



THE BLUE COAT 2013

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Editorial



While not everybody considers their schooldays to be ‘the happiest days of their lives’, for most of us it has been a positive and rewarding experience.

Quite apart from the obvious elements such as learning new subjects and the general education which school imparts, The King’s Hospital nurtures talents and skills in a diverse variety of sports, crafts and cultural activities.

In a real and genuine community spirit on the Brooklawn campus, new friendships are made and relationships forged which go way beyond the pupils’ time at KH.

The KHPPU Gathering held in the School over two days in mid-August (read about it later in this edition in the PPU Section) was a classic example of how individuals, groups and former classes were able to

re-connect with old friends or to maintain their existing links.

Present day pupils would do well to read what Past Pupils have achieved and to see the benefits of KH networking in their future careers and lives. The Sixth Years pictured here (right) at their Debs are now the newest additions to the Past Pupil ranks and in 10, 20 and 30 years time, they will re-assemble (as many Classes do) to celebrate the anniversary of their class graduation.

The simple message is ‘make the most of your friendships in school and ensure you maintain them afterwards too’.

Graham & Hilda Smith
Editors

‘The Debs’

The Debs’ Ball was a night to remember as the Class of 2013 were all re-united once again. It kicked off with a lovely reception in the Wilson Wright Hall kindly organised by members of the Parents’ Association. The effort put into the preparation of the refreshments and decorations was appreciated by all and the photography was also a huge success.

We then departed by bus for Dunboyne Castle, where we were greeted with a champagne reception. This led on to a three-course meal followed by the prize-giving. Then the announcement of the debutant ‘king’ Michael Begley and ‘queen’ Kerry Phelan.



Samantha Shaw, Clara Russell, Holly Pitt, Meabh Blount and Ingrid Mansfield

After all that excitement, we all headed to the dance floor to party through the night and early morning.

Breakfast was served at half five, the buses arrived for pick-up at six and we all headed home for a well-deserved day of recovery.

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SECTION 1

GENERAL 2013





Fáilte - Form 1

Row 8: Luke Gilmartin, Sarah Agarau, Tadhg O'Doherty, Fatima Saad, Ben Wallace, Jeanne Verdure, Luke Corr, Lily Cordner-Forbes, Rory Chavasse, Meghan Gorman, Luke Henry, Alannah Forte, Matthew Farrell, Anna Fitzpatrick, Jack Daly. **Row 7:** Eimear Lawless, Jack Butler, Aoife Conlon, Itura Olufemi-Ojo, Sarah Butler, Temi Ajayi, Oluwakonyinsola Awosika, Vishal Khadanga, Marie Keane, Royale Ohoka, Annika Doyle, Mo Olusa, Kacie Hackett, Guarav Pandeya. **Row 6:** Emma Bowie, Josh Early, Emma-Louise Whelan-Porter, Robbie Robinson, Florence Sheridan, Imran Jiwo, Poppy Conolly-Carew, Ben Wilson, Grace Synnott, Neasán Brazil, Kate Bambrick, Noma Erediauwa, Ella Giles, Daniel O'Sullivan, Lucy Hackett. **Row 5:** Moyo Mobolaji, Ciara Kennelly, William Hendy, Laura Johnson, Joe Lane, Stephanie Lynch, Seán Nangle, Hollie Byrne, Brent Bartley, Aoife Murphy, David Wood, Maeve Macken, Kevin Logan, Aoife Gallagher. **Row 4:** Minique Botha, William Curran, Jamie Cullen, Saaleha Syeda, Craig Adams, Erin Byrne, Luke Power, Jenny Clements, Michael Small, Marlise Ponsioen, Oisín Byrne, Ella Barton, David Olowookera, Miew Bussararungsi, David Keenan. **Row 3:** Sarah Baker, Luke Harris, Cristina Dunne, Rhys Blakeney, Kim Rolston, Eric Bjoerk, Elena Teevan, Alberto Page de la Azuela, Aisling Barber, Tim Perry, Ella Murtagh, Luke O'Neill, Sky Reynolds Wrafter, Ben Buller, Charlotte Wallace, Conor Hensey. **Row 2:** Kyle Tinkler, Daniel Wallace, Fabiana Macari, Jack Perry - Prefect, Hannah Goodwin - Prefect, Mrs Rachelle Van Zyl, Mr John Aiken, Mr Rafter - Acting Headmaster, Mr Plummer, Ms Denise Farrelly, Amy Thompson - Prefect, Ross O'Connor - Prefect, Georgia Dunlop, Joshua Morgan, Ahmad Ashfaque. **Row 1:** Robbie Kerr, Lachlan Hill, David Soyele, Jimmy Barrett, Brian Wokocha, Kevin Marcoi, Justin Awani, Aaron White, Timothy Dimka, Winston Wang, Conor Kitching, Ciall Jackson, Robbie Cahill. **Missing from photograph:** Thomas Beattie, Vishal Khadanga, Ezra Mullen.

Fáilte

FORM 2

Arnold, Ruby
François-Martin, Garance
Garcia-Morales Vázquez, Lucia
Hare, Mella
Montaña Gómez, Marta
Murphy, Harry
Nebogatikova, Milena
Quinn, Emma
Ryndina, Alexandra
Umbert, Ignacio
Wakonigg Dutilh, Isabel

FORM 4

Agulló Vilaró, María
Alegre Prado, Carlota
Botha, Simoné
Cussen, Keeva
Deprit Feo, Lucia
Eistert, Lorena
Galin, Juliette
Gibbons, Myles
Groyer, Stephen
Guillén Jiménez, Alvaro
Guionneau, Sophie
Hernani Alonso, Olatz
Lechler, Sophia
McAuley, Tom
Navarro Martin de Vidales, Ana
Palacios Duch, Pablo
Prieto Fortoul, Agustín
Quinlan, Enda
Radionov, Nikita

Rykova, Maria
Sergeev, Egor
Speckter, Carlotta
Stenson, Fraser
Strenger, Robert
Voychishina, Anastasia
Wakonigg Dutilh, Juan
Wong, Carmen
von Kielmansegg, Friederike
von Rohr Wahlen Juergass, Sophie
von Schenck, Nora

FORM 5

Ahrens, Dorothee
Byrne, Daniel
Campion, Christine
Chan, Heyley
Concheiro Diaz, Alvaro
Farrés García, Albert
Guertler, Fritz
Lynch, Renata
MacNamara, Aifric
Morgan, Clodagh
Oshodi, Maryla
Preuss-Neudorf, Isabel
Rieger, Hannah
Riehle, Georg
Rossa, Charlotte
Vetkina, Iulia
Young, Christopher
de Pallejá Sardá, Rebecca
von Frese, Friederike
von Mailáth, Georg

FORM 6

Brennan, Mike

The Deacon Poem 2013

May and Lily at the Trolley

Here comes the coffee trolley - rickety, clattery,
Swaying with stacks of cutlery and crockery.
Here come the sounds of repartee and mockery,
Gossip and wisdom, honesty and flattery.

Who really knows the workings of a school?
Where can we find the safest pair of hands -
Someone who's seen it all, who understands
When to be serious, when to play the fool?

Dispensing coffee, biscuits and advice
And, with a laugh or raising of the eyes,
Cutting an outsize ego down to size:
Nobody gets the better of them twice!

Who could be better qualified to lead us?
Who knows us better than the ones
who feed us?





Slán - Form 6

Row 8: Monty Akpan, James O'Flynn, Kez Coulson, Gary Ruddock, Katharina Wengenroth, Elwin Holmes, Meabh Blount, Tassilo Herberstein, Maxi Schmalenbach, Eamonn Walsh, Theresa Minkwitz, Richie Akpan, Mickaela Bursey, Alan Smith, Max Lang-Orsini. **Row 7:** Ludwig Herrmann, Holly Mahood-Pitt, Peter Boyle, Ingrid Mansfield, Denis Sweeney, Siún McMenamy, Georgy Mamulashvili, Millie Farrell, Carlos Isern Barcelo, Rachel Tyner, Frederick Pim, Nathan Davis, Amy Ua Bruadair, Samuel de Turberville, Calvin Wright. **Row 6:** Kevin McMillan, Emma-Rachel Larragy, Eoghan Ó Móráin, Rebekah Roe, Peter Egan, Elizabeth Hayden, Cian Galvin, Sarah Greene, Rónan Murphy, Séan Butler, Claudia Ballester Manresa, Conor Kenny, Vicky Douglas, Seyf Jendoubi, SORCHA SWAN. **Row 5:** Ruadhán Murray, Vincent Kolb, Amy Quinn, Maximilian Wolter, Keziah Hill, Hans von Schenck, Jordan Murray, Louis zu Loewenstein, Holly Meade, Graham Reynolds, Alanna Gallagher, Stephen Ryan, Colleen Heavey, Shane O'Sullivan, Philippa Gilson, Andrew Traynor, Ciarán Maguire. **Row 4:** Adam Maher, Aoife Quinn, Louis-Alexander Brakhage, Kerry Phelan, Nathan Griffin, Maria Gonzalez de Andres, Ross Buggy, Philippa Peters, Karl Goodwin, Cecily Frantzen, Thomas O'Sullivan, Emma Kelly, Ryan Power, Beata Carroll, Kevin O'Grady, Sarah Chang, Aidan White. **Row 3:** Joshua Dowds, Pierina Comenge Segalà, Ana Machetti Garcia, Eoin Ryan, Rachel Hall, Robert Mansfield, Cecilia Paz del Pozo, Semilore Olusa, Alanna McKeon-Silke, Barry Hirst, Lisa Morrin, Alexander Moore, Rachel O'Neill, Ross Murphy, Sarah Beattie, Shariq Khan, Heather Skehan. **Row 2:** Peter Bjoerk, Christopher Robinson, Kate Jennings, Amy Edghill, Robert Shaw, Ray McIlreavy, Amy Fitzgerald, Michael Hall (Headmaster), John Rafter (Deputy Headmaster), Alison Gill, Rowland Rixon-Fuller, Neil Boles, Elyse Gould, Ian Fitzpatrick, David Duffy. **Row 1:** Diane O'Connor, Katie Verso, Samantha Shaw, Cassie Lee, Vanessa Addo, Niamh Williams, Benita Hickson, Caitríona Murphy. **Absent:** Michael Begley, Amy Reynolds, Maria Carrillo del Campo.

Slán

FORM 5

Acheson-Mullen, Elvis
Browne, Chloe
Butz, Kathrin
Cañellas Vayá, Carmen
Connolly, Robert
Courtney, Sophie
McDonough Kinkade, Josh
Onipko, Gleb
Palencia Burgos, Javier
Ruiz Ramirez, Paola
Tran, Jenny
von Heimbürg, Karl

FORM 4

Arizpe Vilana, Daniel
Barajas Sánchez, Andrea
Barboglio Murra, Ximena
Blondel de Joigny, Emmérance
Brumm, Lewin
Cano Tanaka, Fran
Castillón García, Barbara
Corr, Cathal
Cremades Bravo, Teresa
Del Peral San Román, Cristina
Digby, Isobel
Díaz González, Raul
Espinoza Andrade, María
Farrell, Hannah
François-Martin, Baptiste
García Zaldivar, Ammi
Gorostegui Sendino, Esti
Hall, Emma

Hernandez Lazcano, Estefania
Janssens, Eva
Jimenez Leon, Andrea
Jiménez Yarza, Miguel
Kantyshev, Nikita
Kantysheva, Vera
Kern, Joline
Markham, Erica
Martínez Moedano, Víctor
Martínez Quiroz, Valeria
Mateo Martinez, Blanca
McGillivray, Conor
McMahon, Karl
Mejias Huarte, Gonzalo
Mooney, Pippa
Nolan, Ben
O'Connor, Jane
O'Shea Brady, Dáire
Orefici Martinez, Valentina
Ori Orlansino, Enrico
Ramírez Silva, Mariana
Reyes Verduzco, Lara
Rodriguez Garcia, Alejandro
Rubalcava Zapiain, Mike
Saltigeral Díaz, Carla
Schmidt Álvarez-Garcillán, Leo
Singleton, Amy
Taylor, Georgianna
Torres Rengifo, Teresa
Tran, Anna
Téllez Nieves, Andrea
Urdangarin Ibarguren, Nagore
Valdivia Olmos, Pame
Villanueva de la Torre, Daniela
Vázquez Alfaro, Carlos
Zies, Valentin
de Freitas Martins Segalla, Murillo

FORM 3

Banjoko, Ayomi
Brosnan, Leanne
Lloyd-Keogh, Seán
O'Doherty, Roisín
Ojuka, Jesse
Penche, Natalia
Russell, Maura
Sánchez Perez, Pablo
Tinkler, Jordan
de Dueñas Puigcarbó, Iñigo

FORM 2

Anokhina, Natalia
Brauer, Emily
Castilla Santos, Beatriz
Chaintron, Matthieu
Díaz Macias, María
Kilalea, Annie
Knight, Nico
Lopez-Linares Paternina, Blanca
Mejias Huarte, Alex
Nelson, Zoe
Olabi, Valentina
Palencia Burgos, Patricia
Pérez Enríquez, Mario
Rotimi-Ogundele, Mayodele
Sharpe, Bethany
de la Cuesta Junco, María

FORM 1

Darker, Jessica
Stanley, Evan
Wakonigg, Clara

SLÁN - Michael Hall



Michael Hall left The King's Hospital in August to become headmaster of Sligo Grammar School.

As a Belfast man, with a Master's degree in Computer Science, with experience as director of education at a juvenile justice centre in Northern Ireland and as headmaster for thirteen years of Monaghan Collegiate School, he brought a different perspective to the position in The King's Hospital.

During his time as headmaster, the five-day teaching week was introduced. We wish him and his family well in Sligo.

Prefects - 2013-2014



Row 3: Edward McKeon-Silke, Aoibhinn Bolton, Andrew Dancey, Zoe Boles, Rolus Olusa, Hannah Goodwin, David Smith, Aoife Brennan MacGillycuddy, William Potterton, Amy Thompson, James O'Reilly, Ellen McColgan.

Row 2: Ross O'Connor, Pauline Keane, Jack Perry, Jessica O'Leary, Nevan Jio, Lauren Davis, Robbie Lloyd, Nadia Hourihan, Ross Gavigan, Iballa Martinez Yanes, Feargal Morgan, Emma Fitzgerald, Arthur Greene, Akshaya Ravi.

Row 1: Adam Smith, Michelle du Toit, Liam Forbes – Deputy Head Boy, Emma Leitch – Head Girl, Mr John Aiken – Acting Deputy Head, Mr John Rafter - Acting Headmaster, Mr Ray McIlreavy, Hugh Delaney - Head Boy, Róisín Bennett - Deputy Head Girl, Benjamin Gilliam, Andrea Bennett.

Student Council - 2013-2014

As always, it was another busy year for the Student Council. One of our first priorities was to choose a President and, after a number of great speeches made in Chapel, Liam Forbes was elected. He has proved himself to be a very worthy President, leading our weekly meetings and regularly updating the rest of the student body on the Council's progress, in Chapel.

Before we got off for Summer Break, our main job was to organise the annual Shindig.



It was a big undertaking, but turned out to be a very successful day. Luckily, the weather remained dry and mostly sunny all day, so students were able to get the most out of the activities and bouncy castles, as well as the addition of a brand new rugby ball rodeo. The barbecue and hop also went fantastically and the entire event was a great way to finish off another year.



While not organising events, Council members have put a tremendous amount of effort into tackling a number of issues that had been at the forefront of every student's mind. A food committee was set up within the Council, and it was successful in meeting with kitchen staff and obtaining more types of food that the students wish to eat at meal times.

We also met with Mr. Aiken on a number of occasions. These meetings resulted in boarders being allowed to wear navy tracksuit bottoms during prep, a change welcomed by all. The Student Council also meets representatives of the Parents' Association to keep them updated. The Parents' Association continues to run the Second Hand Uniform sale, which began as an initiative with the Student Council, and we are grateful for all of their support.

The Talent Show took place in October, just before the mid-term break. In the run-up

to the show, we held auditions, allocated tickets and painted the backdrop in the Wilson-Wright Hall. All of the performances were exceptional on the night, and all those lucky enough to get a ticket had a very enjoyable evening. It wouldn't have been possible without the help of all of the staff

and students who were kind enough to lend a hand, especially Ms. Leahy who has worked tirelessly all year to make the work we do possible. I would also like to thank the entire Student Council for giving up their time and energy for the benefit of the school. - **Grace Donnelly Jackson**



Back: Hana Jendoubi, Jack Gannon, Zoe Boles, David Smith, Grace Donnelly Jackson, Andrew Kenny, Jacqui Mernagh. **Middle:** Aaron Reddington, Rhianne Gavigan, Andrew Dancey, Emily Kenny, Benjamin Gilliam, Georgia McKnight. **Front:** Kate O'Malley, Liam Forbes, Mr John Rafter, Acting Headmaster, Ms Susan Leahy, Mr John Aiken - Acting Deputy Head, Megan Kelly, Jonathan Molloy. **Missing from photograph:** Ronan O'Neill.

Chapel Notes

The Chaplain, the Revd. Peter Campion, reflects on another progressive year in the Chapel.

There have been a number of changes this year which have impacted on the Chapel, mostly in a positive way. We began the year with new hymn and prayer books and this has improved the singing in the Chapel, with the new book having a greater variety of hymns. Students get used to certain hymns and have them as their favourites, but it is always good to expand their horizons and teach them some new hymns that they will come to enjoy.

There is also a wider use of the Irish language, with hymns, the Lord's Prayer and National Anthem written out in Irish. As there are a number of students in our school from outside Ireland, it is important for them to learn about the Irish language and culture. The Leinster Rugby hooker, Richard Strauss, who is South African-born but has been in Ireland long enough to qualify for selection to the Irish team, was chosen to play for Ireland in the Autumn series and fans were very moved by the fact that he had learnt the Irish National anthem.

We are very grateful to the Parents' Association for the generous gift of a new projector, screen and speaker system in the Chapel. This has been of great benefit, enabling us to project images as students come into Chapel, such as in the lead-up to Christmas when nativity scenes by various artists were put up for viewing. Detta Brennan, Head of Art, gave a series of talks on the paintings of the Anunciation, which went down very well. The projector also supports student presentations of charitable trips abroad, video clips, and presentations by visiting speakers. The microphones and speakers have improved the sound quality in our services.

With the addition of the option of weekly boarding, the Sunday Chapel service moved from the morning to the evening. This presented a challenge to me as Chaplain because Chapel now marks the beginning of a new week where students have to get into their school uniform after a weekend break and adjust back into the weekly routine. Despite this, there has been a very good atmosphere at the services, with excellent hymn singing and a sense of unity among the boarders because the whole boarding community is present together.

Chapel Committee

The Chapel Committee has been a real help this year. The group of 3rd year to 6th year students meets every Monday night to discuss the running of services. The big event this year was the sleep-out. This is the fifth year we have slept out on the streets to raise money and awareness of homelessness. We always meet great characters on the streets and are always surprised at how supportive the homeless are of our efforts. It is great to be raising money for the wonderful work of Teen Challenge in Dublin.

I would like to thank the Chapel Committee and the two Chapel Prefects, Sofiya Volvakova and Andrew Kenny for their hard work throughout the year. I would also like to thank the departing Sixth Years for their involvement. Gary Ruddock, who joined only this year, was a lively presence and took full part in services as well as in the broadcast service. Neil Boles and Robert Shaw have been in the Chapel Committee since third year. They have been involved in just about everything that has gone on in the Chapel and have been a huge support to me during

their time at the school. They were pioneers of the sleep-out and were very interested in talking and learning from the people living on the streets. They were always willing to take part in services and were great supporters of the voluntary services during Lent. They will be greatly missed.

Special Services

First Year Service

The First Years were brilliant at volunteering to read at the service; I had to pick names out of a hat in order to be fair. The theme of the service was forgiveness with an emphasis of the model for parenthood shown in the story of the Lost Son. First Year drama students, under the direction of Ms O'Reilly, performed a dramatised version of the Prodigal Son in which Robbie Williams left, and later returned to, the boy band "Take That"!



Harvest

The Harvest preacher was Greg Fromholz of 3 Rock Youth. Greg's gift for communicating with teenagers was appreciated by his youthful congregation whom he challenged to think about what peace really means. Greg's visual and musical presentation was well supported by our great new audio-visual system in the Chapel. The Choir was in great form singing John Rutter's "Look at the World". The collection at the service went to Christian Aid.



Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Day, we recalled those who lost their lives in the wars, particularly the past pupils of our school whose names are recorded in the Chapel on two large plaques, and recently a new plaque commemorating more past pupils identified in Army records by our archivists. The Headmaster and Andrew Whiteside, the archivist, read out the long list of names of past pupils of The King's Hospital and Morgan School who died in the First and Second World Wars and later on peace-keeping missions. Neil Boles, head boy, then placed a wreath by the plaques.



It is a particularly moving ceremony as we currently have past pupils stationed overseas, including one who survived his tank being blown up in Afghanistan a few years ago. Our guest preacher, Bishop Roy Warke, had attended The King's Hospital during the Second World War, one of only nine boys entering in 1942, the smallest intake on record. Drawing on quotations

and epithets, he examined how 'The war to end all wars' (the First World War) was succeeded only twenty years later by another World War.

Bishop Warke quoted St James: 'These conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from?' Answering his own question, James said: 'Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?' James warned of the danger of 'friendship with the world' and the importance instead of drawing nearer to God. The students very much appreciated the Bishop's wise words on the evening.

Christmas

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year for the Chapel was being invited to do the Christmas Day service broadcast on RTE.

This was wonderful publicity for the school and a great opportunity to showcase Ms Roycroft's wonderful Choir.

Though actually filmed in the RTE studio, it was staged as if it was in our own Chapel.

We took the theme of darkness into light and interspersed bible readings with readings from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* when Ebenezer Scrooge is taken by the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future through a great period of darkness in his life, then finally out into the glorious light of Christmas morning. The music reflected this theme as did the lighting in the studio.

The Very Reverend Tom Gordon, RTE Co-ordinator of Protestant Programmes, wrote to thank us for the imaginative liturgy and wonderful music and noted that the service had the largest number of viewers ever recorded for the Christmas Day service, with well over one hundred thousand people watching.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Clongowes Wood College invited us to assist in their morning service and gave us a lovely lunch in their beautiful (Hogwart's-like) hall. We welcomed them in the evening to our service and then our students hosted the Clongowes boys while the staff came to Avondale House.

Confirmation

Twenty-seven 2nd Year students were confirmed by the Archbishop at the school in May: Alan Bennett, Laura Fitzpatrick, Zachary Hinde, Jack Donnelly, Alex Hunter, Andrew Johnson, Scott Le Roux, Allison Murphy, Fergus Ogden, Anna Potterton, Austin Sweetnam, Ruth Walsh, Michael Wood, Gareth Murphy, Clinton Wokocha, David Boles, Matthew Bond, Alex Corscadden, Andrew Downey, Philippa Hendy,

Jane Kenny, Moyin Mobolaji, Joshua Ofem, Keith Bell, Rhys Edghill, Robyn Harris and Harrison Mahood-Pitt.

They were supported on the day by their families, godparents and friends. It was a wonderful occasion, with the Archbishop speaking very much at their level in short addresses before and after the actual confirmation.

Multicultural Fun Day



Revd. Campion with some of the students who participated in Multicultural Day.



The Positive School Programme

As part of the school's ongoing commitment to student welfare, last year saw us embrace a new venture geared towards the creation and sustaining of a positive, values-driven atmosphere in all areas of school life.

In essence, the programme we have launched has as its central focus individual accountability for individual behaviour, membership of a community to which each individual feels attached, in which they themselves feel valued and welcome, and to which they willingly give a worthwhile commitment.

We opted to make to our programme something with which pupils could identify. Rather than dictate the values they should prioritise, the programme entailed our canvassing pupils for their input. Senior staff met over two lunchtimes to suggest values the school should consider and eventually 16 values from an initial list of 35 – some with a group focus, others very personally-based – were proposed for all the stakeholders in the school to ponder. Class discussions ensued, essays were written and debates held.

A Values Week was held when pupils discussed over lunch-times the merits of the 16 values; those they felt should form part of the policy and those which they felt should not. Canon Campion allowed us hang the 16 values in large lettering around the chapel and delivered a series of morning chapel services using each of those values as the focus for his address. All this was ground-work for the ballot. Previously, in September, we had polled

the Parents' Association for its input and in October we received the opinion from the Board of Management and Governors and all the staff who work on the campus from day to day: the teaching staff, the ground staff as well as the clerical, catering and cleaning staff.

Last class on Friday 19th October was given over to "polling day". The ballot papers were distributed by teachers and following a brief in-class discussion, the pupils themselves cast their votes selecting which of the 16 values deserved their No.1 vote, their No. 2 vote and so on. The votes were then added to those already received from the other members of our community, tallied and the values which our school nominated as its core values were:

- Trust
- Fairness
- Respect
- Friendliness
- Responsibility
- Honesty

The result was published at Charter Day last year and it is very much hoped that these values will become part-and-parcel of school life. It is a crucial aspect to the process that these are NOT seen as values to guide the school for the rest of time. It is vital that they be reviewed, updated and revised every few years as our vibrant school community feels its values and its priorities change over time.

These are the values we as a school community hold dear and should look for in one another and in ourselves. The King's Hospital is a wonderful place to work and learn. If these values govern how we as a community interact with one another, it can only become even better.

Ray McIlreavy

Saturday Programme

This year in KH saw the very first installment of the Saturday Programme (SP). This initiative came about as a direct result of the change from a 6-day teaching week to a 5-day one. It was my privilege to have been appointed as the Co-ordinator for this exciting development within the school. My objective was to offer something new to the entire pupil body whilst keeping with the school's ethos of improving the overall education of the individual within our Christian school. We offered several new modules in the SP, including Mandarin, Psychology, Fashion Studies, Photography, Ceramics, Film Studies, I.T. Programming, Photoshop, Drama and Art & Fabric Design.



Paper Pyramid Winners of the Challenge Module were (L to R): Thomas Gillick, Cameron Crooks and Shane Hickey.

There was also a module known as Challenge where students were set particular tasks (usually manual) and had to set about achieving these, bringing in teamwork as a necessity. For the international students, we also offered extra English classes through a TEFL module to help with their overall learning experiences during the course of the 5-day curriculum. One year down and there are many positives to take forward and also several changes to be made to help us meet the needs of our young pupil body. Into next year, we will be looking at including a Fitness/Healthy Living module to run alongside existing courses on offer. We will also be looking at input from the wider KH community for ideas/requests and I would welcome all of these.

Dean Maguire, SP Co-ordinator

Obituaries

Matthew Byrne

(former Chaplain)



Ordained in England in 1951, Matthew came to the school in 1980 and worked as a part-time assistant chaplain, combining this role with parochial

duties in Chapelizod and Kilmainham. The retirement of Dr Gerald Magahy in 1983 brought an end to the long tradition in which the headmaster was ordained and served as school chaplain.

On the appointment of David Robertson as the first lay headmaster, Matthew was appointed full-time chaplain and he took up residence, with his wife, Weena, in the mews yard at Brooklawn.

His principal duties were the leading of services in Chapel and the teaching of Religious Education.

He had previously been involved in religious broadcasting in Manchester and he developed a strong working relationship with RTE. This led to opportunities for radio and television broadcasts featuring the Chapel Choir as well as the documentary 'A day in the life of a school chaplain'.

In 1989, he was appointed Dean of Kildare. This role, including the chaplaincy to the Curragh Camp, allowed Matthew to re-visit military chaplaincy which he had previously undertaken with the Royal Irish Fusiliers from 1954 to 1957. He retired in 1993 but remained active in broadcasting and as an author of devotional books.

He died in August in a Nursing Home in Leighlinbridge, Co.Carlow, aged 86, and is survived by his second wife Olivia (Rev. Olivia Williams, Rector of Carlow) and his two children.

Lisa Morrin



When I was asked to write this obituary for Lisa, the very thought of it terrified me. How could I sum up someone's life in so many words?

Who was I

to say that this was how Lisa was viewed by everyone? I mean, Lisa had a very different impact on everyone she met.

To try and sum Lisa up in so few words is nearly impossible but I'd feel like she'd want me to give it a go.

When I first met Lisa, we were 4th years, eager to do nothing at all for the entire year. We were assigned together along with Heather as Flag Day collectors.

We had the worst possible space - outside Connolly Station on a Friday afternoon in

the middle of the recession. While I still maintain that we were the worst collectors there, I have fond memories of that day because after our so-called "collecting" was done, we went to grab a McFlurry. That was where I was introduced to the motorcycle-mad Lisa Morrin.

In the middle of O'Connell Street, she dragged me to the pavement in the centre to look at motorcycles. While examining them in exquisite detail, she told me about how she was intending to get a motorcycle as soon as she possibly could.

I didn't believe that she would while we were still in school, but lo and behold she did. She managed to procure a wine coloured motorcycle that could nearly always be spotted in the school car park.

You couldn't miss Lisa clad head-to-toe in leather as she strode in nearly every morning. I have funny memories of her trying to explain "biker code" to me, and her helmet was a source of laughter as we all tried it on, all of us looking ridiculous.

She loved that motorcycle more than anything and it was easy to see why.

The Lisa we knew was exceptionally passionate about music. While asking around for people's memories of her, I've been told several times that she was known for picking up a guitar and immediately beginning to jam, with The Arctic Monkeys "I Bet You Look Good on the Dance Floor" a particular favourite. Lisa provided bass for our final song as a year on Valedictory Night and it's not an understatement to say she absolutely rocked it.

Music was important to her in so many ways. From getting into arguments on which band was better, The Rolling Stones or The Beatles, to going to concerts of bands most of us would have never heard of. There was no doubt that music played a hugely important role in her life.

Lisa was so important to so many people. She was always there for a laugh and for a chat. She was exceptionally hard-working and was often seen working away after school (when most of us probably should have been) right the way through 6th Year. She was passionate about Irish and English too.

A talented writer, she was always up for a discussion, at first in Mrs Smith's and later Mr Mulryan's class about whether or not Alec and Jerry from "How Many Miles to Babylon?" were in love with each other. She was always willing to interrupt Robert Shaw's and my pointless arguments with an actual relevant point (no doubt to the relief of Mr Mulryan) and I always enjoyed reading her work as she often had a different insight into a character or idea.

I cannot begin to sum up Lisa's life properly because the truth is I only knew her for a small portion of it. How can I convey to you her passion for fizzy strawberries from the Tuck Shop, an obsession that led her to receive a box of them for Christmas?

How can I explain to you how kind, witty and friendly she was? How can I even begin to explain how passionate she was about her music, her friends and her motorcycle? Sadly I can't. I can only do my best to show how amazing she really was.

There is no doubt in my mind that Lisa has left a massive hole behind her. Unfortunately, her life was tragically cut short. Sometimes you have to let go and sadly, Lisa felt that that was the right option for her. While her passing has been difficult for us all, I feel that while we grieve, we should also celebrate Lisa and her life.

She faced challenges in her life that some of us can't begin to imagine and sometimes the only solution in a time such as this is to celebrate the moments of joy that we shared with Lisa to combat the feelings of loss and sorrow.

Lisa, wherever you are, I hope you're flying high now that you're a free bird. Stay safe, stay strong and sleep tight because God knows you deserve it.

Rest in peace forever and always.

Rachel (O'Neill)

On behalf of the Class of 2013.



Staff Room News

Multi-medal Dymphna

The year started out a bit shaky for our IT coordinator, Dymphna Morris, who moonlights as a competitive Masters swimmer.



A knee operation in November put a serious question mark over her future swimming plans. There is never a good time for this kind of thing but with the World Masters Games scheduled for Turin in August and the European Masters Championships for Eindhoven in early September, the timing was particularly unfortunate.

However, with quite a lot of physiotherapy and carefully planned training that worked around the injury, she managed to get back in form and competed very successfully.

The World Masters Games are held every four years and cover a wide range of sporting disciplines. There were some 28,000 competitors in Turin this year, with 2,500 involved in swimming.

Dymphna competed in five hotly contested events within her age group and won gold in the 800m, 400m and 200m freestyle. These would be her stronger events, however she also managed to win silver in the 200m Individual Medley and bronze in the 50m Butterfly.

The European Masters Championships were held in Eindhoven during the first week in September and attracted some 7,000 swimmers.

As school had re-opened Dymphna was unable to compete in all the events she would have liked. But by flying out to Eindhoven on both weekends, she first took a silver medal in the 800m Freestyle and then provided one of the major upsets of the tournament.

During the second weekend, despite being a relative newcomer to Open Water swimming, Dymphna won gold in the 3K Open Water event. Tactically the swim was seen as pitch-perfect and for the Irish squad represented the icing on the cake for their most successful raid on the championships to date.

A number of more local (and sometimes colder!) outings saw Dymphna win the Warrior of the Sea event in Sligo in July, the Round the Head Swim in Louth, also in July, and the inaugural Great Wicklow Swim – ladies' wetsuit category – in September, which involved swimming from Bray to Greystones.

MORE SPORTY TYPES...

Jane Salter played for Ireland in the International Veteran's Hockey Tournament

Mick McKinnon was appointed Assistant Coach to the Irish Men's Hockey Squad.

RUN IN THE DARK

A number of staff (below) participated in the Run in the Dark fundraiser for the Mark Pollock Trust (see article elsewhere).



NEW ARRIVALS!

Many congratulations to:

- Miriam Wright and Philip (Graydon) - **Chloe** - 16-10-12
- Lisa and Noel Cunningham - **Sophie** - 07-08-13
- Melanie Moore and Jonny (Duffy) - **Evan** - 28-08-13
- Ciaran and Karen Whelan - **Flora** - 15-09-13

MARRIAGES



- Cara Sothern and Shane McLoughlin (above)



- Tony and Mary Lee (above)

ENGAGEMENT

- Ken Mulryan and Deirdre Finnegan

OMEY DASH TRIATHLON

Peter, Verna and Jenny Wilson took part in the Omev Dash Triathlon in memory of Diarmuid Kelleher. Diarmuid had been a founding member of the event in Cladaghduff and an active participant before he passed away last year.



CAREER BREAKS

Mark Campion (Maths Department)

Mark has taken a year out to re-charge the batteries and is busy travelling and learning Spanish. Nicola Swan is substituting in his absence and both Orla McLoughlin and Dean Maguire are jointly filling his role as Department Co-ordinator.

Jerome Devitt (History & English Departments)

Jerome is delighted to have been able to avail of the opportunity to return to full-time study on his PhD in Trinity College, thanks largely to considerable scholarship support from the Irish-Canadian University Foundation, the Irish Legal History Society and the Irish Research Council.

He spent 4 weeks in archives in Canada over the summer and is planning research trips to London, Portsmouth, and Washington DC over the next few months.

Amy McGinn is his substitute for the year, having covered her sister Lorna's maternity leave last year.

Caroline Brady (Home Economics Department)

Caroline is taking a term's Parental Leave for Michaelmas Term and Aishling Doyle has returned to take her Home Economics classes.

Maternity Leave Cover

Last year, Jenny Wilson substituted for Miriam Wright, this year Laura O'Neill returned to take Lisa Cunningham's music students and we welcome Maria Delahunty who is currently taking Melanie Moore's classes.

REBECCA CAMPION PhD

Rebecca received her PhD in History at NUI Maynooth. Her title was 'Reconstructing an Ascendancy world: The material culture of Frederick Hervey, Earl Bishop 1730-1803'.



Yvonne Duggan, who has moved into the position of senior cycle Day Housemistress, has qualified with a Diploma in Educational Leadership from NUI Maynooth.

FAREWELL TO

Grounds Staff:

- Barry Smullen
(replaced by Andrew Richardson)

PDE students:

- Aoife Fleming
- Patrick Gallagher
- Leanne Moore
- Christine Murphy
- Krystyna Szczepanska
- Claire Tuttlebee

Gap Students

(who came and went during the year)

- Rebecca Hore
- Gus Jacobs
- Keegan Walder

Sunday Duty/Library/Hockey

- David Williamson

STAFF CHANGES

- John Rafter - Acting Headmaster
- John Aiken - Acting Deputy Head (whilst remaining as Head of Pastoral Care)
- Welcome back Paddy Sugrue (as substitute Maths teacher for John Aiken)

HOUSE MERRY GO-ROUNDS:

- Sarah Bill - Acting Housemistress of Mercer House & Senior Resident Duty
- Gillian Lacey - Acting Assistant Housemistress of Grace House for Michaelmas Term
- Viki Malcolm retired as a senior cycle Day Housemistress.
- Emma Ryan has moved out, having fulfilled various roles over the years on night duty, senior night duty, assistant house-person and acting house-person of both Mercer and Grace Houses.
- Susan Tanner is academic tutor to Bluecoat Day once again.
- Glenda Ua Bruadair retired as a Day Housemistress last Spring.
- Alison Gill was appointed as a Housemistress last Spring.
- Elizabeth Peoples was appointed a junior cycle Housemistress in August.
- Lorna McGinn returned after maternity leave as Housemistress to Bluecoat Girls.
- Amy Fitzgerald, who was acting housemistress in Lorna's absence, returns to her post as Assistant Houseperson to Bluecoat Boarders.
- Rowland Rixon-Fuller completes his time as acting assistant to Bluecoat Boarders.

WELCOME BACK TO:

Night Duty Roster:

- Emma Walker

WELCOME TO:

- Tobias Grote - Assistant in German Department
- Carmen Cara Lopez - part-time Spanish teacher
- Andrew Gill (who is also studying at University of Ulster during the week) - Night Duty & Day Duty

PDE STUDENTS:

- Deirdre Eakins (Music/CSPE/Religion)
- Elaine Egan (Maths/English/Geography) – also lives in for Night Duty
- Bjorn Jenkins (Science/Maths)
- Ros Scally (Economics/Business)
- John Simpson (History/CSPE) – also does Sunday Duty and Library supervision
- Louise Ward (Science/Maths)
- Ann Marie Murphy (Maths/Science)

GAP STUDENTS:

(arrived after Christmas)

- Cara Jo Precious
- Keegan Walder

Sunday Duty:

- Diarmuid Lyons
- John Pearson - also does Library and Computer Room supervision

Structural Changes

The need for development of day facilities has been recognised now for several years and this summer saw the development of extra and much needed recreational space for Form 3 Day Pupils in a converted room beside their lockers near the staff room.

A second extra Junior Day Area space has also been constructed at the Mercer end of the corridor leading out to the Chapel, with a large locker room combined with a recreation space, created by the knocking together of three smaller rooms. As a result our Marketing Department has also benefited from a much brighter and more suitable space in Old Bluecoat.

The new areas along with the other existing recreation areas have also been kitted out with new much more comfortable chairs and settees, a welcome addition.

The Student Council has very been active in pursuing the needs of all the pupils. As well as seeking better accommodation for the day pupils, it has requested, and gained, approval for a more casual evening uniform for boarders.

Plain navy tracksuit bottoms and more casual comfortable footwear have been accepted and may be worn by pupils in the evenings. Full casual clothing is acceptable at weekends from Friday evening onwards.

Susan Leahy - The Spanish Connection



Susan Leahy has been heavily involved with the Association of Teachers of Spanish (ATS) and is currently its President.

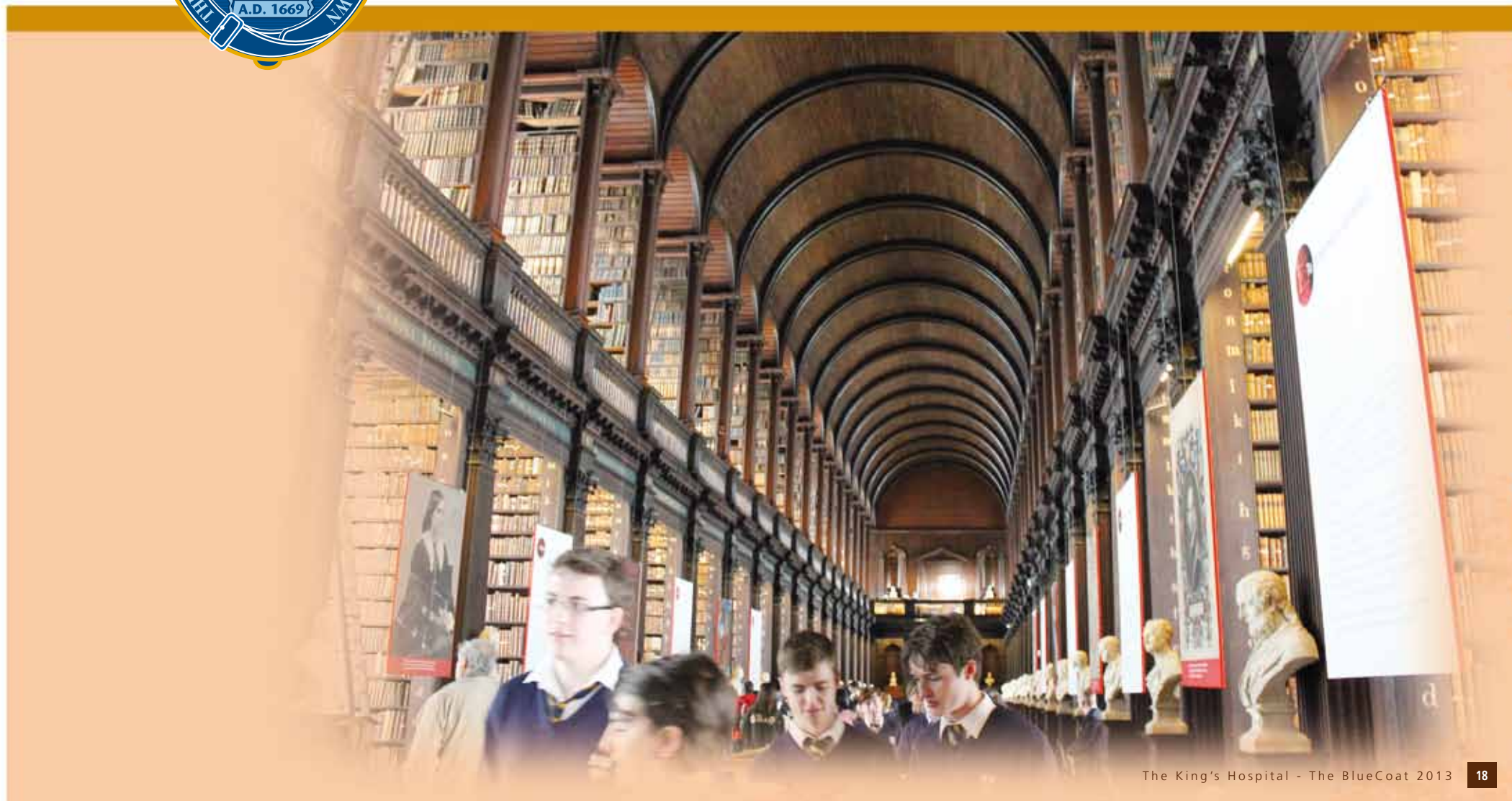
In that role, she has met with the National Council for Curriculum

and Assessment regarding the structure of the Leaving Certificate. To push forward the case of languages in the country, she is in close contact with the Post Primary Languages Initiative and collaborates with the Instituto Cervantes to promote the study of Spanish here. She represents Ireland at international conferences, such as ELE-Gobal last July in Salamanca where she delivered a presentation on motivation in the language classroom. Within the ATS, Susan oversees such events as the Secondary Schools Spanish Quiz (KH has hosted it twice recently) and the Schools Debating Competition (KH has won twice in three years). Alongside this, she does some work with both UCD and NUI Maynooth in their Schools of Education, training future teachers of Spanish. Between Susan and her equally enthusiastic colleague Amy Fitzgerald, Spanish in KH is certainly thriving.



