



Christian Brothers College Monkstown Park

Newsletter

Edmund Rice Schools Trust

A positive environment where learning, kindness and gratitude are valued.

A message from our Principal, Mr. Duffy

Welcome one and all to the latest edition of our school newsletter, the first for this school year 2019-20. It's been an eventful start to the new school year and pride of place goes to welcoming our new First Years along with our new staff. Throughout the summer a lot of upgrading and cleaning work was carried out within the school which has added to the overall appearance for students and staff alike. Furthermore, our planning application for our Sports Hall and additional classrooms to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is well advanced at this stage. Preparation for school trips to London, Paris and Zambia are well underway too. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone involved with CBC all the best for the year ahead. Rath Dé ar an obair.



State Exams

Congratulations to our Leaving Certificate Class of 2019 on their excellent results. Well done everybody, we are so proud of each and every one of you. Hard work pays off. The Class of 2019 averaged an impressive **461** points.

A special word of note to Harry Wall who scored an impressive 625 points with 6 H1s.

Our Junior Cert results were also very impressive and congratulations to all of the pupils, teachers and S.N.As.

Debating World Championships

CBC students Jack Palmer (6th year) and Leon Reilly (4th year) have been selected to represent Ireland at the 2020 World Schools' Debating Championships that will take place next July in Mexico City. They will make up part of the five member Team Ireland which also includes students from CBC Cork, Loreto College St Stephen's Green and Terenure College.



topics that they might face at the Championships.

Jack and Leon emerged successful from the team selection process that finished yesterday, Sunday October 6th. To qualify for the team, the boys took part in a series of regional trials and the two day national trials this weekend. More than seventy students from across Ireland took part in the trials and this was whittled down to a final twelve for the national trials, from which the team of five was selected. The trial process involved an assessment of their debating achievements, a general knowledge quiz and a large series of debates on the type of

Of course, both Jack and Leon have both excelled at debating for CBC over the last few years. Jack is the current Leinster and National Champion at senior level, was the Leinster Champion and National Runner-up at junior level. Leon was the top speaker in Leinster and a National finalist at junior level last year. CBC debating has grown from strength to strength over the last ten years and Leon and Jack are the first CBC students to be selected for the national team.

Team Ireland will spend the rest of the year training every weekend to prepare for the World Championships. They will research and prepare a vast array of topics, engage in practice debates against former team members and compete against teams from our nearest neighbours. Team Ireland are generously supported through fund raising and by the Department of Education and Science.

Careers and Guidance

Welcome

We would like to welcome Ms Mary Barnwell to CBC Monkstown.

Ms Barnwell will join the schools guidance counselling department from her previous role in CBS Wexford



Careers and Citizenship week

The school will be launching its first 'careers and citizenship' week in November (4th- 8th)

Through the week students will have an opportunity to look at how the curriculum links with the world of work and careers whilst also exploring how their education with CBC Monkstown can contribute to society in a positive way.

Careers events

There are many talks and events available to our students at this time of year. Our sixth year students enjoyed the 'higher options' fair in the RDS last month while our TY students visited the National Sports Campus to attend 'Zeminar' (an event established and managed by a former CBC student).

TY students were also guests at a talk by Notre Dame University on their scholarship programme. This link was established through a former student who is currently studying in Notre Dame.

In the coming weeks and months students will have the opportunity to hear from all the Dublin based universities as well as many talks from experts from a wide range of industries including IT, engineering, data analytics, the arts and many more.

Green School Committee



This year in CBC we have set up a Green School Committee to tackle environmental issues within the school and our local area.

We have lots on our 'To-Do' list and we are committed to making CBC a 'greener' campus and a more environmentally aware community of staff, students and parents. Our main focus this year is to gain a green flag for waste and litter. We have already made huge changes to our waste management structure and our waste has decreased significantly. Due to the hard work of the school's Advocacy Group, single use plastic bottles are quickly disappearing from the school. We are asking all students, parents and school staff to support us in our efforts. The Future is Green! Let's go for it!

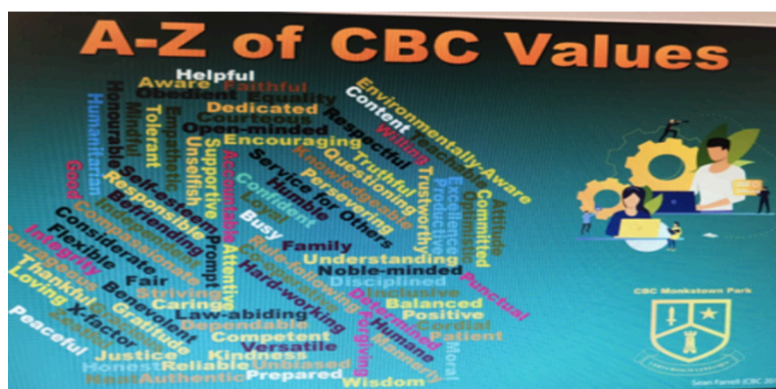
If you would like to include anything included in the next newsletter, please email website@cbcmonksown.ie



It's that time of year again! We are delighted to announce that this year's musical will be 'We will Rock you', a musical based on the songs of Queen.

