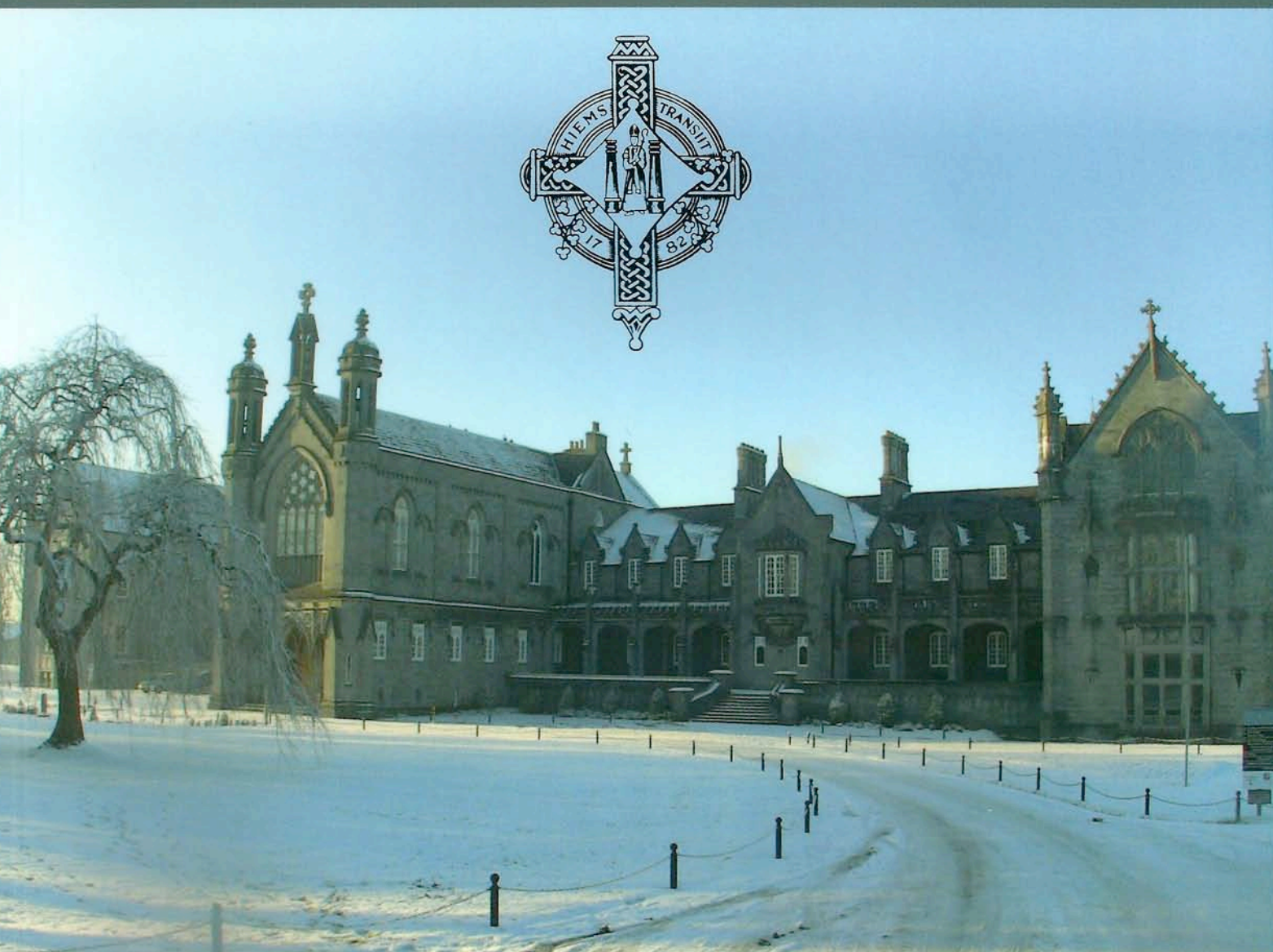
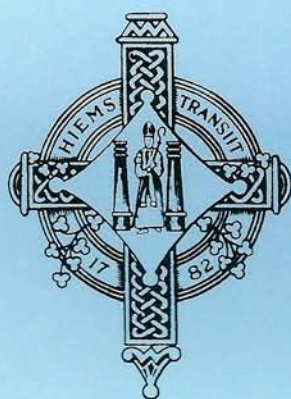


ST. KIERAN'S COLLEGE



RECORD 2010

President's Address

It is with a great sense of joy and gratitude for the many blessings that I welcome the 2010 edition of St. Kieran's College Record. While the Record is a chronicle of all that has happened in the College during the last year, it also reflects the work of all the stakeholders.

The past year was indeed one of many blessings for the College – from the publication, with its hugely positive results, of the Whole School Evaluation Report by the Department of Education and Science, to the Choral Concert in the College Chapel and the retaking of the Croke Cup with a score of 2 goals 11 points thereby achieving our 17th All-Ireland senior hurling title.

With the ongoing support of the Trustees, the programme of refurbishment and development is now in its final phase.

For the financial year ending 31st August 2009, additions to our school buildings cost €345,756 and to the College €672,301, which included the replacement of the main utility services. Additions to furniture, fittings and equipment cost €53,943 and for the College €37,047. The economic downturn and the restructuring of our country's financial services continue to impact on the public finances, the budgets of all government departments, families and all citizens. For us the impact is obvious to see with the serious fall off in the mature student intake of the

N.U.I.M. Outreach Programme on our campus. Fees have to be paid by the students concerned from their own resources, either from disposable income or from sponsorship.

New developments in education and formation continue to give new life to St. Kieran's. The building known as the

Bantile is being reorganised and upgraded. It will become a facility for curriculum enhancement with grant aid from the Department of Education and Skills. The Vocations Office for the Diocese has been relocated to the College from which, it is hoped, many creative programmes will be administered.

This is a difficult time to be involved in the work of education and formation. Much hard work, dedication and commitment to our mission has made this past year such a successful one. I express my thanks to the Principal, the Deputy Principal, the teachers,

all the staff, the Chaplain and the Chaplaincy team, the students and their Council, the parents and their Association, the Trustees and the Board of Management.

Please enjoy reading this edition of the Record in this, our 227th academic year. May we thank God our Father for all the good that has happened during the last year.

Monsignor Kieron Kennedy
President.



Staff 2009/10: Back Row L-R: Mr. Martin O' Neill, Mr. Carl Lynch, Mr. Joe Kavanagh, Mr. Michael Forrest, Mr. John O' Keeffe. **Second Row L-R:** Mr. Don O' Connor, Ms. Eilish Aherne, Mr. Eamon Heffernan, Mr. Philip Walsh. **Third Row L-R:** Mr. John Quane, Mr. Simon Reddy, Mr. Ken Maher, Mr. Michael Rice, Mr. Patrick Darmody, Ms. Bernie Boland. **Fourth Row L-R:** Mr. Ken Archbold, Mr. Richard Windle, Mr. Richard Ruth, Ms. Bernie Dowling, Ms. Mary Martin (Secretary), Mr. Tom Hogan, Mr. Michael Kelleher, Ms. Ann Wemyss. **Fifth Row L-R:** Mr. Liam Smith, Ms. Sharon Keyes, Ms. Olive O' Connor, Ms. Orla Ring, Ms. Eileen Hanrick, Ms. Jacqui Norton, Ms. Jean Fitzpatrick, Mr. Ger Buckley, Mr. Jason Darmody. **Front Row L-R:** Mr. David McCormack, Ms. Eadaoin Brennan, Ms. Jane Galway, Mr. John Curtis (Principal), Mgr. Kieron Kennedy (President), Mr. Adrian Finan (Deputy Principal), Mr. Niall Connolly, Ms. Karen O' Mahony (Secretary), Ms. Christina Warner.

Absent from Photo: Mr. Billy Bolster, Mr. Larry Cotter, Mr. Paul Fitzgerald, Ms. Debbie Lynch, Ms. Loreto Mannion, Fr. Sean O'Connor (Chaplin), Mary Walsh (Secretary), Sheila Walshe (Secretary).

A Message from the Principal



In last year's Record I mentioned that in February '09 a team of Inspectors from the Department of Education and Science visited us over the course of a number of weeks to conduct a Whole School Evaluation – administrative wheels turn slowly and it was only in January of this year that the report was published. It is tremendously gratifying for everyone involved in the St. Kieran's College community that the findings are so positive and are a glowing endorsement of what the school seeks to achieve. We are told that:

- The vision for the college is clearly focused on providing students with high quality educational experiences and outcomes
- There was a high standard of teaching and learning observed in St. Kieran's College

- Students were enthusiastic about attending St. Kieran's and displayed a positive attitude, diligence and sense of community, which clearly exemplifies the college's characteristic spirit
- The college's programme of extracurricular and co-curricular activities is exceptional and exemplary.

Congratulations to all concerned, the pupils especially, the parents and all who make up the St. Kieran's College community; and, on a personal note, it was apt that the extraordinary extra-curricular contribution of our staff and the participation of our students as evidenced again this year through the pages of the Record, was given due prominence. The full report and the Board of Management's response to it can be accessed on the Department of Education and Science website, School Inspection Reports, January 2010, Post-Primary.

This year has seen continued improvements to the infrastructure of the school. I would like to thank our President, Mgr. Kennedy, and the trustees for their continuing support in this regard and to acknowledge the contribution of the members of the Board of Management and the Parents' Association to the life of the school. A new roof has been constructed on the 1979 building and a complete overhaul of flooring in the area has been completed. Technology is now firmly established as a Leaving Certificate

subject and, indeed, we hope to do more work on the Technology rooms over the summer. With work ongoing on Broadband connectivity in the classrooms and equipping of the new Library and Technical Graphics room in progress, there is much we can look forward to in the coming years.

In any given year the achievements of our pupils are many and varied – but this year I would like to give special mention to our choir who proved victorious in various competitions and made such an impression in the Choral Concert held recently in the College Chapel and, of course, to the Senior Hurlers who were crowned All-Ireland Champions in April after a truly exhilarating campaign. To all those involved and to the teachers who give so much of their time to these and other activities, congratulations and well done.

I would like to thank all of those involved in the production of the Record, Sharon Keyes and Eadaoin Brennan especially, for the countless hours and energy they give to providing such a fitting testament to the school year in St. Kieran's College. On behalf of all of us, I would like to extend my best wishes to Maureen Meany, who retired during the year. Maureen is a great stalwart of St. Kieran's, she will be missed by her colleagues on staff and the students alike and we know she will enjoy all the activities and trips she has planned for the years ahead.



Housekeeping and Maintenance staff:

Back Row L-R: Mr. Frank Murphy, Mr. Jim Delaney, Mr. Pat Drennan. **Front Row L-R:** Ms. Ann Meany, Ms. Margo Coonan, Ms. Suzanne Skeehan, Ms. Dorota Lavek.

Finally, I would like to wish our Third Year and Sixth Year students all the best in their exams : we hope that they can emulate the academic achievements of previous years and, for those of you who are leaving us, we would ask that "The sense of Christian community, identity and belonging..." that the WSE Report noted in respect of our students will help sustain and direct you in the years ahead.

Mr. John Curtis M.A., M.Ed.



Ossory Diocesan Forum

What is the Forum?

"It is a pastoral initiative which hopes to provide a forum where the voices of all people of goodwill can be heard and enabled to shape the life of parishes and diocese."

"The vision at the heart of the Forum is one of collaborative ministry, where each member of the diocese, priest, religious or lay, is called and enabled to fulfil his or her baptismal role in bringing about the coming of God's Kingdom."

(Ossory Diocesan Forum Constitution 2009)



Sr. Helen Maher

How is the Forum organised?

Following an extensive review at the end of its first term, the Forum now takes the form of Parish Pastoral Councils in each parish, Deanery Pastoral Councils in each of the three deaneries and the Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council, which is the coordinating body at diocesan level. At all levels, priests, religious and lay people work together towards a vision of Church that is truly "the people of God".

The Forum Coordinator, Sr. Helen Maher, is based at the Forum Office, St. Kieran's College.



ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SERVICE

Mgr. Kieron Kennedy gave long service awards to Mr. Edward O'Neill and Mr. Thomas Clarke to mark combined service to the College of over one hundred years. Tommy joined the staff in the year of the big flood, 1947.

Photo by Eoin Hennessy

Jubilarians 2009



Silver Jubilarians

Three priests who celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their ordinations at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Included are from left. Rev. Richard Scriveen, St. John's Kilkenny, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Kieron Kennedy, President St. Kieran's College, Most Rev. Seamus Freeman, SAC, Bishop of Ossory, Very Rev. Peter Muldowney P.P. Sier Kieran, Birr, Co. Offaly and Rev. John Downey, Derry.



Ruby Jubilarians

L-R: Rev. Jim Walsh, Diocese of San Francisco, Right Rev. Monsignor Kieron Kennedy, President St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, Most Rev. Seamus Freeman, SAC, Bishop of Ossory, Rev. Francis Gilbride, Diocese of Northampton.



Golden Jubilarians

L-R: Rev. James McGrath, Diocese of Shrewsbury, Right Rev. Monsignor Kieron Kennedy, President St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, Most Rev. Seamus Freeman, SAC, Bishop of Ossory, Rev. David O'Regan, Diocese of Southwark

Kilkenny Campus

National University of Ireland (NUI) Maynooth



The Kilkenny Campus of NUI Maynooth has been offering undergraduate and postgraduate courses for adult students from Kilkenny and the south east for eleven years. The annual Conferring in November last year brought the number of awards to almost 800 since 1997.

As well as the flagship part-time BA courses in Local Studies or Community Studies the Campus offers a range of Certificate, Diploma and postgraduate programmes. In 2009 the Institute of Technology Carlow joined us as partner providers at the campus, offering a range of part time programmes in business and early childhood education and care.

The Campus provides a friendly learning environment for the adult student with excellent library facilities, coffee dock, on site parking and a fully functioning IT room as well as video conferencing facilities. The Campus also provides plenty of support and encouragement from staff and students.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Campus at:

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Email: kilkenny.campus@nuim.ie

Mail: Kilkenny Campus (NUI Maynooth), College Road, Kilkenny.

Web: <http://kilkenny.nuim.ie>



NUI MAYNOOTH

Ollscoil na hÉireann Má Nuad



A New Altar and Ambo was gifted to the college chapel by Mgr. Kennedy and members of his family in memory of their late father, Daniel

St. Kieran's College Class Reunion 1963-68



Photo of class reunion by Anthony Dawson.

Fourth row L – R: Mick McGrath, Ballyragget – Paddy Moran, Templetooughy – Joe Meagher, Newtown – J Edward Phelan, Tullogher – Martin Maher, Ballingarry – John Bambrick, Outrath – T.F. Stapleton, Borrisoleigh.

Third Row L – R: Davy Brennan, Clara – Tomas Egan, Glengoose – Tony O'Keeffe, Callan – Sean Costello, New Street – Sean Aylward, Knockmoylan – John Donohue, Ballymore-Eustace – Pat Holden, Knockmoylan

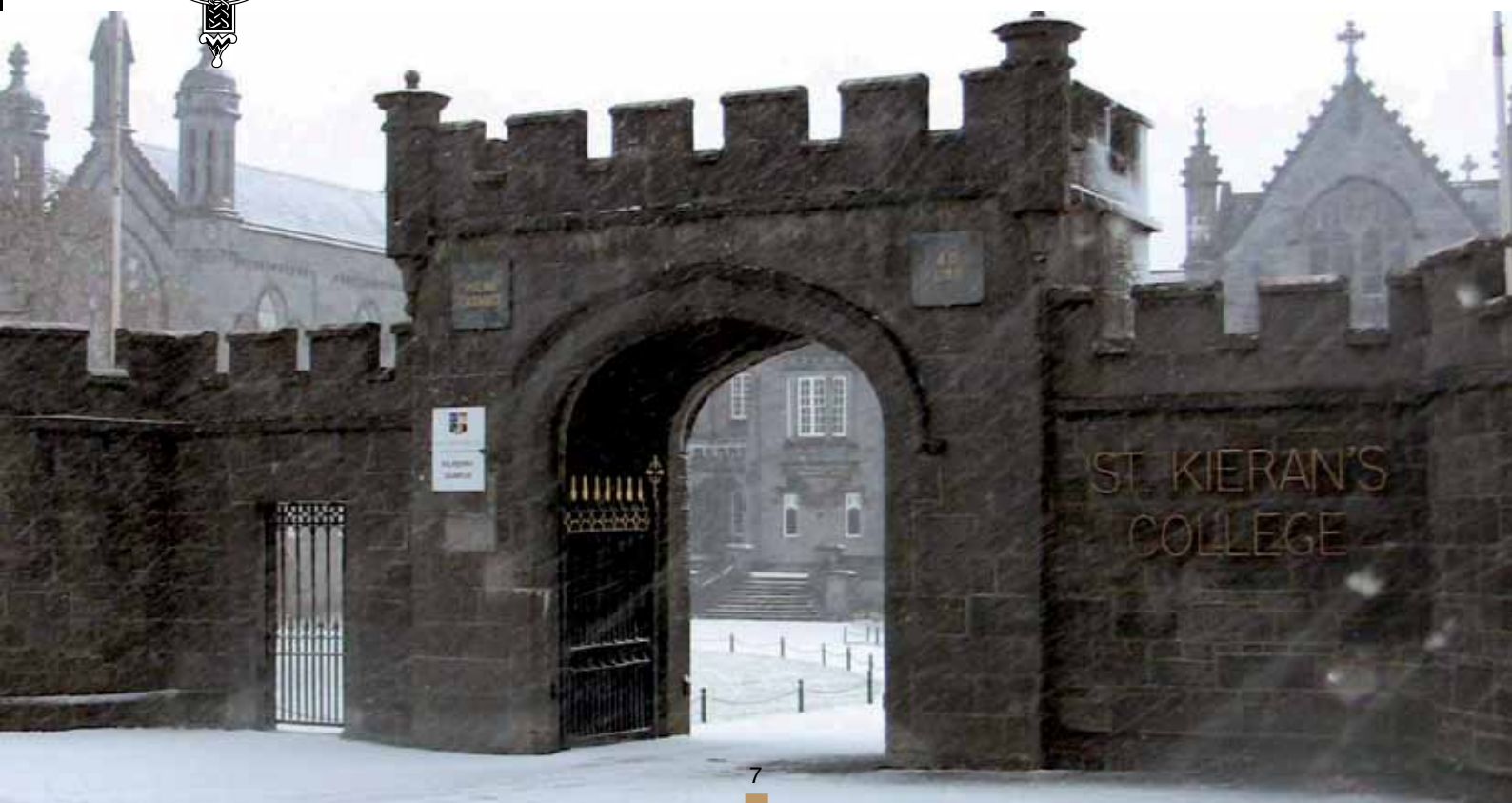
Second Row L – R: Eamon Kelly, Castlecomer – Joe Butler, Newpark – Michael Lawrence, Mullinahone – Tom Tynan, Assumption Place – Pat O'Gorman, Hugginstown – Noel McCann, Dublin – Terence McNamee, Ballyragget – Jim Gannon, Ballyragget – Jimmy Kells, Cullohill

Front Row L – R: Harold Lawlor, Durrow – David Prendergast, Clara – Luke Roche, Greenridge – Stephen Rice, Knocktopher – Kieran White, Castlegardens – Jim Dollard, Circular Road – Pat Murphy, Callan – Monsignor Kieron Kennedy, St. Riach Terrace – John Curtis, Principal – Harry Knox, Kilmacow – Tom Lacey, Ballyragget – Mark O'Reilly, Ballyragget, Eddie Kavanagh, Crosspatrick – Benny Walsh, Michael Street – Paul Kinsella, Coon – Diarmuid Broderick, Johnstown.

