



Dermot Ryan

# Message from the President

The parables of the talent and the minas, in Matthew and Luke's Gospels, offer the Christian a stark message. In these Jesus recounts a story in which something precious is given to a number of people to mind. In both accounts it is those who hand back safely, intact and undamaged that which they were given who are criticised most strongly! Caring for something precious, protecting it, ensuring that nothing can happen it is for the Christian not enough. We are, it seems, called to work with, develop, progress and grow that which we have been given. We are not simply to mind it as it is.

Those of us who are in St Kieran's College could quite easily work to ensure that nothing befalls this great institution and those who populate its grounds. But doing that would be to fail in the task we were given. We are here, each of us, in the expectation that we will work tirelessly to ensure that at any point when we stop and reflect St Kieran's College and its students will be better than they were at some point in the past. It is a mammoth task given the proud tradition from which we emerge.

Is it at all possible that the great St Kieran's College can continue to do more? After all we had won 19 Colleges' Senior Hurling All-Irelands - could we capture a 20th? We had a Leaving Certificate class move on from us, men matured and ready to enter College and adult life, could we do

that again - and better? We showed so strongly in the South Leinster athletics last year could we now move to medals in the All-Irelands? We had forty-nine Arts students come to St Kieran's to successfully complete their first year on Maynooth's Kilkenny Campus - could we have more this year (seventy) and also offer accommodation on site? To each of these and to so many other similar questions, too numerous to document here, the answer is a resounding yes! As this edition of the College Record shows, in so many ways, the students and staff of St Kieran's continue to progress and excel at all that we do. This year once more, as these pages attest, we don't hand back that which we had been given at the start of this year, but thanks to our staff, our students and our parents we have developed, matured and grown that which was entrusted, back then, to our care.

This is true for all other aspects of the College life too. The Diocesan Forum, the Adult Faith Development Group, the Vocations office and the Certificate in Theology are all now stronger and more established in their work of serving and contributing to the people of our diocese. Their work roots St Kieran's at the heart of the life of the diocese of Ossory. The Kilkenny Archive Ltd, located here, also continues to work to grow its collection and database of history and papers to serve better future generations.

As President of St Kieran's College it is inspiring to see why this growth and development can take place. For our students it is the result of their endless energy and effort, for our School and College staffs it is the result of their tireless commitment and dedication, for our management Mr John Curtis, Principal and Mr Adrian Finan, Deputy Principal it is the result of their extraordinary vision and their unending commitment which finds expression in the innumerable hours they give to the College and those who people it. I depend on them most, day to day, and I thank them, therefore, not

only as trusted colleagues but also as valued friends.

This past year has seen the death of two former staff members who were also past pupils, Mr Joe Lambe and Mgr Tommy Maher. These men were synonymous with St Kieran's in so many ways. The manner in which they, in their time, worked to ensure that St Kieran's was the better for having embraced them is documented in these pages. As too is the retirement of two very familiar faces from our staff, Mr John Quane and Ms Christina Warner. Having known them both from my student days and having worked with them in these past years I know they will be missed. They too, however, will proudly return time and time again, as is the tradition of former staff, confident that they helped so many students in so many untold ways. To them, and through them to the many more former staff, I say thank you. It is, after all, your raising of the bar that challenges today's generation to continue to do the same.

A voluntary school, and that is what we are, by definition will have many who work freely to ensure we always achieve more. We have people whose every decision for St Kieran's is motivated not out of self interest but by one single question: how can this help St Kieran's and its students to be better tomorrow than they are today? I have, therefore, a debt of gratitude to the students and their Council, the parents and their Association, the School and College staff and management, my colleagues on the Board of Management, my fellow Trustees, Bishop Séamus our Patron and all those who make this great institution work tirelessly to continually improve - in doing it we most truly live out it's Christian ethos... thank you.

Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan, President  
Chairperson, Board of Management



John Curtis

## Message from the Principal

The end of year will always be a busy time in school: the energy of exam preparation; organising for a new cohort of students in the autumn; the important process of recording and celebrating achievement. But it is also a time that warrants pause and impels us to reflect on changes that have occurred and progress that has been made as we continue to strive to meet the needs of our students and of the community. I never cease to be amazed at the calibre and talent of the students we have in the school and this year has been no exception - even a cursory glance through these pages tells a story of endeavour, creativity, achievement and we would hope a sense of pride in self and in the school as a whole. For whatever the component parts that make up our community here in St Kieran's it is our pupils who are at the core and who enthuse us in their collective endeavour and their engagement with this school's purpose and mission.

In the context of change, two of our most senior members of staff, Mr John Quane and Ms Christina Warner, retired during the past year and on behalf of all of my colleagues on staff and, indeed, the whole school community I would like to thank them for their contribution to St Kieran's over a long number of years and to wish them well in their retirement - they will be missed. And in the passing of the years two great stalwarts of St Kieran's College were taken from us recently and went to their eternal reward, Mgr Tommy Maher and Mr Joe Lambe. We

will remember them and I know that our younger members of staff will take on the mantle and continue to build on the rich legacy of all of their predecessors.

We sit at an interesting time in the educational landscape; yes, there are unresolved issues with regard to Junior Cycle that will invariably still take some time to tease out, but notwithstanding that there is underlying acceptance by all of the parties involved in education that teaching methodologies and the manner in which we engage with students in the classroom is changing and will continue to change in a positive sense in the years to come. Whatever the modes of assessment that will ultimately emerge, developments in IT and changes in emphasis in the nature of engagement and outcome will invariably have a positive effect and here at St Kieran's we look forward with optimism and resolve to what lies ahead.

I would like to thank all of my colleagues on staff for their ongoing commitment to furthering all that is best in education and for that extra dimension in their relationships with the students that we feel is so special in this school and for which, I feel, we can all be justifiably thankful. We will continue to have a breadth to what we offer our pupils both in the curricular and extra-curricular sense and in a way that is consistent with our founding mission. I read recently that one of the characteristics of the Catholic school is that it should be committed to the education of the whole person who is called to freedom, responsible relationships and service of the common good, and that is something to which we would all concur. We are very proud of our heritage as the

diocesan school of Ossory and in this regard and on behalf of all of us I would like to thank Dr Dermot Ryan for the ongoing and ceaseless work he undertakes on our behalf as President of the College and Chairperson of our Board of Management, both for his stewardship of our present and his commitment and vision in the charting of our future. I would like to especially acknowledge the central role of our Deputy Principal Adrian Finan in the management of the school, in the implementation of all the initiatives that have been undertaken here in recent years and in ensuring that the school functions as effectively as it does. I know that he would join with me in thanking Fr Dermot for the continuous help and support he gives us both.

I would like to thank all of those who have served on our Board of Management and as part of our Parents' Association and Student Council and, indeed, all of our parents and pupils on what has been another successful year. As the State exams draw closer, I wish all of our candidates the very best in June, and I of course especially wish our Leaving Certificate class well as they proceed to pastures new in the years ahead - they move on with our good wishes and with our thanks for all they have contributed to the school. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer and we look forward to the promise of the new academic year that will soon unfold.

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





School Staff 2015

Back row (l-r): Mr Michael Kelleher, Mr Simon Reddy, Mr Richard Windle, Mr Michael Rice, Mr Patrick Dermody. Fourth row (l-r): Mr Stephen Morgan, Ms Rebecca Kearns, Ms Anne Wemyss, Ms Jacqui Norton, Mr Eamon Heffernan, Ms Jane Moran, Mrs Bernie Dowling, Mr Michael Walsh, Mr John O'Keeffe, Mr Philip Walsh. Third row (l-r): Mr Niall Connolly, Ms Olive O'Connor, Mr Jamie O'Hara, Ms Orla Reynolds, Ms Jean Fitzpatrick, Ms Eileen Hanrick, Mr Ger Buckley, Mr Lester Ryan, Mr Tom Hogan. Second row (l-r): Mr Ken Archbold, Mr Richard Ruth, Ms Eadaoin Maher, Ms Hollie Hickey, Ms Debbie Ghanem, Ms Mary Martin, Ms Loretto Mannion, Mr Liam Smith, Mr Martin O'Neill. Front row (l-r): Mr Adrian Finan, Fr Dermot Ryan, Mr John Curtis. Missing from photo: Mr Ken Maher, Mr Ger Flood, Ms Sharon Keyes, Mr Don O'Connor, Ms Eilish Ahern, Mr Paul Fitzgerald, Ms Bernie Boland, Mr Michael Forrest, Mr Joe Kavanagh, Mr Carl Lynch, Mr Larry Cotter, Ms Jo Staunton.

## Student Council

Tyler Lennon

We received our mandate from our classmates and we set about our task with intent. We were to meet every second Friday to discuss matters raised by our fellow students. Some subjects we discussed this year were the school canteen in relation to food health and food choice. There was some success as we now have a pasta choice and other healthy options. One other matter that we were delighted to see happen was the installation of the bike racks. It was another successful year for the student council and we would like to thank Mr Kavanagh for facilitating our meetings.



Back row (l-r): Alan Mooney, Tyler Lennon (President), Patrick Gannon (Secretary), Eoin Twomey. Middle row (l-r): Dylan Carey, Tim Ferris, Ruairi Breen, Patrick Kennedy. Front row (l-r): John Ring, David O'Sullivan, Liam Healy, Theo Jordanov, Conor Dermody

Joe Lambe was for so many people synonymous with education and with St Kieran's College. As a former student, staff member and, most importantly, as a lifetime friend of the College, and its students, Joe's death was sadly felt by his colleagues here in St Kieran's. Joe's academic ability and love for education was infectious and he passed this enthusiasm in an unspoken way to his colleagues and students in every encounter. In fact, Joe managed to continue to do this long after his retirement from the classroom. We are delighted that Dick McEvoy who taught with him recalls here a glimpse into the man that Joe was.

Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan, President

## Mr Joe Lambe



On February 3rd. 2015 we heard of the sad passing of our friend, Joe Lambe, after a short illness in his late 'eighties. Thus ended a connection with St Kieran's College which spanned many decades.

Joe had been a student there in the 'forties, returned to teach mathematics in the second half of the 'fifties and after a career break in the 'sixties when he studied psychology in the U.S., he returned to his teaching post in 1970 and remained there until his retirement in 1993.

I did not have the pleasure of being in Joe's class in the 'fifties, a class where corporal punishment was unheard of, by the way. However, I came under his influence in a newly formed movement for the promotion of all things Gaelic in St Kieran's. It was set up by Fr Kieran Darcy and was called "Comhlucht Chiarain", Joe's enthusiasm for this movement was balanced by his own efforts in a very different area of student activity. Recognising the reality of the life we would encounter on leaving the Spartan ways of boarding school, he set about teaching us ballroom dancing! A brave and very practical decision in its day.

Later, in the 'seventies, when I joined him on the staff, I got to know another side of the man, his reluctance to be easily beaten in a game of golf. Ever helpful and encouraging with those who played with him, he was nevertheless in the habit of making sure of his chip and putt while the opponent was left trying not to three putt... I should know! He reached a very respectable seven handicap at that time although never a big hitter.

Before his retirement he set about learning German and even tested himself by sitting the Leaving Cert German exam where he did very respectably, of course. In more recent years I saw him out with Keep Kilkenny Beautiful, collecting litter along the ring road. It reminded me of his once famous definition of litter as "matter out of context".

He will be remembered by those who knew him as very cultured and cerebral. We were told that his class back in the 'forties were the cleverest group ever to pass through St Kieran's and I can well believe it. He had a genuine love for all things artistic, especially music.

His children, Canice, Joyce and Claire will be consoled to remember that he is now with their beloved mother Maisie, who passed away some years earlier.

Ar dheis De go raibh se.

Dick McEvoy



In the death of Mgr Tommy Maher St Kieran's College has lost one of our great past pupils, a legendary former staff member as an inspiring teacher of maths, and a former President. Mgr Tommy served here from 1964 until 1983 and was President of St Kieran's College from 1973 to 1983. Conscious of his contribution to St Kieran's College, his desire that students would each achieve the best that was possible for them in the classroom or on the field of play, and his love of, and dedication to, the game of hurling we invited the Chairman of Kilkenny County Board, Ned Quinn, to prepare a piece on Tommy. We are honoured to have it in the College Record this year to recall Fr Tommy.

Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan, President

## Mgr Tommy Maher

It is both a great privilege and deeply humbling for me as the current Chairman of Kilkenny GAA County Board to have been invited by St Kieran's College to pay tribute to Monsignor Tommy Maher who during his life has made such a enormous contribution to the College, to the Parish of Mullinavat and to Kilkenny Hurling.

All will have their own particular memories of Fr Tommy and the positive influence that he was as a teacher and subsequently as President of St Kieran's College and of his time as Parish Priest of Mullinavat where his footprint continues to be visible every day. I should say that the care, loyalty and support shown to him during his latter time in that parish spoke far more eloquently of the regard people had for him than any words could possibly do.

Hurling was a major part of Fr Tommy's life. He was an outstanding hurler himself and was a member of the 1946 Kilkenny All-Ireland Senior hurling final panel and but for his vocation to the priesthood he would have been part of Kilkenny All-Ireland winning team of 1947.

Despite having to call time on his playing career at a relatively young age

the then young priest continued his involvement in the game and went on to become one of the most visionary and successful coaches of all time. He was instrumental along with Donie Nealon, Tipperary; Dessie Ferguson, Dublin; John Hanly, Clare; and Ned Power, Waterford in setting up the first ever Hurling Coaches courses initially in Gormanstown and subsequently in St Kieran's College. These were the forerunners to the Coaching Courses that are available today and that continue to offer so much to our game.

His achievements with St Kieran's College, with Kilkenny and the Mullinavat team, whom he coached to Junior Co-Championship honours in 1984 (their first such title in almost 40 years) are legendary.

With St Kieran's he re-established the College amongst hurling's elite and his legacy there is that they are now top of the second level schools National Roll of Honour.

Of course, it was his role as coach to the Kilkenny team that brought him to national prominence. It is difficult now to realise the fallow period that Kilkenny hurling was experiencing when the then Co Secretary, the late Paddy Grace, invited him to take on the role in 1957. Suffice to say only

one All-Ireland, that of 1947, had been won in the previous 16 years. What was to follow then, and what has followed since, could not have been foreseen but there can be no doubt but that the All-Ireland victory achieved in 1957, his first year in charge was seminal in changing the course of our County's hurling history. Further All-Ireland successes followed in '63, '67, '69, '72, '74 and '75 before Fr Tommy relinquished his position.

What has followed since in Kilkenny GAA owes much to his work as Coach over that period of time. He revolutionised the approach to coaching and training teams and it can hardly be a coincidence that each of our successful County Team Managers in the intervening years – Pat Henderson, Eddie Keher, Ollie Walsh and now Brian Cody – all played on teams that he coached.

Fr Tommy will always be remembered as one who contributed so much to hurling and to the classroom in St Kieran's College, to the parish of Mullinavat and to Kilkenny hurling in particular. What a legacy to leave behind.

Ned Quinn,  
Chairman Kilkenny County Board



# College Reunion 2014



Front row (l-r): Rev. Bill O'Gorman, Rev. John Murphy, Bishop Séamus Freeman, Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan, President, Rev. Eugene Nee, Rev. John Canon Healy. Back row (l-r): Rev. Patrick Browne, Rev. Desmond McGivern, Rev. Barry English, Rev. Patrick Baker, Rev. Michael Norton, Very Rev. Daniel Cavanagh, Rev. John Gilmore, Rev. Thomas Canning.

As is traditional the reunion of those ordained from St Kieran's College takes place on the first Tuesday after the 15th August. This year that was the 19th and on this day the College was delighted to welcome back so many of its past pupils. In all nearly forty men made the journey to the College, from near and far, to recall time spent here in formation.

The evening began with a concelebrated Mass of thanksgiving in the College Chapel at which Bishop Séamus Freeman spoke about how it is that we either live a little or die a little each day. Our actions, he noted, decide which it is that we do! Bishop Freeman took the opportunity to highlight the importance of ongoing formation, support and development in the life of the healthy priest and he encouraged those present to be especially aware of the need for fraternal help and encouragement in the everyday life of a priest. Music for the mass was provided by one of the groups from St Canice's Parish led by Eimear O'Shea. Those in attendance

all joined in the singing adding to the wonderful atmosphere in the College Chapel. In fact the wonderful music and singing they offered was greatly appreciated by all.

After the mass there was an opportunity for the traditional reunion photo for all celebrating a Jubilee this year and then a drinks reception in the College sitting room. As always the heart of the day is in moments like this - when many old friends come together to recall fondly days and years spent in the College together. St Kieran's then hosted a celebratory dinner in the College ref. and the conversations continued well into the evening. As the meal concluded Fr Dermot, as President of the College, explained to those gathered some of what is happening in the College today and how it is proudly and consciously continuing the tradition first started in 1782. He reflected on the amount of theology continually being offered in St Kieran's with several students from NUIM First Arts availing of the opportunity to study theology there as

well as those who are undertaking the Certificate in Theology and now those who will be part of the Diploma in Catholic Education that will be offered this coming academic year.

Dermot noted that the reunion is one of the highlights of the year when the College has the opportunity to say thank you to all those who, on leaving here, continue to proudly represent St Kieran's in their various ministries throughout the world: ambassadors for the College being welcomed home. Concluding the formal part of the evening he reminded all those gathered that there was for them always a welcome in St Kieran's when they were passing through town since after all it was and remains the home of Kieran's men.

The evening then continued with several of those who were staying over, and some who just dropped in, returning to the College sitting room to share a few drinks and more than a few memories and laughs.



# Class Reunions



St Kieran's College Class of 1964 celebrate 50th reunion

Front row: Fr Michael Norton, Fr Larry Wallace, Tom Conway, Eddie Nolan, Willie Dunne, Seamus Murphy, John Fielding, Richard Dunphy, Michael Donohoe, John Curtis (Principal) Second row: Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan (President), Michael Kelly, John Dermody, Colm O'Shea, Jerry McIntyre, Ray Dollard, Brendan Byrne, Desmond Byrne, Willie Grant, Martin Crotty Third row: John Dalton, John Moore, Steve Lawlor, Gerry O'Brien, Fr Pascal Moore, Ned Phelan Back row: Liam Rice, Dick Delaney, Tom Mooney, Ger Gaffney

Alumni of St Kieran's College (right), layside class of 1958-63, who were reunited at the college on Thursday 21st August to celebrate the 50th anniversary of completing their secondary education (native place and current residence included). Front (l-r): John Kinsella (Mooncoin/Carlow), Fr Tom Norris (Knocktopher/Rome), John Gowen (Kilkenny City), Michael Kelly (Hollywood/Blessington, Co. Wicklow), Joe Lambe (former teacher), Mons. Jim Walsh (Knocktopher/ recently of San Jose USA), Fr Seamus McEvoy (former teacher); second row: Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan, St Kieran's College President, John Burke (Rathdowney/Carlow), Matt Quinlan (Roscrea/Newmarket on Fergus), John Carroll (Pike of Rushall), Paddy Carroll (Ballyragget), Brendan McCann (Dublin/Kilkenny/Delgany), Tom Holden (Stoneyford), John Curtis (College Principal); third row: Denis Bergin (Durrrow, Laois/Shannon Harbour, Offaly); James Brennan (Ballyouskill/Dublin), Pat Delaney (Rathdowney), Michael Fennelly (Ballycallan/Dublin), Kieran Dollard (Kilkenny City/Waterford), Sean Cahill (Kilkenny City/Kill, Co. Kildare), Tom O'Shea (Piltown/New Ross), Mons. Ciarán Ó Mearáin (former prefect); back row: Fr Pat O'Farrell (Knocktopher/Lisdowney), Michael Crotty (Kilkenny City).



College Staff 2015

Back row (l-r): Ms Martina Lawlor, Ms Anne Meaney. Front row (l-r): Mr Frank Murphy, Sr Helen Maher and Mr Pat Drennan.



# Retirements



All-Ireland Senior Hurling Champions 2003

## JOHN QUANE

June 2014 saw the retirement from the teaching staff of John Quane. John's connection with St Kieran's goes back to 1967 when he came to the school as a boarder from his home in Pallasgreen in Co. Limerick. John had a high profile in his student days as an all-round sportsman, featuring on the schools' athletics and hurling teams. In 1972 he featured on a Leinster winning Colleges team with teammates such as Billy Fitzpatrick, who would later go on to captain Kilkenny to win the 1975 All-Ireland, and the legendary Brian Cody.

Having spent a further year in St Munchin's in Limerick, John went on to study Physical Education in Thomond in Limerick where he graduated in 1977. John went on to have spells of teaching in a number of schools in Dublin and Wicklow and also managed to qualify as a career guidance teacher in 1983 after a year's study in UCD.

1988 saw John return to his Alma Mater to teach both Career Guidance and PE. Throughout his time in St Kieran's, John has taken a full and active part in every aspect of college life and was always willing to give up his time for extra-curricular activities. He forged a strong partnership with Tom Hogan in hurling where between 1998-2001 they won 4 successive Leinster Juvenile titles. That same pairing then went on to win 4 successive Leinster Senior titles between '02 and '05, winning



the ultimate prize of the All-Ireland Colleges title in '03 and '04. These Croke Cup victories were particularly memorable for John as his son Jamie played in both finals.

John's involvement in extra-curricular activities also saw him take on such diverse activities as managing soccer teams, looking after the school handballers, and at one stage,

directing a school musical titled 'Our Day Out' which was a co-production with the Presentation Secondary School. On top of all these activities he still managed to find time to study for a Masters in Education in Trinity College which he was awarded in 1993.

John's colourful attire and personality will be remembered fondly by the students as will his role as the



slightly less than lethal centre forward on the staff soccer team against the students at lunch time. Never short of an opinion on any topic, his engaging personality and presence in the staffroom will be missed by all. On behalf of the St Kieran's College Community we wish himself and his wife Dervilla a long and happy retirement.

Niall Connolly

## CHRISTINA WARNER

It gives me great pleasure both as a teaching colleague and friend, to have this opportunity to write a few words about Christina.

When I first came to St Kieran's in 1990, Christina was a great source of common sense and guidance.

She epitomised the integrity and dedication of the teaching profession. Christina was instrumental with St Kieran's involvement in the European Studies Programme which required communication with schools in Northern Ireland, England, Belgium, France and Germany.

Christina's academic ability was a great asset to this college and should be acknowledged. In our acclaimed Geography department, Christina was a major influence in bringing it to the standard of excellence we are so proud of today. At junior cert level she saw the importance of field trips for students to broaden their education in the subject. Her encouragement to teachers, young and old, and of course students was wonderful and indeed it's safe to say that on field trips and in all other areas, 'no stone' was left unturned!

Christina also played a major role in our Irish and German departments – taking part in Irish debating which of course was of no problem to her since she's a true Gaelgoir from the 'homes and hills of Donegal'!!! I must also mention that Christina was a major player in the very popular "CONCERN" English Debates during the 1980s and '90s.

From Donegal to Germany - Christina studied in Vienna and Bonn during summer holidays to enhance her German and also organized our students trip to Leipzig in the early 1990s where they attended school.

When will we miss Christina most? When the Leaving Certificate geography project work has to be

organised Christina will most definitely be missed.

When we need a personal favour, a helping hand and sound advice, we will miss Christina.

It is the untold little things that Christina did for so many pupils and colleagues over so many years, that

makes all the difference in St Kieran's.

Most importantly, it also makes the difference in life as well.

And on that note we wish Christina a long, happy and most of all healthy retirement for many, many years to come.

Michael Forrest



Mr John Curtis, Principal; Mr Richard Warner, Ms Christina Warner, Fr Dermot Ryan, President; Mr Adrian Finan, Deputy Principal, pictured following presentations to Christina marking her retirement.



Fr Dermot Ryan presents Mr John Quane the now traditional retirement gift of a limited edition print of the original architect's drawing for St Kieran's College, along with Ms Dervilla O'Byrne and Ms Debbie Ghanem.



Mgr Kieron Kennedy who retired last year was welcomed back for a presentation to mark his time in the College. From left: Mr John Curtis, Principal; Mgr Kieron Kennedy and Fr Dermot Ryan, President.

