team represent the school at the Ballyrafter Inter Secondary Schools Showjumping Competition in January. The team, Sam Lynch, Tiger Waite, Frazer Browne and Daniel Wathen jumped very well on the day but didn't progress to the finals.

The same team jumped in the Maryville Interschools and although they improved on their last outing didn't feature among the winners.

Thank you to students and parents for all their effort, for taking the time to come to training sessions and for making themselves available to represent their school in competitions.

- P.S.

Orienteering



Back Row L-R: Ms. Clifford, J. Preston, D. Wood, L. McPadden, C. Simpson, P. Wolfe, C. Humphreys, H. Durrant, O. Kane, O. Ind, C. McPadden, Mr. Thompson.

Front Row L-R: A. Simonin, A. Power, E. Humphreys, J. O'Sullivan-Hourihan, D. James, M. Sheehan.

Our level of participation in the orienteering events this year was unfortunately slightly lower this year, due to a variety of reasons, weather and clashes with other sporting events and school activities. The Cork School's Championships took place in Bweeng in January. In the senior girls event Laura McPadden and Jen Preston finished first and second respectively. The senior boys took second team placing (Josh O'Sullivan-Hourihan, Michael Sheehan, Andrew Power and Criostoir Humphreys) with Josh finishing second in the individual standings. The second and third year boys were victorious through Alex Simonin, with Ned Hodson claiming second place. The first year boys team of Jeffrey Swanton, Rob Scandrett, David Woods and Chris McPadden finished second in a successful day.

The Munster School's Competition brought more success with the junior boys claiming first team placing (Alex Simonin, Oliver Kane, Oliver Ind and Owen Monagan). We made a clean sweep in the individual event with Alex, Oliver K and Oliver I claiming spots 1-3. Second place in the minor girls event was taken by Hattie Durrant, with Jen Preston also finishing second in the senior girls event. The senior boys team of Josh O'Sullivan-Hourihan, Andrew Power, Criostoir Humphreys and Daniel James ended the day in second spot overall, with Josh once again coming second in the individual event.

The final event of the season was the All Ireland Championships in Curragh Chase, Kilcornan, Limerick on 13th May. We finished the season on a high with our most successful outing of the season claiming first team places

in the senior boys (Josh, Andrew, Michael and Daniel) and first year boys (Jack Cowhig, Jeffrey Swanton, Daniel Moore, Chris McPadden), and second in the second and third boys (Alex Simonin, Owen Monagan, Oliver Ind and Oliver Kane). Once again Josh finished second individually with Andrew Power third. Laura McPadden and Jen Preston finished second and third in the senior girls event, while Alex Simonin came second in the second/third year boys. The first year boys Jack Cowhig and Jeffrey Swanton ended in second and third place. Congratulations to everyone who took part throughout the year, in all sorts of weather conditions!! I want to thank Paul and Rosemarie O'Sullivan-Hourihan for all the help and organisation throughout the year, it is very much appreciated.

A final note of congratulations goes to Josh O'Sullivan-Hourihan and Alex Simonin who are involved in the Irish Junior Orienteering Squads at u18 and u16 age groups respectively following on from their various success throughout the year.

- L.C.

Senior Cricket

Last summer term was spoiled by a very wet May resulting in the cancellation of three of the four matches organised. Nevertheless, a young, talented and enthusiastic squad had many enjoyable sessions, many of which took place in the nets.

Simon Casey's contribution as Captain was outstanding both as a player on the field and an organiser off the field. His solid technique made him a very difficult opening bat to dislodge and he was also a useful back up bowler. He scored an excellent 25 not out in the past pupils game and took one wicket for 25 runs. His opening partner, Oliver Ind, continued to improve and again showed that he is a special talent with bat and ball. He rarely missed a practice session. He was unluckily run out in the past pupils game but took 2 for 5 in an impressive bowling spell. Alex Tibshraeny also impressed with bat and ball. He scored 11 runs and took 1 for 13 in the past pupils match. Tom Turkington showed that he is one for the future. He possesses a good temperament and times the ball beautifully. He scored an excellent 19 runs against some quality past pupil bowling. Josh O'Sullivan-Hourihan performed enthusiastically behind the stumps and continued to improve. He scored a very useful 10 runs in the past pupils match. In the same match, Rory Hurley scored a fine 13 runs and displayed excellent timing of the ball. Andrew Power also timed the ball well and fielded enthusiastically. Adam Pennington and Greg Harrigan showed considerable promise as bowlers and both enjoyed putting bat to ball. Adam took 2

for 3 in the past pupils game. John Mc Evoy, though young, shows great promise for the future. He is enthusiastic and works hard to improve his game. Daniel James enjoyed the game and batted well-another talented games player. Barry Cunningham attended virtually every practice session and to everyone's delight, took a wicket in the past pupils match.

Two talented cricketers reached the final of the single wicket competition. Ned Hodson won the final beating Alex Tibshraeny in a disappointing but dramatic final. Alex batted first and was out first ball after a fine catch by Andrew Power. Ned then batted and scored a run off the first ball-game over!

The awards for the season were as follows:

Batting Cup	:	S. Casey
Bowling Cup	:	O. Ind
All-Rounder Award	:	T. Turkington
Fielding Cup	:	A. Tibshraeny

Finally, my thanks to Jim Doran for his enormous contribution to Midleton College cricket. For Jim cricket is not just a game, it's a way of life!

- J.C.L.

Form 1 (U13s) and Form 2 & 3 (U15s) Cricket 2009

Those all-too-familiar schools' cricketing foes - the all-too-brief Summer term and the all-too-fickle May weather - combined forces with a vengeance this year to severely restrict the lower school cricket activity. This was a pity as both the U13 squad and, particularly, the U15 squad had the potential to give any other school or youth team in the province a serious run for their money - as we will see later on in this article.

A further pity was that cricket for the girls was similarly restricted so there wasn't the opportunity to build on the success of the sessions run the previous year. But 2010 is not that far away and the Summer term next year is longer!

Given the circumstances this report will focus on the vital contribution that lower school pupils made to the Midleton CC cricket teams in 2009.

But first a brief mention of the one cricket contest to survive the vagaries of the Summer term. This was the Form 2 & 3 single wicket competition which featured three exciting matches between four of the best of the lower school players.

Oliver Ind reached the final with a relatively comfortable win over Luke Deane but the other semi-final was a thriller with Tom Turkington just shading victory by two runs over John McEvoy.

The final was even closer with Oliver Ind and Tom Turkington tied on 11 runs each with victory going to Oliver as he had bowled no wides to Tom's one.

U13S

Midleton CC U13s squad in 2009 was almost, but not entirely, composed of Midleton College and St. John the Baptist NS pupils, a tribute to the important contribution both schools make to the fostering of cricket in the East Cork area.

Luke Deane captained the Midleton CC U13s and had a tremendous season with the bat in both the club's U13 and U15 league campaigns - he was dismissed only once in four outings at U13 level. Match figures of 49 not out and 5 for 18 in the end of season friendly at Lismore demonstrate that he is starting to realise his potential to become one of the leading players in his age group in Munster.

Captain Luke was to the fore in Midleton's opening 38 run U13 League win over Lismore with an unbeaten 29 ably supported by Andrew MacGregor's 17 not out. Andrew's brother Ciaran (a St. John the Baptist NS pupil) bowled a tidy spell of 2 for 18 to help dismiss Lismore for 71.

