



# Christian Brothers College Monkstown Park *Newsletter*

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As we start our second term, which will be a busy one, I would like to wish all in the CBC Community a very Happy New Year. This term will pass quickly with many events as listed on the school calendar. For our Leaving Certificate exam pupils, it is an important year and we wish them the best of luck for 2018. I pray for God's blessing to protect and guide all students, staff, parents and past pupils in the year ahead.

Dr. Gerard Berry  
Principal



As part of our CSPE action project, we invited, Cllr. Cormac Devlin and Senator Gerry Horkan to visit CBC and speak to us about their lives as politicians and some of the important issues they are dealing with. Imagine our surprise when we were visited by Cllr. Cormac Devlin and Senator Gerry Horkan along with Fianna Fáil Leader Micheal Martin.

The Fianna Fail leader arrived with fellow party members Cllr. Devlin and Senator Horkan to deliver a short speech about his occupation as a politician, while also answering a number of questions delivered by our second years about his career and life. It was a supremely interesting affair and the students left the hall with an improved knowledge of our country's political establishments. Cllr. Devlin answered questions on being involved with the local county council, Senator Horkan spoke about the Senate while Deputy Martin spoke about leading one of Ireland's major political parties and his aspiration of leading the country as Taoiseach.

Oscar Moloney, Pierce Prendergast and Daniel Jackman  
2CSA PR committee



## Academic Scholarships



Congratulations to the pupils from the class of 2017 who recently received entrance scholarships to Trinity and UCD. Cian McGovern Leahy, Mark Cunningham, Mohammed Suliman, Harry Swords and Brian Toale were granted scholarships to Trinity, while Shane O'Hanrahan received his entrance scholarship to UCD.



Entrance Scholar awards are presented to first year students who achieve 560 points or more in their Leaving Certificate



## Charity Christmas Collection

This year the Charity Committee again ran a Charity Christmas Collection for some of the less fortunate pupils attending St. Francis Street School. The response from our pupils and parents was fantastic and it was great to hand over the Santa sacks at our Advent Carol Service in December.



## Academic Awards

Our Academic Awards ceremony was once again held in November. This is one of the highlights of the year where many of our highest academic achievers are recognised with awards.

It was great to have so many of the class of 2017 back to collect awards. Congratulations to Rory Comerford who won the Frank McCabe €2,000 bursary as he was the top CBC student entering UCD Engineering.

Congratulations to Nathan De Bustos on winning the Brother Normoyle Memorial Prize for Best Junior Cert.

Cian McGovern Leahy was presented with the award for Best Leaving Certificate, while Shane O'Hanrahan won the student of the year award.



## Debating



Congratulations to Jack Palmer and Conor Kelly on qualifying for the final of the TCD Hist schools Mace Debate in Trinity.



## TY Activities

The Transition Year have had a very busy term filled with academics, activities and charity fundraising.



The lads enjoyed many varied activities this term, including a trip to Dundrum on Ice, a Forensics workshop, a number of guest speakers, cinema trips, social placement and a twitter treasure hunt.

## Charity Fundraising

Some of the Highlights of our Charity work :

Volunteering for Saint Vincent De Paul in Cornelscourt raised over €3300.

Carol Singing for the Simon Community at GPO

Clothes Collection & Secret Santa for Francis Street



5th Year Geogrpahy climbed Lugnaquilla



CBC in Rome



Céilí with some of the Fijian Rugby Team

## Rowing

The TY Indoor Rowing Coaching programme is underway again with 20 Transition Years helping younger students improve their skills on the ergs. This year our coaches have been helping the junior school run a relay race series.



In the annual Get Going Get Rowing Schools' Blitz in Trinity College, the senior team of Conor Byrne, Sam Dooley, Harry Crossan, Luke Hallam and Marc Noone took bronze in the open event.

## Run in the Dark



On November 22nd, a group of twenty 4th and 5th year students braved the elements to take part in the annual Run in the Dark 5k for the Mark Pollock Trust. Cormac O'Dowd (TY) led the CBC group home with Tomas Conlon Cahill (5th year) close on his heels.



The **next term** will see all of CBCTY take part in their Work Experience. There are a wonderful variety of placements this year from Computer Programming to Architects, from Doctors Surgeries to Classrooms. Good luck to all the boys in their respective placements.

## Sports Update

### Junior Cup Team

The Juniors have been drawn against a Qualifier from the Fr. Godfrey Cup in the Junior Cup 1<sup>st</sup> round. They will be play the qualifier in Donnybrook on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February.

The JCT lost out to Roscrea in a replay in the League ¼ Final at the start of December.



### Senior Cup Team



The Seniors will be playing in the Vinnie Murray Cup after Christmas and will be aiming to come through their section to set up a Senior Cup tie against Roscrea again. The Seniors had two good wins over Terenure and Bandon Grammar just before Christmas.

They play against Wilson Hospital on January 10<sup>th</sup> in Donnybrook.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Rugby

With a focus on participation, enjoyment and skills development, the 1<sup>st</sup> year teams have enjoyed a promising start to the season. Under the tutelage of Ms Power, Mr O'Annagain and Mr McNestry the school once more fielded 4 teams, playing over 30 matches so far. Performances have been steadily improving, highlighted by the D's comeback victory away to Newbridge and the A's outstanding displays against St. Michaels and St. Gerards.

The team captains (Cian Merrimen, Luca Brien, Andy Cullinan and Rory Balmaine) have led their sides with great energy and determination and have been supported by excellent coaching from former pupils; Darragh Forster, Shane O'Hanrahan, Eoghan Clarke, Will Fay, Rob Courtney, Dan Casey, Conor Montayne and Rob Jordan.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Rugby

It is great to have over 70 second years continuing with rugby this year, the 3 second year teams, led by Carl Byrne, Sam Hughes and Jack Long, have started the season with determination, excitement and positivity.

So far this season, the second years have played over 20 games, some including Temple Carrig, CUS, Terenure, St. Mary's, Newbridge, St. Andrews & Kings Hospital. The 3 teams are going from strength to strength and have been given a huge amount of encouragement from their 5 coaches, Aindriu Conroy, Conor Byrden, Sean Smyth, Hugo Godson-Treacy & Sean Doyle, always through the wins, losses and the coldness of Friday Night Lights!!

### Cross-Country



Well done to the U16 Cross-Country team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Rice Cross-Country meet.

Peter Duffy was the pick of the runners with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish overall.

Liam Fitzgerald was the 2<sup>nd</sup> CBC boy to pass the line in 17<sup>th</sup> with Jamie Ryan and Ben Clarke completing the team in 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Well Done also to the Junior Team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Dublin Schools Cross-Country with Cian O'Sullivan leading the team home in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Liam Fitzgerald 9<sup>th</sup>, Mathew McDonald 16<sup>th</sup>, Jamie Ryan 30<sup>th</sup>, Padraic Myers 45.



### Basketball

Hard luck to the U16 basketball team, despite a great performance in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, they lost their Quarter Final 26-12 to Colaiste Ghlór na Mara.



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