# AFD Ossory

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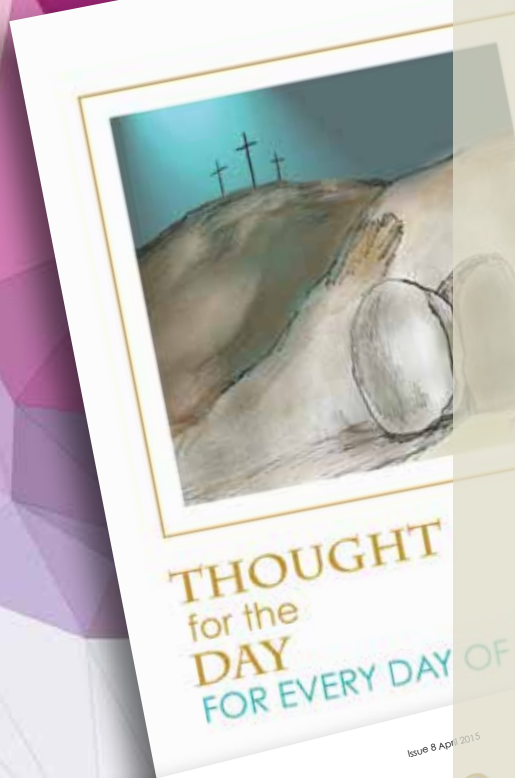
Something very subtle happened to our faith around the time of the Second Vatican Council. We no longer thought of faith as merely the ability to assent to a series of propositions such as "I believe in God" and "I believe in a God who made the world" but now we started to talk about God in more personalist terms. Our God was a friend, counsellor and companion. This was wonderful and it offered a new phase in our relationship with him but it also brought difficulties. It is, ironically, easier to assent to a God of the propositions than it is to get to know him as a friend or person. People and friends are, after all, complicated. Making this God known to people is the task of Adult Faith Development (AFD) here in Ossory.

This group of Eadaoin Maher, Declan Murphy, Derek Dooley, Kieran O'Shea, Olivia Maher, Michael Hogan and Dermot Ryan along with Martina Lawlor, who staffs the AFD office in St Kieran's, tries to facilitate various ways to help people, parishes and groups to deepen their understanding of God; and it is the various ways that is most operative in this sentence. Each year the AFD group tries some tested and some new approaches to help further their objective.

This year the group arranged the training for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. This training took place during Lent in three locations around the diocese over three nights. The first night led by Fr Oliver Maher focused on service and the calling of

the Christian to ministry; the second led by Sr Anna Corcoran explored the role of the Eucharistic Minister in bringing communion to people in homes, hospitals and various situations along with the Sunday Mass; while the last night led by Mr Ken Maher was entirely practical allowing people the chance to practice the distribution of communion and approaching the altar etc. At the suggestion of one parish the group also added a Saturday morning session when all this was covered in one sitting to allow those away from home in College to train to serve in their parishes. The fact that 450 were commissioned or recommissioned in their parishes on Holy Thursday shows the importance of this work.





The AFD group also took advantage of some significant moments in the Church year to focus its work. At Christmas a candle and accompanying prayer card was offered to parishes as a means to draw attention in homes around the diocese to the infant Lord during the hectic festive days. It was wonderful to know that over 2,000 candles made it to parishes and homes throughout the diocese - hopefully stirring people to a simple prayer or short reflective moment on the real significance of these days. On St Patrick's Day we often think of those who have travelled from home and acting upon the suggestion of Thomastown Parish Council the AFD group produced simple prayer cards that were offered free to parishes in 2015. The wonderful idea from Thomastown was to post these to people away from home so as to let them know they are being thought of during our National feast day. Over 5,000 cards were sent out to the parishes and many of these no doubt made it to all corners of our world. During Catholic Schools week the group produced simple bookmarks for the teachers of our schools. With so many Catholic primary and secondary schools in the diocese being led by such wonderful teachers and ancillary staff the group thought it opportune to celebrate that fact and offered a simple prayer for teachers on this bookmark. It was posted to all parishes to distribute and many commented very favourably on the idea to the office.

In a welcome development this year the AFD group, under the leadership of Derek Dooley, was involved in forming five people to be able to work with parishes in training and planning with their pastoral councils. These people, Diarmuid Healy, Kathleen Maher, Eilish Costello, Paschal Grace, Pat Bacon, were sourced from the Diocesan Forum thereby displaying the collaboration that takes place between the groups of the diocese who are all working towards the same goal. The new initiative means that there will be always a team of people in each deanery available to work with Parish Councils in their own parishes.

The Ossory Times magazine is now in its third year and going from strength to strength. Each quarterly edition has well over fifty pages of full colour news and articles from around the diocese. It is offered for sale in all parishes at just €2 to be accessible to all. The founding idea of the publication was to produce something that would not only carry news from around the diocese and the church universal but also would include educational articles on various aspects of our faith. It clearly does that. Flicking through its pages you see a diocese that is alive and active - a faith with flesh on it as it is lived in the people and parishes of our diocese. We are fortunate to have people so committed to the faith in Ossory and is wonderful to share the news of that, and the ideas that it offers, with each other.

The AFD group has also now developed its staple diet of regular offerings to people and parishes. Throughout Advent and Lent a daily text message was sent to those who subscribed. This took the form of a thought for the day which was taken from scripture, the office of readings, or a Church documents along with a little "to do" for the day. In this venture alone over 2,000 people from around the diocese were journeying together during these liturgical seasons. Moreover, thanks to the collaboration of Fr Chris Hayden of Ferns diocese the AFD group produced and offered free in all parishes scripture reflection sheets on Sundays during the year. These sheets guided individuals and groups in reflecting



on the Sunday Gospel during the week be that at home or at work.

The Thought for the Day booklet which is now in its second year was also a great success. These little booklets carried a piece of scripture and a short reflection prompting the reader to do or reflect on something each of the days of Advent and Lent. Fr Kieran O'Shea had worked on this for the past number of years with some of the graduates of the Certificate in Theology. This year he passed the mantle as Michael Hogan and Cathal Cullen took up the challenge to work on compiling these booklets. They certainly faced up to the challenge: over 1000 of these booklets were distributed throughout the diocese twice in the year and people have already asked for more of the same next year - we will certainly hope to oblige.

Another of the staples now is the Diocesan Blitz in May. It was once again wonderful to see so many children and their families come to the College to enjoy a day's hurling and camogie. It is probably the first time that each of them get to hurl for the pride of their parish wearing their club colours - for many it won't be the last. How fitting it is that among their first medals is a Diocesan one - their parish teams will, as we all know, continue to be such a part of their lives in the years ahead. Once again we were very fortunate to have Brian Cody and Angela Downey along to meet the players and witness the skills - and many of the county hurling stars dropped in to present medals. Over 50 clubs from the diocese were represented. The pitches so used to the tradition Black and White of St Kieran's were on this day awash with club colours from near and far.

Like any relationship getting to know God is a life long process. This is both challenge and opportunity for the AFD group in St Kieran's as they continue to explore ways, those various ways, to help people know God. If you have ideas or suggestions please let us know. We always welcome them...



U-8 Hurling & Camogie Blitz  
2015





# OSSORY DIOCESAN FORUM

One of the most significant undertakings of the Forum in the past year was the work that was done on the development of a draft Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Ossory. The origins of this Plan can be traced to the "Listening Sessions" that were held throughout the Diocese in May 2010. Many gatherings, meetings and reflections later in 2013, when the three Deanery Pastoral Councils and the Diocesan Pastoral Council were coming to the end of their term of office, a comprehensive evaluation of the previous four years was undertaken. The main proposal that came from this process was that a Diocesan Pastoral Plan be developed to give focus and direction to the work of all pastoral groups in the Diocese. This became the priority for the new Diocesan Pastoral Council that took office in January 2014.

Between the end of 2014 and the beginning of 2015 the Council of Priests, the Deanery Pastoral Councils and the priests of the Diocese have had an opportunity to consider the draft plan and make their own suggestions. A draft Diocesan Pastoral Plan, addressing such areas as

- Co-Responsibility for the Mission of the Diocese,
- Reimagining Parish Leadership in the Light of Today's Reality,
- Pastoral Care of Priests,
- Liturgy,
- Young People,
- Child Safeguarding,
- Communication,
- Outreach
- Nourishing Faith

was recently presented to and accepted by Bishop Freeman.

The experience of the Deanery Pastoral Council meetings in Kilkenny, Mullinavat and Ballyragget where lay people, priests and religious came together to consider the Plan were a good example of what the Forum seeks to promote: "an effective, collaborative Church" in action. (Forum Constitution, p.3).



# Kilkenny Liberal Studies Group

[www.liberalstudies.ie](http://www.liberalstudies.ie)

2014/2015 was a hectic one for the Kilkenny Liberal Studies Group. The chosen theme was "Exiles" and books and lecturers were chosen accordingly. All started well with talks on the Irish in Newfoundland, Lady Desart and Body Ornamentation as well as a talk on the Brontes, one of our chosen novelists. When we were just ready to discuss our novels we suffered a severe set-back when our anchor lecturer, Mark Roper, suffered an accident and had to cancel. However, we were lucky in securing a great variety of substitutes including two members of Aosdana, a regular contributor to *Sunday Miscellany* and a noted author and lecturer with themes such as *Exile through Poetry*, John Clarke, Poet, *Shackleton's Exploration*, Dr Wilde and an insight into a psychiatric hospital in the 1950s and '60s. The local Wildlife Ranger spoke to us of global warming and endangered species and we finally got to read

*Wuthering Heights* with Mark after Christmas. He also did the poetry and life of Ted Hughes. Our music sessions were provided by Dr Harry White, co-editor of *The Encyclopedia of Irish Music* and we learned about Handel, Moore and Schumann. We had two very interesting talks on Modern Art by Sean Kissane, Curator in IMMA.

We took leave from the classroom and visited the Wexford Opera Festival

and in January the Turner Exhibition in the National Gallery followed by a visit to the National Concert Hall.

Many thanks to the authorities in St Kieran's College for facilitating us in providing further education and hopefully much pleasure to our members during the last twelve months.

Mile buiochas agus gach rath ar obair on Cholaiste.

## Professor Harry White

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Chair of Music, University College Dublin

He is perhaps best known for his work on the cultural history of music in Ireland, on which subject he has published three monographs: *The Keeper's Recital* (1998), *The Progress of Music in Ireland* (2005) and *Music and the Irish Literary Imagination* (2008). He is general editor (with Barra Boydell) of *The Encyclopaedia of Music in Ireland* (2013).

This is the second year Prof. White has been with the Liberal Studies, for three consecutive weeks. This year's them was Exile and he covered Handel, Moore's Melodies and Schumann to the delight of all.

We are hoping he will return to us again next year as he has proved very popular with our group.





# Certificate in Theological Studies

With a noticeable, and welcome, increase in lay involvement in our parishes in various ways, Baptismal teams, Parish Councils, Liturgy groups and in many other areas, the diocese must do all it can to encourage and support people to feel equipped to take on these leadership roles. Precisely for this St Kieran's College began its Certificate in Theology a number of years ago. This course is formative as well as informative - helping people prepare for, and supporting them in, their service in our parishes. This letter from current student Pat Grant is his way of explaining the course and encouraging people to get involved...

Dear Potential Student,


I decided to write you a letter in the hope of encouraging you to consider participating in the Certificate in Theological Studies at St Kieran's College. I would have appreciated such a letter because returning to education is daunting. Finding a work-life-family-studies balance is challenging. However, having completed this part-time course in one year, (which is actually just 100 hundred hours from September to May), I feel proud to now have a third level qualification to my name.

If I had read this before applying last year I would have liked to know about the type of person who might do this course. So, I'm Pat from Waterford and I've just turned 40. I'm married to a very supportive Kilkenny woman who recently gave birth to a little boy, and our eldest son is making his first Holy Communion this year. It's a busy house!! We reached a point where we wanted to give something back to the Church - well we have a lot to be thankful for. So we recently got involved in the children's Liturgy group in our parish. Thankfully it's going really well and we're enjoying the experience. However I wished to feel better equipped to answer the inevitable questions that children will ask and so I found the perfect course.

This programme is accredited by St Patrick's College Maynooth as a Level 7 Certificate in Theological Studies. The course provides a general theological education and the theological background needed for lay involvement and leadership roles at parish and diocesan level. The 6 modules include the Old and New Testaments; Moral Theology; Church History; Sacraments and Liturgy; and Ecclesiology. The lectures are interesting with notes for reference and the lecturers are experts in their respective disciplines. The library and administration staff are extremely helpful and it really helps having someone who has previously done the course to answer any queries. The course director is a frequent visitor which is very encouraging and highlights how much they care and their desire for learning to occur.

I am happy to recommend this course to you. It is a learning and social outlet with like-minded people with whom you get to share a "cuppa" with each evening. There is plenty of learning support and remember there's strength in numbers. The course is an opportunity to enrich your understanding of your faith and that of others in your community by encouraging further involvement in your parish. Finally, I urge you to consider doing something for yourself. Completing the course provides a wonderful sense of achievement. I wish you well.

God be with you,  
Pat Grant



2014-2015


## Certificate in Theological Studies

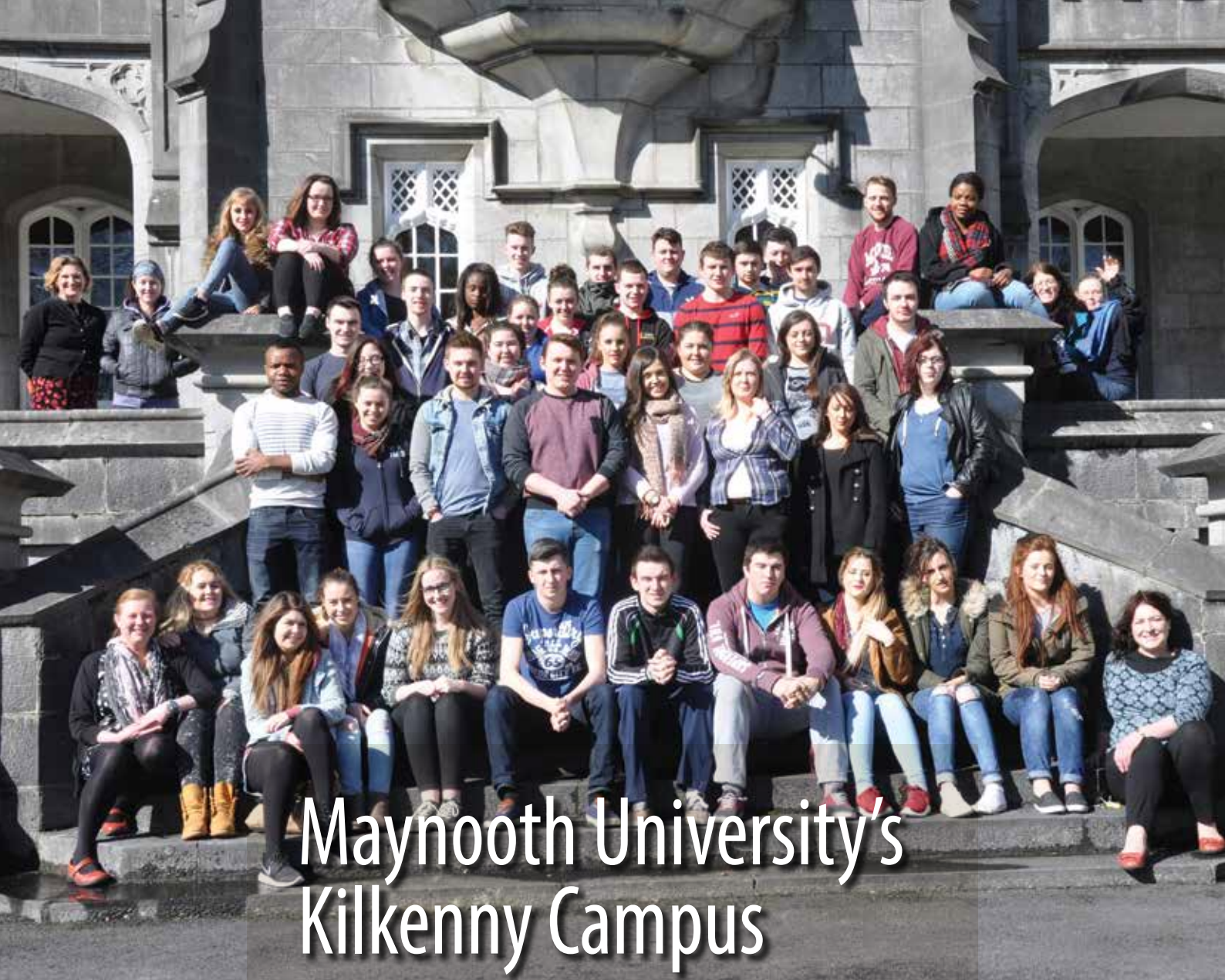
**A Level 7 Certificate providing general theological education and formation in the main aspects of faith and the theological background needed for lay involvement and leadership roles at parish and diocesan level.**

Course Duration: 100 hours, part-time, over one academic year

For an application form or further information please contact:  
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Tel. 056-7753624 or 087-9081470

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# Maynooth University's Kilkenny Campus

Maynooth University has been running flexible programmes at its Kilkenny Campus based at St Kieran's College for over eighteen years. Up to a year ago, the programmes were mainly aimed at mature students (those aged 21 and over) and since 2013 there has been an increasing focus on the new First Arts programme which is open to mature students and school leavers alike.

Over the years, over 1,450 students of the Campus were awarded with qualifications ranging across the full spectrum from Level 5 certificate to PhD. This year alone, two of those who commenced their academic studies on the part-time BA in Local Studies at the campus completed PhDs in History: Dr. Pat Bracken from Thurles and Dr. Richard Hyland from Clonmoran, just outside Kilkenny; Richard is himself a past-pupil of St Kieran's College.

The Department of Adult and Community Education at Maynooth University has provided a home for the Campus since its establishment, and the ethos of that Department with its emphasis on the transformational power of education, and the creation of a supportive learning environment has informed and guided the campus through its ongoing development.





## First Arts at Maynooth University's Kilkenny Campus is thriving

In September 2014 the second group of First Arts students started at Kilkenny Campus. Just under seventy students both from the local area and further afield are studying the first year of their Bachelor of Arts degree in Kilkenny (CAO Code MH901), an increase of approximately 40% from the previous year.

This full time programme which has attracted Leaving Certificate and mature students alike offers the option of studying three subjects out of a choice of eight. Some of the most popular subjects from the main Campus are on offer including English, History, Sociology, Geography, Philosophy, Anthropology and Economics, and St Patrick's College Maynooth is also offering Theology. On successful completion of their first year at Kilkenny Campus, students will transfer to the main campus to complete the Honours BA with Maynooth University (MH101), or the Bachelor of Arts and Theology with St Patrick's College, Maynooth (MU001) if continuing with Theology.

Many students from the local area find the financial benefits of living at home for their first year of college very beneficial. Others from further afield find the smaller numbers on campus very attractive, and opt for Kilkenny as an easier transition from second-level to university. For others, the opportunity to have the first year of their University experience in the vibrant city of Kilkenny has been a selling point, and it has also brought revenue in to the city as many students lodge with local families.

This year St Kieran's College, where the University's Kilkenny Campus is located, also made student accommodation available for students, adding to the appeal of the Kilkenny offering.

The students from last year have given very positive feedback on their experience and have transitioned very well

into their second year on the main Maynooth Campus – there was a 96% transfer rate into second year. At the November Awards Ceremony at Maynooth University, five out of the 49 students from the initial Kilkenny First Arts cohort received awards for academic excellence and student engagement.

Kilkenny students have been performing strongly academically compared to their counterparts on the main campus and they have benefitted greatly from the smaller class sizes, student focused learning environment and the vibrant campus community. They themselves have commented that “we are eased into college life in a friendly environment and we get to know everyone really well”, and “smaller classes are better, the lecturers know your name”.

The current group of First Year students are also seeing the benefits of the smaller campus experience in their feedback to date. Like their predecessors, they have performed on a par academically with their counterparts on the main campus and they have also formed strong bonds of friendship with each other that they will take with them into their second year. The students have been active in the extracurricular areas of their college experience also, organising soccer matches against the first year team from the main campus and taking part in Anti-racism Day with students from Transition Year at St Kieran's College. One of our students regularly represents the university in inter-varsity golf competitions, and we even have a few hurlers in the group!

**For anyone wishing to find out more about the First Arts programme the Campus is holding a number of drop-in days over the summer, details of which will be available on our website <http://kilkenny.nuim.ie> You may also contact us on: Tel: 056 777 5910 / 087 2630999 or email [kilkenny.campus@nuim.ie](mailto:kilkenny.campus@nuim.ie)**





## Hurlers' visit

2014 was another successful hurling year for Kilkenny. This year, like many others in the past, the Senior Kilkenny Inter-County team consisted of many past pupils of St Kieran's College. It is, of course, particularly special when some of those past pupils become members of the teaching staff in the school and this year a number of our teachers were on the panel, captained by past-pupil and member of the teaching staff, Lester Ryan. Lester along with other panel members and manager Brian Cody brought in the Liam McCarthy cup to St Kieran's shortly after the All-Ireland victory.









# Sixth Year Signatures

Daniel Carter, Robert O'Connell, Patrick Clifford, Eoin Holligan, Jack Larkin, Kevin Brennan, Noel Upton, D. Fisher, Jimmy Brennan, Peter O'Sullivan, Dillon Dooley, Conor Comerford, Sean Walsh, Niall Walsh, Marco Perrozi, Eoghan Kearney, Lyndon Brannigan, Ray Lahart, Alex Mitchell, John Fitzpatrick, Jake McDonald, James Brian, Richard Teehan, James Hunter, Campeon Busher, Richie Leahy, Robbie Donnelly, Ben Connolly, Nathaniel Macdonald, Vladyslav Medvensky, Cian Smith, Alan Hayes, Sean Lynch, Cathal Phelan, Terry O'Neill, Donagh Mahon, Aaron O'Keefe, Seán O'Neill, Eoin Delaney, Mark Darling, Cian Jack, Eoin, Michael Shiel, Shane Joyce, Jason Barcoe, Darby Fwamba, Sean Brennan, Alan Harrison, Garry Kehoe, Luke, Sean, Wiall, Mark Ryan, Bill O'Neil, Brian Slattery, Eamon Heurness, Harry Brutin, Alex Luby, Sack Keogh, James Lahart, Bill Brennan.