But this was a very good team performance with everyone contributing. Cormac O'Sullivan has developed into a very competent wicket-keeper, Brandon McEvoy just keeps getting better and better as a bowler (and he can bat too) and Ed Keane, in his first season of cricket, is another College cricketer to watch.

Paul Kingston is another key contributor whose determination and positive attitude has seen him overcome several injuries in the past two seasons.

It was a different story when Midleton travelled to face Cork County in August. A below par performance in the field allowed County to run up a total of 115 for 7. Ciaran MacGregor was once again the pick of the Midleton bowlers with 1 for 14 off his 4 overs.

County's total was well beyond Midleton on the day as only Cormac O'Sullivan with 12 managed to get into double figures.

The match against Cork Harlequins was rained off but the season ended on a high note with a 17 run defeat of Lismore in the friendly match in late September. Apart from Luke Deane's match-winning performance noted above, it was Midleton's fielding which caught the eye with superb catching from Andrew McGregor (2) and James Pope (1) and first rate bowling from Brandon McEvoy (2-16) and Andrew McGregor (1-6).

Midleton College players who featured in the U13 campaign included Luke Deane, Eoin Doyle, Ed Keane, Paul Kingston, Andrew McGregor, Brandon McEvoy, Cormac O'Sullivan and James Pope.

U15S

Thirteen Midleton College players contributed to Midleton CC U15's victorious campaign in the 2009 Munster U15 League.

The performance in the opening League match against Cork Harlequins was ample proof of the old maxim, "bowlers win matches, batsmen lose them". Quins had no answers to Midleton's six-man bowling attack and struggled to a total of 52 all out.

Captain Tom Turkington (1-6) and John McEvoy (0-10) produced seam bowling which was, at times, unplayable with Rory Hurley (2-6), Adam Pennington (1-5) and Ned Hodson (2-15) also wicket-takers in a flawless fielding and bowling display.

Although openers Daniel James and Bryan Moore went early, 52 was never going to be a defensible total and Midleton coasted home by eight wickets well inside the distance.

The weather took a hand for several weeks with Midleton's comprehensive 189 run defeat of an inexperienced County Kerry side the only match completed until the end of season showdown versus Cork County at the Mardyke.

On a belter of a track, short or off-line bowling would be punished which is what too many of the Midleton bowlers provided and they were promptly despatched to all parts of the ground.

Only Tom Turkington's bowling figures (0-29) survived the onslaught as County racked up 218 for the loss of just one wicket.

With Midleton needing to score at a rate of more than 7 runs per over, a big ask at any level of cricket, the smart money was on the Leasiders to take home the Denis Ryan Trophy in its inaugural year of competition

But Midleton openers Tom Turkington and Luke Deane were not daunted by the large target and both batted

brilliantly under pressure before Deane was out just two short of his half-century with the score on 122.

The tide seemed to have turned in County's favour as two further wickets followed in quick succession including skipper Turkington departing for an excellent 69, his second successive half-century.

His departure brought Ned Hodson and Oliver Ind together with 78 needed for victory with just under 10 overs left. Showing admirable composure and batting intelligently Hodson (45no) and Ind (29no) pulled off a remarkable last-gasp win for Midleton by 7 wickets with just 3 balls to spare.

Midleton College players who featured in the U15 campaign included Tom Turkington, Luke Deane, Rory Hurley, Ned Hodson, Oliver Ind, Daniel James,

Brandon McEvoy, John McEvoy, Andrew McGregor, Bryan Moore, Adam Pennington, James Pope and John Sweetnam.

My thanks to everyone who participated in both school and club cricket in the past year, it continues to be a pleasure to coach in Midleton College and my thanks also go to Clive Seale for his invaluable help with facilities and organisation.

It's good to report that retirement has not lessened John Levis' passion for and commitment to cricket in Midleton College and, as always, his support is integral and greatly appreciated.

The 2009 lower school cricket awards were as follows:

FORM 1 CRICKET AWARDS:

Best Batsman	–	Andrew MacGregor;
Best Bowler	–	Andrew MacGregor;
Best All-rounder	–	Cormac O'Sullivan;
Most promising newcomer	–	Paul Kingston.

FORM 2 & 3 CRICKET AWARDS:

Best Batsman	–	Oliver Ind;
Best Bowler	–	John Albert McEvoy;
Best All-rounder	–	Thomas Turkington;
Most Improved Players (Joint Award)	–	Luke Deane, Rory Hurley, Adam Pennington.
The Spirit of Cricket Award	-	Donncha Gethins

OTHER CRICKET NEWS

Oliver Ind, John McEvoy and Tom Turkington were selected for the Munster U13 interprovincial team with Luke Deane nominated as the squad's non-travelling reserve whilst Alex Tibshraeny was capped at U15 interprovincial level.

In June Midleton College Cricket Coach James Doran was appointed by Cricket Ireland as the first-ever Cricket Development Officer for the Munster region and in July he managed the Irish U15 team at the European Championships in Scotland.

- J.M.D.

Chess



Back row L-R: Mr. Hickey, S. O'Shea, E. Simonin, L. Berg, D. Nunan, A. Linder, Mr. Thompson.
Front Row L-R: S. Day, S. O'Regan, O. Ind, L. Von Hardenberg, J-W Kim.

The number of players that registered for chess in the first term was slightly lower than in previous years. However what was lacking in quantity was more than made up for in quality with some new foreign signings! Lennart Von Hardenberg, Lennart Berg (Germany) and Jae-Won Kim (Korea) proved to be keen and skillful players. Once again September to December was a time of training and exploring each individual's strengths and weaknesses. Then in the second term we began our competitive matches.

This year we entered three teams in the ChessZ Cork Secondary Schools league. These consisted of a seniors team in the Champions League, another seniors team in the Girls-Only league and a junior team in the Novices League. The first fixture on Feb 10th saw our novices away to Clonakilty Community College who were new to the league and thus an unknown quantity. Our team was Billy McCarty (capt), Dylan Nunan, Jack Cowhig and Oliver Ind. Our team gave a good account of themselves but unfortunately were defeated 3-1.

Our next match on March 3rd was a double feature as we hosted two teams from Mitchelstown CBS in Room 12 (thanks again Mr. Stanley!). The novices team fared better this time out and won their match 3-1, with only Oliver narrowly missing out on a win. The senior team consisting of Sean O'Regan (capt), Sarah O'Shea, Lennart Von Hardenberg and Jae-Won Kim swept the boards with a 4-0 win over the Mitchelstown seniors C team. This was a very promising start to the season. Their next match on March 31st was away to Deerpark CBS A team. This was a tougher contest. In the end we won by the narrowest of margins. Sean and Jae-Won each won and Lennart held his opponent to a stalemate thus giving us the win.

We next had to play the winners of the other groups in our division, so it was off to Mitchelstown to play their senior A team. Alas they beat us 3-1 ending our run in the competition. All hopes were now on the Girl's league. In April we travelled to Urselines Blackrock to play them and 2 Regina Mundi teams in a blitz. Our team consisted of Sarah O'Shea, Emily Simonin, Tara Roberts and Sheila Day. The girls played well and were unlucky not to be outright winners, instead they were runners up to the Ursulines team. Interestingly Sheila the newest member of our team won all of her games. We could have gone on to the national finals in Limerick but the date clashed with TY activities which prevented us from fielding a team.