Renovation of the Clock Tower Summer 2008

Pictures show the Clock Tower under scaffolding, the finished clock face and Mr. Liam Tyrell at work on the project.





MAUREEN MEANY

(Billy Bolster and Nicky Cashin)

In 1974 Maureen joined the staff of St.Kieran's College.

She was quick to make her mark as a Biology teacher bringing a relatively new subject to great prominence with her unique style, great dedication and enthusiasm.

Maureen brought the same dedication and commitment to the teaching of Ag. Science and it wasn't long before the numbers enrolling in the course began to soar.

Indeed Maureen's teaching resume has extended far and wide. Apart from her work as an external examiner she was a frequent guest lecturer at the Diocesan Seminary. One can only imagine Maureen's humour during her time with the seminarians.

While teaching in St.Kieran's College Maureen was a great advocate for charities. Her fund raising work with students in aid of Bothar and Grow, to name but a few, are a testament to a great organiser with a big heart. Her charitable works also extended to the Third World and in the late '70s she spent some time working in Malawi.

In 1987 Maureen was one of a handful of teachers to pioneer the new Transition Year course in Ireland.

With typical zeal and outstanding organisational ability the programme was inevitably a success.

She retained an involvement with Transition Year right up to her retirement. In the latter stages of her career Maureen took on the role of exam supervisor in the school. This involved running all house exams and later mock exams for Junior and Leaving Cert. students.

Maureen was very much involved in school trips abroad and tales of the expected from France, Italy and Russia warmed the hearts of many a soul on cold winter evenings. Her great sense of humour and wit were evident for all to see during the many staff evenings and break time jousts, Maureen usually had the last word.

Maureen's sporting prowess was legendary. Not only did she star on some of the best staff teams ever to grace Fennessy's Field but she also played in a number of positions ranging from centre forward to goalkeeper. Many years later it became clear that some students were fearful of passing Ms. Meany. She was noted for her speed and frequently featured in the prizes on Sports Day. She was also quite adept at stealing a few extra yards in the 100m handicap event.

Maureen still continues her work as Ag. Science inspector with the Department of Education and Science and is enjoying travelling the world.



All Ireland Winning Team Visit September 2009

This September the Senior Hurling team visited the College to a great reception following their fantastic four in a row success. A number of the players on the senior panel are past pupils of the College, but we want to give a special mention to one of our teachers Mr. Michael Rice.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

Academic Achievements

Mathematics:	Top 10 All Ireland Prism finalist: Ronan McCann	Eoghan O'Connor	Conor O Quigley
Irish:	Recipient of Corn Na Gaeilge: Niall Quinlan		
Geography:	Michael Nolan		
English:	Corey Molloy		
Technology:	Cillian Buckley who finished 1st in Ireland		
Science:	Aravind Menon	Anthony Wilson	
Design and Communications Graphics:	Eoin Holohan		
Music:	James Rice	Liam Doyle	
Art:	Jake Casey	Robbie Molloy	
Business			
Studies:	Eoghan O Connor	Conor Doyle	

The Frank Muldowney Award

For Best Results in Junior Certificate Examination 2008: Michael Dunne

Academic of the Year Awards:

1st Year:	James Tynan
2nd Year:	Cormac Everard
3rd Year:	Anthony Forristal
5th Year:	David Freeman
6th Year:	Corey Molloy

The L.C.V.P Student of the Year award for 2009: Rory Hogan

Awards of Merit to outstanding students this year go to:

1st Yr:	Kasper Pawlowski, Shane Walsh, Stephen Farrell
2nd Yr:	Simon Rafter, Eoin Gough, Lucas Hartman
3rd Yr	Aravind Menon, Jack McGrath,
4th Yr	MI Tierney, MI Dunne, Tom Brennan
5th Yr	Conor Maharaj, Caimin Browne, Sean Phelan
6th Yr	Pierre Morrissey, Sean Direen, Cain Lynch

St. Kieran's College Students of the Year 2009:

1st Year: Kevin Doyle

2nd Year James Tyrell

3rd Year: David Hennessy

TY: The Patrick Kilroy Award is presented to: Danny Moloney

5th Year: Ben O'Connor

2009 St Kieran's College Student of the Year:

Niall Quinlan



Sports Awards

Back Row L-R: Niall Quinlan, Mr. Adrian Finan (Deputy Principal), Mrs. Joan O'Brien (Parent's Association), Mr. John Curtis (Principal), Mgr. Kieron Kennedy (President), Mr. Henry Shefflin (Guest Speaker), Sean Direen.

Front Row L-R: Diarmuid Cody, Michael Drennan, John Power, Shane Norton , Eoghan Gough.



Academic Awards

Front Row L-R: Anthony Foristal, Cormac Everard, Corey Molloy, Michael Dunne.

Back Row L-R: Mr. Adrian Finan (Deputy Principal), Mrs. Joan O'Brien (Parent's Association), Mr. John Curtis (Principal), Mgr. Kieron Kennedy (President), Mr. Henry Shefflin (Guest Speaker).

Henry Shefflin

Past Pupil and Guest Speaker for the 2009 Awards Night



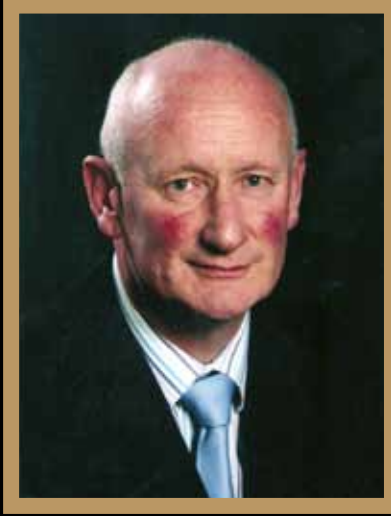
Students of the Year

Front Row L-R: David Hennessy, Ben O'Connor, Conor Quinlan, James Tyrell, Kevin Doyle.

Back Row L-R: Mr. Adrian Finan (Deputy Principal), Mrs. Joan O'Brien (Parent's Association), Mr. John Curtis (Principal), Mgr. Kieron Kennedy (President), Mr. Henry Shefflin (Guest Speaker).



Brian Cody



I started my secondary school education in St. Kieran's College in 1967. In those days the majority of pupils were boarders – coming from various parts of the country. Even though I only lived four miles from the College I boarded there for the five years – doing my leaving cert in 1972.

For me it seemed perfectly normal to be a boarder as my two older brothers were going into Fifth Year when I started.

I remember looking forward to beginning secondary school because, of course, St. Kieran's had a terrific reputation for hurling which I was obsessed with.

However, I quickly discovered that there was more to S.K.C. than hurling. Discipline was strictly enforced and here was, naturally, a huge emphasis on study. We had 3 hours supervised study nightly and I was lucky to come under the influence of top quality teachers.

Hurling definitely, played a massive role in my life in St. Kieran's. I made some great friends there and much of our time was spent pucking around improving our skills level. There was serious competition for places on the various college teams.

During my time, there were some outstanding hurlers in St. Kieran's, not all of these were from Kilkenny and I was lucky to taste success at juvenile, junior and senior level. These teams were coached and trained by various seminarians who played a tremendous role in hurling in the college and we were always very conscious that we were representing a great tradition when we wore the famed black and white jersey.

Without doubt, looking back now, I have very happy memories of S.K.C. and realise that the famed school played a major role in my development as a person in every way.



Archbishop Thomas A. White, retired Papal Nuncio and member of the 1948 All-Ireland winning St. Kieran's team with James Gannon and Sean Phelan. Archbishop White is now a resident in the Birchfield Apartments in St. Kieran's College.

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David Freeman (6th Year)



Never in my life have I found it so difficult to prepare a piece to be handed up to Ms. Keyes. Where to start is the biggest issue, what aspects of our six years in this school to include. Having read last year's edition a similar problem appears to have cropped up. There is an

element of wanting to do the experiences we have both enjoyed and endured in St. Kieran's justice. For the Leaving Cert. class of 2010's something special, a unique year group, something we should have sensed from day one. After all how many young first years arrive to find a Cornelius in their class? The stuff of fairytale, "Cornelius in Funderland"

Little did we know it at the time but our year was primed to stand out. With our arrival came an influx of new staff. I put it down to coincidence that many of

- them felt compelled to leave within a year or two. We weren't that bad, were we?
- During our stay there was also the departure of a number of 'the old guard' as well as an overhaul of principal and deputy principal. The place has been transformed from medieval to post-modern within a few years, while the new toilets appear to be the stuff of legend after getting a mention last year as well- cheers Pat, they're sparkling every morning.
- I couldn't complete this piece without a mention of the hurlers. The only time in our six years that St. Kieran's are All-Ireland champions. Nothing better than to see our peers and friends being triumphant- even if the novelty of the last captain being a Laois man is now gone- I suppose Ballyragget is close enough.
- Like our time in the school, this piece is coming to a close and we'd nearly all be lying if we said we won't miss the place. After all, 6th Year is a breeze, it's after 4 o' clock that's a killer. The time we've spent here has been great, accompanied by great experiences and fond memories. On behalf of all the 6th years I'd like to thank all of the teachers and staff of St. Kieran's College who've shaped our lives in one way or another. Hopefully, we've been able to do likewise- for the better of course!



Sixth Year students receiving their ECDL certificates with their teachers, Mr. Philip Walsh and Ms. Maureen Meany. Missing from photo Mr. Tom Hogan

POETRY ALOUD

The first regional heat of the annual poetry speaking competition POETRY ALOUD took place in St.Kieran's College on Tuesday 13th of October. The competition is organised by Poetry Ireland and the National Library of Ireland and this year features the work of two Irish poets, W.B. Yeats and Seamus Heaney. The winners of the regional heats went forward to the semi-final which took place on Dec. 4th in Wesley College, Ballinteer, Dublin. St.Kieran's College student, Seamus McSorley won the regional Intermediate category. Adjudicators at the event were Mr. Frank Marshall, Mr. Mark Roper and Mr. Larry Cotter.

Devil's Lair

The devil's lair, where things are very unfair.

When people die that's where they go

The devils lair, it's very unfair

His big red eyes, I'm terrified

Why are you so cruel? I ask in despair

When people die I really don't care.

The fire and flames, too hot to bare

And the Devil's tail looks awfully Quare.

Oh I go now back to my wife

If she ever came here, she'd be afraid of her life.

Danny Burke (Second Year)



Creative Writing Workshop

Eoghan O' Connor (TY)

This year, Kieran's continued to partake in the Writers in Residence Scheme, and this year we welcomed back Siobhán Parkinson, author of fiction and editor of several publications. The project began in mid – October, when thirty students were invited to join Siobhán in the new facility of the upstairs library. We completed several exercises, and by the end of the two hours, we each had two or three new pieces for editing. Siobhán left us her e-mail address and after editing and typing up our works, we forwarded them to her. We met again in January to discuss and correct these works. By the end of this session our exercises had been expanded and developed, and were almost finished pieces. Siobhán will return again on the 20th May to officially launch a new website which will host the aspiring young writers' work. We would also like to congratulate Siobhán on her recent ordination as Ireland's first ever "Laureate Na n-Óg", by Mary McAleese. This work will involve promoting reading and writing for and by children. Many thanks to Siobhán for the work she did with us throughout the year, and best wishes for the future.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bíonn Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl idir an 5ú agus 17ú Márta. Bíonn imeachtaí ar siúl ar fud na tíre. I gColáiste Chiaráin an bhliain seo bhí bhí go leor imeachtaí éagsula eagraithe dúinn.

Ghlac gach dalta sa chéad bhliain páirt i gcomórtas ealaíne. Bhí orainn postaeir a tharraingt ar na hábhair seo- Seachtain na Gaeilge nó Lá Fhéile Pádraig. Bhí caighdeán na bpostaeirí an-ard agus bhí jab deacair ag Mr. Finan mar mholtóir! Bhí ceathrar buaiteoirí sa bhliain agus fuair siad uibheacha cáisce mar dhuaisianna.

Lá amháin i rith na seachtaine chuaigh mo rang le Ms. Galway agus rang eile lena múinteoir Ms. Norton go dtí an amharclann le haghaidh Céilí. Bhí an- chraic againn ag foghlaim damhsaí gaelacha agus ag canadh cúpla amhrán. Bhain gach dalta an- taitneamh as an Céilí.

Bhí Tráth na gCeist beag againn sa rang freisin le ceisteanna faoi spórt, ceol, scannáin, tíreolaíocht agus stair. Bhí sé seo an taitneamhach.

Is aoibheann liom Seachtain na Gaeilge!!

Gavin Costigan, An Chéad Bhliain

Tráth na gCeist- Dara Bliain



Maths Prism

In October 2009, all students took part in the annual Maths Prism day, as part of 137 schools. Maths Prism is a test for 2nd level students, in which over 7,000 students take part nationwide. The student with the highest score from each maths class received a prize. €850 was raised for the school of the Holy Spirit.

IRISH/
MATHS

Tráth na gCeist i gColáiste Chiaráin

On Thursday January the 21st the Irish Tráth na gCeist (tablequiz) was held in St. Kierans College Kilkenny. The tablequiz is an annual event run by the Irish organisation FEACHTAS. Every year over 1000 students from all over the country enter. This year 23 teams took part from Kilkenny and Carlow. The winners were St. Kierans College Kilkenny. The team consisted of Conor Quinlan, Bill Lahart, Tom Brennan and Joey Corcoran. Go n-éirí an t- ádh leo!



1st Year Ceile

YOUNG SCIENTIST EXHIBITION 2010

Our team included Darragh O' Connor, Jimmy Brennan and Jack Kavanagh. Our project titled, "Minding the Runts", was highly commended at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition. Lucy Byrnes of NUI Galway commented that the project was "a complete study and was very well done". The experiment involved weighing pet lambs and mothered lambs over an 18 month period. We weighed the lambs once a week for the 1st 12 weeks, and once a month after this time. We discovered that average growth rates from birth to weaning are 270 grams/day for single and 220 grams/day for twin lambs, but our pet lambs developed much slower than these averages. We discovered that the most important factors influencing lamb growth rates occur in the 1st few days after birth; if the lambs don't take colostrum their immune system is weakened. The way the pet lambs feed is a disadvantage because the milk cannot be digested properly in the stomach. Their stomachs expand; they stop feeding and become pot-bellied. We discovered that mixing half a teaspoon of bread soda in the milk every 3rd day treats this effectively. We had a fantastic experience at the exhibition and our teacher Ms. Hanrick was very proud of our hard work and achievement.



3RD YEAR SCIENCE TRIP (Conor Quinlan)

For science week 2009 Mr. Darmody and Ms. Hanrick's science classes (3sk and 3sm) attended one of the science week talks held between the 8th and the 15th of November in Waterford. The talk, held in the Waterford Town Hall, was presented by a lecturer of genetics in Leicester University. During the talk we learned how DNA and protein make up chromosomes and how chromosomes carry genes or traits from our parents to us. We learned about the dominant and the recessive genes in chromosomes.



We then did an electronic survey to see what traits or characteristics people had, such as attached or detached ear lobes. After answering a number of questions we found that the percentage of people at the talk who possessed one characteristic in common was very high but as the number of characteristics went up the percentage of people who had the characteristics in common went down.

We were informed by the lecturer that no two random people can have exactly the same characteristics and that only identical twins can possess exactly the same chromosomes. The talk was interesting and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

STUDENT ENTERPRISE AWARDS

Conor Holligan

Each year over 10,500 students all over Ireland get to find out what it's really like to be their own boss and run their own business, by taking part in the Student Enterprise Awards Programme.

The objective of the product is to give students practical, real life experience of setting up and running their own business, to encourage students to think about entrepreneurship and self-employment as a viable career choice. To enhance the teaching of business and entrepreneurship in schools by combining classroom learning with real life experience.

