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# The High School

(Incorporating The Diocesan School for Girls)

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*Parents Evening  
and  
Prize Distribution*

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Wednesday 24 October 2007  
8.00 p.m.

The prizes will be distributed by

**Dr Peter Wyse Jackson**

Director of the National Botanic Gardens

## **Order of Proceedings**

The Chairman of the Board of Governors

**Leslie Ruttle**

The Principal

**Brian Duffy**

A choir performance

directed by

**Brenda Bourke**

**Dr Peter Wyse Jackson**

An orchestral performance

directed by

**Marianne White**

Distribution of Prizes

**Dr Peter Wyse Jackson**

Presentation of the Jean Scott Trophy

**Carole Bardon**

(President of the Past Pupils' Union)

Presentation of the Old Boys' Cup

**Wayne Sheridan**

(President of the Past Pupils' Union)

Benediction

**Please allow the platform party to leave the hall  
before moving from your seats**

# 2006/2007

## Principal's Report

### B.T. Duffy, M.A., H. Dip. Ed.

#### **National developments**

The OECD "Education at a Glance" report (2007) should be a cause of deep shock and concern to the Irish population. Despite now being one of the wealthiest countries in the world, Ireland ranks last in educational investment as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product among all of the OECD countries. Such decision-making by government can only lead eventually to the erosion of our economic success. While this statistic can seem distant when reading it in a newspaper, the reality of under investment is felt every day in schools. You, as the families represented in The High School, have made a decision to invest your own disposable income in a particular level of educational quality and service provision in order to make up for what the government is not providing. Among other things, your fees are currently providing extra teachers and extra rooms to ensure smaller classes and additional subjects, sports coaches and other extra-curricular instructors to provide the sort of holistic education which the government thinks it is providing, as well as catering, nursing and administrative staff to ensure that we have a safe and healthy environment for your children. You may find it difficult to believe that you also provide the library and the librarian because there is no provision in government funding for such. Although funding for refurbishment of buildings has improved in recent years through what is known as the Summer Works Scheme, it is still far from adequate and you are still providing for a substantial percentage of the repairs, replacements and decoration necessary in a building which is over thirty years old.

The development of science and technology is a stated government objective. We hear of declining numbers of students electing to enter these areas at third level and in their careers. Yet, when we sought funding for the vital replacement of our five laboratories we were told that none was available, except for safety equipment. We have replaced four laboratories to date and will replace the fifth one shortly, all from private funds.

There are quite frequent quotations in the press from the Minister about the number of extra teachers she is employing. What you do not hear is that all of these are to cater for the special needs students who have been incorporated into mainstream schools in recent years. These teachers act in a support role to the classroom teachers and they teach only a few, or even one, student at a time. The role of the classroom teacher has remained the same, except with the additional pressures of constantly changing syllabi, the integration of Information and Communications Technologies into teaching, the need to provide more differentiated lessons to cater for the wide range of ability now present in the classroom and the decline of mutual respect in society, which has led to an increase in the number of discipline problems in schools. In the 1970s the quota of classroom teachers was 1 to every 16 pupils. Now, in a vastly wealthier and more complex society, it is 1 to every 18 pupils. Any statistician can see that as a serious deterioration which was introduced in the 1980s due to economic problems at the time, but never rectified as circumstances improved.

There have been multiple government press announcements concerning the "huge increase" in ICT provision in the next National Development Plan. Yes, this is a huge increase, because there has been no provision at all for years. However, the amount allocated will actually cover only a small fraction of the cost which we will incur in providing adequate ICT for modern teaching. €252 million sounds like a lot of money but it is spread over seven years and over all sectors of education, thus amounting to less than a third of what is actually needed and what is actually being spent in this school.

