



Christian Brothers College Monkstown Park

Newsletter

a positive environment where learning is valued

As the Mid-Term approaches, it is the first opportunity that I have to welcome you all back to CBC for the new academic year 2017/18. A special welcome to our new First Years and new students, along with our new staff. Throughout the summer further work has been carried out within the school which has added to the infrastructure for students and teachers alike. Furthermore, our architects are working on the design of our new Sportshall and extra classrooms at present. We hope to be making our planning application to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council shortly. Exciting times ahead! Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone involved with CBC all the best for the year ahead.

Dr. G. Berry Principal

Leaving Certificate Results 2017

Congratulations to the CBC Leaving Cert class of 2017 on their excellent Leaving Certificate results. The average points achieved by our students was **446** points per candidate

These results are a credit to the hard work and commitment to their studies while in CBC. While the results show how successful our pupils were in the Leaving Certificate, we will remember the class of 2017 also for the success on the rugby pitch, in the arts, on the chess board and their influence as leaders within the school. We wish them all the best in the years ahead and ask for God's blessing upon them all.

Upcoming Events

NOV 8 Wed	Juniors V High School (A) (L) Nov 8 @ 2:30 pm
	Seniors V St. Fintan's High School (H) (L) Nov 8 @ 2:30 pm
	1st Year Quiz Night (School Hall) Nov 8 @ 7:30 pm
NOV 10 Fri	School Prize giving Assembly Nov 10 @ 9:30 am
NOV 15 Wed	Cracking College Code with Dr. Catherine O'Connor from Trinity talk for parents Nov 15 @ 7:30 pm
NOV 16 Thu	Cracking the College Code, CAO talk for 6th year students, Nov 16 Friday
	Third Year Parent/Teacher Meeting: 4.15pm – 6.45pm (classes end 3.45pm) Nov 16 @ 4:15 pm – Nov 17 @ 6:45 pm



Some of the standout statistics are below

- **12.50% achieved over 550 points**
- **26.50% achieved over 500 points**
- **53.75% achieved over 450 points**
- **72.50% achieved over 400 points**

Well done to all our students, and of course to their teachers and parents for their support. May our students be great ambassadors for CBC in their future lives.

Admissions

Closing date for applications to CBC for 2020 is April 27th. Please ensure you have submitted your application even if you have a sibling already in CBC. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

See full calendar on cbcmonkstown.ie

www.cbcmonkstown.ie

Hospice Coffee Morning

Well done to the TY pupils who organised the Hospice coffee morning in October, raising much needed funds for the Blackrock Hospice in the process. Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents who supported.



CBC Dubs win again

We are all immensely proud of past pupils Michael Fitzsimons and Conor Mullaly for their involvement with Dublin's third All Ireland triumph in a row.

This is Michael's fifth All Ireland winners medal. Well done Lads!

Mountain Biking

Congratulations to Liam Wolfe, 6th year, who continues to shine in the World of Downhill Mountain Biking. Liam (left) finished second overall in the Youth's National Series.



Díospóireacht ag an Idirbhliain

Dé Máirt, 12ra Meán Fómhair, tháinig rang 4-Dubh agus rang 4-Dearg san Idirbhliain le chéile chun díospóireacht ar an rún, "Tá an spórt imithe as an Spórt". Chuir an lucht éisteachta spéis sna pointí ar an dá thaobh den argóint.



Rinne na moltóirí measúnú agus d'fhógair siad go raibh an bua ag an bhfoireann 4-Dubh. Roghnaigh siad Jack Palmer mar an cainteoir ab fhearr. D'aontaigh an lucht éisteachta leis na moltóirí agus bhí bualadh bos tuilte ag na cainteoirí agus ag na moltóirí. Comhghairdeachas le gach éinne a ghlac páirt sa díospóireacht.

Open Night

It was great to have such a large turnout at the Open Night in September! Thank you to everyone who came along. We hope you enjoyed getting to visit our school and meeting our pupils. We look forward to welcoming you into the CBC community in the near future!



Social Placement



TY Social Placement has started with pupils involved in a number of social projects. Some of our TYs are reading with the pupils of St. Francis Street National School. While other pupils are involved with Oxfam, and other projects.



Welcome Mr. Murphy

We would like to welcome our new Guidance Counsellor Mr. David Murphy. Mr. Murphy joins CBC from private practise. He worked with a range of clients from early school leavers through to 3rd level and beyond.