SECTION 2

ACADEMIC 2013



Charter Day 2013

An extract from the speech of the Acting Headmaster, John Rafter



Just like many other great adventures, for me it all started with an unexpected telephone call from the Chairman in early August, informing me about Mr. Hall's resignation and

move to Sligo Grammar School. I was honoured to be invited to take on the role of Acting Headmaster of The King's Hospital.

Many of you will have read the articles on 'Feeder Schools' and 'League Tables' which appeared in the Irish Independent and The Irish Times respectively in the last couple of weeks. On first analysis, you might be justifiably concerned at The King's Hospital's performance with only 79% of our pupils apparently progressing to third-level colleges in Ireland.

However, when you take into consideration the fact that there were 24 International pupils, out of a total of 115 who sat the Leaving Certificate in KH this summer, virtually all of whom have gone on to third level colleges either in the UK, the United States or in Europe, the true figure rises considerably. In fact, one of our Irish pupils, Ross Murphy, who achieved the maximum 625 points and has gone on to study

Economics & Management in Oxford, is a victim of these statistical exclusions. Others studying, for instance, in Scotland, Slovakia, Switzerland, Spain, Holland, Germany and England have also been ignored in the figures.

Perhaps now you have some understanding of my frustration on behalf of the KH pupils and teaching Staff when there is an incorrect perception that KH pupils might have under-achieved in any way.

The real figure is that at least 98% of the KH Class of 2013 has gone on to a third-level institution or will take their place next year having completed a gap year abroad. What I want to say loud and clear is congratulations and well done to the pupils and teachers of the KH Classes of 2013!

There is no doubt that it is a very exciting time to be involved with education in Ireland at the moment but it is also extremely challenging. Teachers are coming close to the completion of the roll-out of the New Project Maths Course, the Literacy and Numeracy Strategies are getting underway, the new School Self-Evaluation initiative is being introduced and just for good measure, the entire Junior Certificate is being replaced with the New Junior Cycle Programme starting with English in 2014.

Other subjects will follow in successive years but it will be 2020 at the earliest before the entire New Junior Cycle will be in operation. Understandably, some teachers are starting to suffer from 'change overload' as all this is happening during a financial crisis, with reduced funding from the DES, increasing class sizes, insufficient professional training available and no fully thought-out assessment procedures in sight at the moment. This is where School Self-Evaluation fits into the picture but there is no doubt that self-moderation will pose some major issues of concern for teachers, pupils and parents alike. The greatest concern lies in doubts about the lack of standardisation throughout Ireland inherent in this model.

The New Junior Cycle brings with it some very welcome changes in Teaching and Learning, with the emphasis on education as a preparation for life rather than just for college. The Principles of Engagement and Participation, Creativity and Innovation, Choice and Flexibility, Continuity and Development, Quality, Wellbeing, Inclusive Education and Learning to Learn are to be achieved through eight key skills.

The learning at the core of the New Junior Cycle is described in 24 Statements of Learning, and it is up to each individual school to ensure that all these statements,

along with the 8 key skills, feature in the programmes of all junior cycle students. In my opinion, we must embrace this change as a wonderful opportunity to create the most exciting and meaningful educational experience for our pupils in the future.

From my perspective, The King's Hospital is very much a pupil-centred educational environment and I believe that behind every great pupil is at least one if not several great teachers. In order to ensure that our pupils are taught to the highest standards, I intend to do my best to encourage and promote a strong culture of Career Professional Development for our teachers.

That way, we as teachers will be better prepared to meet our pupils' educational needs for life, not just academically but physically, emotionally and spiritually. I believe the reason KH runs efficiently and successfully is as a result of the many teams within the campus which work so well together. So I'd like to acknowledge their contribution and to express my personal gratitude.

Finally, doing what you say, rather than saying what you do, is the greater virtue in my eyes. As Confucius said "A superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions" and I am confident that if I can strive towards this ideal, it will be a step in the right direction.

Cum Laude

Siobhan Daly, Assistant Head - Academic, reviews the academic successes of the past year



Once again, the pupils of The King's Hospital posted results well above the National Average and many were offered their first or second choices on CAO. Over 50% of students scored 400 points or more.

Our top scorers were **Ross Murphy** with the full complement of 625 points, followed closely by **Beata Carroll** and **David Duffy** with 615 points. We had a large number of re-checks this year, leading to a number of upgrades.

Congratulations also to the **Junior Cert class of 2013** that not only achieved much higher grades than the National Average but also completed a much higher percentage of higher level papers than the National Average.

It is interesting to note that out of a total of 1057 papers, 922 were taken at higher level. Our top scorers were **Eva McLoughlin** and **Nessa Boland**, both with 8 As and 3Bs, and Tom Doyle with 6As and 5Bs.

Congratulations also to **Eva McLoughlin** who has been chosen to participate in the Irish Science Olympiad.

Both **Eva** and **Luke O'Malley** have also been chosen to compete in the IBCC Computer Challenge contest. Well done!

Summer of 2012 also saw the re-furbishment of Old Bluecoat creating four new classrooms and IT equipment has been installed in all classrooms.

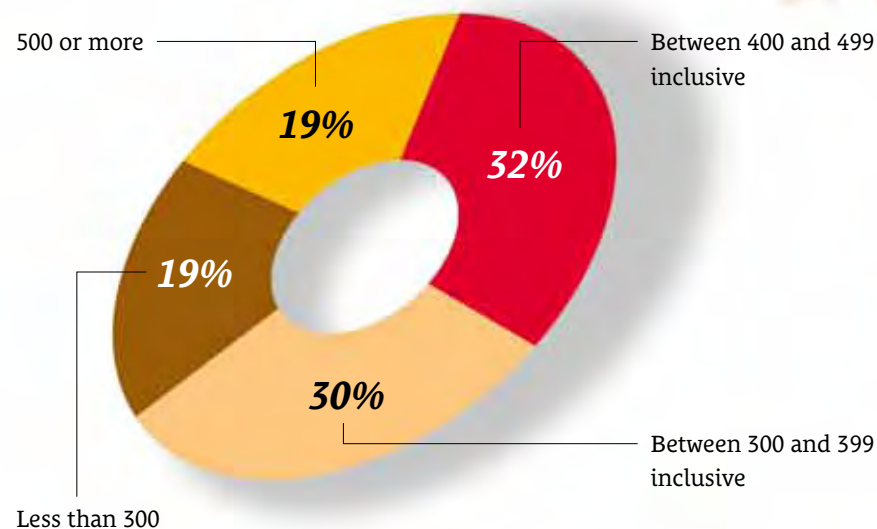
We also received the report from the German Department inspection which took place last May. In the main finding section of the report, the word 'excellent' appears no less than five times. Well done to **Miss Aileen Polke** and her team!

Congratulations to **Cian Galvin** and **Calvin Wright** who have been awarded Entrance Exhibitions to TCD and UCD respectively.

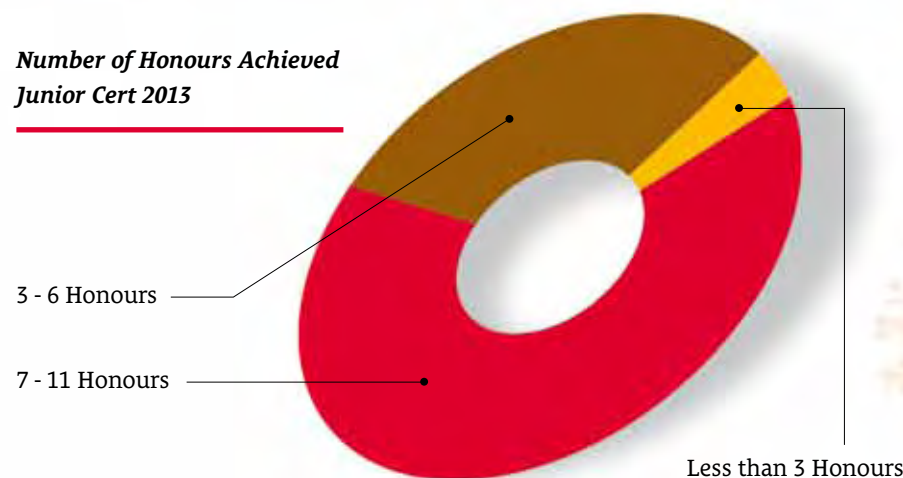
Well done also to **Jessica O'Leary** who came second in Ireland in the Spanish Junior Certificate Examination.

She missed the presentation of her special award from the Spanish Ambassador to Ireland as she was away studying the language in Salamanca but her sister Danielle accepted the prize on her behalf at the presentation attended by her parents and her teacher Susan Leahy.

Breakdown of Points Leaving Cert 2013



Number of Honours Achieved Junior Cert 2013



Charter Day Prize Winners

SPECIAL PRIZES

RANKIN PRIZE FOR CHARITABLE ENDEAVOUR

Zoe Boles

CHRISTIAN UNION PRIZE

Liam Forbes

RUSSELL CUP AND PRIZE FOR PROGRESS AT SPEECH AND DRAMA

Junior: Oscar Campbell

Senior: Andrew Dancey

SPEECH AND DRAMA PRIZES

(High Marks in RIAM examinations)

Michelle du Toit, Emma Leitch, Jack Kyle, Matthew Doyle, Conor Dunne, Ross Leitch

LARKIN MUSIC PRIZES

(High Marks in RIAM and Rock School examinations)

Clarinet: Ross Hunter, Alexander Hunter

Drums: Matthew Doyle

Guitar: Thomas Hamilton

Piano: Lisa Quinn

Singing: Roisin Addo, Carla

Ponsioen, Loughlin Brady-Smith

Violin: Ruth Walsh

CHAPEL CHOIR PRIZES

Koziell: Lucy O'Sullivan

Butler Medal and Scholarship:

Liam Forbes

BUCKLEY CRAFT PRIZES

Culinary Skills: Caoimhe

Wright-Graydon

Textiles: Lauren Digby

Junior Pottery: Sophie Fitzgerald

Senior Pottery: Clodagh King

TARA ART PRIZES

Junior: Maya Madhavan

Senior: May Bussarungsri

PRIZES FOR COMMITMENT TO LANGUAGES

PATERSON FOR FRENCH

Junior: Amanda Ruddock

Senior: Amy Carson

ANDERSON FOR GERMAN

Junior: Jane Kenny

Senior: Róisín Bennett

IRISH

Junior: Lisa Quinn

Senior: Emma Leitch

MAGAHY FOR SPANISH

Junior: Niamh Delaney

Senior: Katie Miller

PAST PUPILS' UNION PRIZES FOR POETRY

Junior: Emma Bowie

Intermediate: Conor Murphy

Senior: Akshaya Ravi

CUSACK MEDALS AND PRIZES FOR ENGLISH ESSAY

Junior: Lydia Boyd

Senior: Nadia Hourihan

LEAVING CERTIFICATE FOUNDATION YEAR PRIZES

Cookery: Ellen O'Sullivan

Desktop Publishing: Rowan Lane

E.C.D.L.: Stephanie Quaid

Electronics: Scott Ross Dolan

Enterprise: Ben Clarke

Harden Library: Brandon Kehoe

Information Technology:

Georgina Sweeney

Newsletter: Ben Lane

Photography: Evan Metcalfe

Pottery: Natalie Beckett

Stewart's Hospital: Ross Hunter

PORTFOLIO PRIZES

Amy Thompson, Clodagh King, Grace Donnelly-Jackson, Natalie Beckett, Aoibhinn Bolton, Stephen Kane, Zoe Coyle, Akshaya Ravi, Kim Baker, Hazel Skinner

PATTERSON TROPHY AND PRIZE FOR STEWART'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY

Zoe Boles

JOINT PRIZE FOR BEST OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO LEAVING CERTIFICATE FOUNDATION YEAR

Zoe Boles, Sophie Edghill

FINLAY AND MCKEEVER PRIZES FOR ENDEAVOUR

Form 1: Fiona Gillis, Eric Menton

Form 2: Chloe Kealy, Rhys Edghill

Form 3: Robyn Condon, Charlie O'Halloran

Form 5: Laura Hayter, Andrew Kenny

PRIZES AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF THE SUMMER EXAMINATIONS

RICHARDS FORM PRIZES

Form 1

Lydia Boyd, Orla Williams, Rebecca Mansfield, Kate O'Malley, Tom Cole, Laith Alazawi, Calum Kyle, Louise Claffey, Emily Murphy, Ava Wiseman, Lauren Burke, Louise Watson, Katie McNelis, Kiran Ravi, Ben Eustace

RICHARDS FORM PRIZES

Form 2

Rachel Charters, Andrew Downey, Ruth Walsh, Lisa Quinn, Jack Lane, Jack Bambrick, Barry Carmody, Andrew Johnston, Eavan Ó Riada, Odhran Mullan, Ross Hackett, Nick Botvich, Amanda Ruddock, Dylan Scales, Oscar Little

WILSON AND SUFFERN FORM PRIZES

Form 4

Akshaya Ravi, Jack Kyle, Zoe Boles, Hazel Skinner, Dylan Blakeney, David Smith, Nevan Jio, Rowan Lane

WILSON AND SUFFERN FORM PRIZES

Form 5

Accounting: Jacqui Mernagh

Agricultural Science:

Andrea Bennett

Applied Mathematics & Art:

Lida O'Shea

Biology & German:

Niamh Ní Mhaonaigh

Business, French & Home

Economics: Sofiya Volvakova

Chemistry, Economics, Geography, Mathematics (Jt) & Physics (Jt): Felix von Horstig

Design & Communications

Graphics & Physics (Jt):

Katie Miller

English & Music: Hugh Delaney

History: Ross Gavigan

Irish: Louise Lawless

Mathematics (Jt): Enrique

Garcia-Calvo Conde

Religious Education: Tory O'Neill

Spanish: Liam Forbes

PRIZES AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF THE JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

REDMAN PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE AND PAST PUPILS' UNION FORM PRIZES

Eva McLoughlin, Eoghan Blount, Lynn Beattie

REDMAN PRIZES FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

Luke O'Malley, Glenn Ross Dolan

PAST PUPILS' UNION FORM PRIZES

Nessa Boland, Tom Doyle, Lauren Digby, Sally Farrell, Niamh Delaney, Orla Kitching, Rosslyn Hendy, Rónan O'Neill, Hana Jendoubi

SPECIAL PRIZES AND PRIZES AWARDED ON THE BASIS OF THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

FORM 6

THE KING'S HOSPITAL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AWARD

(Awarded at the Valedictory Dinner)
Caitríona Murphy

LARKIN MUSIC PRIZE FOR SINGING

Kate Jennings

HUNTER CHAPEL CHOIR PRIZE

Philippa Gilsenan

BISHOP CHAPEL CHOIR PRIZE AND LARKIN MUSIC PRIZE FOR SINGING

Kerry Phelan

BRADLEY TROPHY AND PRIZE FOR MUSIC

Colleen Heavey (Jt), Niamh Williams (Jt)

NIGEL WILLIAMS PERPETUAL TROPHY AND PRIZE

Holly Meade

MAGAHY PRIZE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Amy Ua Bruadair

WILKINSON TROPHY AND PRIZE FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Victoria Douglas

HAMMOND RAE PRIZE FOR DRAMA AND BOYCE SCHOLARSHIP

Alanna McKeon-Silke

KING CHARLES II TROPHY PRIZE AND SPEECH & DRAMA PRIZE

Robert Shaw

LENNOX PRIZE FOR BIOLOGY AND WILSON & SUFFERN FORM PRIZE

Alexander Moore

WHITESIDE CUP AND PRIZE FOR HISTORY AND WILSON & SUFFERN FORM PRIZE

Benita Hickson

LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND MEDAL AND PRIZE AND WILSON & SUFFERN FORM PRIZE

Sarah Beattie

BOYCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Peter Bjoerk, Amy Edghill, Jordan Murray, Rebekah Roe, Rachel Tyner

BOYCE SCHOLARSHIP AND WILSON AND SUFFERN FORM PRIZE

Neil Boles

WILSON AND SUFFERN FORM PRIZES

Calvin Wright, Georgy Mamulashvili, Philippa Peters, Eoin Ryan, Richard Akpan, Rachel O'Neill, Thomas O'Sullivan

SPEECH & DRAMA PRIZE AND WILSON & SUFFERN FORM PRIZE

Cian Galvin

LEE PRIZE FOR HISTORY AND WILSON & SUFFERN FORM PRIZE

David Duffy

HOGG PRIZE FOR MUSIC, BURRELL PRIZE FOR CHEMISTRY AND WILSON & SUFFERN FORM PRIZE

Beata Carroll

LENNOX PRIZE FOR PHYSICS, MILEY PRIZE FOR BUSINESS SUBJECTS AND WILSON AND SUFFERN MEDAL AND FORM PRIZE FOR FIRST PLACE IN THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Ross Murphy

ENTRANCE AWARDS TO THE KING'S HOSPITAL 2013

KING'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Justin Awani, David Olowookere

CHARTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Daniel O'Sullivan, Kim Rolston

JONES SCHOLARSHIPS

Emma Bowie, Luke Gilmartin, Maeve Macken

Career Guidance

It was a busy year in The King's Hospital Guidance Department. It started with a visit to the Higher Options conference in September where our 6th Form students got the opportunity to speak with representatives from all third level colleges in Ireland and many institutions in England, Scotland, Wales and Europe.

In addition, speakers from the major CAO colleges have visited the school to provide valuable insights into the courses and facilities available at their institutions.

FIRST YEAR INDUCTION

Young people often struggle during the transition between primary school and secondary school. As a consequence, the Guidance Department provides an Induction for all Form 1 students. The staff notices the benefits from Induction and comments on the overall level of integration and commitment from the students and their mentors.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

It is very important for young people to learn how to do well in interviews because not only are they important for job and career opportunities, but also for future college and scholarship interviews.

Thanks to the trojan efforts of the Parents' Association, our 6th Form students had an opportunity to make professional connections with people who are doing what they hope to do, and to also experience an interview in a setting where they are not being officially evaluated.

Students met with two interviewers for 20 minutes, the same length as a typical interview, then the interviewers filled out an evaluation form for the student to review. Students were rated on everything from body language to the substance of their answers and follow-up questions. Each student was then called back and given valuable feedback on their performances to help them identify their strengths and weaknesses. They were also assessed on the CVs they had produced.

Feedback from the students themselves played an important part in this activity. All agreed that they had learnt a lot from the interviews and felt that they gained confidence from the experience.

CAREERS DAY

This year's Careers Day in mid-November was a huge success. This event continues to be very popular and is designed to give our students the opportunity to investigate the

job market in the real world. The students gained great benefit from the day because it gave them an insight into several careers and why they could be interesting paths to follow. They particularly appreciated that some of the speakers also gave information on how the students can get work experience within their organisations and why this would help them.

CAREERS EVENING

The King's Hospital Careers Evening was also considered a great success. All pupils from Form 5 were given the chance to come along, allowing them to enquire about their preferred career but also any other occupation from a choice of 38 different careers that may have caught their eye.

Many of our major universities attended the event, joined by newcomers, Harper Adams from the UK.

The Wilson Wright Hall was packed full of pupils and guests on the night. A large variety of businesses were represented, from psychology to fire fighters, engineering to interior design and sports & fitness to journalism. There really was something for everyone and it made it very real for our pupils to talk to people directly involved in these sectors.



One student stated:

"All representatives were extremely helpful and provided all the information I required and more!"

Another also said:

"I would like a career in occupational therapy in the future so talking to staff from the Universities was really helpful in guiding me towards the right college courses and making clear what qualifications I need."

Cusack Essay - Junior Winner

‘The Most Beautiful Thing in the World’

by Lydia Boyd

Have you ever wondered what the most beautiful thing in the world is?

Something that could light a spark in the depths of your heart – where nothing else could - a flame kindled into a furnace, so bright and blazing that you are no longer able to see, feel, hear, touch or taste anything in the present, but are solely focused on this one thing, so entranced that even the bad things that are occurring to you in the present are eliminated, pushed away, meaningless compared to this one amazing thing.

Who said the most beautiful thing in the world had to be an object, a place, a person? An object will only stay the way you want it to be for so long before it begins to wear away, fade and decay.

A place once so magical where all you could see was blossoms and blossoms

falling into the horizon – oh yes, and that waterfall in the centre, the sound of the whirling water as it drops fifty feet to the pool below. Imagine this place, bountiful with beauty and life, but what will happen when the petals on the blossoms begin to wither, their heads drooping down until all that is left is their disintegrating stems, the waterfall no longer there as the recent drought has dried it up, in fact dried this whole land up to a never-ending vast landscape of nothing but desert sand?

A person once flawless, not a single imperfection, will eventually grow old, wrinkles and creases will appear on their now tarnished faces, and the talent that was once a masterpiece will now have mistakes and flaws, a pianist's fingers will fumble, a tailor will drop a stitch while a reader so fluent will lose his place and end up re-reading the paragraph once more.

Now I shall repeat the question, what do you think is the most beautiful thing in the world? Perhaps, I have now been able to change your views and perspectives on how you would phrase the answer to this question. What is the point of beauty if it is not capable of lasting? Then again, wouldn't beauty be something taken for granted if it was indelible? That it is only appreciated

when a person's heavy conscience weighs down on them, telling them that what they are looking at has a 'best before' date, like most other things in the world and should be relished as it wouldn't be there for much longer, and when this portrait of beauty gently dissipates, won't you feel empty and hollow inside as you know that you will never see this again? - but then, maybe it is the motivation needed to spur you on and to make use of an amazing gift granted upon you, your memory.

What is the point of your memory if it is not used? Yes, of course you need it for those practical things in life, the logic and common sense that you learn from experience, but everything in life has more than one use; memory isn't always used for your daily routine, but can be used to savour the most beautiful things that have just gone, the things that have faded away. With the help of your memory, you are able to recreate these things of beauty, and by using a spark of your fiery imagination, maybe by eliminating the tiniest imperfection or enhancing the brightest glow of all, you are able to remember this thing of beauty in a way never done before, slightly surrealistic, but by interpreting it your own way, you are able to create

an image of beauty unique to you alone, something that you as an individual have the right to create and re-create once more to the way of your liking.

In my own personal opinion, I believe memories are the most beautiful thing in the world, as every single human being has them in their possession, and willingly or unwillingly they are there; in the present yet from the past, gone, yet clearer and more certain than ever, they are the reassurance needed that although your beloved place, object or person may have left you alone in this world – your memories will always be there to comfort you, and if used the right way, this sentimental thing will forever more be in your soul.

Your memories are unique, interpreted through your senses alone, and with the power of your mind, in being able to remember them in the way in which you wish, when you are unable to let go, leads me to believe that memories truly are the most beautiful thing in the world - as honestly no one could really choose just one thing, but through your memories you are able to incorporate them all.

The Harden Library

Albert Einstein was asked once how we could make our children intelligent. His reply was both simple and wise. "If you want your children to be intelligent," he said, "read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." He understood the value of reading, and of imagining.

I hope we can give our children a world in which they will read, and be read to, and imagine, and understand. (Neil Gaiman, in a recent Guardian article).

POPULAR READING

Happily, we are able to report that there is still a very healthy appetite for reading fiction and non-fiction, both in print and online at KH. Not surprisingly, fiction continues to be the more popular, but art books are very popular too. While The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins, was less frantically sought than last year, it continues to be frequently borrowed. Lots of overseas students were interested to read the series in English, having already read it in their native language, or seen the first film.

Our Top Four List of Most Borrowed Books

1. A Greyhound of a Girl, by Roddy Doyle (was on the CBI shortlist last year)
2. Bruised, by Siobhan Parkinson
3. The Terrible Thing that Happened to Barnaby Rickett, by John Boyne
4. Into the Grey, by Celine Kiernan

Staff Favourites as Teens: (Surveyed for World Book Day – these are the ones that were selected by a few staff members)

1. The Catcher in the Rye, by J. D. Salinger
2. Emma & Pride and Prejudice, by Jane Austen
3. Light a Penny Candle, by Maeve Binchy
4. The Hobbit & Lord of the Rings, by J.R.R. Tolkien

Glenda Ua Bruadair's English class (1K) shadowed the CBI awards this year and voted Grounded by Sheena Wilkinson as their favourite. Also, Ken Mulryan's 2nd Year English class (2R) shadowed the Excelsior Graphic Novel awards, which proved to be a rewarding experience.

BOOK CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Enthusiastic members from all years attended Book Club on a regular basis. Graphic novels are becoming increasingly popular among some of the 2nd year members. Michael Grant's Gone series gained in popularity over Robert Muchamore's Cherub series.

For the seniors, Dash and Lily's Book of Dares, by Rachel Cohn & David Levithan, caused a bit of a stir, as did The Perks of being a Wallflower, by Stephen Chbosky - after the movie came out - and John Green's The Fault in our Stars is the talk of the season.

The second annual Book Club for all the little children living on campus was hosted by 5th Form student Sofiya Volvakova (Nicola Condell started it last year). It was a great success!

VOLUNTEERS

The school catalogue is now accessible on the Internet, so whether you need to access it in Monaghan or Machu Picchu, it's available to all from the school's library web page or at <http://scooter.oslo.ie>.

Our Student Librarians, Sofiya and Nicola (pictured below), did an excellent job managing the circulation desk at lunchtimes. Thanks for putting in all those hours! We should also say a word of thanks to our Senior Student Librarian, Cassie Lee, who helped out whenever she could during her busy year in 6th Form.



Brandon Kehoe did his Gaisce training in the library this year and made a brilliant Harry Potter Quizmaster (pictured opposite in gown!). Antonia Pieper also did her Gaisce in the library.

We should also mention a group of 2nd year students who helped out: Chloe Kealy, Moyin Mobolaji, Eavan O Riada, Aisling Duruibe and Nicole Agarau.

AUTHOR VISITS

The author of the legendary Ross O'Carroll Kelly books, Paul Howard, spoke to Form 4 in December. Paula Leyden, the award-winning author of *The Butterfly Heart*, spoke to Form 1 about her book, and there was an enthusiastic and stimulating Q&A session afterwards. During Literacy Week, two O'Brien Press authors - Anna Carey (*Rebecca Rules*) and Ian Somers (*Million Dollar Gift*), gave an entertaining talk to Form 2 about their work.

OUTINGS

Trinity College Library was unable to host our visit last year due to cutbacks, so we were delighted that they could have

us this year. Participating 4th Year students were given an exclusive tour of the Long Room, the digitising room and the map room.

In February, we had our annual shopping trip to IES, our book supplier in Leixlip. This is always a favourite outing for Book Club members.

While we were there, the owner, John Treacy, surprised us with a large donation of books, which we sold as part of the Student Council's fundraiser for Pieta House. John's granddaughter Hannah is in Form 2.

Thanks to Melanie Moore for all her help in the Library this year. We'll miss her next year, when she goes on maternity leave. Mel, remember it is never too early to start reading to your new arrival!

Joan Kelly, School Librarian



Ms Viki Malcolm presenting the prize to Austin Sweetnam, winner of the International Literary Quiz Competition

Literacy Week 2013

“The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read.”

Mark Twain

This year, with the help of Mrs Kelly and the 6th Form Literacy Committee, saw the introduction of Literacy Week. The focus of the week was the promotion of reading, helped along by the fantastic posters produced by Form 2. During 'Drop Everything and Read', the whole school was miraculously still as

students and teachers alike enjoyed a break from their work and became absorbed in some of their chosen reading material.

As well as this, we had some competitions: the Wonderful Wizardry of Harry Potter quiz, daily conundrum competitions, a Christmas Spelling Bee and a 'Get Caught Reading Competition'. Thanks to Mrs Kelly, we also had lots of laughs courtesy of the author of the Ross O'Carroll Kelly series, Paul Howard.

Overall, the week was a great success. Thank you very much to both the PPU and Verna's Vending for sponsoring the prizes for the week. Thank you also to Mrs Kelly and the 6th Form Literacy Committee: Rachel Hall, Gary Ruddock, Rachel Tyner, Amy Ua Bruadair and Aoife Quinn who were happy to organise, dress up and entertain!

Glenda Ua Bruadair



Cusack **Essay** - Senior Winner

‘Imagination is more important than knowledge’

by Nadia Hourihan

I could never touch funerals. Blinking at me from the shores of dusky consciousness were glassy stains, guttural, gurgling breaches of language and mists of the “understanding” helpless. Some souls suffer the loneliest of damnations choking on company.

A greedy phantasm had torn from me a knot of flesh and soul. The sky had swallowed the North Star. Time felt senseless. Hours gagged, weighted in the depths of denial. Everything was rushed, drugged and stumbling forward. Form was crumbling; the theatre had emptied. The frenzied cacophony of life was fading.

I needed sleep.

My eyes ached with dryness. The filmy tissues of the present had been severed, shrouding me in the stoniness of delusion.

I suppose people translated this paralysis as grief. At least, I hoped they did. Imagination was my armour; a comfortable prison for open wounds. I could still see his face.

“We are gathered here today to remember Jack”.

His name slapped me with the weight of unmade memories. Reality mutinied within me; disgorged itself. I would see his smile again. I had to. I would fold him into a final “goodbye”.

The colours of my world were bleeding. Clouds reined the sky. A pauper’s woollen crown adorned the regal expanse of ash. Every twitch and tremor whispered of bursting. Icy jewels teased, as the threat of rupture rumbled in the heavens. Ambiguity clung thick to the fibres of permanence. Everything had been hit by the shrapnel of death. Ghosts littered my world. They shuffled in the shadows of broken eyes: my friends.

I grazed these shattered orbs at the back of the church. Escape pounded against the coffin door. The etiquette of tangled glances would call for talk at the end of the service.

Can’t Run.
Can’t Run.
Can’t Run.

Anxiety had given lyrics to my nervous pulse.

I sat quietly, slumped in the grim splinter of the present, straining to tune into the eulogy. Nothing snagged against the cloak of the priest’s monotone. His syrupy syllables slid to waste and I was left open to prowling knowledge. The lips of truth pressed against me, bruising drowsy guards. The land of silken lies was primed to let me fall. Would I see him again?

If coping was the slow bloom of heart-bound panic in a dark, door-less room, then I was running out of air.

I exhaled, noisily, letting loose a muddle of feelings on reverent stillness. Shocked splutters quavered in my orbit.

Haughty neighbours, in their better-than-Sunday-best, wrestled for my attention. Church curbed snorts of contempt deepened chasms: the maps of their lives’ disappointments.

I blinked. Grief had veiled any trace of their derision. Could I trust myself to pull apart fantasy from substance?

Like a cancer, my infatuation with everything ugly was blossoming. It ate at me.

At the altar of truth, I was ravaged by the question of devotion. Perhaps sleep was the only antidote. Dreams would anchor me, keep me steady. Imagination was giddy, it would cradle my sanity, blur the distinctions. In a world with no edges, I'd happily drown.

"Alex?"

My head rose from its loss-soaked slumber. The Church was almost deserted. Friends had encircled me.

"You all right?"

The words grated against my throat.

David, the group rep, sidled closer. His hand clamped down on my shoulder. He tried again, voice hushed "We've all lost a friend here".

My eyes hooked into his.

Pain clogged my lungs. I tried to empty myself, then asked him to leave me in peace.

David paused; hurt and anger had ravaged once warm eyes. We curled into claustrophobic silence. In times past, its quiet embrace would have eased tired joints. No longer, the unspoken was howling. David's every snuffle and sigh pounded against my skull. He was a reminder, puncturing my tenuous solace. My heart was leaking. I needed to smear thick layers of plaster all over the hurt.

He seemed to flinch. I knew that we were all shredded, but callous indulgence felt less smothering. The line lounging under a non-existent retreat from feeling only fattened with every smack of pity. I begged for solitude's anaesthesia.

My skin split. Hot blood had kissed the acme of screams. A phantom roar erupted from my shell and smote my brother. This hulking mental sketch beat his bared chest. Animals know the joy of freedom, the joy of a world without lines, of violence.

My fist struck home. The pew smashed, thorns carpeted the ground with slow, loud thuds. I was deafened. A clash of cymbals engulfed the past. It devoured whole the good, the bad, and the undecided. I was blank for an ecstasy of stretched seconds.

The dregs of the congregation spluttered in shock, all hastened for the exit. Nerve-laden giggles breached a smattering of rouged lips.

I had no idea what I was doing.

David's eyebrows snuggled together, kneading his brow into weary frustration. As these velvet arches sighed, his shoulders rolled forward into submission. A floating "I give up" barely caressed my ears.

I watched them walk away, and waited. When the doors had shut with a rippling thud, I fell to my knees. Damp fingertips pulled away from my cheeks. Face raised, the inescapable flooded me.



Poetry Competition

JUNIOR POETRY WINNER

A Chill in the Air

There's a chill in the air
As my feet crunch across the frost-bitten graveyard ground,
With heavy breaths, like puffs of smoke,
I dare not make a sound.

There's a chill in the air
That shivers down my spine,
The freezing wind bites my cheeks,
And numbs this whole core of mine.

There's a chill in the air
As frost-tinted gravestones twinkle in the November sun,
This place is so peaceful, yet so eerie,
A hallowed ground to some.

There's a chill in the air
The bare winter trees whisper in the breeze,
I find the one I have been searching for,
And crouch down on my knees.

There's a chill in the air
With stiff hands I lay on a rose on her long-neglected grave,
A simple token of remembrance,
For a forgotten one so brave.

There's a chill in the air ...

Emma Bowie

INTERMEDIATE POETRY WINNER

A Night Walk

As I pace, one thought stepping over another, following my
feet in rhythm,
My thoughts begin to spread and intertwine, flowing
Like vines on the abode I leave in my trail.
I think; mulling. Thoughts which were once rich and true
Begin to cascade in darkened depths in which I drown.
I need to escape; I grab a rope to pull myself out
But it forms into a gateway: a route to take.
This is my way out; my chance of freedom.

I enter my end. What was once a place
Of peace transposes into my future.

I see myself, yet older, my mortal
Blessing in my arms. I see hope and promise.

I pull away, stand strong, and
Return to my body. I see
A light but it is not my end, it is my beginning.

Conor Murphy

SENIOR POETRY WINNER

Beyond the Mirror

Spotted with freckles, cheek bones high,
Tall stature, a twinkle in both eyes,
Demanding presence and an alluring grace,
Portrayed to each person without mistake.

But deep between the lines, a fissure can be seen,
Upon a great insight, through the seams.
A harmless push, a tug at the creases
And suddenly,
Crack,
It falls to pieces.

Now a pale white sheet, lantern jawed
Emaciated, skeletal, stooped and flawed.
Dubious, drawn and cavernous eyes.
One line breached, her real world materialised.

Akshaya Ravi

Scifest 2013

KH Scifest 2013 was run on March 1st and for a couple of hours Science was infectious. Form Two took over the Study Hall with approximately 25 projects on display from about 60 students. There was a noticeably excitable atmosphere.

The tension was palpable when the judges Mr Mahon and Ms Murphy entered. The judging was intense and took almost two hours. Students from Forms five, two and one came to see the projects. All students that took part should be very proud of the projects that they produced, but more importantly in their ability to communicate what they had done their research on and what their projects had discovered.

Senior members of staff, science teachers and judges made many references to the exceptionally high level of projects observed, and the diverse range of topics investigated. I believe the students enjoyed themselves and got something worthwhile out of the experience. Everyone who took part received a certificate, badge, pen and wrist band thanks to support from Sheila Porter of Scifest.

The following students and projects were deemed to stand out from such a high calibre of entries and were awarded with rosettes and prizes.

1st: Sean Goodburn and Jack Donnelly (pictured right) - *"Finding the best environment for goalkicking in rugby"*

2nd: Lisa Quinn and Eavan O'Riada - *"The connection between genetics and sense of smell"*

3rd: David Byrne and Roger Seth Smith - *"Applied Genetics"*

Environmental Prize: Maria de la Cuesta, Emily Brauer and Natasha Anokhina - *"The Water Cycle and Experience-based Learning"*

Highly Recommended:

Kate Forbes - *"To see how plants grow when vital nutrients are taken out"*

Danielle O'Leary, Kathy Baker, Amanda Ruddock - *"The effects of a wheat-free diet on performance, blood sugars and concentration"*

Katie Condron, Laura Fitzpatrick - *"How does colour affect heating by absorption of light?"*

Keith Bell, Rhys Edghill - *"Is cow poo a future fuel?"*

Anna Donnelly Jackson, Isobelle Buick - *"The properties of a lava lamp"*

Congratulations to everyone who entered, and to all the winners. My thanks to the judges and to Mr Rafter for helping to award the prizes. I also would like to thank the members of the Science Department who assisted with all aspects of preparing for and carrying out such a successful day.

Scifest at IT Tallaght

The King's Hospital continued its successful local association with the National Scifest competition with 28 of our Form Two students bringing their projects to Tallaght Institute of Technology in May.

Judging was intense, but having put a lot of effort into their projects and with the encouragement of their teachers, they were able to impress the judges with their ability to communicate their findings. Some respite was provided with lectures in Astronomy, Forensic Science, Computer Science and Chemistry while the judges deliberated.

Our students gave a loud cheer when it was announced that Eavan O'Riada and Lisa Quinn had won their category and had come 1st in the Junior Biology section. The cheer was even louder when they also won the SFI Future Scientists award. The girls weren't the only ones to impress the judges, as Rhys Edghill and Keith Bell were awarded the SEAI Sustainable Energy award. Both of these awards were selected from the entire 185 projects on display. It was a great way to top off a day of real learning and excitement in the name of science.



Sean Goodburn and Jack Donnelly (centre) pictured with their Award



Eavan and Lisa

With Eavan and Lisa winning the 'Future Scientist' award, and a previous scifest prizewinner, Jack Kyle representing Ireland at the 2012 Junior Science Olympiad in Iran, The King's Hospital can certainly claim to cater for the best and brightest of Ireland's next generation of scientists.

Ciaran O'Connor

Whiteside Cup - Essay Winner

Anglo-French Relations and the Fashoda Incident 1895 - 1914

by Benita Hickson

Up until 1870, Fashoda was an abandoned fortress in Southern Sudan, previously controlled by Egypt. It was at an ambiguous juncture of the White Nile, and it held no importance for most Africans and for the rest of the world.

It was its crucial location, at the crossing of the intended British and French lines, which gave it so much importance towards the end of the 19th Century.

On March 28th 1895, after rumours in London of a French expedition heading for the Nile Valley, Edward Grey, the British Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, made a statement that is known in history

as Grey's Declaration. In this statement, he spoke of a secret French expedition from West Africa to a territory 'over which our (British) claims have been known for so long' and that if this was true, 'it must be perfectly well known to the French Government that it would be an unfriendly act, and would be so viewed by England.'

Gabriel Hanotaux, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs at the time, had a strong distrust of the British, and it is said that the Fashoda Incident was a result of this. However, it was actually Marcelin Berthelot, the new Minister for Foreign Affairs, who approved the mission.



In 1896, Captain Jean Baptiste Marchand led a French military expedition to the Upper Nile to raise their flag at Fashoda. Their aims were 'Revanche' – restoration of the

French influence in Africa and colonies, and must have been influenced by Grey's statement. The French took the line from Dakar in Senegal in the West to French Somaliland (now Djibouti) in the East.

This line was crossed at Fashoda, in eastern South Sudan by Cecil Rhodes's Cape Town to Cairo 'red line' for the British. He wanted Africa 'painted [British] red'.

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France had decided in 1882 not to join with Britain in occupying Egypt. As David Levering Lewis states, Marchand's objective in 1896 was to panic Britain into negotiating over Egypt. Theophile Delcassé, appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in June 1898, one month before the French arrived at Fashoda, later justified the French position. As Jaroslav Vokoun says in *The British-French Struggle for the Upper Nile*, Delcassé stated that he could 'lay claims to Bahr-al-Ghazal and Fashoda, because these areas were for a long time out of the Khalifa's power,



and because the Frenchmen hadn't ever recognised them for the British spheres of influence'.

The French arrived at Fashoda on July 10th 1898. Fashoda's actual importance was still

not acknowledged by the world and the race to it was undeclared, but it is clear that it was a race, as Winston Churchill commented, 'the movements of the French expeditions towards the Nile counselled speed'.