It is important for the families using the education system to be aware of the inequality and discrimination which applies to government funding. Few people are aware that schools in the vocational sector and in the community and comprehensive sectors receive far more money per pupil than voluntary secondary schools. There seems to be an impression that schools run by private patron bodies such as the Churches or Educate Together can make up the shortfall themselves. We have campaigned for many years for this inequity to be removed but it still remains. Furthermore, if the original capitation grant to schools which was introduced in 1967 had been adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index it would be three times the present grant level! When one visits schools in the United Kingdom, the funding discrepancy becomes glaringly obvious. Ireland is selling its children short.

It is interesting to note also, that while government continues to deprive schools of much needed funding, its policies are simultaneously taking money away from the schools. The huge increases in charges for water and waste disposal to large institutions and businesses are also imposed on schools. There must be a case for exemption from these charges and also from VAT which we pay on everything, since we can not register for VAT. The post-election round of public spending cuts has recently been announced. This has occurred after every recent election, apparently with the aim of building up a reserve to spend in the last year or so preceding the next election. Such a pattern of unreliable state funding for education is little short of a national disgrace.

The revision of Section 29 of the Education Act was overdue and is welcome. This goes some way towards restoring the correct balance between the rights of all children to have a well ordered teaching and learning environment and the rights of a child who has been suspended or expelled by a school. For the last decade the procedures were skewed in favour of the latter, to the detriment of the vast majority of students who are well behaved and wish to progress their education normally. Unfortunately, however, almost immediately this correction was made, the National Education Welfare Board published draft guidelines on codes of conduct which would again submerge the rights of most children in a plethora of regulation which will again favour those who misbehave and disrupt the education of others. It is to be hoped that the final version of these guidelines will be much amended.

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment is continuing to develop a substantial reform of the senior cycle which will begin to impact on schools soon as new units for Transition are developed for certification at the end of the senior cycle. Between 2007 and 2010 there is to be an "intensive phase of school planning and teacher

professional development" and new syllabi are to be introduced across the senior cycle from 2010. This, in addition to the revision of all of the Junior Certificate syllabi. Curriculum development is a worthwhile objective, indeed a necessity, but the pace has become too rapid in Ireland since the foundation of the NCCA. Unfortunately, a body like this develops a vested interest in change for its own sake, since it will be seen to be without value unless change is occurring. The NCCA should concentrate on areas where practising teachers have identified the need for reform and leave well alone in other areas. For example, when new "approved units" have been developed in Transition Year, it would be a mistake to impose these on all schools, enforcing a homogenised curriculum instead of the very valuable local innovation which is occurring at the moment in schools which take Transition Year seriously.

I am pleased to report that the system of Garda vetting of new employees for schools is now operating successfully. New staff are now being vetted with regard to a prior criminal record, as part of a national drive to improve the protection of children.

### **School developments**

The inspectorate has carried out a number of inspections and evaluations in the school in recent years in the areas of management, planning, curriculum, guidance, learning support, Irish, Physics, Science, French and English. The reports of the inspectors were overwhelmingly complimentary in all areas. Great credit is due to the staff of the school for maintaining excellent standards. The most recent inspection reports are now published on the Department of Education & Science website.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long term planning processes undertaken in the school. Staff and parents are represented on all Board sub-committees and make valuable contributions to the work of the Management Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Grounds and Property Committee and Sports Committee. So much work is undertaken by the Board committees that it can not be listed here, but examples are the ongoing refurbishment and buildings development work undertaken by the Grounds and Property Committee, and the revision of the anti-bullying policy undertaken by the Education Committee..

We have been busy over the summer replacing windows in half of the school, installing CCTV in the grounds and some areas inside the building, upgrading the fire safety systems, replacing our water heaters, re-felting roofs to eliminate leaks, installing a new computer network in the Technical and Crafts Building, replacing the computers in one of the networks of the main ICT facilities, reflooring in the library and kitchen areas, along with general painting and maintenance. Thanks to Administrator Mr J. Davis and to Dr J. Reid of the Grounds and Property Committee for coordinating all of the work.