# 6th Year Experience



Vladyslav Medvensky

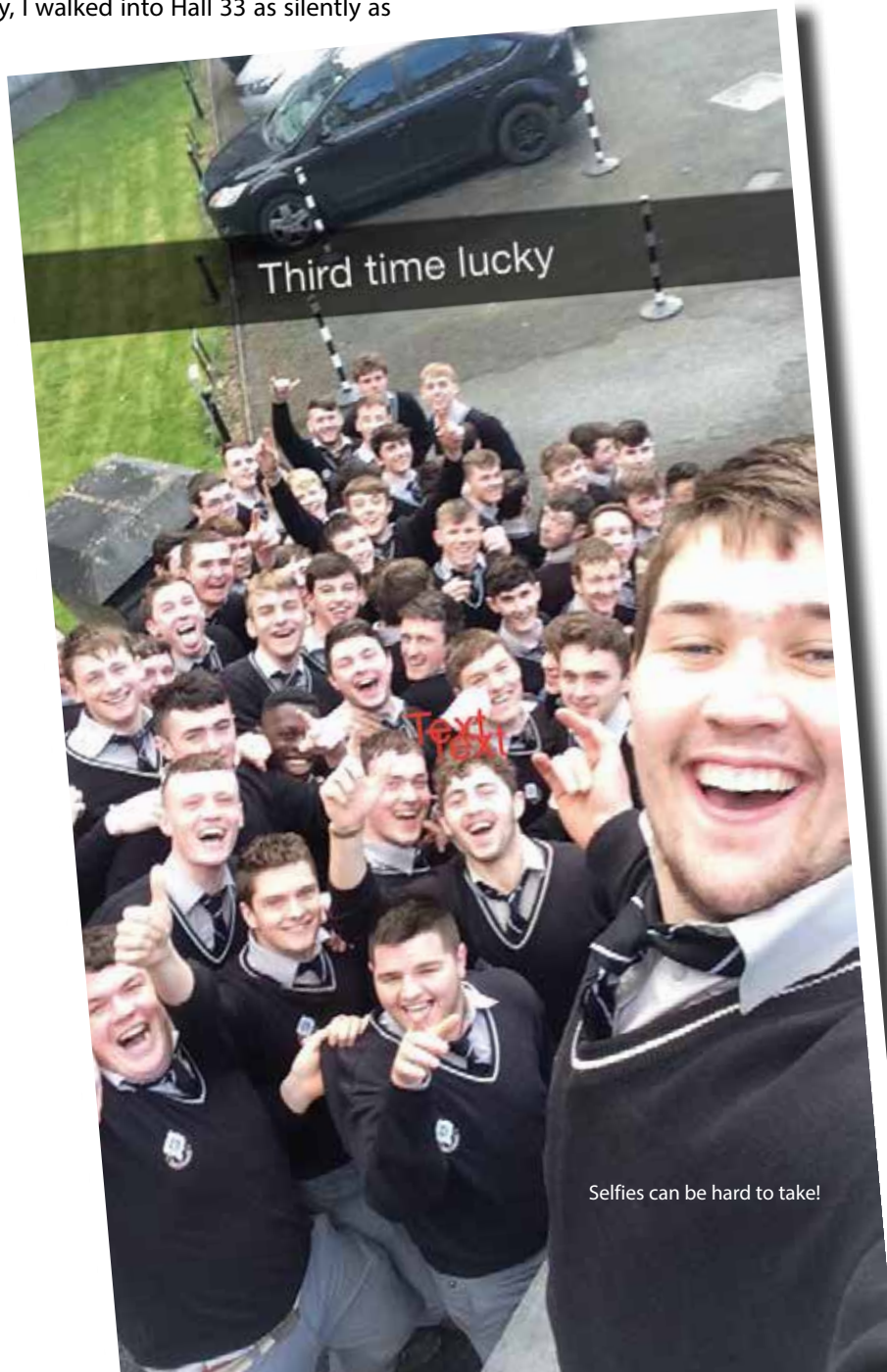
My English teacher, Mr O'Neill had once mentioned to me that my greatest flaw in writing is the inability to portray my honest opinion. So ironically he had asked me if I wanted to take on the challenging task of writing about St Kieran's College from my own perspective over the six years that I have been here; a task that I would consider to be more daunting than trying to articulate an intelligent response to the poetry of Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, but with great honour I decided to take on this challenge.

Having read each of the Sixth Year articles found in previous records in preparation for writing my own perspective, I realised that what I was doing was a completely useless exercise, because as a year we were unique and no previous generalisation would get across the subtlety of being so. Each new cohort that has the privilege of starting their studies at St Kieran's is undoubtedly made up of individuals, who look at their new classmates as strangers and complete aliens; however the magic of this college is so successful at bonding students and bringing out the best of qualities in each and every one of us, that I can proudly say with confidence that the class of 2015 is as diverse as a year can be, yet at the same feels like one big family. It has been a pleasure for me to study in the company of over one hundred lads who are all different and unique, yet who all share a love for St Kieran's College and the experiences that it has provided us with. For that

very reason, even though this piece is directed at my personal experience of studying here, I would like it to be more than simply my story of events but rather a spectacular chronicle that will not only serve us as a reminder of our personal journeys as Kieran's men, but also our journey as a year together.

Probably like everyone else, I remember my first day at St Kieran's College as if it had happened just yesterday. It was Friday afternoon in late August of 2009 when I put on my Kieran's uniform for the very first time in anticipation of starting my scholarly life in this famous College. Feeling a degree of apprehension that day, I walked into Hall 33 as silently as

I could so as not to get noticed; yet the first thing that struck me was actually the state of the desks, rather than the uncountable number of eyes staring at me. Those old wooden desks, that we as a year had the privilege of using had clearly stood the test of times, yet it didn't take long for them to be filled with over a hundred small and innocent First Years goggling at the unfamiliar faces around them, in the anticipation of something wonderful about to happen. That something wonderful was probably guidance, by our year-head Mr O'Keeffe and the team of Cairdeas students waiting by his side. His opening line is a phrase



Selfies can be hard to take!

that had latched onto my memory the moment I had first heard it; 'in primary school you were small fish in a small pond, but now men, you are big fish in a large pond.' From that moment onwards I knew that discipline wasn't something to be messed around with in this school and that we were expected to uphold the ethos of St Kieran's College. Just like that our journeys as Kieran's men had begun, whether it was perfecting our shoe-drawing techniques up in the freezing art room, learning how to type, the challenge of memorising not only the hundreds of different names around us, but also where everything was or preparing strenuously for the first year hurling league. It was an exciting period of change, but before we knew it first year was over and we were no longer the smallest and youngest in the pecking order.

Second year was followed by a new sense of freedom that undoubtedly all Second Years feel at some stage. Being pretentious 'masters of the corridors' with the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams feeling like decades away; what better way was there to enjoy this new sense of liberty than during my year's first sports day ever. That sunny Friday afternoon of late September in Scanlon Park proved to be just the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year that would culminate with a series of fantastic achievements in the field of sport for the school, most notably the clean sweep in GAA. As for me, the moment I took the wrong turn and headed towards Dublin's docklands with a couple of friends during my class' trip to the Dáil is still something that I can't quite get out of my head, but it wasn't nearly as bad as when I managed to get soaked playing golf on St Kieran's Day.

Third year had welcomed us back hostilely with 'study, study, study' echoing through our crammed heads like a mantra with the words 'Junior Cert' stuck somewhere in between. I think it was the first time that any of us had felt the pressure of state exams, but luckily we got through it and Transition Year was just around the corner.

For me and I am sure for many others, TY felt like a deep breath of relief after the pressure of the Junior Cert exams. Without a doubt I have to say that Transition Year was one of the most enjoyable experiences

that I have had during my time in this school because only then did I feel the pain than entrepreneurs have to go through. Never before in my life had I considered the difficulty involved in designing a product that would be both profitable and in demand, as the time when we had to submit an idea for the Student Enterprise Awards. For anybody that had wanted to earn a fortune, this was the time to shine, but I have to admit that it doesn't go so well when you start to ignore intellectual property, as my mini-company found out the hard way! Outdoor trips were my favourite and even though running down Sliabh na mBan wasn't the most comfortable thing one could do; the fun that was had during the Gaisce trip to Jenkinstown Woods is surely a night to remember (if you ignore sleeping on frozen solid ground that is). ECDL, the Enrichment Programme, London, the various projects and workshops that we undertook demonstrated the perks of being in Fourth Year and we were surely going to miss it. Looking back at it, I would probably compare TY to one of those rare, yet beautiful dreams that one may have – exciting and surreal, yet never to repeat again.

Fifth year had sadly come and it took us by surprise. The prospect of actually having to study for the Leaving Cert no longer seemed as if it was a century away; it was closer than we had thought and we were bombarded with work to compensate for our fun-riddled Transition Year. Those of us doing Spanish were lucky to get away and detox ourselves in Spain but it would be highly ignorant of me to forget about my hardworking, French-speaking friends, but to reassure them that 'vous étiez toujours dans ma tête!'; while those in my year who were on the Senior Hurling panel enjoyed tremendous success in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship against local rivals CBS, in what was described to me as being 'a historic moment' in Nowlan Park, an achievement that I openly congratulate them on. Even though I probably have a greater chance of mastering something peculiar like a dead language than the art of hurling, I have always been fascinated by the passion and dedication of the players, right from my very first weeks of first year. Having went to a primary school where getting hit by a sliotar was as common

as getting something wrong in Irish, I wasn't surprised by the interest in hurling at St Kieran's College; however even the likes of me knew that it was on a completely different level here. I had always wondered what made it attractive to a bunch of lads to run around in horrendous Irish weather, but the victory of the Senior hurlers managed to move my Slavonic heart for the very first time. Having lost to CBS in the Leinster final and then having the courage to pick themselves back up again with a flaming sense of utter passion, dedication and team-spirit and win, is a truly inspiring story and that sense of achievement as a team after much hardship is probably the answer to my own question. If there is anything useful that I managed to learn during Fifth Year, then it is definitely to never give up even when the going gets tough (and also not to write short stories in my Leaving Cert English exam), from my inspiring classmates.

That is truly the attitude that I wanted to instil in myself at the beginning of Sixth Year. If anything, I think it would be true to say that your final secondary school year does fly, as most people warn you beforehand; but as a Sixth Year I feel that it's also the most enjoyable as for the first time in our lives teachers have started treating us as young adults rather than as a hoard of primitive school children.

As Sixth Year is slowly coming towards an end, the milkman remains my only hope of grasping Leaving Cert genetics, while the only metaphor that 'Géibheann' could symbolise is the enduring captivity of the Irish education system, or colloquially better known as the Leaving Cert. On the behalf of all my year I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff at St Kieran's College for tolerating our imperfections for more than half a decade and for doing such an amazing job at educating us and supporting us in our journey of becoming young men. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the very best of luck to my fellow classmates in the upcoming Leaving Cert examinations and I am confident that wherever you end up, you will achieve great success and make St Kieran's College proud of the class of 2015! After all, we can't deny that we're going to miss St Kieran's in the years to come.





## My First Year

David Delahunty

On my first day in Kieran's my dad dropped me off on the College Road and I walked through the stone arch. I looked at the school and I thought it was massive and that I was going to get lost going from class to class. I went into Hall 33 and met my friends from primary school. On my way to my first class I remember being pushed around in the hall by the older students. I settled in after the first week. Everyone was carrying around hurls unlike my primary school. At lunch we went to the canteen and tried to rob each others chips and called "ends" on any food you saw. When I went outside if you didn't have a good touch a second year would get your ball and try and put it over the bar. The school turned out not to be so big and I didn't need a map to find my way from class to class. As I went through the year I got to know a few Second Years and made loads of new friends. There is a great atmosphere and I would have no regrets in coming here!



# School Awards 2014

## SUBJECT AWARDS

<b>Mathematics</b>	Junior - Eamonn Fennelly	Senior - Conor O'Carroll
<b>Gaeilge</b>	Junior - Kieran Lucy	Senior - Philip Cooney
<b>English</b>	Junior - Cathal McAuley	Senior - Luke O'Connor
<b>Business</b>	Junior - Eamonn Fennelly	Senior - Kieran Freeman
<b>French</b>	Junior - Peter Mullan	Senior - Conor Aylward
<b>Spanish</b>	Junior - Ben Lawlor	Senior - James Mullan
<b>Technology</b>	Junior - Conor Dyson	Senior - Conor Lowe
<b>Religion</b>	Junior - Enda Kenneally	
<b>History</b>	Junior - Robert Fitzgerald	Senior - Brian Mahon
<b>Geography</b>	Junior - Denis Carrigan	
<b>Art</b>	Junior - Donal Brophy	Senior - Jack Byrne
<b>Technical Graphics</b>	Junior - Enda Kenneally	
<b>DCG</b>	James Mullan	
<b>Agricultural Science</b>	Conor Brennan	
<b>Music</b>	Kieran Lucey	

## ACADEMIC OF THE YEAR AWARDS

<b>First Year</b>	Fionn Whelan
<b>Second Year</b>	Darwish Bourke
<b>Third Year</b>	Eamon Fennelly
<b>Transition Year</b>	Michael Ryan
<b>Fifth Year</b>	Vladyslav Medvensky
<b>Sixth Year</b>	Conor O'Carroll

## AWARDS OF MERIT

<b>First Year</b>	Cathal Ryan, Adam Fitzpatrick, Philip Hayde, Killian Egan.
<b>Second Year</b>	Shane Guilfoyle, Alex Doheny, Conor Archbold, Shanly Sebastian, Ruairi Breen.
<b>Third Year</b>	Eamonn McPhillips, Kevin McQuillian, Jack Manning, Eamonn Fennelly, Bill Cuddihy.
<b>Fourth Year</b>	Michael Ryan, Maurice Walsh, Stephen Carolan, Bill Whelan, Joe Connolly.

<b>Fifth Year</b>	Eoin Walsh, Jason Byrne, Alan Hayes, Sean Lynch, Jack Keoghan, Bill O'Neill.
<b>Sixth Year</b>	Conor O'Carroll, Ian Martin, Shane Walsh, Joe Mullan, Kascper Pawlowski, Nicholas Dunphy.

## SPORTS AWARDS

<b>Sports Star of the Year</b>	Donagh Mahon
<b>Hurler of the Year</b>	James Maher
<b>Junior Hurler of the Year</b>	Tommy Walsh
<b>Juvenile Hurler of the Year</b>	Adrian Mullen

## STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

<b>First Year</b>	Fionn Whelan
<b>Second Year</b>	James Phelan
<b>Third Year</b>	Ciaran Lennon
<b>Fifth Year</b>	Vladyslav Medvensky
<b>Student of the Year</b>	Brian Cody
<b>Patrick Kilroy Award</b>	Patrick Kennedy



## ACADEMIC AWARD



Back row (l-r): Mr Adrian Finan (Deputy Principal), Mr DJ Carey (Guest Speaker), Fr Dermot Ryan (President), Ann O'Carroll (Parents Association), Mr John Curtis (Principal). Front row (l-r): Fionn Whelan (First Year), Michael Ryan (Transition Year), Vladyslav Medvensky (Fifth Year), Conor O'Carroll (Sixth Year), Darwish Bourke (Second Year), Eamon Fennelly (Third Year).

## SPORTS AWARD



Back row (l-r): Mr John Curtis (Principal), Mr DJ Carey (Guest Speaker), Fr Dermot Ryan (President), Ann O'Carroll (Parents Association), Mr Adrian Finan (Deputy Principal). Front row (l-r): Tommy Walsh (Junior Hurler of the Year), James Maher (Hurler of the Year), Donagh Mahon (Sports Star of the Year), Adrian Mullen (Juvenile Hurler of the Year).

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD



Fr Dermot Ryan with Evan Swan who received the 2014 President's Award.

## STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Back row (l-r): Mr John Curtis (Principal), Mr DJ Carey (Guest Speaker), Fr Dermot Ryan (President), Ann O'Carroll (Parents Association), Mr Adrian Finan (Deputy Principal). Front row (l-r): Fionn Whelan (First Year), Ciaran Lennon (Third Year), Vladyslav Medvensky (Fifth Year), Brian Cody (Student of the Year), Patrick Kennedy (Patrick Kilroy Award), James Phelan (Second Year).

# Pastoral Care in St Kieran's

Every year the students of St Kieran's College have a day set aside for retreat. A retreat is a chance for our students to relax, to take some time out of their busy schedules and to spend some time together with their friends. Retreats provide opportunities for the students to reflect on their lives and to perhaps discuss and think about what direction their lives are going in. Retreats can also be spiritual experiences with some time set aside for some prayer or meditation.

TY retreat

## LITURGIES

Throughout the school year we hold many prayerful liturgies. In September we celebrate our Opening of the School Year mass which welcomes our new First Year students to the school as well as all teachers, staff and students for another school year. During November we remember our deceased loved ones and friends which we marked this year with a mass in the College Chapel. Advent quickly followed, when we prepare for the birth of Christ with class prayers and teaching on the beginning of the Church's liturgical calendar. Before the Christmas exams, all students gathered for the Christmas Carol Service. 2013 saw the introduction of Carols in the College chapel; an atmospheric occasion which was repeated again this year in the lead up to Christmas. A whole school liturgy is celebrated annually for the feast of St Kieran in St Mary's Cathedral on St Kieran's Day. Lenten preparations consist of reflections and prayers for all classes, with pieces of scripture presented on the TV screens around the school. The final school duty for every Leaving Cert student is to attend the Graduation Mass at the very end of the school year where we bid farewell Leaving Certs and pray for a safe, healthy and successful future for all. Our liturgies are an integral part of life in St Kieran's College as it is through our liturgical prayer that we get the opportunity to express our faith and celebrate the important events and moments in our lives together.

## RETREATS

Our First Year students receive their retreat in the school theatre. This is a "Friendship Day" which focuses on the importance of friendship and the importance of not tolerating bullying as a part of our school. This is a day which gives each of the First Years a good opportunity to meet and get to know everyone in their class in a more informal setting. The day begins with a couple of games which encourages the students to speak to others that they haven't yet spoken to. The retreat team spend a good part of the day on their anti-bullying workshop. There is also some time allocated for questions, answers and prayer. In the afternoon, an activity is planned to encourage





First Years to relax, have fun and enjoy each others company.

In Second and Third Year, students visit the Castletown Retreat Centre, Co Laois and go on a walking retreat from Duiske Abbey in Graiguenamanagh, Co Kilkenny to the picturesque village of St Mullins, Co Carlow. This gives class groups a chance to bond, to follow in the foot-steps of our Christian ancestors and to pause for prayer.

In Fourth Year the retreat takes on a slightly different dynamic. Students go on some form of pilgrimage for a day. This year the Transition Years journeyed to the monastic site of Glendalough, Co Wicklow. Here, we follow in the footsteps of St Kevin. Our journey begins and ends at the lake. Various thoughts, prayers and readings are given throughout the day and mass is celebrated upon return to the lake. We pray for good weather particularly on this day!



In Fifth Year the students get the opportunity to re-visit Castletown, three years on for a little more time out, discussion and prayer. Finally, in Sixth Year students receive a retreat with a difference. The retreat is held in the school theatre. The theme for the day is "Life After the Leaving Cert" and three guest speakers meet the lads to give them their experience of life after the Leaving. The class of 2015 met two past pupils, Fergal Brennan and Cormac Connolly, who are currently studying in Dublin, Fr Sean Donoghue, Capuchin Friar and Commandant Robert Kearney, past-pupil of St Kieran's and is now studying for his Masters in the Curragh, Co Kildare having served in Liberia, Chad, Syria and Israel in recent years. An opportunity to pray and a good lunch in Langtons helps the lads to enjoy this day, while focusing them on the Leaving and their future lives beyond the gates of St Kieran's.



Retreats offer a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In St Kieran's College we feel that its important for all students to get an opportunity to take time out of their busy lives during the school year. We often hear of things which can happen in life that puts 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.



## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

During Lent, Evan Shefflin, a Transition Year student from St Kieran's College trained to become Minister of the Eucharist. He was commissioned in Ballyhale parish on Holy Thursday night and can serve as a minister in St Kieran's College during his remaining years here in the school. We are very grateful to Evan for volunteering to live out his faith through his ministry. Evan joins a team of Eucharistic Ministers that we currently have in the school. Our Eucharistic Ministers are: Cian Smith (Sixth Year), Bill Whelan, Alan Mooney, Patrick Kennedy, Peter Scarrif-Lalor (Fifth Year) and Evan Shefflin (Transition Year).

## CAIRDEAS

Each year a group of our Fifth Year students take part in the Cairdeas programme. This programme has been set up in the school to help first years to settle into their new school environment. The Cairdeas team



Back row (l-r): Alan Mooney, Patrick Kennedy, Robert Kerwick, Patrick Gannon, Anthony Forristal, Oisín Gough, Brian Power, Aidan O'Sullivan, Patrick Maher, Danny Kehoe, Michael Ryan. Front row (l-r): Edmond Delaney, Conor Byrne, Stephen Bateman, Peter Lynch, Bill Whelan, Stephen Carolan, Danny Egars, Liam Wallace.

agree at the beginning of the year to help initiate our first years. Each fifth year was assigned approximately ten students to look after. They met each of their students on their first day and at regular intervals throughout the year particularly during the first term. 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 are present in the school to assist with the needs of their assigned first year group if necessary.



Peter Walsh, Tommy Walton, Eamonn Fennelly, Martin Keoghan, Evan Shefflin, Ciaran Lennon

## TRIP TO LOURDES 2014

Eamonn Egan 5th Year

Last May, at the end of Transition Year, myself and nine other TY students from St Kieran's College travelled to Lourdes as youth helpers on the annual diocesan pilgrimage. In Lourdes we spent five days helping the assisted pilgrims from Ossory to move around Lourdes and attend the various religious ceremonies. On our trip we were accompanied by students from other schools all over the diocese.

Our jobs entailed being up early every morning to bring the assisted pilgrims to and from ceremonies every day and help them with anything else they needed. This meant we spent a lot of time with the assisted pilgrims who we all got to know very well and we really enjoyed their company. As well as helping the pilgrims we got to see the town of Lourdes and of course the famous pilgrimage sites such as the Holy Baths.

After the five days we were all very sorry to be leaving Lourdes. It is a trip I would advise all Transition Year students to apply for and is one of my best memories of Transition Year.





## SECOND YEAR SOCIAL MEDIA ROADSHOW

On 15th October 2015 Beat 102 103 in association with the DES (Department of Education and Science) brought a Social Media Roadshow to the school. St Kieran's was chosen as one of only a handful of schools in the South-East area to pilot the show. The idea of the show was to highlight the dangers that can be associated with social media websites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. It explored the subject of cyber-bullying and the harm it can cause others. It encouraged the students to "Think Before you Text!" Radio presenters Trish Archer and Dave Cronin from "Beat Breakfast" presented the show in a fun, friendly and informative manner to the Second Year students. They even brought along their own DJ who provided the "tunes". Needless to say, everyone enjoyed the show – especially as the students were allowed to use their phones for it!

## POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

The Pope Saint John Paul II Award is dedicated to the memory of the late Pope Saint John Paul II who believed greatly in the importance of the role that young people have to play in our church. Through this Award, young people are enabled to take an active part in the life of their Church, in the life of their community and society and also become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world. It allows young people to understand that religion and faith is not just for learning, but also for living.

On Friday evening 5th September, following a year of participation, nine students from St Kieran's College received their awards. Gold certificates and medals were awarded to those who worked in their parish and in their communities for a combined forty weeks. Silver awards were awarded for twenty-eight weeks of work and bronze for sixteen weeks. The Award is running in schools around the Diocese of Ossory over the last few years. The present award recipients began their course in September 2013. Since then, they have engaged in a wide variety of parish and community based activities ranging from reading at mass to helping those with special needs.



Some trained to serve as Ministers of the Eucharist for the school and their parish church, while others gave up their free time to visit the sick and elderly.

The Pope Saint John Paul II Awards

will continue to be offered to senior students in the school and some of the current recipients have aspirations to receive the Papal Cross Award. Well done to all the lads.

