



# Christian Brothers College Monkstown Park

## Newsletter

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Happy New Year to everyone and hoping you had a lovely, peaceful and restful Christmas! Our first term was a very eventful one and I have no doubt the second term will be just as busy. As we start the New Year, I pray for God's blessing to protect and guide everyone in the CBC Community.

Dr. G. Berry  
Principal

## Opening of New Home Economics Room



On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, attention turned to an official opening of the new Home Economics room. 3<sup>rd</sup> year students used their double class to enjoy a food practical workshop with past student and world young chef champion, Mark Moriarty. They were instructed and mentored to make 3 canapés that would be served at the opening event: Hay smoked salmon & crushed avocado, Raw beef & oyster mayonnaise, Sweet & sour swede with goats cheese.

At 4.30, parents, students, staff & past teachers of Home Economics joined Mark Moriarty & our chairperson of the BOM, Senator Gerry Horkan to officially open the room. Demonstrations by current 3<sup>rd</sup> Year (Alex Lee & Cormac O' Dowd) and 5<sup>th</sup> Year students (Mark Nolan & Sam O' Hanrahan) provided all present with opportunities to see the new room in action and some of the skills that students acquire in the day-to-day life-skills subject of Home Economics.

Our students showcased their wonderful hospitality and creativity once again – a testament to both the subject and our school values. Well done to all involved and best wishes in the new room for the future.

CBC Monkstown Park & Loreto Foxrock  
Present  
**hairspray**  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

This year's TY Musical in association with Loreto Foxrock will be "Hairspray"!

Opening Night is scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> and this year's production will run for five nights.

Generally considered the highlight of the school's social calendar from a parent's perspective

American Tea Party  
  
January 21<sup>st</sup>

Great Food, Music, Spot Prizes(\*), Auction and an opportunity to meet some of your son's teachers, other parents and CBC alumni while raising much needed funds to support sport in the college.

See [cbcm Monkstown.ie](http://cbcm Monkstown.ie) for more details

## Academic Scholarships

Congratulations to Bernard Loughlin & Michael Kane from last year's Sixth Year who have been selected for TCD Entrance Exhibition Awards

Congratulations also to the seven CBC boys who have been awarded UCD Entrance Scholarships; Sam Flahive, Robert Jordan, Killian Shaw, Niall Barry, David Kelly, William Fay and Finin Crowley.

These scholarships are awarded for outstanding achievement in the Leaving Certificate, and are granted to pupils gaining 560 points or more.



## Charity Christmas Collection

Over the last number of years CBC has fostered a relationship with St. Francis Street School, an inner city Primary school. This year the Charity Committee decided to run a Charity Christmas Collection for some of the less fortunate pupils attending St. Francis Street School. The response from our pupils was fantastic and it was great to hand over the Santa sacks at Christmas Carol Service in December.

As St. Francis himself said:

'To give and not to count the cost,  
To labour and to look for no reward'

Thanks to all for helping to make this Christmas a Happy one at Francis Street.



## Academic Awards



It was great to have some of last year's 6th years back to receive their academic awards at a ceremony in November.

This is one of the highlights of the year where many of our highest academic achievers are recognised with awards. Congratulations to Killian Shaw who was the inaugural winner of the Frank McCabe €2,000 bursary to the top CBC student entering UCD Engineering.



## Br. J. Dunne Prayer Room



We had an official opening of the new Br. J Dunne Prayer room in December.

The room will be available to all in CBC for prayer and reflection whether they be staff or student.



## TY Activities

The Transition Year lads 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 :

Trick or Treat for Temple Street raised over €2100.

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

Carol Singing for Simon Community.

Clothes Collection & Secret Santa for Francis Street



## Christmas Jumper Day



Well done to the Charity Committee who organised the Christmas Jumper Day in December. All pupils in CBC were asked to wear a festive jumper and make a contribution of €2 to SVP. Most of the staff also took part, with some going all out. Over €600 was raised for St. Vincent de Paul.



Well done also to the boys who volunteered their time to help out St. Vincent de Paul (Sallynoggin Conference) in Cornelscourt in November. The boys' time and effort helped to raise over €3,000 for the community.



## Laurence McKeown's Visit

On Thursday, November 24th, the former IRA hunger striker came in to talk to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th years about his experiences in the IRA and the infamous hunger strike of 1981. It was an incredibly intriguing talk, which wiped away many of the popular misconceptions people have about the hunger strike.

To listen to Laurence McKeown brought home the dedication to a cause the men like Sands and himself held and their willingness to deprive



themselves of one of the most basic human needs- food.

Hearing Laurence McKeown really is seeing history step off the page and into the same room as yourself. This made it much easier to engage with learning about these historic events in class because you are not just reading about them on some musty page but interacting with history, in the form of a living, breathing human being

The **next term** will see all of CBCTY take part in their Work Experience. There are a wonderful variety of placements this year : from Microsoft to Price Waterhouse Cooper, from Doctors Surgeries to Classrooms. Good luck to all the boys in their respective placements. Carpe Diem!

## Sports Update

### Junior Cup Team

The Juniors have been drawn against Kilkenny in the Junior Cup 1<sup>st</sup> round which will be played in Donnybrook on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

The JCT lost out to a very powerful Gonzaga side 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.

They play against Pres Bray on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Donnybrook.

## Rowing

Rowing activities kicked off with Olympic Finalist Claire Lambe's visit to talk to CBC rowers about her experience in Rio, while offering advice and inspiration for the future. Following this, two more students (Zach Sattar and James Reynolds) have earned a place in the 2k hall of fame.

Outside school Ten TY students took part in the Rowing Ireland Schools Blitz in Trinity College with teams taking first (Donal Madden, Ethan Ryan, Patrick Nolan, Patrick Boyd, Bill Hughes) and second (Theo Brady, Ryan Hayes, Gareth Hughes, Adam Patterson, Jake Unger) place in their category.

These lads are also part of this year's TY coaching group who underwent an Rowing Ireland workshop and are now all set to coach younger students once they return from work experience.



## Cross Country

Well done to the Junior Cross Country team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the recent meeting in Blackrock, Special mention to Peter Duffy who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the individual event.

The Junior Boys boys also followed this result with a team 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Edmund Rice Cross Country Championships with Peter Duffy again the pick of the runners with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish.

The Minors also finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Edmund Rice Championships.



## Internationals

Congratulaions to James Furlong (2<sup>nd</sup> yr, front centre) & Harry Halwax (3<sup>rd</sup> yr Goalkeeper) on being selected to play for Ireland U15s away to Poland in November.



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