The Sports Committee maintains a watching brief on sports policy and developments, the Finance Committee plans the school budget and supervises the accounts while the Management Committee is the body to which the sub-committees report.

The school council is a very valuable body which is elected directly by all of the pupils, conducts its own meetings and then meets with the school management and staff

representatives in order to ensure that pupils have the opportunity to contribute to school planning and processes.

The Guidance Department is staffed by two qualified guidance counsellors. Guidance is a process which begins before the pupils enter the school with a visit by a Guidance Counsellor to the feeder primary schools and a talk for incoming parents. All pupils in Form 1 are interviewed and assisted with their transition to secondary school. Guidance continues with a course in Forms 4 and 5 and individual career interviews with the guidance counsellor for pupils in Form 6. Pupils in Form 5 also have individual interviews with another member of staff to focus their attention on preparation for third level applications. Form 4 pupils undertake differential aptitude tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Students are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Students in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit UCD open day and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career related computer programs such as Qualifax. Students are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. A study technique course is organised by a member of staff for Form 5. Form 6 students have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day as well as to select other college open days of particular interest to individuals. For the parents of Form 6 there is an evening set aside in December where applications systems for all colleges are explained. The guidance counsellors are available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice.

The contribution of the Parents' Association to the school is greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have one of the most active associations of any school. Members now (among other things) assist the Guidance Department with mock interviews, hold talks on suitable topics with visiting speakers, facilitate the parties which are held to celebrate the graduation of Form 6 and the receipt of Junior Certificate results by Form 4, organise the parent-teacher meetings in Forms 1, 2 and 5, meet with the Principal and Chairman of the Board to discuss school policies, organise evening meetings for parents on educational themes, fund some of the prizes as well as grants for foreign exchanges, and represent the parents on all Board committees and ad hoc committees. This work brings the parents, pupils and staff closer together and such a vibrant and enthusiastic association is a testament to the strong ongoing support for the school among parents. We record our thanks to all committee members for their work and, in particular, to Niamh Harty for her work as President for the last year.

The school is grateful to the Past Pupils' Union for its continued financial support, through prizes and bursaries as well as special fund-raising projects. Although much of this work is unseen, it is certainly appreciated. An online network exists on the school website at [www.highschoolublin.com](http://www.highschoolublin.com) so that past pupils can register their e-mail addresses by year of graduation, thus keeping in touch with their peers and enabling the

school to keep in touch with them.

## **Staff**

Mr J Hickey retired during the summer after 37 years teaching Chemistry, Science, Mathematics, and Applied Mathematics at The High School. During that period he also held a variety of positions as Year Head and Coordinator of the pre-university Upper Sixth Year, Assistant Principal in charge of curriculum coordination, timetabler, scholarship coordinator, pupil stationery manager, school trophies coordinator, fire officer, and staff representative on the Board of Governors and its committees. We thank Mr Hickey for his dedicated service to the school and wish him well in a long and happy retirement.

We have welcomed Ms W Gilmore (Biology, Science, Home Economics), Ms K Smith (English), Ms S Fox (Irish), Ms J Waugh (English, History), Ms C Rellis (Chemistry, Mathematics, Science), Ms E Lanigan (Resource), Mr K Barry (CSPE, History), Ms M Bridgeman (English, French). We would like to wish Ms Rouillet, Ms Missen and Mr Miller well with their career breaks and Ms Burrowes, Ms Toolan, Mrs Reilly and Ms Hearne well during their periods of leave.

## **Numbers and Examinations**

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2007-2008 is 783. In the Junior Certificate 2007, 135 pupils presented 1073 papers where different levels are available and 135 papers at common level (CSPE). 1056 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 88% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2% of all papers. The percentage of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level is as a percentage of the total number of papers was 77%. These statistics represent the best ever performance of the school in the Junior Certificate.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2007, 116 pupils presented 818 papers in 21 subjects. 575 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 82% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage of the grand total of all papers was 58%. All of these indicators constitute a very good performance.