It was obviously crucial to France that they were victorious at Fashoda, as General Albert Baratier of the French said 'The country understood that England's triumph on the Nile would mark the beginning of our downfall as a colonial power and the end of our foreign policy'.

During talks with the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, Theophile Delcassé, Baratier stated that Fashoda was taken as a 'gauge', in order to get access to the Nile from the Bahr-al-Ghazal.

Valkoun shows the different attitudes both the British and the French held towards Fashoda. Gabriel Hanotaux, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs preceding Delcassé, had previously described Southern Sudan as 'a country inhabited by monkeys and by black men worse than monkeys.' General Charles George Gordon, also referred to the apparent irrelevance of the Sudan.

'The Sudan is a useless possession, ever was so, and ever will be so...'. It was Churchill who justified the bearing at Fashoda, 'It must not be forgotten that the sources of the Nile are physically as much an integral part of Egypt as the roots are an integral part of the tree'.

The British outgunned and had a naval advantage over the French army. Jarosav Valkoun had stated that the French policy on the Upper Nile was influenced by ministries, government instability, political pressure groups, parliament policy and cabinet policy.

These, along with the subsequent eruption of the Dreyfus affair in 1898 and lack of diplomatic support from Germany, are seen as the main reasons for Delcassé's withdrawal from Fashoda.

Valkoun tells us that on September 30th, Delcassé unofficially declared that France saw this incident as a matter of national honour, and would accept war rather than submission.

According to Wingate, the French had no hope of success: 'Is not the whole situation too absurd?'

Here is this little expedition of 120 men and 8 Europeans shut up in a position hundreds of miles distant from their nearest support...with scarcely ammunition and supplies'. However, this view of the French position is contradicted when Baratier denies this completely, stating that in a telegraph Kitchener 'had dared to assert that Marchand had said in so many words "we had no more rations and no more cartridges"' and that these statements were simply not true.

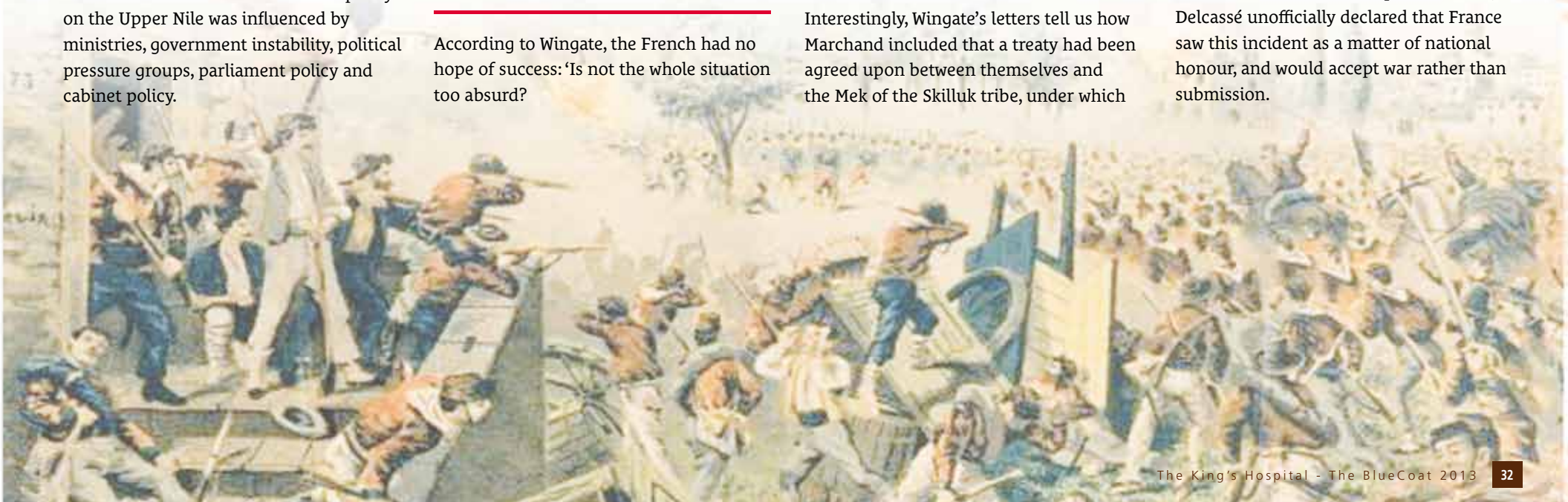
When Kitchener's British flotilla reached Babiui, he sent a letter on to Marchand to let him know of their approach. They received Marchand's reply, which stated that his expedition had been ordered by the French Government to occupy Bahr-el-Ghazal, and that he would be happy to salute Kitchener in the name of France.

Interestingly, Wingate's letters tell us how Marchand included that a treaty had been agreed upon between themselves and the Mek of the Skilluk tribe, under which

the Shilluks placed their country under the protection of France. He mentioned that a copy of this treaty had been sent to Paris. When the British eventually reached Fashoda, a camp was set up under Major Jackson. The Mek of the Shilluks later came to the camp and denied any treaty with France, fully welcoming British protection.



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However, by October, he was persuading the Cabinet to surrender Fashoda so as to avoid war with Britain. He wasn't in favour of a colonial war with the British and wanted to befriend them in preparation for a potential conflict with Germany.

According to General Baratier, 'the maintenance of French influence on the Nile... was in good hands'. He met with Delcassé on October 28th, back in Paris. Delcassé told Baratier they were to withdraw by way of Abyssinia. That same afternoon, Baratier went to talk to Étienne, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

He told Étienne of Delcassé's orders to evacuate Fashoda, and on October 29th a protest appeared in the morning papers. It was drawn up by Étienne, and signed by one hundred deputies who refused to allow Delcassé to settle the Nile Question outside the chamber.

When Baratier returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Delcassé ordered him back to Ismailia. He arrived and met Marchand there. According to Baratier, 'Marchand had expected the whole thing from the moment of his arrival in Cairo'.

Baratier's accounts tell of the Egyptian officers saying 'We hope that France will stay at Fashoda'. On November 7th, the telegrams ordering their withdrawal arrived from Delcassé and from Guillaumin, Minister of Colonies.

Several interviews took place between Marchand and Wingate, negotiating the French departure. Wingate's letters describe how Marchand had said to him how he was honoured to meet him, 'whose name was so well known in connection with Africa'. Wingate had replied saying it was a 'pleasure to meet so celebrated a traveller and explorer as Marchand'.

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The Fashoda incident decided the final partition of Sub-Saharan Africa. Also, as Lewis states, it would lead to 'the end of the Europe established at the Congress of Vienna, the wrecking of the so-called Pax Britannica, and the demise of European world hegemony'. The term Pax Britannica refers to the period of relative peace experienced by the world between 1815 and 1914, during which there was British influence over most of the key maritime trade routes.

From this point on, European colonial influence would begin to weaken. The fate of the Nile Valley was to be decided upon on March 21st 1899 when British Prime Minister Salisbury, with the new French Ambassador, Paul Cambon, would sign an addition to article IV of the 1898 Niger Convention - which would declare the Nile Valley as British. This would settle the 15-year dispute over Egypt. In compensation, it would be understood that France could have the remainder of North Africa west of the Nile Valley, which was still unoccupied by a European power.

The Fashoda incident would be seen as the last decisive conflict between Britain and France, and most historians regard it as the precursor of the Entente Cordiale - as Lewis said, 'Delcassé embarked on a course that was to draw Britain, five years later, into an unprecedented continental understanding: the Entente Cordiale', and Valkoun, 'Delcassé's timely withdrawal and his moderate attitude laid the foundations of British-French rapprochement, which is symbolised by the Entente Cordiale, representing the end of colonial rivalry'. Delcassé would push for this so as to 'allow France to face what she had never ceased to regard as the real nemesis, the German Reich'. The Entente Cordiale would be agreed upon on April 8th 1904.

France would recognise British control over Egypt and Britain would recognise Morocco as French. France would lose its

exclusive fishery rights on the shores of Newfoundland and in return would receive compensation and territory in Gambia (Senegal) and Nigeria. Britain would let go of complaints with regard to the French customs régime in Madagascar. French and British zones of influence in Siam (Thailand) would be defined.

This solidarity between Anglo-French relations would be confirmed at the Algeiras Conference in 1906 and reconfirmed in the Second Moroccan Crisis in 1911. This would have a profound effect on the alliance systems leading to the Great War in 1914. As Lewis says, 'The players in the tragedy of 1914 found their scripts revised by Fashoda'. Three of the French soldiers of the Congo-Nile mission would go on to fight as Generals in the Great War - Jean Baptiste Marchand, Albert Baratier and Charles Mangin, as would Winston Churchill and Reginald Wingate of the British.

The Fashoda Incident of 1898 was instrumental in transforming colonial spheres of influence across the world. It led to the creation and agreement upon borders which defined British and French colonies. The Entente Cordiale was in turn a result of the realisation by France that she could not achieve her aims without the backing of Britain.



SECTION 3

MUSIC & THE ARTS 2013



Musical Notes

Head of Music Helen Roycroft reflects on another busy year on the KH musical front.

This year's First Year showed a lot of talent and it was a difficult task to whittle it down to the top 20 for trial with the Chapel Choir. The students who got in can be proud of achieving a place in this great choir. While there is some commitment involved, every chorister who has stayed the course will tell you that choir is one of the things they enjoyed the most in school, and the thing that they will miss most when they leave.

ANNUAL LAW SERVICE

The first performing events of the school year came on the same day. Chapel Choir was invited to take part in the prestigious HMC conference, which was taking place in Belfast in 2012. The date coincided with our annual Law Service in St. Michan's Church in Dublin, but we took the two engagements in our stride. The address at this year's Law Service was given by The Reverend Dr. Heather Morris, President designate of the Methodist Church. The choir sang John Rutter's 'Thy perfect love' as an introit; 'Sing we a joyful new song' by Andy Beck for the psalm; and our anthem was the lively 'Cantar' ('Sing') by Jay Althouse.

HMC

This service is always an early morning one, so the choir was delivered back to school for an early lunch, in time for the coach to the Europa Hotel in Belfast city centre.

Mr. Walsh drove up with his keyboard and amplification equipment immediately after the law service, and we met up with him in the conference room at the hotel for a sound balance. In total, 53 singers came to Belfast.

The Chapel Choir was the choral prelude to Lord Trimble's opening address, and we were introduced by the Headmaster of the Coleraine Academical Institution, David Carruthers. The choir performed the following short programme, which drew on composers from Germany, America, Norway, Ireland and England. We performed in front of a capacity audience of representatives in the field of education from Northern Ireland, England and the Republic of Ireland.

Prayer (Hansel and Gretel)	Humperdinck
Battle of Jericho	Hayes
Dirait-on	Lauridsen
The Star of the County Down	arr. H. Hughes
Irish Blessing	Chilcott

The style and tempo varied from sublime to very upbeat, with the Star of the County Down causing a ripple of amusement, and the Irish Blessing bringing the short recital to an appropriately serene ending. The students looked and sounded very striking and impressive. It was a fairly intimidating situation for them, and a difficult acoustic, but they took it in their stride and displayed exceptional maturity and professionalism. All part of a great learning experience, I think.

Reports back from Denise Bennet, PA to the HMC Membership Secretary, were very gratifying. She had managed to come in to the performance herself, and was very impressed with what she heard. We later got formal thanks and very favourable comments from the HMC contacts through the Headmaster.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

Ms. Wright was on maternity leave from October, and Ms. Wilson took over her classes for the rest of the year. The Orchestra was under the direction of Ms. Cunningham this year, and rehearsals were soon under way, twice weekly at lunchtimes. Because of the change in the school's weekly schedule, rehearsing for Orchestra, ensembles and Chamber Choir was quite pressurised. And even the groups that meet in the early morning were affected, as class now begins at 8.45am. Jazz Band and Chapel Choir had always rehearsed at 8am until 9am - now we start at 7.50am, which is tricky for many day pupils who are relying on public transport.

Both Orchestra and Jazz Band thrived this year. We seem to have had a very healthy influx of violinists, partly due to the excellent teaching of Ms. Meehan, although one or two of these study violin outside the school. Ms. Cunningham prepared a varied and interesting programme with the Orchestra this year, while Mr. Hardy welcomed all and sundry to the Jazz Band, be they singers, clarinetists, bass players, saxophonists, fiddlers, guitarists, drummers, flautists or keyboard players!

In early November, I took a group of senior choristers to the Gaiety to see a real live opera! Described as “lively, funny and provocatively gruesome”, NI Opera’s acclaimed production of Humperdinck’s fairytale featured two schoolchildren and their harassed parents, a mysterious sandman, a cast of adorable gingerbread toddlers and a wicked witch with the tastiest of houses. Two of the NI Opera team had been out to KH to give a workshop to around 20 of the senior singers before the production came to Dublin, and that had been a very enjoyable experience.

RTE BROADCAST

In mid-November, 27 members of Chapel Choir undertook a very prestigious project. Along with members of the teaching staff and senior students, we recorded the RTE televised broadcast of the Christmas Day service from the studios.

In fact, the choir had been invited to sing in the NCH the following week, but we had to turn this down as the final rehearsal for this gala event, organised by a past pupil Caroline Trenier, coincided with the recording. Ms. Cunningham played flute throughout the programme, which enhanced the music exceptionally.

The preparation for such a high profile event was considerable, with RTE coming out to the school chapel on November 7th for a camera and sound rehearsal with the choir.

Paul Sheridan and Michael Sweeney of RTE Religious Programmes were there, and a floor plan for the studio was drawn up. The choir was limited to 27 in number due to the size and design of the studio, which had to include a small congregation and the studio organ, which was changed to a piano for half of the carols. The rehearsal was a very useful exercise, as the students involved then knew what to expect.

However, they didn’t expect 6 hours in the RTE studios on November 17th, which is how long it took for the director and producer to be entirely happy with the service.

Rev. Campion had put together a really lovely and original script, based on Dickens’ ‘A Christmas Carol’, and Robert Shaw delivered the characterisation of this with his usual flair.

The Head and Mrs. Hall, Deputy Principal Mr. Rafter, members of staff, prefects and members of the Chapel Committee made up the small congregation, with many of them reading lessons and prayers.

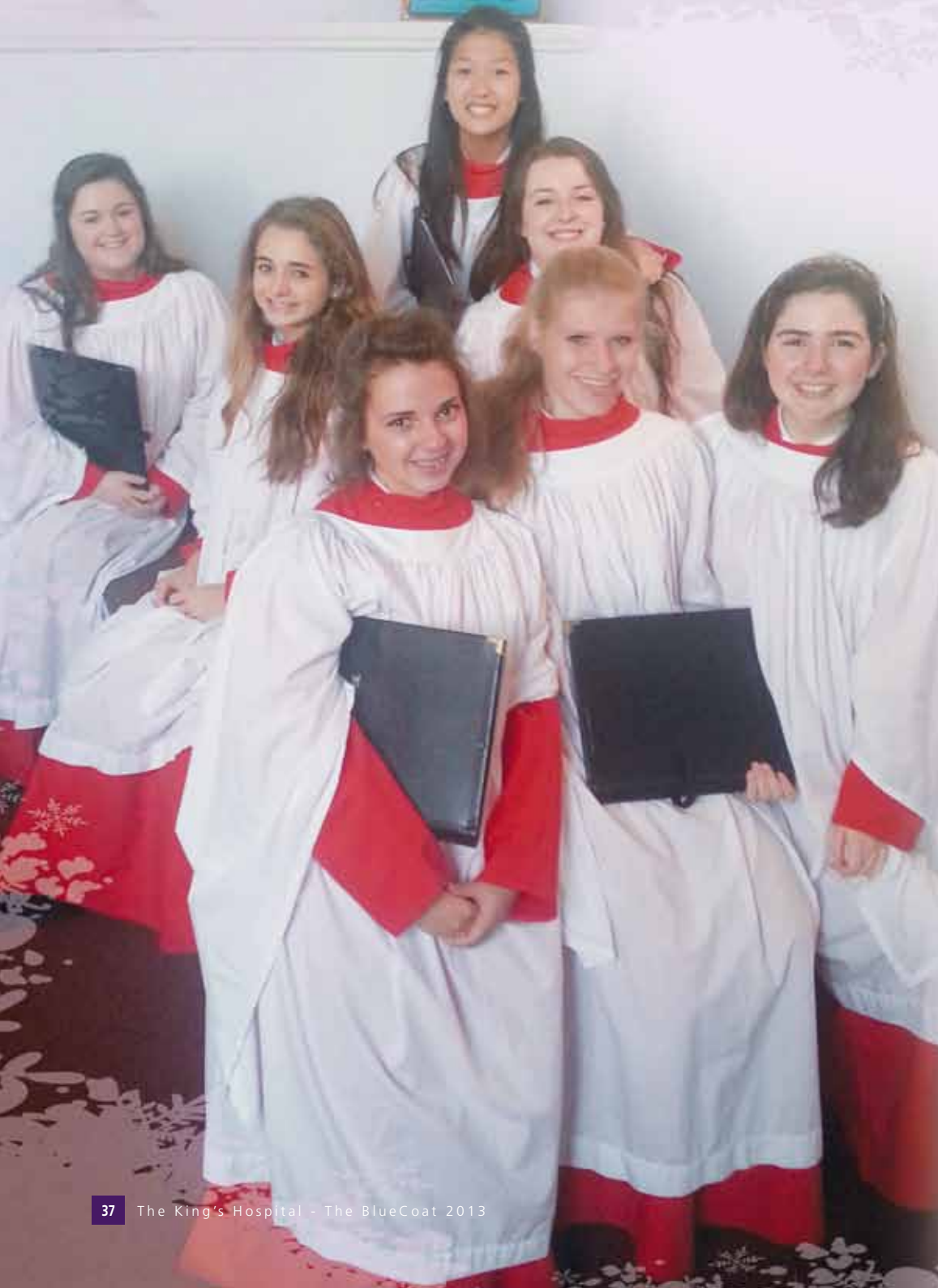
The Chaplain introduced and led the service.

Below: 6th Form Music students with Ms Helen Roycroft

The choral programme was as follows:

In the bleak mid winter	Andy Beck
Night of Silence	Daniel Kantor
O Holy Night	Adolphe Adam
Love Came Down at Christmas	Harold Noble
Christmas Lullaby	John Rutter
On Christmas Day (Sussex Carol)	trad. English Carol arr.





The choir and congregation bore up incredibly well during what turned out to be an arduous recording session. Because it wasn't planned to be so long, a break had not been scheduled, but we asked for one about half way through. I felt sorry for the singers, especially those with solos.

One singer in particular who really showed her mettle that day was Kerry Phelan (below), soloist in 'O Holy Night'.



There were some technical problems during no less than two of the recordings of this lovely piece, and Kerry ended up recording it four times. She kept her cool through all four of these, and I can honestly say that the fourth time was the best, and as I said to her afterwards, her performance was in a professional category.

Other soloists who excelled that day were Kate Jennings (pictured below), Colleen Heavey and Liam Forbes.



Colleen is to be commended in particular, for stepping, at the last possible minute, into the shoes of a soloist who was unwell. Her performance was flawless, her face not giving away a trace of what had happened.

It was all worth it on Christmas Day, of course! The service was really lovely, and drew compliments from many, many people who had tuned in.

But the icing on the cake was the letter that came from the Very Rev. Tom Gordon, who organises the schedule for these programmes, informing us that the service had attracted "one of the highest worship viewerships ever recorded in RTE - well over the hundred thousand." He called it a truly inspiring celebration.

CAROL SERVICE

The orchestra participated in full force in the Carol Service this year. Every possible space had an instrumentalist of some sort tucked into it! Mr. Walsh and I just went with the flow, and I hoped he could see me from the organ pit, and that the choir could see at least one arm, from the sea of faces packed into the stalls. It is the first major event at which the First Years perform, so the musicians performing in the service almost equal the congregation in numbers!

Ms. Cunningham directed the Orchestra while keeping an eye on me - no mean feat - and somehow, the whole thing came together in a very pleasing blend of sound. Apart from the organ/piano and the near 70-strong choir, we had six flutes; seven violins; a trombone; a trumpet; a guest French horn (Brian Daly); a saxophone and three clarinets. It was a real buzz to have so many students playing and singing at this very special event in the school calendar. Ms. Cunningham deserves full credit for preparing the orchestra so well, and for keeping them all 'together' during the carols.

Our First Year soloist for the first verse of 'Once in Royal' was a girl this year. It seems that many boys' voices are breaking earlier now, and traditionally we try to have a boy sing that opening verse, but this year I chose Emily Kenny. She has a sweet and pure voice, and did very well in what is a truly nerve-racking experience, particularly for one so young and for whom this is

literally a first solo performance. Our solo carols proceeded with Shaw's 'How far is it to Bethlehem'; a lovely, simple antiphonal piece, in which the First Years answer the main choir's shepherds' questions.

This was followed by 'The Angel Gabriel', a traditional carol, in which the orchestra played two solo verses, with a third taken by Liam Forbes, whose beautiful tenor voice is certainly taking wing.

The Chapel Singers performed Ruth Schram's 'Lullay Alleluia', with the Sixth Year members taking solos. Then the full choir sang Rutter's glorious 'Angels' Carol'. After a rousing congregational 'Ding Dong', the choir sang 'Love came down at Christmas', a little jewel of a carol by Harold Noble, with Colleen Heavey and Holly Meade (below) taking the solos.



Then the full choir raised the tempo and the roof with Emily Crocker's lovely version of the Sussex Carol. When the final strains of 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing' had died away, and the orchestra had put down their

instruments, and the choir had processed out of the chapel, the congregation made its merry way over to the dining hall for mince pies and tea.

The rest of the week was taken up with our usual annual appearances in Stewart's Hospital and The Hermitage Clinic. They enjoyed great success, with Christmas cheer flowing, and the singers in lively pre-holiday form. Both Stewart's and The Hermitage always welcome us in the warmest way, supplying seasonal refreshment for us all. Mr. Walsh was as usual our very capable and flexible accompanist.

NEW YEAR, NEW TERM

Glenaulin Nursing Home had asked me if it would be possible to bring some of my musicians down for a short concert. Some two weeks into the new term in January, about 16 senior choristers made their way down to Chapelizod and we performed an afternoon programme for the residents. Everyone enjoyed the concert immensely and many of the audience sang along with the better-known numbers! I was glad to provide this entertainment, as Glenaulin has links with KH's Transition Year, with students sometimes carrying out their work experience there, and we like to strengthen all community links in the locality.

Meanwhile, Friday music in Chapel was producing some very impressive performances. It's such a great way to start a day, and the entire school looks forward to hearing the weekly mini-concert.

Those who put themselves up in front of their peers in this way are to be commended - it's not an easy thing to do, as you open the possibility of criticism from those who don't appreciate the talent and nerve it takes, and who would probably never do it themselves! So a word of thanks to all our Friday performers, past and yet to come, for the little sliver of joy you bring into our working day, once a week!



Preparations were well under way for Junior and Leaving Certificate practicals, where students perform for an external examiner according to the options they have chosen. For some, this counts for 50% of their LC music result, so it is a very important and quite stressful exam, although the external examiners always do their best to put candidates at ease.

RIAM AND ROCK SCHOOL

Royal Irish Academy of Music examinations took place in March and May. There was a full week of examining between the two sessions. All exams took place up on the music corridor, so there was a huge buzz during the week.

Top results from this year's candidates included:

Colleen Heavey, advanced vocal recital, Roisin Addo (pictured below), music theatre, grade 5 and Orla Williams, clarinet, grade 3. These three students were selected for RIAM high achievers' awards.



Roisin Addo

Other academy distinctions were:

Ross Hunter, clarinet and alto sax, grade 4,
Alex Hunter, clarinet, grade 3
Annie-Mae Clear, piano, grade 3
Jack Doherty, piano, grade 4
Lisa Quinn, piano, grade 3
Lydia Boyd, piano, grade 4
Eimear Barr, music theatre, grade 6
Emma Buggy, music theatre, grade 8
Kate Jennings, singing, grade 8
Maya Madhavan, music theatre, grade 4
Holly Meade, advanced vocal recital
Georgia McKnight, music theatre, grade 7
Kerry Phelan, advanced vocal recital
Carla Ponsioen, singing, grade 3
Mahnoor Saad, singing, grade 2
Ruth Walsh, violin, grade 5

Students who achieved distinctions in the Rock School examinations which took place in May were Matthew Doyle on drums and Thomas Hamilton on guitar.

FESTIVALS

We had some vocal entries in the Wesley Inter-schools' Festival this year. Eimear Barr raised the roof with her rendition of Rizzo's song from Grease 'There are worse things I could do', and won the Under-18 popular vocal competition outright, while Georgia McKnight won the under-16 popular vocal with a superbly executed 'Baltimore' from Hairspray!

Chapel Choir and the Chamber Choir sang in two festival competitions in Spring, in Kilkenny and Navan. We did extremely well in both, winning two silver trophies in

Kilkenny, and two more in Navan!

I was very happy with the result, as the competition was strong, with many choirs from all over the country performing to a very high standard. In one of our Kilkenny competitions, there were no less than 15 choirs. This meant a huge amount of organisation and planning, trying to move vast numbers of people efficiently through fairly limited spaces.



Eimear Barr and Georgia McKnight

The atmosphere at these events is always electric, and a great way for our musicians to spend a day, meeting other like-minded students and hearing for themselves what other schools are doing. It also reinforces the love our students have for music, and boosts confidence, as they realise that KH is well on top of the choral/vocal game. Adjudication was fair, with the best choir winning.

We were thrilled with our silver! Then the Newpark Festival was upon us, with several KH singers taking part as usual. We had some good results, with the following winning awards:

Under-18 Classical Vocal

Commended: Liam Forbes

Under-18 Popular Vocal

Commended: Emma Buggy

Commended: Liam Forbes

Highly Commended:

Rozalina de Prendergast

Third prize and bronze medal:

Eimear Barr

Vocal Duets Under-18

Highly Commended:

Zoe Coyle and Georgia McKnight

First prize and cup:

Eimear Barr and Suji Kim

*End of Year
Choir Party*



END OF YEAR CONCERT

This took place on May 1st in the Wilson Wright Hall. I could have made the programme twice as long; so many excellent students are there who would gladly have performed. The great thing about these concerts is that they are as popular with the student body as they are with parents, family and friends.

What I try to do is make a programme that represents all that the music department has worked on over the year with the orchestra, jazz band and choirs, as well as any smaller ensembles or groups. Then there are the items that the pupils have worked on by themselves or with friends, either in small groups or as soloists.

This year's concert was packed, with a great atmosphere. The line-up was quite 6th Year heavy, as this was the last opportunity for those students to take part in this annual event.

PROGRAMME

The Chamber Choir opened the programme with three of the works that had won silver in Kilkenny and Navan. These were Ubi Caritas, Swing Low and the timeless 'Fix You' by Coldplay. This was followed by Roger Berkeley tickling the ivories with a Clayderman piece, 'Eleana'. Aoife Brennan then sang 'Will you still love me tomorrow', after which the tone changed, as Luke Fitzpatrick performed classical guitar, wowing the audience with some Beethoven, and a Spanish traditional piece, 'Malaguena'.

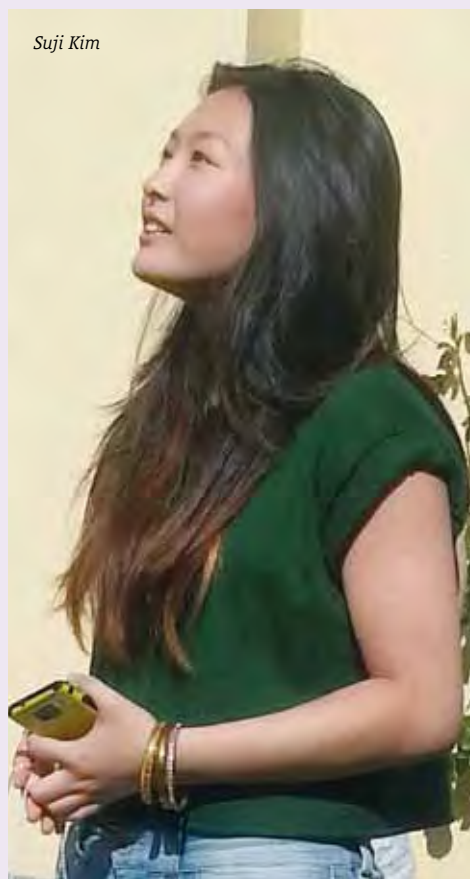
The music continued with Nevan Jio, Liam Murray, Fred Walsh and Roisin Bennett giving a lively jazz rendition of 'Take Five', after which Kate Jennings and Holly Meade sang the sublime 'Sull Aria' from Mozart's *Così fan tutte*.

Sisters Niamh and Orla Williams played the hugely catchy 'Liberty March' by Sousa, each sharing the piano keyboard! The first half was brought to a close by the soft-edged voice of Vanessa Addo (below) singing Etta Williams' divine 'At Last' and the up-beat 'Little Talks' by our very own 'Caught Green-handed'.



Vanessa Addo

The second half began with Hannah Cadden playing 'Ancora' by Einaudi. We then heard Eimear Barr and Suji Kim's cup-winning arrangement of 'Hey ya/Eleanor Rigby'. Violinist Beata Carroll stunned the hall with some Gerschwin, with a similar response to the family duo of Jordan and Liam Murray performing Ellie Goulding's 'Lights'. Jordan had made it to the third round of 'X-Factor' with her girl band, and was off to Wales the following morning to perform!



Suji Kim

Again the mood changed, with Diarmuid O'Moran entertaining his very appreciative audience with a traditional medley on the concertina. There was much hand clapping, and toe tapping!

The tone became overtly comic when Kerry Phelan took centre stage and brought us through the story of 'Taylor, the Latte Boy' in her inimitable and very confident vocal style.

Ms. Cunningham's wonderful flute ensemble then stepped forward and treated us to a selection of classical items, after which Colleen Heavey made us laugh again with the iconic 'Popular' from *Wicked*.

Ms. Cunningham and the orchestra then took over the entire stage! There were fiddles, flutes, trumpets, trombones and clarinets spilling out from every curtain and corner. They had been working on this programme over two terms, and it showed. A very impressive line-up of Bach, Holst and John Williams ensued and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The evening ended with the Jazz Band and Mr. Hardy. The Band had already appeared in the National Concert Hall some weeks earlier, so it was a well-oiled machine by now! We loved the final item of the concert - Mr. Hardy's own arrangement of James Bond and the Blues Brothers!

The evening was a great success, and would not have been so without the invaluable input and advice of Mr. Jerome Devitt (sound and lighting), Mr. John Rafter (front of house), Ms. Kay Boland and Mr. Peter Wilson for the preparation of the hall and help with instruments. Assisting music staff were Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Healy and Mr. Lee.

VALEDICTORY

On May 17th the school celebrated the final day of the Sixth Years as school students. The evening began in the Chapel, with the fully-robed choir leading Evensong. Sixth Year choir members joined us from the congregation, where they were sitting with their parents. Our eight girls looked stunning - almost unrecognisable - but were glad to come up to their familiar places amidst the choir.

The introit was a piano piece: Consolation by Liszt, played by Niamh Williams. Mr. Walsh then struck up the first lines of 'Abide with Me'. The hymns were, as always, chosen by the Sixth Years. After the greeting, violinist Beata Carroll gave a beautiful rendition of The Coolin.

Later, a Sixth Year vocal ensemble performed the moving 'For Good' from Wicked. They were then joined by the Chamber Choir, who sang a lovely arrangement of 'Fix You' by Coldplay.

After the school prayer, the Chapel Singers sang 'Blessed be your name', which our Sixth Year choristers wanted for their last chapel service with the choir. The service ended with another favourite, 'Blessing' by Katie Bart.

All eight of our departing choir members sang solos during the service. They were Vanessa Addo, Pippa Gilsenan, Colleen Heavey, Kate Jennings, Holly Meade, Siun McMenamy, Kerry Phelan and Amy Ua Bruadair.

We had a chance to express our thanks and appreciation to each of these eight wonderful girls, who had for the most part been members of the choir during their entire six years in KH, at the choir party the following week. This took place on a magnificent day in Reverend and Mrs. Campion's lovely garden. This choir event is a way of thanking each and every singer, but serves as our own personal goodbye to our Sixth Year choristers.



There are speeches and gifts; tasty morsels and cake (thanks this year to Jenny Baron's superb chef Dad! - see above); there are lots of laughs and yes, tears too. It's a bittersweet reminder to these young women that they are leaving their childhood behind and stepping out past the gates of our wonderful, caring and safe environment. Part of us goes with them, and every one of our wishes for their successful future is carried in their hearts.

Helen Roycroft



*Some 6th Year Students
on their last day*



Orchestral Notes

It was another busy and exciting year for the School Orchestra. We were involved in events throughout the year including the Christmas Carol Service, Open Day and the highlight of the year, the end of term Music Concert.

I took on the role of conductor of the Orchestra this year in place of Ms Wright who was on maternity leave. There was a good vibe right from the beginning and attendance at our twice-weekly lunchtime rehearsals was always excellent. The students gave up their lunch-times voluntarily and gained invaluable experience from playing repertoire other than their exam pieces. Our first outing was the Christmas Carol Service,

for which we were joined by professional musicians Sean Hearn (trombone), Brian Daly (French horn) and Mr Hardy (clarinet) - we were greatly appreciative of all for giving up their time and expertise. The Orchestra performed a medley of Christmas carols with the Chapel Singers in an atmosphere of festive cheer.

The Orchestra was also involved in the school Open Day where they performed in the Dining Hall as parents enjoyed refreshments and listened to the wealth of talent on offer. The year ended on a high note with our outing at the end of year Music Department Gala concert. We performed a selection of pieces which had

been rehearsed throughout the year, to wide acclaim. In the audience were the parents, grandparents, teachers and friends of the performers and they thoroughly enjoyed our finale where we merged with Mr Hardy's Jazz Band in performing the theme music for James Bond. While more comfortable at the other (more anonymous) end of the baton, I enjoyed the year immensely and was delighted to have been offered the opportunity to work with such fantastic students and I was impressed with their attitude and commitment throughout.

I would like to thank Ms Meehan for her help with the strings and Mr Hardy for all his help and encouragement throughout the year.

In particular I would like to thank Mr Walsh not only for his professional expertise, but also for his support, encouragement and logistical skills during the year.

Lisa Cunningham

Standing: Orla Williams, Cecilia Paz Del Pozo, Maria Diaz, Katharina Wengenroth, Ms. Lisa Cunningham, Niamh Williams, Caitriona Murphy, Emmerance Blondel de Joigny.

Sitting: Sophie Fitzgerald, Jay Parker Ryan, Anna Potterton, Moyan Mobolaji, Eoin Robinson, Kostya Miles, Oliver Collins.

Absent: Hugh Delaney, Emily Gaffney.

The KH Jazz Band at the National Concert Hall

The Jazz Band instrumentalists and singers were an integral part of the concert at the National Concert Hall in April when they performed superbly and with great enthusiasm alongside the seasoned professionals of the Blue Clavon Orchestra and the Dublin Concert Band.

Between them, all-time classic hits such as Mama Mia, New York New York, You Can't Hurry Love and Good Looking Woman featured during the evening's entertainment, with the Blue Clavon Orchestra playing its blend of pop, swing, rock 'n' roll, Latin American and Irish favourites.

It was a great privilege for them to perform in the National Concert Hall, especially with such a full and lively audience in attendance!

Many thanks to the King's Hospital staff for their assistance and cooperation during the preparations for this concert and also to the wider KH community for the ongoing support of the Jazz Band.

Dave Hardy



An Triail - Máiréad Ní Ghráda

Ms. Murray's Irish class spent the first few months of Transition Year preparing to take the play that is on our Irish Leaving Certificate course from the classroom to the stage. 'An Triail' (The Trial) is a play written in the 1950s by the Irish playwright Máiréad Ní Ghráda.

At the time it was written, it was an extremely controversial play, as the plot is about a young, unmarried girl who is impregnated by her schoolmaster and forced to leave her home and her family to find work in the city in order to support the baby she is expecting.



Ebun Kadeba, Victoria Forster & Pippa Mooney



Arthur Greene

Edward McKeon-Silke



Máire always hopes that the father of her child will come and find her. When they finally bump into each other, Máire discovers that Pádraig has no desire to see her or his daughter. This event causes Máire to kill herself and her baby girl.

The play consists of a sequence of courtroom scenes and flashbacks to events that lead up to the deaths of the two as the prosecution tries to uncover who was responsible for a young woman's suicide and the murder of a baby.



Grace Donnelly Jackson



Sophie Kavanagh



Zoe Boles



*Jessica O'Leary, Sophie Edghill
& Dylan Blakeney*



Colin Bond

We began rehearsing as soon as all the parts were allocated. It took people a long time to memorise their lines as nobody had ever performed “as Gaeilge” before. We spent all of our Irish classes running through scenes. Mrs. King and Mrs. Stuart sorted costumes. The play was due to be put on in the Wilson-Wright Hall in December. Unfortunately, as the night grew closer, we realised that we would not be ready and the play was re-scheduled for mid-January.

Everyone who was available attended extra rehearsals after school and at the

weekend coming up to the performance; commitment was required from everyone involved. On the day of the performance, everyone was a bit nervous. Hair and make-up started immediately after school. There was also great help from our peers who were not in the play. By half past seven, everyone was ready and waiting, in costume. At a quarter to eight, the audience began to pile in, the cast was waiting anxiously at the side door.

As planned, the curtains remained open and we each walked on stage.

Once the house lights went down for the third time, Jessica (Máire) began singing and the play began.

Overall, the whole cast did a fantastic job. Nobody burst out laughing on stage and even those who forgot their lines were not noticeable. Performing in a play through Irish was a totally new experience for everyone, but everybody was glad they did it, even those who have never acted before in their lives! Actually performing the play as opposed to simply reading and learning about it gave us a much better

understanding of the plot, characters and themes which, hopefully, will help us during the next two years as we embark on our Leaving Certificate course. I think the fact that our peers were able to come and see the play will have given them a better understanding as well.

Grace Donnelly Jackson & Sophie Kavanagh



*Jessica O'Leary, Nadia Hourihan,
Nevan Jio & Jack Kyle*

An Triail - A Review

Having grown up without the Irish language featuring strongly at home or in school, I unfortunately am one of the many Irish people who have only a very basic understanding of our native tongue. The challenge, therefore, put to the Transition Year students by Miss Murray and Mr. Deacon was not only to converse fluently onstage as Gaelige but to entice people like myself into the story, the drama and action of the plot of An Triail.

Miss Murray, with a seasoned teacher's instinct, had the foresight to give a brief breakdown of the scenes on the programme

in English so that we, the non-Gaeilgeoirí, would not be lost at sea altogether. Having diligently scanned this at the beginning of the show, along with the majority of the audience, I worried that I would not be able to keep up without glancing at it once the house lights went down - this, however, was not to be the case; in fact, I soon forgot about it altogether.

Immediately, a newspaper boy (played by Edward McKeon-Silke) draws us into the plot by announcing that there has been a tragedy, a mother has murdered her child. This is where we first meet the mother in question, Máire, played with great skill by Jessica

O'Leary. The next scenes interweave Máire's testimony at court with the background of the case. We see how Máire has been taken in by the charm and cajoling of Pádraig, played by Fergal Morgan.

Fergal balances the acting of authority, as he is older than Máire and a schoolteacher, with charisma and just the right amount of creepiness. Together with the innocence that Jessica brings to Máire's character, the result conveys to the audience that although she is likely to fall for him, he is very unlikely to treat her well in the long run.

The romance leading to the pregnancy, the arguments with her mother (very well

played by Nadia Hourihan), Máire's stay and subsequent departure from her employment in a respectable Rathgar lodging house are all interwoven with courtroom testimony of the events.

Questioning the main characters were the attorneys played by Aoibhinn Bolton and Grace Donnelly-Jackson. Both girls portrayed a sense of authority and knowledge as they questioned and counter-questioned their witnesses, with the result that even if one didn't quite understand the nuances of the answers given, one was under no illusion who had come out on top at the end of each scene.



Act I ends with a scene set in a Laundry where a group of girls are doing their daily chores, Máire amongst them. This scene brought to mind the discussion about a State apology being given to the women of the Magdalene Laundries, which was in the news at the time. Mailí, played by Sophie Edghill, tells the girls that the social workers have found a foster family for her child, which she seems quite pleased about. However, when the same is told to Máire she is devastated and the Act ends with her refusing to sign the papers.

Throughout the second Act, Máire's stack of cards comes crashing down around her. We are given courtroom testimony and see the event unfolding with Máire rushing into a burning building to save her baby. With the neighbours sniggering and laughing at her, we get the overwhelming sense that it is Máire against the world.

It is only the kindness of Seáinín, played by Dylan Blakeney, that redeems the situation. Seáinín and Mailí offer Máire a place to stay and find her a job. Just when things are looking up, Colm Ó Sé, the Irish dance teacher played by Arthur Greene, lets slip that Pádraig has recently lost his wife. For the first time since the beginning of the story, there is a sense of hope for Máire who urgently rushes home and writes to Pádraig.

Alas, the hope is edged with desperation and the tragedy unfolds over the final two scenes. Pádraig's new marriage is the tipping point for Máire and with all else lost and unable to bear the thought

of giving away her child, she takes both their lives. This is a complex story, told through various mediums from flashbacks, courtroom testimony and live action. For audience members to come away with a clear sense of the plot would have been worthy of congratulations. However, the production was even more successful than that.

The audience, myself included, did not leave the auditorium discussing the inherent difficulties of understanding a play that is not in English, but instead were talking about the sympathy for Máire's plight and disgust at society's reactions to women in her situation.

The success of this endeavour from a dramatist's perspective is that the audience had been moved by the play, no director or cast can ask for more than that. My sincerest congratulations to all involved.