Mr. Murphy has over ten years experience in training,

education and career guidance.

He will also continue as our Director of Rugby Development having had a very promising start with the 1st years last year.

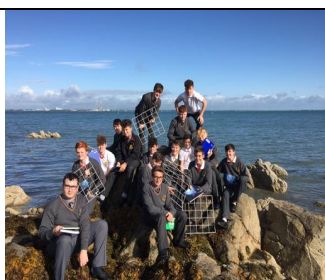
Prefects

Congratulations to our new Prefects who were appointed in September.

Congratulations in particular to Head Prefect Alan Hickey (centre) and his Deputy Head Prefects Dean O'Higgins and Mark Nolan.



School Trips



3rd Year Ecology Field Trip



2nd year Retreat



to Glendalough

National Champions



Congratulations to Shane Gevery and Sam Vines who became Community Games National Champions over the Summer. The two boys followed up their Athletics success of the Summer Term by winning Gold at the Community games.



Shane won the U14 100ms, while Sam won the U14 Shot Putt. Great work Lads.

Past Pupils Union



60 Year Reunion

It was great to have such a fantastic turnout for the reunion of the class of 1957, who celebrated their 60 year reunion on Friday the 8th of September.

Class of 1978 Reunion

Class of 1978 are invited to an informal reunion in McCormacks of Mounttown on Friday, November 17th from 8:30pm onwards. All invited.

New Website

The Past Pupils Union have launched a new website at www.cbcpvu.ie

Check it out for all of the latest news and upcoming events being run by the Past Pupils Union. You can obtain membership on the website. So why not reconnect with your old classmates!

Sports News

Seniors Trip to France

The Senior Cup Squad's trip to France was a huge success. The focus was on rugby skills development and leadership both individually and within the team. This was achieved by challenging the boys to immerse themselves in a number of exciting activities including high wires, a 40 km cycle in the rain, and a team challenge in Biarritz. All of the activities required teamwork, concentration, resilience and fitness.

Two leadership sessions with former professional players Declan O'Brien and former French captain Jerome Thion (below) proved inspirational and it was obvious to see the boys' self awareness and confidence grow as they took in every word spoken by these very positive role models.



Rugby remains an excellent way for young men to learn vital qualities and skills that are a hugely important part of any balanced education which values discipline, humility, teamwork, resilience and an awareness of the responsibilities in a team situation.

We are confident that all boys who travelled made huge progress in all of the above and that the value of the trip will remain with them for many years.

Second Year Rugby

It's great to see so many boys continuing with rugby in 2nd year. We have 70 boys signed and training hard.

They are progressing well under the watchful eyes of Ms. Dunne (Manager) and Mr Aindriu Conroy-Lennon (Head Coach). They have had a couple of good wins in all three panels.

Senior Rugby

Congratulations Zach Sattar (Connacht U19s) and James Reynolds (Leinster U18s) who played in the Underage Interprovincial series in September. James has also been selected to train with Ireland U18s!



The Seniors have had a difficult start to their league campaign with tight losses 15-8 to Kings Hos and St. Gerards 22-13 in the first week.

They have a couple of big games coming up and all support would be appreciated.

NOV 8 Wed	Seniors V St. Fintan's High School (H) (L) +
	Nov 8 @ 2:30 pm
NOV 22 Wed	Seniors V Castleknock (H) (L) +
	Nov 22 @ 2:25 pm

Basketball

Well done to the U16 Basketball team who played their first game against an experienced St. Tiernans team.

The boys defended really well and made some excellent plays. Final score 34-19 to St. Tiernans.



Junior Rugby

The Juniors have got their league campaign off to a near perfect start with a hard fought win away to St. Gerards.

They followed this up with a bonus point win over Kings Hospital at home. They will have two big games coming up after mid-term which will decide how they progress in the League after Mid-Term.

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First Year Rugby

Since the start of the school term, over 100 first years have been participating in rugby. It is great seeing such enthusiasm.

We can already see that the players are enjoying this environment, which is led by Mr. David Murphy and Mr McNestry. Keep up the great work everyone.

Cross Country



The Cross Country season is up and running. Great work from the Junior Team at the Dublin Schools Cross Country finishing 2nd overall. Well done Cian O Sullivan on winning the bronze medal out of a field of 180 runners. Joe Doody in 1st year finished 9th overall in the U13 competition.