## **Events and Activities**

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our school newsletter, on the school website at [www.highschoolublin.com](http://www.highschoolublin.com) and in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication produced by the students of Form 5 and coordinated by Ms L Watson. I would like to thank all members of staff who are involved with extra-curricular activities for providing such enriching opportunities for the pupils of the school, and to congratulate the pupils on being so involved and so successful in such a wide variety of different activities.

# School Entrance Scholarships 2007

## Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Kate Somers                      Scoil Mológa, Harold's Cross

## School Scholarships:

Caoimhe Cassidy	Scoil Mológa, Harold's Cross
Lauren Tully	Scoil Mológa, Harold's Cross
Jennifer Long	Rathfarnham Parish National School
Andrew Shaw	Zion Parish National School
Darragh Kirwan	St Joseph's Boys National School

## Music Scholarship:

Aisling Reilly	Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School
Gavin Rothwell	Howth Road National School

## Prizes 2006 - 2007

*(Subjects taken outside the normal school curriculum are not counted when calculating prizes. Anyone wishing to know how prizes are awarded may speak to the Prize Day co-ordinator. The decision of the school is final and no correspondence will be entered into.)*

### Form 1

<b>Class Prizes:</b>	1-H	Luke Hudson, Alice Somers-Donnelly
	1-OH	Cian Dowling Cullen, Conor Sexton
	1-P	Jack Molony, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh
	1-R	Katie O'Connor, Jennifer Wynne
	1-W	Anna Keary, Gavin O'Toole

<b>Progress Prizes:</b>	1-H	Ciaran Flaherty, Oisín Hogan
	1-OH	James Fleming, Rebecca Tully
	1-P	Mark Deegan, Sarah McKenna-Barry
	1-R	Jamie Elliott, Janice Whyte
	1-W	Una Keller, Darragh Twomey

### Form 2

<b>Class Prizes:</b>	2-G	Ellen Carney, Katie O'Brien
	2-H	Kate O'Marcaigh, Megan Skelly
	2-M	Megan Rayner, Eve Roseingrave
	2-R	Seraphim Dempsey, Sophie Lee
	2-T	Aisling Reina, Mollie-Kate Richardson

## Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

2-G	David Cosgrove, Shauna Maguire
2-H	Faye Leitch, Dean Whelan
2-M	Jennifer Keogh, Cian O'Neill
2-R	Amy Deverell, Stephen Watts
2-T	Maolíosá Nugent, Keri Sheehan

### ***Form 3***

**Rogers Memorial Prize** (best overall in Form 3): Tom Roseingrave

**Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:** Cameron Ridyard

**Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:** Mark Horgan

**Classical Studies:** Lisa Meehan

**Civic, Social & Political Education - Parents' Association Prize:** Rebecca Conalty, Kit Connolly, Nicola Spendlove, Ellen Walsh

**English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:** Tom Roseingrave

**French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:** Patrick King

**Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:** Tom Roseingrave

**German - German Government Prize:** Niamh McDonagh

**History - Casserley Prize:** Robbie McGuinness

**Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:** Eva Nugent

**Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:** Tom Roseingrave

**Mathematics - Dillon Prize:** Mark Rogan

**Materials Technology (Wood) - Parents' Association Prize:** Guy Prendergast

**Music - Diocesan School Prize:** Joshua Reichental

**Religious Education- Parents' Association Prize:** Diarmuid Kennedy

**Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:** Robbie McGuinness

**Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize:** Michael McNulty

**Progress Prizes:** 3-C Luke Byrne, Susan Kinlan

3-G Katie O'Connor, Josh Purcell

3-T Mohammad Kabadaya, Aoife Ryan

3-W Aoife Gordon, Laura Martin

3-WK James Liddicoat, Zara McElvaney

### ***Form 5***

**Mitchell Scholarship** (best overall in Form 5): David Whyte

**Class Prizes:** Aisling Barry, Ciara Butler, Pauline Carney, Andrew Howell, Amy Hughes, Gordon Lai, Hanah Mesallati, Evanna Mills, Sinead Nolan, Christine Rorke, Valerie Sexton, Aaron Ward, Alice Wyse Jackson