Kerrie Lindsay

An Fhoireann

Áine Ní Bhreasail
(bean sóisialta)
Aturnae 1

Aturnae 2
Bainisteoir

Bean 1

Bean 2

Bean 3 & Bean Oibre 1

Bean 4 & Bean oibre 2

Bean Lóistín

Georgianna Taylor
Grace Donnelly-
Jackson

Aoibhinn Bolton
Colin Bond

Pippa Mooney

Victoria Forster

Ebun Kadeba

Aoife Brennan
MacGillicuddy

Zoe Boles

Bean Uí Chinsealaigh
(bean Uasal)
Cléireach na cúirte
Colm Ó Sé
Dailí
Garsúin Nuachtán

Liam
Mailí

Máire

Máthair

Nábla

Pádraig

Pailí

Sagart

Seáinín an Mhótair

Seán

Sophie Kavanagh

Ross O'Connor

Arthur Greene

Aksheya Ravi

Edward McKeown-
Silke

Nevan Jio

Sophie Edghill

Jessica O'Leary

Nadia Hourihan

Charlotte Bagnall

Fergal Morgan

Hazel Skinner

Pádraig McMenamy

Dylan Blakeney

Jack Kyle

An Triail

le Nadia Hourihan, 5ú Bliain

Stáitse dubh dorchá a bhí ann. Ní raibh gíog ná míog as duine ar bith. D'fheadfaí an teannas as cuimse a bhlaiseadh san aer. Ní raibh faic ná ngrást mar seo déanta ag an gcuid ba mhó dúinn riamh cheanna; bhíomar lán go béal le néaróga. Taithí go huile is go hiomlán nua a bhí i gceist 's bhíomar go léir ciaptha leis an imní.

Bhí Máire ar tí an halla a líonadh lena guth aingealach nuair a tharla an rud ba mheasa gurbh fhéidir tarlú. Ar amhraí an tsaoil, phléasc an lucht féachana amach ag gáire. Is ba bheag nár phléascamar amach le na deora dá bharr. Anois, sna sala ag an

bhfeag caithfidh buíochas a shábháil le cúis náire, an créatúir beirthe báiste sin a shleamhnaigh ar a tóin os comhair gach éinne. Is olc an ghaoth nach séideann maith go dhuine éinne agus go raibh míle maith agat as ucht scéal rí-ghreannmhar go deo a thabhairt dúinn.

Faoi dheireadh na dála, d'éirigh go mór linn an seó a chur ar an stáitse, in ainneoin go raibh cuma ar an scéal go mbeimis ag snámh in aghaidh easa é sin a dhéanamh. Is náireach an scéal é, ach ba phleidhcí muid a bhíodh sna trithí ag gáire gan stop, gan stad 'is gan staonadh in ionad a bheith ag obair ar ár seacht ndícheall.

Ní mór dúinn buíochas eile a ghabháil le hIníon Ní Mhuirí agus an tUasal Deacon a shlánaigh an lá leis an iarracht mhillteach mhór a chuir siad isteach ó thús go deireadh.

Dar liomsa, bé an ghníomh ba dheacra maidir leis an aisteoireacht ná an misneach a aimsiú thíos, thíos i m'anam chun seasamh os comhair lucht féachana. Ach is dócha gurb é foghlaim na línte an gearán ba choitianta idir na daltaí eile.

Ní raibh tuairim faoin spéir agam go mbeadh an méid sin oibre le déanamh nuair a bheartaíomar ar an dráma a chur ar an stáitse. Bhí dul amú orainn go mbeimis ábalta ár scéth a ligean, ach b'fhiú chuile iarracht agus íobairt a chuireamar isteach.

Lá dár saol a bhí ann, nach ligfidh i ndearmad riamh go deo.

Speech & Drama

The Drama Department started the school year on a high with classes being held in the new Drama Room, in Old Bluecoat. As well as having our own space with whiteboards and comfy chairs, we were welcomed back after Christmas with a stage built into the corner of the room (thanks to Peter Wilson!).

The first drama students to take to the stage were the 1st years for a small performance in the Chapel for the 1st Year Service in October. We were given the parable of the Prodigal Son to enact (by the Chaplain) so I immediately set about thinking about a parallel story with which the students could empathise.

An idea popped into my head about Robbie Williams and his return to 'Take That' so we set about putting it into action in class; it wasn't until we were well into rehearsals that I realised I am no longer as 'with it' as I thought, when a first year said "Oh yeah, 'Take That', my Mum used to love them". The students were great on the night and needless to say the parents found it all very amusing!

As has become the tradition now, the next year to perform was the 3rd Years in December. All of the 3rd years were invited to the Drama room where they were asked to be an active audience in a comedy improvisation show. Mr and Mrs Joyce, who otherwise might have been waiting to collect Alex outside in their car, were also invited in. The 3rd years performed numerous sketches without script or rehearsal, with the details provided on the spot by the audience; the results were hilarious and once again I was amazed at the ability and confidence of the students to perform under pressure.

Throughout the winter term, the 4th Years had been working on an original script for their entry into the TY All-Ireland Drama Festival. Inspired by various dramatic texts, we decided to base the story around the question 'Has dating, love and marriage changed over the centuries, and if so, how?' The resulting script was entitled 'Man, Woman, Like', which were the words spoken by the first character, a pre-historic man, and also the words spoken by the last character, a girl answering questions on an on-line dating website.



The scenes in the middle included a Shakespearean love story, a Blackadder plot and an episode of 'Take Me Out'. The students were excellent and sailed through the first round in Mullingar in January. Unfortunately, however, when it came to the final, the dates clashed with the Feis in Arklow so we had to perform to an empty theatre in Macroom in Cork on the Friday night instead of to a full one on the Saturday.

The students did very well but the comedy fell a bit flat without audience reaction and laughter. We did, however, have a fun-filled time and were buoyed by a phone call on Monday morning letting us know that Stephen Kane and Brandon Kehoe had been awarded Best Lighting and Technical Design.

In February, the 6th Year pupils took their final Drama exam – the Senior Recital Programme. Alanna McKeon Silke and Aidan White were awarded Honours and Rob Shaw and Cian Galvin were awarded Distinctions, so well done all round.

I had decided last year that the Arklow Feis was more suited to the younger years as it provided more competition for them, so on Sunday 3rd March I brought a busload of 1st to 3rd years with costumes, scripts and all, down to South County Wicklow. They performed monologues and duologues to a packed hall of nervous and appreciative parents, and to their credit they all acquitted themselves with confidence and ability.

The winners were:

12-14 year olds, Monologues:

Highly Commended - Conor Dunne
Commended - Ross Leitch

12-14 year olds, Duologues:

2nd Place - Sophie Fitzgerald and
Aisling Duruibe.

15 -18 year olds, Monologues:

Highly Commended - Ollie Flood
Commended - Alex Joyce



In April, we held the annual Drama Concert with every year represented onstage. There was a mixture of monologues, duologues, poetry and the one-act TY play really coming to life with a full auditorium. From speaking to the audience afterwards, it is worth mentioning one particular performance which seemed to blow people over. It was an extract from 'Down into Blue' where a dysfunctional mother/daughter relationship was effortlessly brought to life on the stage by Michelle du Toit and Emma Leitch.

From Christmas onwards, all of the students had been diligently working towards their RIAM exams which were held in May. The examiners were very impressed with the students' creativity, confidence and general politeness. One student, Matthew Doyle, even managed to move the examiner to tears with his sensitive performance and was awarded a Distinction for his efforts. There were excellent results all round, with two students, Michelle du Toit and Jack Kyle, awarded High Achiever Awards for outstanding work.

This year was the first year that KH students competed in Feis Matthew in The Mill Theatre, Dundrum, which took place in mid-May. The 5th Year girls performed over two nights against stiff competition. Both Emma Leitch and Tory O'Neill were awarded Highly Commended for their performances so highest congratulations to them both.

Kerrie Lindsay



Art Attack





SECTION 4

EXTRA CURRICULAR 2013



Green School - Environmental Committee

2012/2013 was certainly an eventful year for the Environmental Committee. The King's Hospital applied for and was successfully awarded its 3rd Green Flag for the theme of Water.

Environmental Committee members Sean Butler, Aisling Duruibe, Sally Farrell and Mr. O'Connor were proud to receive the flag on May 21st 2013 from representatives of An Taisce, South County Dublin Council

and Repak at an award ceremony hosted in Croke Park. This is a superb achievement as we were the only secondary school in South County Dublin to be awarded its third flag at this year's award ceremony.

We lost no time and arranged a flag-raising ceremony for the end of May. We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of South County Dublin, Councillor Cathal King and Deputy Derek Keating TD to help us raise the flag. They praised the efforts that the school

had made towards applying for the Green Flag. Following the speeches, two members of the committee, Anna Potterton and Alba Healy, had fulfilled the requirements of attendance and extra-curricular work and were awarded their green school badges. The three flags can be seen proudly swaying in the breeze at the front of the school.

It must be noted that the Environmental Committee last year was determined to build upon the work of previous committees and

its members must be commended for their ongoing commitment and dedication to meet every Thursday lunchtime to discuss environmental matters in the school.

The committee is composed of pupil representatives of most houses within the school, both day and boarding. The Chairperson for 2012/2013 was 6th year Sean Butler, ably assisted by Secretary Aisling Duruibe and timekeeper Nathan Davis.



Staff representatives include Housekeeper Kay Boland, Revd Peter Campion and Ciaran O'Connor.

We received great support from the Headmaster, the Bursar Ron Wynne and the whole school community, from groundskeepers, catering staff, housekeeping staff, housemasters and mistresses, staff and students. Furthermore, the Past Pupils' Union, the Parents' Association and Verna's Vending should be thanked for sponsoring three rainwater butts that can now be viewed in the main quadrangle beside the school Reception.

Areas tackled on the litter and waste and energy themes included replacing the personal milk cartons with milk dispensers, ensuring recycling bins were maintained, replacing light bulbs with more energy-efficient ones, constantly reviewing the heating system by using timers and creating a new day house competition to recycle plastic bottles. This will complement the existing boarding house competition which awards points based on water, energy and litter reducing themes.

On the water theme, actions included replacing all taps with push down taps, changing some toilets from 9L to 6L flushes, addressing a leak that was found outside the Home Economics rooms, changing the laundry system from one bag per student to one bag per dorm, and holding an art competition to design posters for use in the Dining Hall food preparation areas.



We also evaluated the areas that use water within the school, surveyed attitudes towards water amongst students and staff, and decided to tackle the length of time that students spend in showers. All resulted in a significant decrease in our overall water usage.

We held a day of action which we titled 'Blue Day' and here are some of the highpoints:

Nathan and Sean addressed the whole school during assembly conveying our message of raising awareness of water usage and consumption within the school. We tackled many ways in which we can all

save water with our ten Blue Day Tap Tips, displayed gadgets powered by water, held a water quiz and activities involving bursting water balloons and preparing a water tip mural and a 'guess the amount of water in the bucket' competition. Information stands provided by South Dublin County Council also served to get our message across. It was a huge success, with students kept busy for the entire lunchtime.

Following a survey carried out prior to 'Blue Day', it had been noted that 96% of students shower every day, with 53% showering more than twice a day with an average shower length of 12 minutes. The Environmental Committee researched this further and discovered this equated to approximately 83 litres per shower. We were astounded when we multiplied this figure by the number of boarders and got an approximate value of 35,350 litres of water per day. This does not factor in day pupils taking showers, the laundry, the kitchen, sinks or toilets or any other water devices around the school.

This was the main finding that the committee chose to highlight on 'Blue Day'. All members highlighted our core message, backed up with a large poster campaign of graphs showing water usage patterns and a display of water-saving tips from Form 4.

The Committee carried out a follow-up survey one week after 'Blue Day' and the results followed a positive trend. The average shower length had been cut to 10 minutes. This was a great improvement but

there is still room to cut this time further. As they say, "Rome wasn't built in a day" and the Environmental Committee knows that we have more work to do.

Many boarders need to be convinced of our message and all students, staff and parents can learn to be a little more aware of the amount of water that they use.



No one person should be singled out for praise in such a team effort but our chairperson Sean must be commended for a spirited leadership of the Committee and for not displaying any fear when addressing the entire school body of 700 pupils.

As you might expect, the Environmental Committee has already started work eagerly on the 4th Green Flag under the stewardship of Megan Kelly, Sally Farrell and Alan Armstrong. The next Flag theme is 'Travel' so expect lots more news from your Environmental Committee representatives over the next year.

Ciaran O'Connor

A Student's Perspective - Rolus Olusa

At the beginning of the year we were informed of the environmental committee. Not really knowing what was involved I went anyway thanks to the abundance of free time I had been presented with in the year, and joining the environmental committee was well recommended.

The first meetings were lighthearted and fun and it was one of the reasons why I kept going back.

As the serious work began, we were met with enthusiasm as there were many volunteers who genuinely wanted to help.

The success we had was due to the hard work of all the members and cooperation everyone in the school. It was rewarding to see the effects of the 'Blue Day' that we held and the tasks we completed for the ultimate prize of the awarding of the Green Flag were well worth it. Although the Green Flag was earned by the whole school, sitting

at the front and being present at the flag raising ceremony was worth all the lunch times missed for meetings and time put in by everyone. Overall, it was a great year for the environmental committee. We achieved much success but that would not have happened without the continued assistance of Mr. O'Connor, Rev. Campion, and Ms Boland and, of course, all the students on the committee.

Members of the Environmental Committee below:

Back: Mr Ciaran O'Connor, Anna Potterton, Dylan Corcoran, Zoe Boles, Rolus Olusa, David Smith, David Boles, David Carroll, Rev. Peter Campion. **Seated:** Stephanie Quaid, Nathan Davis, Sean Butler (Chairman), Aisling Duruibe, Mercedes Lawson Whyte, Alan Armstrong.



Hillwalking

The last academic year was another busy and exciting one for the KH Hillwalkers. We really should change our name as it's rarely just hillwalking we do...this year saw us winter camping in Wicklow, sliding through snow in both Donegal and the Alps, swimming in freezing water in Wicklow, Donegal and France, as well as summiting Ireland's highest mountain on a great weekend in Kerry during October mid-term. We had our ups and downs over the year.

Roy Gallie had to take several months away from us after a bad fall from a ladder on his farm and Saskia Shilling broke her leg in an accident near Lugnaquilla [luckily she had Jack Kyle and Carla Ponsioen on hand to ably assist her in her awkward descent]. But apart from those mishaps, we had a 'fab' year. The highlight for me was the day all 30 of us stood on the top of Carruntuohil last October...it was the first time that 25 of the group had been on Ireland's highest

summit. Another memorable occasion was sliding through snowfield after snowfield in the Bluestack mountains of south Donegal...there are some great videos of various people either making complete eejits of themselves or simply having too much fun. Another highlight was camping in Glenmalur and having a barbecue both for tea and breakfast - we did a long night hike in-between too...if memory serves me, we went up to Art's Lough and got lost in

the nearby forest! Anyway, all in all it was a great year, topped off by a fantastic 9-day trip to the Mont Blanc region of France. I'll miss it this year but will hopefully be back for more next year. Thanks, as usual, to Roy Gallie, Jonathan Healy, Gabriela Skinner and anyone else who helped us out during the year.

Mark Campion



Hillwalkers Alps Trip 2013 - Jack Kyle

On August 17th, we set off for the Chamonix Valley. Upon landing in Geneva, we soon encountered our first problem - two of our bags never reached Geneva. Despite these setbacks, we got our bus towards Chamonix and arrived at our chalet in Les Houches relatively quickly. It was most people's first time in the area, (during the summer at least,) and almost all of us were stunned when we saw the immense scale of the surrounding mountains, many of which were snow-capped.



After getting set up in our chalet, we found ourselves soon preparing for our first hike, supposedly a short 2-hour trip. We walked up the valley edge, across snowless ski slopes, then along steep, winding paths through a forest. Finally, we passed through a meadow and reached the top, at the Bellevue cable car station. When we descended, a few began to run down the hill and the goats gave chase, bells ringing as they pursued. The hike turned out to be two hours each way, and we arrived back much later than expected, and a lot wearier too.

On our second day, we ascended to the Albert Premier hut, at an altitude of 2702m. It was a long walk up, through mountain meadows and then contouring around the steep edge of a side valley, with a final steep, rocky ascent to the hut, which was located just above the end of the Glacier du Tour.

Our next hike began at the top of the Brévent lift. It was cold and misty at the top so we quickly descended back down to the middle station at Plan Praz.

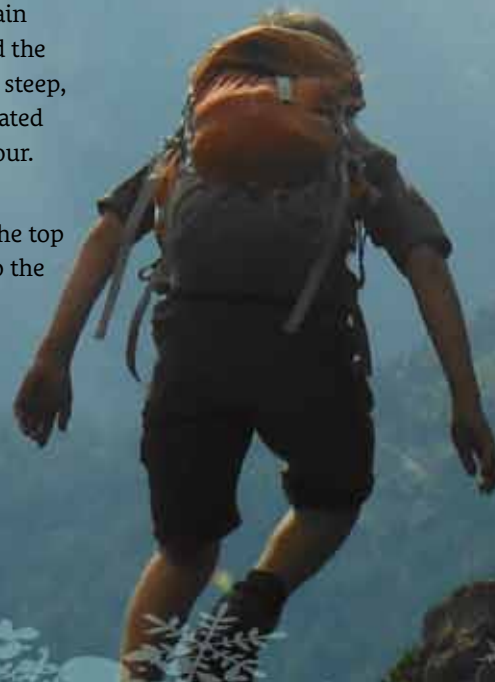
From there, we followed the path around the mountain to La Flégère, minus the injured Mr. Champion. At La Flégère, we took the Index lift up, and had great fun sliding on the snow near the station, before we took the two lifts back down to the valley floor.

It was now time to set off on our multiple day hut-to-hut hike. We left the chalet and took the lift to the Col de Voza, and set off for that night's refuge, at Tré la Tête.



It was a long walk, including a shaky rope bridge over a raging stream of glacial melt water, a climb up to the Col de Tricot, with spectacular views up toward the Dôme du Goûter, lunch at the tiny Chalets du Miage, and swimming in another stream further on.

By the time we arrived at the refuge, we were exhausted, having walked around 19km that day. For most, it was our first time in a refuge, and it took a little getting used to the basic facilities. Everyone slept in the one room, while the meals were simple yet filling.



Probably the most radical change was the 10pm curfew.

We were able to get up early the next morning and see the sun rise over the mountains as we began our day's walk. It was to be an easier day, with only 16km to cover, and we encountered an impressive waterfall on our ascent towards the Col de Bonhomme, before descending to our night's accommodation in the small village of Les Chapieux.

The next day, we would be crossing into Italy, at the Col de la Seigne, but first we took the opportunity to do some swimming in the chilly waters of the Torrent des Glaciers. Our final day's walk took us into the town of Courmayeur, where we took the

opportunity to get some Italian ice-cream, before catching a bus back to Chamonix through the Tunnel du Mont Blanc.

On our final day, we took the lift to the Aiguille du Midi, at the massive height of 3,842m. We didn't do any walking up here, but the views were impressive; it was absolutely freezing, and you got out of breath climbing the stairs. After a final short walk, and a thunderstorm (the only rain during the entire trip!), we returned to the chalet and prepared for our early departure back to Dublin.

We had had an amazing experience, tough but rewarding, and we had great fun. It wasn't all hiking either, and we didn't lose any bags on the way home.



Multicultural Festival 2013

In January, the Transition Year European Studies class was given the task of organising The King's Hospital Multicultural Festival 2013. Given that the number of international students in our school continues to grow, we feel that it is important to celebrate the cultural diversity that exists within the school community. In previous years we have had a day of events to celebrate this diversity. However, the brief given to us for this year's festival was to organise events spanning a whole week from 4th-8th March.

As a class, we brainstormed ideas for events for the week and, following at times heated debate, we settled on a programme with two key events each day: a themed lunch; and a World Cup football tournament. This decided, we broke into smaller work groups to plan the activities in more detail.

Josh O'Neill, James O'Reilly and Dylan McQuaid were in charge of organising the World Cup, a 6-a-side football tournament, which was a resounding success, with full participation from 1st Year right through to 6th.



The tournament ran throughout Multicultural Week with a qualification round during P.E. the previous week.

At the beginning of Multicultural Week, we started with two teams from each year and, in the course of the week, this was whittled down to two teams to play in the final on the Friday. The final was a high-octane affair contested by a 4th Year and a 6th Year team. In a very exciting game, the 4th years came back from being two goals down to win the match, and the inaugural tournament trophy, by three goals to two.

Throughout the week, we decided to hold themed lunches and Carlos Vazquez and Ross O'Connor headed up the food committee. In order to best represent the large number of nationalities in our school, we decided to have a Spanish, German, Irish and Mexican lunch and also a French bake sale.

The food committee spent a lot of time deliberating over a menu for each day, then liaising with the kitchen staff to find out whether our ideas would work with the large numbers catered for every day.

After much work, a menu was agreed for each day, with some delicious lunches of Tortilla Española, Schnitzel, bacon and cabbage and quesadillas as well as a hugely successful bake sale of croissant and pain au chocolat, which was run by Pauline Keane.

In addition to the two events that ran throughout the week, there were also events taking place on individual days. Joan Kelly, the School Librarian, hosted "Guess who's coming to dinner?" a literary quiz with a multicultural theme where participants used clues and props to guess the identity of famous international authors. This was won by Austin Sweetnam in Form 2.



Niamh Atkinson worked with the Art Department to run an art competition, the theme of which was to design a poster celebrating Multicultural Week. This was won by Emily Kenny in Form 1.

We extended the idea of Multicultural Week to Chapel and every morning one of our international students said the Lord's Prayer in their own language. Over the course of the week, we heard Spanish, German, French, Russian and Irish. On the final day, Cecilia Paz, a 6th year student from Mallorca, performed beautifully in Chapel.



The Scottish contingent

One of the highlights of the week for us as organisers was Thursday lunchtime. Aoibhinn Bolton and Roisin Addo organised a multicultural bazaar in the Wilson Wright Hall where students set up stalls representing their native countries. The students put a huge amount of effort into their stalls and took great pride in being ambassadors for their countries.

We enjoyed music, costumes and food from Zimbabwe, Russia, China, Spain, Scotland, Mexico and Nigeria. The stalls proved very popular and the hall was buzzing. Once everyone was gathered in the hall, we started the inaugural KH Chilli Challenge, organised by Paul Begley and Jack Kyle, where students took on members of staff in a chilli-eating challenge.

The challenge was to eat as many chillies as possible - including the seeds! The winner was the person who lasted the longest before taking a drink. There were some memorable contests, not least the chilli relay event between the hockey coaches and the girls' hockey team.



We were thrilled with the success of the week and we aim to build on this next year, making the event a regular on the school calendar.

Viki Malcolm

Mr Dean Maguire participates in the Chilli Challenge



Kayaking

2013 was a very enjoyable year for kayaking. We hired Laura Griffin from the Irish Canoe Union as instructor and she was ably assisted by Jimmy Panama.

We started out with a couple of pool sessions before the Easter break and got on the water straight away in the summer term. It was great to see so many new students giving the sport a go and, by and large, taking to it like ducks to water.

First up it was the turn of the beginners to flail around in the lake at Leixlip. Those that had availed of the pool sessions were comfortable enough but the total newbies provided plenty of the usual laughs as they went in circles and/or capsized...not always of their own volition!

We did some river trips with the more experienced paddlers after this. Both Lucan and the Wren's Nest proved popular destinations with plenty of water most days and, therefore, lots of fun and action. No matter what the weather was like, we ventured out but luckily it was nice most days. Some days the boats were ditched as the hot weather enticed all the swimmers and divers to take the plunge.

Charlie O'Halloran had a new black boat to himself and he made big improvements, as did Ross Bourke, Philip Black, Niall Henry, Jack Gannon, Lauren Davis, Zoe Boles, Stephanie Quaid, Sophies Edghill and Kavanagh, Anna Potterton and Carla Ponsoien.

Thanks to Laura Griffin and Jimmy Panama who were very helpful and inspirational. Looking forward to what lies ahead.

Mark Campion

Poetry Aloud

Poetry Aloud is an annually held poetry speaking competition open to all post-primary students on the island of Ireland. It is subdivided into three categories - junior, intermediate and senior; I belonged to the junior group.

It is organised by Poetry Ireland and the National Library of Ireland. The prescribed poems in last year's competition included works by W.B Yeats and Seamus Heaney (in acknowledgement of his support for the competition). There are three rounds: the Regional Heats conducted at various venues around Ireland followed by the semi-finals and then the finals hosted by the National Library.

The competition required the recitation of two poems, one of which is compulsory and the other you are free to choose from prescribed anthology books like 'The Rattle Bag', 'Lifelines' and 'Something Beginning With P'.

I happened to be one of fifteen participants out of many who got through to the final. As the sole representative from our school, it was a very special honour for me. I was given an incredible opportunity and burdened with a great responsibility to promote my school.

With each level of achievement, my confidence grew. Although I did not win, I can look back and admit to having gained an overwhelming life experience.

Saad Khaja

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The Run for Mark in the Dark

Mark Pollock is an exceptional man. He was an excellent rower, had a successful college career and good prospects for a move to London after completing his final university exams. Then, in 1998, he went blind. Completely blind. But instead of wallowing in self-pity for long, Mark took up adventure challenges in support of various charities. He took to proving that, with the right mental attitude, the human spirit can achieve great things.

The list of things he did during this period in his life is staggering. It included five marathons in seven days across the Gobi Desert and trekking to the South Pole. Learning of his triumphs was humbling. He took up motivational speaking and addressed some very high ranking institutions in the corporate sector as well as being our guest speaker in The King's Hospital at Charter Day in 2003. Staff members who recall that visit and past pupils who were present still remember his talk.

But then disaster struck a second time. Mark was attending the annual rowing regatta in Henley in 2010 when he was involved in an accident which left him paralysed from the waist down.

True to his calling, Mark has refused to allow this set-back keep him down. He has travelled to California, obtained the help and guidance from a specialist injury group there called Project Walk.

He is well along the way to - not getting his life "back together again"; to phrase it that way would be to ignore the central message he brings to those who hear him speak - rather he is well along the way to taking his life in a new direction. He is back giving motivational talks; has appeared on the Late Late Show twice and is determined to walk again one day. Mark never says "never"; his character will not accept defeat. But all the rehab he must endure, all the

medical expenses he incurs, are not cheap. And so three years ago, the 'Run for Mark in the Dark' charity race was organised to help raise funds for him and also for the various charities with which he is associated, such as Wings for Life, NCBI, Make-a-Wish Foundation etc.

On November 14th 2012, the second running of the race took place along the docks near the O2 in Dublin. A brief presentation to the school in chapel and an invitation to get involved in the run resulted in a phenomenal 282 staff, pupils, parents (and even one pet...Thanks, Toby) of The King's Hospital making up the single biggest "group" to take part in the event.

The race night itself was sublime. The weather was perfect. The River Liffey resembled a millpond it was so tranquil and there was a huge party atmosphere all along the 5km course. Everyone was in such good spirits and it was really rewarding to see so many pupils taking part in KH colours. The pupils - as ever - were terrific ambassadors for the school that night and, in such numbers, made a huge impression. The race went off without a hitch, the pupils all relished the occasion, even those who had taken part in hockey or rugby matches that very afternoon. The race was a massive success for Mark too.

And the event continues to grow, with runs taking place in Cork and Belfast, several cities in the UK and also in America as Mark's tale is told and people feel like doing something positive about it. Next year, the target will be to get over 300 participants! Huge thanks are due to Mr. McKinnon who organised special t-shirts for the staff and also to Slieve Bloom Coaches who "donated" five buses to help ferry pupils to the start line. Lastly, however, the greatest thanks MUST go to the pupils who took part and made the evening so memorable for all concerned.

Ray McIlreavy



Spanish Debating



Liam Forbes reports...

Early in the school year, I noticed the coloured sheet of paper hanging on Ms. Leahy's door. It called to all and sundry interested in the prospect of debating through Spanish. The audition interview was intimidating, and my slight stutter made it none the easier. However, I survived, and was made a substitute on the Spanish debating team.

When I entered the Spanish classroom for the meeting, I was struck by the great working atmosphere of determination and the sense of closeness of the team: team captain Ross Murphy, Rachel O'Neill, Beata Carroll and Georgy Mamulashvilli, and the other substitute Elyse Gould.

In our first debate, we proposed that "Transition year is a waste of time." I was impressed by the determination and independent thinking of the team who came up with arguments and counter-arguments and counter-counter-arguments, with daunting speed and attention to detail.

Pictured (L to R): Ms Amy Fitzgerald, Rachel O'Neill, Ross Murphy, Beata Carroll, Georgy Mamulashvilli and Ms Susan Leahy.

As I got on the minibus that would take us to the debate in Castleknock, I noticed a distinct change in the atmosphere. There was less cheeriness and confidence, everyone was stern-faced and focused on their speeches.

Ross launched us with his introduction. I was awe-struck by his ability to speak Spanish as if it was his own language, and the skill with which he delivered his speech. Rachel followed with a very strong and fact-laden speech that left the other team struggling to rebut. Beata spoke third with a gentler yet well-constructed, watertight argument and Georgy spoke last with a very touching speech about his own experiences, something the other team found hard to dispute and the judges declared us the winners.

We blazed through another debate in a similar fashion. But, for the third debate neither Georgy nor Ross were available so Elyse and I were called in to cover for them, with Beata stepping up as captain. The motion was, "Immigration isn't a solution, it's a problem." We were the proposition. On the night, my speech was ready, and I had been practising for hours in preparation. Even so, I was nervous. I approached the podium, set my speech down and placed my hands on the table, leaning over to appear more menacing in a desperate gambit to counter my nervousness. I spoke clearly and made my points. The question stage was far more taxing though, as the adrenaline surge from doing the speech made it harder to concentrate on what the

other team said. We won that debate as well and Beata was chosen for best speaker.

In this manner, we trounced team upon team. One of our more entertaining debates was on whether or not the Irish were racist. Again, we proposed. During this particular debate, Ross spent the conclusion speech section essentially berating the other team and proving them wrong one by one. Also, during the question stage, Georgy interjected with "but you laughed during my speech because of my accent." This completely threw the other team off, and they became a gaggle of stammered apologies and nervous rebuttals.

The greatest challenge, however, came in the final debate against Castleknock. Our subject was "The police in Ireland should be armed." It was staged in the Instituto Cervantes in Dublin city centre. Everyone was visibly on edge that night. This was to be the most testing debate by far, they knew it, and it weighed on them. The team paced back and forth, quietly reciting their speeches to themselves until the time came for us to enter the arena.

As a team we slowly marched into the conference room of the Institute only to find lots of small tapas awaiting us at a table to the side. Not wanting to enter a final debate on an empty stomach, we hastily devoured all the bread, chorizo, jamón and soft drinks we could get our hands on. We met and chatted with parents and supporters, the drama we felt beforehand seemingly unnecessary.

Then, the competition organiser called the team to the table. The two stony-faced debating teams took their places and made ready to do bitter battle for the cup.

Ross opened with a speech defining the motion. We had found in our research leading up to the debate that many members of the Gardaí are actually armed, so we based our argument on why it should remain that way. Ross laid this out very clearly. He spoke intensely and, as always, like a man who had grown up speaking Spanish. Then the Castleknock captain made his speech. Their argument was made on the assumption that none of the Gardaí are armed. However, he was a skilled orator. His passion and the intensity were convincing and I sensed the pull that the crowd felt towards his argument.

As the debate continued, my doubts and fears abated. Ms. Fitzgerald beside me was nervous, but I was calm. The other team was well prepared, all of their speeches were well constructed, all of their points significant and their words convincing. But as I listened to Ross, Rachel, Georgy and Beata speak, I could see that we were in another league altogether.

The question stage was far tenser for the King's Hospital supporters. Castleknock ignored the fact that we were debating why the Gardaí should remain armed, rather than why they should be given arms. Out of context this would seem to be nothing but a guarantee of victory for The King's Hospital. However, the captain of

the Castleknock team was skilled enough and had gained enough favour with the audience that he was capable of employing the tactic of playing to the crowd.

Due to their ignorance or neglect of our actual argument, we had to repeatedly define it. The Castleknock captain continually played to the crowd. His mistake and eventually his downfall was to repeat this tactic multiple times, complaining whenever we gave a definition or repeated or explained an earlier statement. As he did this again and again, he squandered his influence on the crowd and judges and ceased to appear a wise man secure in his argument and began to make himself seem more like an upset child that had dropped his sweets.

I have never seen such a skilled team as The King's Hospital team that night. During the question stage, they worked as a single unit. Argument, question, rebuttal and counter-argument all fired off from different members, all complementing each other. None of them needed to look to the others for approval, encouragement or affirmation that what they were saying was beneficial; they all worked as one.

In the end, The King's Hospital was declared the winner and the debaters were presented with the trophy. The Castleknock captain was chosen as best speaker, however, this did nothing to improve his mood. We gorged on tapas before we left and on the way back to school the minibus was filled with laughter and high spirits.



Callum Petit

David Smith gives his thoughts on the Talent on Show

The Student Council Talent Show featured acts of all ages, with a specifically musical orientation. From soloist song writers to slick saxaphoneing, the audience felt the beat of a plethora of musical genres and talents!

Student Council

Loughlin Brady-Smith



Hugh Delaney and Lucy O'Sullivan



Liam Murray



Leo Morgan



Talent Show 2013

Lauren Davis

You couldn't help but click your fingers or sing along, as familiar tunes and funky rhythms were sung and danced to on a stage that each act made their own. It was a definite night to remember!

Before we list our acts of excellence, there are a number of people who deserve our mention and thanks! Making the stage look as great as it did was Austin Sweetnam with his fantastic design! Our programme art was courtesy of Sally Farrell and Oscar Campell and their great artistic talents! Designing our programme was our very own Benjamin Gilliam who also worked the camera on the night! Our panel of judges consisted of Miss Geraghty, Verna Wilson, Patrick "Pat" McCartan, Andrew Dancey and Aoife Reid.

It proved to be a fun night for all but none more so than our hilarious hosts, Conor Spillane, Leo Morgan and Loughlin Brady-Smith. With their skits and jokes, the laughs were plentiful! However, the real stars of the show stepped forward, armed with mike, pick and drumstick! The acts added excellence to the mix.

The standard was set from the off and the bar was pushed higher and higher. Claiming first prize in the Senior Category were Grace and Suji Kim singing Justin Timberlake's Mirrors. The talent gene might have skipped my family, but certainly not theirs! Second place deservedly went to the BangBros, made up of Loughlin Brady-Smith, Fintan De Las Casas,

Leo Morgan, Ntinga Mpiko and Conor Spillane, who handled with aplomb a technical breakdown by going into some free-style rapping during their take on Hey Baby.

The Conor McMullan Band, made up of Roger Berkeley, Ross Daly, Benjamin Gilliam, Enda Johnston and Conor McMullan, was a definite crowd pleaser and rightfully won an audience award.

Liam Murray, who performed Lovestoned, also won an audience award after impressing us all with his solo take on the Justin Timberlake song. Taking second place in the Junior Category was Popping Candy (Clodagh Hennessy and Zara Fitzpatrick) who sang Roar by Katy Perry. First place went to the talented Alli Murphy who both wrote and performed her own song Tonight we're going to fly.

Thank you and well done to all the acts who took part. The Student Council put a lot of work into making the show run smoothly.

We greatly appreciated the help of Mr Devitt and his sound crew, all the staff members who helped out with crowd control, ticket-checking and clear-up, the students and prefects who lent a hand with set-up and clear-up, Mr Rafter's support and the guidance of Ms Leahy.

Spanish Quiz

by Rachel O'Neill

Back in April, the 5th and 6th Year Spanish students were given an opportunity to take part in a table quiz organised by the school. Hosted by a curious Spanish man in a white suit, it was our job to not only answer the questions but also to do our utmost to try and understand them in the first place!

The quiz proved to be quite popular as several schools from the area also came to KH to spend the evening trying to win spot prizes and more importantly, the One4All vouchers on offer to the top three teams.



Somehow, a team made up of Aidan White, Sorcha Swan, Tessa Minkwitz and me (above) managed to come second overall and came away with those all-important vouchers. A fun night was had by all and our Spanish most definitely improved!

Sunday Baking

The change to the boarding structure at weekends has opened up a new venture - baking for fun. As the Sunday Chapel Service is now held in the evening, the mornings are free for other activities. At 11.00am, some 10-20 pupils come to the Home Economics room and we make a variety of dishes, some savoury and some sweet - the sweet ones mainly involve chocolate!

Pupils are encouraged to bring recipes that they might like to bake, which we can share. This is an informal morning with all ages of pupils; everybody gets a taste of everything that is made, bowls and spoons are licked and everything is washed up at the end.

Ros Garrett & Kathy Sutton





SECTION 5

TRANSITION YEAR 2013



Stewart's Hospital Fundraising

KH has raised €500,000 for Stewart's Hospital over 42 years.

Come rain or snow, every October since the early 1970s, the pupils and teachers of The King's Hospital have gone onto the streets in the local community to raise funds for the Stewart's Foundation. The Foundation provides both in-patient and out-patient care 365 days a year to people of all ages, providing services, education and assistance.

Stewart's now has several different facilities and also offers outreach programmes for rehabilitative training, as well as sheltered employment for people with learning disabilities.

Since official records were kept in 1987, the School has raised €350,000 and estimates indicate that it has raised a total of around half a million euro since its annual fundraising began. On Stewart's Flag Day, the pupils of The King's Hospital collect money at numerous locations in the city

centre and in West Dublin, though primarily around Lucan and Palmerstown.

This year, a cheque for €13,699.21 was presented to Stewart's Care by our Transition Year students. This is no mean feat in these challenging times. Our top three collectors were Zoe Boles, Stephanie Quaid and Amy Thompson who together collected over €2,365. Well done to these girls and to all those who put a huge effort into their collecting on the day. The money was put towards a special development fund aimed

at facilitating the design and construction of new accommodation for the residents to allow them to live to old age in an environment that offers comfort, dignity and respect.

As well as their annual fundraising, every week Transition Year pupils volunteer to spend time with and provide hands-on assistance to the Adult Education Group in Rossecourt Resource Centre during their practical rotation.

Our time is spent engaged in whatever activity is being carried out at the time of our visit. In the past this has included drama, dance, football, numeracy, literacy, karaoke and arts and crafts.

This year, we were able to enjoy their social time after lunch, which meant mainly chat with a few games of pool and jigsaws. I consider this interaction to be a very high value activity, of benefit to both pupils and clients, and the relationships formed over a few weeks of a rotation are a pleasure to see. The stand-out visit for me this year was a trip to see the musical 'Dirty Dancing' performed by staff and clients of Rossecourt at Christmas time. It was enjoyed immensely by all who were lucky enough to attend.

Ciaran O'Connor



Stewart's Flag Day

Zoë Boles looks back on a fund-raising experience

In early October, The King's Hospital Transition Year students helped raise funds for Stewart's annual Flag Day. I was delighted to get the opportunity to participate this year. It was great to be able to help a good cause and a worthwhile charity.

The school has had a close relationship with Stewart's for many years now. Every year, our school takes part in their flag day. This year, like every other, our students participated enthusiastically, collecting on the streets of Dublin and Kildare.

"Stewart's is a charitable foundation, with a long tradition in the provision of care for people with intellectual disability. The institution was the first in Ireland to offer such support for people with severe disabilities. Services are provided regardless of age, religion, socio or economic background encompassing every degree of intellectual disability." Stewart's, founded by Dr Hutchinson Stewart, was established in 1869. It has been striving to help those with intellectual disabilities ever since and is located in Palmerstown.

Representatives came to speak to us about the Flag Day and about the work they carry out at Stewart's. This was later expanded on by Mr Ua Brudair and Mr O'Connor. They told us all about the fundraising, what we needed and suggested good locations for us to choose. They gave us tips and advice and some fundraising gear; including the luminous Stewart's vests, collection buckets and stickers. With my friend Stephanie Quaid, we collected outside Supervalu in Palmerstown, our chosen location.

We were given our buckets on a Thursday and from then on the fundraising began. The corridors were filled with eager collectors clothed in neon yellow jackets, hounding their fellow students for donations for Stewart's. I collected outside the school gates for a short period and then on Friday and Saturday, Stephanie and I collected outside Supervalu in Palmerstown. It was a great success and despite the current economic climate, the majority of people were very generous. We were lucky to be assigned Palmerstown as our location because Stewart's is their local charity. Many people recognised the charity and the fact that they knew they were supporting a local cause made them donate willingly. Collecting outside a supermarket

meant people would usually give you their trolley money or the change from their visit; this was great as it all added up.

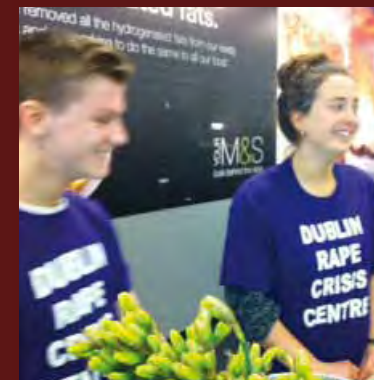
I learnt a lot over the three days and it was interesting to see and observe people's reactions to charity and to collectors. Many posed questions about my school, Stewart's and the work they do.

The work of all the students proved to be successful. It was wonderful to see everyone contributing and our year as a whole working together. Collectively our year raised and donated an astounding grand total of €13,699.21; I was thrilled to collect €1,041.56 as an individual and was also delighted to hear that we all collected so much and it felt good to help such a deserving and worthwhile cause.

It was a totally new experience that I really enjoyed. We all managed to have fun while helping others at the same time. Interacting with the public also proved to be good fun.

Overall, I think the Flag Day was a fantastic success. I certainly enjoyed myself and it felt good to know at the end of the day that we had helped a worthy cause.

Rape Crisis Centre



The school helped to fund-raise for this charity.

Transition Year students bag-packed in Marks & Spencer and raised €1,500. We also did a non-uniform day and collected €1,095.