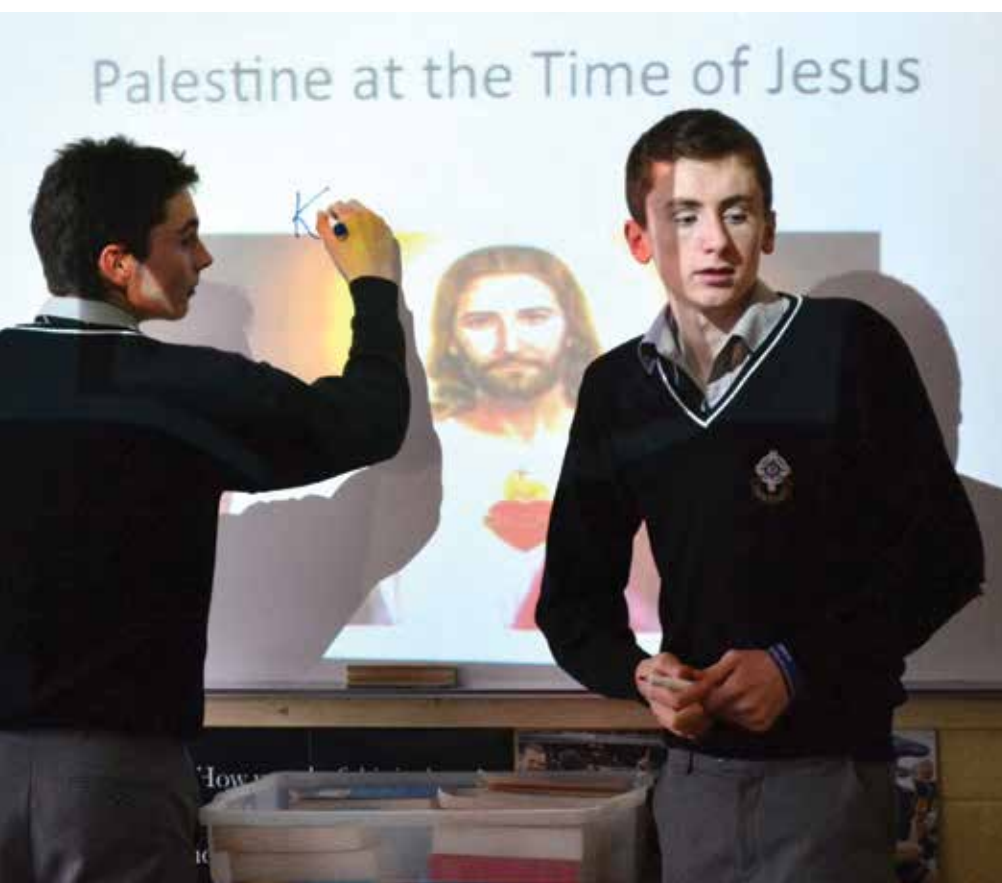


Back row: Michael Ryan, Edward Moylan, Eamon Forristal, Bill Whelan. Front row: Alan Mooney, Peter Scarrif-Lalor, Danny Kehoe, Evan Carroll, Liam Wallace.



Patrick Kennedy, Edward Moylan, Bishop Séamus Freeman and Alan Mooney receiving their Gold John Paul II Award.





## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Earlier this year, from January 25th – 31st we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. In celebrating Catholic schools as places of faith and learning we are acknowledging that Catholic education is not closed or self-absorbed. It is open to the world and to new ideas. This year, Catholic Schools Week gives us an opportunity in our homes, schools and parishes to affirm Catholic schools as places of faith and learning.

In St Kieran's College, we have marked Catholic Schools Week with a number of reminders around our school. Inspirational quotes and messages can be found on the Television Screens and in strategic places in our corridors. Some of these are inspirational thoughts about life from famous people. Others are quotes from some of the other World Religions. Some are taken from our own sacred text, inspirational quotations from both the Old and the New Testaments. In our busy daily routines, these quotes serve to remind our students and staff about what's important in our lives.

During Catholic Schools Week, our Fifth Year Cairdeas leaders prepared and taught Religion classes. As baptised Christians we have a responsibility to evangelise, to pass on the Good News of Jesus and the values of the Gospel. During Catholic Schools Week, the Cairdeas leaders taught Religion to our First Year Classes and to the Sixth Class groups in St Patrick's De La Salle primary school and in St John of God's primary school.

This has become an annual project between the schools. It is used as a way of creating awareness of the importance of our identity as a Catholic School while also promoting the values of the Gospel through the teaching of Religious Education to the young people in the local primary schools and within our own school.

We would like to thank the principals and teachers of the St John of God and St Patrick's De La Salle Primary Schools for facilitating this project again this year.

The Cairdeas lads also organised a mass for the First Years. In the celebration of Eucharist we remember the selfless love that Christ showed for us by giving his life for us.



We also remember the eternal life promised to us. During Catholic Schools Week, First Years had the opportunity to gather, celebrate, receive the Body of Christ and go forward with their mission to serve others. It is in doing this that we become "One Body" in the Eucharist.

Catholic Schools Week is a great reminder of who we are as baptised Catholic Christians. We pray that, as a Catholic School we may continue to: develop our relationship with God; celebrate the Eucharist; strive to achieve the Kingdom through support in learning and education; answer our call to serve others, and pass on the stories of our faith to others in the community. May we remain proud of our Catholic faith.

## PAPAL CROSS AWARDS

On Saturday May 16th 2015 three St Kieran's College students were awarded the prestigious Papal Cross Award at a special ceremony in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

The Papal Cross is the highest achievable award of all of the John Paul II Awards. Those who have already completed the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards can only attain it. It involves a further 52 hours of both parish and social work that therefore took a lot of time, dedication and commitment.

This year, three Fifth Year students, Patrick Kennedy, Peter Scarrif-Lalor and Alan Mooney all completed the award. All three are commissioned Ministers of the Eucharist for their respective parishes and contribute to the life of their parishes through their ongoing involvement. All three have also volunteered for 26 weeks of the year for the St Vincent de Paul in Kilkenny.

It has been a busy but a very rewarding experience for all of lads involved. All three have expressed an interest in continuing to volunteer in both their parishes and in their communities. Bishop Freeman presented the Papal Cross Awards to the lads. Well done to all involved.



Alan Mooney, Peter Scarrif-Lalor and Patrick Kennedy receive the Papal Cross Award.

## PAPAL CROSS

Peter Scarrif-Lalor

The Pope John Paul II Award was set up to remember the late Pope's love for young people in the Catholic Church throughout the world. The initiative of this program is to get young people more involved in the life of their local communities, to gain a better understanding of the Catholic Church's teachings, and above all, to play an active part in the life of the Church. It could be said that by participating in this award young people become more knowledgeable concerning the Church's teachings and learn how the Christian message is not just expressed at mass, but rather everywhere in our daily lives, from our homes to among friends to the members on our sports teams. The Pope John Paul II award was launched in Ireland by his Excellency Most Rev. Dr Giuseppe Lazzarotto on 7th November 2006 in the Diocese of Derry.

My journey with the JP II award began while I was in my fourth year at St Kieran's college. As part of the group going to Lourdes to help with the pilgrims, I opted to complete the Gold Award which involved both Parish involvement and Social Awareness. With the help of Mr Maher and Fr Ryan, I became a Eucharistic minister and helped out at the school masses as part of my Parish Involvement.

At the beginning of 5th year, two fellow students: Patrick Kennedy and Alan Mooney, as well as I were given the opportunity to continue our JP II journey by taking on the Papal Cross Award. Already aware of how self-fulfilling and worthwhile the JP II Award was in 4th year, none of us hesitated in putting our names down. This time for my Parish Involvement I took up Eucharistic Adoration as well as organising a church choir. For my Social Awareness I worked in a charity shop along with the other two students who were completing the award.

Looking back on the whole JP II experience, I am really grateful that I was lucky enough to get the chance to participate in this award. The Award taught me many things; however the most important thing has to be that I realised the importance one's role in the community plays and how it can never be overlooked.

# Past Pupils



We remain Kieran's men long after we have left the school. Our interest in the Blacks and Whites doesn't lessen. With this in mind we are endeavouring to establish and maintain contact with our past-pupils. We invite them to sign in on our website to receive a quarterly eNewsletter. We have also published these newsletters and distributed them to past pupils. Why not encourage those past pupils you know to sign up [www.stkieranscollege.ie](http://www.stkieranscollege.ie)



Jack Kavanagh

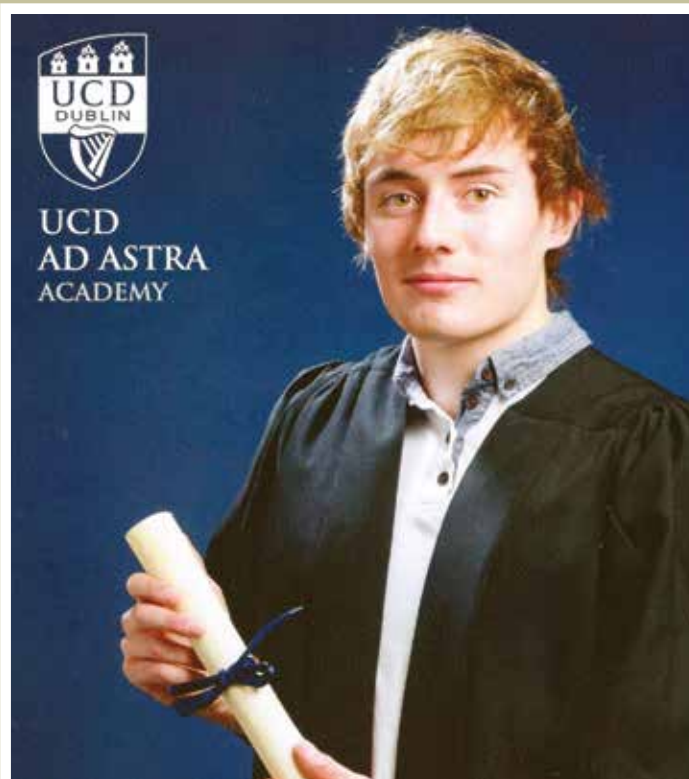
Very simply being a Kieran's lad today consists of hard work, determination, consistency and honesty. That is in everything you do, be it music, academics or indeed hurling, St Kieran's College stays true to its tradition that hard work is key to being successful in whatever

it is you are interested in. This tradition is introduced to you on the very first day of first year, although its sometimes hard to recognise, as you progress from first to sixth year it becomes engrained in you. Not much has changed in the last 233 years. Having had a grandfather, two granduncles, an uncle and my father attending secondary school at College Road, I understand that hard work is key to moving forward. I also see that being part of the Kieran's community is something quiet eccentric in itself. Whether its someone who was a past pupil from 60 years ago or last year, being part of that community is something we all share together and I count us lucky to have experienced it. Be it with friends who attended the school or people who have passed before we can all share stories of great times we spent inside the Glass hall or on the senior pitch during the warm lunch breaks.



## UCD Entrance Scholarships 2014

Three St Kieran's College students were honoured at the recent UCD Entrance Scholars Awards ceremony. Pictured with Mr Curtis are Peter McPhillips (Health Science), Brian Cody (Science) and James Mullan (Commerce).



## James Maher

James was awarded an Ad Astra Elite Scholarship from UCD for the duration of his studies. There are only 57 Ad Astra Elite Athletes across a range of sports in UCD.





## Parents' Association Fun Run

The Parents' Association ran another successful 5k run in the Castle Park this year. A very enjoyable morning was had by all who attended. This event raises funds for the huge variety of activities that students participate in. Thank you to all who support the event and to the Parents' Association for organising it.







## St Kieran's Day 2015

Jacob Vuchiri, David Rainey, Szymon Lukaisak, Conor Byrne

Our patron Saint's day is March 5th but as this was a Thursday our celebration was held off until Friday March 6th. The day started off as normal with the roll being taken in our first class and then the whole school went to St Mary's Cathedral where Fr Ryan was waiting to say mass. After mass we all went back up to school where we changed for the day's activities. There were loads of activities on the day but we are going to tell you about the activities we did.

Firstly soccer, we went up to the Watershed to play. The teams were decided before we went up as we got to choose who we wanted on our team. Mr Lynch was organising the day with the help of other teachers. When we arrived we had to pay €15 per team this was to pay for the Watershed. Mr Lynch had organised a tournament, First and Second Years played each other, Third and Fourth Years played each other and Fifth and Sixth Years played each other. The competition went on all day and we got to play about 5 or 6 games. A First Year team won the competition that we were in.

Splatball. To play splatball we went to the adventure centre in the Orchard. Mr Morgan organised the event. When we went over we were given belts to hold our paint. It was basically an assault course where we had to fire paint at each other. We were divided into two teams and the team who got the most flags without being hit won.

Bowling. We went over to K bowl to play. We were divided into different lanes with our friends. Ms Keyes organised it. When we were finished our bowling competition we were allowed to play the games. We also got our lunch while we were there.

St Kieran's Day is a great day and we are looking forward to it already next year.







From a Sixth Year's perspective St Kieran's Day is a nice break from the monotonous study regime. The majority of Sixth Years this year went to Scanlon Park to participate in a soccer tournament. However over the years we have participated in such diverse activities as quadding, swimming, fishing and bowling. Mr Buckley always organised the video game tournaments which became really competitive, and there are fond memories of the Texas Hold'em tournament. St Kieran's Day is one of the days that I think we will miss most from our time in St Kieran's.

Harry Kavanagh

On the 5th March every year we celebrate the feast of our school's patron saint, St Kieran of Ossory. This is unique day to the students and staff of the college that makes a great day for all involved. Each St Kieran's day begins with a mass attended by the 700 plus students and members of staff past and present, in Mary's Cathedral. Students participate in readings at the mass and present icons that are special to our school. These icons represent the academic and sporting achievements of the school. After mass, many activities take place that bring a sense of fun and competitive edge. These include a soccer tournament, tennis and paintball. All round, the day is very enjoyable and reminds us every year of the tradition of celebrating the passing of winter "hiems transiit".





## Green Schools

This year the Green Schools committee forged links with the Susliving Centre in Stoneyford. They travelled to Stoneyford on the 16th December and spent a week taking part in an interactive shop relating to sustainable living, energy reduction and recycling and repurposing. The committee was split into three groups with each group attending a "hands on" workshop for roughly twenty five minutes on a certain topic before rotating the groups. The trip was undertaken as part of the Green schools committee's attempts to renew the St Kieran's Green flag.

The lads took part in workshops to do with composting and growing their own fruit and vegetables, recycling and upscaling and alternative energy. The final task of the day was to put all their knowledge together and participate in a competition to design a sustainable apartment patio using recycled items.

Following on from that trip First, Second and Third Year members of the committee took part in a return visit the SUS team. This time the lads refreshed what they had learnt in December and applied it to a community based project. It was decided to construct window boxes using recycled materials with the aim of presenting them to a community group.

The inclusion of the SUS team to the Green Schools programme has been a great addition and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



## Maths Award



Junior IMTA winners (l-r): Oisín Doyle and Eoin Morgan.

## 2nd Year CSPE Trips

In November, 2A2 took a trip to the Dáil as part of their CSPE Action Project.

The class organised everything to do with the trip, from emailing, to arrange a date/time, booking the bus, collecting money, researching for the trip and coming up with questions to ask. They were lucky enough to get a tour around Leinster House, the Dáil and Seanad. They also had an opportunity to meet with John Paul Phelan who very kindly gave some time for a Questions and Answers session.

In April, 2A1 took a trip up to Midlands Prison in Portlaoise for their Action Project. Similarly, they organised the entire trip themselves. Students got an opportunity to get quite an extensive tour of the prison. Some of the areas that they were allowed access to included the security area upon entering the prison, the kitchen where all the meals are prepared by prisoners, the workshops where prisoners learn new skills like woodwork, plastering, tiling and plumbing. Procedures of what happens within the prison in relation to security, contraband, possible riots and visiting hours were all explained in a lot of detail to the class. It was a highly informative trip and one well worth taking.

Well done to the two classes on all their hard work in preparing for the trips and in writing up their projects afterwards.



# English Workshop

Leo Capasso

The day started at 11am and ended at lunch time. At the start of the day the man who was giving the course told us a little bit about himself and then we told him about us. After the introductions he asked us to tell a small story on anything we wanted to talk about, my story was about a rugby player. As the day was about writing poetry the next thing he asked us to do was to write a poem about where we are from, we then had to recite the poem in front of the rest of the group. When everyone had finished their poem we watched a poem being recited on YouTube, we were shown this poem to prove that poems don't have to rhyme. The last task of the day was to write a poem that describes ourselves. This was very nerve wracking as we had to recite the poem in front of the group when we were finished. We were all very nervous at the start but as the morning went on we all got more used to it and were enjoying it by the end. It was a great experience and we all really enjoyed it.



## Poetry Aloud

Brandon Rochford-Freaney

St Kieran's College has a long standing tradition of hosting the first round of Poetry Aloud thanks to Mr Cotter who organises the event every year. This year many students tried their arm at the prestigious performance competition founded by the late Seamus Heaney.

This was my second attempt at entering the competition; I performed "St Kevin and the Black Bird" by Seamus Heaney and "A Radio with Guts" by Charles Bukowski. On this occasion I was successful in the opening round along with 1st year participant Padraig Hally, out of the 1600 students who entered only one hundred advanced to the semi finals.

On Friday the 14th of November Padraig and I travelled to the National Library of Ireland to compete in the semi finals. Controversially neither of us progressed to the final although we did enjoy the experience and opportunity to meet the best young poetic performers in Ireland.

## RhymeRag

RhymeRag is an online poetry publication that features poems from young poets in Kilkenny. St Kieran's has featured more than any other school on this site with Harry Kealy, Liam Wallace, Alan Mooney, Stephen Kirwan, Jack Larkin, Conor Archbold and Tim Ferris all appearing to date.

All poems that are submitted are reviewed by Cork poet John W Sexton, who then selects two poems a month to be illustrated by Alé Marcado and published on the site.

RhymeRag was officially launched on the 28th April in the Set Theatre. Many students from our school got the chance to read their poems including Luke O'Dwyer who wrote his poem in a workshop with performance poet Steven Murray that same day. Siobhán Parkinson, former children's laureate of Ireland was also present for the launch.

If you are interested in reading the poems or submitting one yourself go to [rhymetrag.net](http://rhymetrag.net).







Junior Choir

Back row (l-r): Vincent Gornicki, Conor Foley, Tom Kennedy. Third Row L-R: Rory Breen, Thomas Nugent, Matthew Comerford, Theo Ordonov, Gavin Blanchfield. Second row (l-r): Adam Burns, Rian Houston, Brian Kearney, Luke Gannon, Bill Kavanagh, Ross Ellis. Front row (l-r): Conor T Kelly, Brian Wall, Jake Hickey, Jason Walsh, Mikey Prendergast, Stephen O'Keeffe, Darren Cuddihy.

## Music

Alan Hayes

Music played a big role in my enjoyment here at St Kieran's College for the last six years. When I came to the school in first year the music department was offering students the opportunities to learn or improve on a wide range of instruments from guitar, drums, piano and brass instruments.

These opportunities are still available to students of all levels in the school. Each year I took part in all the music activities I could. I found myself performing in front of classes and at school events such as Kieran's day mass, end of year awards, fundraisers and Christmas services. This helped me develop my confidence as a performer not just in school but also for outside of school. In Transition Year I decided to teach myself the guitar but as I was so busy with other activities after school it was hard to find the time to practise but then I was told I could practise during free classes and in my spare time. This was a massive help to me.

Since I came to the school in first year the school choir has raised over €7000 for various charities around Kilkenny by Christmas carol singing. We also started a Christmas carol service for families of the choir students which is a huge success each year. The senior choir also joins up with the Loreto choir to sing in the music festival each year.

In my six years as a student here at



First Year Quartet (l-r): Kevin Fitzpatrick, David Delahunty, Patrick O'Shea, Ronan Lavelle.

St Kieran's College I took part in jazz concerts, choir festivals, and various competitions. In third year I teamed up with Sixth Year Barry Power. We entered the inter-schools talent competition in which we won a digital keyboard worth €1000 for the school. In transition year I wrote a song called 'Survivor' and with

the support of the school I got the chance to practise it during free class time and develop the song. Without the support of Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Phelan and Mrs O'Connor it would have been a lot more difficult to find the time and confidence to perform in and outside of school.



Jazz Band: Back row (l-r): Padraic Moylan, Niall Brennan, Shay McEvoy, Alex Lalor, Eoghan Moylan. Middle row (l-r) Patrick O'Shea, William O'Sullivan, Evan Clarke, Mark Nolan. Front row (l-r): Alex Doheny, Eoin de Buitlear, Tommy Farrell, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ronan Lavelle, David Delahunty.







## Alan Hayes

Alan has had huge success in his musical activities both in and outside of school. In the last few years Alan composed a song called 'Survivor' which has brought him through musical experiences most music students would dream of in their school years. In January 2014, he appeared on the Late Late Show with Ryan Tubridy and three days later on TV3's Ireland AM promoting his single which is available for download on iTunes. The proceeds of this single go to The Thomas Hayes Trust. As a result of these two TV appearances and the success of his single, Alan was approached by a representative from RTE who took his song 'Survivor' and arranged it for 6 choirs totalling in 250 voices and a five piece band of drums, bass guitar, flute, piano and guitar. There were two performances of this arrangement held recently in the George Bernard Shaw Theatre in Carlow.

Alan had played a major role in all music activities in the six years he has been in the school. He has always given his time freely and with complete dedication to whatever task has been asked of him. We wish him every success for the future.



## Young and Adolescent Art

The Young and Adolescent event was held during Kilkenny Arts Week for both primary and secondary schools in the Kylemore Clinic for the second consecutive year. The sponsors were: Osraí Paediatric Dentistry, Ormond Orthodontics, Kilkenny Borough Council and The Knights of St Columbanus.

St Kieran's students featured in all



three sections of the Secondary Schools' Competition. In the First/Second Year Section: Kacper Mazurkiewicz won First Prize and Krystian Pawlowski won Second Prize. In the Third /Fourth Year

Section: Jack McHugh won First Prize and Éoin Rudkins won Second Prize and in the Fifth/Sixth Year Section: John O'Meara won Second Prize and Daniel Duku was Highly Commended.

## Savour Kilkenny Food Competition

Ben Lanigan

This year I decided to enter the savour Kilkenny food competition. There were two categories in the competition, the first was, food sculpture and the second food couture. The theme was "Kilkenny the Friendliest City in Europe" [which it is!]. I had to use food as the medium for the competition, as my piece consisted of a pumpkin which was carved to resemble an Inn, which Kilkenny is famous for. It was renamed the "Pumpk-Inn" which was just a bit of

imagination and a conversation starter. On the side of the pumpkin there was a signpost which featured some tourist attractions from around Kilkenny. For the base, I made the stars on the flag of the European Union from various types of seed. These can be seen under the pumpkin.

When I was told I had won the food sculpture competition I was over the moon not just because I had won but because First prize was an Apple IPAD.

I would like to thank "Savour Kilkenny" for an excellent and



challenging competition which encouraged me to enter, but most of all, I would like to thank Mr Kelleher and my family for their support towards me during the making of the "Pumpk-Inn".

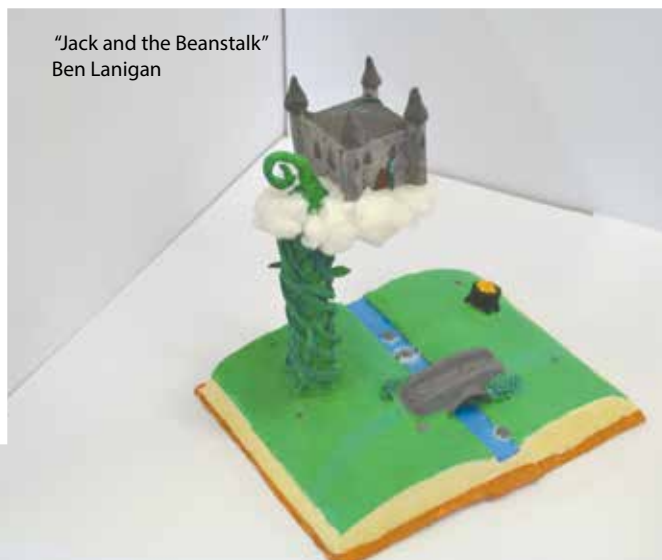


# Third Year Art

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Sam Hickey



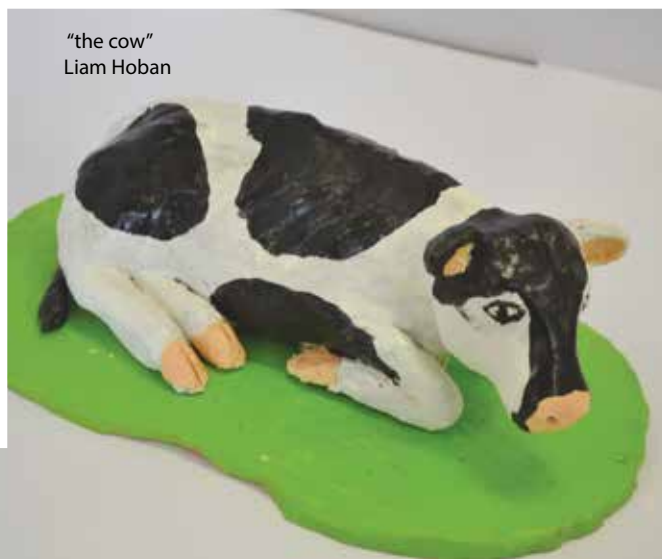
"Jack and the Beanstalk"  
Ben Lanigan



"inside a machine"  
Kacper Mazurkiewicz



"the cow"  
Liam Hoban



"inside a machine"  
Stephen Kirwan



"what interests me"  
Joe Breen





# Science

## SCI-FEST WIT Luke Gannon



When we got to school at 8am the three of us didn't have the expectation that we were going to get any prize, we were delighted to work on our project and participate. There were six other projects from the school and there was great excitement about the exhibition.