The aim of the project is to come up with a product or service to sell. This might sound easy but believe me it is not. When it comes to it you find that you spend hours/days/weeks racking your brains trying to come up with an idea. You will find yourself looking at things differently and trying to find a niche in the market. If you're lucky and work hard at it, inspiration will eventually come. In fact you may find you have more than one idea. You can start to research them before deciding which one to run with for your project. The internet is a fantastic tool and it is amazing the number of hours you can spend researching different aspects. Your product/service has to be useful and desirable. Without a good idea the project cannot work, even with the best sale techniques and marketing plan. This is probably the most difficult part of the whole project. In our case we decided on a concept of can caps. This was a device which allows an individual to purchase a can of drink but still have the same advantages of a bottle.

This product then needs to be researched and marketed. Costings need to be made for the product and a financial report needs to be created to show how a price was decided. This gave students a taste of what market research, costing and advertising were like. Personally I felt that I got a much greater understanding of the above.

When you have decided on your product/service, and you have done some market research you come to the interesting part of the project. "Selling your product/service" if you have done

your research this should be easy. You will know what your potential customers want and hopefully you will be able to give it to them. To succeed in this part of the project you will need to develop your people skills and you will need to learn how to 'sell your product/service'. Luckily in our case this was not a problem, before we sold the product we displayed ads around the school and told people about our product. This then meant that when the product arrived people bought from us straight away. This part of the project helps to develop 'people skills'.

The final part of the project is the business report, which is a summary of the project and an evaluation of your work. It involves the following:

Introduction, Executive Summary, Business Structure Products / Services Marketing / Promotion, Finance and finally a Review / Conclusion

Overall the key to a great product is firstly the product/idea, planning a strategy, the sale of the product and finally organisation of all paperwork. Reports need to be completed, records of customers need to be recorded and a financial report created.

When you have completed the project, there is a school final, a county final ending with a national competition. Our company was composed of Conor Holligan, Patrick Hughes and Richard Fitzgerald. We reached the county final and won 'Kilkenny's most

innovative product 2010'.

Two other groups from St Kieran's college also made it through to the county final these include;

Arthem Ankudovich and Aleksandr Danilvos

Their idea was to set up a skate shop in Kilkenny. They were runner up in the Kilkenny senior category.

Shane O'Neill and Peter Butler sold student discount cards. These cards offered great discounts in the shops and restaurants which the students use.



1st Year Students learn about Local Development

Sean Brennan (First Year)



We were learning about local development in C.S.P.E. and our teacher Ms. Galway suggested we invite in a local councillor to talk to us about local issues and politics. We invited Cllr. Pat O'Neill to come speak to us on the 14th April. We set up the classroom, did some research and then prepared a list of questions. He talked to our class for a half an hour about the local council, local development and his own political career. We then had a question and answer session when we discussed topics such as the budget, the various jobs a local councillor must do and litter in the county. There were some challenging questions raised about skateboarding parks, the one-way traffic system and other interesting issues. After the visit we know much more about the goings on of Kilkenny County Council. We would like to thank Cllr. Pat O'Neill for coming in. It was a very enjoyable morning for all.

Concern Fast 2009

Ben-Guidera Leydon (First Year)

On the 3rd December 2009 the annual Concern 24hour fast took place. Students from First Year to Transition Year in St. Kieran's College took part in the fast. The First Years especially made a great effort with huge numbers taking part. In the weeks before the fast our teacher, Ms. Galway, handed us out sponsorship cards which we used to collect money from friends, family and of course other students in Kieran's. Most of us began the fast at 5pm the day before so we had a long day in school the next day without food. We sipped lucozade however to keep our energy up!! After the fast we continued to collect money. We found that people were so generous and even in these hard economic times were willing to give to help those less fortunate. Concern works with some of the poorest people in the developing world. Overall the students of St. Kieran's raised €5,600 by doing the Concern 24 Hour Fast. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported us and say a big well done to everyone who took part in the fast.



Concern Debates



This year St. Kieran's College competed again in the Concern Debates Competition which stretched from October to April. This year the team consisted of David Farrell, Sean Lennon, Danny Maloney, Conor Quinlan, Diarmaid Hickey, Aravind Menon and Miodrag Ignatovic.

The team took part in four debates throughout the course of the league phase and Kieran's were the hosts for two of these debates. The first debate was against the girls of Presentation Thurles and the motion was 'The European Union is Failing Africa'. This exciting debate ended in a tie.

Next we were up against local rivals C.B.S. Kilkenny and the topic was climate change. Kieran's emerged victorious, thankfully. We also won our next debate against C.B.S.

Carlow and this put us in with a chance of getting through to the knockout stages. We were hit with luck, in a way, because for our last debate the team forfeited and this gave us a full 3 points.

So of the 32 teams who made it to the knockout phase Kieran's was one. We were up against Thurles C.B.S. on home ground and it was a tough motion about the need for genetically modified food in the fight against world hunger. After a very interesting debate Thurles were deserving winners. We were finished our debating for this year but we had great

fun and learned so much. Thanks to Mr. O'Neill and Ms. Galway for all their help and support and to the teachers and students who supported the team throughout the year.



Concern Know Your World Quiz

Danny Maloney (Fifth Year) ...



On April 29th the final of the Concern Know Your World Quiz was held in Dublin. There were six of us representing the team from Kieran's College; David Farrell and Kieran White (Sixth Year), Danny Maloney (Fifth Year), Fergal Lalor (Transition Year), Diarmaid Hickey and Bill Lahart (Third Year.) There were teams from all over Ireland taking part in this quiz. There were 10 rounds on various topics such as Music, Sport, Development issues and campaigns, Africa and the Millennium Development

Goals. Questions ranged from the easy, is Jedward a word in the English dictionary? to the very difficult, Name the volcano erupting in Iceland? - We actually knew that one too! It was clear from the start that there were leading teams and Kieran's was one of them. We were happy to get third place. We went home on the train wearing our new concern t-shirts and reading our prize- a very interesting book called The Top Ten of Everything. Thanks to Ms. Galway for a great day and for the Subway sandwiches!



CSPE Trip to the Dail



¡ Vamos a comer !

Ms. Lynch and her 1st Year Class tasting a variety of Tradional Spanish Dishes



Liturgies and Retreats

RETREATS

Since September 2007 students of St. Kieran's College have received a class group retreat. Our First Years went on a day retreat to Grace Dieu retreat Centre. There, they spent an enjoyable day discussing the transition into first year from primary school. Our Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Years travelled to the De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown. It's important that we all get some time out of our busy lives to think about our lives, which direction we might be going in or to think about the real meaning of our lives. Retreat days are supposed to be a relaxing break from the hustle and bustle of everyday school life and we feel that it's important that all students have the chance to do this during the school year. We often hear of things which can happen in life that put things into perspective for us. May we never lose sight of the real meaning of our lives and give thanks for the many blessings we have.



Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Students from St. Kieran's College are to travel to Lourdes this May. This is a very special trip as, of course, it is widely believed that it was in Lourdes that Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. These Fourth Year students will be travelling as part of the Ossory Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes, an annual pilgrimage, bringing many students from a variety of schools across the diocese. The lads have raised money to sponsor their trip with two days of bag packing in Dunnes Stores, through sponsorship cards, through a table quiz which they organised and through some funding from the Board of Management of St. Kieran's College. Each student will act as a carer for the sick when in Lourdes helping people out with their own daily pilgrimage. We wish them a pleasant and enjoyable experience.

Front Row L-R: Stevie Thompson, Donagh Carney, Jack Bruton. Back Row: Eoghan O'Connor, Robert Hayes, Declan McQuillan.

LITURGIES

Throughout the school year we have had many prayerful liturgies. A lot has happened since our opening year masses held in St. Patrick's Church back in September. These masses welcomed back our staff and students for another school year. In November we remembered our deceased loved ones and friends. During advent we prepared for the birth of Christ with class prayers.

A whole school liturgy was celebrated for the feast of St. Kieran in St. Mary's Cathedral on St. Kieran's Day. Lenten preparations consisted of reflections and prayer for all classes and we are currently preparing for our Leaving Cert Graduation Mass and the end of year mass due to be held at the end of May.



Cairdeas

Back Row L-R: Anthony Forristat, Fergal Brennan, Brian Cantwell, Anthony Corr-Larkin, Robert Hayes, Miodrag Ignajotavic.
Front Row I-R: Tim Brennan, Jack Bruton, Peter Walsh, Fergal Lalor, Richard Fitzgerald, Joe Ryan, Adam Cummins.

Cairdeas

Twelve of our Fifth Year students took part in the Cairdeas programme this year. This programme has been set up in the school to help First Years to settle into their new school environment. The Cairdeas team agreed at the beginning of the year to help initiate our First Years.

Each Fifth Year was assigned a group of students to look after. They met each of their students at the beginning of the year and following on from this throughout the year. The beginning of secondary school can be difficult

for First Years with so many new subjects and new faces to get used to. The Cairdeas team aim to help First Years with any concerns they may have at this challenging time and indeed, throughout the year the Cairdeas team have been present in the school to assist with the needs of their assigned First Year group if necessary.

This programme will be continued in September with the new group of first years. Our thanks to the Cairdeas team for volunteering to help with this programme this year. We hope that next year is as successful.

A Thought to Ponder:

Be Grateful

It's not how much you have that counts
But how much you enjoy what you have.

So, count your blessings and celebrate

What's important

To you!!!

A Prayer for those Doing Examinations.

Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding

Give me a sharp sense of understanding

A retentive memory

And the ability to grasp things correctly.

Most of all help me

To work as if everything depended on me

To pray as if everything depended on you.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Amen.

Secondary School Experience

Alan Hayes (First Year)

Throughout my first year in St. Kieran's College I've experienced a lot most of which was positive.



Looking back, I was feeling nervous and very excited about what was going to happen on my first day. I got up early and put on my new uniform, I felt great and grown up. I went off to school for 9am not realising that I did not have to be there until half one.

My first two weeks were difficult as I was finding it hard to get used to the new timetable, the new teachers and the huge amount of homework that I was getting. Once I got into a routine I was able to enjoy school more and partake in the trials and many activities going on in the school.

The highlight for me of my first year in St. Kieran's College was definitely St. Kieran's Day as the school choir were singing for the mass, which was nerve wracking for me as I had a solo, and a huge number of activities were organised for the rest of the day. Firstly I went to Scanlon Park and took part in a five a side soccer tournament, which was very enjoyable, then I walked back to school with my friends to take part in other activities such as playing the X-Box.

Overall my First Year in St. Kieran's was very enjoyable and I hope that throughout the next few years my time in the school will be as enjoyable.

TY Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick

On Thursday the 13th May 2010, a bus of Transition Year students went to Croagh Patrick in Co. Mayo on the yearly retreat. The day was to be a change from normal school life; also the day was to be a challenge in climbing this famous landmark. On Thursday morning, we had to gather at the gates of the college at 5.15a.m., an early start to say the least. For the next two and a half hours we travelled up through Durrow and Portlaoise, by this stage hunger had kicked in and everybody was wondering when we would be stopping for a much anticipated breakfast, we stopped in a petrol station and everybody got the food which was badly needed!!!

From that point on, it was still roughly two hours to get to the base of Croagh Patrick. At 10-50 a.m. we arrived at our destination, after a quick change of clothes and a safety talk from Mr. O'Keefe, we were finally ready to ascend Croagh Patrick. Father Sean told us what a pilgrimage was about, he explained a bit about Croagh Patrick and advised us to say a little prayer at the summit.

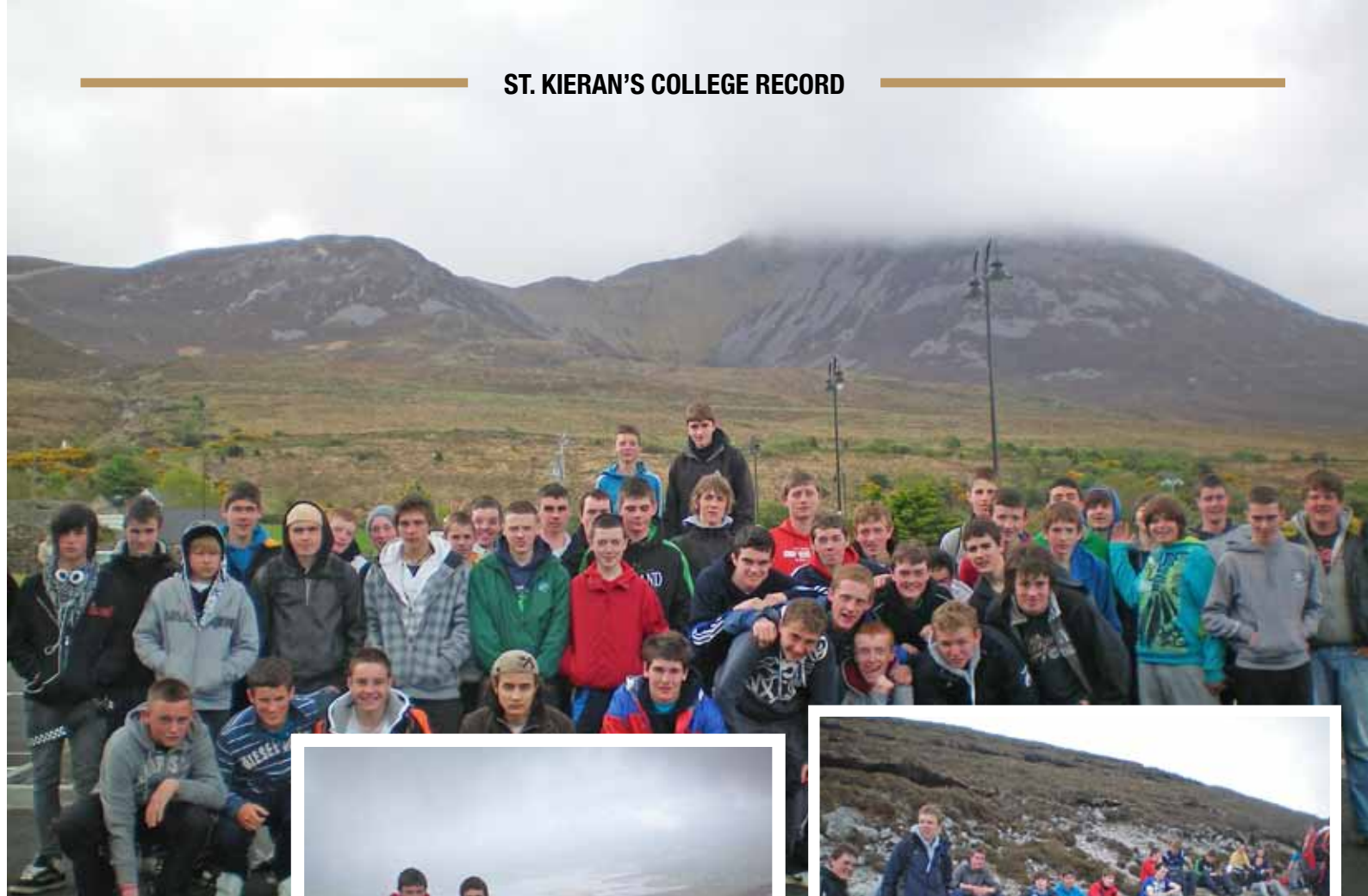
From the start of the climb everybody was in one big group but as the climb became more difficult the group began to stretch apart, (with Mr. Archibold leading the way!!) Every so often we stopped for a water break and a badly needed rest! Roughly one hour and three quarters later most of the Transition Year students had reached the summit, as advised we said a quiet prayer and took in the amazing views of the surrounding scenery.

The descent proved to be more challenging than the ascent, we were warned to be careful to take our time as many people have broken bones going up and down this famous site. Upon reaching the base again, but now with sore heels, thighs, hamstrings and calf's, we took a group picture with Croagh Patrick in the background.

The bus journey home seemed to take just as long as the way up, but now everybody had aching joints from the hips down. In Athlone we stopped for food, where we had the choice of a MacDonald's, Subway, Dominos and Centra. With our stomachs filled again, we were happy and content. We returned to a showery Kilkenny, shortly after 8.30p.m.

We would like to thank all the teachers who accompanied us on the day out (Mr. Maher, Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Archibold and Father Sean O'Connor) Overall every student enjoyed the different experience and the day will sure live long into our memories.





Happy St. Kieran's Day



The highlight of the St. Kieran's College calendar has got to be the celebration of St. Kieran's Day on the 5th of March. This year was no exception as the day got off to a beautiful start with bright sunshine and blue skies. To begin proceedings the whole college community, including students, teachers, retired teachers and Board of management members, were invited to celebrate mass in St. Mary's Cathedral. It was a wonderful celebration highlighting the meaning of the tradition. The congregation was treated to some beautiful music provided by the Loreto/St. Kieran's

College senior choir, who had on the previous night, won the choral competition at the Kilkenny Music Festival.

On this special day no student has to go to class but is encouraged to participate in activities organised by the staff. These included quad-biking, paint-balling, soccer, golf, movies, poker, music, kayaking, bowling, computer games and many more. The excitement was tangible and everyone enjoyed the social interaction of the occasion. It was a great and memorable day which we will continue to celebrate with pride into the future.



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WIT Awards 2009



At a ceremony in Waterford I.T. a number of St.Kieran's College students were honoured for their achievement in gaining an A grade in their Junior Cert. Business Studies exam.

(Back Row) Mr. Paul Fitzgerald (teacher), Eoghan O'Connor, Enda Morrissey, Ciaran Murphy, Michael Freeman, Conor Holligan, Mr. Niall Connolly (teacher), W.I.T. Lecturer. (Front Row) Paddy Duggan, David Hennessy, Thomas Hearne, Kevin Butler, Aravind Menon.