A cheque for €2,595 was presented to the Rape Crisis Centre by Aoife Brennan at Assembly.

Achill Island

Le Róisín Ní Bheinéid

Turas go dtí an Oileán

“Líne shingil, líne líne shingil.” Sin tús an amhráin a chanamar os ard nuair a chuamar o áit go háit. Tar éis trí uair a chloig, shroicheadar an fhiántais. Bhíomar curtha i dtithe eagsula, agus bhí na clainne ar fad go deas. Bhí rudaí le déanamh againn gach lá, agus bhí áiteanna le dul againn gach lá freisin.

Thugamar cuairt ar loch álainn ar an gcéad lá, chuaigh muid ag cadhcáil chomh mhaith le bád a thóg muid féin. An lá ina dhiaidh sin chuamar ag surfáil sna tonnta banna. Tá sé deacair foghlaim as Béarla, conas seasamh suas ar an mbord fada, ach is trí Gaeilge a d’fhoghlaim muidne conas surfáil. An tráthnóna ceanna, chuamar ag rothaíocht timpeall an oileáin ar fad, síos agus suas gach uille cnoic a bhí ann.

Ní raibh ach timpiste amháin againn, nuair a theastaigh ó Roger a bheith i ngar do na cailíní agus bhuail se ina gcoinne, bhí sé cosúil le scannán as Hollywood; ní raibh muid cinnte go mbeadh muid in ann an turas a chríochnú. Go gairid, tháinig Bean Uí Dhálaigh agus Bean Uí Mhórdha timpeall an cuinne ag tiomaint taobh thiar dúinn, agus thug siad misneach dar nanamacha, bhí criospaí acu freisin!

Ceapaim go raibh an gníomhaíocht is fearr a bhí againn na an lá a chuaigh muid ag snámh sa phortaigh. Léim muid díreach isteach agus ag an deireadh bhíomar clúdaithe obhun go barr i gcác an phortaigh. Rinneamar rudaí eagsula, chomh maith le ranganna agus cúpla bealtrial freisin.

Mar fhocail scoir caithfidh mé rud amháin a lua faoi Roger. Nuair a chuala sé nach raibh ach triúr bhuachaill san iomlán dúirt sé “Iontach Is imreoir me.”

Our Belfast Visit

Becca Teevan & Akshaya Ravi reflect on a trip north of the border

During Transition Year, the whole of fourth year was taken on a trip up to Belfast where we visited the Science museum and the Titanic exhibition, after which we went ice skating.

My group visited the Science museum first. When we arrived we went to the floor with different science experiments and science games. This was immense fun as we had all thought that the Science museum wouldn’t exactly be the highlight of the day. Next we went onto other floors and learnt more about science and less about games.



The next stop for us on the trip was the Titanic museum which was brilliant. We got to learn more about the history of the Titanic which I thought was fantastic. I loved the level where they had displays of the different classes’ rooms aboard the ship. I found the visual tour of the ship was so detailed and brilliant.

After that we walked through rooms with passengers’ stories on the wall and we even saw a letter sent by one of the passengers to his family. The Titanic ‘ride’ where they brought us around

in little carts and showed us the making of the ship was great fun although quite tame. The whole history of the Titanic amazes me and I really enjoyed the tour.



The last stage of our trip was ice-skating. This was by far the best part of the day. When we arrived we had lunch and then got our skates and headed off to the ice. Many people in our year could not skate very well and ended up falling a lot but they still had fun. We spent close to two hours here, even though our time limit was one hour. The Belfast trip was a great way to round off our 4th year which definitely ended on a high note.

Transition Year Drama

Jane O'Connor looks back on a dramatic achievement

At the very start of the year, we began brainstorming ideas for our 25-minute play that was to be written, directed, and performed entirely by the TY drama students at the Briery Gap TY Drama Festival.



Each student made a contribution to writing the script and with the help of our drama teacher Mrs. O'Reilly, we decided that the theme for the play would be love and marriage through the ages, a play based on how we fall in love has changed throughout the years from the Flintstones to nowadays. Our play was entitled 'Man, Woman, Like'.

Each student was given multiple parts to play which meant we all had to make a huge effort to bring the play together. I played the parts of a cavewoman from the Flintstones bit of the play, Phoebe from the Shakespearean bit of the play, Amy Hardwood from the Blackadder bit of the play, and a dancer in the dance montage.

We began rehearsals and the play gradually came together. We were all given costumes to suit our different parts by Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. King.

On January 30th, we travelled to the Mullingar Arts Centre to perform the play for the first time in the first round of the competition. We were all quite nervous but the performance went very well, although there was a small problem when the video that was supposed to play froze and stopped working. Luckily, Fummi Abimbola, who played the part of the presenter in the 'Take Me Out' part of the play, whilst staying in character, said "We seem to be having some technical difficulties.. moving on!"

We were all very grateful to him as he saved the performance! The adjudicator gave us great feedback and we were delighted when we heard the news that we were through to the finals which were to take place in The Briery Gap Theatre in Macroom in Cork.

We practised really hard and even changed parts of the play such as the dance montage, with the help of our teacher. We performed the play in front of the rest of 4th Year as preparation for the finals. This went very well and our peers seemed to find the jokes in the play extremely funny.

On March 1st, we travelled to Macroom to perform. We were a lot less nervous this time, having performed the play so many times. The whole performance went perfectly, including the video! We even went on to win the lighting and sound prize with the help of Brandon and Stephen, and we came runners-up in Ireland!

The last time we performed the play was at the end of year KH drama concert which went very well also.

I really enjoyed doing the play and taking part in the Briery Gap TY Drama Festival. It was great fun and a fantastic experience - definitely one of my favourite trips this year!



First Aid

By Sophie Edghill

During Transition Year, I took part in a First Aid Course. This course was 8 weeks long, took place every Wednesday night and was organised by the Irish Red Cross. The course was extremely beneficial and will be useful in many ways throughout the future. Whilst attending First Aid every Wednesday night we did both practical and written work. The group was given a first aid work book by the Irish Red Cross which would help us on our way to completing our exam at the end of the course.



The course helped us to understand how to deal with certain accidents and incidents. We were taught things like how to perform CPR, put people into the recovery position, put basic bandaging on an arm injury, attend to burns of different degrees, how to control extreme bleeding and how to deal with people who were in shock from a serious accident. The First Aid team educated us about the use of a defibrillator and the importance of using it correctly in the case of an emergency. They extended our knowledge on topics such as heart attacks, angina, coronary heart disease and choking and how we should go about dealing with these incidents if they ever occurred in our presence. They also taught us how to deal with panicked observers and how to use people to your advantage at the scene of an accident.

We watched video clips, went through powerpoint presentations and carried out practical work to prepare us for our exam. To pass, you had to achieve a grade higher than 80% and following this you would receive a First Aid certificate. This course will be useful in the future and it was well worth my time taking part.

Iain McKeever - R.I.P.

Iain McKeever was a well-known Irish broadcaster, mountaineer and motivational speaker. In 2004, he set the Five Peaks Challenge world record, climbing and descending all five peaks in 16 hours 16 minutes. He broke the world record for the Seven Summits Challenge in 2007, climbing the highest summit on each of the seven continents in 155 days. His list of achievements is as impressive as it is long.

In school he was a member of the Transition Year Team for three years. Originally, he came as a one-off motivational speaker, inspiring students to set their goals high and push their limits at the beginning of their Transition Year. He soon became a permanent feature, delivering the seven-steps-to-success programme to each TY class with his business partner Maura Dolan.

It was with great sadness that the school community learnt of his untimely death. On 2nd January 2013, Iain was struck by lightning and died while leading an expedition climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Our sincere sympathies to his family and his fiancée.

Cormac Ua Bruadair



Photography Module

Olivia Lunn and Amy Thompson

For one of the 4th year practical modules, there was an option to do photography with Ms Lacy. We used the cameras that the school has to offer as well as our own, if we wanted, or our smart phones for practice.

The first thing we learnt was how to use the camera. We were taught how to use all of the different features, the different zoom settings as well as when we need to use each. We also learned about perspective. As soon as we could, we went outside for a lesson. Taking turns with the school cameras, using our own in between, we took photos of parts of the landscape around the school grounds.

We were set tasks, such as 'take a photograph of the letter E'. This was a lot of fun, as it required a lot of imagination. In the second half of each double lesson, the class went to the computer room. We uploaded our respective photos to each computer so that we would have them for further reference i.e. our portfolio.

We were taught how to edit the photos using a Windows computer. We learnt about the different aspects to each photo, such as contrast, exposure etc. and this helped us in editing our photos.

We really enjoyed this module because since then we have taken better quality photos. We are also able to edit our photos if the conditions weren't quite as good as we'd hoped.



The Italian Job

Hazel Skinner looks back on an Italian adventure in April

On Wednesday 17th April, 72 students and 6 teachers excitedly boarded buses that would take us to the airport. We had been waiting since September for this, and we were finally heading to Italy!

Getting through the airport was no mean feat – we all had to check in our bags, and then go through security, and then get to our gate on time, but we managed just fine. The flight took two and a half hours, and then we landed in Milan Bergamo Airport. Stepping off the plane we could instantly feel the heat, even at nine o'clock in the evening. We spent a nice night at the airport hotel, and the morning after our long-awaited holiday began.

Every day was an early start – between half 6 and 7 – because we had long bus journeys (on a fancy double-decker bus we had rented for the trip), and reserved guided tours to meet. On the first day, we went to Pisa, which was amazing. It definitely made up for the four-hour bus ride to get there. It was so warm and sunny, and we were allowed to split up and wander

for a few hours. Naturally, we went straight to see the tower. Although we'd all seen it in numerous pictures, it was still better to experience it in real life.

In the afternoon, we travelled to Lucca, which was a pretty walled town. From there we went to our next hotel. After dinner, we walked around the town (Montecantini), ate some ice-cream, started a flash mob, just your usual day!

The next day, we went to Florence, which was super-exciting. The very first thing we did was get a guided tour of the Academia – home of Michelangelo's "David" – and the Uffizi – which contains The Birth of Venus. We also saw the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, which is a gorgeous building.

In the afternoon, we had some free time, and then another four-hour bus journey to our third – and last – hotel. We were exhausted after a day walking in blazing sunshine, so after dinner we collapsed into bed.

The third day was the highlight of the trip for me personally, because we got to go to Venice! It was a two-hour bus journey, and then a boat, then we arrived at St. Mark's Square. We had a nice tour guide, who showed us the Bridge of Sighs and

St. Mark's Basilica, and some gondolas. The tour finished at the Ponte di Rialto, where we split up and went shopping.

Obviously, almost everybody bought at least one Venetian mask – the variety was incredible. I bought a cream and gold one with a long nose, and I'm very proud of it and we found a lovely little shop that sold jewellery made out of tiny beads. As well as masks, in every shop you could buy Murano glass. Some of the things you could buy were perfectly crafted and intricate, and still not very expensive. Venice is just a fantastic place.

In the evening, we went to Benacus Leisure Centre, which was near the hotel. We had great fun playing on the slot machines and riding plastic rodeo cows. When we got back to the hotel we had to pack, and then go to bed. It was another early start on our last day. After a quick breakfast and loading the bus with our bags, we set out for Gardaland, a theme park on the shore of Lake Garda. Even though it was raining, we all still had a great time, and went on all the rollercoasters. Some people got wet from the rain, some from the water rides, but by the time we got back on the bus, everyone was soaked.



We went to one last place on our way to the airport, a small town called Sirmione. It was one of those boutique towns, where everything is expensive, but we managed to get about ten free samples of ice cream each, so we didn't do too badly. We also bought teeny boxes of Tic-Tacs, which were very cute. Unfortunately, we did have to get back on the bus one last time, and go to the airport. It was a two-hour flight back to Dublin, then a bus to school, then back home and bed.

This trip was definitely the highlight of Transition Year, and I'll always remember how much fun we had. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to go.



Run for Mark in the Dark

By Sophie Edghill

In November 2012, I took part in a 5k run for the Mark Pollock Trust. This involves running through the barricaded, dark streets of Dublin with plenty of other lively people (there was also a more challenging option of a 10k run).

Mark had previously been out to the school to give us a motivational talk. He told us about the run and had left us so touched with his life story that so many people signed up with ease. It cost €25 to do it and all proceeds go towards getting Mark back on his feet. The school raised over €7,000 and we were more than delighted to play our part. The run was extremely well organised and it was a great night.

Before we left school, we received a pack with our numbers in it which we pinned to our tops, microchips that we tied to our shoe laces and flashing bands which we strapped around our arms. We went down to the race start area and pushed our way through the crowd to get to the front. With free Red Bull in our systems, we were raring to go and once

we were off, there was no stopping us. The atmosphere was crazy and we were surrounded by thousands of other runners and although we were running it was actually a lot fun! Slowly but surely the race spread out and we met lots of people we knew along the way!

The closer I got to the finish line the more relieved I became. We even got to say hello to Mark on the way. I finished the run in 26 minutes and over all was 91st. We all got free packs with chocolate, crisps, Red Bull, water and jellies at the end. We all hopped back onto the bus and headed home for a long night's sleep! It was a great experience and was worthwhile taking part. I hope the night was a success for Mark Pollock. The King's Hospital hopes to gather 300 students to support Mark in the coming year and take part in the run in the dark. I can only imagine it will be another extremely worthwhile night.



Killary

By Sarah Giblin

There may have been a few worries about our year going on the TY Killary trip but all in all I think its fair to say it was a success. We didn't lose anyone in the depths of Connemara and no one got seriously injured. Considering the fact that there were one hundred and twenty students, I think that that is something we can be proud of!

The trip took place over four days at the beginning of September. Were we excited? Yes, of course we were, we'd been told time and time again how much fun we were going to have. Three hours or so later we were there.

What did we do the very first day? Got covered from head to toe, quite literally, in bog. It may not sound fun but it was most definitely one of the highlights of the trip! Over the days, we took part in activities such as kayaking, high ropes, the big swing and the Killary challenge.

I have to say that my favourite activity was probably the high ropes and the rock climbing. There is nothing like the feeling of reaching the top of a challenging climbing wall after being cheered on by your classmates.

One of the other highlights was jumping off the podium to catch a hanging trapeze that was so close yet so far.

For those of us who aren't boarders sharing rooms with our classmates was very nearly the best part. There is no better way to get to know someone than to share a room with them for four days!

Gaisce 2013

Amy Thompson and Akshaya Ravi

The Gaisce Award is the renowned President's Award for young people aged 15-25. It is a challenge from the President of Ireland to set personal goals in four areas: community involvement, personal skills, physical recreation and an adventure journey. There are three awards; Bronze, Silver and Gold, each of which increase in the level of effort and maturity needed.

In order to complete the requirements for our own Bronze Gaisces in 4th year, we took Karate lessons and became Ladybird youth leaders, took up singing lessons and first aid lessons and played basketball and hockey. This is only a small selection of the wide variety of activities undertaken.

We went on a camping and hiking trip with our teachers. We hiked (and crawled!) 25km over the mountains of Wicklow. We roughed it up, sleeping overnight in tents with all of Mother Nature's goodness surrounding us!

We returned to school with a sense of achievement, great memories and the bruises to prove we had done it!

During the year, we gained maturity and independence and developed an overwhelming sense of pride. But most importantly we enjoyed the experience thoroughly, and are now working towards our Silver Gaisces.





Junk Kouture

Jane O'Connor reports on the Recycled Fashion Competition

The Junk Kouture ERP recycled fashion competition is a competition that requires art students and young fashionistas in Ireland to create a couture outfit made entirely out of junk and recycled materials. Some of these outfits would be chosen to walk the catwalk, battling it out for the amazing prizes for the designer/artist and their school.

I first heard about the competition in the first class of the TY recycled fashion module. With the help of my recycled fashion teacher Ms. Murphy, I immediately began thinking of ideas for my outfit, and eventually decided on a 'Swan-like' theme.

When making the outfit, I had to ensure that the materials I used would be strong enough to wear as an outfit and that the colours and textures of the 'junk' worked well. I used feathers, CDs, and wires covered with tinfoil to create the top; the swan-like tutu was made from bubble wrap and milk

cartons; the shoes were made from CDs, milk cartons, and wires covered in tinfoil. For the couture face make-up, I painted a swan-like design using black eye-liner and glitter. My outfit was entitled 'There once was an ugly Junkling.'

When my outfit was complete, I asked my friend Pippa to model it. We stayed in the art room after school one day to take the pictures which I sent into the competition for the first round in January. Months later it was announced on the radio station SPIN103.8 that the students through to the next round of the competition were named on the junk kouture website. I was delighted to see my name on the list as I really didn't expect to get through!

I was through to the Eastern Finals which were to take place in the Helix Theatre in March. All the competitors were to choreograph a dance/catwalk routine for the model to show off the outfit to 90 seconds of their chosen music. Pippa and I began preparations for the show straight away. We spent a lot of time perfecting the routine as it was to be performed in front of an audience of hundreds.

The total of the marks given was broken down into 30% dress design, 30% catwalk routine, 30% quality of craftsmanship, and 10% public voting. The public voting was run over the internet on the junk kouture website, Pippa and I shared the link to the voting page on facebook and asked everybody we were friends with on facebook to vote. We then typed and printed out a step by step of how to vote on pieces of paper and handed them out to the students in school.

Pippa and I arrived at the Helix early to meet Ms. Murphy for the show. We spent all day getting ready, doing the hair and make-up, and rehearsing the routine. Each model got a chance to have a run through on the stage with the music we had sent in.

The show went very well and Pippa did a great job! Only 20 out of 80 outfits were chosen to go through to the final round and unfortunately mine was not one of them, but I was happy to get as far as I did. It was a fantastic experience and I really enjoyed it! Entering Junk Kouture was by far my favourite thing I did this year!



Recycled Fashion Module

Another view by Ellen O'Sullivan

Jane O'Connor with model Pippa Mooney



Firstly, we had to decide on what we wanted as our theme for our dress - a hard decision. In the end, my group chose Alice in Wonderland and A Circus theme combined together.

We were asked to make a 'mood board', which at the time seemed unusual, but in the end it was useful as we had all our ideas on it and it was hard to lose.

Then we sampled some materials to use on the dress. We could use anything from sweet wrappers to cardboard to broken objects. The most important thing to remember was that it all had to be old recyclable material and had to consist of an electrical object such as wires.

My group got wire and hangers and made the outline of the bottom part of the skirt, and for the top just used cardboard.

For the skirt, we then put an old recycled sheet on it so we could add more. For the top, we used bubble wrap, wires, origami tea pots and love hearts made from magazines and, for the bottom, sweet wrappers and origami also.

I liked making the dress because it gave me a chance to see how creative I could be and how to make the dress itself. It was a challenge sometimes but it all worked out well in the end - in fact, it turned out better than expected. We entered it in the competition but unfortunately didn't make it through.

European Youth Parliament - Ireland

In February, a delegation of students from Transition Year (Pauline Keane, Jack Kyle and Paul Begley) and from 5th year (Tory O'Neill and Niamh Ní Mhaonaigh) attended the Leinster Regional Conference of the European Youth Parliament Ireland (EYP Ireland).

EYP Ireland has been in existence for over 13 years as a non-profit youth organisation which actively engages young people in discussion of Europe and the European Union. The organisation aims to empower youth to question the world around them and come up with innovative solutions to global problems.

The KH delegation attended a weekend session where they were split into groups or committees to discuss dedicated topics with the goal of putting together a written resolution document to be debated in a general assembly. They also took part in group games which focused on the development of skills such as communication and both critical and lateral thinking.

Meeting Mr Robert Dowds TD, (Local Labour Party representative) were (L to R): Ms Viki Malcolm, Paul Begley, Pauline Keane, Mr John Rafter (Acting Headmaster), and Jack Kyle.

To their great credit, all five KH students were selected from this conference to attend the national conference in Dublin in March. From the national conference, two teams of seven students were selected to represent Ireland on the international stage at the European Youth Parliament, where delegates from all 32 European countries come together to discuss the pressing issues of the times we live in.

Unfortunately, the KH delegation did not make it to this stage but all three TY students intend to re-apply next year.

Viki Malcolm





SECTION 6

SPORT 2013



Athletics - Boys

The season began in February with the West Leinster cross-country where Daniel Eiffe took 12th in the Minors, qualifying him for the Leinster finals. In the junior race, Alex Hunter produced a great performance to take the gold and help the Minor team to 3rd overall. Jack Kyle kept up his good form from last season, qualifying for the Leinster finals in 8th.

Unfortunately, illness kept both Jack and Alex from running in the Leinsters but both will be back next season to push for an All-Ireland place. Next on the schedule was the West Leinster Championship where some solid performances resulted in 6 bronze, 5 silver and 3 gold medals:

Minor - Jonathan Doyle (3rd Shot), Daniel Eiffe (2nd Long Jump)

Junior - Alex Hunter (2nd 1500m)

U16 - Jack Kyle (3rd Mile)

Inter - Rolus Olusa (1st Triple Jump and 400m hurdles), Stephen Kane (3rd Shot), Conor Murphy (1st Javelin).

Senior Athletics: Row 4: Semi Olusa, Georgy Mamulashvili, Andrew Dancey, Stephen Kane.

Row 3: Mr. Jarvis, Niamh Ni Mhaonaigh, Kevin McMillan, Adam Clayton, Josh Dowds, Tassilo Herberstein, Jack Kyle, Ntinga Mpiko, Leo Morgan, Sophie Courtney, Ms. Emma Ryan.

Row 2: James O'Reilly, David Smith, Rolus Olusa, Ross Hunter, Alex Moore, Liam Forbes, Conor Murphy. **Row 1:** Andrea Bennett, Alejandra Ordiz, Michelle Mullen, Teresa Torres, Sophie Kavanagh.



Senior - Josh Dowds (3rd Long Jump) Kevin McMillan (3rd Triple Jump), Ntinga Mipko (2nd Discus and 3rd Shot), Liam Forbes (2nd Javelin), Josh Dowds, Kevin McMillan, Alex Moore, Leo Morgan (2nd 4 x100m relay).

The annual Hall-Cooper Cup proved a good warm-up for the Leinster finals, with KH taking second place with 57 points behind Blackrock with 60 points.

The Leinster finals, as ever, provided some stiff competition. However, the day was not without success with Rolus Olusa taking silver in the Intermediate triple jump with a jump of 12.66m and he then went on to take silver in the 400m hurdles with a strong finish, qualifying him for the All-Irelands in both events. The final event of the season was the All-Ireland Championships - unfortunately it was not to be Rolus's day in his two events and although he performed well, the competition was just too strong.

Matt Jarvis

Athletics - Girls

The winter athletic season got underway in January with the annual DCU invitational Cross-Country Race sponsored by Bank of Ireland. This event is an individual and team event, and KH teams were entered in Minor, Junior and Senior races. Difficult weather conditions were challenging and participants raced well on the day.

5th year girls Sophie Courtney, Emily Gaffney and Niamh ni Mhaonaigh represented King's Hospital in the Senior event with Sophie Courtney coming second in this race.

The West Leinster Schools Cross-Country took place later in January in the Phoenix Park and we entered four girls' teams in this event. On the day, there were notable individual performances by Clara Wakonigg (15th place) in the Minor race and Sophie Kavanagh (14th place) in the Intermediate, both girls qualifying for the Leinster Finals.

The Senior girls had an outstanding race placing second overall and qualifying for the Leinster Schools Cross-Country finals in Santry in February; team members included: Sophie Courtney, Sophie Edghill, Lucy O'Sullivan, Emily Gaffney, Niamh ni Mhaonaigh and Michelle Mullen.

The Leinster Finals proved tough competition with all competitors racing well but no qualification for the KH girls.

Warmer temperatures got the summer Athletics season underway at the West Leinster Medley Relays in April in Santry, an exciting, challenging relay event with a running order of 500m, 300m and 600m.

A very enthusiastic group of girls represented King's Hospital in this event, with two teams entered in Minor, Junior and Intermediate races. On the day, the Senior girls had a very strong performance receiving bronze medals; team members included Sophie Courtney, Emily Gaffney, Michelle Mullen and Andrea Bennett.

The most anticipated event of the season, the West Leinster Track and Field took place in April, again in Santry. Over 60 KH girls participated and there were notable achievements in many events, with the following students qualifying for the Leinster Track and Field Championships.

Minor Girls: Kate O'Malley (Discus).

Junior Girls: Anna Potterton (Shot Putt).

U16: Sally Farrell (Shot Putt), Kathy Baker (U16 mile).

U16 Relay Team: Ray Lawless, Mercedes Lawson Whyte, Bethany Sharpe and Kelly Rossiter.

Intermediate Girls: Leanne Brosnan (Triple Jump).

Senior Girls: Michelle Mullen (100m and 400m), Sophie Courtney (800m).

At the Leinster Track and Field Championships in May, KH competitors performed well on the day but just missed out on All-Ireland qualifications.

King's Hospital hosted the annual Hall-Cooper Senior Athletics event in May. The team comprised Michelle Mullen, Andrea Bennett, Katie Miller, Sophie Edghill, Sophie Kavanagh, Olivia Lunn and Leanne Brosnan.

The winner of the McGann Cup (School 5000m) was Sophie Courtney.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Senior

1st place - Michelle Mullen

2nd place - Sophie Courtney

3rd place - Andrea Bennett

Intermediate

1st place - Sophie Edghill

2nd place - Leo Schmidt

Junior

1st place - Anna Potterton

2nd place - Ray Lawless

3rd place - Sophie Moore

Emma Ryan

Basketball - Boys

This was a good season overall, with some narrow victories and some even narrower losses. It has been wonderful to witness the emergence of Caro Lloyd as an International player at under-18 level and to see the improvement in basketball technique of several of our other boys and girls.

Many thanks to coaches Michael White and his assistants Robbie O'Neill and past-pupil Taiwo Olatunji for doing their best to help each one of our players to reach their potential.

Ms. Jenny Wilson does a great job looking after the 1st and 2nd Year girls and our gratitude goes to Róisín Bennett and Caro Lloyd for their dedicated assistance as table officials throughout the season.

SENIOR BOYS

The season got off to a great start with wins against Donabate C.C., Coláiste Cois Life, narrowly to Lucan C.C. (43:41) and Coláiste Chiarain. These wins qualified KH for the league quarter-final where we beat Tallaght C.S. by just one point.

Our good fortune was to be reversed in the semi-final when Blackrock College defeated us by just one basket for a place in the final.

In the 3rd place play-off we came up against O'Connell's School and after a very close game KH were the winners by 39 to 36 to take the cup and medals. For the remainder of the season after Christmas we played a few friendly matches beating St. Columba's but losing twice to Castleknock College.

Our top scorers over the season were Raul, Calvin, Chris, Enda, Nathan and Ronán.

Senior Boys' Basketball

Back Row: Ben Gillian, Stephen Hyland Blayney, Enda Johnston, James O'Flynn, Tassilo Herberstein, Frederick Pim, Carlos Isern, Conor McMullan, Mr. John Rafter. **Front Row:** Ross Daly, Raul Diaz, Christopher Robinson, Ronán Murphy, Nathan Griffin, Calvin Wright.

UNDER-16 BOYS

As usual we had our initial problems getting this team up and running but such is the nature of the beast of under 16 basketball. Then the season got off to a poor start with a loss to Coláiste Cois Life largely due to the fact that our star player Raul was injured on the day. This match was followed by decisive victories over Lucan C.C., Collinstown Park and Adamstown C.C. before losing out to Ashbourne C.S. by just one point in our last group match. Although we were involved in a three-way tie for a place in the quarter-finals we lost out on points difference which brought an abrupt end to our hopes and our season. The highest scorers for this team were Raul, Dylan, Finnian and Alberto.

Squad: Dylan McQuaid (Capt.), Shane Hackett, Jusitin Madudu, Paul Begley, Finnian Schilling, Pablo Sanchez Perez, Aaron Reddington, Gonzalo Mejias, Paul McCullagh, Alberto Ortega, Funmi Abimbola, Alejandro Rodriguez Garcia, Raul Diaz, Fran Cano Tanaka, Darragh Macken, Padraig McMenamy.

John Rafter



Basketball - Girls

My gratitude goes to Mick and Rob, our coaches, for constantly striving to bring out the potential ability in each of the girls, Ms. Jenny Wilson for her great patience with the 1st and 2nd Year girls, and to Enda Johnston, Graham Furey Shinnars and Stephen Hyland Blaney for assisting me with the score-keeping at our home games.

SENIOR GIRLS

It was an impressive league campaign from the Senior Girls this year, with some very confident, assured displays.

Our star player Caro Lloyd was rewarded for her impressive form at school and club level by being selected for the Ireland U-18 Ladies' team. During 2013, she went on to represent Ireland five times in Scotland and Denmark, inspiring her team to victory with outstanding performances in some very close games.

This year, the U-19s won their league games against Mount Anville, Holy Family, Palmerstown Community School, St Colmcille's and St. Joseph's and only lost one match narrowly to St. Columba's.

That game, though, produced the score of the season, where all members of our team touched the ball on a fast break that left the opposition stunned. As well as being impressive on the attack, we excelled in defence. No matter whom we played, Kate, Michelle, Louise and Eimear could produce great defensive displays when called upon.

Our final league match turned out to be a must-win game against a strong St Joseph's team, with qualification for the victor. We had been dominant in our other games but this last match proved to be a lot more tense.

But cometh the hour, cometh the players - Caro, fresh from her Irish trials, did what she does best with good scores, rebounds and plenty of blocks; Katie played a big role with some great interceptions and spraying the passes around; and Roisin fought for every ball. We won the game and so won our league and so secured a home semi-final. Sadly, however, we came up against a well-drilled and skilfully adept Portmarnock Community School team packed with club players and a couple of Irish development squad girls. Our girls could not be faulted for a heroic effort and we pushed right to the last. Our girls were determined, with Caro and Roisin fighting for every rebound and Emma sinking an impressive 3-pointer. Our season cannot be exemplified better than our last 3 baskets being scored in the last two minutes by super subs Hannah and Rois. Caro was our top scorer again this season, with Roisin, Emma and Katie contributing a large number of points as well.

Senior Girls' Basketball

Back Row: Mr. Ciaran O'Connor, Rois Meenaghan, Roisín Bennett, Caro Lloyd, Hannah Goodwin, Michelle Mullen. **Front Row:** Lisa Verhoeven, Katie Miller, Elyse Gould, Emma Leitch, Eimear Barr



UNDER-16 GIRLS

Unfortunately, our U-16s did not have as much success as the U-19s this season. However, we witnessed some great performances, and there was much to be optimistic about, with the girls showing great teamwork and camaraderie. The season brought victory against St Colmcille's, and losses to Muckross, St. Joseph's, Holy Family and St. Columba's.

Rebecca and Jenny were our top scorers with Sally, Rebekah and Sarah chipping in vital scores. Roisin led from the front, battling injury and was a constant source of cheering from the sidelines. Nessa and Emma were equally confident, driving the ball forward or playing stout defence when opposing teams attacked. Ray was a constant source of energy, harrying players into making mistakes.

While we did not produce any silverware, the girls grew in stature and confidence during the season, and it was a shame that the league had to finish by Christmas!

Squad: Roisin O'Doherty, Nessa Boland, Sally Farrell, Emma Bagnell, Jenny Olatunji, Rebekah Leamy, Jane O'Connor, Becca Teevan, Sarah Giblin, Caoimhe Wright, Holly Clements, Robyn Condron, Natalia Penche.

FORM TWO

The season was a slow starter for our Form 2 girls, but this season was all about one match. Our maiden victory against St. Joseph's displayed all the qualities sought

from the girls. The opposition had one superb player who scored most of their points. It was clear from Nos. 4 to 15, our girls wanted to atone for earlier losses to St Columba's, Colaiste Cois Life, Mount Anville and Holy Family - we simply wanted to win more than they did. Our defence was near impregnable, and the girls passed the ball with precision. We also picked up a victory against Palmerstown C.S. late in the season.

Stand-out performances from the season include Anna learning to stand tall and scoring the first 6 baskets in a row in one match. Saskia fought for every ball that came near her and took a record number of shots. Emily battled like a trooper and was a constant pest in defence.

Alison had a silky passing ability. Sophie, Lucy and Beatriz were great at stealing the ball, but Ray was the master of this art. When she played, the opposition point guard didn't know how to play.

This year, Jane Kenny finished the season as top scorer, with Saskia, Anna and Alison in hot pursuit. With all our natural raw talent, it remains to be seen how far the girls could go with a little extra practice. We should set the target high for the seasons to come.

Squad: Allison Murphy, Sophie Moore, Anna Potterton, Robyn Harris, Ray Lawless, Emily Brauer, Saskia Shilling, Isabella Power, Demi Kadeba, Chloe Kealy, Maria de la Cuesta, Amy Ruffli, Kate Cordiner Forbes, Jane Kenny, Beatriz Castilla Santos, Lisa Quinn, Lucy Sherry, Carla Ponsieon, Natalie Anokhina.

FORM ONE

It was a very exciting first season for our Minor Girls. There was only one narrow loss to Colaiste Cois Life during the league while wins against Malahide C.S., Holy Family and St. Joseph's brought the team to their first quarter-final.

Our first match was against Holy Family. It required a huge team defensive effort with only one basket separating the sides at the end. Jade was our stand-out performer with some crucial passes and an excellent all-round defensive display while Aoife took up some super defensive positions and was a constant threat on offence.



Against St Joseph's, it was the Sarah and Julia show. Julia displayed great vision, passing with unerring quality to Sarah, who with the lightest touch scored with every shot.

Between them, the two girls scored 13 of our 15 baskets that day.

In fact, our only loss in the league was to Colaiste Cois Life. We gave them too much room in the third quarter which gave us an uphill battle. We gave it our best shot, outscoring the opposition eight-nil in the last quarter. Our quarter-final was a tense affair against Woodlands.

We started well, with Julia taking some smooth shots, but alas – a dip in concentration in the second quarter gave us too much to do. Sarah and Kemka fought to the very end, Clara urged the team on and Jade put her body on the line.

But the effort was ultimately to be in vain. A great team spirit was displayed and hopefully the girls will take advantage of the experience in the season to come.

Sarah Dehaene finished the season as our top scorer, with Julia Fogarty, Aoife Sweeney and Ava Wiseman close behind her.

Squad: Emily Kenny, Kate O'Malley, Clara Wakonigg, Aoife Sweeney, Orla Williams, Sophie Thompson, Chloe Morris, Cameron Crooks, Jade Arundell, Sarah Dehaene, Lucy Pointer, Kelly Pointer, Julia Fogarty, Zara Fitzpatrick, Ava Wiseman, Lauren Burke, Moyin Lawal, Kemka Abuchi Ogbonda., Stephanie Toolis, Alison Potterton, Jessica Darker, Sienna Macari, Lydia Boyd, Aoife Kiernan.

Ciaran O'Connor

Cricket - Boys

SENIOR BOYS' 1ST XI

Rebuilding for the future was the theme for the 2013 season. There was not one 6th Year on the team so we knew that this squad could work on a two-year cycle together. What was particularly pleasing was the number of 2nd and 3rd Years on the team. They were enthusiastic and their exposure to the top level of Schools' Cricket could only aid their development.

The season started with an away fixture against Belvedere College. It started promisingly, with Belvedere reduced to 85 all out (Daire O'Neill 3/15, Dan Courtney 3/22 and Craig Nicholson 3/11). Unfortunately we could not attack this and were all out for 59, with 'Extras' as top scorer on 14. Over the years we have had very talented attacks, pace and spin bowlers that can inflict damage on teams.

However, we have coupled that with a weak mental strength towards defending our own wickets. There is a mind set in the best cricketers that will treat their wicket as a precious commodity and not give it away cheaply. We have struggled to adopt that mentality. So it was one of our targets in our next match against CUS. CUS were unable to bowl us all out, 77 for 9 (Daire O'Neill 21, Ntinga Mpiko 14).

We had worked hard to protect our stumps. The downside was we were so protective that we found it difficult to score. It was a difficult total to defend but when we had them 4 wickets down for 2 runs, we were very hopeful. Unfortunately for us, CUS were able to steady the ship and finish 78 for 7 off 22 overs (Ntinga Mpiko 3/24, Craig Nicholson 3/19).

It was an improved performance and we took heart from that. Our goal now was in our next match to protect our wickets and work the ball around so that the scoreboard would keep ticking along.

Gonzaga were the next opponents. We made our task difficult by allowing them set a large total to defend, 240 for 7 (Daire O'Neill 2/57, Ntinga Mpiko 2/38, Dan Courtney 2/42). We were unable to reach this total but we did protect our wickets and we did keep the scoreboard moving. We finished on 186 for 6 (Daire O'Neill 58, Ntinga Mpiko 47, Craig Nicholson 22).

Senior Boys' 1st XI

Back: Mr. David Plummer, Sean Goodburn, Fintan De Las Casas, Mr. Michael Hall, Andrew Kenny, Matthew Bond, Mr. Dan Van Zyl.

Front: Conor Murphy, Craig Nicholson, Daire O'Neill, Luke O'Malley, Daniel Courtney.



While we did not manage to win a game, the progress, along with the age profile of the team, bodes well for next season and the future. We face a difficult task in The King's Hospital every season due to the small number of students that enter the school with previous experience. There is a very definite move towards the schools that may not have a cricket programme but have numerous players that are playing club cricket.

How we will turn this around in KH is a continuous source of debate amongst the cricket staff in the school. The winter nets programme by Brian O'Rourke has certainly helped us compete but it is a short window when so much ground has to be covered. I would encourage all those who have an interest in cricket to become involved in their local cricket club.

Cricket development happens in clubs due to the advantages they have of a longer season and more matches than schools. We can only encourage, coach as much as we can in the short season, and provide a positive environment in which they can show off their talents.

Finally, I would like to thank all coaches Brian O'Rourke, Paul Lawson (U13), Dean Maguire (U14), Roland Rixon-Fuller (U15), Jerome Devitt (Senior 2nds) and Dan van Zyl (Senior 1sts) for their hard work, time and dedication to The King's Hospital Cricket cause.

David Plummer

JUNIOR BOYS' XI

As has been the case in recent times, this year was no different and was again adversely affected by the weather. As per usual, the rain dampened yet another season of matches making it difficult to fill in any games. The head of the cricket department Mr Plummer tried to re-set fixtures but the season was just a non-starter.

In saying this, we managed to get one game in against Blackrock to whom we narrowly lost by 11 runs, the noticeable performances coming from Daniel Courtney who scored a well-paced 67 and also took 3 wickets - a true all-round performance - and also Craig Nicholson who managed to pick up 3 wickets to help us restrict their total.

Junior Boys' Cricket squad:

Charlie O'Halloran, David Sheill, Paul McCullagh, Ross Bourke, Matthew Bond, Sean Goodburn, Finbar Murphy, Philip Black, Daniel Courtney, Craig Nicholson, Luke O'Malley, Conor Murphy.

Rowland Rixon-Fuller

U14 BOYS XI

As I approached the first training session for this group, I reflected on the years gone by. I had been privileged thus far to always inherit an enthusiastic set of players and we had been able to consistently field two decent teams throughout the season. Yet again, I was not to be disappointed.

At this first session, there were 33 lads raring to go. Not only this, but they maintained a

strong presence at training despite being dragged in all directions to play as many sports as possible during the short summer term.

Matthew Bond and Sean Goodburn held a dual captaincy for the year and led exceptionally well in their performances and how they conducted themselves.

This made my job a lot easier throughout. Others who shone during the year included: Alan Bennett, Rhys Edghill, Dylan Corcoran and Andrew Irwin. And who could forget the antics and comedy provided by Clinton "Caveman" Wokocha. These are only a few to mention, the whole group was excellent to work with.

I must also thank Keegan Walder (Gap Year student) who was a great help at all the training sessions and matches, and also to Mike Maguire who coached the B-team, scored at matches throughout and provided much needed scoring tutorship for many players.

U-14 Boys' Cricket squad:

Rhys Edghill, Gareth Murphy, Zach Hinde, Killian O'Doherty, Keith Bell, David Boles, Harrison Mahood Pitt, Ian Spillane, Clinton Wokocha, Fergus Ogden, Alan Bennett, Sean Goodburn, Matthew Bond, Scott Le-Roux, Dylan Corcoran, Sam Wrafter, Alex Power, Andrew Irwin, Taran Crooks, Matthew Begley.

Dean Maguire

1ST YEAR BOYS

Most of the 2013 1st Years had not played cricket before. Winter sessions started in October, introducing the boys to some simple techniques relating to batting, bowling and fielding. These sessions proved invaluable as, come Easter and the start of the outdoor season, many had progressed to become competent cricketers. Interest was big and fielding two teams, sometimes on the same day, was never an issue.

The 'A' team played games against St Andrew's, St Columba's, Belvedere, Rockbrook and Mt Temple while the 'B' team played Scoil Ui Chonaill, Belvedere, High School and Mt Temple. Notable performers on the 'A' team included Peter Kenny, Zac Bursey, Jack Barbour, Kieran Ravi, Tom Raban and the much-improved Tom Cole while the 'B' team performers were Luke Lane Ponder, Edward Mahood, Kellett Gilchrist, Tom Angle and Colin Harris.

Boys have been encouraged to continue playing cricket at local clubs Phoenix and North Kildare where further opportunities exist for them to continue their development as players. The game is now well established within the PE programmes at both local national schools - Castleknock NS and St Andrew's, Lucan - giving the boys who end up attending KH an early introduction to the game. Many thanks to Paul Lawson, Keagan Walder and Henry Jacobs for their assistance during the season.

Brían O'Rourke

Cricket - Girls

SENIOR GIRLS' 1ST XI

We had a very enjoyable cricket season this year, apart from the weather, which caused a lot of grief and affected the whole senior league with postponed and cancelled matches. Our senior girls' team this year was captained by Lydia Hendy who was ably assisted by vice-captains Andrea Bennett and Jacqui Mernagh. Our first game involved an early shower! - playing a friendly against Mount Anville, we only managed to complete four overs of the match before a downpour saw us heading for home completely saturated!