When we arrived in WIT we set up our stand and waited for the judges to come around there was one round of judging for us as the judges came around we started to realise they really liked our idea, they were especially impressed with the fact that we surveyed the students in school and made the changes to our prototype.

As there was only one round of judging for our section during the other round of judging we were showing our idea to the other students and to teachers from other schools. Soon after we began to realise that people were really impressed by our invention and that we actually had a chance to win a prize. At 1pm the judges were coming around to the top four and our project was included.

When it came to the prize giving we were hoping for best technology project or best junior project but they had given away all them prizes and we thought we had not won anything but in fact we had actually won runners up of the best overall project, we were delighted and came back to school with a plaque.

## AG SCIENCE TRIP

The 5th year Agricultural Science class accompanied by Mr Darmody went on their annual farm visit to Kildalton Agricultural college in Piltown on March 3rd. Kildalton College is the largest agricultural college in the country. It is a leading provider of training in Equine Studies, Machinery, Agriculture and Horticulture. The farm visit is part of the fulfilment of the practical component of Agricultural Science, which makes up 25% of the overall marks.

We visited ten demonstration stands. Our first visit was to the Irish Dairy Board where we heard about emerging dairy markets in Asia and Africa. In Africa, lumps in the milk are preferred because it shows a visitor that an individual has the wealth to buy powdered milk rather than getting it from the cow in the back field. With new emerging dairy markets, Kerrygold launches sixty new products every year to meet consumer demand across the globe.

In the dairy shed, we received information on the breeding and production of a typical crossbred dairy cow (Jersey cross Holstein Friesian). This type of dairy cow is seen as most profitable because hybrid vigour is

maximised. Hybrid vigour is where the performance of the offspring outperforms the average performance of the parents. The Holstein Friesian has high milk yields, poor milk solids and reduced fertility, whereas the Jersey have the opposite. However, the Jersey offspring have very bad conformation and therefore have limited beef value. Since the abolition of the milk quota on March 31st 2015, farmers are not curtailed on their production. This may lead to an oversupply of milk worldwide, which will result in volatile milk prices. High milk solids (protein and butterfat) will be needed in order to obtain a higher milk price.

On our visit, we got to see a soil profile, machinery in use for preparing a field for a tillage crop, a dissection of a ruminant stomach, vegetative propagation in plants, grassland management techniques, calibrating a fertiliser spreader, ewe and lamb management and the beef enterprise in Kildalton.

Overall, the farm visit was very worthwhile as we got to see theory being put into practice. We wrote up a report on our farm visit. This report along with our other projects on crops and animals will be examined by our practical examiner next May.







## BRIGHT IDEAS COMPETITION.

James Everard and Ben Lanigan, third year students, participated in the bright ideas science competition, organised by Merck, Sharpe and Dome in Clonmel Tipperary. Ben's idea involved a system for recovering rainwater and pumping this into the house to reduce water fees and increase water conservation. James' idea involved developing a rubber sole that fits over football boots enabling the wearer to convert their boots into a pair of trainers, reducing the need to bring trainers in your kit bag.

The lads qualified for the finals whereby Ben finished second and James finished third. Well done to both of them.

L-R: Mr Simon Reddy, Ben Lanigan, James Everard.

## FIFTH YEAR PHYSICS TRIP

On Friday March 19th Mr Windle's 5th Year Physics class travelled to the Aviation Engineering Research Centre at Carlow IT. This was a very enjoyable morning for the class and the students received a valuable insight into how physics is used in aviation engineering and research. Thanks to the staff in Carlow IT where the students also took in a tour of the campus.





## BT YOUNG SCIENTIST

The BT Young Scientist and Technology exhibition was held in the RDS in Dublin from the 7th to the 10th of January. The 550 projects that qualified for the exhibition were displayed from the Wednesday to the Saturday for the judges and public to see. The 2015 exhibition was the 51st time the event had been held. The 2015 exhibition received its highest ever entry numbers with 2077 projects applying. Projects, created and perceived by students from all around Ireland, which qualified in October, came together to be judged and viewed by Lecturers and Professors.

Our group consisting of Peter Mullan, Eoin Minnock, and Kieran Lucey qualified with a project based around the expansion of the universe and its relation to the formation stars, and attended the RDS in Dublin. Throughout the three days that the projects were open to public viewing, over 59,000 people came to enjoy the exhibition, while we partook in rigorous and enjoyable judging rounds. There was an unceasing list of events to go to during the day and night like the ice skating, student discos, social gatherings, competitive snow ball fights and water slides. We were accommodated at the nearby Bewley's Hotel where we stayed with other students from over 362 schools. The atmosphere was great around the RDS and the hotel with thousands of students to meet and talk to throughout the event.



The young scientist competition begins at the start of the year when you begin to research your idea, and you continue to work on it until January but in the end the work is well outweighed by the enjoyment and excitement during your four days in Dublin.



## SCIENCE DEMO

On the 14th of November Transition Year students together with their science teachers, Ms Boland, Mr Reddy and Ms Hanrick hosted all of the 6th class students from St Canice's, St John's and St Patrick's Primary Schools for a science workshop in the St Kieran's College Theatre. Over 140 students from the 3 schools took part in the workshop.

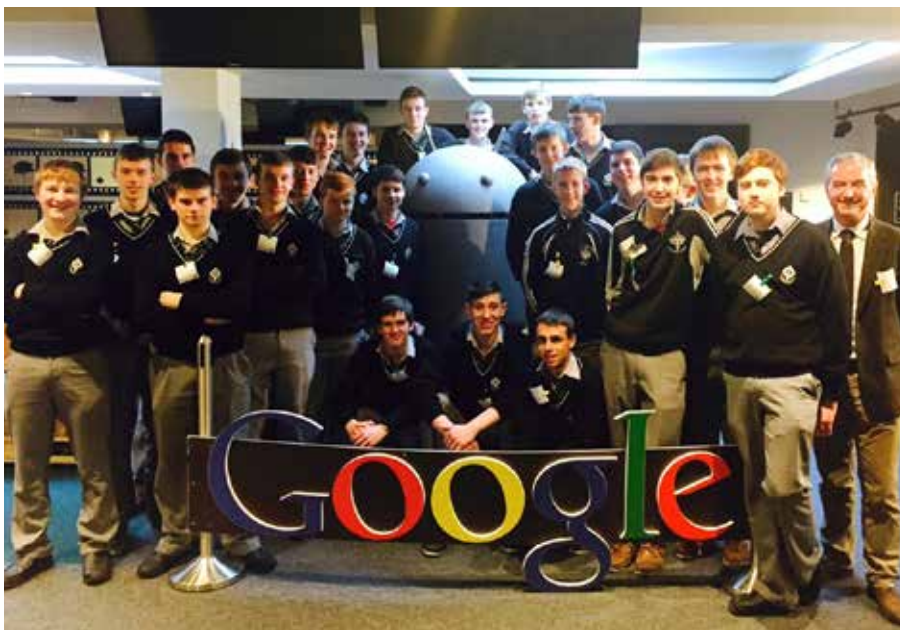
The transition year students demonstrated some exciting chemical reactions including "The Lycodium Bomb", "Elephant Toothpaste" and "The Dehydration of Sugar with Acid". The primary school students then circulated the room visiting a number of workstations where the Transition Year students taught them a number of experiments including, how to put a needle through a balloon without it bursting, to getting their hair to stand on end using the Van de Graaff Generator.

The workshops were an enjoyable learning experience for both the primary school students and Transition Year students, many of whom showed great potential as educators!





## Business



### GOOGLE TRIP

Fifth years from St Kieran's College had the pleasure of visiting Google's European HQ in Dublin. It was an extremely informative school Business trip. The group was given a presentation by two Google employees who explained Google, its business structure, its operations in Ireland and recruitment opportunities both here and abroad. This was followed up by a tour of the offices which are quite unique. This is the second occasion that St Kieran's College students have visited Google HQ. It inspires students to consider the many opportunities and options available to them after college. We are very grateful to Thomas and Gilda from Google for their hospitality and time on the day, and we're even a little bit jealous.

### YOUNG SOCIAL INNOVATORS



### WIT/BSTAI AWARDS FOR ACHIEVING 'A' GRADE IN JC BUSINESS STUDIES



Back: Jack Manning, Eamonn Fennelly, Conor Dyson, Eric Mahon, Ciaran Lennon. Front: Eoin Minnock, Ben Lawlor, Peter Mullan, Enda Kenneally, Cian Burke, Dylan Smithwick.

Eleven students from St Kieran's College were presented with WIT/BSTAI Awards at a ceremony in Waterford Institute of Technology to recognise their outstanding results in the Junior Certificate. This is an annual event held to recognise the achievement of all students from the South East who achieved A's in their Junior Cert Business Studies examination.

The St Kieran's lads are pictured with their teachers Mr Niall Connolly and Mr Paul FitzGerald together with Jenny Harrington, President BSTAI and Emma Breen, AIB at the ceremony in Waterford. Congratulations to all of the students involved and to Mr Connolly and Mr Fitzgerald on this excellent achievement.





Back row (l-r) Mr O'Neill, Caolan Ó Chléirigh, Alex Lalor, Alan Mooney, Michael Ryan, Patrick Kennedy. Front row (l-r) Ms Hickey, Robert Fitzgerald, Kieran Lucey, Enda Kenneally, Liam Wallace, Mrs Moran.

## Debating

This year was very successful for the debating team in St Kieran's College with the senior team. The panel consisted of Alex Lalor and Caolan Ó Chléirigh (6th year), Liam Wallace, Michael Ryan, Patrick Kennedy and Alan Mooney (5th year) and Robert FitzGerald, Kieran Lucey and Enda Kenneally (TY).

St Kieran's once again entered Concern Debates; Ireland's largest secondary school debating competition. The team took part in four debates covering issues such as the ice bucket challenge, overseas aid, the international community's response to the Ebola crisis and Scottish Independence. All four debates were very enjoyable and engaging.

In October the team travelled down to Carlow to take part in a debating competition organised by the Engineering department. There were sixteen schools competing from all across the South East debating whether or not a shortage of construction graduates in Ireland would restrict house supply. The debate took a parliamentary style with teams able to interrupt one another to put across points, ask questions and point out flaws in each other's



Concern debate winners  
Liam Wallace, Caolan Ó Chléirigh, Michael Ryan and Alex Lalor.

arguments. This led to a challenging but fun experience for all involved.

The last competition of the year was the Kilkenny Schools Public Speaking Contest organised by Kilkenny Toastmasters, a local public speaking club. All the schools in Kilkenny took part and each contestant had to deliver a speech predicting what Ireland would be like when they became a senior citizen. St Kieran's took second place on the night and were highly commended by the judges.

The team also helped organise 2nd year debates in the school, with each class group getting a chance to take part and debate the dangers of the internet.

A huge thanks has to go to Mr O'Neill, Mrs Moran and Ms Hickey for all their hard work in managing the team. We look forward to building on the achievements of this year and welcoming new members onto the team.



# European Youth Parliament

Liam Wallace

The European Youth Parliament (EYP) is a non-partisan and independent educational project run by the Schwarzkopf Foundation which is tailored specifically to the needs of young European citizens.

EYP encourages independent thinking and socio-political initiative in young people and facilitates the learning of crucial social and professional skills. Since its inauguration, many tens of thousands of young people have taken part in regional, national and international sessions, formed friendships and made international contacts across and beyond borders. The European Youth Parliament has thus made a vital contribution towards uniting Europe.

EYP Ireland runs five conferences during its calendar year; four Regional and one National conference. The four regionals are open to all Transition Year and 5th year students and it is from these that delegates are selected to attend the National Conference. These conferences take place over a full weekend i.e. Friday afternoon, all-day Saturday and all-day Sunday, with the National Conference beginning on a Thursday afternoon and ending on Sunday evening (i.e. 4 days).

This year St Kieran's College took part in EYP for the first time. On Friday the 6th of February 2015 three 5th year students Alan Mooney, Patrick Kennedy and I headed down to cork for the Munster Regional Session.

There we were divided into different committees. Alan was on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs which tackled the problem of migration into the EU. Patrick was on the Committee on Development which focused on the huge task of providing sustainable energy to all. I was on the Committee on Development III which was tasked with finding a way for the EU to tackle Ebola and develop healthcare systems abroad.

Friday was spent getting to know the other members in our committee through teambuilding exercises. Saturday was an intense day of committee work where we had to come up with solutions to our problems. On Sunday there was a General Assembly where each committee put forward it's resolution and it was voted on. Thankfully all of our resolutions passed on the day.

I was then invited to the National Session which took place from the 5th-8th of March in Dublin. This session had one day of team building, two days of committee work and General Assembly on Sunday which took place in UCD. I was on the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs which had to find a way of moving European agriculture towards Sustainable Intensification-increasing food production on existing farmland while simultaneously reducing environmental impact of farms.

On Sunday my committee's resolution was passed with an overall majority. EYP was an amazing experience and I got to meet young people from all over the country with an interest in European Affairs and Politics. I would encourage more students from St Kieran's College to take part next year. I would also like to thank Mr O'Neill and Mr Curtis for giving us the opportunity to take part.



European Youth Parliament





## Lá Gaeilge

### ST KIERAN'S COLLEGE SEES RED!

Is ar an Aoine 14ú Mí na Samhna a thiontaigh dathanna Choláiste Naomh Chiaráin ó dhubh agus bán go dearg amháin. Ghlac ós cionn 600 scoláire páirt sa dúshlán Gaeilge24. Bhí an nath "Labhair Gaeilge Liom Inniu" le feiceáil i ngach áit. Bhí 'Buzz na Gaeilge' le brath i ngach cearn den scoil, idir scoláirí agus mhúinteoirí.

Chaith an Chéad Bhliain an tráthnóna i mbun Tráth na gCeist agus bhí tráthnóna réchúiseach ag an Dara Bliain ag breathnú ar scannáin Ghaeilge. Rinne muintir an Chúigiú Bliain Comórtas Litriúcháin a reachtáil do lucht an Tríú Bliain. Bhí sé thar cionn an Roinn Shinsearaigh a fheiceáil ag tabhairt chúnamh don Roinn Shóisearaigh. Chuaigh scoláirí ón Séú Bliain i mbun agallaimh ar feadh an lae. Chuireadar na ceisteanna le chéile iad féin agus rinneadar a seacht ndícheall labhairt le réimse fairsing daoine sa scoil.

Fuair an scoil ardmholadh ar shuíomh Twitter Chonradh na Gaeilge ar an lá fosta. Is é seo an chéad bhliain gur reachtáil an scoil an dúshlán seo. Tá gach aon duine ag súil go mór leis an mbliain seo chugainn cheana féin. Mar a deir an seanfhocal 'Tús maith, leath na hoibre'. Is léir go bhfuil Gaeilge na scoile ag dul ó neart go neart!







## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ón 1ú-17ú Márta, bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge 2015 á cheiliúradh ag Coláiste Naomh Chiaráin. Chaith muintir an Tríú Bliain tráthnóna Dé Luain ag tabhairt faoi Thráth na gCeist ar neart ábhar idir chúrsaí spóirt agus chúrsaí ceoil. Rinne an Dara Bliain amhlaidh tráthnóna Dé Céadaoin. D'oibrigh na scoláirí le chéile chun ceisteanna a fhreagairt as Gaeilge agus bhí duaiseanna ann do chách ar na laethanta úd. Ní tharlódh a leithéad gan cúnamh breise ó fhoireann na scoile agus tá buíochas ag dul dóibh.

Is san amharclann nuachóirithe a reachtáladh Tráthnóna Scannáin don Chéad Bhliain, d'oibrigh na scoláirí i ngrúpaí beaga le heolas a bhailiú agus duaiseanna éagsúla a bhuachaint. Bhí ceiliúradh ollmhór ann fosta a bhuí leis an mbua iontach a bhí ag foireann sacar na scoile (an Chéad Bhliain) atá anois mar Seaimpíní an Oirdheisceart.

Bhronn Príomhoide na Scoile An tUasal de Cuirteis an corn ar Killian Rudkins, captaen na foirne.

Dé Luain 16ú Márta, ghlac an fhoireann scoile agus na scoláirí uile páirt i Lá Gaeilge don dara huair i mbliana. Tá moladh ag dul d'fhoireann na scoile agus a n-iarrachtaí an Ghaeilge a úsáid sna ranganna agus iad ag múineadh na hábhair éagsúla. Bhronn na múinteoirí Gaeilge 'An Fáinne'-Suaitheantas na Gaeilge ar ochtar scoláire as a seacht ndícheall i leith na Gaeilge labhartha chomh maith.

Tá muintir na hIdirbhliana ag súil go mór le cuairt 'Caith Amach É' agus an cheardlann Ghaeilge i ndiaidh na Cásca. Is léir go bhfuil dearcadh dearfach gach uile duine i leith na Gaeilge ag dul ó neart go neart.







## HISTORY TRIPS

### First Year

Conor Brett

On Tuesday 4th November all First Years went to Ferrycarrig Heritage Park and Dunbrody famine ship. My class 1A1 and 1A4 went to the Dunbrody famine ship first. At our arrival we learned about the history of the Dunbrody. After a while we went on the ship. There were two actors who dressed up, one as a first class passenger and the other as a second class. After a few photos we left the Dunbrody famine ship and went to Ferrycarrig. We arrived at Ferrycarrig and watched a short film about the time in history Ferrycarrig represents. When the film was over a man in costume led us around the different sites such as a dolmen. My highlight of the day was when the man in costume cooked us some bacon from a fulacht fia. When we were finished in Ferrycarrig we got on the bus and stopped at a shop to get our lunch. We arrived back just before 4pm. I would like to thank Ms Maher and Mr Morgan for a great day out.





## Second Year

James Kearney

On the 14th of October 2014 the Second Year classes departed from St Kieran's to embark on a day of adventuring to Tipperary, visiting Cahir Castle, The Swiss Cottage and the Rock of Cashel. First we went to the castle in Cahir which is on the banks of the river Suir. Constructed in 1142 by Conor O'Brien, it is one of the biggest castles in Ireland. We had a guided tour followed by an audiovisual presentation. After that we were allowed to roam the castle ourselves to discover any nooks and crannies the guide had omitted while showing us around. Following that we headed back to the bus. After everyone had regrouped we took a walk along the river to the Swiss Cottage. This is one of the finest examples of ornamental cottage in Ireland. It was used to entertain guests by Lord and Lady Cahir at the time and was designed and built in 1810 by John Nash. After a few years of neglect restoration began in 1986.

After that we gathered back at the bus and headed off to the Rock of Cashel also in Tipperary. We had a guided tour there as well. However part of the building itself was being reconstructed so our trip was slightly cut back. The guide told us that if anyone could fit their arms around the high cross in the middle of the yard, then they would never have a toothache again. Some could, most couldn't, but we had great craic trying. And with that our exciting day in Tipperary was concluded.



## Third Year

Daniel Kenyi

My Third Year history trip was on a Tuesday. We had to leave very early in the morning as we were travelling to Glasnevin Cemetery and Croke Park in Dublin. When we got to Glasnevin Cemetery we were divided into 3 groups to get a tour. We learnt about how old the Cemetery was and about the many important people from history who were buried there. We saw the graves of Michael Collins and Eamon De Valera to name just a few. After the Cemetery we travelled to Croke Park. When we arrived there we got to see a short video about the history of the stadium. We then got to go on a tour around it and see the dressing rooms. When the tour was over we were brought to the museum where we could look at some of the famous GAA players profiles and play some of the target shooting games they had.







## Spanish Language Trip to Madrid, February 2015

Alan Mooney

El quince de febrero, a las tres de la madrugada, treinta alumnos y dos profesoras dejaron Kilkenny por un viaje de la lengua española de seis días en Madrid.





On the fifteenth of February, at the untimely hour of three in the morning, thirty students and two teachers left Kilkenny for a six day Spanish language trip in Madrid. Upon our arrival in the Spanish capital, the first place we went was the language school, AIL Madrid. There, the students met the families that they would be staying with, for the first time. The following six days would be an incredible educational and cultural experience. After lunch with our families, we took the Metro into the city centre. We would use the metro daily to commute around Madrid. That afternoon we went to the top of El Palacio de Cibeles, for a panoramic view of the city. We then went for delicious churros, a Spanish delicacy of fried-dough pastry, served

with hot chocolate. Finally that evening, we went to Puerto del Sol, the centre of Madrid and Spain. It also connects several of the city's main commercial streets, on which we spent many happy hours shopping. "Sol" was our final meeting place every night in Madrid.

We began our classes in AIL Madrid the following morning. We had five days of three hour classes where, thanks to the school's incredibly friendly and helpful staff, we developed and gained more confidence in our spoken Spanish, while also learning a lot about Spanish culture. Our afternoons and evenings were spent visiting all of Madrid's famous tourist sites. We saw Picasso's masterpiece "Guernica" in the Museo Reina Sofía,

learned about the art of bullfighting in the Plaza de Toros, spent an afternoon boating on the lake in Parque del Buen Retiro, walked around Madrid's main square, the Plaza Mayor, ate tasty tapas in the Mercado de San Miguel, toured the home of Real Madrid, El Estadio Santiago Bernabeu, saw the official residence of the Spanish royal family, the Palacio Real, and finally, visited the Museo de Cera to see the waxworks of Spanish and international celebrities and historical figures. We left Madrid with some sadness, but also with great memories and much improved Spanish. The students would like to thank Ms Ahern and Ms Ghanem for making the trip possible. We had a blast!

## ECDL Award Recipients





# TY Activities

## TAG RUGBY DAY

The annual Tag Rugby Day with the Loreto, organised as a fundraiser for Lourdes, took place on Thursday the 13th of March. Unfortunately however, the day got off to a bad start when the pitches in the rugby club where the games are usually held, were deemed unplayable, and forced a change in venue. We then took a trip back to Kieran's, where 4 rugby pitches were quickly set up. The teams were randomly picked and consisted of 5 boys and 5 girls. We then split onto the pitches where the games began in earnest. Everyone seemed to agree the best part of the day was sliding around in the muck, and all were destroyed by the end of the few hours of playing. After the games were finished, we had a well-needed break, before going upstairs to the theatre for a film in the afternoon, as the conditions of the day were deemed too bad to continue on with the rugby. Overall, the day was good fun, and enjoyed by all.



Editors Enda Kenneally and Garry Moore



## TRANSITION YEAR HURLING BLITZ

On the Thursday before we went off on Easter Holidays, a Hurling blitz was organised by some of the students. The day began with everyone being split up into 4 teams of 15 players, and the games then begun straight away. First of all, every team played in a Round Robin, before the two winning teams contested in the final for the bragging rights. We then went for lunch, followed by us switching from hurling into soccer. The teams stayed the same and we repeated the Round Robin system, only this time a different team were victorious. Overall, this was a nice break from the ins and outs of a normal school day, and everyone enjoyed the level of competition on the day.



## RIVER WALK

This year the whole of Transition Year took part in a walk from the school to Bennettsbridge and back. It started off with us gathering in the school for a roll call, and we then began the long 10km walk along by the Nore. On the way it took us roughly two hours to walk the distance, and we all enjoyed a much needed break by playing a







serious game of bull rush in the pitch. Then began the long journey back to school, and everyone was exhausted by the time we were finished. Overall it was a tiresome day yet we all enjoyed ourselves.

## DUNDRUM

The week of the Christmas holidays, two busloads full of Kieran's students went on the much anticipated trip to the Dundrum Shopping Centre. The whole year met up in the glass hall before going out onto the buses for the day ahead. The journey up took roughly an hour and a half, and by the time we got there everyone was excited. We had heard from the other school years that the day was a highlight of Transition Year, and this year proved no exception to the trend. Everyone had a great day, with the Superdry and Hollister shops being a great attraction for everyone.