Musical prep has already begun and students from CBC and Loreto Foxrock will be fighting it out on Saturday October 12th and Sunday October 13th for the coveted roles.

Dance auditions will follow and rehearsals will begin in December. Any TY parents who would like to help out on one of the committees please contact Ms. O'Toole or Ms. Smyth if you have not already done so.



In September, Sixth Year student Sean Farrell had his 'A to Z of CBC Values' (below) unveiled on the wall in the school's B corridor.

Rugby



The Junior Cup Team beat Kings Hospital in their second league outing, having lost very narrowly to Newbridge in the opening game of their league campaign.

The Senior Team lost their first league game against Newbridge College but bounced back well with a win over Kings Hospital 17-12 away. The Seniors are captained this year by Liam Forster and coached by Ian Dumbledon and Mr. O'Donovan.

Athletics

Congratulations to Gavin Doran, he competed for Leinster at the Tailteann Games in June. Gavin won the 200m with a new PB and was also part of the 4 x 100m relay team.

As a result Gavin was selected to compete for the Irish Schools' Athletics team in July in Swansea!



Leinster U18s Rugby

Congratulations to Eoin Quinn who represented Leinster U18s during August in the inter-pro series.



1st Year Rugby

It's great to witness the enthusiasm of our First Year rugby players.

Mr. Feeney is leading the coaching team and by the time you have received this, they will have played their first matches against Temple Carrig, Greystones.

2nd Year Rugby

The 2nd years have started their season well with games against Gonzaga and St. Gerards, Bray.

It is great to be fielding three second year teams alongside those who are representing the Juniors.

2nd Year Rugby is being headed up by Mr. Fahy this year.

Past Pupils Union

The CBC Past Pupils' Union held a ceremony in the school in September to celebrate some of our past pupils on their outstanding achievements.



Liam Murnane, Deputy Principal, Russell Burke, VP PPU, John Feehan, OAA recipient 2019 and Guest Speaker, Joe Brady, OAA recipient 2019, Des Cave, OAA recipient 2019, John Keogh, previous OAA recipient, John O'Shea, previous OAA recipient, Frank McCabe, Previous OAA recipient and Guest Speaker, Dermot Kelly, President, PPU,

Basketball



The Basketball teams are off to a good start this year with a number of promising performances.



Open Evening 2019



There was great fun and excitement at our Open Evening in September. Our pupils and staff made a great impression on our over 300 visitors. Well done everybody!



European Day of Languages



We celebrated European Day of Languages on September 26th with a screening of the French film classic 'Les Choristes'. We also gathered quotes on the value of learning languages and a poll of the languages spoken in CBC.

In addition to the language subjects English, Irish, French, German and Latin, our school community has fluent speakers of Arabic, Bulgarian, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Tamil and Romanian. CBC students also have some levels of Irish Sign Language, Russian, Farsi, Greek, Cantonese, Thai, Czech and Welsh.

It's great to have such rich linguistic background in our corridors! 'If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.' - Nelson Mandela.

Transition Year 2018-19

Transition Year Work experience will take place in January 2020 (6th - 17th). The Insurance Cover Form is available on our website.

Work Experience allows students an opportunity to gain 'hands-on' experience of real working conditions in a place of work.

If you are in a position to offer some of our pupils work experience, please contact the office.



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EXPERIENCE**



Transition Year students have had a very busy start to the first term. To date they have been involved in hiking, zip-lining, canoeing, kayaking and water trampolining in Carlingford.

They have also participated in the Shout Out LGBTI workshop; speed chats with some of our local senior citizens; a visit to the Ploughing Championships; a rowing workshop; a life-saving First Aid workshop; a visit to Panda Recycling; hosting a number of guest speakers and being involved in a number of Charity events. You can contact the TY Co-ordinator Ms O'Connor in the school at ty@cbcm Monkstown.ie



The Transition Year 4 Peak Challenge Team on top of Lugnaquilla in Wicklow. The group aim to climb the highest mountain in each of the four provinces this year.

Carrauntoohil, Co. Kerry (1,038m).
Mweelrea, Co. Mayo (814m).
Slieve Donard, Co. Down (925m).
Lugnaquilla, Co. Wicklow (850m).

The "Try Rowing" Coaching programme with Get Going Get Rowing is underway. A group of our TY students have undergone a training workshop led by Rowing Ireland representative Mary Moloney. The next few months will see these pupils take on a leadership role in the school, coaching younger students to help them improve their technique, fitness and to prepare them for indoor rowing competitions.