Following this game, we enjoyed a much sunnier afternoon for a friendly match against St. Columba's College at home which we won quite comfortably. We took the opportunity to retire some of our early players at the crease to ensure that everyone had a chance to bat.

After numerous postponements, the league eventually got started with our match against High School. Unfortunately, after a brave battle, we lost this game in the 16th over. Our second outing brought us to Wesley College in Ballinteer, determined to make amends for our earlier loss.

With great concentration and work in the field, we restricted their score to 88 for 7 in the allotted 20 overs. Leading like a true captain, Lydia demonstrated her bowling talent throughout her spell - which included one wicket-maiden over, in which she dismissed three opposing bats!

When it came to our turn at the crease, Jacqui Mernagh stepped up to the mark and showed off her ability with the bat, scoring 50 not out. We reached the total required in the 14th over, having lost only 1 wicket.

This game demonstrated the real ability of this side and their desire to play for each other as a team.

More bad weather hampered the league thereafter and while we were next due to play Mount Sackville - and looked forward to gaining revenge for our early season defeat - weather conditions meant that further matches could not be played and the finalists had to be decided on the basis of previous results. Our loss to High School meant that we did not get through to the final.

The team spirit and dedication shown by all of the girls involved made the 'stuttering' season enjoyable despite the elements and congratulations are due to all involved for their commitment throughout the season in all weather conditions!

Dot Rolston

Senior Girls' 1st XI

Back: Mr. Michael Hall, Flora Ogden, Zoe Boles, Michelle Mullen, Nevada Nuzum, Sorcha Swan, Vicky Douglas, Victoria Houldsworth, Ms. Dot Rolston. **Front:** Katie Scully White, Andrea Bennett, Lydia Hendy, Jacqui Mernagh, Mickaela Bursey.



JUNIOR GIRLS

In the long sporting traditions of The King's Hospital, cricket is introduced to the girls and is compulsory at this age. The main challenge is the popularity of the sport, especially amongst the foreign students, as many have never encountered bat and ball. But by far the main drawback to the sport and, in particular this year's season, was the unforgiving Irish weather.

At the beginning of the summer term, the girls are introduced to the two main concepts of the sport, that of batting and bowling. Many girls took part this year with excellent enthusiasm and desire to make and represent the school in upcoming matches.

The Junior A team, led by R. Gavigan, won 50% of their matches with impressive batting displays from team-mates S. Moore as well as A. Potterton and S. Farrell were the main contributors to the batting score card throughout the season. The bowling faculty was led by R. O'Doherty and M. Mahavan, with impressive accurate bowling figures that included one hat-trick.

The Junior B team led by R. O'Neill had similar results, with the weather not favouring the team when they were in good positions. The team's highlight of the short season was the fixture against Wesley College, with the main batting destruction coming from the willow of R. Harris as well as E. Brauer in an impressive partnership. Bowling attack was from a talented K. Condrón and J. Kenny.

In all, it was a delight to see many participating and gaining knowledge of the game as it is gaining popularity, with the Irish National side progressing so well internationally.

Girls' Junior Cricket squad:

Anna Potterton, Lucy Sherry, Sarah Giblin, Roisin O'Doherty, Kelly Rossiter, Alli Murphy, Maya Madhavan, Holly Clements, Beartiz Castilla, Rhianne Gavigan, Ray Lawless, Sophie Moore.

Robin Kelly

1ST YEAR GIRLS

This year, partly due to the weather, the Sports Hall was used much more than usual for practices and coaching sessions. The more intensive nature of this helped raise the standard of play and also gave the girls an enjoyable time resulting in many more than usual keeping involved through the term and pushing to get on the teams.

To help sort out the teams, friendly matches were played away against St. Andrew's College. While the A selection had a very close match, the home side had a comfortable win against the B selection, with Lauren doing best with the bat. The As also had a very good win in a friendly against Mount Sackville. Orla and Kate (with the only six of the season) were the highest scorers, while Caitlin took an impressive four wickets in two overs, one caught and three bowled.

In the A league the first match was against Aravon, always a skilful outfit! Due to be away, Aravon had a fixture clash so travelled

to Palmerstown. More assured with both bat and ball the visitors had a well deserved win, in spite of Emily taking two wickets. Next was another home match, against Wesley, whom we had beaten easily the previous season. In contrast, however Wesley was much stronger this time, better with both bat and ball. In spite of these losses there was a great spirit in the team and a number of players show promise for the future.

The B team started their league campaign at home to Mount Anville. While the batting was reasonable with Lucy and Olivia doing best, a lack of strength and accuracy with the bowling allowed the visitors the upper hand. Next, like the As, we were at home to Wesley. The difference here was the visitors' greater ability to take wickets, though the result was a bit closer than the As had managed! Cameron was the best of our bowlers. Unfortunately the final match against Malahide was never played.

Arthur Travers

A squad: Chloe Payne, Chloe Morris, Caitlin Pretorius, Emily Kenny, Clara Wakonnig, Jade Arundell, Kate O'Malley, Julia Fogarty, Orla Williams, Lydia Boyd, Alison Potterton.

Batting award - Emily Kenny

Bowling award - Kate O'Malley

B squad: Sarah Dehaene, Lucy Pointer, Stephanie Toolis, Kelly Pointer, Lauren Burke, Cameron Crooks, Andi Maguire, Emma Smith, Sienna Macari, Clodagh Sheehy, Ava Wiseman, Olivia Tong, Sophie Thompson, Louise Watson, Jessica Darker, Grace Kim,

Batting award - Lauren Burke

Bowling award - Cameron Crooks

Coaches: Jean Atkinson, Alison Gill, Arthur Travers.



Hockey - Boys

SENIOR BOYS' 1ST XI

The season of 2012/13 was one that had its highs and its lows. After losing quite a few 6th years from the previous squad, this team was a complete re-build for us especially in defence. However, the boys who filled into these positions did an outstanding job and ended up being one of our major assets and strengths. They included Karl Goodwin, Ben Murphy, Michael Begley and Robbie Lloyd. They gave us the ability to move the ball quickly and give us many options to get the ball to

the forwards. Our goalkeeper Sean Butler was also a part of a defensive unit that improved tremendously as the season went on. Our midfield was one of skill, pace, patience and pure hard work, which helped us through very tough games during the season; this group consisted of Hugh Delaney, Karl Von Heimburg and Chris Cole, a very formidable unit. Our forward line was one whose work rate could not be outdone although it was where we lacked some fire-power; it was full of boys who had the speed and the right mind set to guide

us in the right direction and it showed as the season progressed as they got better with every game they played.

This group consisted of Adam Clayton, Nathan Davis, Gary Ruddock, Peter Bjoerk, Josh O'Neill and Nevan Jio.

Our last group was only in second and third year but showed a huge amount of potential for the future; they were given a shot at a few games to see what the pace of senior boys' hockey was like and what the speed of decision-making needed to be.

These boys were Conor Murphy, Keith Bell, Scott Le Roux and Dylan Corcoran, who all improved dramatically by the end of season and it was a huge pleasure to see it first hand.

Senior Boys' Hockey XI

Back: Mr Rixon-Fuller, Hugh Delaney, Michael Begley, Karl von Heimburg, Neil Boles, Gary Ruddock, Nevan Jio, Adam Clayton, Keith Bell, Conor Murphy, Mr. Michael Hall. **Seated:** Sean Butler, Ben Murphy, Christopher Cole, Karl Goodwin, Nathan Davis, Peter Bjoerk, Robbie Lloyd. **Front:** Scott LeRoux, Dylan Corcoran.



Highs and lows:

Two moments to look back on for this group of boys were firstly the lows - here as in every year, we had the Qualifiers for the All-Ireland competition which were held in Kilkenny - we played Newpark in our first game and beat them on penalty strokes after 3-3 draw and in the same day went on to the final of the qualifiers to play Kilkenny College.

We played unbelievable hockey against them, but unfortunately could not find the back of the net and capitalise on the great chances we had created for ourselves, losing 2-1. This moment was a big game-changer in our team, as it was the closest we had come to qualifying in the last 4 years and this affected some of the boys in a big way.

Secondly, the high for this team was for me all about performance and progression throughout the season and the boys showed this with a top performance against St. Killian's and St. Columba's. In these two games, the boys showed how they had truly started to form not only as a team, but as individuals and began to understand hockey not only from a technical point of view but also from a tactical one.

It was good to see we had achieved what we set out to do and that was to improve our performances as a team and individuals with every game we played.

Results vs:

Sutton Park	3-0	LOST
Villiers	3-2	LOST
High School	2-2	DREW
Newpark	2-0	LOST
St Killian's	3-4	WON
St Andrew's	2-1	LOST
High School	3-2	LOST
St Columba's	0-3	WON
Sandford Park	0-4	WON

Rowland Rixon-Fuller

JUNIOR BOY'S XI

After a partially successful campaign last year - reaching the Cup quarter-finals among other things - expectation was high for this year's Junior Hockey team.

Our Season was much delayed due to a rugby and senior hockey fixture pile-up, so it gave us the time to train longer and to grow stronger as a team. In November, the ever-reliable Mr. Tucker eventually got us 4 League games in successive weeks. Keeper David Carroll, defender David Sheil, winger Finn Harvey and centre midfielder Conor Murphy particularly shone during these games and throughout the season despite the results. Each match saw us go from strength to strength. The work rate from everyone was immense, and showed that we had a fighting spirit we had lacked from pre-season. Against League leaders Sutton Park, we surprised everyone by leading 2-0 at the break thanks to a Josh O'Neill brace.

Dave played a blinder, keeping out at least 3 certain goals with some incredible saves. Our goal(s) scorer then suffered a freak accident, breaking his collarbone midway through the second half, and despite Phillip Black and Conor Murphy scoring two more goals, we ended up drawing 4-4 in the final minutes with a last gasp short-corner.

We entered 2013 with renewed optimism and confidence as our team was willing to put in the work to acquire some well-earned results. The Junior Cup lay ahead and an extremely strong Wesley side was our opponent in the quarters but despite our sternest efforts, we were outplayed.

Apart from the results though, we had progressed remarkably from our frantic beginnings and could've done with another season to prove our worth.

Plenty of players had improved considerably from day one and were by the end of the season competing for Senior squad places. As Team Captain, I would like to thank and praise the squad for their hard work and dedication throughout the season, despite the results.

Squad: Nevan Jio (Captain), David Carroll (k), David Sheil, Finn Harvey, Charlie O'Halloran, Finbar Murphy, Darragh Macken, Conor Murphy, Phillip Black, Leslie Graham, Rowan Hamilton, Colin Bond, Josh O'Neill, Conor Murphy, Keith Bell, Scott Le Roux, Dylan Corcoran.

Nevan Jio, Captain

Minor A Boys' Hockey squad:

Dylan Corcoran, Matthew Bond, Sam Wrafter, David Boles, Keith Bell, Alex Power, Andrew Downey, David Carroll, Taran Crooks, Stuart Medcalf, Matthew Begley, John Keane, Austin Sweetnam, Scott Leroux.



U13 BOYS

The first week of a new school year is one of the most eagerly anticipated by all the U13 hockey coaches, as we welcome the 1st years to KH and introduce many of them to hockey for the first time. This year's form one was a very talented and athletic group, who performed well on both the rugby and hockey pitches throughout the season.

U13 A SQUAD

The U13 As got underway with a thrilling pre-season friendly away to High School. In an end-to-end game, KH were beaten 6-4, despite the best efforts of Sam Boland, who scored a hat-trick! Peter Kenny scored our other goal against a strong High School side. The As played a number of other friendlies against Wesley (lost 4-2) and Drogheda (won 2-0) before starting their league campaign away to St Killian's.

Colm Harris was selected captain of the team, and Calum Brown, David Shekleton and Ed Mahood made up a strong defensive unit. Zak Bursey scored the KH goal, but it wasn't enough to prevent a 3-1 loss. Further league defeats to Wesley (2-0) and High School (3-1) followed, and the As picked up their first point with a hard-fought 1-1 draw at home to Sutton Park. Felix Cambell was the man of the match, scoring the KH goal in the first half.

After Christmas, attention turned to the cup competition, and KH was handed a very tough draw against St Andrew's. The team performed heroically, particularly Conall Howley in goal, but even he couldn't prevent a 5-2 loss. Tom Cole and Sam Boland were scorers on the day.

A Squad: C. Harris (c), C. Howley, C. Mullen, C. Brown, E. Mahood, L. Ponsioen, E. O'Connor, E. Menton, T. Cole, S. Boland, Z. Bursey, P. Kenny, D. Shekleton, F. Cambell and I. Spillane.

U13 B SQUAD

The B squad provided good back-up for the As under the watchful eye of coach Barra McNicol. Captained by Ross Leitch, many of the B squad players progressed to the A squad during the season, including Ibai Spillane, Cathal Mullen, Felix Cambell and Tom Cole.

The season started with a 4-2 loss away to Wesley, despite the best efforts of Jonathan Doyle in goal. The Bs didn't have to wait long for their first win, a comprehensive 4-0 defeat of Drogheda Grammar. The highlight of this game was a fantastic hat-trick from Felix Cambell, with Ross Leitch scoring the fourth.

As the squad developed, Kyle Hourihan and Laith Alazawi formed a solid defensive partnership, while Jack Barber and Adam Bolton provided the creativity in midfield. Bolton, in particular, will count himself unlucky not to have played on the 'A' team, and is one to look out for next year.

Further losses to Sutton Park and Wesley meant a disappointing end to the campaign. However, there are high hopes for this bunch of players, and hopefully, they will learn from their experiences this season and challenge for the Minor B league title next year.

B Squad: R. Leitch (c), J. Doyle (gk), B. Eustace, K. Hourihan, L. Alazawi, K. Gilchrist, J. Barber, T. Angel, A. Bolton, C. Kyle, T. Raben, T. Doyle, G. Paton, D. Gilmartin, L. Lane Ponder, F. Cambell, C. Mullen.

C AND D SQUADS

The C and D squads were made up of players who were playing the game of hockey for the first time when they arrived in September. Many of them were keen to learn the basic skills and made good progress under Mr Andrew Pomeroy and Robin Kelly.

The C/D squads did not play too much competitive hockey, but the most important thing for most of these players was their development and understanding of a new sport. After losing a couple of games, the Cs put in their best performance of the season with a 5-0 defeat of Mount Temple. Tom Cole and Ian West scored 2 a piece, with Daniel Eiffe scoring the fifth. The midfield of Oisín Flood, Killian Smith and Christian Hickey dominated possession, creating numerous opportunities for the forwards.

C/D Squads: J. Doyle (gk), A. Akinola, A. Carroll, O. Collins, J. Connon, R. Dwyer, O. Evbodaghe, T. Gillick, J. Doherty, L. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, K. Smith, V. Prins, R. Glennon, D. Gray, D. Kelly, N. Henry, D. Kirwan, I. West, K. Ravi, T. Bello, C. Dunne, C. Hickey, A. Singh, F. Sharpe, B. Buick, L. Walsh, J. Courtney, D. Eiffe, L. Fitzpatrick, F. Davis, J. Downey, M. Kostya, F. Murray, C. O'Brien, D. Thornes, O. Flood, B. Ikiseh and R. Jain.

Hockey - Girls

SENIOR GIRLS' 1ST XI

To start off this year's report, I'll pose a question - "What does the singer/songwriter Jon Bon Jovi have in common with the Senior Girls' 1st XI coaches Mick McKinnon and Dean Maguire?"

The answer - Bon Jovi wrote and sang a song called "Keeping the Faith" and that's exactly what the latter two had to contend with during the year as they made changes to the squad and the playing system. It proved difficult for everyone, coaches and players alike, but thankfully we were proven correct

to do so. It's very important to mention at this point that our Captain and Vice-Captain - Niamh Williams and Aoife Quinn - played a vital role throughout the season in keeping the team together and focused through some tricky periods.

So what were these changes? Well, first in the coaching department Mick took over the reigns with Dean switching to more "backseat-driver" type role. It proved to be a comfortable partnership and I would foresee more of this as the way to progress, especially at the Senior levels.

At training sessions and during matches, the players were able to get a more comprehensive analysis with more than one coach being able to offer advice and provide guidance. That said, the players also had to get used to this new coaching system and they have provided a good framework for the future, with many of the current squad being from Forms 3 - 5.

The players were outstanding in their commitment to the system and it was all down to them over the course of the full season that we were able to believe in our

new approach to the game. Every single player not only bought in to how we wanted to play, but they also showed a desire and commitment to each other that was to be admired.

Senior Girls' Hockey XI

Back Row: Mr Dean Maguire, Michelle du Toit, Caitriona Murphy, Amy Edghill, Zoe Boles, Mr. Michael Hall, Kim Baker, Sally Farrell, Stephanie Quaid, Nadia Hourihan, Mr Mick McKinnon. **Front Row:** Katie Miller, Michelle Mullen, Sophie Moore, Niamh Williams, Aoife Quinn, Sophie Edghill, Natalie Beckett.



Some their play was outstanding – Sophie Edghill made opponents look like statues in her wake, Katie Miller was an impenetrable wall in goals and Kim Baker an ever-present threat upfront or in midfield as the case might be. All players cannot be mentioned here, but they all deserve the highest praise.

Towards the latter part of the season, they really started to play some good quality hockey and their belief in themselves really shone through. To highlight this fact, there was a certain Leinster Cup quarter-final against Alexandra – a team we had been comprehensively beaten by in seasons past – a 5 nil loss being the closest we had come in 3 years. To say this assignment was going to be tough was an understatement. Had we faced these opponents earlier in the year, I would have had serious concerns about the outcome. Not so now, and the team felt it too. Our support at the game was outstanding, as it has been previously and the parents continued their never-ending championing the KH cause and threw their weight behind the squad. After a somewhat nervy start, another test to our faith, the team settled. Although we lost the match 0-1, it proved that we had begun a journey this year and we are already very excited and positive about its continuation in the years ahead.

Dean Maguire

SENIOR 2ND XI

Another hockey season has come and gone and for the 6th years, it was the last time we would represent KH in hockey. Since we had no Saturday school, we took full advantage of this and we played some matches then. It was a tough season as we had to fight the weather. With frozen Astros both home and away, we had about 7 weeks of no matches.

We participated in the Leinster and Northside Leagues. Unfortunately, the Leinster League before Christmas was not for us, but we had the Northside competition to look forward to in February. Our first match was a 3-3 draw against St Joseph's in Lucan. We won our next match 3-0 and in the following match had a whopping 6-0 win. This was fantastic as we had made it to the final which was against St Wolstan's in Celbridge.

First half, we lead 1-0 and then by the last two minutes of the second half they scored, so 1-1. So we had to fight another 14 minutes. It still was 1-1 by the end, which meant that it had to go to flicks... everyone's worst nightmare. To our disappointment, we lost. It was such a close match it could have gone either way. It was an emotional ending for all of us especially the 6th years.

Girls' Hockey Senior 2nd XI squad:

Becca Teevan, Emma Conlon, Jacqui Mernagh, Joline Kern, Emma Leitch, Philippa Peters, Rachel O'Neil, Andrea Bennett, Mickaela Bursey, Benita Hickson, Victoria Houldsworth

Michaela Bursey

JUNIOR A

The Junior A team began the season slowly, with a few heavy losses to the likes of St Gerard's and Alexandra College, but they quickly began to improve and learned to apply tactics very effectively.

Soon, the team was only losing by a goal or two to some of Dublin's top teams. They were knocked out of the Leinster Cup in the first round against Alexandra, and did not make it through the group stages of the Leinster League.

Captain Charlotte Bagnall led her team very well and brought them to the Northside League with a very real chance of winning the cup. Though clearly the best team in the competition, unfortunately they struggled to score goals and it came down to one-on-one penalties.

Goalkeeper Lynn Beattie did admirably, but KH ended up in third place. Stand-out players of the season were forward Sally Campbell, midfielder Hannah Jendoubi and defender Stephanie Quaid.

Girls' Hockey Junior A squad:

Laura Bennett, Sally Farrell, Kelly Rossiter, Lauren Digby, Niamh Delaney, Eva McLoughlin, Georgia McKnight, Rosslyn Hendy, Maya Madhavan, Lynn Beattie, Leanne Brosnan, Emma Hall, Charlotte Bagnall, Stephanie Quaid, Hana Jendoubi, Nessa Spillane.

Isobel Joyce

JUNIOR B

The Junior Bs consisted of a squad of eighteen players, so as much as possible we tried to give all the players as many games as we could. It was a rare occasion to have the same eleven on the pitch two weeks in a row.

Many played in positions that they would not normally have previously tried, making them quite versatile, while finding that they really enjoyed the experience of playing a new position with a different role on the pitch.

We played a total of five league matches, winning just two but with a number of close-fought games. Together with playing competitively, fun and enjoyment was an important aspect of the squad's attitude and this was very much in evidence as all the girls learned new skills and developed their hockey while at the same time enjoying the fun side of the sport.

Girls' Hockey Junior B squad:

Emily Cole, Emma Hannigan, Kate Heywood, Kate Freeman, Shauna Baron, Orla Kitching, Clarabelle Murphy, Clara Evans, Keeva Kerr, Robyn Condron, Holly Clements, Emer King, Nessa Boland, Emma Bagnall, Maya Madhavan, Carrie McMullan, Maura Russell, Georgia McKnight, Eva McLoughlin, Rosslyn Hendy.

Dot Rolston

MINOR A XI

The Minor As showed great progress during the season, coming very close to League success before ending the season on a high in the Northside League.

With competition for places a constant theme, the early season saw a number of players used. There was definite strength in depth with the group and each game would see a different player to the fore. The first league game came against St Gerard's Bray, a school that has invested greatly in hockey this year. The game was confirmation of the

girls' improvement as they matched Gerard's all the way. A Robyn Harris goal with 6 minutes to go gave hope of a breakthrough victory, until the hosts grabbed an equaliser with a minute to go. The disappointment of letting the win slip through their fingers, however, was tempered by a delivery of hot soup from a local café, ordered by the coaches who had been expecting horrible weather and maybe a horrible result and got neither! A couple of victories followed, including a morale boosting win over Wesley in a friendly game. After three of our five league games, the team was unbeaten, then

unfortunately on an away trip to St Killian's, they suffered their first slip-up. Sometimes your performance doesn't get the result it deserves, and despite dominating the game, the team lost 1-0.

A strength of the team, however, was demonstrated when midfielder Sophie Moore left this game and headed to St Columba's where she subbed for the KH Senior team in their Cup win.

Moore went on to become a regular in the Seniors despite only being second year and was the team's most consistent player.

Danielle O'Leary was another with immense potential, and there was significant and noted improvements from the likes of Ray Lawless, Anna Potterton and Mercedes Lawson Whyte.

Minor Girls' A Hockey XI

Back: Mr Dean Maguire, Rhianne Gavigan, Ava Acheson, Jane Kenny, Pippa Hendy, Alli Murphy, Robyn Harris, Mr Mick McKinnon. **Seated:** Lisa Quinn, Saskia Shilling, Kathy Baker, Ray Lawless, Isabelle Power, Sophie Moore, Carla Ponsioen
Front: Rachel Charters, Mercedes Lawson Whyte, Danielle O'Leary, Lucy Sherry.



KH went into the final league game against Alex needing to win to go through. Unfortunately, they could only manage a draw, a result in which we may have rejoiced in years gone by, but these girls are raising expectations.

This left KH to concentrate on the cup and a second round draw against Wesley (as if we don't play them enough)! It was another classic game, with Wesley grabbing the winner with 3 minutes to go, KH going down 2-1. It was a shame for the girls but rather than let their heads drop, they picked themselves up and set their sights on the Northside League.

By now, first year keeper Jade Arundell had forced her way into the team, and players such as Carla Ponsioen, Kathy Baker, Jane Kenny and Isobel Power were starting to come to the fore.

Wins in their first three games secured progress to the final with a game to spare, which was fortunate as the final pool game was the girl's worst performance of the season. A 2-0 defeat at Santa Sabina meant that if the girls were to win the competition, they would have to defeat the very same opposition a week later.

The final, however, allowed the girls a chance to redeem themselves and the scoreline was reversed, thanks to goals from O'Leary and Moore, putting the icing on a season that gives great hope for the future.

Mick McKinnon

MINOR B

While the results for this team were rather mixed, a very dedicated bunch of girls turned out in all weathers. Our league campaign got off to a slow start and narrow defeats by Mount Sackville and Mount Temple sealed our fate early in this competition.

Strong performances in goal by Aisling Duruibe and the ever-present Rhianne Gavigan and Alli Murphy in the back line kept us challenging in matches right to the end. Saskia Shilling was always menacing up front and her 'never say die' attitude yielded vital goals. The captain Lucy Sherry developed her skills significantly and was quick to turn defence into attack at every opportunity.

I think it is fair to say that, despite disappointing competition results, this group has developed well and it is heartening to see most are now turning out at Junior level this year.

Squad: Aisling Duruibe, Rhianne Gavigan, Kate Forbes, Alli Murphy, Katie Condren, Laura Fitzpatrick, Lucy Sherry(capt) Carla Ponsioen, Saskia Shilling, Rachel Charters, Demi Kadeba, Ruth Walsh, Anna Donnelly-Jackson

Norma Clarke

1ST YEARS

With results of lesser importance than development, the newest hockey players in the school managed to combine both.

It was apparent from early on that there was some serious potential in this year group, none more so than in a gang of goalkeepers, three of whom were A team standard. Jade Arundell, Aoife Sweeney and Julia Fogarty, or "Team GK" as they were known, impressed everyone with their training ethic and it was a massive boost to the team knowing that we could call on any one of them.

The team itself was full of talent, led by Caitlin Pretorius who with very limited hockey experience took to it like a duck to water and has the potential and work ethic to be something special. She wasn't alone, however, as Kate O'Malley and Orla Williams also shone.

Throughout the team, there was a lovely mix of talent and potential. The season saw the likes of Chloe Morris and Kelly Pointer develop from prospects into key players. Another to shine was Lydia Boyd who has skills to burn and started to believe in herself as the season went on.

Louise Watson, Katie McNellis, Fiona Gillis and Emily Kenny were the other mainstays and all showed they have the potential to become top players.

All in all, it was a very exciting season and we look forward to seeing how the girls progress in the future.

Mick McKinnon

Rugby

SENIOR 1ST XV

The season was a real up and down affair, with injuries to key players at critical moments really affecting the continuity of the squad. Pre-season camp in the south of France set us up well; good weather and all facilities on site meant we got through a huge amount of work in the space of a week and really bonded the team. Our first match was a home tie with Crescent College and a really strong first half put us 10-0

up at half time up; however, silly mistakes cost us and the game finished 12-10 to the Limerick visitors. A good win against Bangor Grammar School set us up nicely for a local derby against Castleknock. This was to be one of the highlights of the season with an all-round and hugely physical performance giving us the win.

Our league campaign started with a close loss to CBC, a disappointing result but the losing bonus point gave us some consolation

and the side bounced back with a win over St Andrew's and a four-try bonus point win over CUS. We were now in a strong position to qualify for the Senior Cup.

Next up was a trip to Kilkenny, although we came away defeated a losing bonus point secured a top four league finish and Cup qualification. The last game was an away trip to Gonzaga, with KH needing a four-try bonus point win to earn the League runner-up spot.

Senior Rugby 1st XV

Back: Mr. Matt Jarvis, Thomas O'Sullivan, Josh Dowds, Eamon Walsh, Conor Kenny, Mr. Michael Hall, Tassilo Herberstein, Monty Akpan, Georgy Mamulashvili, Kevin McMillan, Mr. Dan Van Zyl.

Seated: Leo Morgan, Conor Spillane, Ian Fitzpatrick, Ntinga Mpiko, David Duffy, Graham Reynolds, Alex Moore, Eoin Ryan, Daniel Abels.

Front: Semi Olusa, Calvin Wright, Matthew Bursery, Conor Kerr, Jonathan Molloy, Rolus Olusa.





Leo Morgan lining up the conversion

The match was a hugely exciting affair with end-to-end rugby with us scoring four tries but Gonzaga coming back to take the win.

This result left us in 4th place and looking at an away quarter-final to an unbeaten Roscrea. The trip to Roscrea is always a hard one and this proved no exception with us succumbing to a physical performance from the home side. With our focus now set on the senior cup tie with Newbridge, the post-league friendlies went well, with a close loss to St Mary's, a win over Armagh Royal and a loss to Blackrock.

The cup day came with a gale force wind stifling any attempt at running rugby. Playing with the wind in the first half, Newbridge put us under pressure and pinned us down in our own half. We conceded twice and some poor decision-making meant we missed our only real chance of the half and went into half time 12-0 down.

The wind was always going to play a big part in the match and we felt it was worth at least two scores. However, the weather didn't play ball and lighter winds were replaced by torrential rain, making handling difficult. Although lessened, the wind was still in our favour but we failed to really use it - despite crossing the line from a well worked lineout, we never put Newbridge under the pressure that we should have and came out second best on the day.

Although it was an up-and-down season, the amount of effort most of the players put in was exceptional and a lot of credit should go to the way they represented the School both on and off the pitch.

The highlights of the season would be the win over Castleknock and Leinster caps at U-18 level for Graham Reynolds and Ntinga Mipko and U-19 Leinster and Ireland caps for Ian Fitzpatrick (pictured right).

Matt Jarvis



JCT XV

The group of young men who appeared out to training in early September 2012 were brim full of enthusiasm, commitment and not a little skill.

Early skirmishes in the season gave cause for optimism, such as games versus the High School which we won 71–17 on a scorching hot day, and later an equally impressive 94–17 win against a team from Bangor. But these games were to do us no favours in the long run and proved inadequate preparation for the tough league campaign which began in October. We hosted CBC Monkstown in what would become one of the pivotal games in our season.

The September performances had wrought out a winning streak in the group's collective mind-set, but the fragility of same was proven when in the space of 10 minutes in what should have been a close-run thing, the initiative was gifted to the opposition and CBC secured the win and dealt our season a blow from which the players reeled and never really recovered.

Leading 9–5 at half time thanks to Dan Courtney's boot, we opened the second period with a try from Finian Shilling who just kept his balance to stay in-field as he scampered down the touchline scoring near the corner. With the rain came the change in our fortunes. Monkstown muscled over

for a try following a line-out which they converted leaving it 14–12 to the home team. Then from the ensuing play, a wayward pass in mid-field presented the opposition centre with an interception and race to the line, leaving the scoreboard 19–14 with eight minutes left. It was then the side needed cool heads and composure, but instead gave away a penalty which allowed CBC a line-out in our 22. To their credit they put together the move of the game and scored a great try rendering the 26–14 scoreline a poor reflection of the game, but a reminder of how one must take one's scoring opportunities when they chance by. That game really unhinged the squad.

As can happen in sport, the doubts crept in about just how good the group really was. Players began to drift in and out of training, mentally and bodily! The 'prince of team games' as it is, rugby can be very unforgiving and the unsettling of the side by experimentation at selection further challenged players.

JCT Rugby XV

Back: Mr. Ray McIlreavy, David Sheill, Adam Wheeler, Conor Murphy, Ed Gilmartin, Finian Shilling, Tom Doyle, Ono Lememen, Jordan Whyte, Paul McCullagh. **Seated:** Andy Gibson, Luke O'Malley, Aaron Reddington, David Gahan, Simon Boland, Daniel Courtney, Craig Nicholson, Fergal O'Boy, Daniel Corr. **Front:** Ross Burke, Ben Pfeiffer, Mark Moore, Liam Morgan.



Already the stand-out players were delivering stand-out performances: Finian Shilling, Paul McCullagh, Simon Boland and Sam Charman made big impressions on and off the ball and OJ caused problems for opponents in the scrum and whenever he got the ball. Craig Nicholson, Conor Murphy, Jordan Whyte and Liam Morgan were players capable of big impact plays. Andy Gibson, Ed Gilmartin, Dan Corr, Fergal O'Boy and Devin Quinn fought out a battle for the wing positions while the appointment of David Gahan and Dan Courtney at times to centre, full-back and out-half played itself out up to Christmas.

The late November trip to Newbridge - never an easy place to win - proved very frustrating. Again, a short period of poor defending where we left huge expanses of the field unmarked, gave the very speedy opposition backline the scope to demonstrate its pace and score three tries in quick succession, effectively killing off the game as a contest. Despite Conor's fine score and some very good distribution from Dan, we failed to finish off some of our best movements of the season and were soundly beaten.

Notwithstanding the emphatic win over St. Andrew's, our league campaign was over and we could concentrate our efforts on preparing for the cup. A good game away to Clongowes Wood College in which we were defeated, but played with great spirit raising our game to take on one of the 'big' teams, followed by a second victory over CUS 17-3 at home saw the battle for

the scrum-half berth intensify with Mark Moore, Aaron Reddington and Ben Pfeiffer vying for the No.9 shirt. In many ways, the cussed nature of trying to select from those three boys epitomised the difficulty this squad seemed to have throughout the season: very good at certain things, (recently practised in training), but poor at bringing all aspects of the complete game together.

All too quickly and mid-Mock exams, the cup match versus another of the 'big' schools, St. Mary's, came round in February. Heavy underfoot after the torrential rain of late January, not even the wind tunnel that is Lakelands Park, Terenure, could dry up the turf. This was to be a very rewarding day in spite of the defeat. This day the team really performed in spite of the adversity afforded by Conor Murphy's early departure from the field. That his withdrawal was not as devastating as I felt it would be was down to two things: firstly, the team seemed to come of age and realise that in order to make up for such a loss it would have to close ranks and really perform well; and secondly, that in Ross Bourke we had a replacement who stood up tall on the big occasion and had a great game.

Again, Courtney showed his skill both for the pass to put Andy Gibson away for the score and for the unconventional chip ahead on the edge of the 22 which oh-so-nearly bounced into Paul's arms and would have set up a grandstand finish. Tom Doyle and Adam Wheeler came on with everything to prove and went about



Craig Nicholson (right) in action

doing just that and in the latter minutes when our line was under siege a break-out was still possible. But St. Mary's played down the clock winning the game by a score.

End-of-season plate games against firstly Kilkenny and subsequently St. Patrick's Navan provided interesting insights. The former match pitted us against the old enemy, a side we had beaten comprehensively earlier in the season. This time out the margin was much finer, a 12-3 victory hard won and testimony to the qualities the midlands side brought out in our lads. We defended really well that day and deserved the win on the tackle count alone. But the last game of the season in Navan saw us take on a team which has played together since mini-rugby days, was up for the game having been beaten in the cup by Clongowes and which was to out-physical our lads on the day.

Not the hard working David Sheill nor the rangy but athletic Faolan Brazil nor Luke O'Malley who proved to have great guile all season could withstand the Meath side's hunger for victory.

The JCT of 2013 is a squad filled with character, a lot of skill and a passion for the game which is really, really commendable. What they lack is the mature discipline to really add to their game. There have been many KH teams who have enjoyed better seasons than the one these boys enjoyed having a lot less skill, but a greater sense of what it means to be part of a team. Those players (named as well as those I have omitted have been a pleasure and privilege to coach this past season) need to make greater demands of themselves as individuals and as a group in terms of their responsibility to themselves as a team.

Ray McIlreavy

UNDER 14 RUGBY

After a disappointing run of results in their first year of rugby at The Kings Hospital, this squad of players needed a morale boost. The 2012/2013 season got off to a flying start with the A squad winning their first three matches against Newbridge, Bangor and CBC Monkstown. Even though the B squad won just one of its first three matches, both teams showed good handling skills and a huge amount of potential for the year ahead. The next few weeks continued on a positive note with good wins for both teams against CUS and Wesley at home.

Confidence was high but we were all aware of the threat posed by Gonzaga, who both teams faced in the seventh game of the season. The A squad was on the losing side of a 33-29 thriller on a pitch that had seen better days. Not far away, the Bs were denied victory by a late penalty to the home team in the dying minutes of the game. This was another cracker that finished 17-15 to Gonzaga.

Two defeats away to Kilkenny was not what we needed heading into an away fixture against Blackrock in December. The As faced a very strong Blackrock side, who were putting 60 or 70 points on all the top schools in Dublin. Despite losing the game 55-7, we were able to take a lot of positives from our performance. The Bs on the other hand had an impressive 24-0 win over a Blackrock B/C team.

Our final fixture before the Christmas break saw both teams victorious against Clongowes. It was a fitting end to a period in which we played eleven matches.

The New Year turned out to be a very enjoyable one for the B squad as a good run of results in the league before Christmas and a 39-0 victory over High School in February saw them reach the final of the league. Their opponents were Gonzaga and the venue was Wesley. Huge support in the form of pupils and parents turned out to see the boys demolish their opposition by 39 points. Scott Le Roux accepted the plaque on behalf of a squad of players that showed outstanding defensive qualities and a constant threat

in attack throughout the game. All players improved hugely as the year progressed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all players for their huge efforts both in training and matches.

I would also like to thank my fellow coaches, Mr David Plummer and Mr Josh Hinde for their hard work and commitment in what was a truly enjoyable season.

U-14 A Rugby squad:

Clinton Wokocha, Sean Conway, Casey Jenkins, David Boles, Harry McKeon Silke, Alex Power, Oscar Campbell, Sean Goodburn, Sam Wrafter, Daniel Sibanda, Rhys Edghill, Dylan Corcoran, Zach Hinde, Ross Hackett, Alan Bennett, David Byrne, David Carroll.

Oliver Malone

U-14 B Rugby squad: Back Row: Mr Gus Jacobs, Alex Henry, Andrew Downey, Joshua Ofem, Killian O'Doherty, Jack Lane, Ríoghán Ronan-Gilsenan, Oscar Campbell, Fiach Conlon, Mr Keagan Walder.
Middle Row: Jack Donnelly, Sean Goodburn, Sean Conway, Scott Le Roux, Clinton Wokocha, Alex Corscadden, Fergus Ogden. **Front Row:** John Keane, Graham Johnson, Matthew Begley, Alex Mejaieas, Matthew Bond, Andrew Irwin.



1ST YEAR RUGBY

The new students at The Kings Hospital were introduced to rugby just a day after starting in the school and followed this up with twice weekly sessions being run that involved a lot of skill-related exercises and rugby-specific training drills. From a results point of view, the season was the most impressive in many years, with the 'A' team winning all but one of its games throughout the year. This included games against strong rugby schools like Terenure, Newbridge, Kilkenny, St Andrew's, High School, Wesley, CUS and Gonzaga. Their one loss came against visiting English school Dulwich College. In March, after a series of closely fought games, the team progressed to the league final at Wesley College where they beat St Gerard's comprehensively, 29-5. To finish the season, the school got a late invite to partake at the Terenure U-13 European Youth rugby festival which included overseas teams like Stade Toulousain and London Wasps. The school had a famous win against Toulouse in the semi-finals before losing to Terenure in the final. A very productive and worthwhile two days for the boys involved.

Many thanks to all the coaches (Rev. Campion, Ken Mulryan, Niall Mahon, gap students and brothers Henry and Gus Jacobs from Australia and Keegan Walder from Zimbabwe) who trained the boys each week and also accompanied them on match days. Under their guidance, a lot of progress was made over the seven-month period.

Brian O'Rourke

Equestrian

By Rebekah Forster

Our equestrian team this year made great progress, advancing from the novice classes into the highly competitive open classes. The team, consisting of Rebekah Forster, Ellen Forster, Jane Kenny and Timmy Love (Emma Smith being first reserve), actively participated in many competitions across the country.

Most times out they qualified for the jump-off, positioning them in the top 10. One of their most notable achievements was finishing 4th in Killossery Lodge, with Ellen Forster coming 1st individually.



IRISH INDOOR ROW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rowing

While there was no competitive rowing on the river during the 2012-13 season, many students continued to pursue the sport as a leisure activity by using the facilities at Municipal Rowing Club near Islandbridge. This involvement laid a good foundation for expanding the participation next year and a return to competitive action is the goal.



Many students did participate in the National Indoor Rowing Championships, which were held in the University of Limerick in March 2013, with great success (see results below).

Finian Shilling	Row	1st U-15 (set-time) & 1st U-15 (500m Sprint) & 1st (4th Year Relay)
Jonathan Doyle	Row	3rd U-13 (set-time) & 3rd U-14 (500m Sprint)
Conor Murphy	Row	3rd U-15 (500m Sprint) & 1st (3rd Year Relay)
Tom Doyle	Row	1st (3rd Year Relay)
Aaron Reddington	Row	1st (3rd Year Relay)
Taran Crooks	Row	1st (3rd Year Relay)
Fionn O'Neill	Row	1st (4th Year Relay)
Rolus Olusa	Row	1st (4th Year Relay)
Arthur Greene	Row	1st (4th Year Relay)

Many thanks go to Billy King and Municipal Rowing Club for their hospitality and assistance throughout the year and to Rob Forde who coached enthusiastically and most effectively.

John Huggard

Soccer - Senior Boys

Soccer proved very popular during the summer term, with large numbers turning out for training, particularly from 6 students. A slightly longer term than usual, the seniors got the opportunity to play five matches, winning 2, losing 2 and drawing 1. Dundalk were the visitors to KH in April, and in an exciting game, KH ran out 4-2 winners.

The outstanding player in 6th year, Shariq Khan, opened the scoring, while Matthew

Sheehy, Eamon Walsh and Aurel von Roedern were the other scorers on the day.

Our next game, at home to Drogheda, resulted in a 1-1 draw. The visitors took the lead, but 2nd half substitute James O'Flynn popped up with a deserved equaliser. Drogheda proved to be even stiffer opposition in the return fixture, winning 2-0, despite the best efforts of Peter Boyle in goal, and Karl Goodwin, who fought tirelessly in midfield. The season finished off with a double header, the 5th years

playing at home to Sutton Park, while the 6th years had a real treat, as they travelled to take on Dundalk, at Oriel Park, the home of League of Ireland club Dundalk FC.