## PLOUGHING MATCHES

The whole year went to the ploughing, we had to come in early as the buses were leaving at half seven, there were two buses going up. The bus journey wasn't too long as the matches were on in Ratheniska in Laois. We got off the bus and were all given wristbands to get into the ploughing. Once we got in we were let off to do our own thing and go where we wanted. We visited all the stalls that were set up and didn't watch a single bit of the ploughing, a lot of free stuff like pens and wristbands were given out. There was a fun fair on beside the area of the stalls that you could go into and also areas set up with food vans selling different types of food. My favourite stall was the car safety where you sit in a car and they roll the car over simulating a slowed down version of a car flipping in an accident.



## HILL WALK

The two classes of TYA & TYD went on a trip to climb Sliabh na mBan. First we went into school and took a roll call, followed by a bus journey out to a small town at the foot of the mountain. It was a very sunny day and we only needed our t-shirts walking up. But as we came closer to the top it began to get very windy for a while. The wind petered out and there was a lovely view all around from the top of the





mountain. It was great craic coming down because we didn't have to worry about the struggles of walking up hill. The walk did not take as long as expected, so after walking we stopped at a slate quarry. We also stopped in a bakery for a quick snack before we began the journey home. There was lovely weather on the day and so, it was a very enjoyable day for all involved.

### **SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

The week before the Christmas holidays, the whole year gathered in the Watershed for a 7 a side soccer tournament. Unfortunately for us the weather was bad which made for very poor playing conditions on the slippery astroturf. We organised our own teams and split onto the pitches, with 4 teams playing on each one. Every team organised to get a set of jerseys for their team, and every team got at least 4 matches. After the initial group

games the top two teams from each pitch made it to the knock out stage. The winner of each group played the second place team in another in the quarter finals. Eventually, two teams emerged as contenders for the trophy in the final, but on the day there could only be one winner. In a thriller of a final, the team of Mikey Carey, George Murphy, Ted Drea, Dylan Simpson, Martin Keoghan, Kevin Murphy, Tucker O'Hanrahan ran out convincing winners against the team managed by Gavan Delaney.

### **IRISH WORKSHOP & SAMBA DRUMMING**

On the 16th of April, we had an Irish and Samba drumming day. First off, we went up to the theatre where we watched a show of an Irish Version of the story of Noah's Ark. It lasted for about 45 minutes, before it was time for us to go back to class until 11 o'clock.



### **TRANSITION YEAR & 5TH YEAR POLITICAL FORUM**

Dylan Smithwick

On Wednesday 6th of May seven candidates running for the Carlow/Kilkenny by-election came to St Kieran's to speak about their personal background and political beliefs. The candidates that attended were, Malcolm Noonan (Green Party), Conor MacLiam (Anti-Austerity Alliance), Kathleen Funchion (Sinn Féin), Breda Gardner (Independent) David FitzGerald (Fine Gael) Patrick McKee (Renua Ireland) and Bobby Aylward (Fianna Fáil). I organised the event under the supervision of Mr O'Neill. Before the candidates went up to the theatre to speak they were met and greeted by myself and Eoin Minnock and a number of the teachers. Mr Connolly acted as the MC and introduced each candidate before they got up to speak and did a very good job of it if I say so myself. After each candidate spoke questions were asked by the Transition Year and 5th year students and they were challenging for the candidates to answer to say the least. In my opinion the best speaker was David FitzGerald. He was the best at interacting with the crowd and he had a real presence on the stage which I felt some of the other candidates lacked. All in all I felt the event was a huge success and I'd like to give thanks to the by-election candidates for speaking to us and everyone who helped to make the event the success that it was.



## THE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Bill Cuddihy

As part of this year's transition year programme, students were given the opportunity to get involved and to take part in the enrichment program. This was once again run by Mr Lynch and Ms Wemyss and those who wanted to take part had to give their names to them at the start of the year. Myself and Dylan Smithwick were given the responsibility of assigning people the places on where they were to go and replace them with other students if they were absent to make sure that the voluntary groups were getting a certain number of helpers. This is a voluntary programme where the students taking part must spend an hour of classes every Friday morning throughout the year in various voluntary organisations which had been assigned to them such as Enable Ireland, St Patrick's Adult Centre, the Irish Wheelchair Association, and various primary schools around Kilkenny city such as St Patrick's de La Salle primary school and St John of God primary school as well as charity shops such as Oxfam to name a few. Apart from it being a new experience to many of the TY students, many also saw it as a great opportunity to develop new skills such as communication skills, research skills and people skills while at these organisations. As well as self-development the students greatly helped the people they were volunteering for. The programme was a fantastic experience for every student involved in it and a special word of thanks must go to the co-ordinators Mr Lynch and Ms Wemyss for providing such an invaluable experience to this year's TY students.



Shortly after little break, we went to Hall 10 for a workshop in Irish. This involved us acting out certain scenes of the Noah's Ark play through Irish. First off we were split up into groups of 6 and each person was given a part to play in a scene. After our first performance we were given instructions on how to improve our overall delivery, from how the characters spoke their lines to how they were presented on the stage. This drastically improved our performance, and we were even given props to wear and to use which made it even more realistic. We then took our lunch before moving upstairs to the theatre to begin yet another workshop, this time on samba drumming. There were 4 big bass drums at the top of the room, which everyone was looking to use. There were also hand drums, bongos, shakers, cow bells and a snare drum. First we practiced our each individual pieces of music we had to play, before slowly bringing it all together and making it sound right. It was nice to see how much we learned in the



day, and how much the piece began coming together as the hour went on. Our show consisted of us starting with a simple call and answer, before all coming together and playing at the same time. Then each instrument had their own turn to play, even Ian Clifford with the only shaker in the room. Overall the day was very good and a nice break from the school week.

## TENNIS

This year, a tennis tournament was organised by the teachers down in the Kilkenny Tennis Club. We started off the day by gathering under the arch, before walking down ourselves to the club. The day began with a quick run over of the rules of tennis thanks to Mr Ruth and Mr Flood. We then split into doubles and then each double was assigned to one of the 6 courts available to us. There were 4 teams on each court, and each team played each other before the top 2 teams on each court were put through to the knockout stages. Eventually two teams made it through to the final, Evan Walsh and Ben Lawlor versus Evan Shefflin and Enda Kenneally, with the latter pair coming out on top. A great day was had by all and it was a good experience trying out a different sport.

## ROAD SAFETY TALK

On Tuesday 28th of April all Transition Year students attended a presentation made by the Gardaí focusing on road safety. The talk was presented by Garda McMahon of Kilkenny Garda barracks. The talk focused on the dangers that road users may face. They talked about speeding and how even a small reduction of speed may save a life. They talked about the dangers of drunk driving, and we discussed the reasons behind the use of both drugs and alcohol before using our roads. They showed us real life clips of people getting hit by cars and ads to promote safe driving. They also showed us a real story of a mother who lost her 17 year old daughter due to dangerous driving. By the end of the day, we had all been convinced to use the roads safely and not be peer pressured into reckless driving.

# Gaisce Cycle Against Suicide



Tommy Walton

Friday, the 8th of May, 25 of us did our Bronze Gaisce trip. This year's trip was a bit different from other years. We took part in the cycle against suicide. This event takes place every year and is always a huge success. For our trip we had to cycle 100km from Clonmel to Portlaoise and then stay over in the scouts den in Portlaoise.

We met at the school grounds at 8:00 am Friday morning. We loaded our bikes and packed our bags and were ready to go. We set off on our journey at 8:30. The weather was cold but we were pumped for the cycle. Everyone was a bit annoyed at the weather conditions but we all realised that the cycle was for a great cause and we just wanted to get on with it.

Before the cycle commenced all cyclists were treated to free food, drinks etc to have us ready for the long journey ahead. We had a quick briefing on road safety and quickly proceeded onto our bikes. The cycle began at around 10:30. Everyone was really eager to get going which was a great sight to see. We travelled 25km to Cashel before our first stop. The weather conditions had worsened and we couldn't feel our hands. We each received a bag with food and drinks to recuperate. However, along with a lot of other people would agree that the decision to stop after 25km was a bad idea. Some people were forced to stop because of the cold, regardless of this we carried on.

The first 25km was grand. It was of no real struggle to anyone. However, the second 25km that we completed

from Cashel to Thurles was much more difficult with the weather conditions becoming more severe. Several people were stopped from cycling by the medics due to the extreme cold but eventually we reached Thurles to meet the huge reception of locals. It felt like the Tour de France. We stopped again at Thurles where we were given hot food to warm us up.

The last 50km to Portlaoise was called off due to the danger of hypothermia. This was great news to most of us! We got a bus onto Portlaoise where we were given more food and spent the evening in the pool of the leisure centre. We had a choice between Chinese and chipper for dinner and then we settled in to watch a film in what as like a home cinema in the Scouts Den. We had a good night and went to sleep at 3am. The next morning we hopped straight on the bus after making our breakfast and returned home with our legs aching. Patrick Kennedy and Alan Mooney hopped on the bikes again for a gruelling 80 km round trip to Carlow and back to earn their "Silver Gaisce Award". Thanks to everyone for a great day.

### Bronze Gaisce Awards

Pádraig Buggy, Cian Burke, Donal Brophy, Barry Cleere, Thomas Comerford, Conor Dyson, Eamonn Fennelly, Kevin Fennelly, Adam Grogan, Dean Gleeson, Dara Keane, Enda Kenneally, Ciaran Lennon, Dylan Simpson, Cathal McCauley, Peter Mullan, Eric Mahon, Kieran Neville, Colum Prenderville, Eoin Rudkins, Conor Wallace, Tommy Walton, Ben Whelan.

### Silver Gaisce Awards

Patrick Kennedy, Alan Mooney.







# First Year Class Photos



Back row (l-r): Diarmuid Rowe, Stephen Barron, David Delahunty, Harry Walsh, Jason Butler, Killian Rudkins, Sean McInerney. Third row (l-r): David Conway, Cormac Burns, Ciaran Murphy, David Fogarty, Jamie Harkin, David O'Sullivan. Second row (l-r): Colm Nolan, Conor Brett, Patrick Phelan, Eoin Guilfoyle, Ronan Lavelle, William Slattery, Jack Canavan. Front row (l-r): Conor T Kelly, Jamie Owens, Nikita Rjabkovs, Conor Gleeson, Jack Sheridan, Stephen O'Keeffe, Gerard Coffey, Conor O'Shea.



Back row (l-r): Theo Yordonov, Ross Ten Bohmer, Niall Reid, Joe Cowhig, David Fitzgerald, Padraic Moylan. Third row (l-r): Cian Kenny, Rian Houston, Oisín Doyle, Peter Donoghue, Ciaran Brennan, Dermot Noonan. Second row (l-r): Daragh Quinlan, Tomas Nugent, Ciaran Mullen, Shay McEvoy, Ben King, Conor Whitty, Nolin Robi. Front row (l-r): Cian Leahy, Darren Cuddihy, David Kelleher, Peter Connellan, Sean McKee, Mateusz Karasinski, Jim Ryan, Kevin Fitzpatrick.





Back row (l-r): Daire Cassin, Vincent Gornicki, James Carrigan, Kieran Walsh, Oisín Eagan, Dacel Fwamba, Kevin Burns. Third row (l-r): Ricin Edwards, Steven Keoghan, Aidan McGree, Colin Morrissey, Steven Walsh, Robert Wemyss, Jamie Phelan. Second row (l-r): Bill Kavanagh, Zac Cummins, Mike Lewis, Luke O'Dwyer, Dara Maher, Mark Brennan, Bill Bryan, Jim Kirby. Front row (l-r): Luke Champion, Adam Byrne, Eoin Morgan, Pádraig Hally, Ian Wallace, John Ring, James Kennedy, Laurence Mahon.



Back row (l-r): Diarmuid Galway, Dara Hackett, Leo Capasso, Conor Kelly, Daniel Lynch, Dylan Comerford. Third row (l-r): Luke Dermody, Jack McGrath, Thomas Leahy, Liam Barron, Michael McNerney, Cathal Ryan-Phelan, Pádraig Keogh. Second row (l-r): Brandon Walsh, Jack Murphy, Oisín Carroll, James McOwen, Dara Glynn, Patrick O'Shea, Fintan Brennan. Front row (l-r): Liam Healy, Bryn Wall, Jason Walsh, James Shirley, Jake Hickey, Kieran Buckley, Adam O'Shea.



# Second Year Class Photos



Back row (l-r): Jack Roche, Jason Kelly, Killian Egan, Eric Kearney, Cameron Taylor-Mullen, Conor Foley. Third row (l-r): Martin O'Connell, Sean Burke, Paul Prendergast, Tim Corkery, Harry Kavanagh, Ethan Kerwick. Second row (l-r): Simon O'Dwyer, Eoin de Buitléir, Harry Jordan, Darragh O'Keeffe, Dara O'Neill, Barry Lennon, Luke Phelan, Liam Fennelly. Front row (l-r): Edward Dunne, Shane Walsh, Eoin O'Connor, Aaron Brennan, Johnny Doyle, Tom Bolger, Paul Hayes, Harry Kealy, Thomas Rice.



Back row (l-r): Fionn Whelan, Conor Murphy, Danny Coyne, Darragh Corcoran, Jamie Young, Thomas Kennedy. Third row (l-r): Eamon Mahon, James Dowling, David Blanchfield, Conor Kealy, Conor Byrne, Sean Ware. Second row (l-r): Pauric Holohan, Jim Kehoe, Dylan Carey, Szymon Lukasiak, James Kearney, Alex Duggan, Jacob Vuchiri. Front row (l-r): Eddie Ilban, Dylan Crehan, Jack Carrigan, Evan McDonald, Tommy Farrell, David Rainey, Michael Prendergast, Finn Lannigan.





Back row (l-r): Gary Anderson, Adam O'Brien, Conor Hoban, Barry Lennon, Alex Moore, Sean Keyes. Third row (l-r): Glen Gormley, Gavyn Blanchfield, Krystian Pawlowski, Conor Darmody, Pauric O'Neill, Ben Powell, Jamie Reid. Second row (l-r): Jack Kenny, Adam Fitzpatrick, Eoin Walsh, George Murphy, James English, Ross Ellis, Jack Keogh, Bob Cody. Front row (l-r): Sean O'Neill, Matthew Russell, Brian Kearney, John Shortall, Mark Twomey, Cathal Jordan, Kevin Murray, Jody Frayne.



Back row (l-r): Jack Brennan, Sean Comerford-Liston, Conor Doyle, James Kelly-Trant, Dillion Wall, Ruairi Breen. Third row (l-r): Aaron O'Brien, Eoin Cody, Cathal Ryan, Ciaran Shortall, Philip Hayde, Shane Smith, Krzysztof Gruca. Second row (l-r): Jordan Grant, Alex McCluskey, Jamie Slattery, Matthew Comerford, Paraic Barragry, Sean Comerford, Gareth Singh-Hennessy. Front row (l-r): Paul Cody, Adam Byrne, Michael O'Keeffe, Cian Russell, Troy Walsh, Aaron Varley, Aedan Moylan, Sean O'Connell.



# Third Year Class Photos



Back row (l-r): Ciaran Walsh, Jack McDonald, Damien Cahill, Conor Lalor, David Graham. Third row (l-r): Kyran O'Sullivan, Cathal Power, Cian Dawson, Shanly Sebastian, Brevin Benny, Harry Murphy. Second row (l-r): Gerard Doheny, Shane Whelan, Tom Gormley, James Everard, Bill Cody, Liam Hoban, Daniel Kenyi. Front row (l-r): Kevin Holohan, Sean Carroll, Shane Murphy, Brian Madden, Eoin Keneally, Ruairi Breen, Conor Archbold, David Walsh.



Back row (l-r): Niall Doheny, Robert Butler, Joey Walsh, Robbie McCawley, Owen Wall, Feargus Byrne. Third row (l-r): Tim Ferris, Dylan Drennan, Maciej Ziolkowski, Eoghan Moylan, Padraic Mullen, Ciaran Hogan, Darwish Bourke. Second row (l-r): Evan Doyle, Stephen Kirwan, James Phelan, Ian Walsh, Sean Richardson, Kyle Fanning, Nathan Lalor. Front row (l-r): Adam Tallis, Conor Drennan, Daniel Cotter, Ciaran Fitzpatrick, John Nolan, Alex Pawliczek, Tommy Ronan.





Back row (l-r): Jeffrey Coyne, Ben Lanigan, Jesse Roberts, Eoin O'Shea, Adam Drennan, Sean Cassin. Third row (l-r): Tom Dunphy, Shane Guilfoyle, Killian Duffy, David Bourke, Joey Organ, Sean O'Carroll. Second row (l-r): Luke Murphy, Jay Meaghar, Jason O'Keeffe, Conor O'Keeffe, Hugh McOwan, Jack O'Connell, Andy Whelan. Front row (l-r): Ali Zabad, David Maher, Evan Clarke, Conor McHugh, Paul Healy, Jason Egars, Michael Burke.



Back row (l-r): Luke O'Brien, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Eric Oyat, Richard Phelan, Jack Nolan. Third row (l-r): Bailey Byrne, Nick O'Shea, Sean Greene, Rory O'Keeffe, Sam Hickey, Dillon Doyle, Alex Doheny. Second row (l-r): Kealan Coyne, Ned Kirwan, Joe Breen, Mark Nolan, David O'Carroll, Kacper Mazurkiewicz. Front row (l-r): Sean Manogue, David Griffin, Chris Barcoe, Tim Ryan, Edward O'Neill, Daithi Barron, Liam Brennan-Smyth.



Back row (l-r): Conor Rowe, Rory Cleere, Jonathan Tshimbalaga, Daniel Maher, Evan Walsh, John Dillon. Third row (l-r): Colin McKenna, Paul O'Dwyer, Jack Connolly, Diarmuid Phelan, Peter Murphy, John Prendergast. Second row (l-r): Robert Dowling, Cormac Nolan, Tommy Hennessy, Dan Blanchfield, Ethan Butler, Ross Whelan. Front row (l-r): Jessie Dhillon, Laurence Campion, Sean Grace, John Hynes, Ciaran Brennan, Sean Ryan, Nathan Connolly.



# Transition Year Class Photos



Back row (l-r): Ciaran Dalton, Kieran Conway, Ciaran Lennon, Colum Prenderville. Third row (l-r): Peter Mullan, Shane Dawson, Eric Mahon, John Dooley, Daniel Young. Second row (l-r): Peter Walsh, Tommy Walton, David Busher, Mikey Carey, Gavan Delaney, Liam Rafter. Front row (l-r): Jack Crehan, Lorcan Whelan, Kieran Neville, Ryan Poyntz, Kieran Lucey, Kevin Fennelly, Conall Whelan.



Back row (l-r): Denis Carrigan, Robert Fitzgerald, Conor Hackett, James Bergin, Callum O'Dwyer, Dara Keane. Second row (l-r): Robert Kirwan, Padraig Buggy, Jim Nugent, Donal Brophy, Mikey Larkin, Ben Lawlor. Front row (l-r): Ian Clifford, Leon Duffy, Cian Burke, Jack Beale, Joe Cashin, Leroy Slattery.





Back row (l-r): Adam Ronan, Jason Maher, Kevin Kehoe, Eamonn Fennelly, Adam Grogan. Third row (l-r): Killian Ten-Bohmer, Noel Leahy, Martin Keoghan, Kevin Murphy, Evan Shefflin. Second row (l-r): Paddy Parle, George Murphy, Jack Tynan, Gary Moore, Dylan Simpson, Eoin Rudkins. Front row (l-r): John Farrell, Enda Keneally, Patrick Lowry, Padraig Healy, Andy Walsh, Jack Smith.



Back row (l-r): Conor Dyson, Calum Malone, Kevin McQuillan, Cathal McAuley, Jack Connelly. Third row (l-r): Adam Flynn, Padraig Lennon, Evan Walshe, Bill Cuddihy, Thomas Comerford, Ben Whelan. Second row (l-r): Brandon Maloney, Luke Frayne, Dylan Smithwick, Rory Lodge, Finnan Phelan, Brian Hennessy. Front row (l-r): Eamon Mc Phillips, Jeff Kealy Brennan, Sean Walsh, Shane Donohue, Eoin Minnock, Alex Johnston, Simon Cullen.



# Fifth Year Class Photos



Back row (l-r): Michael Harold, Eamon Byrne, Mark Leahy, Tyler Lennon, Tom Whitty. Third row (l-r): Tadgh O'Dwyer, Paddy Gannon, Paul Holden, Paddy Brennan, Brian Power, Niall Delaney. Second row (l-r): Robert Freeman, Danny Carpenter-Keogh, Daniel Egars, Michael Ryan, Niall Brennan, James Mullally, Tommy Walsh. Front row (l-r): Shane Hennessy, Paddy Doyle, Aidan Nolan, Dylan Jordan, Liam Walsh, Joe Connolly, Padraig Roberts, Tommy Byrne.



Back row (l-r): Darragh Phelan, Jake Cullen, Eddie Delaney, Roman Hartmann, Thomas Dorney, Joe Cuddihy, Evan Carroll. Third row (l-r): Shane O'Shaughnessy, Geoff Brennan, Edward Moylan, Thomas Murphy, Padraic Purcell, Liam Wallace, Matt Kenny. Second row (l-r): Evan Swan, Evan Tully, Noah Canty, Kevin Shaughnessy, Jody Dwyer, Sean Maher, Brian Crowdle. Front row (l-r): John Gilman, Stephen Carolan, Paddy Ryan, Sean Carey, Stephen Bateman, Hugh Corkery, James Drea, Victor Costello.





Back row (l-r): Conor Purcell, Eoin Kelly, Michael Cody, Conor O'Neill, Niko Doyle, William Spencer, Chris Keane, John Hession. Third row (l-r): James Walton, Brian O'Neill, PJ Dalton, Shane Byrne, Maurice Walsh, Oisín Gough. Second row (l-r): Jack McHugh, Conor Byrne, Greg Morrissey, Peter Scarrif-Lalor, Eamon Forristal, Patrick Kennedy, Alan Mooney. Front row (l-r): Killian Fitzpatrick, Dylan Dunphy Wallace, Diarmaid Minnock, Paul Luttrell, Patrick Maher, Cormac Buggy, Thomas Maher.



Back row (l-r): Eamonn Egan, Peter Lynch, Jack Condon, Robert O'Dwyer, Jack Lynch, Ben Lawlor. Third row (l-r): Timmy Howes, Abban Bohanna, Morgan Thomas, Bill Whelan, Brian Kirwan, Robert Kerwick, Niall Holligan. Second row (l-r): James Nugent, Tom Phelan, Joe Sinnott, Morgan Walsh, Luke Kelly, Dion Bourke, Brian Wall, David Dunne. Front row (l-r): Kevin O'Sullivan, Conor Rafter, Dylan Collins, Robbie Power, Adam McEvoy, Dan Fahey, Gavin Doheny.



# Sixth Year Class Photos



Back row (l-r): Lyndon Brannigan, Harry Bruton, Gary Tynan, Ben Conroy, Tom Cuddihy. Third row (l-r): Declan McCarthy, Ray Lahart, Daniel O'Connor, Fintan O'Sullivan, Jake McDonald, Cian Smith. Second row (l-r): Nathanael MacDonald, Mark Doyle, David Shore, Dean Malone, Arron Healy, Dillion Dooley, Alex Milchev. Front row (l-r): James Lahart, Shane Keown, Alan Hayes, Patrick Clifford, Marco Perrozzi, Brian Slattery, Conor Browne, Ben Hickey.



Back row (l-r): Caine Curran, Richie Keoghan, Ronan Tynan, Sean Brennan, Pdraig Dunphy, Richie Leahy. Third row (l-r): Darby Fwamba, Diarmuid O'Brien, Donagh Mahon, Sean O'Neill, Liam Blanchfield, Michael Shiel,. Second row (l-r): Conor Phelan, Shane O'Gorman, Aaron Casey, Jack Keoghan, Billy Ryan, Johnny Barron, Garry Kehoe. Front row (l-r): Shane Joyce, Ronan Lynch, Michael Cotter, Richard Teehan, Alan Harrison, Colin Corrway, Jack Kavanagh.