JP McManus Scholarship

Conor O'Quigley, winner of the JP McManus Scholarship 2009, receiving his award from Mr. JP McManus and Mr. Batt O'Keeffe (Minister for Education) also in the picture is Mr. John Quane, Guidance Counsellor St. Kieran's College.

DECKING THE HALLS

The St. Kieran's College Student Council busy getting into festive mood decorating the glass hall of the College. The Christmas tree lights were turned on to mark the beginning of the Season of goodwill and to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas. A Carol Service in St.Patrick's church brought the academic term to a fitting end.



Student Council

Aravind Menon (TY)



Since 2007 there has been a student council in the school. This year's student council was set up in November and each class had a representative on the council. The aim of the student council is to represent the student body of St. Kieran's College and carry out the mandate that the students give us.

We achieved many things that we set out to do, from gaining permission to go to matches to a no-uniform day for Haiti. Overall it has been a good year for the student council and we hope that next years student council continue our work in making the school a better place.

Chess in St. Kieran's

Aravind Menon (TY)

Chess is a growing game in St. Kieran's College. After winning the schools All Ireland last year a lot more interest was shown in the game this year. The year started off with Transition Year chess organised in the school by Mr. O'Neill and Aravind Menon. There were a couple of schools competing in the competition and it was eventually won by Aidan Byrne. In second and third place were Miodrag Ignatovic and Richard Fitzgerald respectively.

After that, a Kilkenny Schools Chess Championship was organised here by Aravind Menon with the help of Mr. O'Neill and some other students. It was a primary school and secondary school event. The secondary schools event was won by St. Kieran's College on 17/20 points. The St. Kieran's College team was Donovan Ashcroft, Aidan Byrne Miodrag Ignatovic and Richard Fitzgerald.

We then progressed to the All-Irelands School Championship. We finished third although we were just half a point away from first place. The team was Aravind Menon (captain), Michael Tierney, Donovan Ashcroft and Aidan Byrne. Aravind Menon also came second in the individual section.

Overall it has been a good year for chess in St. Kieran's College with us coming first in Kilkenny and third in Ireland.



Back Row L. To R.: Michael Lanigan, Macie szeliga, Miodrag Ignatovic, Richard Fitzgerald, Sean Lennon, Ultan Moran
Front Row L. To R.: Aidan Byrne, Bill Molloy, Donovan Ashcroft, Gradimir Ignatovic, Aravind Menon, Michael Tierney



Back Row: Richard Fitzgerald
Front Row Miodrag Ignatovic, Gradimir Ignatovic and Maciej



Front Row L. to R. Bill Molloy, Sean Lennon and Ultan Moran. Back Michael Lanigan



Front Row L-R Aidan Byrne, Michael Tierney Back Row L-R Aravind Menon, Donovan Ashcroft

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The All-Ireland Chess Championship took place on the weekend of the 9th to 11th of April in Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis, Co.

Clare. The tournament was excellently organised and more than 200 students came to fight for the titles in the 5 age categories. The u16 competition was won by St. Kieran's College student Aravind Menon. Aravind went on a rampage in his first 4 games winning them

all and after the first two days he was sitting comfortably on a score of 4/4, a clear one point in the lead.

He went on to take two safe draws on Sunday in his next two games winning the u16 section quite easily with a score of 5/6. This

is the third time Aravind has achieved an All-Ireland title having won the u10 and u12 competitions and he also came joint first in the

u14. Aravind has also won the All-Ireland

Schools competition captaining his team in both St. Patrick's De La Salle and St. Kieran's College.



Aravind All Ireland U16 Chess Champion



French Exchange Trip

This year St. Kieran's College undertook an exchange project with Lycée de la Coitière, Lyon. Eighteen Kieran's students and twenty-four students from Lycée de la Coitière took part. The first half of the project involved writing to our paired correspondents via e-mail, getting to know them and practising writing through French. From this we learned about their families, interests and school. We received a visit from the teachers of their school, and learned more about how their school was run. The dates were finalised for the actual exchange, the Irish visiting France in May, and the French coming to Ireland in October.

On the 3rd May, at 8:00a.m on a bank holiday Monday, we boarded the Dublin Airport bound bus, stomachs empty and wallets full. We arrived in Lyon airport at half three French time, where we were greeted by our corresponding families. On the first night, we travelled to our pen pals houses and settled in. It was quite a shock to learn that we were expected to rise at 06:30a.m. each morning!

We were greeted by the principal at the breakfast table in school the following morning. We soon discovered that their school was quite an incredible place – four storeys of modern classrooms, fully equipped science labs with connected TV's, a massive canteen and sports facilities to suit everybody's needs! After attending

morning classes, we boarded a bus to Lyon and visited some historic houses, including two famous and beautiful Churches, and some ancient passages that linked two streets, which were built and used during war. We also experienced the French metro, an impressive and efficient system.

The next day, we rose and headed for the centre of Lyon once more, this time accompanied by our correspondents. We visited the Olympique Lyonnais football stadium and official store. Next we moved on to two museums, one indoor and one outdoor. The outdoor museum consisted of several walls, beautifully decorated to depict how the people of the time wanted the city of Lyon to look. The other was a cinema museum, where we learned how the first films were made, and how filming developed throughout the years. Then we were let loose into the mall to do some shopping and to eat. Later, we played a laser game, which was similar to paintball, but a better laugh and less painful! The Lyon football team had a match that night and some of the students were lucky enough to get front row seats for it! Tired after an exhausting and rainy day, we set our alarms and hit the hay.

Day Four was a Thursday, and we headed to a vineyard, which was an interesting few hours, filled with 3D Movies and animated puppets. We learned about the different vintages of wine and what parts they came from. That afternoon, we went hill walking and caught some great views. We received the news that the Iceland volcano had exploded again and that we might be stuck

in France a few extra days .

We attended classes again the following morning, breaking at twelve for a two-hour lunch, to be followed by an afternoon of sports. This was a really enjoyable afternoon and a highlight of the trip. We learned how to play the French game of Petanqué, otherwise known as boules. We also played table tennis and Olympique Handball, and then finished up with a France VS Ireland game of dodgeball, which of course the Irish won, twice – revenge for Henry! Then the weekend was ours, with our families having organised activities for us. These included tennis, bowling, swimming, and a GT Auto Car Showroom. One of the correspondents's hosted a party that night, which was a great chance to socialise and meet with the other correspondents.

On Monday we arose and caught the school bus one final time. We learned that morning that our flight wasn't going to be delayed after all and was running to schedule. We were given access to the computer room and here we completed some worksheets on the places we visited throughout the week and how we enjoyed the week. Then, after a final kick-around and chat in the sports field, we received a French escort to the bus and a Guard of Honour exit! We touched down in Dublin airport at half five Irish time and headed for home. It was an absolutely brilliant week and I think most of us were sad to leave. A huge thanks to Mr. O' Connor and Mrs. Norton for organising the trip and we look forward to the French return trip to St. Kieran's in October!

Eoghan O' Connor (TY)

French Trip to Nice October 2009

On Friday 24th October, ten students and two teachers, Ms. Norton and Mr. O'Connor, departed for Dublin airport on the first leg of our trip to Nice. Our first flight, to Zurich airport left at seven a.m. before arriving in Zurich an hour and a half later. We had a two and a half hour stopover, most of which was spent talking to the girl at the history of Lindt chocolate stand.

On arriving in Nice, we were met by our host families, who were part of the language institutes organisation. They took us to our accommodation in the centre of the city where we stayed in pairs. Our first meal with the family was quite awkward as we had little French and they had no English. However this soon changed during the week and we were soon able to converse freely with our hosts.

On Saturday morning, we met at the train station for the first of several train journeys, this time to Monte Carlo in Monaco, just twenty minutes away from Nice. Our guide, Jean Sebastien, began by telling us a lot about Monaco and its history. We witnessed the changing of the guard outside the palace of Monaco., which was amazing. We then went to the famous Oceanographic Museum, and were stunned by its spectacular aquarium. We later saw the famous Monte Carlo Casino, and the flash cars outside it, Masserati, Aston Martins and Bugattis before returning to Nice to eat with our families.

Sunday was spent in Nice . All the shops were closed some of us decided to go to the beach and make the best of the warm weather. The sea was warm and we swam for quite a while.

We later returned to our apartment and spent the evening playing cards, as our French didn't quite extend

to understanding French television.

Lessons started on Monday morning at the Alpha.B language institute. We had previously taken a test to determine our ability and we were placed in classes according to the results. The classes were quite difficult, but we improved quickly and soon were able to understand and speak the language better. On Monday afternoon we went on a tour of the "vielle ville" or old town of Nice with Jean Seb. We walked through the narrow streets and ate crepes and ice cream before climbing a hill to get an amazing view of Nice. That evening we went swimming again, and returned to our apartment after dark.

On Tuesday afternoon we went to Antibes, just a short train journey from Nice. We saw the marina, which is the largest in Europe, with its amazing millionaire-owned boats, looked through the tiny shops, ate crepes with nutella and went swimming at the beach. On Tuesday evening in Nice, we went to the old town to see Nice by night and see the traditional bars and restaurants of Nice.

We went to Cannes by train on Wednesday, and saw the handprints of famous actors and actresses in Cannes, people such as Anthony Quinn, Sharon Stone, Jean-Claude Van Damme and Clint Eastwood and went to the sandy beach, which was the best beach by far. We ate even more crepes and went to the cinema in Cannes. We then ate some traditional French cuisine, (McDonalds!) before returning to Nice by TGV.

On our final afternoon in Nice, we



had time for shopping before going bowling with Jean Seb and the teachers. The shopping time was spent on the beach as the weather was too good to waste. We ate our last meal with the family and slept early as we had to get up at five o'clock in the morning. We arrived in Dublin late that morning, back from the beautiful sunny weather of Nice to the drizzle of home but with wonderful memories of an unforgettable experience that will stay with us forever.

Eoghan Cooney.

Rome Trip 2009

Jack McGrath and William Murphy (TY)

Every year St. Kieran's College go on a Transition Year school trip to Rome. This year 34 students and five teachers left for Rome on 23rd of October. We landed in Rome around seven that evening and we sorted out our rooms and who we would be sharing with for five days. That evening we ate in the Termini Station.

Waking up at 7 the next morning was hard to get used to but what was even worse was the cereal and bread for breakfast!! Obviously they never had a traditional Irish Fry! After the early start we made our way to the Colosseum and that more than made up for it. Getting a tour guide to show us around the Colosseum and the Forum was great. Visiting the ruins was like looking back in my history book but it was alot better learning about it firsthand. We also enjoyed bargaining with the vendors

around the tourist areas. In the afternoon we went to the Circus Maximus and played a game of soccer. That evening was spent hanging out at the Spanish Steps and we had the freedom to go and get dinner in a nice pizzeria and wander around the streets .

The next day we went to the Vatican and although we didn't get to see the Pope it was still amazing. What was most interesting was the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo. After five minutes of staring up at it our necks were in bits. No pictures were allowed so we tried to take photos with our phones but most of us were still caught! That night we ate our dinner in the Hard Rock Cafe.

The following morning we had to get up at 6 am for our journey to Pompeii. With students and teachers falling

asleep by the minute we finally made it. That day was the hottest of the week reaching the mid- twenties. Pompeii is an ancient town which was preserved when it was covered by a volcano eruption in AD 79. We got to see their houses, temples, shops, streets and theatres.

We made our way back to Rome and visited the Irish College in Rome where Mr. Harris, a former teacher of St. Kierans, is training to become a priest. We watched a DVD in the theatre room called the Pineapple Express, and all the lads thought it was brilliant. That night the teachers made us walk home instead of getting the metro and they did this all week so we would be tired when we got back to the hotel!

On Thursday we started a very relaxing day with a visit to the catacombs. Then we went to

the beach where we played a game of soccer- shirts vs. skins!! Of course the skins won the match but we were saving our energy for ice- skating later that evening. Two of the teachers were very good at ice- skating! But the male teachers stayed in the stands 'in case they got injured!'.

We spent the final day in Rome shopping for presents and met up at the Spanish Steps to make our way to the airport. There was no hassle in the airport with luggage or passports and we caught the plane back to Dublin airport and the bus back to Kieran's to be met by our parents. We all wanted to go straight to bed. We enjoyed the trip immensely and would like to thank all the teachers and parents who made this trip happen.



Rome Trip 2009



CSI Trip *by Eoghan O' Connor (Ty)*

On 3rd December 2009, thirty Fourth Year science students boarded the bus to Dublin to partake in a CSI Exhibition. We arrived at eleven o' clock and made our way to the scene. We were given case numbers and details of the crimes to be solved. Our task was to analyse the mock crime scene, examine the results of tests and try to work out who had committed the crime. These tests included bite marks on victims, particles of substances found near dead bodies, and weapon marks. Each individual formed a list of suspects, and tried to work out who ticked all the boxes. When we believed we had solved the crime, we entered our answers into the computers and received feedback on our work. Most of us solved our crimes correctly and received certificates of merit for our work. It was a very enjoyable day and it was very interesting to see how police detectives and scientists work to bring down criminals. It was fascinating to see how every minute detail was examined and tested to trace back to the culprit. Overall it was a very enjoyable day and many thanks to Ms. Boland and Mr. Darmody!





TRIP TO KILDALTON

Anthony Ryan (5thYear)

This year Mr. Darmody's Agricultural Science class went to Kildalton College for an open day in March. Kildalton College is a Teagasc training college situated in Piltown; it offers a range of courses from Equine Science to Dairy, Beef and Horticulture. The students who attend courses there get to work on the farm which has many enterprises.

When we arrived we were brought on a tour of the farm, to show us the different enterprises you could have on a farm. At the beginning of the tour we went to see the Dairy Enterprise, we toured the milking parlour while the cows were being milked, they also showed us how they were cross breeding dairy breeds to see if they can produce the best all round milking breed.

Next we saw the Suckler Beef Enterprise, where we saw the different grades of animals and were told how to recognise them. The Sheep Enterprise was interesting as there were ewes lambing that day. They explained the procedures you need to follow if you want to rear healthy sheep. Last but not least we went to the Tillage Enterprise where we were shown the correct stages of growing, tending and harvesting the wheat and barley crop.

Overall, it was a most enjoyable and educational day. Our thanks go to Mr. Darmody and Ms. Meany for organising the trip for us.



Geography Trip

The Sixth Year Geography class on their field trip to Mahon Falls in the Comeragh Mountains Co. Waterford.



History trip

Alex Milchev (First Year)

The day started with us waiting for the buses to Ferrycarrig Heritage Park in Wexford. All four classes went on the trip and we were divided onto 2 big buses and 1 small bus. The teachers that went with us were Ms. Brennan, Ms. Keyes, Mr. Finan, Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Smith. We were travelling for around an hour and a half as we left at 9 am on the dot. We arrived around 10.30 and had our small snacks right when we got off the bus. We began our tour with a small introductory video telling us about what Ferrycarrig was about. Immediately after the video was over our tour guide came in with a funny Stone Age outfit. He took us out for a walk in the heritage park to introduce us to how crannogs, cist graves, wedge tombs etc were built and used by Stone Age people. We even had Mark Doyle demonstrating how the bodies of dead people were placed in their special graves. It was great fun throughout the whole day. We ran through a tunnel that was leading to the Viking ship. At the end of the day we went to the shop to buy sweets and chocolate bars. We went back to the bus as it was time to go to the Horse and Hound for our lunch. We arrived back at St. Kieran's at 3.30 and because our last class had already started we were allowed to go home. It was a fun filled day but we also learnt some new facts on Ancient Ireland.

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir of St. Kieran's College have had a very successful year this year. It started with a performance of 'Good Night Sweetheart' with the Loreto Choir to mark the recording of a CD for the Loreto Convent, Kilkenny. This performance went so well that their momentum gathered as the year progressed, culminating in winning two awards and being highly commended in the Kilkenny Music Festival 2010. The 'Highly Commended' was given to St. Kieran's College first entry on their own into this competition with a performance of Queens 'Bohemian Rhapsody' which was commented on by the adjudicator as being a brave choice for their first entry into the competition and that they captured all styles of the piece brilliantly. The first of the awards was then given to the joint Loreto/ St. Kieran's College Senior Choir which they won for their performance of 'The Bare Necessities' from The Jungle Book. This choir also performed Ave Maria in the competition which was hosted by St. Kieran's College. Having won the Ann P. Smithwick Perpetual Cup, the joint choir were then put forward for an extra award of Overall Best Choir of the Competition which they won after a final performance of 'The Bare Necessities' in the Set Theatre, Langtons. The joint choir then went on to learn more songs to sing at our annual St. Kieran's Day Mass. They were invited to perform in the St. Kieran's College Chapel for a concert with the Pittsburgh University Choir. They 16 students excelled themselves with their rendition of 'You Raise Me Up'. Their final performance of the year to date was when they were honoured by being invited, with the Loreto Choir, to once again sing at the mass for the National Conference for Principals of Catholic Schools which was held in Lyrath Estate Hotel. The Senior Choir have gone from strength to strength and are setting their hopes of achievements higher for next year. If you can sing and are in 4th, 5th and 6th Year then consider joining the Senior Choir. Names can be given to Mrs O'Connor at the start of each school year.

First Year Choir

This is the first year in St. Kieran's College where we have had a dedicated choir for First Year students. This arose out of the amount of First Years who expressed an interest to join the school choir. With over 20 students involved, we decided to enter them on their own into the Kilkenny Music Festival 2010. The students performed their piece 'Bring Him Home' from Les Miserables very well, displaying a maturity in breathing that is hard to get at such a young age. The future looks bright for this strong group of singers.