In the summer term we concluded the season with the annual internal school chess competition. At senior level there were some interesting tussles which resulted in an all German final. In the clash of Lennart Vs. Lennart best of 3 it was Von Hardenberg that won the final with Berg quite happy to accept the runner-up trophy. In the junior section several players entered. After some rapid knockouts the final was a best of 3 bout between Billy McCarthy and Jack Cowhig. Against the odds Jack won the competition with Billy a worthy runner-up. Thus another year drew to a close.

My sincere thanks to all who took part in chess this year, especially those that represented the school in competition.

- B.H.

Hurling



Back Row L-R: N. Burns, B. Doyle, B. Quill, D. Long, D. O'Riordan, E. Dillon, D. O'Sullivan, J. Kenneally, Mr. Thompson.
Middle Row L-R: Mr. O'Mahony, A. O'Callaghan, L. Dillon, I. White, C. Humphreys, D. Crosbie, T. Brennan, Ms. Kelleher.
Front Row L-R: P. Abernethy, O. Brennan, K. Abernethy, N. Madden.

Midleton College Golf Society

It seems strange that as I write these notes all the news reports are of heavy rain and flooding when that was also how our season began. The devastation caused by the rain of the past weeks brings the minor upset of the cancellation of a golf outing into perspective.

The cancellation of Water Rock meant the we would not begin our season until May when we travelled to Castlemartyr. This was the societies first time to play the course. It was in great condition and was a popular venue with all those who played there. With the good weather high scoring was the order of the day. The winning score of 40pts by Ivan Leopold was the first total greater than the thirties in the society for some time.

June saw us visit Kerry. As usual many of us ventured down on the Friday for a 4.00pm tee off in the beautiful Beaufort. Following this we enjoyed some food and a few beverages before getting a good night's sleep in preparation for the tougher task of Dooks the following day. As usual the wind was a factor around the famous links course. Rory O'Neill emerged victorious to place his name on the Gardener Cup.

We had 24 players at three of our events this season so the turn out at Dundrum of only 14 was a bit disappointing. Dundrum is a fine woodland course which finds favour with all those who play there so the small turn out probably has more to do with people being away on summer holidays than anything else. This competition was won in fine style by Mary Jermyn with a score of 38 points.

Another new course to the society was Cobh. We played there in September. Everyone was impressed with how creative the designers had been with the sloping location. The feature island hole was spoken about by many. Unfortunately the rough was also the topic of conversation. The common opinion was that it was too easy to find and too difficult to extricate oneself from. The blustery conditions did not hamper the scoring too much with Chris Jermyn winning on a score of 32 points.

The final outing of the year was Bantry Bay as has become the tradition. Never before has there been so many players in contention for the Player Of The Year. The permutations were many. This probably had a lot to do with there being only five events this season. In the end Roger Hume won on a score of 32 points. The player of the year competition required more maths to figure out but there was no doubt who was the best golfer of the year. Rory O'Neill has won this before but this season ranks with his best. There is very little wriggle room on a handicap of 5 which make his win all the more impressive. A mention must also go to Mary Jermyn. She is by far and away the most improved player in the society. She began the season with a handicap of 32 and finished it on 25. An impressive achievement. Similar success next year maybe? Who knows.

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Midleton College Golf Society

RESULTS FOR THE 2009 SEASON ARE.

Venue	1st	2nd	3rd
Castlemartyr	Ivan Leopold	Mary Jermyn	Colin Jermyn
Dooks	Rory O'Neill	Ray Power	Leslie Deane
Dundrum	Mary Jermyn	Mick Bradfield	Ivan Beamish
Cobh	Chris jermyn	Ivan Beamish	Mary Power
Bantry Bay	Roger Hume	Colin Jermyn	Mark Daunt



Ray Power and Rory O'Neill

Player Of The Year: Rory O'Neill

Junior Category Player Of The Year: Henk Van der Puij

We are currently planning the fixture list for the coming season. We will contact all of the regular participants with the list of fixtures once they are available.

As always for those who are interested in participating in any of the outings please contact Ray Power at Midleton College at ray@midletoncollege.ie or 021 4631146.

R.St.J.P

MIDLETON COLLEGE P.T.A. NOTES 2009-2010

Midleton College PTA has once again had a full and varied year of activities. By now most parents are familiar with the main events, which are assisted by the P.T.A. The Glencree Trip for students to attend in October was once again sponsored by the P.T.A. The Christmas Carol Concert Reception hosted by the P.T.A in the church hall almost outgrew its venue; such was the popularity of this event.

The committee of the P.T.A was sorry to bid farewell to Jacqui McClay as she stepped down from the committee at Christmas when her daughter moved to attend Bandon Grammar as a day pupil. We were delighted however, to welcome Tracy Wardell to replace Jacqui, and she has fitted well into her role on the PTA.

The spring and summer terms raced ahead and once again, with the assistance of Mr.Twomey, a Careers Seminar took place in April.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended the Green Saffron Demonstration and meal of aromatic Indian cooking. It was a great opportunity for parents to become acquainted and it was well received by all who attended.

During Sport's Day, the PTA again provided a great service by staffing the used uniform stall, which was very well supported.

In September, a Book Swap Night was held and raised much-needed funds to help pay for the refurbishment of the library shelving, which was carried out during the summer holidays.

The PTA continues to provide positive support within the school structure. As I retire from my post of chairperson, I am delighted to say that in the past year the final pieces of the jigsaw have come together with the establishment of the Board of Management. Although the process seemed tedious, I think it was essential that structures were put in place only after careful consideration. May I wish Louise Opperman, my predecessor, and Gerry Lynch well in their new roles on the Board of Management.

It is with some sadness I write this report, my last as chairperson of the PTA, It's the end of an era for me as my youngest daughter completes her Leaving Certificate this year. My association with Midleton College however will continue as I have much to be grateful for, as I received my own education, and that of my four daughters of whom I am very proud, from this wonderful institution that is Midleton College.

On my own behalf and on behalf of all parents I would like to thank Mr. Thompson and the members of staff for their time and support to the Parent Teacher Association in the past year.

I commend all the committee members for their diligence, attendance and work on behalf of the PTA during 2009, and I close by wishing my successor Mrs. Bronwyn Lynch well as chairperson in the future.

Robin J. Smith

MIDDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION REPORT

Greetings readers to another report on the activities of the M.C.A for the eventful year of 2009. I am glad to report that the association committee is as active as ever with trojan work being done by Mrs. Kay Cairns, Niamh Kenny, Douglas Hall, Robert Chambers, Andrea Gunn and Fiona O’Gorman. Without the help of Mr.Simon Thompson the M.C.A. would not function to the same degree and we thank him for his involvement. A special thank you to Paddy Hitchmough for his help with matters financial and his interest in our endeavours.

I would like to express mine and the committee’s condolences to the Hall family on the recent loss of their father Cyril. To Hugh, Sonja, Douglas and Jackie, we wish you the best over the coming weeks and months, as we know the Christmas period will not be the same for their mum. Douglas is one of the longest serving members of the association and we all enjoy his easy, mild-mannered way of getting things done. We wish him well.