Back row (l-r): Eoin Walsh, Wade Porteous, Vladyslav Medvensky, Sean Farrell, Robert O'Flynn Third row (l-r): Alex Lalor, Daniel Harty, John O'Meara, Eoghan Kearney, Niall Brennan, Tom O'Keeffe. Second row (l-r): Shane Maher, Robert Dunne, James Campion, Robbie Donnelly, Jason Cleere, Jason Byrne. Front row (l-r): Jack Larkin, David Shivgulam, Jack Brett, Philip Dreeling, Niall Walsh, Jason Barcoe, Sean Morrissey.



Back row (l-r): John Fitzpatrick, Liam Costello, Jack Teehan, Gavin Costigan, Bill Brennan, Neil Grogan. Third row (l-r): Luke Dowling, Eamon Hennessy, Eoin Delaney, Conor Fennelly, Conor Aylward, Sean Cuddihy. Second row (l-r): Bill O'Neill, Cathal Phelan, Noel Whelan, Mark Ryan, Dylan O'Shea, Eoin Holligan. Front row (l-r): Sean Lynch, Brian Busher, Peter O'Sullivan, Jimmy Brennan, Terry O'Neill, Kevin Brennan.





## Sports Day

Adam O'Shea

I think the sports day was very well organised and all of the sports were great. The soccer was really good and so was the long throw. My favourite sport of the whole day was probably the soccer, even though we didn't win! I didn't like the tug of war as our team was not that good. I am really looking forward to sports day next year.







## Bowling

Well done to the St Kieran's College Bowling team who captured the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Bowling Title for 2014. The team consisting of Kieran Conway, Ted Drea, Kevin Fennelly, Adam Power and Jack Manning fought off stiff competition from teams all over Ireland. The finals were hosted by KBowl in Kilkenny.

It was a fantastic performance by all the lads to pip St Columcille's from Knocklyon for the title with Duiske College, Graiguenamagh in third. Jack Manning in particular showed great ability, knocking 128 pins in game 1 and 120 pins in game 2. Congratulations lads on bringing another All-Ireland Title to St Kieran's.



All-Ireland Bowling Champions 2014  
Kieran Conway, Ted Drea, Kevin Fennelly, Adam Power and Jack Manning.

## Chess

Eoin Minnock

This year the school entered three teams into the Leinster Schools Chess Leagues. One team in each age category under 14, under 16 and under 19. Each team has five players. The under 14 team had three games with one in Dublin while both the under 16 and under 19 teams had five games and two trips to Dublin.

The under 14 team won all three of their group games making it into the Leinster semi-final which was held in Gonzaga College on Saturday the 28th of February. They came 4th and were awarded 4th place trophies. The under

14 team consisted of Nobin Rebi, Tom Kennedy, Conor Rowe, Shanly Sebastian, William O'Sullivan and Colin McKenna.

The under 16 team won three out of their five group games with two narrow defeats to Gonzaga College and St Benildus College. They also qualified for the semi-finals in Gonzaga College and received their 4th place trophies. Players at this age were Eoin Minnock, Jack Crehan, Ian Clifford, Peter Mullan, Conor Lalor and Kieran Lucey.

The under 19 team was made up of some players who had only recently started playing chess and were unable

to make it out of their group but they still enjoyed the league. This team consisted of Eamonn Fennelly, Dylan Aylward, Bill Cuddihy, Jack Manning, Dean Gleeson and Dylan Crehan.

The trips to Dublin for the games included trips to Blackrock, Templeogue, St Benildus, Coláiste Eanna and Pres Bray. After the games were over we were brought to McDonalds and could enjoy a little time away from the school.

I would like to thank Mr O'Neill and Ms Ahern for their help during the year. Chess continues every Friday and all are welcome.





# Martial Arts

## SUPER GRANDS WORLD GAMES

Well done to three St Kieran's College students, Steven O'Keeffe (1st Year), Jason O'Keeffe (3rd Year) and Aaron Varley (2nd Year), who recently competed with great success at the 25th anniversary of the Super Grands World Games in Buffalo, USA and came home with a range of NBL professional and SKIL amateur titles.

This event is the highlight of the martial arts calendar in the US where numerous countries from around the world participated. The team flew out on Christmas Eve, registered on Christmas Day and began competing from St Stephen's day onwards.

The three St Kieran's College students, from a team of 10, were Aaron Varley, Steven O'Keeffe and Jason O'Keeffe. Never before has the club in Kilkenny been so successful as this year. For the first time ever in the club's history, they have won a professional blackbelt NBL division.



The winner of this title, Jason O'Keeffe received a special black belt along with a specially designed ring.

Well done again to all the lads from everybody in St Kieran's College and we wish them continued success in the future. The details of what the lads have won are listed below:

### Aaron Varley

2nd Amateur team sparring with Steven O'Keeffe  
4th Amateur intermediate creative forms 12-13  
6th Amateur individual sparring 12-13  
7th Amateur intermediate musical forms 10-17.

### Steven O'Keeffe

3rd Amateur intermediate creative forms 10-11  
2nd Amateur team sparring with Aaron Varley  
5th Amateur 10-11 musical weapons  
8th Amateur individual sparring

### Jason O'Keeffe

1st NBL blackbelt professional world title U14-17 musical demonstration  
4th NBL blackbelt professional U14-17 musical forms  
8th NBL blackbelt professional open team forms division  
2nd Amateur U14-17 black belt self defence  
2nd Amateur black belt sparring



### SENIOR MATCHPLAY

Brian Crowdle, Timmy Howes, Jack Condren, Morgan Walsh.

The senior team defeated Kilkenny College, Gaelcholaiste Carlow, Kilkenny CBS and Castlecomer Community School in a round robin to make it out of the local group. We then travelled to Moate where the team recorded a solid victory over the local challengers. This victory secured a place in the quarter final stage against Gorey Community College. It was a close competition but Gorey had a better team on the day.



### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Ned Kirwin, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Sean Manogue.

The junior team travelled to Newbridge for the Leinster Qualifiers. St Kieran's College came second on the day from a field of 24 schools and went from there to the Leinster Finals in Portarlington.

Despite a very impressive performance on the day, we missed out on the title.



### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

St Kieran's College was represented in Carlow Golf Club by Jack Condren, Dylan Smithwick and Timmy Howes.

## Golf 2014-15





## Orienteering

Conall Whelan TY - Orienteering JHI 2014.



## Basketball

Congratulations to Conor Rowe who was selected to represent the Southeast region in the inter-regional U-15 Basketball tournament which was held in Galway. It is a great honour for the school to have a student selected on this team as it is a platform for the next Irish basketball team.



## Track

Mr Archbold competed in the M45 800m where he won his semi-final taking control of the last lap and winning comfortably in a time of 2.08.18. The final, the next day was run at an incredible pace where Mr Archbold was in the mix until the last 100m when the strong German athlete pulled away to win in a time of 2.00.71. He finished 5th in a new personal best of 2.04.66 after showing real intent by sticking with relentless pace of the German and British athletes.



## Snooker

Stephen Bateman - Leinster Club Champions 2014



## Weight Lifting

Stephen Kirwan - National Kettlebell Weight Lifting Championship 1st U-16

## Boxing

Congratulations to Kevin Kehoe - 4th National Boxing Title - May 2015.





# Photography Story



Congratulations to 5th Year student Maurice Walsh who recently captured a prestigious MacNamee Award for best amateur photograph at the Awards Ceremony in Croke Park. Maurice has a keen interest in photography and has captured some outstanding photographs of games and events in St Kieran's College in recent years.

Below is how Maurice got involved in photography.

## Maurice Walsh

I started Photography when I was given a camcorder by my mother when I was 12. I started to video matches in my local club Bennettsbridge and then I became interested in taking photos on the camcorder.

In Transition Year in St Kieran's College I saw a notice looking for a photographer wanted for the year to capture games and events. I said I'd do it because it was something I thought I'd really enjoy. My interest in Photography grew each day in TY and so for my first week of work experience I worked with one of Ireland's leading sports photography businesses, Sportsfile.

It was a week I'll never forget as I attended a photoshoot with Shane

O'Donnell and Colm Cooper, a press conference with Rob Kearney and another press conference with Noel King who was the Interim Republic of Ireland soccer manager at the time. 3 months later, I did my second block of work experience with another sports photography business, Inpho Photography. I spent the whole week at the Irish Rugby camp in Carton House and the Aviva Stadium as they prepared to face Wales in the Six Nations.

I continued with the photography throughout TY and in the summer I decided to do my own Photography with a camera I got for Christmas. One of the games was a Minor 'C' league final between Gowran and Carrickshock. That game was in Thomastown which isn't far away so my mother obliged

and drove me to the game. It was at this game that I took the photo that won the amateur photographer award at the recent MacNamee Awards in Croke Park. I didn't realise how good the photo was until I saw it on the computer later while I was uploading it. I entered that photo and two others into the competition and I couldn't believe it when I heard I won.

The Awards Evening was thoroughly enjoyable. It was a brilliant day, heading up to Croke Park with my parents and my sister. I met Marty Morrissey and the President of the GAA Liam O'Neill to name but a few. I'm now in 5th Year, but I still manage to find time to video and photograph a lot of matches for my club Bennettsbridge and my school St Kieran's College.

# Film Making

This year Nathanael MacDonald completes his time in St Kieran's. Nathanael has a great gift and creative flare in film making. In fact in 2012 he was the overall winner of the Disposable Film Festival in San Francisco for his short film "OláGolá All-Ireland Skydive for the Prevention of Suicide". In this powerful documentary Nathanael follows the efforts of the OláGolá All-Ireland Skydive in raising money for the Prevention of Suicide. Nathanael's talents have been used by the College too. Last year he worked on producing a DVD for the Diocesan Faith Development group that work out of St Kieran's and he recently put together a short film for the School Awards night. This short film saw Nathanael interview, and film Tomm Moore, twice Oscar nominated, in his studios at Cartoon Saloon. We wish Nathanael the very best as he continues to develop and use his great artistic ability.





# Equestrian



St Kieran's College Secondary School recently hosted its annual inter-schools show jumping competition, which is part of the National Equestrian Inter-Schools League. We do this each year thanks to the very generous welcome of the Moloney Family at the Warrington Equestrian Centre.

This is the seventh year that St Kieran's College has been involved in hosting the event and it has continued to grow in popularity among competing schools and individual riders. The course design by Mr Pat Drennan and the assistance of staff and so many parents ensure that

the day runs as smoothly as possible and it affords riders, many of whom have travelled a long distance, the opportunity to compete.

Well over 50 teams from all over Ireland entered the competition this year, including schools from Wicklow, Wexford, Tipperary and Kildare and even as far away as Limerick.

The day itself brought ideal conditions for show jumping allowing use of both outdoor and indoor arenas throughout the day.

The format used, consisting of a first round jumping in the outdoor arena followed by the second round

in the indoor arena allowed riders to experience two different courses, with attendant opportunities and difficulties.

The first event was the novice team competition and this was followed by the novice individual event, a one round speed class in the indoor arena that was hotly contested.

In the individual events we had great wins from Aoife Crowdle on Skylark in the Novice and a great ride from Jack Ryan on Costello's Boy saw him coming out on top of the Open Individual. St Kieran's was well represented in this competition with



Patrick Parle



Hugh McOwen



James McOwen



Jack Brennan riding brilliantly to finish in 2nd place with Diarmuid O'Brien finishing in an excellent 5th place.

Winners on the day for the Novice Team Competition were Kildare Town Community College, followed by St Brendan's Community School Birr with St Declan's Community College in third place. Kilkenny College, St Declan's Community College and Newbridge College came in fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

We had a very entertaining Open Competition with Good Counsel New Ross coming out on top. Loreto Wexford finished second with Ardscoil Trionoide coming in third spot.

Well done to our own St Kieran's College team who finished fourth with Presentation Kilkenny and Loreto Kilkenny (white) coming in fifth and sixth respectively. The St Kieran's team consisted of Cian Drennan, Victor Costello, Hugh McOwen and Jack Brennan.

Thank you to all who took part. See you again next year.



## Raheen na Gun/Coláiste Pobail Osraí Interschools



A sunny Easter Monday made for an excellent day's team jumping across the Interschools divisions at Raheen na Gun Stud, Kilkenny the event was kindly hosted by the venue and Coláiste Pobail Osraí, Kilkenny.

Ten Open Teams started off the First Round of jumping with most teams making it through to the Second Round on faultless scores. However as team competitions tend to go, the Second Round proved crucial, as half the field was dramatically reduced, allowing only five teams to complete on a zero score to head into a fast and furious Jump Off. Two riders from each team then went forward against the clock.

The final cut came down to; Newbridge College (both their teams

were through), an all-girls team from Kilkenny College (Saturday's winners from Ballinamona) and ourselves St Kieran's College.

St Kieran's College answered with a clear round from Diarmuid O'Brien (Genherosa) and were very unlucky when second rider Hugh McOwen (Odyssey) slipped before the final fence leaving them in the bottom two. Finishing in 5th place.

The team consisted of four riders, Paddy Parle (Outrath Kroontime), Hugh McOwen (Odyssey), James McOwen (Levisa Ben) and Diarmuid O'Brien (Genherosa).

Diarmuid O'Brien also claimed Fifth Place in the Open Individuals competition on the day.



# Michael Brannigan Memorial Run

Each year a one mile run is held on the school grounds to commemorate one of our past students, Michael Brannigan. The participants in the race are all First Years and the school cross country team. This year the winner was Shay McEvoy with Killian Rudkins and Cian Kenny coming second and third respectively.

A senior race is also held at the same time, the senior race was won by Luke Fitzpatrick with Rory Lodge and David Carroll coming in behind him.



Michael Brannigan Run First Years



Killian Rudkins, Shay McEvoy (1st) and Cian Kenny.



Rory Lodge, Luke Fitzpatrick (1st) and David O'Carroll.

## Track and Field

It was a great year for athletics in St Kieran's with medals at the South Leinster and Leinster competitions. At junior level Krystian Pawoloski won two gold medals in the shot put and qualified for the All-Ireland, where no doubt a great performance will follow. Adam Fitzpatrick followed Krystian with another two gold medals in the 1500m and also qualifies for the All Ireland final. Rory Lodge won a well fought bronze medal in the mile event.

Eamonn Mahon (javelin), Dacel Fwamba (100m), Owen Walsh (hurdles), James Kearney (1500m) and Shay McEvoy (800m) all won medals at the South Leinsters.

At senior level Peter Lynch won gold in the 5000m event at the South Leinsters and will go on with Jack Manning who participates in the shot put to participate in the All Ireland later in the season.

As always we congratulate all athletes for their efforts and wish those going forward all the success they fully deserve.





# Cross Country



Cistercian College Roscrea was once again the venue for the South Leinster Championship. The Minor Boys had four runners in the top eleven finishers, but unbelievably were only second in the team event to a superb Naas CBS team. Killian Rudkins, Ciaran Mullen, Luke Morrissey and Kevin Burns all impressed. The Junior Boys race was won by Adam Fitzpatrick, who lead home the team to first place. Shay McEvoy, James Kearney and Eoin Walsh all grouped well and were 5th, 6th and 7th respectively in the race. The Intermediate team finished second to Knockbeg College with Rory Lodge, a recent convert to the sport, achieving a very hard won 5th place. The Senior team took their title comfortably, with Peter Lynch 3rd, Tom O'Keeffe close behind in 4th and Cormac Buggy and Michael Ryan both finishing again in the top eleven.

All four teams had qualified for the Leinster Championship in Santry Demesne in early February. The Minor Boys put in a solid performance securing team bronze. Adam Fitzpatrick was hugely impressive with another personal title and he provided the inspiration for his U15 team mates to do the double - individual and team



gold. The Intermediate race was so competitive and David O'Carroll put in a real gutsy performance but came up short for All Ireland qualification. The hot favourite for the Senior race was Jack O'Leary from Clongowes and he didn't disappoint. Peter Lynch ran a tactical near perfect race, finishing second and doing enough to qualify his team who were decimated with flu and injury.

The All Ireland in Clongowes Wood College on the 7th March saw three St Kieran's College teams lining out in the black and white hoops. This was the first time we had three teams in this prestigious event. Minor Boys

gave it all but came up short. Their old nemesis from the South Leinster's, Naas CBS won the team title. The Junior team were second in the team competition to St Coleman's of Newry, with Adam Fitzpatrick achieving an individual bronze medal. The Senior Boys competition was the race of the day. Peter Lynch was simply brilliant. He finished second to Kevin Mulcaire, the Munster Champion. The coveted team trophy went to St Aidan's, Whitehall. Tom O'Keeffe who is in 6th Year had a fine personal run and made his own history, by competing in five consecutive All Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships.





## DCU SCHOOLS INVITATIONAL

The DCU Schools Invitational kicked off the 2015 cross country season for secondary schools at the DCU sports grounds. It proved to be a great start to the season for the St Kieran's College cross country team with the Minors and Juniors winning the team titles and Rory Lodge winning the Intermediate race.

In the Minor Boys race, Ciaran Mullen had an excellent cross country debut finishing 4th in a huge field of runners and leading the team to first place, he was closely followed by Eoin Rudkins in 10th position.

In a highly competitive Junior race, Adam Fitzpatrick had another good performance by finishing a close second. The rest of the team packed extremely well to claim another team title for the school.

The Intermediate race was probably the most exciting race from a St Kieran's point of view. Halfway through the three kilometre race, Rory Lodge took to the front and never looked back. Rory extended his lead over the course of the last lap to win by 30 meters. The team finished 3rd behind St Aidan's CBS and Knockbeg College.

In the last race of the day, Tom O'Keeffe captain of the senior team, led them home with a gutsy run to finish 4th. St Kieran's, who were winners of the team prize last year, were unable to defend their title but finished a very close 3rd behind Blackrock College and St Aidan's CBS.



Junior Team - DCU Invitational, South Leinster and Leinster Winners, Second in All-Ireland  
Back row (l-r): Shay McEvoy, Jamie Reid, Tom Bolger, Luke Whelan. Front row (l-r): Eamon Mahon, Eoin Walsh, Adam Fitzpatrick, James Kearney.



Minor Team - DCU Invitational Winners  
Back row (l-r): Kevin Burns, Eoin Guilfoyle, Patrick O'Shea, Eoin Morgan. Front row (l-r): Liam Barron, Aidan McGree, Ciaran Mullen, Killian Rudkins, Luke Morrissey.



Rory Lodge - Winner of Intermediate Race



Senior Team - South Leinster Winners  
Back row (l-r): Peter Lynch, Tommie Allen, Patrick Maher. Front row (l-r): Cormac Buggy, Tom O'Keeffe, Michael Ryan, Eamon Forristal.





## Peter Lynch

Congratulations to 5th Year student Peter Lynch who captured the All-Ireland U-19 Cross Country Title on December 7th in Santry. Peter, representing the Kilkenny City Harriers, is an extremely talented athlete and has also enjoyed much success on the track where he competes in the steeplechase. Peter will now go on to represent Ireland at the Celtic Games in Dunboyne against Scotland and Wales on the 18th of January. Well done Peter everybody in St Kieran's College wishes you continued success.





# Soccer

## FIRST YEAR SOCCER

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Eoin Guilfoyle and Shay Mc Evoy

Mr Lynch held the soccer trials on the pitch beside the bantile. Over twenty people made the panel but it was a tough decision to make for the managers. One of our hardest league games was against Tullow Community School. It was a very even match but we came out on top after seventy minutes of hard running and fighting. Another league game was against Bagenalstown. We then qualified for the Carlow/Kilkenny final. The game was played in terrible conditions and after being called off in Bagenalstown the replay was fixed for the college pitch. It was a tight affair but after a Jamie Harkin penalty we seized the momentum and won with ease

It was then on to the knockout stages of the Leinster Champions League where we met Patrician College of Newbridge where we won comprehensively. We were off to the last four of the competition and we were playing one of the strongest schools, Dunshaughlin in Newbridge on astroturf. We dominated the first half but couldn't find a breakthrough. They then got a superb goal and we



Captain Killian Rudkins  
receiving the Carlow/Kilkenny  
League Cup

were on the backfoot. After what can only be described as a magnificent clearance by Killian Rudkins we equalised thanks to a Ciaran Brennan wonder goal. We found the net in the final minutes to earn a place in the Leinster Champions final.

At the time of writing we do not yet know the result of the game, but hopefully by the time you will be reading this we will be proud Leinster Champions!!!

Editor's note: They are! In a highly competitive match St Kieran's came out on top against a very good Cabra side thanks to two goals from Ciaran Brennan and a spirited team performance. Congratulations to Mr Lynch, Mr Heffernan, Mr Cotter

and their wonderful team... Leinster Champions 2015.

## UNDER 15

Jack Roche

My experience with the U-15 soccer team here in St Kieran's College was a good one but also a disappointment considering the circumstances that we went out in the Leinster cup. In the first round of the cup we faced Ramsgrange Community School in a home game here in the college grounds. We won in pretty convincing fashion with a 6-0 hammering win. Our next game was a much stiffer test against Arklow. We went 2-0 down and strikers Daire O



Leinster Soccer Champions

Back row (l-r): Mr Carl Lynch, Cian Kenny, Ciaran Brennan, Stephen Barron, Padraic Moylan, Jamie Harkin, Mr Larry Cotter. Third row (l-r): Darren Cuddihy, Jack Canavan, Luke O'Dwyer, Mateusz Karasinski, Oisín Carroll, Shay McEvoy. Second row (l-r): Robert Wemyss, Padraig Hally, Michael Lewis, Ronan Lavelle, Thomas Nugent, Gerard Coffey, Mr Eamon Heffernan. Front row (l-r): Kevin Fitzpatrick, Conor Brett, Stephen Keogh, Killian Rudkins (Captain), Eoin Guilfoyle, Peter Connellan, Joe Cowhig.





Keeffe and Ciaran Brennan came on and changed the game for us as we mounted a comeback and won 3-2. The next game against Benildus we knew would be tough as they were pretty much favourites for the competition. We won 3-2 after extra time with the whole school watching. Unfortunately we were kicked out of the competition for having a non registered player on the bench in the first game. I felt this was a huge injustice as it was the first game of the cup and would have made no difference to the result.



## UNDER 17

Eoin Wall and Sam Hickey

My time with the U-17 soccer team with St Kieran's college team was very good. Although we didn't win anything it was a very good year. We were unlucky in some matches only losing by a goal. In our first cup game down in St Mary's CBS Carlow we lost in a 2-1 defeat with

Sean Ryan scoring a long range goal. We were very unlucky in this match. Our hardest match was against Carlow Presentation it was a very tough match the score was a boring 1-0. It had no reflection on how exciting the game was with many big decisions not going our way. Although we did not win anything this season we were very good and deserved some silverware.



Under 14 Soccer





Under 15 Soccer

## SENIOR SOCCER

Eoin Delaney

My final year on the Kieran's College soccer team was far from a success. However, it was truly an extraordinary season with a great bunch of lads. First up for our highly optimistic team was a tough encounter against a strong Tullow side. We lost that game 3-1 with our goal coming from magnificent

team play down the right wing and I happened to be in the right place at the right time to slot the ball in the back of the net. Next up for us was the local derby. Kilkenny CBS were outright favourites to come away with a victory, but us being Kieran's men, we were never going to shy away from a challenge. Unfortunately it was not meant to be, we came away with our heads held high after a brilliant

performance but having lost 2-1. Ben Hickey with an outstanding free kick. In our final match, the last game many of us would play in a Kieran's College jersey, we managed an excellent one all draw with Presentation Carlow. Brian Slattery with a cheek chip in that game.

We ended our year with high spirits and I for one am proud to call myself a Kieran's man.