Full School Choir

This is open to all students from First Year through to Sixth Year and has a membership of over 45 students. The '09/10 choir had its first performance in the Town Hall, Kilkenny, singing Christmas carols in aid of the Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team. The choir also performed at the concert in St. Kieran's College Chapel with the Pittsburgh University Choir. They performed 'The Deer's Cry' by Shaun Davey with Alan Hayes (First Year) singing the solo part. Their performance was commented on as 'making the hairs stand up on the back of your neck'! Keep up the good work boys. This year all members of the choirs took a trip, as a reward for their hard work, playing Quasar and Bowling in Dublin on Monday 17th May.

Jazz Band

Eamonn Cahill returned again this year to the school for Wind and Jazz lessons. The lessons are offered in Saxophone, Clarinet, Trumpet and Trombone. Every few weeks, all students involved in the lessons join together to form the school Jazz band, which this year performed 'Don't Stop Believing' and 'Feeling Good' to a packed Watergate audience. They will also play in this year's awards night on June 2nd in the Watergate Theatre.



Pittsburgh State University Choir



Music Festival Success for St.Kieran's College

St. Kieran's College students performed remarkably well at the 12th Annual Music Festival last weekend. Chris Casey, Sixth Year, won the boys' vocal solo competition, 'Teresa Ann Murphy Cup'. Other competitors here included Ryan Bolger and Alexander Rafter. In the Senior Open Saxophone section Gerry Walsh, Fifth Year, came 2nd. Other brass competitors were Stephen Farrell and Conor Lowe who came 3rd in the Junior Open Saxophone. The following students also participated; Andrew Tierney (piano u16 and clarinet u16), John Rice (clarinet u16) and James Rice and Bill Molloy in the O'Reilly Cup Senior Piano competition.

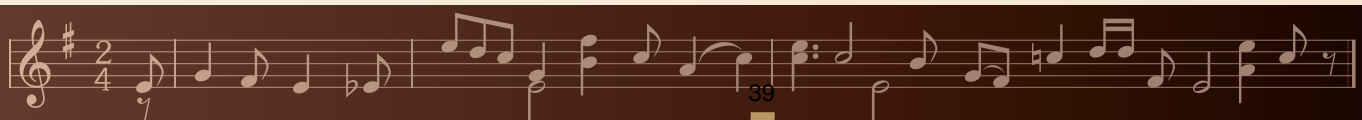


In the Choral competitions there was more success with Loreto/St. Kieran's College winning 1st prize in the Senior Sacred Music competition. In the Ann P. Smithwick Cup, St. Kieran's College senior choir were very highly commended. Well done to all involved.

Christmas time in St. Kieran's College

Carol Singing

On Friday 11th of December St. Kieran's College choir took off for their annual singing outing. They spent the morning in the town hall and the afternoon in McDonagh Junction. This year a total of €374 was raised for the Carlow-Kilkenny Homecare team. A big thanks to Supermacs who sponsored the choir and gave each member a lunch voucher. Well done to all involved!



St. Kieran's College Choir Choral Concert, Tuesday 16th March 2010



PYROTECHNIX



PYROTECHNIX first lined up together as a band preparing for our Junior Cert. practical exam with Aidan Byrne as vocalist, Kevin McGrath on guitar, Brian Cantwell on drums, James Rice on piano and James McGrath on bass. It was Aidan who first sounded the idea of competing in the All-Ireland talent show and after some thought it was

unanimous. We were definitely going for it!

We practised every day and decided to play 'Starlight' by Muse for the first audition which was held in the Ormonde Hotel. After our performance we were told we had got through. The excitement was unreal but we got back to business straightaway, building up to the next audition. As our first song we again chose 'Starlight' and our second song was 'Feeling Good' by Nina Simone.

Griffith College was the location for the auditions this time. We travelled up the night before and stayed in the Burlington Hotel who were kind enough to let us use their night club for practise, and so the moment arrived. We performed before Blaithnaid, the head adjudicator, Cormac Battle and Pat Nolan all of who had positive comments. We then had to wait before they announced that we had made it through again.

The first live heat was on January 17th live from the Helix in Dublin. We were up against some tough competition but over the three days we became friends. When the day of the show arrived we were all nervous and excited. We were the 4th act on stage, when we arrived on stage we were overcome by the screaming crowd, bright lights and the cameras. It was our best performance and when we finished playing the crowd erupted. We got down to the last two but unfortunately our journey was to end there. The All Ireland Talent show changed us as a band, it gave us great friends and better and bigger dreams.

We would like to give a special thank you to our parents who travelled the country with us, lugging our equipment, without them we wouldn't have been able to participate in the first place. We also want to mention Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Curtis and the staff in St. Kieran's for all their support.



**1st Year Choir
With Junior Choir
Members**



Senior Choir with Loreto



HEMOCARE

Members of the St. Kieran's College Choir who raised a total of €1,400 for the Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team earlier this year singing in the Town Hall and McDonagh Junction. They are pictured presenting the cheque to Mr. Ian Wilson of the Home Care Team.





TRANSITION YEAR

The Transition Year experience in St. Kieran's College is a hectic one with many different opportunities afforded the students throughout the year.

All students complete the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence). This includes modules in Microsoft word, excel, PowerPoint and access as well as a basic introduction to hardware and software. It gives students a chance to develop their research and presentation skills which are invaluable for leaving cert and third level.

There are trips both to Italy and France and next year, for the first time, to Poland. The trip to France this year involved an exchange with a school in Nice where our students attended class during the morning and went on cultural trips in the afternoon. The trip to Rome focuses more on historical and archaeological adventures. It also includes for our soccer mad students a trip to a Serie A game. There are also opportunities to get involved in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as assistants to the invalids.

The pupils raise money and awareness for a variety of local charities: these include Grow, Irish Wheelchair Association, Enable Ireland, Irish Heart Foundation and St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. They participate in the Gaisce President's Awards. These are awards given to young people who learn new skills, help in their community and develop physical talents as well as taking part in team building events. The skills include chess and bridge and other intellectual pursuits. Helping in the community can range from working on environmental issues to working in nursing and care homes. Developing physical talents could be learning to swim, playing tennis or exploring any other talent they haven't used before.

In school itself they take modules in water safety, cookery, technology and fitness. This involves trips to the Watershed, Ormonde College, constructing models etc. The students learn how the body works and how to take care of it while improving fitness levels.

The pupils prepare and present projects in all of their academic subjects including Irish, English, Maths, Social Studies, World of Science, Religion and Business. They become involved in the Student Council thus contributing to the development of the school for both themselves and the younger students.

There are many different types of activities such as hill walking, surfing, paint ball and sporting challenges that take place at intervals during the year. Each year there are a variety of guest speakers who come to talk to our students about topical issues and themes relevant to the age profile of our students.

Our Transition Years help in many different areas of school life, from acting as cameramen for matches, coaches and officials for the younger teams, helping out at Parent/Teacher meetings and working to improve the physical environment of the school campus.

This is also the year for students to first become involved in Concern debates and quizzes. They learn how to make a speech, to research a topic, to define a motion, to engage in refutation, to chair a debate, to host visiting schools. It is one of the highlights of the year for the students involved.

For those students who are interested theatre studies is one of the optional subjects in this very different year. The group this year are studying *Twelve Angry Men* with a view to producing it on stage at the end of the year. They are also involved in our student awards night in May which has many of the aspects of a professional stage show.

Some of the students take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards which involves a series of competitive interviews. Other students train with the GAA to become referees and coaches while different groups work with the FAI, again to gain coaching accreditation.

Some students decide to focus their energies on events and pursuits outside of school. This could be involvement with sporting teams, becoming involved in bands, drama groups and travel. This year for example some of our Transition Year students became involved in the All Ireland Talent Show. The band Pyrotechnix consisted of five St. Kieran's College students. They loved the freedom they were able to have to concentrate on this dream. Some other of our students will be involved in the Kilkenny Musical Society production of OLIVER over the Easter break. Starlight productions, who are

presenting Jesus Christ Superstar in the Set, will also have some of our students on stage. It is also the first time for many of our students to represent St. Kieran's College in the Senior Hurling Championship. They are very proud to have reached the All Ireland Colleges final this year. For many it is a testament to their commitment and the extra time they were able to give.

We find that every year is different and that the focus changes depending on the students involved. A few years ago one of our students pioneered the idea of a music competition for secondary schools in Kilkenny. This year we will be hosting a primary school chess tournament for all Kilkenny primary schools. It is a very busy year where the investment of time, energy and enthusiasm by our students is amply repaid with experiences that hopefully last a lifetime.



Editor's Article

This year we undertook a new initiative in Transition Year to encourage interested students to get involved in compiling their own section for the school record. The following is the work collected and written up by Eoghan O'Connor.

Rotary Youth Leadership Interviews

Rotary is an organisation dedicated to helping people throughout the world. They run several youth development programmes, to encourage self-development and motivation in young people. One of these is the Youth Leadership Programme. Twenty students are chosen from each school in each county. The nominees fill out an application form and seven to ten of these are then put forward by the school for local interviews. The nominees from St. Kieran's were:

- Aravind Mennion
- Eoghan O' Connor
- Anthony Forristal
- Jake Casey
- Fergal Lalor
- Conor Holligan
- Diarmuid Cody
- Donncha Foley

Each of us was interviewed for roughly fifteen minutes, during which we were asked questions like "Where do you see yourself in ten years time?", and "Who are your role models in life?". Each nominee was then called back to get feedback on how we performed in the interview, and finally one student (Anthony Forristal) was selected to go forward to the county stage.

Unfortunately St. Kieran's didn't make it to the national finals, but the interviews were a great experience. It was the first time any of us had been interviewed, and it gave us a feel for what it's like. Obviously interviews are an essential thing to get right when applying for a job, and it was good to get an experience of the environment and formidability of an interview.





Samba Drumming

In early February, we were introduced to a new skill – Samba Drumming! Given two hours on a Monday morning, we were to learn the different types of drums, get our rhythms going, put them together, make our own song, and put on a show at the end of the two hours! A challenging task which turned out to be quite manageable and great fun. Our instructor was friendly and very funny, and quickly taught us the different types of drums – the snare drum, tanta, tambourine, bass drums, chocalho, and the reco-reco. Each of us was assigned one instrument, and each instruments' player was taught their beat. Then we were given the harder task of trying to put the six or seven different instruments together. After a lot of frustrating failed attempts, we finally got the hang of it and put together a decent sounding verse and chorus, accompanied by some singing, and mainly random shouting. Then we were split into groups of seven, and told to put together our own version of a famous song, e.g. Ireland's Call, The Darts Song etc. Then each group put on their performance for the group (and also Mr. Finan and the video recorder!). A morning to remember and certainly a skill worth learning!

Trip to Liffey Valley

A few days before the Christmas holidays, the fourth years boarded buses and headed to Liffey Valley for some Christmas shopping. The atmosphere on the bus was great with everybody on holiday high, and we were already exhausted by the time we got to Dublin! At around half eleven, we were let loose into the shopping centre and went our separate ways. Some students took advantage of the day to go ice-skating in the centre, a painful yet very enjoyable experience. Others took to the 17-screen cinema to catch the latest movies in 3D, and the majority of us headed straight for McDonalds, the star attraction of the place! After that, we wandered around the centre buying presents for the family, and of course ourselves. Jerseys, posters, iPods, watches, shoes, there was no end of things to buy. Our bags considerably heavier by two o' clock, we filled the buses again and made our way back to Kilkenny. A well worth trip and an easy Christmas – 5 stars!



Wednesday Afternoon Activities

This year, Fourth Years in St. Kieran's benefited from certain activities which took place on Wednesday afternoons in and around the college. The year was split into five groups, and we swapped activities in blocks of six weeks.

Cooking (in the Pobail Scoil with Ms. O'Brien) - to give students a taste of kitchen work and see if Home Economics was a possible Leaving Cert, Subject for them. This was a very enjoyable experience and was a lot easier then we first thought. We were taught how to make things like fairy cakes, chocolate cake, and pizza. A favourite of many, it was a tasteful six weeks.

Chess – to learn a new skill, and a game which is played all around the world. A real brain scrambler, which produced some surprisingly good players. St. Kierans last year won the All Ireland Chess Competition, and we benefited from the presence of some superb players.

Swimming – this took place in the newly formed Watershed, in Scanlon Park. A chance to learn how to swim for those of us who were unable, and a chance to improve for those of us who could. An excellent facility and a great way to spend an afternoon – thumbs up!

Technology – to learn how to work with your hands and build things such as mobile phone holders and bird houses. For those of us who hadn't taken it on as a choice subject for Junior Cert, it was a chance to see if we had the flare for it..or didn't! We were also introduced to the computer programme SolidWorks, on which we made objects like SteamRollers and a bar of chocolate. This was a hard yet fun class.

Gym – This took place in the sports hall in Kieran's. Here we learned about the different muscles in the body and received instruction on how to improve strength and cardiovascular fitness. This was a very worthwhile six weeks, and those who were interested in sport benefited a lot from this.



Road Safety

On Thursday, 1st October, the Fourth Years made their way down to the Watergate Theatre to partake in a Road Safety conference. Also present were the Fourth Years from Loreto, Castlecomer, and Grennan schools. The presenter of the awareness programme was Garda Aidan Fitzpatrick.

The main focus of the morning was to impress on us the influence of alcohol and drugs on a driver's judgement and decision-making ability. A lot of video clips were played on two large TV screens. Some of these were real, while some were created to emphasise particular points.

Next we viewed some statistics of road accidents in Ireland:

- **A 100 km/h (60mph) impact is equivalent to dropping from the top of an 11 storey building.**
- Without a seat belt 3 out of 4 people will be killed or seriously injured in a 30-mph head-on crash.
- Statistically 16-25 year olds are 7 times more likely to be involved in a fatal or serious injury collision.

The videos and statistics certainly impressed on us the gruesome truths of our roads. Some of the footage was unpleasant and not for the faint hearted, but it made us realise how easily and how quickly an accident can occur. However, overall the morning was enjoyable – it was presented in a friendly and efficient way and many thanks to garda Aidan Fitzpatrick!

Fourth Year Assessments

At the end of April, each student in Fourth Year had to enter into a formal interview-style assessment with two teachers, and were bombarded with questions on how they aspired in Fourth Year – the different activities they got involved in, what they did outside the school, how they improved themselves throughout the year. We were also required to present the different projects we had completed in various subjects throughout the year, and these were looked through and assessed. The projects were previously graded by teachers in a similar way to college projects – Distinction (70% or more), Credit (40% or more) and Pass (less than 40%). During the interview we also received feedback from our work experience, each of our employers' having filled out a form on their impressions of us as employees. We were asked questions on what we did for the year, and how we developed as individuals. Also on what activities we partook in outside the school, and how we were prepared for Fifth Year now in comparison to twelve months ago. Each interview lasted roughly ten minutes and we then received feedback on how we performed. The interviews were easier than we thought and it was worthwhile to hear the evaluation of how we transpired this year.



Gaisce Trip *by Aravind Menon*



The President's Award or Gaisce is a personal achievement award that was organized by the late President Patrick Hillary during his term in office. The award is open to people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five. People attempting to achieve the award must complete four challenges over the course of a year. The four challenges are community work, physical activity, learning a skill and participating in an adventure.

The Gaisce adventure trip for bronze and silver medalist students left St. Kieran's College at 7.00 am on Friday 23rd April. There were 19 bronze medalists and 6 silver medalists accompanied by teachers; Ms. Galway, Ms. Ring and Ms. O'Connor. We were heading for a wonderful activity centre called Star Outdoors in beautiful Kenmare. The bus journey was entertaining with a lot of bus songs sung on the way with an occasional chanting of the phrase of the weekend "Go on, Pa." We reached Kenmare a little after 11.00 a.m. We dropped the silver medalists off first as they set off to do an 18km walk over the mountains.

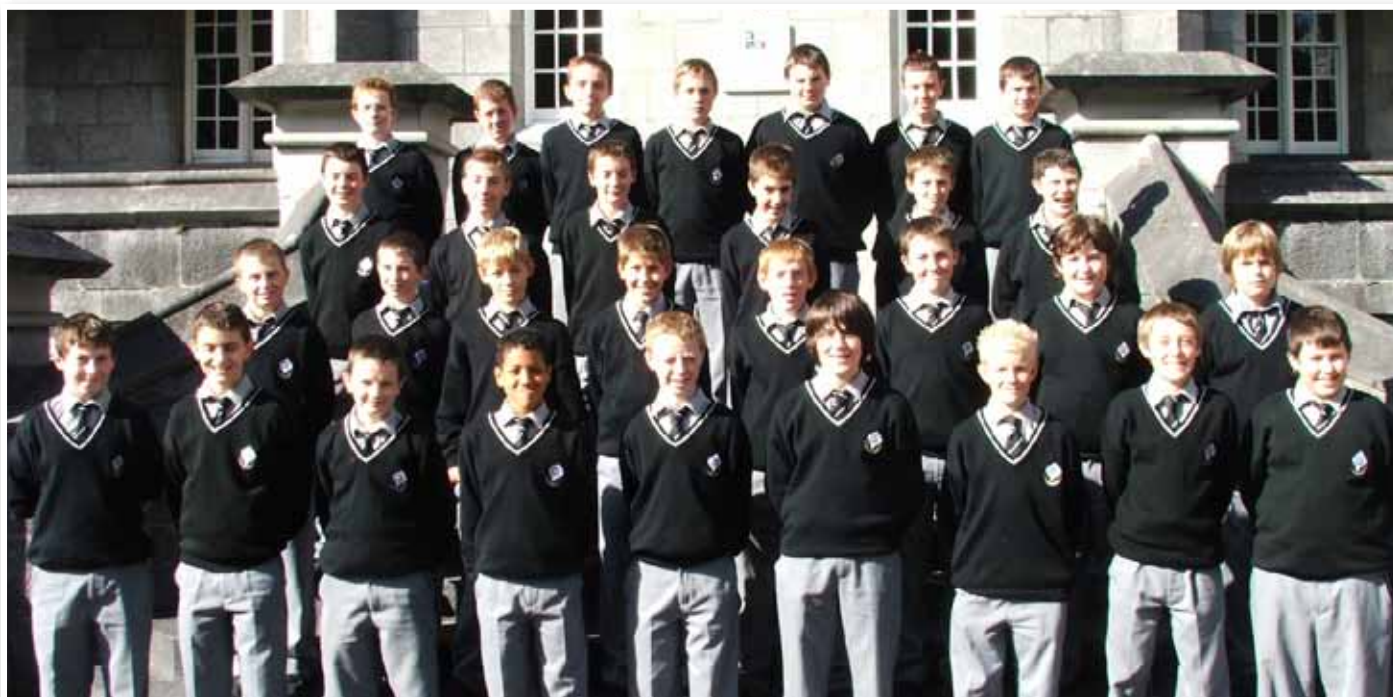
The bronze medalists first activity was orienteering. We were split up into two groups and given a map and we set off to solve a murder mystery. As the map was of a large area a lot of guess work ensued with just one group managing to solve the mystery. After that, the bronze medalists got into their wet-suits and began their first lesson in canoeing and kayaking. For those of you who have never done canoeing or kayaking before, let me tell you, moving in a straight line is easier said than done. However, after a while we all started to get the hang of it even though four kayaks

After we got out of the water we were joined by the silver medalist who were just finished walking their 18km for the day and Mr.Darmody who had driven from Kilkenny after school had finished. We had a buffet dinner on Friday night and then we went into the field behind the activity centre to pitch our tents for camping. Some of us were naive enough to ask the teachers whether our tents would be pitched up already, and we were told to pitch up the teacher's tent as well. After we pitched up our tents, which by the way took longer than you would think, we went into the forest to collect firewood for the campfire. By now it was getting dark and after a half hour game of soccer we went down to the campfire. We were told to wrap up at around 11.30 p.m. as the teachers went into their tents.