Playing in a proper stadium, on a full pitch was a little overwhelming in the beginning, but as the game wore on, the KH players got used to their surroundings and enjoyed the experience, despite the 5-2 loss. The 5th years had a comfortable win over Sutton, with skipper Adam Clayton scoring a hat-trick.

Thanks to Mr Mulryan, Mr Cunningham and Mr O'Donoghue for their coaching and refereeing expertise throughout the term.

Derek Tucker

Senior Boys' Soccer XI

Back Row: Mr. Derek Tucker, Richie Akpan, James O'Flynn, Conor Kenny, Tassilo Herberstein, Carlos Isern, Gazza Ruddock, Semi Olusa. **Front Row:** Adam Clayton, Shariq Khan, Peter Boyle, Nathan Griffin, Chris Cole.



Soccer - Senior Girls

The Senior Girls' soccer season got off to a great start with a record high number of girls turning out to the first training session, the minority with lots of experience on the football pitch and others who had never played the game before.

The season was quite short and we had four games to fulfil in that period. Our first game was a home tie against Dundalk Grammar School. With positions, rules and the basics of football being a new phenomenon to many, there wasn't a whole lot of expectation

from this fixture. We conceded a goal within the first ten minutes, however spirits didn't drop. Hard work and perseverance from the whole team saw us claw back into the game to take it to 1-1 at half-time. A strike in off the post from outside the box by Esti Gorostegui Sendino early in the second half took us into the lead which we held for the remainder of the game. Our second fixture was another home game against Drogheda Grammar School. They were a much more organised side who played all year round. Despite losing the game 3-1, we took a lot of

positives from the game and were ready for the next match. Our first away game - against Drogheda - was played in cold and wet conditions on the school's astro-turf pitch. Two weeks had passed since the loss at home to Drogheda and we knew it was going to be a tough game. A goal after 15 minutes from Holly Pitt put us in the lead. An impressive defensive display which lasted 45 minutes frustrated the opposition and we ran out 1-0 winners. Our last fixture away to Dundalk ended with another 1-0 win for us thanks to a goal from Claudia Ballester Manresa.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players involved for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the summer term. I would also like to thank my fellow coach, Mr Damien Gilsenan, for his hard work and knowledge of the game.

Oliver Malone

Back Row: Mr. Oliver Malone, Nagore Urdangarin, Carla Agullo, Elyse Gould, Holly Pitt, Niamh Ni Mhaonaigh, Claudia Ballester, Jordan Walsh, Teresa Rodriguez, Mr. Damian Gilsenan. **Front Row:** Rebekah Roe, Rebecca King, Alejandra Ortiz, Esti Gorostegui, Emmerance Blondel De Joigny, Carmen Canellas, Judit Tobena.



Swimming

It has been another good year for swimming at The King's Hospital. Jessica Burke (form 1) had some spectacular swims during the year. She medalled consistently in Leinster and Irish events and represented the school at the Leinster Schools Championships.

Together with her sister Rebecca (form 3) and two other Team TSC teammates, they took the bronze medal in the Ladies 4 X 200 Freestyle Team relay at the Leinster Championships. Jessica ended the season by qualifying for inclusion in the National Youth High Performance squad. We will watch her swimming career with interest. Rebecca was concentrating on her Junior Cert this year so was less involved in swimming than previously.

Cian Galvin (form 6, pictured) also had a number of significant successes this year and managed to continue swimming at a high level while studying for his Leaving Cert. His medal tally included two silver medals at the Leinster Schools Swimming Championships. Based on these swims, Cian was selected to represent Leinster and

The King's Hospital in the inaugural Irish Schools Interprovincial Championships. This event was held in May and he swam the Senior Boys 100m Freestyle and the 100m Butterfly. In a very exciting event, Leinster was narrowly beaten by Ulster for the top position. Interestingly, the coach to the Leinster Senior Boys' team on the day was past-pupil Sandra Cole.

During his six years at KH, he has represented the school in every Leinster and Irish Schools Swimming event. He was twice Leinster Champion, once at Intermediate level and once at Senior Level, winning the Gold Medal in the 100m butterfly in both cases.

He also won four Leinster Schools silver medals, a silver medal in the Senior Boys' Irish Schools Championships and, as mentioned above, represented Leinster and the school at the Inaugural Irish Schools' Swimming Interprovincial. Cian was also the School Swimming Champion 2009-12.

Dymphna Morris



Tennis - Girls

Our strength this year was our Junior squad. Numbers were unusually low in this age group so with only one team, we were allowed to enter the Leinster 'C' division. Our decision paid off and we went all the way to the final against Santa Sabina.

School Championships were tightly fought. First Year Championships were a new addition, highlighting the interest and talent among the girls. Our Mixed Championships were held on Open Day with great success. We had a great panel of coaches this year - Hilda Smith, Cara Sothern, Cara Precious, Amy McGinn, Jenny Wilson, Jane Salter and our professional coach Kristine.

SENIOR GIRLS

A good mix of Form 4, 5 and 6 played on the Senior teams. The Senior As played Alexandra College and Loreto Foxrock. The Senior Bs were all Transition Year students, winning well against Loreto Foxrock. Zoe and Stephanie kept up their winning streak against High School.

Senior A - Natalie Beckett, Leo Schmidt, Amy Edghill, Holly Pitt, Aoife Brennan, Eleanor O'Flynn.

Senior B - Antonia Pieper, Teresa Torres, Zoe Boles, Stephanie Quaid, Sophie Edghill, Lauren Davis.

Senior Girls' Tennis Team

Second Row: Ms. Jane Salter, Aoife Brennan, Leo Schmidt, Antonie Pieper. **First Row:** Teresa Torres, Natalie Beckett, Holly Pitt.



JUNIOR GIRLS

The girls started off the season well, with a win against St Andrew's 2-1, following it with a clear win against Loreto Dalkey. Due to Loreto Foxrock pulling out of the league, the team advanced to the semi-finals and beat St Killian's in UCD. The final was held in Landsdowne LTC, with KH losing out to an excellent Santa Sabina side.

Junior A - Niamh Delaney, Sally Farrell, Nessa Boland, Rosslyn Hendy, Lauren Digby, Kelly Rossiter, Orla Kitching.

MINOR GIRLS

The girls played with enthusiasm and did their best in the matches they played. The Minor As played Woodlands, Wesley and Mount Sackville. The Minor Bs played Loreto, Beaufort, Colaiste Iosagain and Wesley. The girls came a long way over the course of the term, improving with every match they played. They showed that you don't need to win to have fun. The girls were always eager to play and learn. It was a pleasure to coach such a lovely bunch. We definitely have a solid foundation for next year.

Minor A - Sophie Moore, Blanca Lopez Linares, Anna Potterton, Ray Lawless, Danielle O'Leary, Kathy Baker

Minor B - Julia Fogarty, Clara Wakonigg, Katie McNeilis, Kate O'Malley, Fiona Gillis, Orla Williams

Jane Salter

GIRLS' SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR	Singles	Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Winner(s)	Teresa Torres	Natalie Beckett & Aoife Brennan	Cathal Core & Natalie Beckett
Runner-up(s)	Amy Edghill	Lauren Digby & Sophie Edghill	Amy Edghill & Georgy Mamulashvili

JUNIOR	Singles	Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Winner(s)	Rosslyn Hendy	Niamh Delaney & Sally Farrell	Emily Cole & Ed Gilmartin
Runner-up(s)	Niamh Delaney	Kelly Rossiter & Neasa Boland	Niamh Delaney & Simon Boland

MINOR	Singles	Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Winner(s)	Sophie Moore	Sophie Moore & Anna Potterton	Alex Power & Lucy Sherry
Runner-up(s)	Danielle O'Leary	Danielle O'Leary & Kathy Baker	Scott le Roux & Anna Potterton

1ST YEAR GIRLS	Singles	Doubles	
Winner(s)	Katie McNelis	Katie McNeilis & Lucy Pointer	
Runner-up(s)	Orla Williams	Orla Williams & Kelly Pointer	

Tennis - Boys

A very busy season was had by all of those involved in tennis. A large number of students took part in Boys' tennis, particularly at Minor Level, and as a result the courts were packed every day.

Three teams were entered in the Leinster Schoolboys' League and all players, from Seniors to Minors, displayed great effort and dedication throughout the season.

SENIOR

The Senior Team was drawn in a tough group again this season meeting Clonkeen, Terenure and Colaiste Eoin. Unfortunately, it just wasn't meant to be this year and they failed to make it out of their section.

Senior Boys' Tennis

Back: Joshua Arundell, Baptiste Francois Martin, Roger Berkeley, Harrison Mahood Pitt, Jack Perry.

Front: Carlos Isern, Ryan Power, Lewim Brumm.

JUNIOR

Our Junior team also found itself in a challenging group this year and enjoyed mixed results against teams such as Castleknock, St. Andrews and Colaiste Eoin. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to progress further in the competition.

Junior Team: S.Boland, A.Power, S. Medcalf, P.Sanchez, S. Goodburn, R.Bourke, C.O'Halloran, A. Bennett.

MINOR

Our Minor team had a very successful season and enjoyed a winning streak right up to the Semi-Final. Sadly, it wasn't to be ours this year and Dublin Oak Academy beat us in the final at Lansdowne LTC. This team shows great promise for the future.

Minor Team: A.Singh, P.Kenny, D.Gilmartin, A.Mejias, N.Knight, C.Harris, R.Leitch, D.Kelly, E.Menton.

As always, a number of KH exciting internal tournaments took place over the term. The winners were as follows:

SENIOR

Singles: C.Isern

Doubles: G.Mamulashvili & A.Edghill

Mixed Doubles: C.Corr & N.Beckett

JUNIOR

Singles: A.Power

Doubles: A.Power & H.McKeon-Silke

Mixed Doubles: E.Gilmartin & E.Cole

MINOR

Singles: A.Singh

Doubles: D.Kelly & T.Cole

Mixed Doubles: A.Power & L.Sherry

Luck was on our side again this year with the weather, as the rain just about held off for another successful Parent-Teacher-Pupil Tournament. There was a good turn-out with 10 doubles partnerships battling it out on the day, resulting in Charlie O'Halloran and Canon Champion and Andrew Kenny and gap student Gus Jacobs meeting in an exciting final. Andrew and Gus enjoyed victory this year. Thank you to all who made the evening a success!

Coaches: A. Fitzgerald, C. Murphy, A. Fleming

Amy Fitzgerald



Annual Sports Awards

The 7th Annual Sports Awards Evening took place on Thursday 3rd October 2013 in the Wilson Wright Hall. The awards were presented by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr William Maxwell, assisted by the Deputy Chairman, Mr Jonny Moore.

The Hall of Fame recipient and Guest Speaker for the night was Dr Emmet Byrne, a past pupil of The King's Hospital, who played over a hundred times for Leinster at prop-forward and also won eight full international caps with the Ireland rugby team. Mr John Rafter, the acting headmaster, replied to Dr Byrne, and both

Mr John Aiken and Andrew Deacon assisted with the presentation of awards. Mr John Huggard, Assistant-Head, Extra-Curricular Matters, compered the evening. Awards were presented to pupils for the individual and team achievements over the previous year, both inside and outside the school.

The scale and range of the achievements is a testimony to not just the talent and skill of the pupils, but also to their commitment and enthusiasm. The blue riband awards of the evening went to Ian Fitzpatrick (Hall-Cooper Cup for Sportsmanship) and Caro Lloyd (Whiteside Trophy for Sportsmanship), *(pictured below with Emmet Byrne)*

for their respective outstanding sporting achievements, their very positive example to others and their marked contribution to the sporting life of The King's Hospital.

Ian was captain of the Senior 1st XV in Rugby, and having won Leinster and Ireland U-18 caps, went on to emulate the achievement at U-19 level.

Caro played a massive role on the school Senior (U-19) Basketball team, as well as being selected on the Irish Ladies U-18 team which played matches in Denmark and Scotland.

HALL OF FAME

Emmet Byrne (KH 1986 - 1991)

Emmett attended The King's Hospital from 1986 - 1991 and played on the SCT rugby team for three years. He played club rugby with Wanderers, St. Mary's College and Blackrock College.



A professional player from 1995 to 2006, he enjoyed an excellent career with Leinster, earning 100 caps for the province during that time, including 40 Heineken Cup appearances. Considered one of the finest prop forwards of his generation, he went on to win nine caps for Ireland and represented Ireland 'A' four times. Since retiring in 2006, Emmett has qualified as a doctor and now works in that profession, as well as acting as a rugby pundit for Setanta Sports and Newstalk Radio.



Outstanding Sporting Achievements

ATHLETICS

Sophie Courtney

1st Junior Leinster Indoor 1500m

Rolus Olusa

1st Triple Jump and 400m Hurdles in Intermediate West Leinsters and 1st Triple Jump in U-18 Dublin Club Championships

BASKETBALL

Senior Boys U-19

Winners of Leinster League Senior Plate

Caro Lloyd

Represented Ireland U-18 Girls

CRICKET

Chloe Morris

Represented Leinster U-13 Girls

Daire O'Neill

Represented Leinster U-17 Boys

EQUESTRIAN

Elizabeth Hayden

Represented Ireland on Junior (U-18) Team and European Junior Championship in France

GIRLS' HOCKEY

Minor A XI

Won Northside League

ROWING

3rd Year Relay Team

Won National Indoor Championship

4th Year Relay Team

Won National Indoor Championship

RUGBY

U-13A XV

Won Leinster League

U-14B XV

Won Leinster League

Transition Year XV

Won Leinster League

Matthew Bursey

Represented Leinster U-18s

Ian Fitzpatrick

Represented Ireland U-19s

Ntinga Mpiko

Represented Leinster U-19s

SWIMMING

Cian Galvin

Represented Leinster at inaugural; Irish Schools' Interprovincial Championship

Jessica Burke

National Youth Squad and 1st 200m Freestyle and 200m Medley Relay at Leinster Division 1 Championships

GAELIC FOOTBALL

Matthew Bursey

Kildare Minor and U-17 Squads

CYCLING

Michelle Mullen

1st in Flying 200m and 500m Time Trial and Junior National Track Cycling Championships

TETRATHLON

Timmy Love

Represented Ireland at Home Internationals and British Junior Championships

RALLYCROSS

Sophie Byrne

First Irish girl to win the Irish Junior Rallycross Championship title (winning six of nine rounds); also 3rd in the Ginetta Junior Championship

GYMNASTICS

Ciara Murphy

Represented Ireland in the Celtic Cup Championship

WHITESIDE TROPHY FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

(for outstanding contribution to girls' sport in the school)

Caro Lloyd

HALL-COOPER CUP FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

(in boys' sport)

Ian Fitzpatrick



SECTION 7 PAST PUPILS' UNION 2013



KHPPU

The King's Hospital Past Pupils' Union (KHPPU) is a very active body whose members continue to play a role in the School long after they have left secondary education.

The friendships made during their time here, the very special atmosphere and ethos of the School and a pride in what it has done for them in preparing them for life after school means that Past Pupils like to remain in touch with their alma mater and their contemporaries.

The Union is led by a Committee, headed by a President, which is elected each year and its primary aim is to maintain contact with the school and organise events such as reunion dinners, golf outings and table quizzes so that established relationships can be maintained.

Information on upcoming KHPPU activities can be found at:

- KHPPU Facebook page
<http://www.facebook.com/KHPPU>
- The KHPPU LinkedIn group
- Twitter
follow: **@KHPPU**
- The KHPPU website
www.kingshospitalppu.ie/

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President's Report

Louise Scott reflects on a second year as the PPU President



I wish warm greetings to all past pupils in Ireland and abroad from the KHPPU committee. This year, I was delighted to have the opportunity to continue to be the KHPPU President for a second year and this has proven to be an amazing one for the union so far.

Our AGM, which is on the 3rd week of February annually, had a greater number of past pupils attending than the previous year, with a mix from both Blackhall Place and Brooklawn attending.

I was delighted to announce Phil Treacy as my KHPPU President-Elect and I am very sure that he will do a fantastic job next year.

My year began with the planning and brainstorming of how the KHPPU committee could continue to grow and reconnect with all our past pupils. We decided to incorporate our next KHPPU Annual Dinner and Ball with a special past pupil event to celebrate the national year of The Gathering.

This year-long national celebration of events welcomed the return of the Irish diaspora home to Ireland and we wanted to bring our past pupils back to their school, The King's Hospital.

The KHPPU Business Lunch was held in The Burlington Hotel in April and we were delighted that the Chairman and KH past pupil Willie Maxwell was our special guest speaker at this event. He spoke about his work in InterTradeIreland, the importance of the trade pathway between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland and its history. It was fantastic how many past pupils were at the event and I was delighted that the then Headmaster, Michael Hall, and Susan Tanner, the current career guidance counsellor at the school, could also attend.

The KHPPU had three golf outings this year; we usually have two per year but this year we had an extra outing which was organised by both The King's Hospital Parents' Association and our KHPPU Sports Secretary Eoin Gannon.

I attended the dinner part of this outing, which was at The K Club, as I am not a golfer myself.

I would also like to thank the Association of Schools' Union (ASU), which governs all the Protestant Schools' Unions, for their guidance and help with my role.

It was a wonderful evening, with good food and a great mix of past pupils and parents attending. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Eoin Gannon for all his hard work this year on the PPU golfing front.

I had the opportunity to meet and chat to the 6th Year students in KH towards the end of May, on their official last day of school, before their Leaving Certificate exams officially started.

I enjoyed meeting all the pupils immensely, explaining what the KHPPU is and how it can help them to connect with their fellow past pupils as well as helping them out in many other ways, for example helping them to connect with fellow past pupils who may help them with internships.

Throughout the year, I have enjoyed being a guest at many other schools' annual dinners and lunches.

I would like to thank Kilkenny College, Cistercian College Roscrea, Terenure College, Clongowes Wood College, Alexandra College, Masonic Boys School, St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School, The High School, Sandford Park School, St. Michael's College, St. Andrew's College, Mountjoy Marine and Mount Temple School, Presentation College Bray and Wesley College for making me feel welcome and looking after me at their events.

It is great to have such strong ties with so many of the other Schools' Unions. I would also like to thank the Association of Schools' Union (ASU), which governs all the Protestant Schools' Unions, for their guidance and help with my role.

I attended the ASU Thanksgiving for the Gift of Sport Service in April at St. Anne's Church on Dawson Street, which is a beautiful annual service, organised by KH past pupil Robert Prole and his ASU sub-committee. This year, Liam Harbison, the CEO of Paralympics Ireland, spoke to the congregation about what Paralympics sport means to him and the essence and passion of it. The Belvedere College boys' choir sang at it. I strongly recommend attending this service; it is inspirational and it involves so many current and past sportspersons from the attending schools.

The KHPPU Gathering event was born out of the idea of further reconnecting past pupils to the union and then this year to reconnect them to the school. This was an amazing 2-day event on the 17th and 18th of August and it was an important moment for our past pupils union, to continue to unify all past pupils from all decades in the union. The weekend began with past pupils arriving at 2pm to The King's Hospital, checking in at the front hall and for those staying over, leaving their bags in the dorms and walking down the photograph-laden corridor again towards the chapel.

The afternoon consisted of school tours, nostalgia trails, a hockey match, cricket, volleyball, music, comedy, food,

tea and coffee, cocktails and refreshments. Everyone then moved to the dorms and changing rooms to get ready for the main event of the evening, the Annual Dinner and Ball. We had a wonderful drinks reception, with a fantastic atmosphere of excitement as we all met our fellow school friends, some of whom we had not seen since leaving the school. The dining hall looked amazing, as it was dressed for the event. I was delighted that past pupil and the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Leo Varadkar was our special guest speaker on the night and I think all would agree that he gave a fantastic speech on the night.

The music on the night added to the merriment, with the dance floor full and an incredible atmosphere with everyone chatting and catching up in the corridors and in the red rec till the small hours. The breakfast in A10 (the old library) the next morning had a great buzz with a few tired-looking heads from the night before. The chapel service was followed by a BBQ brunch for all the past pupils and their families in our marquee. There were lots of bouncy castles and sunshine for all to enjoy.

Thank you to all who attended, particularly those who travelled from abroad, you made the weekend exceptional. I'd like to personally thank everyone who helped us get

in touch with as many KH past pupils as we could, to my committee, the adopted sub-committee, decade conduits, year connectors and the KH Archives Department. Thank you to the school management for the use of the school. For everyone who helped us out in any way for the weekend and throughout the weekend, thank you.

I have had a remarkable year as your President and I have met so many wonderful past pupils during my time. I would thank my committee for their continuing support and help during this year, it was very much appreciated. The KHPPU has an outstanding network of past pupils, which is diverse and rich in nature, with many living across the world and working in many different areas. No matter where we have ended up, we will always have our time together at The King's Hospital in common and the KHPPU is here to facilitate the reconnection with your former school friends and to maintain that connection.

If any past pupil would like to get involved in the KHPPU, please come along to the AGM, which is held in the school in February.



Morgan's School Bicentenary

OCTOBER 2013

Morgan's School, founded by the will of Richard Morgan (died 1784), opened in Castleknock two hundred years ago in 1813. In 1957, it became part of The King's Hospital and there has continued to be a Morgan's House in the school to the present day. To commemorate and celebrate the Bicentenary of Morgan's, a special Evensong Service was held in the Chapel last October. The preacher was Canon Walter Lewis, Rector of St. Thomas, Belfast who served as a Junior Master at the old school while still a student. Past pupils of Morgan's School and Morgan's House attended to share this special occasion.



Alan Kirk, Harry Barr and Danvers Chisholm



Canon Walter Lewis, Lesley Whiteside, Andrew Whiteside and Rev. David Moynan



Eddie Colton, Eric Rankin and Joan Mahony



John West, Kevin Bowers, Canon Walter Lewis and Glascott Symes



Philip Grey, Joan Mahony and David Clarke



Whitby McClay and Ronald McCormack

Academic Distinctions

Awarded to Past Pupils

2004 (Omission from previous list)

Trevor Wills, BBS, 1, Business and Law, DCU

2006 (Omissions from previous list)

Gerard Walsh-Kemmis, BSc, 2.1, Food Technology, DIT
Gareth Anderson, BA, 2.2, Geography, TCD
Matthew Pitt, BA, BAI, 2.2, Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering, TCD
Randal Plunkett, BA, Film Studies, Kingston
Siobhán Strahan, BA, Fine Art, Birmingham City University
Alan Trenier, BSc, DCU

2007 (Omissions from previous list)

Eva Rooney, BA, 1, European Studies with French & Spanish, NUI (Maynooth)
Laura Patton, BA, English and History, NUI (UCD)
Jane Shackleton, BA, Sociology and Geography, TCD

2008 (Omissions from previous list)

Fintan Gillespie, MSc, 1, Management, NUI (UCD)
Rebecca Greene, MAcc, NUI (UCD)
Laura Patton MA, Social and Cultural History of Medicine, NUI (UCD)
Graeme Cunningham, BSc, 1, Physics, NUI (UCD)
Hannah Daly, BBL, 1, NUI (UCD)
Conor Donohoe, BBS, 2.1, TCD
Olympias Moran, BA, Philosophy and French, TCD

2009 (Omission from previous list)

Brian Cooper, MBS, Project Management, NUI (UCD)

2010 (Omissions from previous list)

Eva Rooney, MA, 1, French, UA Madrid
Olympias Moran, MSc, International Business Administration, Tilburg
Joan Hughes, BA, 1, Fashion Design and Technology, Manchester Metropolitan
Laura Wilkinson, BA, 2.1, Visual Communications, DIT
Beatrice Moran, BA, NUI (UCD)

2011 (Omissions from previous list)

Fintan Lalor, MSc, Strategic Innovation, NUI (Maynooth)
Babatunde Odumeru, MBA, Bradford
Laura Wilkinson, MA, Art Direction, Nottingham Trent
Nicholas Flanagan, BA, 1, Accounting and Finance, Liverpool John Moores
Áine Gilhooly, BBL, 1, NUI (UCD)
Ivan Wahrlab, BSc, 2.1, Engineering, NUI (UCD)
Richard Bagnall, BComm, NUI (Galway)
Vanessa Fortune, BA, Sociology and Drama, NUI (UCD)
Dean Kevelighan, BSc, Property Development, Napier
Niamh McCartney, BA, Anthropology and Media, London (Goldsmiths)
Samuel Murphy, BBS, TCD
Tamunotonye Onyemelukwe, MB, NUI (RCSI)
Victoria Thompson, BSc, Marketing, DIT
Andrew Winterbotham, Foundation Scholarship, Economics and Social Studies, TCD

2012

Rebecca Boyd, PhD, Archaeology, NUI (UCD)
Geoffrey Allen, MA, 1, Digital Media, NUI (Galway)
Andrew Langford, MA, 1, Digital Media Development for Education, Limerick
Deirdre Ní Annracháin, MCL, 1, NUI (UCD)
Lynna Ehmling, MA, 2.1, International Business, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
Nicholas Flanagan, MSc, 2.1, Finance, TCD
Hannah Shackleton, MSc, 2.1, Neuropsychology, Bristol
Grace Sullivan, BCL, 2.1 Oxford
Vanessa Fortune, MA, Post-war Recovery Studies, York
Niall McLaughlin, MSc, Physical Sciences in Medicine, TCD
Samuel Murphy, MSc, Management, ESCP Europe
Leona Nally, MA, Directing for Theatre, NUI (UCD)
Rachel O'Connor, MEM, Engineering Management, Duke
David Pasley, EMBA, NUI (UCD)
Matthew Pitt, MSc, Renewable Energy, Newcastle
Susan Reilly, MSc, Technology and Learning, TCD
Daniel Ryan, MSc, Project Management, NUI (UCD)
Emma Sothorn, MSc, Publishing, Edinburgh Napier
Michael Taylor, MSc, Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility, QUB
Gerard Walsh-Kemmis MSc, Viticulture and Oenology, Montpellier SupAgro
Keith Young, MSc, Marketing Practice, HETAC
Christopher Kelly, BSc, 1, Construction Economics & Management, DIT
Jonathan Kelly, LLB, 1, Law and French; first place in class, TCD
Simon Woods, BAgrSc, 1, Food Science, NUI (UCD)
Arabella Stuart, MBBS, with distinction, Medicine, East Anglia
Liam Ashby, BS, 2.1, Finance, Carson-Newman
Maria Fallon, BA, 2.1, Marketing, HETAC
Olwyn Flanagan, BBS, 2.1, TCD
Ross Galvin, BCL, 2.1, NUI (UCD)
Alicia Gordon, BSc, 2.1, Nutrition and Dietetics, TCD/DIT
Dylan Gray, BA, 2.1, History, NUI (UCD)
Sarah Mackey, BA, 2.1, Philosophy and Classical Civilisation, TCD
Geoffrey Moran, LLB, 2.1, Irish Law, HETAC
Barbara Moriarty-Pearson, BSc, 2.1, Zoology, Aberdeen
Gordon Murphy, BA, 2.1, Business and Management with Spanish, Manchester
Danielle O'Connor, BA, 2.1, Neuroscience, TCD
Ciarán O'Shea-Brady, BA, BAI, 2.1, TCD
Jaspreet Puri, BSc, 2.1, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, DIT
Jamie Reynolds, BA, BAI, 2.1, TCD
Shóna Reynolds, BA, 2.1, Business & Sociology, TCD
Robert Rolston, BSc, 2.1, Physiotherapy, Robert Gordon
Pádraic Ryan, BA, 2.1, History and Political Science, TCD
Davina Graham, BDentSc, 2, TCD
Megan Conlon-O'Reilly, BA, 2.2, Fine Art Media, NUI (NCAD)
Benjamin Ackland, BSc, Sports Science and Coaching, Anglia Ruskin
Cliona Anderson, BMus, DIT
Benjamin Bensusan, BA, Business & Politics, TCD
Matthew Berkeley, BA, Physics & Astrophysics, TCD
Caroline Brindley, BSc, Retail & Services Management, DIT

Emmet Byrne, MB, NUI (RCSI)
 Anastasia Chvets, BE, Mechanical Engineering, NUI (UCD)
 Andrew Doolan, BA, History and Politics, NUI (UCD)
 David Doran, BSc, Event Management, DIT
 Peter du Toit, BA, Computer Science, NUI (UCD)
 Moya Farrell, BA, Psychology, NUI (UCD)
 Thomas Gledhill, BEng, HETAC
 Constantin Grau, BA, Banking & Finance, Zürich
 Nicholas Houldsworth, BA, NUI (UCD)
 Benjamin Kontur, BBS, Business Studies and German, TCD
 Olutosin Lawson, BDes, Product Design, Nottingham
 Dawn Leslie, LLB, Wales (Bangor)
 Felipe Mariátegui, BBA, Universidad Carlos III
 Sarah Moorhead, BA, Business, Economic & Social Studies, TCD
 Eoghan Pomeroy, MB, BCh, TCD
 Cleo Prickett, BA, Fashion Design Technology: Womenswear, University of the Arts, London
 Alana Schmeling, BA, Digital Media Production and Media Arts, Plymouth
 Nikita Telford, BA, Human Resource Management, HETAC
 Kerri Tong, BScCur, Nursing, TCD
 Conor Treacy, BA, BAI, TCD
 Nikolai Trigoub-Rotnem, BSc, Engineering and Management, TCD
 Orla Wilson, BA, French and Spanish, TCD
 Georgina Gilsenan, Entrance Exhibition in Pharmacy, TCD
 Colm Gleeson, Entrance Exhibition in English and Drama, TCD
 Alice Houldsworth, Entrance Scholarship in Law, NUI (UCD)
 Leo Janssens, Entrance Exhibition in Theoretical Physics, TCD
 Roman Maron, Entrance Exhibition in Human Genetics, TCD

Christopher Moriarty-Pearson, Entrance Scholarship, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
 James Nelson, Entrance Exhibition in Theoretical Physics, TCD
 Amy Rolston, Excellence Scholarship, Medicine, NUI (Galway)
 Niamh Ryan, Entrance Exhibition in Mathematics and Psychology, TCD
 Sarah Scales, Entrance Exhibition in Law and Politics, TCD

2013 (Available to date)

Ross Galvin, LL.M, 1, Leiden
 Jonathan Kelly, BCL, with distinction, Oxford
 Pádraic Ryan, MSc, 2.1, International Politics, TCD
 Ivan Wahlrab, ME, 2.1, Mechanical Engineering, NUI (UCD)
 Matthew Berkeley, MSc, Space Studies, International Space University
 Áine Gilhooly, LL.M, European Law with Economic Analysis, College of Europe, Bruges
 Cecil Grau, MBA, Passau
 Nicola Peoples, MSc, Management, NUI (Maynooth)
 Aimée Franklin, BA, 1, European Business, DCU
 Pamela Hughes, BSc, 1, Physiotherapy, Birmingham
 Maxwell Potterton, BAgrSc, 1, Food and Agribusiness Management, NUI (UCD)
 Theffania Stoney, BA, 1, History and Politics, TCD
 Amy Carroll, BA, 2.1, English Literature and Film Studies, TCD
 Gareth Davis, BA, 2.1, Business and Economics, TCD
 Rebecca Dore, BA, 2.1, History, NUI (UCD)
 Jessica Forrester, BA, 2.1, International Hospitality Management, QQI
 Lucy Gallagher, BSc, 2.1, Marketing, DIT
 Victoria Larragy, BBS, 2.1, Business Studies and French, TCD
 Philip McCutcheon, BSc, 2.1, Marketing, DIT
 Suzanne Maguire, BSc, 2.1, Zoology, TCD

Rebecca Moody, BA, 2.1, History and English Literature, TCD
 James Murray, BA, 2.1, History, Canterbury Christ Church
 Evan O'Brien, BE, 2.1, Mechanical Engineering, NUI (UCD)
 Fergus Persse, BE, 2.1, Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering, NUI (UCD)
 Lucy Roberts, BA, 2.1, Geography and Sociology, TCD
 Patrick Tobin-Schnittger, BSocSc, 2.1, NUI (UCD)
 Emma Walker, BA, 2.1, Spanish and Sociology, TCD
 Mark Walker, BA, 2.1, DIT
 Coralie Grau, BA, 2.2, Applied Economics, St Gallen
 Chigozie Achara, BSc, Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology, NUI (UCD)
 Robyn Lowe, BSc, Retail & Services Management, DIT
 Davitt Meenaghan, BSc, Logistics & Supply Chain Management, DIT
 Colm Swan, BAgrSc, Food Science, NUI (UCD)
 Caroline Trenier, BA, Marketing & Event Management, QQI
 Dominic von Hochberg, BA, Business Psychology, Hochschule Fresenius
 Andrew Winterbotham, BA, Economics, TCD
 Katie Young, MA, Behavioural Studies, Aberdeen
 Cian Galvin, Entrance Exhibition in Science, TCD
 Calvin Wright, Entrance Scholarship in Actuarial Science, NUI (UCD)

Obituaries

Myra Heatley

(Mercer's, 1920-1923)

Myra was the oldest past pupil and had been visited by the Headmaster and the Archivist to mark the occasion of her centenary in 2010.

Two of her sisters were educated in Mercer's and a brother in Morgan's.

She was a member of the Chartered Society of Masseuses and Medical Gymnasts and worked as a pioneering physiotherapist at 1 Fitzwilliam Square prior to her marriage. Enthusiastically active and widely respected in the local community in the very south of Co. Dublin, she was a founder member and long-time president of Bray Cualann Historical Society.

Five of her grandchildren, Heather, Kerry, Andrew, Emma and Richard Leeson, were educated at The King's Hospital.

John Ruddock

(1937-1943)

An important figure in classical music in Ireland, John learnt his love for music while a pupil at The King's Hospital. As a senior, he served as organist and choirmaster for the school during the long illness of the master in charge.

Headmaster of Villiers School from 1963 to 1986, he increasingly emerged as a promoter of chamber music in Ireland, particularly for the Limerick Music Association, which he founded in 1967. Later, he was a council member of the National Concert Hall, the Association of Music Lovers and a commissioning director of the Derravaragh Music Association.

He was a pioneer in the 1970s and 1980s for bringing young chamber ensembles from Communist countries such as Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Having travelled to their countries to hear them, he and his wife, Doreen, brought them to their home, treated them like sons, and organised recitals for them around Ireland. His encouragement provided the springboard for the rise to fame of the Takács Quartet and the Vogler Quartet.

He was awarded State honours by the German and Austrian Governments and honorary degrees by the Hungarian Government, the University of Limerick and the Royal Irish Academy of Music.

The John Ruddock Music Room was named in his honour.

James McGaffin

(1941-1947)

Jim was a keen debater while at school. A keen sportsman, in 1946 he played hockey for Leinster Schools against his native Ulster. In the following year, he was part of the team that won the Senior Cup. Jim was proud to have been a pupil at Blackhall Place.

He recognised acutely how the lifelong friends that he made, the sport that he played and the Gilbert and Sullivan and church music that he was taught and was passionate about, all influenced, shaped and enriched his life. On leaving school, he began an accountancy apprenticeship in Portadown and he eventually worked in local government and was the last town clerk of Lurgan Borough Council. He finished his career in central government.

After retirement, he worked for the Church of Ireland in several capacities including Secretary to the Role of the Church Committee and administering the Priorities Fund. He was also an active member of the General Synod and the Armagh Diocesan Synod.

H.D. (Des) Cashell

(1933-39)

Born overlooking Skerries harbour, Des attended Blackhall Place where he was so active on the sports front that the Headmaster warned his father that if he didn't study harder, he would end up selling papers at the bottom of Dawson Street. Well, he did end up working in Dawson Street all right, but with Norwich Union which he joined on leaving school in 1939 and retired aged 60 as General Manager!

Highly regarded in the insurance world, he became President of the Insurance Institute of Ireland. He worked with Coyle Hamilton for another 10 years and was also active as a Director of Rehab and Chairman of VHI, among other things.

He was well known in sporting circles, as a Cup-winning player with Skerries Rugby Club, then later as a referee, while he will be particularly remembered for his contribution to cricket, as a player, umpire and administrator. He played with a number of clubs in Ireland but will always be associated with Malahide CC, where was Club President in the mid-70s. He was President of the Leinster Cricket Union in 1974, headed up the Irish Cricket Union in 1981 and was an Irish selector for over 11 years.

A committed past pupil, he served as a School Governor for many years.

Ken Nuzum

(1968-74)

While Ken had a fierce reputation as a hard man on the rugby pitch, he was a kind, considerate and generous man off it. Taken early in life (in his mid-50s), he was pre-deceased by his wife Noelle whom he met while in KH - indeed, there's is one of the very first inter-KH marriages. His brother Clive and son Andrew are past pupils and their daughter Nevada is currently in 6th Year.

Considered to be technically one of the best prop forwards in Ireland, he played competitive rugby at a high level after school, first with Lansdowne and later with Aer Lingus and Ashbourne. He was well known as a passionate member of numerous rugby touring sides.

He ran his own successful white line marking business for many years and was responsible for marking car parks, schools and roads all over Leinster.

PAST PUPILS R.I.P.

- **Joan Williamson**
(Mercer's, 1928-1931)
- **Desmond Magahy**
(1937-1943), uncle of Alan Kane
- **William Townsend**
(Morgan's, 1939-1943), uncle of David, Jill & Susan
- **Charles Hodgins**
(Morgan's, 1940-1943)
- **Eric Walters**
(Morgan's 1938-1944)
- **Roy Cookman**
(1942-1945)
- **David Godden**
(Morgan's, 1942-1948)
- **Robert Jones**
(Morgan's, 1944-1946)
- **Pearl Radford**
(Mercer's, 1946-1949), sister of Jenn
- **Philip Lawton**
(1964-1970), father of Catherine, Naomi & Stephen
- **David Judge**
(1981-87)

KHPPU Gathering 2013

KHPPU Gathering, 17th & 18th August 2013 - A wonderful weekend of nostalgia and fun.

The concept of the KHPPU Gathering Event was originally born from discussions at and after the 2012 Annual Dinner and early feasibility planning began following the November 2012 KHPPU committee meeting when the ideas and possibilities were outlined and initial proposals presented.

Development of an event, linked to the Government's 2013 'Gathering' initiative, presented a great opportunity for KH to welcome a large number of past pupils back to the school campus, generating a wonderful weekend of nostalgia and the opportunity for them to see the current school and facilities. The idea generated great excitement and positivity amongst our alumni with the opportunity to 'go back to school', and so the KHPPU committee set about making a dream become reality with great gusto.

THE EVENT

The event team combined flair and invention with many of the ideas harvested from their contacts and meetings with past pupils to develop a broad-based plan of activities and events to cater for a wide range of interests... and much more besides!

Gates 'officially' opened at 2pm on Saturday 17th August and the afternoon activities included hockey, volleyball, inflatables, music and comedy entertainment with grub and grog in the marquee as well as school tours and nostalgia displays around the school.

Past pupils provided us with 'everything' we needed for a great afternoon of fun. Comedy and music were provided by Gary Cooke and Alan Keogh respectively and they kept us entertained under canvas while Brian Beattie and his team from 'The Caterers' fed and watered us throughout the day, complemented with tea and coffee supplied by Dave McKernan's Java Republic and Johnnie Cupcakes gastronomic delights from John Whyte.



Quite a number of Past Pupils who could not attend other activities over the weekend visited earlier in the day and throughout the afternoon people arrived and registered. Those staying overnight were shown to their 'dorms' and then everyone participated in the wide and varied range of activities organised - all of which were great fun and enjoyed by all.

The pre-dinner champagne reception - sponsored by Findlater Wine & Spirit Group (to whom we extend our sincere gratitude) - began at 7pm with relaxing and atmospheric musical accompaniment courtesy of past pupil Gerald Bloomer and was followed by our KHPPU Annual Dinner, which was incorporated into our Gathering event for this year. After the Dinner, which followed our traditional format, most of those attending continued the evening's enjoyment with dancing from around 11.45pm till very late!



Music by past pupil Paul Rolston's band 'Dark Horses' (above) captured the mood brilliantly from their pre-midnight rhythm & blues (with a guest appearance on flute from past pupil Ron Cooney - of Ballymun Lullaby fame!) and gradually built the atmosphere that had the whole room 'rockin'.

Then past pupil DJ Donal Fennell who expertly extended the atmosphere of music and dancing through to the 'wee small hours'.

The Dining Hall was transformed and looked stunning - thanks to Finan De Las Casas and his team.



The meal, prepared and served by the school caterers, was an excellent banquet befitting the occasion and, together with the bar facilities and service provided by past pupil Wendy Evans, her husband Tim and their crew from Oil Can Harry's, complemented the very special atmosphere.

Most revellers had retired by 4am - though a few saw the night through!

As we progressed through the witching hours, the celebratory 'carnival atmosphere' built, and throughout the evening there was plenty of time and space for nostalgic conversation and excellent speeches - including some special and inspirational words suggesting that this should not be our last such event from our guest speaker past pupil Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Leo Varadkar.



Sunday morning began with a light breakfast from 9am, followed by a beautiful and nostalgic Chapel service at 10.30am (not too early!!). Many of those attending on Saturday were joined by their families and others who could not attend the previous day's activities also arrived.

The service had a real sense of community re-connection and we greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness and commitment of the school chaplain Canon Peter Campion (who cut his family holiday short to return for our Gathering event!) for organising it. Thanks also to past pupils Bishop Roy Warke and the Very Revd. Robert Breden who joined the chaplain in leading the service.

Many more past pupil families and friends arrived throughout the day to enjoy a picnic brunch with lots more chat, reminiscing, catching up, games and activities and a visit from Dora the Explorer and Peppa Pig - who were a big hit with many of the younger attendees.



A beautiful sunny Sunday meant that all of the activities outside could be further enjoyed by people of all ages whilst everyone had the required space and weather just to lie back and soak up the sun and atmosphere (or recover - as required!). Inside the nostalgia displays and tours of the school were again popular and the Swimming Pool also provided a centre for sporting and leisure activity.

The event drew to a close around 3.00pm when we all, reluctantly but enthused by our re-union experience, headed for home. The weekend will live long in the memories of all who attended. It was broadly reported as the envy of many other schools.