During the course of the year past pupils regularly contact me wishing to get re-acquainted with Middleton college. I would like to take this opportunity to mention one such pupil whose name is Mr. Fred Smyth and tell readers a little about his eventful life. Fred was in M.C. during the years 1934 to 1938 during the tenure of Mr. Tim West as Headmaster and is now eighty-eight years old. Fred speaks of the tough times he witnessed when corporal punishment was the preferred way of sorting a pupil’s lapses. A keen sportsman, Fred captained both the senior rugby and cricket teams while at school and he treasures his photographs of these events to this day. On leaving school Fred joined the R.A.F. and went into training to become a fighter pilot spending time in both England and Australia. Fred, however, was transferred to a navigator’s course even though he had completed most of his original training to become a pilot and didn’t see aerial combat during the 2nd World War. Remarkably, Fred regrets this even though some of his classmates were killed during the war of 1939 – 1945. Fred remembers clearly characters such as K.B. Williams, Ulick Love, Basil Baker and John Gifford, all of whom fought in the second World War. K.B. Williams was killed in Italy in the battle of Monte Cassino while flying with the R.A.F. Ulick Love’s tank was blown up in the same battle while serving with the Irish Horse and he sadly died also. Incidentally Basil Baker fought in the same battle but happily survived the war, as did John Gifford. Fred speaks with fondness of these young men in Middleton College and their prowess on the rugby field and we salute their bravery. We all owe a lot to such past pupils and their story puts our present problems into perspective. After the War Fred worked for a fledgling company called ‘Aer Lingus’ where he worked from 1946 until his retirement in 1986. Fred Smyth donated a large collection of books to Middleton College library, mostly to do with flying and aircraft design and we thank him for his gift. I would like to wish Fred continued good health in his retirement and look forward to meeting again.

The biggest event in the last number of years in the M.C.A. calendar is the 10, 20, and 30-year reunion and this year

was no different. On a Saturday evening in October nearly seventy past pupils and staff gathered in the library for a wine reception, which was followed by a meal in the dining hall. Well done again to Rory and his staff for an excellent meal which was enjoyed by all who attended. The humour of the event has been enhanced by some excellent after-dinner speeches and this year proved no exception. Kieran Doran, as a legal representative for the medical profession, had the room in ‘stitches’, Kieran, a thirty-year leaver, told the story of how a young doctor mistook the taxi carrying a pregnant woman in the car park of the hospital with hilarious results. Well done to the class representatives who helped organise the evening, namely Keith Chambers, Jane Cross, Christian Barker and Barry McCarthy. I’m sure this event has a viable future and we look forward to hearing from next years’ groups over the coming months. Incidentally, a small profit from the get-together will be used for a suitable project in Middleton College.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Niamh Kenny well on her travels to India with the Hope Foundation. Niamh, true to form, gives up a lot of her free time to different projects including work for the M.C.A. on the data base and would like to remind readers to notify the school of any change of address if they wish to receive a magazine. Likewise, Mrs Kay Cairns, who I have to commend for her past pupil jottings, is always delighted to get relevant information and this information can be forwarded through the school office.

If any past pupil would like to share their ideas with the M.C.A., don’t be shy as we always welcome new members. The world of the Internet offers quick access to M.C. matters or join our Bishop and Headmaster on ‘Facebook’ to share your thoughts. So in conclusion I wish all our readers a happy and safe festive season and a more prosperous 2010, till we meet again, mind yourselves,

- John Smyth



CLASS OF ‘99

James Colbert, Richard Vickery, Johnny Buttmer, David Hales, Damien Smyth are pictured at their 10 Year Reunion. The newly refurbished library shelves make a nice backdrop to the picture.

MEMORIES OF MIDLETON

I arrived at the College in early September 1949 having travelled down from Dublin with my mother and least favourite Aunt! I was just 11 years and 4 months old!

We were welcomed by Miss West who was the matron, shown to my dormitory, once the Headmaster's sitting room and now divided into a series of offices looking out on the side garden. I do not remember much about my first night except that I was led astray by masters Hornibrook, Hill and the Anderson twins. They persuaded me to sleep the wrong way round in my bed, and when the housemaster Andrew McNeil R McBride otherwise known as 'Bunty' came around to check, there I was head at the foot of the bed! He had his first of many words with me, but over the years became a good friend!

I do remember the long trip to the bathroom each morning and evening – up the back stairs passing the music room on the way, then past the 'Sick Bay' a splendid upstairs room looking out over the playing fields, then right up a short flight of stairs into the wash room. 12 basins, or was it more, all in a double line. The sole bath for 60 students stood along one wall and there was a weekly rota for baths. On the wall as a little plaque which read:

Please remember, don't forget,
Nor keep the bath an hour or more,

Never leave the bathroom wet,
When other folk are wanting one.

Nor leave the soap still in the water,
Just don't forget,

That's a thing you didn't 'oughter'!
It isn't done!!!

Funny what you remember!

In class I started in form 2, but within a few days was promoted to form 3! My previous school, Kingstown Grammer, had obviously given me a good grounding!

Form 3 was of course my introduction to the Headmaster, Tim West! He taught mathematics in his own peculiarly forceful style. You learnt quickly and well. If you did not then usually you ended up with a 'bottom warming'!! There is no question that we all learnt to avoid careless errors, write neatly and never 'copy' anyone else's work. Failure to do any of these would result in a trip to the study!!

Other memories – Sundays! On Sunday all 60 boarders would assemble for Church by the side door and then 'crocodile' their way down through the town to the Church of Ireland. Mr McBride would assemble his choir and play the organ, while the Headmaster and Mrs West would sit behind the students, presumably to keep an eye on them!! Afterwards back to College for lunch and after that we had

the Sunday Walk. Some times we went to Ballinacurra but our favourite destination was 'the woods'! There we enjoyed ourselves for an hour or so before re-assembling for the walk back. Sunday evening 'prep' was invariably a gramophone music recital featuring Bunty's collection of mostly classical music. Kathleen Ferrier 'Oh for the wings of a Dove' was forever stamped in my memory!

Occasionally, when it was an 'Out Sunday' and local boarders could join their families after Church, some of those that were left – usually only a few Dublin boys, would be invited to the West family home for lunch – that was a real treat.

For entertainment we had no radio, no TV, only an occasional film show in the gymnasium and Duffy's Circus! The latter came to town once a year, and we were always told that Father Duffy was an Old Boy, hence we got free tickets. Whatever the truth of the matter was, the entire school took off to see the circus! Truly wonderful!

Summer term was enlightened by swimming trips to somewhere near East Ferry. Never planned – who could plan with Irish weather – but arranged on the spur of the moment by Tim. I can see him even now, gown slipping off one shoulder, glasses perched on the top of his head, standing by the blackboard and suddenly saying – how about a swim? The class erupted, quickly followed by the rest of the school. A mad dash to collect swimming togs and towels, then a race to the back of the gymnasium to drag out our bicycles and when a suitable number of masters were ready, off we dashed for a 2 or 3 mile ride to the sea! No swimming pool for us!! Other highlights of the summer term were the cricket matches and usually winning both Senior and Junior cricket cups. The final played at the Mardyke in Cork, and the triumphal return via the railway station followed by a mad procession through the town back to the College – Cup held on high!!