On Saturday we all got up early at 8.00 am as we were informed by Ms. Galway that we had to be in the water at 10.00 a.m. We had our breakfast and the silver medalists left for their 20km walk for the day. We then got into our wet-suits and got into the canoes and kayaks to do our 15km. The sea was unusually calm that morning and there were only two or three groups that capsized. We stopped for our lunch of a sandwich and an apple on an island in the middle of the ocean as the people in the canoes switched with the people in the kayaks. We soon realized that the kayaks were faster but much easier to capsize. we finished our kayaking for the day at around 4 pm and joined the exhausted silver medalists at the adventure centre. We were staying in an apartment that day and we got a bus from the

adventure centre to the apartments. We were cooking our dinner that night so we stopped at a shop on the way over. When we arrived at the apartment we quickly ran with the early birds getting the bottom bunk beds and the slow coaches getting the top bunk bed or being stuck on the sofa beds in the sitting room. After we did our cooking, which for some of us just meant microwaving processed food we sat down to watch Britain's got talent. There was an optional mass after that. We all slept early that night as we were just too exhausted for messing. We got up at around 8.00 am on Sunday morning and we got ready for our final day of hardship. We were informed by the teachers that the place had to be left spotless and we quickly organized a rapid clean up. The silver medalists left for their walking again as we got into the canoes and kayaks. We were given a choice by the instructors, whether to take the route which was longer and easier or the route which was shorter and harder? We all foolishly chose the shorter route as we struggled to paddle. The Sea was much rougher on that day with many of us capsizing and at one point we all got stuck in an area of rock and seaweed. We finally all managed to make it back but not together with some groups paddling ahead while other groups fell behind. We were joined by the 5th years again who had walked 15 km that day and we all went into the Adventure centre for our buffet lunch. The bus back home, which left at 3.00 pm, was much quieter and we were all exhausted after a very rewarding weekend.

1ST YEAR CLASS PHOTOS



Front Row: L-R Gavin Costigan, Conor Aylward, Niall Walsh, Donovan Ashcraft, Mark Dowling, Eoin Holligan, Alan Hayes, Harry Bruton, Shane Maher.
2nd Row: L-R Eoin Delaney, Robbie Donnelly, David Mullins, Jack Teehan, Darragh O'Connor, Shane O'Gorman, Jack Kavanagh, Daniel Harty.
3rd Row: L-R Aaron Casey, David Jordan, Jason Byrne, Sean Lynch, Richard Keoghane, Alan Harrison.
Back Row: L-R Greg Aylward, Shane Howe-Tyrell, Liam Costello, Eoin Walsh, Thomas Cuddihy, Declan McCarthy, Billy Hanlon.



Front Row L-R: Daniel Kealy, Shane Keown, Colin Corrway, Conor Browne, Jack Brett, David Shivgulam, Jake McDonald, Rocco Pesce.
2nd Row L-R: Shane Campion, Mark Doyle, Ben Hickey, Dillion Dooley, Conor Fennelly, Niall Brennan, Kevin Brennan.
Back row L-R: Robert O'Flynn, Dylan O'Shea, Jimmy Brennan, Tom O'Keeffe, Neil Grogan, Terry O'Neill, Darren Singh-Hennessy, Alex Milchev.



Front Row L-R: Jonathan Barron, Aaron Healy, Eamon Hennessy, Luke Dowling, Conor Hornibrook, Garry Kehoe, James Lahart, Alex Lawlor, Caolan O' Chleirigh, Cathal Phelan.

2nd Row L-R: Donagh Mahon, Padraic Dunphy, Ben Conroy, Billy Ryan, Marco Perozzi, John O' Meara, Stephen O'Connor, Sean Brennan, Diarmuid O'Brien.

Back Row L-R: Jack Keoghan, Liam Blanchfield, Sean Farrell, Shane O'Carroll, David Shore, Brendan McSorely, Patrick Clifford, Richard Teehan, Sean Comerford, Kevin Mullen, Ronan Tynan

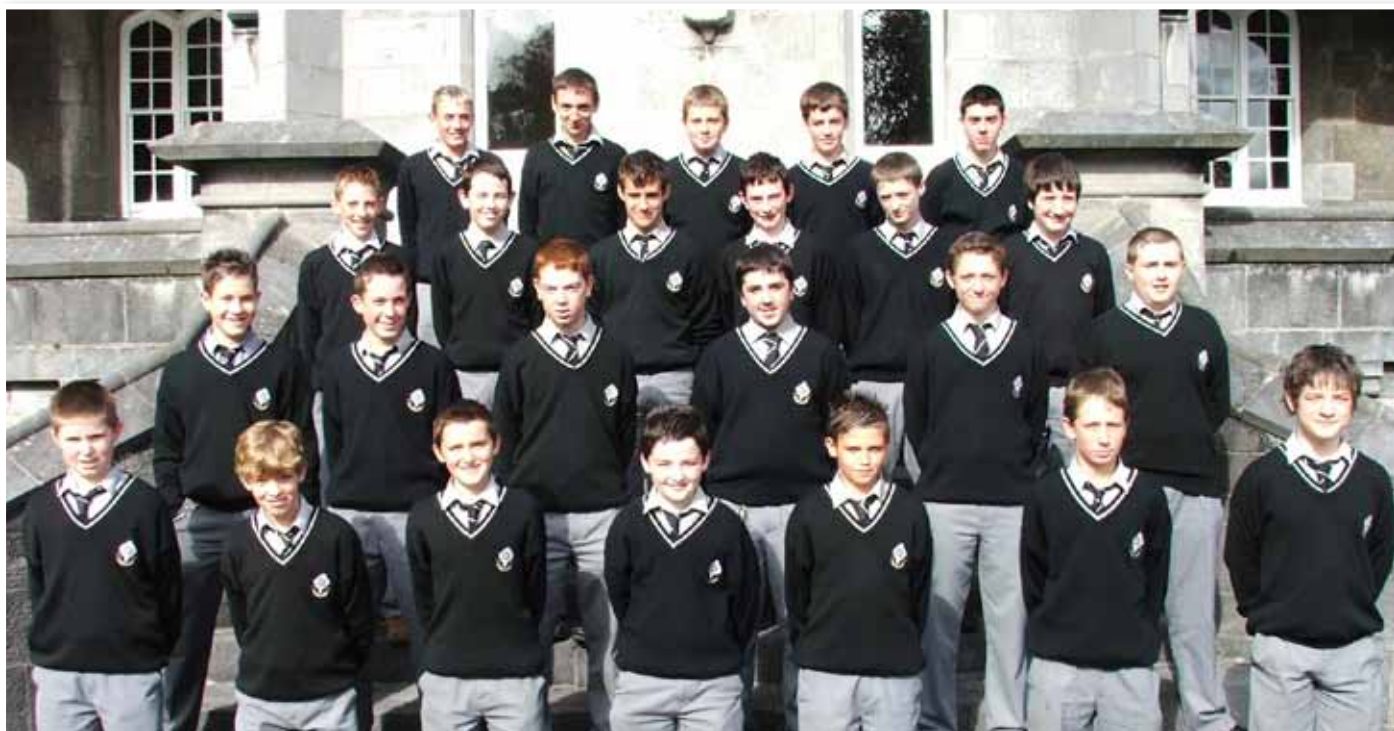


Front Row L-R: Michael Cotter, Conor Phelan, Mark Ryan, Shane Joyce, Lyndon Brannigan, Brian Slattery, Jack Larkin, Bill O'Neill, Brian Busher, Eoin Kearney.

2nd Row L-R: Philip Dreeling, Peter O'Sullivan, Jason Armstrong, Robert Dunne, James Champion, Bill Brennan, Gradimir Ignatovic, Ray Lahart, Sean Morrissey.

Back Row L-R: Vladyslav Medvensky, Sean Cuddy, Brad Ellis, John Brennan, Daniel O'Connor, Gary Tynan, Cain Currane.

2ND YEAR CLASS PHOTOS



Front Row L-R: Brian O'Carroll, James Mullan, Brian Mahon, Paddy Reade, Carlo Pesce, Conor Carroll, Ben Moylan.

2nd Row L-R: David Lendak, Conor Murphy, Nicholas Dunphy, Paul Farrell, Robbie Hennessy, Kevin Doyle.

3rd Row L-R: Brendan Cullen, Cathal Dermody, David Walsh, Greg Tennyson, Michael Brennan, Jack Byrne.

Back Row L-R: James Meaghar, Ricci Drennan, Cian Smith, Conor Lowe, Lorcan Quinn O'Loughlin.



Front Row L-R: Brendan Hyland, Paul White, John Rice, John Lynch, Edward Pozharsky.

2nd Row L-R: Killian McCormack, Gerard Dunne, Alex Duplax, Konrad Cwiklowski, Karolis Mitrikas, Shane P. O'Brien.

Back Row L-R: Sean Burke, Michael Shiel, Daniel Duku, Shane Comerford, Dylan Drennan.



Front Row L-R: Danny Funcheon, Gavin Brennan, Dylan Cullen, Shane Walsh, Karl Cummins, Michael Cross, Kieran Foley.
 2nd Row L-R: Martin Dobbyn, Ian Martin, Kevin Hennessy, Kevin Blanchfield, Josh Haines.
 Back Row, Maciej Szeliga, Damian Lis, Jake O'Dwyer, Steven Clancy, Danny Burke, Rolands Stafeckis, Jack Drew.



Front Row L-R: Joe Mullan, Kieran Freeman, James Tynan, Michael Fitzgerald, Shane O'Brien, Tom Phelan, Michael McDonnell, Darragh Hennessy, Jack Walsh.
 2nd Row L-R: Conor Brennan, Kieran Condon, Dean Byrne, Conor Comerford, Jamie Cashin, Brian Cody, Luke O'Connor.
 3rd Row L-R: Shane Leahy, Bill Carrigan, Seamus McGrath, Ciaran Fennelly, Philip Cooney, Sean Sinnott.
 Back Row L-R: Kacper Pawolwski, Stephen Farrell, Tadhg O'Carroll, Graham English, Alex Helizon, Dion Fitzpatrick.

3RD YEAR CLASS PHOTOS



Front Row L-R: Maurice O'Neill, Jason Carroll, Johnny Mulholland, Ciaran O'Carroll, Paddy Hickey, David Maher, Cormac Everard, James Deasy, Aidan Byrne.
2nd Row L-R: Donal Murphy, Nathan Cahill, Michael O'Neill, Peter McPhillips, Cormac Connolly, Conor Evans, Cathal Minnock.
3rd Row L-R: Jack Naughton, Eamon Treacy, Robbie Molone, James Tyrell, Michael J. Comerford.
Back Row L-R: Eoin Gough, Seamus McSorely, Jack Cotter, Hugh Lane, Michael Kenny.



Front Row L-R: Ronan Leahy, Dermot Hegarty, Liam O'Reilly, Jack Dowling, Dylan Walsh, Cian O'Mahony, Emmet Nugent, Shane Butler.
2nd Row L-R: Conor Caughlan, Shane Nolan, Pavel Kravcena, Patrick Ajowe, Gearoid Kennedy, Jamie Maher, Anthony Patchell.
Back Row L-R: David Burke, Vincent Teehan, Peter Treacy, Sean O'Callaghan, Mark Shortall, Joshua Phelan.



Front Row L-R: Andrew Tyrell, Niall Treacy, Cathal O'Neill, Ian Dunphy, Ciaran Breen, Padraig Walsh, Bill Lahart, James Callanan.
 2nd Row L-R: Michael Mikandrovs, Lukas Hartman, Eoin Cooney, Craig Murphy, Paddy Tynan, Adam Jordan.
 3rd Row L-R: Eamon Power, Dan Howes, Brian Butler, Mark Butler, Eoin Barry, Conor Wall, Paul Allen, David Prendergast.
 Back Row L-R: Kevin Maher, Sean Mullholland, Eoin Curtis, Conor McMullen, Conor Mahon, Diarmuid Hickey, Conor Quinlan.



Front Row L-R: James Bourke, Thomas Kehoe, Paddy O'Reilly, Cormac Costello, Jonathan dos Santos, Keith Phelan, Keith Reynolds
 2nd Row L-R: Sean Franklin, Killian Cantwell, Shane Parsons, Alan Beirne, Eoin Shortall, Michael Lennon.
 3rd Row L-R: Brendan Neary, Christopher Bolger, Shane Doyle, William Allen, Simon Rafter, Adam Ryan.
 Back Row L-R: James Rafter, Colm Corcoran, Patrick Mullen, Luke Tennyson, Edmundus Geralivis, Bobby Murrery-Walsh

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Front Row L-R: Ben Lahart, Richard Fitzgerald, Robbie Holohan, Mark Foley, Patrick Hughes, Stevie Thompson.

2nd Row L-R: Cillian Treacy, Diarmuid Cody, Enda Morrissey, Decky McQuillan, Martin O'Shea, Artem Ankudovich, Richard Brennan, Michael Drennan.

Back Row L-R: Donal O'Shea, Paul Comerford, Eoin O'Connor, David Carroll, Jack McGrath, Paul Lynch, Patrick Drennan, William Murphy.



Front Row L-R: Daire Gleeson, Wayne Cuddihy, Eoin Corcoran, Noel Kehoe, Patrick Duggan, Robert Tucker, Fergal Brennan.

2nd Row L-R: Shane Fitzpatrick, Miodraig Ignjatovic, Kevin O'Neill, Aidan Byrne, Cormac Wafer, Thomas O'Hanrahan, Anthony Forristal, Aodghan Murphy, Patrick Lehen.

Back Row L-R: Shane O'Neill, Peter Butler, James Quinn, Ciaran Murphy, Andrew Whitney, David Hennessy, Robert Lennon.



Front Row: L-R Patrick Walsh, David Holden, Andrew Tierney, Adam Cummins, Fergal Lalor, Fintan Lynch.
 2nd Row L-R: Anthony Corr-Larkin, Jack Holmes, Michael Freeman, James O'Shea, Derrin Moloney, Benjamin Lawlor, Conor Holligan.
 Back Row L-R: Michael Donnelly, Emmett Byrne, Stephen Brennan, Mark Randall, Barry Briscoe, Alex Kaczmaerk, Brian Cantwell.



Front Row L-R: Conor Buggy, Peter Walsh, Jack Bruton, Aravind Menon, Diarmuid Nolan, Donagh Carney.
 2nd Row L-R: Barry Power, Tommy Hearne, Harry Wallace, John McGrath, Fredriks Solanas, Patrick Dorney, Joe Ryan, Billy Leydon.
 Back Row L-R: Thomas Talbot, Brian Bradshaw, Conor Long, Craig Cummins, Conor O'Shea, Kevin Duncan, Robert Hayes, Ciaran Casey.

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Front Row L-R: Gerry Walsh, Jason Nugent, Tom Brennan, Peter English, Joey Corcoran, Jack Nolan, Eoin Connolly, Ciaran Madden.
2nd Row L-R: Pat O'Carroll, Danny Farrell, Michael Tierney, Cathal O'Neill, Kevin Shortall, Michael Costello, Niall Walsh.
3rd Row L-R: Sean O'Dwyer, William Phelan, Cillian Buckley, David Mullins, Tom Whitely, Derek Phelan.
Back Row L-R: Michael Dunne, Declan Bennett, Matthew Nolan, Ken Farrell.



Front Row L-R: Ryan Bolger, Darragh Griffin, Luke Hickey, Cormac Costello, Eoin Walsh, Tom Mullan.
2nd Row L-R: Cian O'Mahony, Brian Walsh, Sam Johnson, Sean Lennon, Michael Lannigan.
3rd Row L-R: John Power, Michael Whitely, Jake O'Brien, Killian Phelan, Cian Prendergast.
Back Row L-R: Jason Quan, Andy O'Dwyer, Patrick Butler, Finbar Hayes, Cian Mullally.