### ***Form 6***

*(Normally a pupil is eligible for only one of the first six awards below)*

**High School Exhibition:** (best pupil in Form 6 who enters TCD) Eoin Silke

**John Thompson Scholarship:** Beth Kelly

**Glorney Exhibition and Cup:** (next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education) Gemma McRann

**Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize:** (next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland) Jessie Elliott

**Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:** (next best performing pupil) Joelle Grogan

**John Bennett Memorial Prize:** (next best performing pupil) Andrew Stevenson

**Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:** (best pupil who studies Engineering at TCD)

Andrew Lohan

**Accounting:** Evan O'Callaghan  
**Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize:** Toby Lyons  
**Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:** Sadhbh Donnellan  
**Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize:** Gemma McRann  
**Business - S.S. Evans Prize:** Gemma McRann  
**Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize:** Eoin Silke  
**Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize:** Hannah Jennings  
**Construction Studies - Parents' Association Prize:** Robbie Bannister  
**Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize:** Gemma McRann  
**English - Bessie Bury Prize:** Eoin Silke  
**French - McNay Prize:** Joelle Grogan  
**Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:** Sam Horgan  
**Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize:** Cameron Brownlee  
**German - German Government Prize:** Jessie Elliott  
**History - Ivan King Memorial Prize:** Joelle Grogan  
**Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:** Niamh Holohan  
**Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize:** Jessie Elliott  
**Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize:** Beth Kelly  
**Music - Diocesan School Prize:** Eneko O'Carroll  
**Physics - Campbell-Crawford Prize:** Killian Rogan  
**Spanish:** Nicola Cantan  
**Technical Drawing - Miss Mitchell's Prize:** Larry O'Connell

**Class Prizes:** Robert Farhat, Claire Fergus, Melissa Hanney, Julie Kavanagh, Alison May, Jack Mays, Deirdre McClean, Max Prendergast, Kate Ryan, Isobel Scally

### **Special Category Prizes**

**Alan Peters Memorial Prize:** (Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life) Anne-Marie Jordan  
**P.P.U. Debating Medal:** Beth Kelly  
**McDonnell Prize for the Arts:** Andrew Howell, Rowan Lacey

### **Foundation Day Initiative Award**

**Robert Farhat** - for his leadership and organisation of the orchestra  
**Beth Kelly and Evan O'Callaghan**, for their leadership and organisation of the All Ireland winning schools quiz team

### **Past Pupils' Union Awards**

The following awards are made to the pupils who are considered to have made the best contribution to the school. In the case of the Head Boy and Head Girl the award is automatic and in the case of the other two awards a vote of staff and Form 6 pupils takes place from which the Head Boy and Head Girl are excluded.

**Head Boy:** Andrew Lohan  
**Head Girl:** Alison May  
**Jean Scott Trophy:** Jessie Elliott  
**Old Boys' Cup:** Robert Farhat

## Sports Captains 2006-2007

Cricket - Boys	Alan Cairns
Cricket - Girls	Jade Breen
Tennis - Boys	Richard Harrison
Tennis - Girls	Annalise Murphy
Athletics - Boys	Robert Rath
Athletics - Girls	Leah Moore
Basketball- Boys	Andrew Stevenson
Basketball - Girls	Beth Kelly
Hockey - Boys	Patrick O'Connor
Hockey - Girls	Gemma McRann
Rugby	Andrew Lohan