If you were to ask me what were the real lasting memories of my time at the College, I would say first and foremost the friendship I developed and had with the headmaster Tim and indeed all the West family, the friendship that developed too with Bunty McBride. I remember a few Dublin Old Boys (we were all of 19) travelling up to Co. Antrim to visit him after he retired and having tea, all beautifully laid out, in his sitting room. On the academic side, mathematics, sciences, French and Latin, as well as elocution all stood me in good stead during my short stay at the Royal College of Surgeons (I planned to follow in father's dental footsteps!) and then as a Navigator in the Royal Air Force. They were formative years and enjoyable ones!

- David Henchie

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

I attended Midleton for only a year (1966-67) as a "seventh year" after my Leaving Certificate since I was too young to go to university. But it was a formative and, on the whole, an enjoyable one, despite (or because of?!) the absence of girls at that time. It was a bit of a culture shock since my previous school - Cork Grammar, now Ashton - was co-educational. I took A-levels in Pure Maths, Chemistry and History (don't ask about the grades I got!), and Leaving Certificate papers in Physics and Geography. Teachers I particularly remember were Mr King and Sean Pettit, and fellow-students Stuart Ruttle and Billy Jermyn. Subsequently I did a BA and MA in UCC. In 1972 I received the Royal Historical Society's Alexander Prize, and won studentships to Oxford and Cambridge (which latter I attended between 1972 and 1975 (Peterhouse), receiving a PhD in 1977). I joined the Irish public service in 1975 and worked in the Departments of Finance and Economic Planning. Currently, I'm Chief Executive of a semi-state company, Housing Finance Agency plc.

I still write and speak on history; my book Protestant Society and politics in Cork 1812-1844 was published in 1980 and my latest article - on the reaction of the Church of Ireland to the dogma of the Assumption, 1950 - was published in the Church's journal Search in February 2009. I have written the entries for the Anglo-Irish writers Elizabeth Bowen, Iris Murdoch and Molly Keane; the landlord and politician Lord Barrymore (who owned Fota); Sir Thomas Lipton (he of the tea); and Professor Oliver MacDonagh for the forthcoming Dictionary of Irish Biography (Cambridge University Press/Royal Irish Academy). I married June Watts (daughter of Canon Gordon Watts, sometime rector of Dunmanway and Douglas) in 1975, I live in Naas, Co. Kildare and have two grown-up sons. Hobbies are sailing and French art medals, and I'm Hon. Treasurer of the National Library of Ireland Society.

All the best to a school which although is only a brief memory, is a good one.

- Ian d'Alton

REUNION DINNER OCTOBER 2009

The Midleton College Association held another very successful reunion dinner in the College on Saturday, 17th October. This year it was for the classes of 1979, 1989 and 1999. Those who arrived during the afternoon had a chance to see the Jameson Institute, the Samir Naji Computer Centre and the Cairns Field Hockey Pitch all built and opened between 1996 and 2003. The Cairns Field was named in honour of their former headmaster and officially opened in May 2004 just after he had retired.

The Class of 1989 was special in that our daughter Tracey was a member of that year. There were 60 of them in Form VI and they were a lively and enthusiastic bunch who were always on the go! In 1989 there was still Saturday morning school and boys did not go home at weekends so there were always large numbers having 'ad hoc' soccer and cricket matches especially on Sundays after church. In those days the boarders formed the choir in St. John the Baptist Church and there were rows of boarders in the front pews. Most Sundays they read the lessons and took up the collection. It was good to see a good number back hardly changed and doing well in their chosen careers. Quite a number such as Robert Wrixon, Doc O'Connell, Kate Fitzpatrick, John Manning, Emery Greer, Tom O'Gorman, Jonathan Orr and others now live and work abroad so were unable to attend. Those able to attend included:-

EDDIE IRWIN a successful pharmacist who lives in Cork with his wife and three children.

DAVID RICE a graphic Designer in Limerick. **KEVIN O'REGAN** a chartered Physiotherapist. He is married with three children and lives in Glanmire. **JANE WILLMOTT**

lives in Cobh and is a Manager with the Kilkenny group. **GAVIN CAPLIS** and **CLIONA** (nee **RUTLEDGE**) are back living in Tralee, Co. Kerry with their 3 boys after three years in the U.S.A. Gavin is with the Kerry Group and still does a lot of travelling back to the States. **CHRISTIAN BARKER** works in Property Maintenance in Greystones, Co. Wicklow. He is married with two daughters. **TREVOR BEAMISH** is married to Lisa. They have 1 daughter who 'rules the house'! He is a dairy farmer and said that he 'enjoyed meeting everyone again'. **GERARD LENEHAN** now lives in Carrignavar, Co. Cork. **SANDY O'DONNELL** (nee **GRAINGER**) lives in Mount Oval Village with her husband Shane and two children Sarah and Brian. **TRACEY BROWN** (nee **CAIRNS**) came over from Scotland for the reunion. She is a senior partner in the family firm of solicitors and lives in Glasgow with husband Jonathan and their two boys Jacob and Oliver. **MICHELLE HOEKMAN** is Chief Officer on General Cargo Ships and is still single and very happy. She lives in Bantry, Co. Cork and her family comprises 1 dog and 1 horse! **ROBERT McALPINE** is a cabinet maker and says he 'loved Midleton College so much'. **GLENN CASEY** got married in June and is now living in Midleton. He says that he has wonderful memories of the school and it was 'great to see all the old gang again'. **DAVID LYNCH** is living in Mallow. **BARRY McCARTHY** still lives in Lower Aghada and did a great deal of the organisation in e-mailing his class mates and getting as many as possible back on the evening. **ALISON McDONALD** was looking very well with a baby due very shortly.

THE CLASS OF 1999

It was wonderful to see so many of the Class of 1999 back for the dinner and huge thanks are due to **JANE CROSS** who encouraged and organised so many of her class mates to return on the night. Jane is living in Dublin for the last 5 years and works in Wyse Property Management. Jane was senior boarding girl in her final year. Her sister **CATHY**, who was Head Girl in her final year lives in London and is working for Taylor Nelson Sofres Consumer Research. Their youngest sister **SALLY** is working on a luxury motor yacht mostly based in the South of France and is 'living the life'.

NICKY PHELAN is living in Dublin and working in animation with Brownbag films and making a living from his cartoons. In 5 minutes during the evening he drew me a wonderful cartoon sketch of 'the Boss' singing in Assembly. I have framed it so that people can appreciate his amazing gift. He has a really wonderful talent to be able to draw it from memory after ten years out of school. Nicky won an IFTA 2009 – Irish Film and TV Award this year and was recognised on Prize Day as was his younger sister **SARAH JANE** who was recently awarded a 1st Class Honours Degree in Mathematics from Oxford University. Also there was **JOHN BUTTIMER** who was Head Boy in his final year. He works with Caulfield Transport in Little Island, Cork.

DAVID HALES is teaching IT and lives in Douglas and told me that 'life is good'. **ARTHUR HUSSAIN** was there from Co. Kerry where he runs the family business 'Sammys Store' at Inch Beach. **COLIN McCARTHY** is an Electrical Engineer in Dublin. **DAMIEN SMYTH** works as a fitter in Whitegate. His brother **ROB** is studying Food Business at U.C.C. And **DAVID** is a carpenter in Midleton. **PAULA MORRISON KEATING** lives in Co. Limerick. She has been married for 6 years and is very happy although as she is in business she hates the recession!