This was the single biggest re-connection event with our past pupil base since the Union was founded and we are very grateful to the school for facilitating our holding of the event on the school campus and for the use of the facilities at Brooklawn.

Over 650 of our alumni (representing past pupils from each and every decade since 1940s) attended at some stage over the two days of the event with 300 sitting down for our KHPPU Annual Dinner and 120 stayed, 'boarding' overnight.

The KHPPU Gathering has very firmly consolidated an active and positive connection with a large number of our past pupils and this further enhances the opportunity to continue to develop our alumni social and business networks and facilitates significant support for the school into the future.



A large part of the original idea for this weekend event was to involve as many past pupils as we could in the variety of events on offer and a huge 'Thank You' goes to those who organised and entertained us over the weekend. ALL of the entertainment was courtesy of past pupil performers and there were many others for whose help we are also very grateful. The positivity and success of this venture and weekend reflect the vast commitment in time and energy given by all of those from the KHPPU committee - elected and co-opted for the event - who supported it and worked so hard to organise and run it. In particular, the PPU and school owe a huge debt of gratitude to the core organising committee – it is through their dedication, commitment and hard work over long hours and many months that such a wonderful event, took place and was enjoyed by so many of us.

There have been numerous posts, comments and positive excitement on the KHPPU Facebook page since the event and a number of videos taken over the weekend are posted there and available to view.

Wonderful reminders of a great weekend.

Until the next time!

KHPPU

STAY INFORMED ABOUT ALUMNI ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

Register for our periodical Ezine at:

KH.Keepintouch@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/khppu

(add KH & year-group - eg. KH1995 to link with your classmates)

www.linkedin.com/in/khppu &

www.twitter.com/khppu &

www.youtube.com/khppu



Past Pupils 'Of the Cloth'

A review of Past Pupils who entered the Clergy in the last 60 years - by Graham Smith.

With the offspring of clergy not an uncommon sight in The King's Hospital and with Religious Education a central focus of the School's Christian ethos, it was hardly surprising to discover that a number of past pupils would find their calling in the service of God and enjoy fulfilling careers as ministers in various churches. Through the invaluable assistance of the Archivist, we found that since 1957, twenty-two past pupils entered the clergy - three of whom were women - and we were able to track down all but five of them. Here is a brief overview of their lives post-KH (and some school memories in a few of them!). Unless specified, they were ordained in the Church of Ireland.

Canon Terence Callan

(1939-45)



At 87 years of age, Terry Callan is the oldest of the 'KH Clergy', and was ordained in Monaghan in 1957, after receiving his Diploma in Biblical Studies in Trinity

earlier in the year. His first parish was Clogh & Drumsatt (Clogher Diocese). Married with two sons and two daughters, he retired from active ministry in 1994). While his least favourite memory of school was the bullying in his early years, he enjoyed participating in Gilbert & Sullivan operettas and says he is eternally grateful for six wonderful years at KH.

Rev. Charles Ruddock

(1939-44)

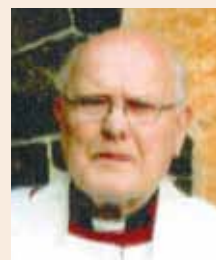


The Church was not Charles Ruddock's first calling on leaving school in 1944, as he joined the Royal Navy as a submariner. After 8 years' service, he returned to Ireland

to study for a Diploma in Biblical Studies, including two years of Theology studies at TCD. His first parish as Rector was Kiltegan & Rathvilly and he retired in 1995 as Rector of Fenagh & Myshall. In between, he spent 11 years in Australia in two parishes, and was also Chaplain to the Mission to Seamen in Cork Harbour while Rector of Mallow Union. Married to Philippa, with three children, he too remembers the bullying as an unfortunate feature of early KH life, and bad food, but has better memories of sports and Maths teacher 'Da' Hall.

Canon Kenneth Ruddock

(1942-48)



This year saw Kenneth Ruddock celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination in 1953 in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, after studying in TCD and Queen's University. He went

to St Patrick's, Ballymena, as his first parish, and while he 'retired' in 1996, he has been the Diocesan Curate of Connor for the past 17 years. He and his wife Kathleen have three children. One of five brothers to attend KH, he distinctly remembers the unpleasant smell of the Dining Hall on Monday mornings after floor polishing, the resultant headaches and Irish Stew on the menu. Worship in Chapel was his fondest memory, a clear indication of his calling.

Rt. Rev. Roy Warke

(1942-48)



Like Kenneth Ruddock, Bishop Roy Warke marked his 60 years in the Church earlier this year, having been ordained in his first parish St Mark's, Newtownards.

That was after studying at Trinity and the Union Theological Seminary in New York and he went on to become the highest ranking past pupil clergyman when he was appointed as a Bishop. Retired since the end of 1998, he is now a parishioner of Naas Union. He and his wife Eileen have two daughters and a clerical son-in-law. Making lifelong friends is his fondest memory of school while he is unsure if the trauma of his bed collapsing on his first night as a boarder was by accident or design!

Very Rev. Robert Breaden

(1952-56)



Robert Breaden - known as Bertie - was ordained as a Deacon in the Scottish Episcopal Church in 1961 in Dundee after 3rd level education in Edinburgh and

Jerusalem. The following year, he was ordained as a Priest, serving a curacy in Dundee until 1965 when he became Rector of Carnoustie.

During this time, he met and married Glenice (with whom he has five children) and together they moved to Brechin in 1972 as Rector and later Dean, while also being appointed a Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral in Dundee. They are now, since 2007, settling into retirement in Evanton, near Inverness in northernmost Scotland.

As a keen musician and piano player at school, his fondest memories of KH include Saturday evenings listening to classical (and lighter) music on the Headmaster's 'state-of-the-art' radio/record player while the worst was the slipper on the backside from prefects.

Bertie attended the PPU Gathering during the summer, complete with kilt, and won 1st Prize in the raffle of a night at Dromoland Castle Hotel!

Rev. Robin Laird

(1953-58)



After he left KH in 1958 (he was Head Prefect), Robin Laird went first to Trinity and then graduated from Edinburgh Theological College. Ordained as a Priest

in Londonderry in the mid-60s, he was firstly a Curate in Omagh where his Bishop was another KH past pupil Charles Tyrrell. He never actually had a parish as he joined the British Army from his curacy in 1968 and served as a chaplain until 1993, after which he had five years as Senior Chaplain at Sedburgh School in Cumbria. Robin and his wife Carol - they have two sons and five grandchildren - retired to Sidmouth in Devon where he is actively involved in local matters.

As a contemporary of Bertie Breaden, he too kindly remembers the musical appreciation evenings in the Board Room, the choir and the Gilbert & Sullivan performances, and likewise has similar feelings about the slipper.

Canon Thomas Sherlock

(1954-58)



Tom Sherlock's calling was slightly later than most as it was almost 30 years after leaving KH that he began studying at the Church of Ireland Theological College

in Rathmines.

Made a Deacon in 1990, he was ordained the following year at St. Flannan's, Killaloe and later studied at a college in Wales. He served as Rector of Templemore for 16 years before another twelve at Castlecomer.

Although he and his wife Hazel (they have three daughters and one son) retired two years ago, he was appointed Chaplain of Kingston College, Mitchelstown, earlier this year.

The Head's (JJ. Butler) shouting, beans and boiled eggs spring to his mind on looking back at his school days, while his Irish teacher would by today's laws be sacked for physical assault!

Rev. Canon Ken Smyth

(1959-62)



On leaving Blackhall Place in 1962, Ken Smyth studied at Trinity for his BA degree and a year after graduation he was ordained at Holywood, County

Down. He continued studying and gained his Master's degree in 1971.

Gilnahirk in Belfast was his first parish as Rector and he served there for nine years until moving in 1982 to Newtownards where he was Rector until his retirement two years ago. He and his wife Jenny (three children and two grandchildren) are now enjoying life by the seaside in Bangor.

The Choir is his best memory of his KH days while the quality of the food undoubtedly ranks as the worst!

Rev. Peter Geddes

(1962-68)



The London Bible College and Trinity College, Bristol, were Peter Geddes' post-KH educational

establishments and he was ordained as a Church of England Minister at Blackburn Cathedral in 1986.

His first parish was St Mark's, Layton, in Blackpool while for the last nine years he has been Rector at St Mary's, Partington & Carrington, near Manchester.

That's in the Diocese of Chester where his wife Liz is Director of Human Resources. They have four children ranging in age between 27 and 18.

Rev. Canon David Moynan

(1965-71)



The world of insurance first beckoned for David Moynan on leaving KH and he went

on to pass his exams to qualify as an Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute.

But by 1986, he had studied for and gained his Diploma in Theology and was ordained that year at Dromore Cathedral. A three-year curacy at Seagoe (Dromore Diocese) and one in Taney, Dublin, was followed by five years as Rector of Arklow, Inch and Kilbridge (in the Glendalough Diocese).

Currently rector of Kiltarnan parish, he and his wife Isabel have two sons (one in Canada) and four grandchildren.

He recalls the kindness of the staff at KH and tactfully denies any unfavourable memories.

Rev. Canon Patrick Harvey

(1972-76)

Patrick Harvey left KH in 1976 to study Geology at Trinity and later went on to the Church of Ireland Theological College in Rathmines.

By 1985 he was a Deacon at St Fin Barre's Cathedral in Cork and a year later was a Priest in St Peter's Church, Bandon. For the past 22 years, he has been Rector of Abbeyleix & Killermogh Union of Parishes in County Laois. He and his wife Jane have two children who are sitting the Leaving Cert next June.

Looking back on his KH days, he realises that the late Ronnie Anderson sowed the seeds of a love of the English language through his eccentric classes. He still remembers the embarrassment of an answer he gave at a Harry Meyer Quiz to the question 'Who sang Thank Heaven for Little Girls'? He got Maurice correctly, but Chevalier turned out as 'le Cheval' (horse).

Rev. Leonard Ruddock

(1971-77)

Currently Rector of the Blessington Union where his parishioners include former Headmaster Harry and Hazel Meyer, and former Irish teacher Vivien Vincent (nee Mitchie) and her husband Berkeley, Leonard Ruddock had a later calling and was ordained in 1995 in Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.

A curacy in Stillorgan and Blackrock was followed by his appointment in 2008 to Blessington where he is also Rural Dean of West Glendalough.

He and his wife Hazel (nee Gillis, also ex-KH) have two children Gary and Amanda, also KH-ers.

He winces at the mere thought of KH rugby practice on cold, frosty days but has good memories of people, staff and school friends alike.

Rev. William Steacy

(1971-77)



Farming was William Steacy's first passion and on leaving school, he gained an Agricultural

Science degree from UCD in 1982 and completed his Master's in the same subject six years later. By 2006, however, he had studied for and gained a Bachelor of Theology degree from Trinity and was ordained as a Deacon at Dunboyne & Rathmolyon where he worked as Curate Assistant for four years. He is now approaching his fourth anniversary as Rector of Kingscourt Union of Parishes which involves two churches - St. Ernan's in Kingscourt (Co.Cavan) and St David's, Syddan (Co.Meath). He and his wife Roberta are well settled into this rural parish setting. Free ice-creams for the Choir after singing at the opening of the Michaelmas Law Term and hockey matches with the ever-enthusiastic Robert Whiteside are fond memories while missing a junior hockey final with a broken finger was a major disappointment.

Rev. Canon John Clarke

(1972-79)



After studying at the Theological College and TCD, John Clarke graduated in 1989 and was ordained that year as a Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral and a

Priest the following year.

His first parish as a Curate was Whitechurch, Rathfarnham, and for the past 21 years he has been Rector of Navan Union of Parishes in the Diocese of Meath, while also being a Canon of St. Patrick's cathedral since 2009.

Married in 1988, he and his wife Sandra have two daughters.

Memories of KH include the great craic of 6th Form Rugby and the retrieval of the stone crest at the entrance lodge to the former Morgan & Mercer School property at Castleknock before it was all demolished. The flick of damp towels in the showers was less memorable!

Rev. Adrian Wilkinson

(1980-1986)



In a ten-year period up to 2000, Adrian Wilkinson gained a BA at Trinity and his H. Dip. Ed. at NUI Maynooth, spent four years studying at the C of I Theological

College, then a Theology degree from TCD (1994) and a Masters from NUI Maynooth!

After the second Trinity degree, he was ordained in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork and his first parish assignment was as Curate of Douglas Union with Frankfield (Cork Diocese). His first post as Rector was in Dunboyne from 1997 to 2002 and he is now back in Douglas as Rector.

His wife Jacqui (a teacher and college lecturer) have three children, one at UCC and the other two at Ashton School.

Singing in the Choir and in 'Oklahoma', a first year play with Miss Stanley (cast included the late and talented actor Tom Murphy) and the Geography/Science field trip to The Burren stand out as memories, though the standard of food in the 1980s was poor, to say the least, he says.

Rev. Suzanne Harris

(1976-82)



A love of Geography inspired by her teacher Ingrid Higgins led Suzanne Harris to study the subject (with Sociology) at TCD up to 1986 and then

spending a year back at Brooklawn on teaching practice for her H.Dip. Ed.

She was ordained as a Deacon in Christ Church Cathedral in 2009 and then as a Priest the next year. Now the full-time Chaplain in Newpark Comprehensive School in Blackrock, she also helps out as a NSM Curate in Mount Merrion and Booterstown Parish. Suzanne and her husband Richard Meates have two teenage children.

Her fondest memories centre on the stage as part of the chorus in 'Trial by Jury' and 'Iolanthe', recalling the fun rehearsing for weeks, nightly performances for a week and the post-production parties on the last nights! The worst memory was the punishment meted out in first year by one teacher of having to write out the Distinction Boards hung in the Dining Hall!

Rev. Helen Freeburn

(nee Bond) (1990-96)



Helen, whose mother Vivien Bond was the School Librarian for many years, is the newest 'recruit' from KH to the ranks of the Clergy, having been ordained only

this summer into the Presbyterian Church. After KH, Helen gained a BA (Hons) in Scholastic Philosophy & French from Queen's University, followed by a Licence en Theologie from a leading French institution and finally a Certificate in Ministry from the Union Theological College in Belfast. She was Assistant Minister in Harmony Hill Church, Lambeg for three years before her ordination at her first parish, Galway United Methodist Presbyterian Church. She is married to David Freeburn. She has fond memories of drama classes and being involved in various plays but her major negative was being forced into the hall to practise singing songs for rugby matches.

Other clergy with whom we failed to make contact:

- Derek Dunwoody (1946-51)
- Niall Griffin (1949-54)
- Ben Neill (1959-60)
- Nigel Sherwood (1970-76)
- Ruth Jackson (1980-86)

PPU Golf



CARTON HOUSE OUTING

The first KHPPU golf outing of the year was held on The Montgomery Course in Carton House in April. Despite the very challenging golf course (including some very tricky greens and deep bunkers), several very good scores were posted.

A number of past pupils and guests also attended the meal and prize ceremony afterwards. Frances Douglas kindly represented the Past Pupils' Union at the dinner and provided an update on the current PPU matters.

The winning score on the day went to David McCann with 37 points playing off a handicap of 12. David also won the Gross Prize.

The committee would like to thank the PPU for sponsoring the event.

KING'S HOSPITAL GOLF CLASSIC

A fund-raising golf classic was held on the Smurfit Course in the K Club in May. The proceeds raised from the event were shared between The King's Hospital Development Fund and The Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club to support local charities.

We had a very good turnout on the day with 21 teams playing in the event. A number of great scores were posted, with Johnny Tracey's team eventually winning the outing with 104 points.

Seventy-two people attended the evening meal, prize-giving and evening entertainment, including the Headmaster and the President of the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club, Peter O'Sullivan. Louise Scott, KHPPU President, kindly represented the Union at the dinner.

A great day was had by all attendees. The committee would like to thank Farrell O'Boy and Kevin O'Connor for all of their help with organising the Golf Classic.

WOODENBRIDGE GC OUTING

The last KHPPU golf outing of the year was held in Woodenbridge Golf Club in September. We had a good turnout on the day and a number of very good scores were posted on a very picturesque golf course.

The winning score on the day went to Harry Sothern with 35 points (BB3) playing off a handicap of 9. Second place went to David McCann with 35 points (BB9) while Mark Wildgust was third with 35 points.

The committee would like to thank Johnny Honner for all of his help with organising the Woodenbridge outing. The committee would also like to thank the PPU for sponsoring the outing and everybody who played in the Golf Outings in 2013.

All past pupils (and their guests) are very welcome to play in any of the PPU golf outings.

PPU Sport

Rohan Madhavan – European equestrian experience



In September 2012, past pupil Rohan Madhavan and three other riders were selected from a panel to travel to Belgium to represent Ireland in the Young Riders European TREC Championship.

TREC stands for Technique de Randonnee Equestre de Competition and originated in France. It was designed to test the

competency of professional trekking guides, but proved so popular that it soon expanded to include equestrian tourists being guided by these professionals.

TREC is composed of three phases:

1. **The POR** (Parcours d'Orientation et de Regularite), which is the Orienteering phase. Riders follow a given route on a map at given speeds. Checkpoints are placed along the route, but their locations are unknown to the riders. The distance starts at 12km for beginners and can be as long as 45km at Championship level.
2. **Control of Paces** (Matrisse de Allures) where riders are asked to show control

over their horses' pace. Competitors have to walk and canter (without breaking into trot) along a 150m corridor that is 2-4m wide. The highest marks are awarded for the slowest canter and fastest walk.

3. **The PTV** (Parcours en Terrain Varie), the Obstacle Course, is the Cross-Country element of TREC. The course is generally between 1km to 5kms long and consists of 16 obstacles, which can be both mounted and led.

It was the first year Ireland sent a Young Riders team to compete internationally, so the main goal was to get all the horses and riders home safe from the

POR and complete the weekend, which they achieved! Rohan says it was a great experience to represent Ireland and compete internationally and get to meet other Young Riders from Europe and share experiences of the sport.

He will be starting back training in January 2014 in preparation for the World Championships, which will be held in Italy in September 2014. With the Belgian European Championship under their belts, the Team will be looking to do a lot better the next time and hopefully bring back some ribbons and silverware for the trophy cabinets.

Old Boys' vs SCT Rugby Match: As part of the PPU Gathering programme, a team of Past Pupils took on the SCT at Brooklawn in September. The Old Boys team included: Thomas O'Sullivan, Eoin Ryan, Adam Bourke, Monty Akpan, Richie Akpan, Josh Hinde, Semilore Olusa, Alex Moore, Eamonn Walsh, Ian Fitzpatrick, Will Nolan, Kevin McMillan, Luke Gavigan, Calvin Wright and Darragh Cuffe.



Class of '83 Reunion - Carton House

A reflection by John Wilson

Who would have believed it? 30 years, since we left KH in 1983!

Michael Anderson (AKA Biffo) heading to our Debs in his Dad's Ferrari, reminiscent of the Ferris Bueller film (I believe he has since broken the news to his Dad!). The Country was in recession and we were wondering what the next few years had in store for us. Well, no Ferraris appeared at Carton House, but everything else was much the same as 1983.

After numerous emails, texts, LinkedIn searches and good old-fashioned Bush Telegraph, Libby (AKA Satch) and I had managed to coax 40 of our ex-classmates to our Reunion Dinner at the beautiful Carton House in Maynooth in November. They had travelled from the States, Italy, Portugal, France, the UK and of course, all corners of Ireland. We met at 7pm for a few glasses of Prosecco in front of an open fire, where the evening kicked

off with re-introductions, the obligatory photos being taken and the production of some slightly compromising photos (no names) from our school days, which were passed around.

From there we went to the Morrison Toom for a very enjoyable meal to provide sustenance for the night ahead and continue our reminiscing. A great night was brought to a conclusion by the obligatory trip to the Residents' Bar, but we are obviously showing a lack of perseverance from our younger days, as the last straggler headed for bed just before 4am!

After breakfast, which came around far too quickly, we said our goodbyes. Some of the more energetic participants were going to clear their heads by heading for horse riding. The rest of us either headed for home or to the Aviva to watch the Ireland v New Zealand match.

Ah, 80 seconds earlier and it would have been the perfect end to the weekend, but that's another story!

For the record, the attendees were:

Ivan Agar, Gareth Anderson, Karen Atkinson Connor, Trevor Atkinson, Susan Baird, Olga Bothe Campion, Brian Coyle, Hazel Craigie, Roy Davis, Dorothy Deane Atkinson, Carola Donaldson Powell, Amanda Donnelly Welch, Elizabeth Edghill Satchwell, Colin Fitzpatrick, Edward Gilmartin, Adam Green, Melanie Hill, Eric Jenkins, Luke Johnston, Stephen Jungmann, Robert P Kenny, Robert W Kenny, Julie Magan Michael, Gary Mahood, Lucy Moore Warham, Basil Mulligan, Jane Oram, David Paton, Fay Payne Tong, Robert Pendleton, Hazel Ruddock Gillis, Shiela Skrine, Janice Stephenson Roe, Roger Thomas, Andrew Turner, Katherine Wilson Oakes, John Wilson, Linda Witchell Gill.



Roy Davis, Katherine Wilson (nee Oakes), Ivan Agar



Andrew Turner, Eric Jenkins, Basil Mulligan



Jane Oram, Robert Pendleton, Amanda Donnelly (nee Welsh)



Libby Edghill (nee Satchwell), Fay Payne (nee Tong) and husband Joe



Linda Witchell (nee Gill) and Hazel Ruddock (nee Gillis)



Class of '83

A photograph of a woman with long brown hair, smiling and holding a black dog. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green foliage. The image is framed by a decorative border of white floral and leaf patterns.

Where Are They Now?

Katy West

Katy West frequently finds herself wondering how she managed to get to live in Colombia. It was one of those “chain of decisions” kind of things, she supposes!

She went there in 1998 to do an unofficial internship at the Museo del Oro or the Gold Museum and learn Spanish. Having studied Archaeology at University College, London, she had found it rather frustrating that many of the so-called experts on Latin American matters in the Social Sciences generally had very little actual ability to communicate what they were doing to the people that were serving as the source material for their findings.

She really had no idea what to expect. Colombia was a country only known for illegal drugs and violence. She found a country that sparked her curiosity and gained her admiration for the way that the great majority of its people struggle to educate themselves and work hard.

Not finding too much work as an unemployed archaeologist, she fell back on the old stalwart of teaching English.

She was accepted by the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, the country's foremost public university, to study Law. During her studies, she sat the Official Translation Exam, and became a certified translator between English and Spanish. She graduated in 2006 and has been working as a specialised translator, working especially on texts for the human rights and extractive industries sectors.

Colombia has changed impressively. On the economic front, it is now a country that is receiving many economic migrants from Europe and is considered one of the more interesting countries in Latin America for international business. The peace process with the FARC guerrilla group is advancing, and there has been an impressive institutional push for agrarian reform. It still has problems, but is moving in the right direction.

Katy is married and lives with her husband in an apartment in the La Macarena barrio in the centre of Bogota, a neighbourhood known for some of the capital's top restaurants. They have three (very spoilt) dogs. She's not too sure what will happen in the next few years, but she is very curious to see how things will continue to improve in Colombia.

Ronan Spelman

Ronan Spelman, who was at KH between 1980 and 1986, studied Art, Design & Media Studies at NCAD but his tutors reckoned he didn't have what it took to be an artist!



After a spell as a painter for a high-end tile company in England, he returned to Ireland to study Animation at DLCAD and then started work on the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

He got the opportunity to relocate to Los Angeles 18 years ago, working in the film business, with companies like Warner Bros, Dreamworks SKG, Klasky Csupo and a few more independent ones. He got to work on many movies, like Quest for Camelot, Space Jam and The Road to El Dorado.

It was a great run for the longest time, until the business changed and went from 2D to 3D or CGI. He didn't like the idea of computer animation so tried to stick with 2D and worked on commercials for The Bratz Dolls and Barbie until they too went CGI.

He had to find another avenue for his artistic side, as work was thin on the ground, so he got back into photography and art and today runs his

own business ARTOFRONAN. He has had a lot of photography and digital art published in magazines and books in the USA, Canada and Germany, and at one point in time, was very well known for his erotic art and tattoo photos!

Lately, he has returned to his traditional art background and spends most of his time painting portraits, sometimes on commission. He is hoping to get an exhibition of his work off the ground in the next year or so. When not working, he spends time with his wife and four children and does a bit of soccer coaching.

At KH, he says he was labelled as a troublemaker and a bit of a rebel. That being said, he does have good memories from KH, but generally in the fields that he was interested in. He was also very fond of athletics, and was always glad of the encouraging words from John Rafter, Thomas Hardy and Diarmuid Kelleher.

Advice for today's KH students?

He thinks the best advice he can give is to be true to yourself, know who you are, and most importantly don't let anyone put you down and tell you that you can't do something. Be true to your own destiny and remember all the people that are there to help you along the way, be it teachers, friends or family.

Finally, never give up being a kid at heart. Find something you are passionate about and you will find that it never becomes work; rather it will be a joy to get paid to do the things you love to do the most.



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Desmond Hatton

Having spent six years in KH, Desmond Hatton joined the Newpark Hotel in Kilkenny, as a trainee with the late Bobby Kerr who pushed him to go overseas to develop his career and arranged for him to go to Switzerland, on September 1st 1980 (his Birthday!)

In his early days overseas, he worked in all areas of Hotels Operations from Chef to Food and Beverage Manager, Rooms Manager etc. with Movenpick Hotels in Zurich, Braunschweig, (Germany), Riyadh and Jeddah. After eight years in Saudi Arabia, he moved for the opening of Istanbul Movenpick Hotel where he spent a further four years.

After 14 years with Movenpick, he decided to move further afield and joined Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts in October 1994 as General Manager for its Resort in Fiji.

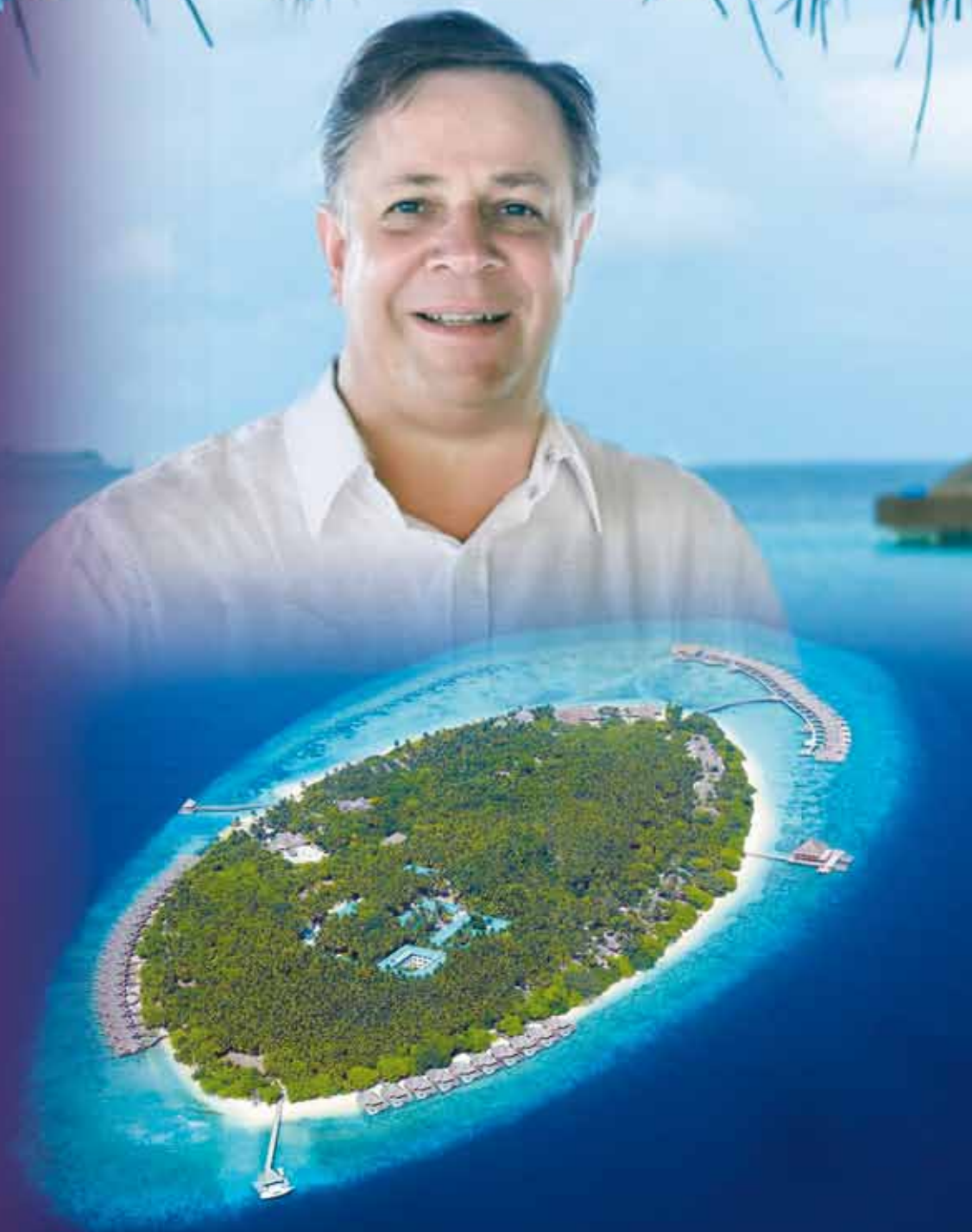
He worked for a total of 18 years with the Group as General Manager for properties in Fiji, Myanmar, Malaysia and The Philippines and opened the group's first luxury resort property in the Middle East, the Barr Al Jissah Resort & Spa, Muscat, Oman.

Finally, he spent 4 years in Penang, Malaysia before taking a sabbatical year in 2011 to travel the World, (recommends everybody to do so!!) visiting friends all over Europe, Asia and a few months in Bali (where he has a home), as well as spending lots of quality time sorting out various bits and pieces at his home in Dalkey and visiting family in Wexford.

In August 2012, he resumed his hotel management career with the Dusit Hotels and Resorts as General Manager of the brand new Dusit Thani Maldives, a luxury 94-villa resort in the Baa Atoll. Fringed by white sand beaches and a blue lagoon, the stunning property is a castaway haven and honeymooners' paradise. For those thinking of joining the Hospitality Industry, it is a fantastic career. Desmond loved the opportunity to travel and meet people from all over the World in different and diverse cultures. There are many opportunities out there, you just have to push yourself to go further!

Many people ask him, if he had the choice to change career what would he do, his reply is always the same – he would stick to “Hospitality” (you must however be prepared to travel and learn to never say no!).

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Laragh & Gail Strahan



Laragh Strahan opened her food business 'Lolly and Cooks' in 2008 (5 year birthday this month!), with a kitchen in Smithfield and her first tiny cafe in George's Street Arcade.

Early last year, her sister Gail came on board as her business partner and they opened a second cafe on Merrion Street.

They moved into a bigger kitchen on Sheriff Street two years ago, where they make all of their own artisan foods, from soups, sandwiches, stews, salads, hot dishes, and lots of cakes!

They also provide a busy corporate and private catering service for any kind of occasion.

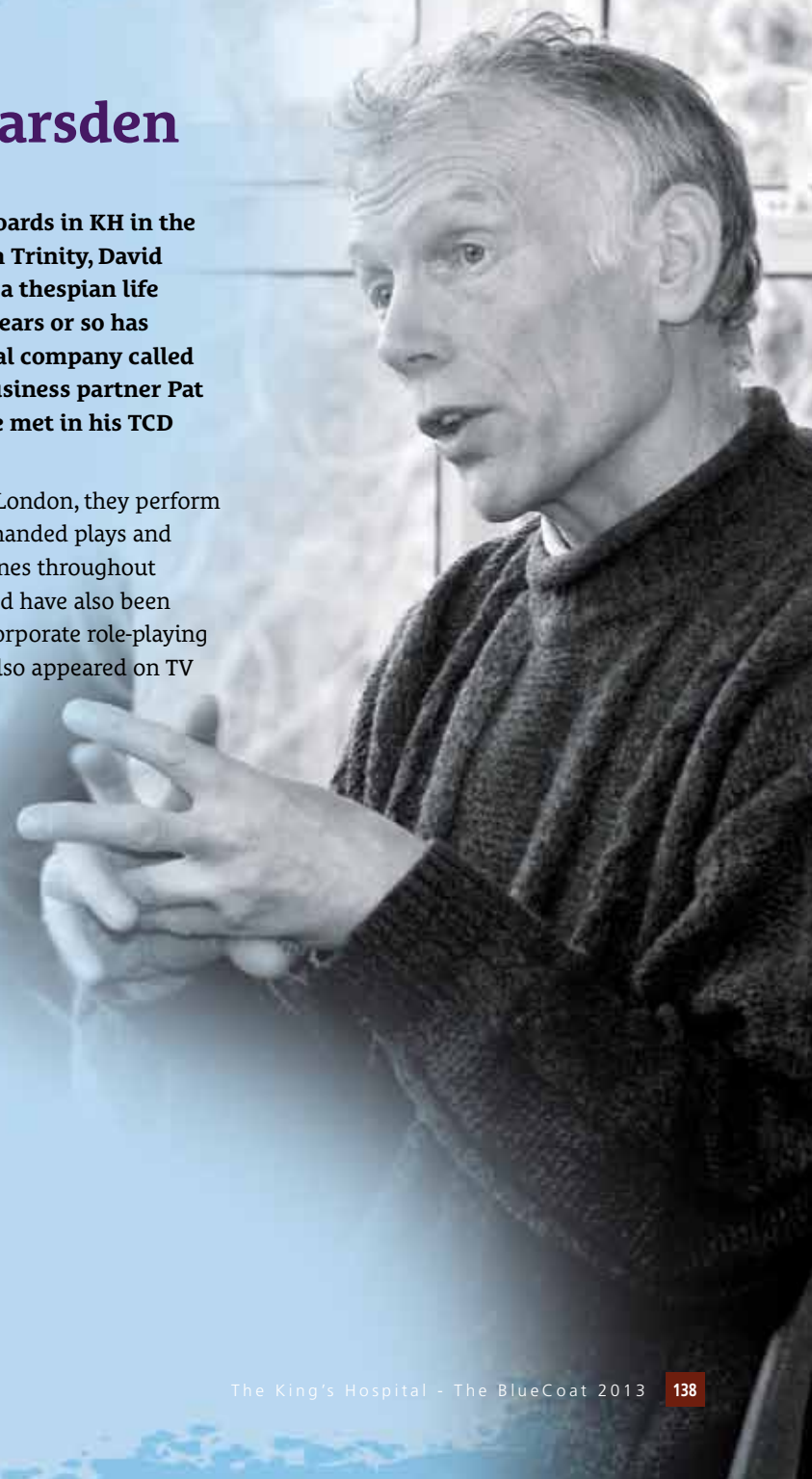
The two sisters now have 22 people working for 'Lolly and Cooks' and they are opening a third (larger) cafe in Grand Canal Dock in February 2014.

David Marsden

After treading the boards in KH in the early 70s and then in Trinity, David Marsden decided on a thespian life and for the past 30 years or so has run a small theatrical company called Isosceles with his business partner Pat Abernethy, whom he met in his TCD days.

Based in Wimbledon, London, they perform a wide variety of two-handed plays and comedy/musical routines throughout Britain and Ireland and have also been active in the area of corporate role-playing exercises. They have also appeared on TV and film.

He visits his elderly parents in Sandymount on a regular basis and on a recent trip came out to Brooklawn to give some KH students an insight into the theatrical world.



Andrew Craig

After leaving KH in 1991, Andrew Craig went to college in the UK and obtained a HNC in Agricultural Engineering, after which his travels took him to Australia where he took up Dive Instructing. That really instilled a passion for ocean exploration in him and he began working as a commercial diver.

In 1998, he enrolled at Plymouth University where he earned a degree (with honours) in Underwater Technology. By the end of the course, he had heard about Odyssey Marine Exploration and the pioneering work it was doing using advanced robotics to explore shipwrecks and knew that was exactly the type of job he wanted.

Odyssey is engaged in deep-ocean exploration using innovative methods and state-of-the-art technology for historic shipwreck projects, modern commodity shipwreck projects and mineral exploration. With the company 13 years now, Andrew's role as Senior Project Manager is to manage all offshore activities of any given project.

The SS Republic was the first project he worked on. The shipwreck was located in 2003, off the coast of Georgia in 1,700 feet of water. Odyssey conducted a full-scale archaeological excavation of the shipwreck – the first of its kind at such a depth! The pioneering project yielded over 51,000 coins and 14,000 artifacts.

Then in 2008, they discovered Admiral Balchin's HMS Victory, a ship that had been lost since 1744. They found her over 100 km away from where everyone suspected she would be located. This not only solved a long-standing maritime mystery but it is also one of the greatest shipwreck finds in history.

Their most recent find, the SS Gairsoppa, was located in 2011 in the North Atlantic Ocean at a depth of 4700 metres. They were able to recover over 99% of the 110 tons of the insured silver from the site (see photo) and in doing so set the world record for deepest salvage of cargo from a wreck.

He finds great satisfaction in knowing that the sad tale of the Gairsoppa and her merchant seamen will never be forgotten like so many others during the wars. It is also very rewarding to share their discoveries with the general public, especially children who get excited to learn about history through their work.

If you're interested in exploration, enjoy working hard, are good at improvising and don't mind spending 30-60 days at a time away from home, then this is for you, he says. It can be very tough, but Andrew says he is very fortunate to have an understanding wife and family. They have lived in Greenwich, London, for the past 18 years but still try to get back home probably 2-3 times a year.





Jean-Paul van Cauwelaert

Another actor-past pupil, Jean-Paul van Cauwelaert, paid a visit back to his old school to address 5th Years about his acting career.

Jean-Paul (pictured (right) on a recent visit to KH), has appeared in a TV advertisement series for a broadband service provider and in episodes of the British hospital drama 'Holby City'.

He also played Leopold Bloom in Dermot Bolger's adaptation of 'Ulysses' in Dublin last year.



Class of '93 Reunion

On September 28th, thirty-five or so representatives of the class of '93 arrived in 'House' on Leeson Street, not far from Buck Whaleys club where some had last been seen on the night of our Debs 20 years ago!

A good number more had sent best wishes for the night but couldn't be there for various reasons - mostly because of distance, as quite a few are now living in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, India and elsewhere. Those who did turn up were looking fantastic and there was a distinct feeling of being in a time warp as no one had really changed that much!

Of course, some of us are seen more regularly than others owing to their celebrity status - appearances including Clelia Murphy in 'Fair City', Jean-Paul Van Cauwelaert in episodes of 'Holby City'

and who could forget Graham Kenny's performance on 'Dragon's Den'! Neil Rooney was there sporting a sprouting mo' in anticipation of Movember, which he co-ordinates in Ireland.

The rest of the room was filled with nurses, farmers, engineers, vets, archaeologists and all sorts of other professions but the conversation was mostly about the old days, catching up on each other and those who weren't there and a few slagging matches!

Old connections were re-made and a great night was had by all until we were gently reminded that the bar staff needed some sleep at about 4am. Looking forward to the next one already!

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The King's Hospital

A School & A Way of Life

From the Development Office

The KHPPU Gathering event in August was a wonderful occasion. To see so many past pupils from so many years - 1940s through to some who only left the school last year - meeting and chatting together was a very real demonstration of The King's Hospital as 'A School and a Way of Life'. Because boarding schools are home to so many - students and staff - a very deep relationship develops between those in the 'community' and there is a natural and very real bond between all of those in the KH family.

This was very evident over the Gathering weekend and a common reflection by many of those who 'came back to school'. Past pupils from across the eras recognised and commented on the fact that all pupils, day and boarding, benefit from the practical learning and development of the life-skills required to be an integral part of a society living together in a boarding school on a day-to-day basis.

The extra-curricular facilities for sports, arts, music and fun are in place to ensure that those 'living' on campus have the opportunity to learn about, participate in, relax and enjoy the many and varied areas of life outside the classroom that develop and enrich day-to-day life.

Supported by the staff and broader community, our time as students at KH is, or was, spent unconsciously developing the skill-sets required to be strong and productive participants in life after school and benefitting from the knowledge and input of our predecessors as they, and we in turn, support the current pupils. It is a support

network that has been in place at The King's Hospital since the original Charter was signed and it still, thankfully, prevails in our KH community today.

The KHPPU is a very integral part of our KH network. The union supports many academic and fun activities run for pupils during the year and also runs and assists with a variety of events which offer past pupils the opportunity to socialise and catch up with other alumni.

The KHPPU business network is also hugely valuable in offering support to current pupils interested in researching potential career paths but it also facilitates interaction between those in the KH community to introduce potential business opportunities and partners with the common bond and ethos developed through their links with the school.

The current economic climate is difficult for everyone and the assistance, leads and potential opportunity this network offers is of growing, significant value and it is being accessed and utilised by more and more past pupils every day - which in turn further grows the network, making it even stronger.

There is currently discussion in relation to extending this business network to include parents and past parents - a move that would bring additional opportunities and further demonstrate the KH community working and supporting each other.

**Working together for each other -
A School and a Way of Life.**



**Assistance at The King's Hospital,
Dublin, includes:**

SEC Grant

Funded from State taxes. All Protestant pupils are entitled to apply for this assistance towards school fees.

The King's Hospital Charter Bursary

Additional funding for all boarding pupils and their boarding siblings, in receipt of an SEC Grant, during their time at school. Reviewed annually, this assistance is currently set at up to 50% of SEC Grant - e.g. receive max SEC grant of €7,700, add 50% top-up = €11,550 towards fees.

The King's Hospital Governors' Bursaries

Assisting pupils who wish to attend, or who are already attending The King's Hospital. Significant support is paid out from this fund each year.

The KHPPU Bursary Fund

In place to further assist families in the event of unforeseen difficulties.

Sibling Discounts

Reduced fees for 2nd and subsequent children concurrently at The King's Hospital.



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