## School Trophy Winners 2006-2007

### Athletics

<b>Belgrave</b>	200 Metres - Senior Girls	Valerie Sexton
<b>Cornick</b>	400 Metres - Senior Boys	Robbie Rath
<b>Cunningham</b>	Points - Junior Boys	Guy Prendergast
		Josh Wiler
<b>Diocesan Staff</b>	Points - Intermediate Girls	Susan McRann
<b>Magill</b>	100 Metres - Junior Boys	Robert Lowry Walsh
<b>Mathers</b>	Points - Junior Girls	Leanne McDonnell
<b>Moore</b>	200 Metres - Senior Boys	Robbie Rath
<b>Pakenham Hamilton</b>	High Jump - Junior Girls	Chloe McHugh
<b>Parents' Association</b>	100 Metres- Senior Girls	Valerie Sexton
<b>Sloan</b>	Long Jump - Senior Boys	Max Prendergast
<b>Southam</b>	800 Metres - Senior Boys	Max Prendergast
<b>Taylor</b>	100 Metres - Senior Boys	Robert Rath
<b>Taylor</b>	Points - Senior Girls	Ellen Ní Cleirigh
<b>Travers</b>	High Jump - Senior Boys	Darragh Sweetnam
		Conall Walsh
<b>Walker</b>	1500 Metres - Senior Boys	Gavin Sadlier
<b>War Memorial</b>	Points - Senior Boys	Robbie Rath

### Badminton

<b>Factor</b>	Junior Boys	Simon Jackson
<b>Hennessey</b>	Senior Boys	Toby Lyons
	Junior Girls	Sarah Lucas

## **Canoeing**

**Broad Cup  
Canoeist of the Year  
Junior Liffey Cup**

Form 1

Jack McCabe  
Peter Hunt  
Stephen Shaw

## **Cricket**

**Davies  
Dawson  
de Vere Shortt  
Hanly**

Second Eleven  
Form 2 - Boys  
Batting - Boys  
Fielding - Boys

David Meade  
Alan Hughes  
Kier Johnson  
Alan Cairns

## **Hockey**

**Neville Davin  
Diocesan  
Karen Eppel  
Jean Scott  
Jean Scott**

Senior Boys  
Minor Girls  
Sportmanship  
Junior Girls  
Senior Girls

Max Prendergast  
Eve Roseingrave  
Jade Breen  
Eva Nugent  
Jessie Elliott

## **Rugby**

**Dawson  
de Vere Short  
Turner**

Form 2  
Player of the Year  
Most Deserving Team

Cillian McCann  
Jonathan Sargeant  
Ciaran Collins (capt.)

## **Soccer**

**Shield**

League

Marc Evans (capt.)

## **Table Tennis**

**Evans**

Sam Horgan

## **Tennis**

**Jago  
Smith**

Junior Girls  
Senior Girls

Amy Jones  
Karen Meade

# Transition Year Awards 2006-2007

## Gaisce-President's Award

### Bronze

Debbie Blair  
Tom Burke  
Linda Callaghan  
Gillian Carr  
Ayesha Carrim  
Hilary Cole Pidgeon  
Grace Collins  
Ciaran Collins  
Joe Comerford  
Emma Connell  
Alex Conroy  
Conor Craig  
Clare Cryan  
Aoife Daly  
Tom Emo  
Gareth Fallon  
Ross Finn  
Michael Gray  
Keith Gray  
Catriona Grimes  
Shane Grehan  
Saoirse Hogan  
Peter Hunt  
Amy Jones  
Jack Kelly  
Saurin Kenny  
Emily Kinlan  
Iain Lane  
Phoebe Laing  
Hannah Leavy  
Karen Lew  
Olivia McEvansoneya  
Aoife McGovern  
Matthew McKenna Barry  
Tessa Meade  
Graham Mills  
Sam Moore  
Ryan Morgan  
Jane O'Donohoe  
Jack O'Kennedy

Zoe O'Regan  
Shona O'Toole  
Hannah Phelan  
Leah Quirke  
Rachel Regan  
Jamie Ryan  
Emma Satchwell  
Mark Savage  
Ruth Shannon Doyle  
Stephen Shaw  
Olwen Smith  
Sinead Smith  
Alicia Smyth  
Kevin Smyth  
Joan Somers Donnelly  
Helen Spellar  
Alison Walker  
Jonathan Walker  
John Willoughby  
Graham Young