ANOLIVIA TAIT is living and working in Paris in advertising. **ELAINE COLEMAN** loved Midleton, is married and is a 'domestic engineer' to 2 year old James. **JAMES COLBERT** is married and living in Whitegate with his 'family' of 2 dogs! **MARIKA BOURKE** got married last year to Aidan Dunne and lives and works in Waterford city as a Quality Specialist.



Class of '99 L-R: Jane Aherne, Louise Wilkinson, Mrs. Cairns, Richard Vickery.



Class of '89 L-R: Tracey Cairns, Bob McAlpine, Michelle Hoekman, Sandy Grainger.

Her brother **NICHOLAS** got married in September and is a Pilot in Cork Harbour. **LOUISE WILKINSON** works in the Probation Service in Meath/Cavan. Her brother **DINO** is a Garda in Dublin. **ALISON TAIT** is living in Midleton and has been working for Musgraves for the past 4 to 5 years.

VALERIE MORRISON is living in Cork and is working in Mental Health/Forensics as an Occupational Therapist. **RICHARD VICKERY** is farming in Midleton. **DAVID DUNGAN** has set up and is running his own Marketing Organisation. He is married and very happy. His older sister **RACHEL** is married with 3 fab children and has her own business. **SARAH** is a microbiologist and lives in Waterford and **JENNIFER** is teaching and travelling the world and is 'enjoying life to the full'.

SUSAN COLEMAN (nee **GRAINGER**) is married with a baby son Timothy Alex. Others who attended were Jane Aherne & Philip Smyth. Sorry **DAVID** that we didn't get the group photograph you wanted. It was difficult to get everyone together on the night – it would have taken your former headmaster to have organized something like that!

Short speeches followed the dinner from the President John Smyth, the Headmaster, and myself. Tracey Cairns Brown spoke on behalf of the class of 1989 and John Buttimer for the class of 1999. A small number of the class of 1979 also attended and Kieran Doran spoke on their behalf. John Buttimer presented me with a most generous gift voucher for Finins on behalf of the class of 1999. A totally unexpected but much appreciated gift. I wrote to John and to Jane to thank them on your behalf. Barry from the class of 1989 also presented me with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a card signed by those former classmates present, again a most appreciated gift. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the night and it was great to see such a lively bunch again. The genuine friendliness of the welcome Ann Prendergast and I receive each year, from the young folk, is wonderful and we already look forward to next year's reunion!

KATHERINE CAIRNS

STAGING A RENUNION

Last February 2009, Christian Barker and myself started looking up the Midleton College website to get names of people from our year that were interested in going to our 20 year re-union in October. Some were as far away as New Zealand, Hong Kong, Dubai and others were in the USA. There were 65 people in our class and 22 people turned up on the day.

We started at Wallis' Pub in Midleton at 2.30pm. Then we went up to the College at 6.00pm and went to the Library to meet a few of our old teachers and of course Mrs. Cairns, (Teachers Mary Power, John and Ruth Levis, John Smyth and Ann Predergast). We went to dinner at 6.30pm and had a four course dinner provided

by Midleton College Teachers and staff. There we also me the new Headmaster Mr. Thompson. At 10.45pm we finished diner and had some speeches. Tracy Cairns was the guest speaker for our class and she gave an amazing speech.

Around midnight we left Wallis's bar for the Midleton Park Hotel. Lets just say it was a late one! We ended the night with a few bottles of champagne just as a gesture and celebration of the 20 year reunion. Roll on the 30 year reunion.....

-BARRY MC CARTHY

JOTTINGS

Once again I pen these jottings which I know you all enjoy reading. You will find even more news of past pupils in the 'write up' of the Reunion Dinner.

KEVIN AHERNE who runs the lovely Sage Restaurant in Midleton was kept very busy during the local Food and Drink Festival in September where they were offering special lunch menus.

We commiserate with **DAPHNE, GORDON, TREVOR** and **GILLIAN BEAMISH** on the death of their father **SAMUEL** in May. We also send our deepest sympathy to Gillian and her husband Shane on the tragic death of their young son, Arran in February.

MIKE BROWN launched his latest book 'Wild Water, Wild Light' at the end of November. It is a stunning collection of images of the West Cork coastline. Mike was named Irish Professional Photographers Association 'Photographer of the Year' in 2003 and has won many other awards, including the ESB Environmental Photography Awards. Mike is well known for his work as 'photographic tutor' to the celebrities on the RTE television programme 'Wild Trials'.

RORY BROWNE was commissioned in August in the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, as an officer in the Queen's Royal Hussars.

It was lovely to welcome **CLIVE BROWNLEE** back to Midleton College in February of this year. Clive, the former Managing Director of Arthur Guinness & Sons is now a Consultant, was very interested to see the changes that had taken place since he left in 1962.

ANDREW COUGHLAN is living in Hong Kong since February 2008 where his wife is manager of BUPA Hong Kong. He meets up with **KERRY CAREW** regularly when they enjoy a trip down memory lane about their school days at the College. Kerry, as I mentioned last year, now holds the rank of Superintendent and is based at Police Headquarters where he works in the Personnel Wing looking after Conditions of Service & Discipline in the Force. Both his sons Kieran and Kevin are now boarders in the College.

AMY DEMPSEY (nee **RHYS THOMAS**) is enjoying continued success with her own landscape design business, specialising in landscape planning and garden design and advice, which she runs out of Ballymacoda. Her brother **EDWARD** began work in September as a graduate transport planner for the Smarter Transport Unit of London Transport.

Our condolences to the family of **PATRICIA GOODALL** (**TRISH CASEY**) who passed away in May. Trish left the College in the early 1980's and is survived by her husband Paul and her children Padraig, Sinead and Roisín.

We congratulate **CLAIRE KIRBY** (nee **ELMES**) and her husband Brian on the birth of a little boy called Robert, in June of this year. Her brother Tim got married in March, in Kinsale, to Amanda Leahy. Tim and his wife are living in Midleton.

MAEVE ENGLAND has been in Melbourne, Australia for the past two years doing forensic nursing.

We send our deepest sympathy to **JONATHAN FLEURY** and the family circle on the sudden death of his brother **RICHARD**.

The **FULLER** boys are all doing well. **JONATHAN** has been travelling the world along with **GORDON COLEMAN** and **RORY CARROLL**. They are sharing an apartment and working in Brisbane, Australia having travelled through Cambodia and Vietnam for three months from November 2008 to January 2009. **TIMOTHY** graduated with an honours degree in Computer Games Production Management from Abertay University, Dundee, Scotland. He now works at Cohort Studios in Dundee as a quality assurance analyst. **ROBERT** who studied farming at Harper Adams College in England is now back at the family farm. **KENNETH** is in 1st Year Commerce at U.C.G. He also gained third degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do. He would enjoy meeting up with fellow past M.C. Pupils who are also studying at U.C.G.

JOTTINGS

We sympathise with **HUGH, SONIA, JACKIE** and **DOUGLAS HALL** on the death of their father Cyril in September.

DEBBIE HEGARTY and husband Michael had a little boy Blake born in February, a brother for Robyn.

We congratulate **MADELEINE HODGINS** (nee **CHILDS**) and her husband James on the birth of a baby girl Phoebe in October. Madeleine as well as being a farmer's wife and a first time mother also teaches in Birr National School.