Senior Soccer: Back row (l-r): Niall Brennan, Richie Stapleton, Patrick Clifford, Darby Fwamba. Middle row (l-r): Niall Delaney, Mark Ryan, Eoin Delaney, James Lahart. Front row (l-r): Ben Hickey, Brain Slattery, Alan Hayes, Dylan Dunphy-Wallace, Shane Hennessy.



## Football U14

Fionn Whelan

Our season began with some hard training sessions three times a week which were rewarded with a win in our annual pre-season friendly against Good Counsel down in Waterford. Good Counsel always have a strong team and our win against them seemed to show a sign of good things to come.

Our first competitive game of the season was a home game against a strong Portlaoise CBS outfit with some neat footballers and a strong midfield. However we fought hard in an intense game and a late goal meant that in the end the difference was 5 points in our favour.

With momentum on our side we travelled to Athy to play in our second game of the season. Athy had some tough players but weren't a fantastic footballing side, and we brushed them aside with a decisive 10 point victory.

After a dream start to the season we travelled to play what was always going to be the toughest group game of the season, against one of the favourites, Portarlinton. We fought with the tenacity that has become expected of all Kieran's teams but, after leading for a fair share of the game, we came out on the wrong side of a 2 point game.

Despite the defeat to Portarlinton, we qualified for a south leinster semi-final away against Gorey. They played some good football and, helped by some controversial decisions by the home referee, they scored a devastating late goal that meant we lost by 3 points and so our season unfortunately ended earlier than expected.

Although we didn't make the final we still had a successful and enjoyable season and I'd like to thank all the players for their dedication and attitude, to our trainers and managers Mr Connolly and Mr Fitzgerald, and to the TY's who were very helpful during matches and training.



U14 Football

Back row (l-r): Conor Murphy, Eamon Mahon, Fionn Whelan, George Murphy, Padraic O'Neill, Conor Hoban, Darragh Corcoran. Fourth Row L-R: Darragh O'Neill, Jack Brennan, Sean Liston, Ciaran Brennan, Jamie Young, Conor Kelly. Third row (l-r): Mr Paul Fitzgerald, Tim Corkery, Aaron Brennan, Ruairi Breen, Jamie Harkin, Mr Niall Connolly. Second row (l-r): Eoin Cody, Eoin O'Connor, John Shortall, Sean Burke, Killian Rudkins, Stephen Barron, Clan Kenny. Front row (l-r): Liam Barron, Sean O'Connell, Jim Kirby, Conor Kealy, Dylan Carey, Danny Coyne, Darragh Maher.



# Junior Football

Jack Manning

Trials began for the junior football team before the midterm break with large numbers attending. Time to our first game was limited so a training session was even held during the Halloween break. We were drawn in a tough group with last year's champions Portarlinton, Pres Carlow and Bagenalstown.

Our first game was against our nemeses from last year Portarlinton. This game was played in St Kieran's college on a very wet and windy day. The conditions were tough to play football in and this made it even tougher to watch as bodies collided with each other all over the pitch. The game was a very physical affair with both teams playing on the edge. The Kieran's lads stuck to the game plan as best they could but a decisive penalty before half time saw Portarlinton assert their dominance on the game. In conditions in which scores were difficult to come by the goal proved to be a hammer blow to the Kieran's defence who had held out sternly until this point. Kieran's rallied hard in the second half but Portarlinton were always in their comfort zone and won the game by 7 points. There were great performances from Victor Costello, Jack Manning, Brian O'Hanrahan and Evan Walsh on the day.

Next up was another home game against Bagenalstown. This once again was played in very tough conditions with Bagenalstown having a larger more physical team than Kieran's. However, what Kieran's lacked in size they made up for with sheer heart. This



U16 Football

Back row (l-r): Padraic Buggy, Dara Keane, Diarmuid Phelan, Sam Hickey, Ryan Poyntz. Third row (l-r): Mr Richard Windle, Jack Manning, Evan Walsh, Ciaran Lennon, Kevin Murphy, Padraic Mullen, Mr Steven Morgan. Second row (l-r): Eoin Rudkins, Ben Lawlor, Liam Brennan - Smith, Kevin Fennelly, Evan Shefflin, Conor O'Keeffe. Front row (l-r): Martin Keoghan, Eamonn Fennelly, Ben Whelan, Conor Hackett, Kyrian O'Sullivan, Shane Dawson, Eoin Kennelly.

game was a score for score affair with the quality of football belying the poor weather condition. Shortly after half time Kieran's opened up a 6 point lead after a goal by Brian O'Hanrahan, his second of the game, after a brave catch and offload by Paudraic Mullen. This only served to awaken Bagenalstown who began to exert massive pressure on the Kieran's defence for the rest of the game, aided by a stiff breeze. Outstanding defending from Killian Egan, Mossy Keoghan, Ryan Poyntz and Eamon Fennelly kept them at bay. Conor Hackett was outstanding in goal pulling off an outstanding save with cat like reflexes. In the final moments Dara Keane had a chance to put Kieran's ahead but was unfortunate that his effort drifted wide. The game ended in a draw.

The final game against Pres Carlow was an equally tight affair. The winners

would qualify for the next round. Pres Carlow settled quicker and built up a 5 point lead with Kieran's reliant on frees to keep them in contention. However their lack of clinical finishing would come back to haunt Pres Carlow as after a flurry of substitutions Kieran's sprang to life with Sam Hickey kicking 1-2 without reply. Kieran's were now hunting in packs with Jack Manning and Rory Lodge dominating the game ably assisted by Mossy Keoghan. With time against them Kieran's poured forward but were hit on the counter attack by a late goal to stretch Pres Carlow's lead to 6 points. Unfortunately this proved to be the end result with Kieran's having been eliminated from the competition. Well done to all the players and thank you to them for their efforts this year along with the helpers at the games. Thank you to Mr Windle and Mr Morgan for training the team.





# First Year Hurling Blitz



## Brandon Walsh

In early September most First Years took part in a hurling blitz. All those who didn't play hurling or were injured stayed and watched and helped the teachers. There were a number of groups divided up into teams, some went to O'Loughlin's others to Dicksboro and the remainder stayed in school. There were about five teams altogether participating in the blitz. Most players would have walked to each pitch and then met up with the teachers there. My team was victorious most of the time! After the blitz there was some nice people there who gave us chocolate bars and capri suns. Overall it was a great day for all who took part and it was great for everyone who got to represent their school.







First Year League Winners

## First Year Hurling League

Mr Michael Forrest and  
Mr Patrick Darmody

Once again, our very popular first year league started in mid-September with the semi-final taking place at the end of November 2014. Due to adverse weather conditions and other sporting commitments with the students, the final was delayed somewhat but eventually the 'big day' dawned on Friday April 17, 2015.

Approximately 110 students took part in the competition displaying an

excellent standard of hurling. These matches were played at lunchtime two days per week. Each day we had four teams competing. Our very competent referees were fifth year students, Tyler Lennon, Peter Lynch and Jody Dwyer and we thank these lads for their commitment and professionalism when dealing with the younger students. Eventually Team C and D qualified for the final which was keenly contested but the winner was Team C with a score of 2 goals-3points with Team D scoring 1 goal-3 points.

The attendance of a very enthusiastic number of first year students added to the excitement on the day and made it a wonderful occasion for all to remember.

Finally, we must acknowledge and thank Kilkenny County Board for their continued support and generosity in supplying plaques and medals for this competition which is very important to our young hurlers as they begin what, we hope, will be a long and successful hurling career in St Kieran's.





# Juvenile Hurling



Juvenile Leinster Champions

Back row (l-r): Dacel Fwamba, Jamie Young, Pádraig Moylan, Barry Lennon, Pádraig O'Neill. Fourth row (l-r): Jack Roche, Conor Murphy, Eric Kearney, Jason Butler, George Murphy, Conor Hoban. Third row (l-r): Adam O'Brien, Liam Fennelly, Conor Kealy, Jack Brennan, Harry Walsh, Sean Burke, Conor Kelly. Second row (l-r): Mr Philip Walsh, Ruairi Breen, Danny Coyne, Dylan Carey, Eoin Cody, Cian Kenny, Eoin Guilfoyle, Mr Tom Hogan. Front row (l-r): Martin O'Connell, Aaron Brennan, Mark Nolan (Captain), Eoin Walsh, Ciarán Brennan, Darragh Maher, Darragh Corcoran.

## Mr Tom Hogan and Mr Philip Walsh

With the help of the First Year Inter Schools blitz in September and the First Year Leagues organised by Mr Darmody and Mr Forrest the younger players had some idea of what to expect when trials commenced on Friday November 7th. The First Years were brought out on their own until a panel was picked. The Second Years did likewise and then both years were mixed until a training panel was arrived at just before the Christmas holidays. The panel included two Third Year students. Training commenced immediately after the Christmas break three evenings a week. The league started in February and we had wins over Carlow Schools, St Peter's Wexford, Castlecomer Community School and Dublin North. We played Kilkenny CBS in the League semi-final in Larchfield and were flattered to win by seven points.

On April 24th we played Dublin South in the league final in the Éire Óg grounds in Carlow. After scoring a couple of lucky goals before half time we went in at the break eight points up. However, within ten minutes of the restart we were back on level terms. Playing against a strong wind and a very athletic Dublin team we made a great comeback. In the end we won by 4-18 to 1-16. This was our first Leinster

league victory for a number of years.

We qualified for the championship semi-final because of our good run in the league. On a wet miserable May day in Johnstown we met Mountrath Community School. We played against a gale in the first half and were very lucky to be only five points down at half time. Mountrath were big and strong and had some excellent hurlers. We struggled to get back level with the wind. It was only in the last few minutes that we pulled away due mainly to great point scoring by Ciarán Brennan. The game finished 3-15 to 2-11.

The Leinster final took place on Wednesday May 13th on a glorious sunny day in Nowlan Park. The pitch was absolutely perfect. Our opponents were our near neighbours and great rivals, Kilkenny CBS. The first half was hectic with CBS scoring some good points. We replied with a goal and a number of points which gave us the minimum advantage at half-time, 1-5 to 0-7. Dacel Fwamba scored a most important goal just after the restart but for the next twenty minutes we were outplayed by CBS and with six minutes remaining we were two points down. But, not for the first time this year, the boys responded magnificently and we scored the next four points to win narrowly. The final score: 2-10 to 0-14. We completed the League and championship double. Great credit is

due to all members of the panel who worked hard since last November.

Panel: Harry Walsh (Dunamaggin), Conor Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels), Conor Hoban (Dunamaggin), Ruairi Breen (Barrow Rangers), Eric Kearney (James Stephens), Conor Murphy (Bennettsbridge), Mark Nolan (Dicksboro) (Capt.), Dacel Fwamba (O'Loughlin Gaels), Ciarán Brennan (Bennettsbridge), Pádraig O'Neill (Young Irelands, Gowran), George Murphy (Rower-Inistioge), Aaron Brennan (Graigie-Ballycallan), Danny Coyne (Bennettsbridge), Jamie Young (O'Loughlin Gaels), Eoin Cody (Ballyhale Shamrocks), Conor Kealy (Clara), Daragh Corcoran (Ballyhale Shamrocks), Jack Brennan (Young Irelands, Gowran), Pádraig Moylan (Dicksboro), Martin O'Connell (Clara), Adam Fitzpatrick (Dunamaggin), Daragh Maher (St Lachtain's Freshford), Cian Kenny (James Stephens), Liam Fennelly (James Stephens), Adam O'Brien (Graigie-Ballycallan), Barry Lennon (Bennettsbridge), Jason Butler (James Stephens), Dylan Carey (Young Irelands, Gowran), Jack Roche-Callan (John Locke's, Callan), Eoin Walsh (Ballyhale Shamrocks), Eoin Guilfoyle (James Stephen's).

Many thanks to our Transition Year students for their help during the year at training and at matches, Michael Carey, Ciarán Lennon, Enda Kenneally, Evan Shefflin, Martin Keoghan, Kevin Murphy, Eamonn Fennelly and Bill Cuddihy. Thanks also to Maurice Walsh (5th Year) and Eoghan Twomey (TY) for their expert work on the cameras. We bid farewell to Robert O'Flynn (6th Year) who has been a great help to our teams over the past three years.



# Junior Hurling



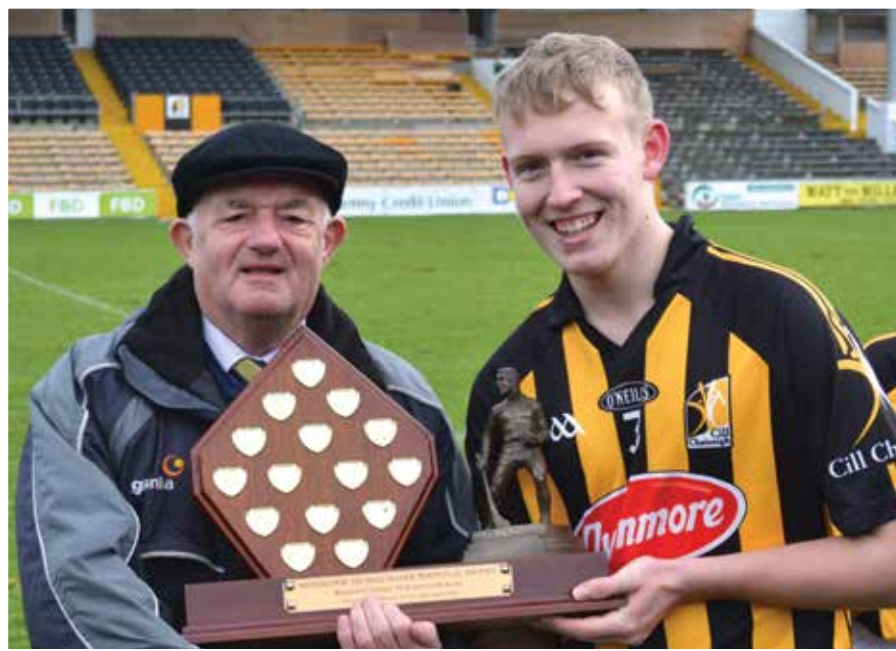
Junior Hurling

Back row (l-r): James Phelan, Eoghan Moylan, John Burns, Dylan Aylward, Jack Manning. Fourth row (l-r): Brian O'Hanrahan, Luke Fitzpatrick, Eoin O'Shea, Killian Egan, Ciaran Hogan, Dara Keane. Third row (l-r): Mr Adrian Finan, Eamonn Fennelly, Martin Keoghan, Ross Whelan, Evan Walsh, Ben Lawlor, Ted Drea, Sam Hickey, Mr Lester Ryan. Second row (l-r): Eoin Wall, Shane Donohue, Adrian Mullen, James Bergin, Shane Dawson, Ciaran Brennan, Luke Murphy, Jason O'Keeffe, Mr Richie Ruth. Front row (l-r): Ryan Scanlon, Tommy Ronan, Victor Costello, Paddy Bolger, Sean Ryan, Padraig Mullen, Conor O'Keeffe, Daithi Barron, Fergus Byrne.

Mr Finan, Mr Ryan and Mr Ruth were over the Junior hurling team this year. There was great interest in the team with nearly 100 students turning out for trials in September. After two weeks it was cut down to a panel of about 30. We played a few challenge matches against Thurles CBS and De La Salle of Waterford before we were quickly into the Championship. For our first match we travelled to Wexford to face St Peter's. We had a nervous start and unfortunately lost by three points. This meant it was essential to win our next two games against Castlecomer and Borris. Our form improved and with good performances from Victor Costelloe, Adrian Mullen and Adam Power we were comfortable winners in these matches. This set up a Leinster semi-final against Good Counsel of Wexford. The match was

played in Thomastown and it was a perfect day for hurling. Despite great performances from James Bergin in the goal, and Martin Keoghan and Sean

Ryan outfield, Good Counsel scored a goal with two minutes to go to win by two points. Well done and hard luck to all involved.





# Senior Hurling



First round v CBS Thurles

## Maurice Walsh

The senior hurling panel this year included a lot of members from the year previous that tasted All Ireland success. Before their campaign even started 13 members of this year's panel had just won All Ireland Minor medals with Kilkenny. Unfortunately a major setback occurred for two players from last year's winning team, when Darren Mullen and Jason Barcoe both suffered cruciate injuries during the summer. Trials began in October and a panel of 37 was chosen.

The league went very well for Kieran's with comfortable wins over Antrim Schools, Coláiste Eoin and Dublin North. Those wins set up a league semi final against our arch rivals Kilkenny CBS. Both teams fought hard and Kieran's came out the victors 0-14 to 1-6. The League final against Borris came on December 9th in Dr Cullen Park on a wet cold day. Borris played very well and kept up with Kieran's for most of the game. In the end Kieran's ran out deserving winners 2-12 to 0-7. The team would go into the Christmas break with some silverware.

Over the Christmas break, Kieran's played three challenge matches against Thurles CBS (who they would later go on to meet in the All Ireland Final), St Brigid's of Loughrea and Athenry. When they returned from Christmas break it was confirmed that first round of the championship would be against who else but Kilkenny CBS. It would be the end of the year for whoever lost. The training intensified in preparation for the game. Kieran's played another challenge against Tipp minors two weeks before the game. The Leinster Championship began on January 31st in Nowlan Park. CBS started very well with a goal early on from Robbie Murphy. But the team battled back and with a 20 metre free from Jason Cleere, the teams were level 1-3 to 0-6 at half time. In the 2nd half Kieran's dramatically upped their game with point after point along with an excellent goal from Billy Ryan they ran out deserving winners 1-14 to 2-3.

With the win over CBS, they now faced Good Counsel in the Leinster semi final. This one match was one of the best performances of the year as they were 0-14 to 0-2 up at half time.

The game was as good as over in the second half as Ray Lahart put 10 points on the scoreboard and Tadhg O'Dwyer netted a goal from a rebound by Daniel O'Connor. The team were now in the All Ireland series but who they would play would depend on their result in the Leinster Final against St Peter's of Wexford. Peter's proved to be very strong opposition in Dr Cullen Park. At half time Kieran's led 0-5 to 0-4 but when the second half arrived Peter's went straight into the lead from a goal by Billy Dunne son of Wexford manager, Liam Dunne. However, three minutes later midfielder Richie Leahy went on a run through the Peter's defence to score an excellent goal to put Kieran's 1-8 to 1-4 ahead. From then on, Kieran's took control with Jason Byrne scoring a point from a sideline soon after. An 8 point victory ensured that Kieran's won their 53rd Leinster title.

The Leinster Final win meant they would play the Harty Cup runners up St Francis College, Rochestown of Cork. The game was played on St Patrick's weekend on a very mucky field in Fraher Field, Dungarvan. With 16 minutes gone, Rochestown were



leading by 3 but with points by Seán Morrissey, Liam Blanchfield and a goal from Tadhg O'Dwyer, Kieran's went 1-4 to 0-5 ahead. In the 2nd half, Kieran's were 5 points up with 13 minutes gone, however in the space of ten minutes the rebels got 3 points and brought the lead back to 2 with only 5 minutes remaining. Then another sideline point from Jason Byrne and a goal from substitute Niall Walsh finished the game. The College were now in the All Ireland Semi Final.

The All Ireland Semi Final was against Presentation College Athenry a week later. Nice weather was provided for the game in Banagher, County Offaly. This game would be without a doubt the toughest battle of the year. The sides were level 11 times throughout the game which included half time as both teams scored 0-9 a piece. Athenry's Evan Niland and captain Brian Burke proved to be quite hard to keep quiet for the Galway men with 15 points between them out of 17. In the 57th minute, the teams were still leading, it looked like extra time was coming until Captain Seán Morrissey reacted to a breaking ball and got the point that put the men in black and white in the lead. Joe Connolly followed up with a free and the All Ireland champions went up by 2 points into additional time. The Athenry men didn't stop playing and with seconds remaining a high ball from Burke was driven into the Kieran's half and snatched by Niland. Athenry needed

a goal and substitute Eamonn Egan wasn't allowing it when he intercepted Niland's handpass attempt to one of his teammates. Jason Cleere collected the ball and the match was over on a scoreline of 0-19 to 0-17.

There was a slight problem with the team going into the All-Ireland final. After Morrissey hit that crucial point he was hit with a belt and was a serious doubt for the match. However Morrissey got the cast removed and decided to line out for his school one last time.

The day of the final was April 4th in Thurles against the Harty Cup champions Thurles CBS on their home turf in Semple Stadium. The bus was very quiet on the way up to the game and when arriving in Thurles a bit of life was put on to the team when past pupils and present pupils came out the door of Hayes Hotel and saluted the team on the way to the stadium. The support from the past and present pupils were fantastic on the day amongst the attendance of 3,852.

Kieran's started well leading 0-4 to 0-1 with 14 minutes gone until Thurles forward Michael Connors scored a goal which put them level. But the team were very quick to reply when 3 minutes later Ray Lahart gave a pass from his own 65 to Billy Ryan. Ryan ran out to the side gave a pass back to Lahart who ran all the way to the 21 and replied with a well worked goal. At the break, the College were up 1-10 to 1-7. Thurles came back into

it fast in the second half with points from Jack Skehan and Niall Heffernan to bring the deficit to one point. The men in black and white came back with 4 unanswered points, one hard worked, one from Richie Leahy, two from Lahart who would end up with a total of 1-5 and the fourth from the other midfielder Jason Byrne. Thurles struck back with 2 more points to make it 1-11 to 1-14 with 10 minutes left. Just before that corner back Johnny Barron went off injured and a few minutes later while trying to stop one of Thurles's best players Billy McCarthy, Tommy Walsh and Eoin Walsh got bundled up in a challenge but continued playing. In the 59th minute Morrissey scored Kieran's final score to put them 4 ahead into additional time. However the Tipp men were not stopping playing yet and back up the field the ball went and corner forward Robbie Long nearly struck a ball but it went over the bar, back to the a 3 point game. With 40 seconds remaining Thurles were awarded a free in which they needed a goal. The ball was dropped in and won by substitute Eoghan Kearney who ran right beside the referee as the final whistle was blown. St Kieran's College were All Ireland Champions for the 20th time. Seán Morrissey lifted the cup which was presented to him, by a Kerry man, may I add. Reflecting back on the year, this was one of the most successful years in the history of hurling in St Kieran's College. They did not lose a league game and they did



Quarter final v Rochestown





not lose a game in Leinster or in the All Ireland Championship.

Mr Smith and Fr Ryan spoke about the team's dedication this year. Their discipline on and off the field, turning up to training three times a week, taking time off their Christmas break to go play challenge matches in Galway and Tipperary. Looking back on the year, that's what wins matches and

that's how you win an All-Ireland. If any player had an objective before a game they would do it. For example, before the All-Ireland, Eoin Walsh was told not to let one of the opposition's leading men, Billy McCarthy, catch the ball. He did exactly that and it can be seen clearly in a photo. Seán Morrissey had a broken finger yet he was willing to get the cast removed to play for his school

on the biggest stage for Post-Primary Hurling. Yep, that's dedication alright!

A special thanks must go to the men on the sideline, Mr Liam Smith, Mr Ken Maher and Mr Ger Flood and of course to Robbie O'Flynn and the TY helpers who helped prepare the team during different matches this year. Hopefully next year, Kieran's could win 3 in a row for the first time since 1990.



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Back row: Daniel O'Connor, Conor Byrne, Bríon Kirwan, Joe Connolly, James Mulally, Aidan Nolan, Tommy Walsh, Billy Ryan, Eoghan Kearney. Third row: Robert O'Flynn, Edmond Delaney, Kevin Murphy, Martin Keoghan, Ben Lawler, Geoff Brennan, Jason Barcoe, Seán Carey, Niall Walsh, Victor Costello, Ger Flood. Second row: Ken Maher, Jonathon Barron, Kevin Brennan, Richie Leahy, Edward Moylan, Michael Cody, William Spencer, Seán Brennan, Eamon Fennelly, Darren Mullen, Evan Carroll, Liam Smith. Front row: Eamonn Egan, Jack Keoghan, Jason Byrne, Jason Cleere, Liam Blanchfield, Seán Morrissey (Captain), Ray Lahart, Eoin Walsh, Tadhg O'Dwyer, Shane Byrne.