Simon Kinneen  
Hannah Leavy  
Ian Levine  
Karen Lew  
Alison Meeke  
Kieron Men  
Ryan Morgan  
Grant Murphy  
Dennis O'Connor  
James O'Connor  
Paul O'Kelly  
Sean O'Riordan  
Shona O'Toole  
Jamie Ryan  
Niall Smith  
John Willoughby

### Canoeing Awards

#### Level 2 Kayak

#### Proficiency Award

Peter Hunt  
Stephen Shaw

### Young Entrepreneurs

#### Scheme

Tierna Brazil  
Ayesha Carrim  
Ciaran Collins  
Alan Day  
Adam Elliott  
Thomas Emo  
Declan Fergus  
Damiano Fusciardi  
Candace Horton  
Jonathan Kinlan

### Judo

#### White Belt Awards

Tom Burke  
Stephen Carter  
Ciaran Collins  
Joe Comerford  
Adam Elliott  
Damiano Fusciardi  
Shane Grehan  
Ronan Hennessy  
David Kavanagh  
Jonathan Kinlan  
Simon Kinneen  
Sophie Madigan  
Emma Satchwell  
Linda Silke  
Katie Tallon  
Jonathan Walker  
Shane Webb

### Bursaries

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# **Governors of The Schools Founded by Erasmus Smith Esquire**

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## Leaving Certificate 2007

Aboudinar, Aicha	Kavanagh, Jack	Newman, Deborah
Armstrong Block, Tycho	Kavanagh, Julie	Nicholson, Sean
Bannister, Robbie	Keegan, Colin	O'Callaghan, Evan
Barry, Conor	Kelleher, Jamie	O'Carroll, Eneko
Barry, Kathryn Jane	Kelly, Beth	O'Connell, Larry
Benaksas, Flynn	Keogh, Lucy	O'Connor, Fergal
Boyle, Madeline	Kiernan, Katherine	O'Connor, Patrick
Browne, Jonathan	Kiernan, Richard	O'Donohoe, Sean
Brownlee, Cameron	Kilbey, John	O'Keefe, Alan
Brusey, Susan	Kinlan, Nigel	O'Leary, Eoin
Burgess, Simon	Kinsella McLennan, Cian	Persechini, Roger
Cairns, Alan	Lane, Max	Prendergast, Max
Cantan, Nicola	Lee, Tony	Rath, Robert
Carey, Alexandra	Levine, Janine	Reinecke, Tamryn
Caulfield, Andrew	Loane, Lana	Rendek,
Cobban, Iain	Lohan, Andrew	Kathleen Elizabeth
Daly, Barbara	Lusby, David	Rogan, Killian
Donnellan, Sadhbh	Lyons, Kate	Ryan, Caitriona
Edmondson, Darren	Lyons, Toby	Ryan, Kate
Elliott, Jessie	Maginn, Ciarán	Sargeant, Jonathan
Ellman, Keith	Marconi, Katie	Scally, Isobel
Fagan, Denise	Mathers, Jonathan	Senior, Jonathan
Farhat, Robert	May, Alison	Sherlock, Carol-Ann
Fergus, Claire	Mays, Jack	Silke, Eoin
Fitzmaurice, Fionn	McCann, Katie	Simms, Faye
Fitzpatrick, Robyn	McClellan, Deirdre	Sleator, Niamh
Flanagan, Jennifer	McConnell, William	Smyth, Andrew
Gleeson, Kyle	McFarland, Lynsay	Spoor, Stephen
Gould, Shane	McKenna Barry, Samuel	Stevenson, Andrew
Grogan, Joelle	McMurray, Alan	Stevenson, Nicholas
Grunitz, Harri	McNair, Kim	Stokes, Rowan
Hanney, Melissa	McNally, Anna	Surgeon, Elizabeth
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Bowling, Oscar	Herlihy, Darragh	Moore, Stephanie
Breen, Freya	Hickey, Neal	Mullan, Gavin
Brennan, Sarah	Horgan, Mark	Murphy, Lorcan
Browne, Kevin	Howick, Cal	Murray-Byrne, Andrea
Burns, Sarah	Hughes, Molly	Nugent, Eva
Byrne, Luke	Hunt, Daire	Nugent, Ruairí
Campbell, Nicole	Hyland, Katie	O Cleirigh, Bill
Carragher, Gareth	Irvine, Iain	O'Connor, Katie
Carroll, Owen	James, Stephen	O'Connor, Suzanne
Chapman, Steven	Jones, Nicholas	O'Marcaigh, Hugh
Coffey, Mark	Jones O'Connor, Aimee	O'Shea, Michael
Conalty, Rebecca	Kabadaya, Mohammad	Prendergast, Guy
Connell, Daniel	Kearney, Aoife	Purcell, Joshua
Connolly, Kit	Keenan, Eoin	Reichental, Joshua
Cooke, Daniel	Kennedy, Diarmuid	Reid, Naomi
Corbin, Daniel	Kernan, David	Reilly, Miles
Crilly, Sorcha	Kiernan, Aisling	Ridyard, Cameron
Cunningham, Sarah	King, Patrick	Rogan, Mark
Dakin, Alex	Kinlan, Susan	Roseingrave, Tom
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Donovan, Andrew	Lacey, Keenan	Ryan, Aoife
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Earls, Megan	Ludden, Simon	Spendlove, Nicola
Eccles, Vanya	MacNamara, Liam	Sturdy, Aaron
Evans, Luke	Madden, Lara	Tate, Darragh
Evans, Mark	Martin, Laura	Taylor, Holly
Farrell, Dylan	Mays, Milo	Tobin, Josh
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Flaherty, Graham	McCann, Tess	Twomey, Cian
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**Head Girl:** Valerie Sexton  
**Head Boy:** Rowan Lacey