It was good to see one of our older 'Old Boys', **HAROLD JOHNSTON** looking fit and well at Prize Day. Harold is a former Governor of the College and in 2000 was awarded an honorary M.A. for his many years of service to the Opera House and to the cultural life of Cork.

We had an e-mail from **CHRIS KEEGAN** recently. He lives in London where he works in the City on the trading floor for the French Bank BNP Paribas managing Credit Risk. He is married to Hannah and they have two little boys Fred and Harry. He still plays a little hockey with Teddington and runs the odd marathon – very slowly!

SARAH LEVIS got engaged in March to Anthony. She is now in the GP scheme and has been working in Galway. **ANDREW** is teaching P.E. in the High School, Dublin for a second year. **CAROLINE** is in her final year of her nursing studies in U.C.C. She would like to specialise in children's nursing and worked at Barrettstown during the summer.

VIKI LYNCH and her husband Conor are living in Dungarvan where Conor works for Kingspan. They have three children, Jack (4), Liam (2) and a baby born in August.

We offer our sympathy to **BRIAN** and **HAROLD LYNCH** and all the family circle on the death of their father Richard. Harold's wife **BETH (HAUGHTON)** continues to lead a busy business life in the fashion world combining it with being a 'hands on' mother to their two daughters Tessa (8) and Phoebe (6).

The **LYONS** family continue to be successful in their chosen careers. **DAVID** is married and living and working in South Korea where he teaches English and History in Keimyung University, Dalgu. **IAIN** is teaching English and playing music in Santiago de Compostela. **AISLING** is children's book buyer in Waterstones in Cork. **ERIC** runs his own joinery business in Ladysbridge. **AOILEANN** has just received her PhD in Hispanic Studies from U.C.C. And was one of a number of past pupils honoured on Prize Day this year. **SIMON** is pursuing his engineering career with Mott MacDonald Consultants in Abu Dhabi and plays rugby in 45degrees heat and 95% humidity with the Dubai Hurricanes!

Our thoughts are with the family of **MARIAN MCGRATH** who died in January after a brave struggle with major ill health. We send our heart felt sympathy to her parents, brother **CHRIS** and sisters **DENISE** and **INA**.

Irish Times journalist **CARL O'BRIEN** has won yet another award. Carl who is Social Affairs Correspondent with the Irish Times won 'Disability Journalist of the Year' for an 'extensive and well researched piece' on services for people with disabilities. It resulted in the publication of standards for these residential services and judges said 'shone a light on sections of society which are often forgotten'.

Well done to **DAVID O'CALLAGHAN** who has been appointed to the Munster Rugby Academy.

ALISON O'KEEFFE from the class of 2001 wrote a history of St. John the Baptist National School which was published last November. St. John's was for many years the main 'feeder' national school for Midleton College with the majority of 6th Class progressing automatically to 1st Year at the College. Alison herself a past pupil of St. John's has just recently become engaged to **ROB GLEASURE**, another Midleton College romance! We wish them well. Other news of the **GLEASURE** family. **CHRIS** was married to Nadine in Germany in May. **RICK** is married to **KATHERYN ANDERSON**, another Midleton College union, and they have two daughters, Rachel and Hannah.

News of the **QUAIL** family. **NEIL** got married to Taum in January on the beach in Phuket, Thailand where he lives and works. They have a one year old boy called Guy. **GARY** took over his parents business in Cork which he is running very successfully. He also lives in the family home at Garryvoe now that his parents live in Spain. He plays a lot of golf and is secretary of the new Castlemartyr Golf Club.

We send our deepest sympathy to the **POMEROY** family on the death after a short illness, of a dearly loved husband and father **JIM**, who was an old boy of the College. His son **ANDREW** was Headboy of the College in his final year.

HENRY ROOK is Group Head of Purchasing for Aer Rianta International and is based in Shannon. His responsibilities involve the management of product supply worldwide.

We congratulate another of our older old boys **CANON GEORGE SALTER** who celebrated the 60th year of his ordination earlier this year. Although retired for many years he remains a very active member of the retired clergy where his ministry is still very much valued.

STUART RUTTLE, is the Chief Executive of the Commissioners of Irish Lights since 2005. After completing his doctorate at TCD in 1975 Stuart worked as an engineer with the Department of Post and Telegraphs before joining the Commissioners of Irish Lights in 1979. In 1998 he was appointed Head of Engineering, a position he held until his appointment as Chief Executive.

CLIVE SALTER established a sales and marketing company which has been advising and representing family owned Irish craft gift businesses for the past twelve years. In addition to the Irish market, Clive regularly visits the USA which has resulted in substantial export sales through Irish-American stores, mail order and QVC. Current clients include brands such as Wild Goose Studio, Max Benjamin and the Royal Tara Group.

JOTTINGS

We sympathize with **CLIVE** and **EMMA SEALE** on the death of their father.

Congratulations to **ELVINA TAIT** & Eddie Williams on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Eve Rosín.

BARRY TYNER who is an artisan caterer can be seen doing great business very week at the Midleton Farmers Market. I read it in the Irish Times Magazine that he did the catering for a wedding which took place in Ballydehob during their Summer Festival.

RACHEL WALTERS was married in Mallow on 8th October to Thomas Lane. They are both horse lovers and travelled to Australia on their honeymoon to take in the Melbourne Cup. Rachel, when at school, won a bronze medal in the Under-16 event in Kata at the World Karate Championships in Mexico in 1991.

SARAH WYMBERRY is in U.C.C. Studying History and English as a mature student. We congratulate her on this achievement and wish her well. Her sister, AVA is now mother to a little boy called Harry.

PATRICK ZUK (CETL Lecturer in Music) is lecturing in the Music Department at the University of Durham. He specializes in teaching Russian and Soviet music. He is currently working on a study of the Russian composer Nikolai Myaskovsky, who was one of the most prominent figures in Russian musical life after the 1917 Revolution. He is also engaged in a major research project on Irish music between 1890 and 1900, which is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council of Great Britain.

KATHERINE CAIRNS

BIRTHS:

Mr & Mrs Conor Mulhall (Viki Lynch); Mr & Mrs J. Fitzgerald (Louise Forrest);

Mr & Mrs O'Sullivan (Jane Mackey); Dr & Mrs Brian Kirby (Claire Elmes);

Mr & Mrs Chris Bradley; Mr & Mrs Doc O'Connell; Keith Johnston and partner Cassie;

Mr & Mrs Stephen Tait; Mr & Mrs Michael Mongnept (Debbie Hegarty); Mr & Mrs James Hodgins (Madeleine Childs); Mr & Mrs Coleman (Susan Grainger).

ENGAGEMENTS:

Cecil Millar; Sarah Levis; Peter Fleming to Jessica Kohler; Alison O'Keeffe to Rob Gleasure.

MARRIAGES:

Neil Quail; Glen Casey; Rachel Daunt; Nicholas Bourke; Tim Elmes; Chris Gleasure; Andrew Huggins; Rachel Walters.

DEATHS:

Marian McGrath; James Pomeroy, Leslie Atkins, Richard Fleury, Patrician Goodall (Casey).