Front Row L-R: Oliver O'Neill, Kevin Kerpis, Brian Walsh, Kevin Brennan, Hugh O'Neill, Sean McDonald, Conor McMorrow.
2nd Row L-R: Jason Collier, Killian Buckley, Sean Wemyss, Daryl Cody, Jason Nugent, Cian O'Mahony, Danny Maloney.
Back Row L-R: Shane Brennan, Evan Guilfoyle, Keith Doyle, Steven Noonan-Holohan, Billy Molloy, Shane Brennan, Mark Grace.



Front Row L-R: Ross Williams, Conor Foley, Shane Dowling, Ger Luby, Jack Purcell, Ger Smith, Michael Clarke, William Harrison, Steven Chappell, Anthony McNeill.
2nd Row L-R: Eamon Wallace, Patrick Brennan, Darragh Buggy, Shane Noonan, Sean Lowry, Wayne Johnson, Fintan Hurley, Kieran Rafter.
3rd Row L-R: Godfrey Abonga, Peter Nolan, Jack Hanrahan, Aaron Nolan, Gerard Teehan, David Dewberry, Darragh McComb, Keith Shanahan.
Front Row L-R: Luke Feehan, Anthony Ryan, Bill Simpson, Trevor Luby, Darragh Carrigan, Stephen Carr, Stephen McKenna.

6TH YEAR CLASS PHOTOS



Front Row: L-R Ciaran Snype, Rory McPhilliphs, Kieran Lynch, Kevin Murphy, Nicky Creane, Michael Twomey, Michael Gorman, Niall Huston, Richard Prendergast.
2nd Row: L-R Donal Brennan, Sean McPhilliphs, Pdraig Meany, Dermot Kelly, Aidan O'Dowd, Kieran Fennelly, Jamie O'Hara.
3rd Row L-R: Darren Evans, Evan Barry, Karl dos Santos, Jamie Fogarty, Michael Cotter.
Back Row L-R: Brian Prendergast, Gary Corcoran, Alan Byrne, Ciaran Leahy.



Front Row L-R: Jonathan Neville, Darren Booth, David Freeman, Eoin Brennan, Conor Maharaj, Andrew Cantwell.
2nd Row L-R: Daryl Butler, Kieran White, Damian Tynan, Pdraig Walsh, Shane O'Sullivan.
3rd Row L-R: Stephen Duncan, Keith Davitt, Paul Holden, John Meehan.
Back Row L-R: Michael Hayes, Ciaran Gough, Patrick Lawlor, Michael Dowling.



Front Row L-R: Patrick Lennon, Sam Malone, Cathal Healy, Rory Bryan, Ciaran Colfer, Conor Gorey, Chris Casey.
 2nd Row L-R: David Coyne, Shane Grace, Michael Sheen, Colm McPartlin, Rory Quigley, Pdraig Walsh.
 3rd Row L-R: Anthony Wilson, Daniel Lutterell, Edward Dunphy, Jake Egan, Eamon O'Connor.
 Back Row L-R: David O'Connell, Joe Sexton, Joe Clohossey, Ger Teehan, Ben O'Connor.



Front Row L-R: Laurence O'Carroll, Shane Egan, Reamon Brennan, David Farrell, Bill Murtagh-White, Bernard Mullan, Faris Ali, Evan Prendergast.
 2nd Row L-R: Eoin Delahunty, Cillian Phelan, David Cummins, Eoin Lalor, Gavin Butler, Sean Phelan, James Gannon, Paul Buggy, Alex Stelmack.
 3rd Row L-R: Hugh O'Brien, Caimin Browne, Niall Kenny, Mark McCarthy, Evan Cass, Ken Kinsella, Michael Lennon.
 Back Row L-R: Ian Matthews, Kieran Casey, Gavin Joyce, Richard Deasy, Conor Hogan, John Dunphy, Paddy Jackman.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Cross country running had a lower profile this year in the sporting life of the college. This was mainly due to increased activity in other sporting areas. As usual the opening event was the annual first year inter-class competition held on the college grounds. Healthy pre match rivalry between the classes and the boys was evident with individual students out to prove themselves against their peers. Over a hundred students completed the mile long course. On the day Kevin Mullins was the winner pushed all the way home by Sean Morrissey.

A group of enthusiastic athletes went into training for the upcoming inter-school races. Lunch time runs in the Castle Park intensified after Christmas and teams were chosen to represent the College. This year we hosted the South Leinster Championships. The administration of this event went smoothly, thanks to the help our staff and school stewards.

We won two of the four team titles - minor and junior – in the South Leinster races. Knockbeg College, Carlow, our main rival in recent years took the Intermediate and Senior titles. Team captains Kevin Mullins and James Maher were individual first home in their respective races, a superb achievement. Both the minor and junior teams qualified for the Leinster Championship, but were unfortunate to lose their captains to sickness and injury prior to the provincial race.

To conclude it would be appropriate to pay special tribute to Conor Quinlan (Third Year) and Conor Hogan (Sixth Year) who brought honour and distinction to themselves and the College by their sportsmanship and dedication to Cross County running this year



Junior Team



Front Row L-R: Jack Teehan, Jake McDonald, Harry Bruton, Kevin Brennan, Bill O'Neill, Sean O'Neill.

2nd Row L-R: Jason Byrne, Gary Kehoe, Donagh Mahon, Gary Tynan, Luke Dowling, Tom O'Keeffe, Eoin Walsh.

Back Row L-R: Mr. John O'Keeffe (Trainer), Jack Keoghan, Sean Morrissey, Kevin Mullen. Missing from Photo Mr. Tom Hogan (Trainer)

Intermediate Team



Front Row L-R: Conor O'Carroll, Dillion Dooley, Sean O'Neill, Tom Phelan.

Back Row L-R: Ben Hickey, Ricci Drennan, James Meaghar, Conor Murphy, Mr. John O'Keeffe. Missing from Photo Mr. Tom Hogan (Trainer)

ATHLETICS

This year in the South Leinster Athletics Championship, held in Scanlon Park, St. Kieran's were represented in both track and field events.

On the track, Conor Quinlan, put in a very impressive run in the mile, clocking a very respectable time of just over five minutes. This was Conor's first attempt at such an event, and we can expect further improvement in the future.

At triple jump Cormac Everard put in some fantastic performances. Considering that he has just moved up to the next age level, his performance on the day was remarkable with regard to the competition.

Nicholas Murphy had a fantastic result in the walking event finishing a respectable fourth in a competitive field.



Nicholas Murphy



Diarmuid Hickey

Diarmuid Hickey had a fantastic outing at the championships, finishing third in a very competitive field in the discus. Diarmuid also doubled up with gold in the shot put competition, setting a new record for the event. Diarmuid will go on to represent the school in the upcoming Leinster's where we wish him every success.

Kick boxing

St. Kieran's College Second Year student, Danny Burke, who won a silver medal in the Irish Open Kick Boxing u14 competition held in Oranmore, Galway on 27th September. This was Danny's first tournament after training for just five weeks with the Dragon's Lair club in Kilkenny.



SOCCER



Michael Drennan
U16 Irish Soccer International

Badminton

Kilkenny Schools Tournament



U16 L-R: Anthony Patchell, Richard Fitzgerald, Aravind Menon, Ciaran Fennelly.

Golf



Golf Team-Ciaran Colfer, Paul O'Neil, Tim Brennan & Billy Leydon Vs Kilkenny College



U19 L-R: Declan Bennett, Shane Comerford, Fergal Brennan, Patrick Walsh.



Swimming

Fifth Year students Cian Mullaly and Conor McMorrow and Junior Certs David Prendergast, Brendan Neary and Diarmuid Hickey comprise the college swimming team. Maintaining a busy training schedule of six mornings per week (from 5.30 to 7.30 a.m) is no mean feat but the boys have been members of Kilkenny Swim Club's A Squad since they were in primary school and are very dedicated to their sport. All compete at the highest level in Leinster and nationally. Schools' swimming is extremely competitive but the boys have all done well individually and as a relay team. David Prendergast in particular has just completed a fantastic year. In the schools competition he took the Leinster intermediate age group title for 100m freestyle and went on to the Irish schools to win silver in the 100m freestyle and bronze in the 100m backstroke. His great swims at Irish Schools also gained him selection for the Irish team which competed in Scotland at the Wyse International Schools competition. He came a very credible 8th in this hugely competitive gala. Outside of the schools David also had a great year, he made finals in all of his events at National Division 1 age groups and came home with two silver and one bronze medal.

Back to the schools competition and the college were once again very competitive in the relay events. Even though Diarmuid, Brendan and David are all in the Intermediate age group, they are short one swimmer to make an Intermediate team. However, with Conor and Cian they can make up a Senior Team. This does put them at a disadvantage as they must compete against teams with four senior swimmers, however they did extremely well in Leinster to take a silver medal in the freestyle relay and 4th place in the individual medley. They also gained qualification for the Irish Schools and did very well in this competition to come 4th in the freestyle and 6th in the IM.



Senior Hurling

LEAGUE

The hurling year started in September with a series of trials to choose a panel of about thirty players from over one hundred aspiring St. Kieran's senior hurlers. James Gannon was appointed captain and Seán Phelan vice-captain.

Our first league match was away to Good Counsel who were reigning Leinster Champions and a hard earned victory gave everyone a confidence boost. Next up was a comfortable victory over Dublin South. We played Dublin North in Dublin on a synthetic pitch and had a lucky escape in the league semi-final on a scoreline of 2-11 to 1-12. We faced our near neighbours CBS Kilkenny in Nowlan Park in December in the league final. With ten minutes left and ten points in arrears we looked in serious trouble, but, full credit to all the players concerned, we staged a magnificent comeback and managed a draw: 3-13 each. The replay was just as exciting and we held out to win by a margin of two points: 2-10 to 2-08. So, we went into the Christmas break with some silverware and the appetite for more.

League Final Team (Replay)



Michael Donnelly, Pat O'Carroll, Robert Lennon, Pádraig Walsh, Aidan O'Dowd, William Phelan, Donal Brennan, Seán Phelan, James Gannon (Capt.), Nicky Creane, Ben O'Connor, Michael Whitely, Michael Brennan, John Power, Thomas O'Hanrahan. Subs used: Andrew Cantwell, Conor O'Shea, Paul Buggy. Also: Paul Holden, Richie Reid, Luke Hickey, Conor Hogan, Kilian Phelan, Hugh O'Neill, Aidan Cleere, Darren Booth, Sean O'Dwyer, George Allen, Darragh Buggy, Conor Maharaj, Michael Drennan, Cillian Buckley (inj.)



CHAMPIONSHIP

Training for the championship began in earnest. Many hours were spent in the wet, the cold and, of course, the snow preparing for championship 2010. We played a number of challenge games against teams such as Thurles CBS, Kilkenny Minors, DIT freshers and WIT freshers. We even fitted in an appearance on TG4's *Thar an Trasnán*.

Our championship commenced on February 6th in Carlow against Good Counsel. The team exploded into action that day and were convincing winners 3-18 to 1-8. The Leinster semi-final versus Castlecomer Community School was played in Freshford a couple of weeks later and we struggled to win by 2-14 to 2-07. The scene was now set for a third match with our great rivals Kilkenny CBS in Nowlan Park in the Leinster final. Having started well we conceded a goal just before half-time to go in two points down. The first ten minutes of the second half was to prove crucial when we fought our way back into the game and we finished with a flurry to win by 2-14 to 1-10. Leinster champions 2010.



Leinster Final Team

Michael Donnelly, Cathal O'Neill, Robert Lennon, Seán Phelan, Aidan O'Dowd, William Phelan, Donal Brennan, James Gannon (Capt.), Conor O'Shea, John Power, Cillian Buckley, Pádraig Walsh, Paul Buggy, Michael Brennan, Thomas O'Hanrahan. Sub used: P. Holden. Also: Pat O'Carroll, George Allen, Michael Whitely, Andrew Cantwell, Richard Reid, Kilian Phelan, Luke Hickey, Hugh O'Neill, Darren Booth, Sean O'Dwyer, Conor Hogan, Darragh Buggy, Patrick Butler, Evan Guilfoyle, Gavin Butler, Tom Brennan, Ben O'Connor, Aidan Cleere, Conor Maharaj.

ALL-IRELAND

The All-Ireland series pitted us against Presentation College Athenry at an unusual venue, Moate County Westmeath. This was a very exciting game, edging out Athenry by 0-16 to 0-13 after extra time.

The toughest challenge of all was to try to defeat the Harty Cup winners, Ardscoil Rís from Limerick, in the Croke Cup final in Thurles. They came into the final with great credentials, having defeated reigning champions, Thurles CBS, after three games in the Harty Cup final. They had to overcome Kilkenny CBS in the semi-final. The date was Saturday April 3rd and the day was cold and blustery. To win this game required fierce determination, hard work and great skill. Great credit is owed to the boys for the way they battled to the very last, came back from five points down to emerge All-Ireland champions by 2-11 to 2-08.

All-Ireland Team

Michael Donnelly, Cathal O'Neill, Robert Lennon, Seán Phelan, Aidan O'Dowd, William Phelan, Donal Brennan, James Gannon (Capt.), Cillian Buckley, John Power, Ben O'Connor, Pádraig Walsh, Paul Buggy, Michael Brennan, Thomas O'Hanrahan.

Subs used: Richie Reid & Conor O'Shea. Also: Paul Holden, Pat O'Carroll, Andrew Cantwell, Enda Morrissey, Patrick Butler, Luke Hickey, Conor Hogan, Kilian Phelan, Michael Whitely, Hugh O'Neill, Darren Booth, Sean O'Dwyer, George Allen, Gavin Butler, Tom Brennan, Cormac Wafer, Darragh Buggy, Aidan Cleere, Evan Guilfoyle, Conor Maharaj.



The hallmark of this year's team has been their work ethic, their never-say-die attitude which was decisive on many occasions during the year. But the most important factor has to be the strength of the panel and the contribution that every single player made to the winning of the All-Ireland for the first time since 2004.



All-Ireland Senior Hurling Champions '10

Back Row: Mr. Philip Walsh (trainer) Cormac Wafer, Andrew Cantwell, Ben O'Connor, Aidan O'Dowd, Conor Hogan, Aidan Cleere, Conor O'Shea, Robert Lennon, Gavin Butler, Patrick O'Carroll, Darragh Buggy, William Phelan

Middle Row: Mr. Tom Hogan (trainer), Conor Maharaj, Darren Booth, Paul Buggy, Enda Morrissey, Evan Guilfoyle, Luke Hickey, Michael Donnelly, Tom Brennan, George Allen, Michael Whitely, Richard Reid, William Phelan, John Power, Mr. Ken Archbold (trainer)

Front Row: Thomas O' Hanrahan, Patrick Butler, Hugh O'Neill, Donal Brennan, Sean Phelan, James Gannon, Pádraig Walsh, Killian Buckley, Paul Holden, Michael Brennan, Cathal O'Neill.

Missing from Photo is Sean O'Dwyer

All-Ireland Fathers and sons

Pictured below are members of this year's Senior All-Ireland winning team with their fathers who themselves played on St. Kieran's Senior All-Ireland teams.



Thomas Lennon (1982/3) and Robert Lennon



Paudie Brennan (1975) and Donal Brennan

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Pat Gannon (1975) and James Gannon (Captain)

U-14 HURLING



Juvenile Hurling

Front Row L-R: Mr. Ken Maher (Trainer) Mr. Liam Smith (Trainer), David Jordan, James Maher, Ricci Drennan, James Tyrell (Capt.), Kevin Blanchfield, Conor Murphy, Brian O'Carroll, Ben Leydon, Mr. Richie Ruth (Trainer).

2nd Row L-R: Sean Morrissey, Eoghan Kearney, Jason Byrne, Conor O'Carroll, Tom Phelan, Jason Barcoe, Ben Hickey, Dylan O'Shea, Shane Walsh, Kieran Freeman, Jack Keoghan.

3rd Row L-R: Alexander Rafter, Brendan Cullen, Ger Dunne, Greg Aylward, Dylan Drennan, Eamon Hennessy, Liam Blanchfield, Billy Ryan.

Back Row L-R: Eoin Walsh, Philip Dreeling, Cian Smith, Bill Carrigan, Graham English, Kevin Mullen.

Juvenile Hurling

Cian Smith (Second Year)

The Juvenile hurling season got off to a flying start this year. Trials began early in September with First and Second Years playing on different days. There were early challenge games against Birr and Thurles CBS. Birr brought two teams which our teams beat convincingly. James Maher starred for the A team and Kieran Freeman was the man of the match for the B team. Our second game was against the James Stephen's U16 'B' team, which saw great performances from Kevin Mullen and Graham English. Thurles CBS brought 3 teams to the

College and they were all well beaten.

The Championship started just before Easter holiday with our only home game against Westmeath. It was a close first half which saw some great points from Tom Phelan and great defending from Ricci Drennan. The second half saw us pull away and win 4-16 to 1-9. We went home but Westmeath stayed to have a meal provided by caterers in the top dressing room at the pavilion.