## The High School

The High School, 40 Harcourt Street, Dublin, was founded on October 1, 1870, by the Governors of The Erasmus Smith Schools. At that time, the great foundation to which The High School was destined to belong was already two hundred years old and controlled four Grammar schools and over 150 primary schools. Established in the middle of the seventeenth century by Erasmus Smith to educate the children of his tenants and other poor scholars, the foundation had an income of over £8,000 per annum by 1870, a considerable sum in those days.

The English or Intermediate section of the new school offered courses in English, Arithmetic, Book-keeping and Writing. In addition, a series of optional courses in Latin, Greek, Natural Sciences, French, German, advanced Mathematics and Drawing were available. The school year was divided into four terms which began in October, January, April and August. Each day began at 9.30 a.m. with Prayers conducted by the Headmaster and school ended at 3.00 p.m.

On 8 November, 1870, the boys petitioned the Governors to allow a half day on Wednesdays but this was refused. During break the boys were allowed to go into the pleasure grounds which adjoined the school and in January 1872 the Standing Committee agreed to allow them to walk on the grass, but ordered that the junior masters were to supervise the boys during lunch break.

Although it had a precarious beginning, with only 123 pupils in 1871 instead of the anticipated 300, the school was later to thrive. The High School moved from Harcourt Street to Danum, Rathgar in 1971 and amalgamated with The Diocesan School for Girls in 1974, thereby becoming co-educational. The Diocesan School was the older of the two new partners, having been founded in 1849. A major new building programme was completed in 2001. The school now caters for almost 800 pupils.

## School motto

We are faithful to our trust

## Mission statement

Our mission as an educational community is the pursuit of excellence and the development of the full potential of all. We emphasise values such as integrity, kindness and respect. Our aim is to enable pupils to take their place in society as responsible, informed, thinking and tolerant human beings.