ALBERT ADAMS MOMENTO



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14. Charlie Sweetnam
15. Clive Brownlee
16. Henry Anderton?
17. Trevor Champ
18. Richard Tanner
19. Arthur Nash
20. Fred Minchin/Brian West?
21. Jonathan Fleury
22. Eric Champ
23. Billy St John
24. Stan Tate?
25. Neil O'Callaghan
26. Gordon Jeffrey
27. Gerald Williams?
28. Brian Fox/D. Mc.Bride?
29. David Gay/Norman Mc.Donald?
30. John West?
31. David Tucker
32. Alfie Boyle

Albert Adams, former student and longtime supporter of the college died in March of this year. This atmospheric photograph turned up in Albert's possessions and was given to us by his son, Andrew. The photographer is unknown.

The clock on the wall suggests that the photograph was probably taken in the old schoolroom at the end of prep. The year was likely to have been 1957-58.

Thanks to Alan Roddie for producing this photograph. Thanks are also due to Gerry Murphy, Edwin Patterson and John Levis for their help in identifying those in the photograph. Edwin himself is not in the photograph. He says he was at the bottom of the ruck!

If you can help us with the faces we have been unable to name with certainty, we would be very grateful, so that we can complete the record.

- J.C.L



OBITUARIES

MR LESLIE ATKINS

Leslie Atkins who died during the year was a pupil at the College from 1936 to 1943. He was Captain of Rugby in his final year and also played cricket for the College. In 1942 he edited the College magazine. He had a distinguished academic career graduating from Trinity with a 1st Class Honours degree in Natural Sciences. He joined the family firm in Cork where he became joint Managing Director of Atkins and Managing Director of McKenzies. After retirement he was able to devote his time to his life-long interest in Biology and each year he took the Transition Year class on Coastwatch studies.

He was a member of the Board of Governors for 21 years serving as Hon. Treasurer from 1976 to 1983 and as Hon. Secretary from 1983 – 1985. He retired from the Board in 1994. His wife Frances predeceased him. We send our heartfelt sympathy to all the family circle.

-K.M.C.

MR EUGENE HOWE

Eugene (Gene) Howe, born on 13th August 1919, died on 18th August 2009. He attended Midleton College from 1929 to 1934 when his father was based in Cobh while working for The White Star line. He returned to England in 1934/35. During the WWII Eugene was with the Royal Engineers in Africa and on his return became a teacher in Liverpool and laterally was Principal of Garston School, Liverpool, from which he retired in the late 1970s. After his retirement he lived in Neston, in the Wirral, and he and his family were regular visitors to Ireland up to a year before his death. He was a late preacher and active in the local Church of England in Heswell and a director of Abbeyfield also. He is survived by his wife, Olive (originally from Passage West), 3 sons, George, David and Christopher, and 4 grandchildren

-J.C.L.

MR. RICHARD FLEURY

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Richard (Dick) Fleury in late November. Richard was a graduate in Engineering from Trinity College Dublin. He lived in Dublin and worked as an engineer with Pye and Philips. He also spent some time in Waterford.

He was a most accomplished golfer and got many honourable mentions in the recent publication 'From College Courses to Lasting Links'. Richard was a member of Portmarnock Golf Club. He had the honour of playing for the Irish Amateur Golf Team in the Home International Tournament held in Wales in 1974 and was runner up in the South of Ireland Amateur Championships held in Lahinch the same year. Later in his career he was involved in administration and was a selector at various levels of golf.

He was also very involved in the Dublin University Golf Society and was a past Captain and President. He regularly represented Midleton College in the Association of Schools Unions and the Irish Schools Unions tournaments. He was also President of the Association of Schools Unions in recent years.

To his wife Mandy, daughter Suzanne and brothers Robert, Edward, Jonathan and David we offer our sincere sympathy.

-J.C.L.

MS. MARIAN MCGRATH



1988 – 2009

R.I.P.

Class of 2006

Marian passed away in January of this year at a tragically young age.

While a junior student in the school she had already bravely battled against cancer. Eventually she succumbed to her illness.

Marian was an optimistic soul and even when she was seriously ill she did not let her illness define her. She remained determinedly cheerful. Marian had a strong sense of humour (and occasionally a sharp tongue) and enjoyed bantering with her classmates.

During her time in Midleton College she played hockey with great enthusiasm, performed in the Christmas concert every year, was heavily involved in Hope fundraising and generally immersed herself in all facets of school life. When time allowed Marian loved calling to the dining hall to help Rory Graham bake batches of scones. This extra work done behind the scenes was typical of her generous nature.

It would be fair to say that Marian enjoyed her schooldays and contributed a great deal to the school community. The respect and affection her classmates had for her was very evident during life and nevermore so than at her funeral.

We offer our deepest sympathies to her parents Joan and JJ; to her brother Chris, her sisters Denise and Ina and to all her relatives and friends.

-Ed

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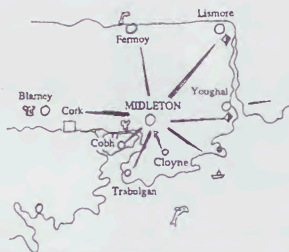
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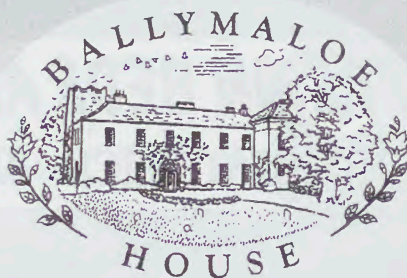
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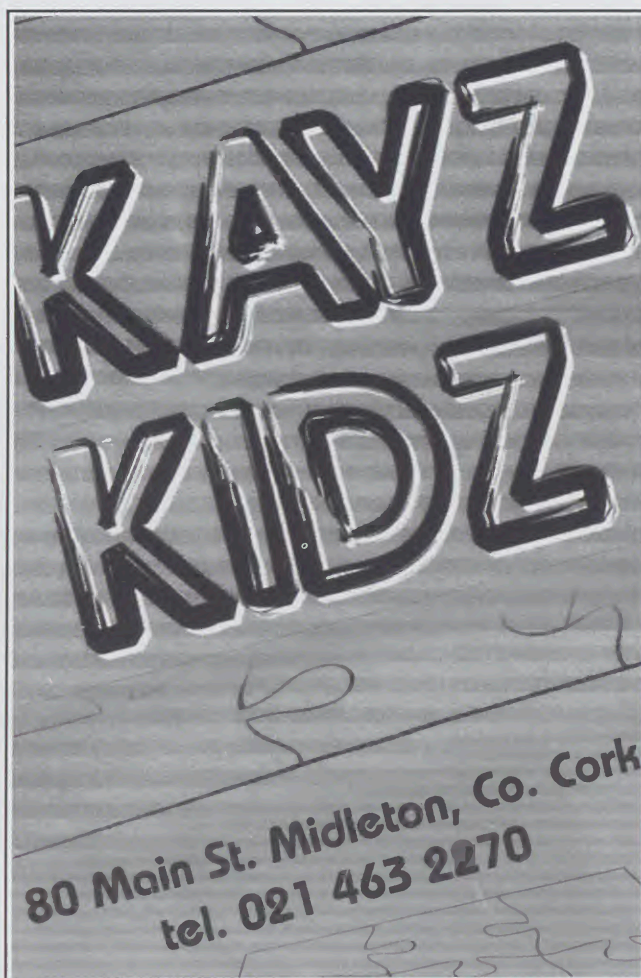
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