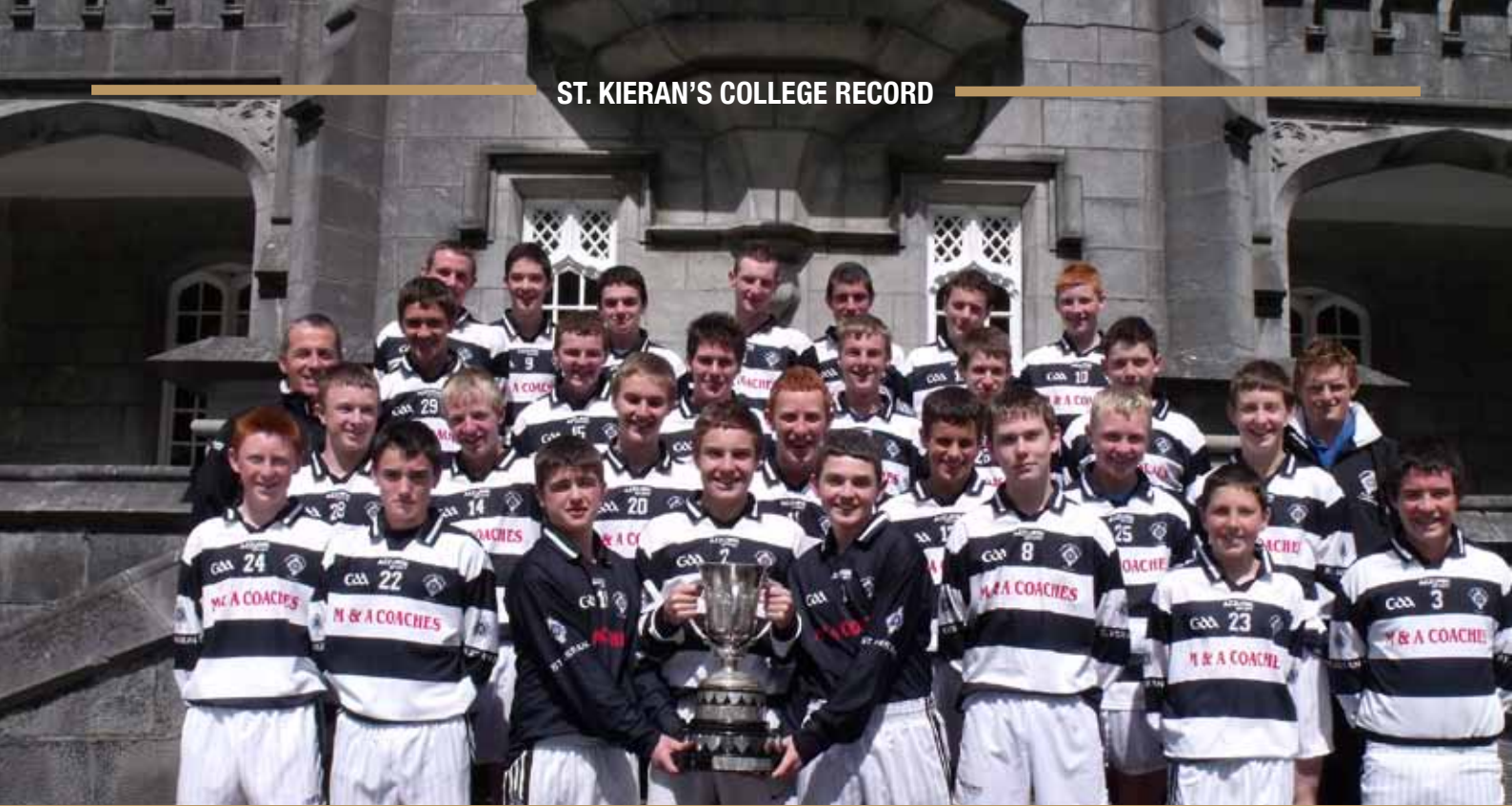
Our game against North Dublin was deferred from Friday to Monday because of the local Feile na Gael competition. We played them at Na Fianna in Dublin. It was a very close game but they got a lucky goal at the end of the first half which we couldn't peg back. Graham English, Ricci Drennan and all the backs had a great game. James Tyrell worked

hard at centre forward. Dublin North went on to win the Dr. Barry cup. On another day we might have beaten them.

Our last game of the league was against Offaly in Kilcormac. In a tough game, we showed great character to keep discipline and compose to win by 9 points. The backs played exceptionally well with Kieran Freeman and James Tyrell making inroads in attack.

We are now preparing for a Power Cup semi final against Good Counsel in Thomastown with Castlecomer waiting for the winners in the final.

A huge thanks goes to Mr. Ruth, Mr. Maher and Mr. Smith for all their hard work.



U-16 HURLING

Daniel O'Neill and Eoin Corcoran

St. Kieran's was this year defending the Fr. Cosgrave Cup, the Leinster Schools Junior Hurling A title. In the early weeks of September, trials began for the new U-16 hurling panel. Dozens tried out but in the end it was cut down to a squad of thirty three by the trainers, Mr. O'Keeffe and Mr. McCormack.

The panel was quickly put to the test in a challenge match against Castlecomer C.S. St. Kieran's came out on top with a solid performance.

Another match was soon arranged against Colaiste Eoin. The Dublin school travelled to the College grounds for the game. A tough but invaluable match was played and the tie ended in a draw.

The panel trained hard for the upcoming championship match against St. Peter's of Wexford, fixed for the 22nd September at home in the College pitch. Spurred on by the supporters, St. Kieran's started furiously and gained an early lead. St. Kieran's did well throughout the game to keep out the St. Peter's forwards. Chris Bolger's lethal finish midway through the second half effectively ended the game as a contest.

The game finished in St. Kieran's favour on a score line of 3-17 to 1-7.

After this win the trainers decided to give the squad a real challenge. They put the team up against a selection of hurlers for the St. Kieran's senior panel. The junior team put up a good fight against the older, stronger seniors and showed real character by closing a seven point gap to a solitary score.

The must-win group game against Banagher College was soon upon us. The match took place in Offaly on the 5th October. The St. Kieran's charge, met with weak opposition and cruised to a 6-21 to 1-6 victory.

St. Kieran's came out as winners of the group and got a bye in the semi-final. This meant the next match would be the Leinster Final against the winners of C.B.S. Kilkenny and Colaiste Eoin, Dublin. In preparation, a challenge match was arranged against St. Flannan's of Ennis. A close game was played with some fine hurling on show in Dualla, Co. Tipperary. The encounter ended in a two point victory for St. Kieran's. The team learned a lot from

the experience.

The big day arrived on the 19th October. The Leinster Final was to be played against C.B.S. Kilkenny in Nowlan Park. The supporters were out in their hundreds to watch the match between the old age rivals. From the start, St. Kieran's got on top and won the individual battles. They went in at half time with a 2-4 to 0-2 lead. The game restarted and a mistake in the St. Kieran's defence allowed C.B.S. a goal and gave them a ray of hope. But St. Kieran's battled hard and finished the game the much better team. The final score was St. Kieran's College 5-12 Kilkenny C.B.S. 2-3. Thomas O'Hanrahan put in a fine showing, scoring 2-5 from play to add to his top class performances all season. St. Kieran's had other star performances throughout the campaign in Cormac Wafer, Emmett Byrne, Aidan Cleere, Robert Lennon, Enda Morrissey, Michael Drennan and Michael Donnelly. The team was led by inspirational captain Tim Brennan.

ST. Kieran's U16 'B'

When the under 16 'B' started back in October 2009 it was meant to finish just after Christmas but because of the bad weather and various exams the under 16 'B' championship did not finish until early May.

St. Kieran's College had two teams participating in this competition with the involvement of nearly 50 players. The St. Kieran's 'C' team had CBS C team and Johnstown in their group. They first played CBS and it was contested very well but in the end Kieran's came out on top. They then played Johnstown but they proved to be strong opponents. However, St. Kieran's 'C' team still managed to qualify from their group.

The St. Kieran's 'B' team also had two teams in their group and they were CBS 'B' and Castlecomer Community School. St. Kieran's 'B' played CBS first and they won thanks to the leadership of their captain John Mullan. They then went on to play Castlecomer and they beat them convincingly qualifying first in their group. As a result they went straight into the semi-final.

In the quarter final St. Kieran's 'C' played Duiske College of Graiguenamanagh in a tough game but Kieran's were unable to break down Duiske and it brought an end to the 'C' team's championship.

In the semi final Kieran's 'B' had to face the same Duiske team. In the first half Kieran's dominated most of the possession but weren't able to take advantage and it was tight at half time. In the second half it was very close but in the last 10 minutes Kieran's pulled away from Duiske and they won by a good margin.

Kieran's 'B' then went on to face Johnstown in the final in Nowlan Park on the 7th of May. There was a strong wind in the first half and Johnstown took advantage of this and went in at half time ahead by 1-13 to 0-1. St. Kieran's came out to try to close the gap but Johnstown was too good in the end and won 2-21 to 1-5. This brought an end to an exciting championship which saw the emergence of many hurlers who have the potential to go a long way in their careers on the playing fields.





First Year Hurling League

Once again the First Year hurling league attracted a huge amount of interest and Kilkenny can be assured that a few replacements for "King Henry" and the lads are alive and thriving in the Kieran's nursery.

The league involved seventy students, who took part from September until the end of November. Every match was hotly contested and the skill levels displayed were very high. These students must be congratulated for their excellent attitude to the game. Eventually team 'A' were the winners with team 'D' runners up.

Plaques for the winners and medals for the runners up were once again presented by the County Board at Prize Giving. A big thank you to Mr. Darmody and Mr. Forrest who gave up their time to organise the competition

Hurling Blitzes

A number of hurling blitzes took place throughout the year for St. Kieran's College students to participate in. The last blitz of the year took place on the college grounds on Wednesday May 19th with schools travelling from Castlecomer C.S., Kilkenny CBS, Duiske College, Johnstown CS and Birr. These days are enjoyed by all who take part and give all students an opportunity to play for the college.







St. Kieran's Equestrian

Once again it was a very successful year for the equestrian teams in St. Kieran's. The teams travelled throughout the country to compete in the Inter Schools show jumping league which is sponsored by Hoof prints. The students on our senior team this year were Patrick Drennan, Michael Costello, James Callahan and David Mullins. The college once again hosted a leg of the league in Warrington Top Flight Equestrian Centre. The event which was held in November was extremely well attended with schools across the country competing. St. Kieran's wouldn't be able to run this event without the help from parents. The parents involved in the equestrian give up their time not only to run the show but also to transport the teams to each of the competitions.

The equestrian teams competed in the All-Ireland schools Hunter Trials which were held in Carlow this year. Seven of our students competed in team and individual events; an extremely enjoyable day was had by all who attended, a special mention for this event to Diarmuid Hickey and Conor Mahon who had a very successful day.



We had two new members to our equestrian team this year; David Mullins and Diarmuid O'Brien. Both competed to a high standard throughout the year. David had a very impressive victory in the All – Ireland Junior Individual competition. He won the junior individual All-Ireland Inter schools Show Jumping competition.





David Cummins and John Power Leinster Champions
U-19



Cillian Treacy and Andrew O'Dwyer U-17
Leinster Champions



Craig Cummins U-17

Handball

A special word of thanks to all who participated in the handball this year. Congratulations goes to John Power and David Cummins who won the Leinster final in the 60X30 under 19 competition, also to Andrew O' Dwyer and Killian Treacy who won the under 17 Leinster title. Unfortunately both teams were beaten in the All Ireland series of games.

We would like again to thank all who were involved and also a special word of thanks goes to the parents who brought the lads to the various handball alleys throughout the country. We look forward to continued success in the years to come.



Mark Dowling and Luke Dowling
1st Year



Robert Donnelly and Niall Walsh
1st Year



Sean Morrissey 1st Year



Shane Parsons U-15



Back Row L-R: Mr. Don O'Connor (Trainer), Cillian Phelan, Thomas O'Hanrahan, Darragh Walshe, David Cummins, Jason Quan, Mr. Paul Fitzgerald (Trainer).
Front Row L-R: Gary Corcoran, Sam Johnson, Andrew Cantwell, Luke Hickey, Ciaran Snype, Craig Cummins, Declan McQuillan.

SENIOR SOCCER

Following the All Ireland success of the schools U16 team last year, hopes were high that St. Kieran's College would continue on their winning ways this season. The majority of the Junior Panel were promoted to the Senior team, making it one of the youngest groups in the competition.

Training began in early September, and the enthusiasm from last season was evident from the outset. It was decided that due to the educational cutbacks, the team would not participate in the league competition and would concentrate solely on the Senior Cup.

The first round was a local affair, when St. Kieran's College overcame a resolute Borris Vocational School, overcoming the Co Carlow boys in a high scoring game. Hero of the game was Mikey Drennan whose hat-trick helped the school progress to the second round with another away game against Bray.

Lessons were obviously learned from the previous game, as the St Kieran's

defense was on top form, blocking out every effort the Co Wicklow school could throw at them. A 2-1 scoreline in no way flattered the College, and another away game against Clonkeen College awaited. A wonderful start saw the College 2-0 up midway through the second half, but a late fightback by Clonkeen brought the score to 2-1 with ten minutes remaining. However the Kieran's boys kept their cool to run out deserving victors in the end.

A quarter final against St. Michaels Ballsbridge in U.C.D. Was played on a wet and windy Wednesday. Despite dominating for most of the match, Kieran's found themselves 1-0 down at half time. However they refused to panic and were rewarded with an equaliser Ciaran Snype. Despite upping the tempo, the match went to extra time, where the sides once more could not be separated. However the College kept their cool to come out on top after a nerve-wracking penalty shoot-out thanks to the heroics of goalkeeper Craig Cummins who saved two penalties.

A semi-final in Newbridge saw us drawn against our old foes Drimnagh

Castle. A thrilling encounter ended 4-1 to St Kieran's in what was without doubt their best display of the year.

The final was fixed for Tullamore in early March, and after some controversial decisions, the dream of becoming the first Senior Soccer winners since 1993 came to an end. A fortuitous own goal put Salesian College Celbridge 1-0 up after only five minutes and as the college chased the game. We were caught by a breakaway second goal mid way through the second half. Despite claims for a penalty near the end, success was not to be the order of the day, and St Kieran's had to settle for second place after a thrilling season.

However the outlook remains bright as the majority of the panel is underage for next season, and as we go to print, seven of the panel have been selected for Leinster representative teams. We would like to say a special word of thanks to our managers Mr Fitzgerald and Mr O'Connor for their hard work and dedication during the year, and we look forward to next season where we can hopefully go one better.



U-13 Soccer

Front Row L-R: Eoin Delaney, Jake McDonald, Conor Browne, Jack Teehan, Mark Dowling, Kevin Brennan.

2nd Row L-R: Mr. Simon Ready (Trainer), Ben Hickey, Donovan Ashcroft, Roco Pesce, Brian Busher, Billy Ryan, Mark Ryan, Mr. Larry Cotter (Trainer).

Back Row L-R: Ray Lahart, Billy Hanlon, Michael Cotter, Liam Blanchfield, Niall Brennan, Gary Tynan.



U 14 Soccer

Front Row L-R: Ms. Eadaoin Brennan (Trainer), Paddy Reid, Robbie Hennessy, Kevin Hennessy, Carlo Pesce, Shane Walsh, Kevin Blanchfield, Dion Guilfoyle, Dylan Drennan, Conor Brennan Fr. Sean O'Connor (Trainer)

2nd Row L-R: James Tynan, Darragh Hennessy, Michael Mc Donnell, Ger Dunne, Jack Walsh, Brendan Cullen, Tom Phelan, Luke O'Connor.

Back Row L-R: Michael Fitzgerald, Shane Leahy, Dean Byrne, Seamus McGrath, Brian Cody, Kieran Condon, Ricci Drennan, Alexander Rafter.

U14 Soccer Team

Seamus McGrath (Second Year)

This St. Kieran's College Second Year team were not lucky this year. The team was training weekly with the help of Fr. Sean and Ms. Brennan. Our first game was against Athy and played at home. It started off well with St. Kieran's holding their own. However in the end the Athy team pulled away and were eventually worthy winners. As we are now out of the competition we thought our season was over, but a game against the St. Kieran's College First Years was organised which we won 2-1 with goals coming from Alex Rafter and Seamus McGrath. A competition was also held in Johnstown for schools around the area, it was a very enjoyable day.

U-14 Football



U-14 Football

Back Row L-R: Mr. N. Connolly (Mentor) Ricci Drennan (Capt), Johnny Mullholland, Jason Armstrong, Alan O'Beirne, James Tyrell, James Maher, Mr. P. Fitzgerald (Mentor).

Middle Row L-R: Daniel O'Connor, Billy Hanlon, Kevin Mullen, Eoin Walsh, Ben Hickey, Jason Byrne, Jack Keoghan, Seamus McGrath, Graham English, Dylan Drennan.

Front Row L-R: Conor O'Carroll, Sean O'Neill, Shane Walsh, Jake McDonald, Billy Ryan, Conor Browne, Kieran Freeman, Eoin Delaney, Kevin Blanchfield, Mark Dowling, Brian O'Carroll.

The U-14 Football season began in October. We were under no pressure to achieve success as success had been hard to achieve of late.

Our first match was against Mountrath Community School which we won easily in the end. Our first two matches were played on a league basis. In our second match we played Ardscoil Ná Trionoide, Athy which we ended up winning by a considerable margin. We finished first in our group which meant we would play the team that finished second in the other group, this turned out to be St. Mary's, Enniscorthy. After a great display from all our players we

ended up convincing winners. Next up was the South Leinster Final which was played in Carlow on a very windy cold day. In the tricky conditions we ended up winning by 3 points which was brilliant because FCJ Bunclody were a very good side, with some great players. We were now South Leinster Champions which was a testament to the effort put in by all.

We were drawn against the Dublin Champions, St. David's of Artane, coached by the former Galway great Brian Talty. We knew that this would be our biggest challenge yet. On a cold wet day in Athy we played them and from the start it was clear that they were the more physical side. We played

a brilliant first half and led by 7 points at half time but the wind picked up in the second half and we struggled to play like we did in the first. We just couldn't keep up and in the end we lost by a point to a last minute goal. We enjoyed a great season. The team would like to say a big thank you to Mr. Connolly and Mr. Fitzgerald for all their time and coaching over the year.

Johnny Mulholland
and James Tyrell

Artwork completed during the Year by 6th Year Students

