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The High School

(Incorporating The Diocesan School for Girls)

*Parents Evening
and
Prize Distribution*

Wednesday 22 October 2008
8.00 p.m.

The prizes will be distributed by

David Went

Chairman of the Irish Times

Order of Proceedings

The Chairman of the Board of Governors

Leslie Ruttle

The Principal

Brian Duffy

A choir performance

directed by

Brenda Bourke

David Went

An orchestral performance

directed by

Marianne White

Distribution of Prizes

David Went

Presentation of the Jean Scott Trophy

Joan Love

(President of the Past Pupils' Union)

Presentation of the Old Boys' Cup

Philip Orr

(President of the Past Pupils' Union)

Benediction

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

2007/2008

Principal's Report

BT Duffy, MA, H Dip Ed

National developments

As is well known, Ireland has been almost at the bottom of the table of OECD countries in terms of investment in second level education. This situation is now worsening, with the economic downturn being blamed. Various programmes are being cut back and spending commitments are not being fulfilled. There is no sign of the much needed school maintenance programme which was called the Summer Works Scheme being reintroduced after its cancellation in early 2008. The provision of Special Needs Assistants for the most vulnerable of our children is now the subject of a "value for money review". The last such review conducted was of ICT advisors in the Education Centres and it resulted in the abolition of all of their posts, with no replacement of their services in sight. The long promised state funded chaplaincies now seem little more than a dream. There is no chance of them materialising in the short or medium term. Most of the curriculum support services, which facilitate the training of teachers in new curricula, have been curtailed. The raising of the pupil teacher ratio and the withdrawal of most of our state grants in the 2008 budget will have a very serious effect on the finances of schools.

I wrote in this booklet last year of the promised National Development Plan funding of €252 million for information and communication technologies in schools. We are now moving into the third year of the six year period covered by the plan and still none of this funding has actually been disbursed. There has now been no funding for computers in schools since the IT 2000 plan eight years ago. We recently received two expensively printed glossy brochures concerning ICT in schools - one from the inspectorate and one from the National Centre for Technology in Education, concerning the current provision of ICT and investment for the future. These were interesting to read but in the absence of funding are a waste of effort and of paper. One wonders how many household computers or office computers are eight years old and still functioning.

We at The High School have made our own investment in the intervening period and are continually improving the ICT structure and software in the school. We now have sub-networks in three teaching rooms, a wireless network throughout the school to facilitate teachers or pupils using laptops anywhere in the school and data projectors in many classrooms. We are moving into a trial of interactive whiteboards to determine their suitability for particular teaching purposes. There are varied opinions among educationalists about the value of interactive whiteboards at post-primary level and the recent NCTE plan for investment does not recommend their use. However, we wish to test them ourselves so that we do not spend money on a large scale without being sure of the added educational value. Our coordinator of ICT works with teachers to assist them with the best use of ICT within the curriculum.

Last April the Department of Education & Science introduced a cross-sectoral redeployment scheme for teachers from schools due to close, as part of the Towards 2016 agreement. The Protestant schools were reluctant to cooperate with the cross-sectoral element of the scheme, fearing damage to ethos and interference with employment rights. A High Court case was settled during the hearings and the revised scheme is now in operation.

The National Education and Welfare Board published in May 2008 a booklet entitled "Developing a Code of Behaviour: Guidelines for Schools", which is designed to replace all previous Department regulations on the issue of school discipline. The aims of the guidelines include the provision of an environment in which students can learn to behave well and to learn well. The code is to help "the school community to promote the school ethos, relationships, policies, procedures and practices that encourage good behaviour and prevent unacceptable behaviour. The code of behaviour helps teachers, other members of staff, students and parents to work together for a happy, effective and safe school."

The guidelines recommend that a process of consultation within the school community is utilised to develop a code of conduct and that there are rights of appeal and safeguards built in to protect students and staff when serious difficulties occur, including the right of students not to have their learning disrupted by one or more unruly students. Such a process was and is utilised in the preparation of all policies at this school and a first perusal of the new guidelines does not suggest the need for substantial change in our existing code of behaviour. However, we will conduct a review in the light of the publication of the booklet.

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment continues to revise and plan the curriculum. Its current strategic plan envisages the completion of the rebalancing of all Junior Certificate subject syllabi, the development of a curriculum framework based in personal, social and vocational skills aimed at assisting students with special educational needs in accessing the junior cycle curriculum, the commencement of a pilot project on using the European Language Portfolio to support the teaching and learning of Irish and modern languages in the junior cycle. In addition, it is proceeding with the overhaul of the senior cycle curriculum and the development of Transition Year Units for certification. The curriculum is being rewritten for science subjects, mathematics, the humanities and languages at senior level, along with the development of a new subject for the Leaving Certificate entitled "Politics and Society" and a new curriculum framework for Physical Education.

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, English and German. 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 school policies guided by the Education Committee.

We have been busy over the summer with development and maintenance of the fabric of the buildings. The fifth laboratory has been rebuilt completing the refurbishment programme of all laboratories. 22 of the classrooms have been redecorated and the remainder will be completed next summer. CCTV for the better protection of staff and pupils has been provided by the Board throughout the remainder of the B and C floor corridors. Replacement of existing fire doors in corridors, installation of fire doors on all storage areas and new fire doors in the front hall area have been installed to conform to safety requirements. Planning permission has been sought to replace two hockey pitches with new astroturfs and it is hoped that this work will be completed next summer, subject to finance being available. 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.

Our programme of visiting clergy and speakers to morning assembly continues to be successful. We are very grateful to the dozens of speakers who agree to visit us. Pupils, staff and the Principal also participate. Our assembly programme is designed to provide an opportunity when the whole school can reflect on spiritual, moral, social and ethical themes. In addition, we celebrate the achievements of individual pupils and teams by congratulating them in assembly. Assembly also provides an opportunity for musical performances by pupils to take place. It is an important vehicle for assisting the development of pupils' characters and values.

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 Alan Browning for his 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.highschoolDublin.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 L McClure retired after 33 years of dedicated service to the school as an English teacher. Mr McClure acted as a Form Teacher, also coached rugby for many years and was in charge of boys tennis until recently. As an Assistant Principal he took charge of the administrative duties of Lost Property and Booklist compilation. Mrs B Davin, who joined the staff in 1980 and who has been on career break for the last few years, also retired. Mrs Davin taught Geography and she was involved in coaching swimming in her early years on the staff. As a Special Duties Teacher she took

responsibility for the locker system. She also acted as a Form Teacher for many years. We wish our retirees well in the future.

Ms D Fahey, Mr K Barry, Ms A Bridgeman, Ms W Gilmore, Ms K Smith and Ms R Graydon left the staff in June and Ms Levis began a career break in September. During the summer Mr B O'Hanlon, Ms S Fox, Ms M Browne and Ms M McKevitt resigned while Ms S Toolan, Ms C Reilly and Ms S Brennan applied to take leave. Ms McPhilips, supervisor, has also resigned and we have recruited Mr J. O'Brien to replace her. We have welcomed the following new staff - Mr A Levis, PE, Geography, games; Ms C Goulding, Biology, Science, Home Economics; Ms J Wilson, Geography; Mr L Carolan, Maths; Ms A Rugg, French; Ms V Kelly, History, Classical Studies, Mr L. Farrell, Economics and Accounting. We also welcome back after breaks or leave – Ms T Bergin, Mr D Miller, Ms R Missen, Ms B Galligan.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2008-2009 is 789.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2008, 122 pupils presented 860 papers in 21 subjects. 629 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 88% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1.86% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage of the grand total of all papers was 65%. These statistics represent the best ever performance of the school in the Leaving Certificate.

In the Junior Certificate 2008, 134 pupils presented 1088 papers where different levels are available and 134 papers at common level (CSPE). 916 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 78% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.1% of all papers. The percentage of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level as a percentage of the total number of papers was 66%. All of these indicators constitute a 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.highschooldublin.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 2008

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Mike Dolan Zion Parish National School

School Scholarships:

Seán Shanley Mee	Scoil Bhríde, Ranelagh
Oisín Faust	Rathfarnham Educate Together National School
Tim Neenan	Ranelagh Multi Denominational School
Richard Bismilla	Rathfarnham Parish National School
Julie O'Brien	Rathgar National School

Music Scholarship:

Johnny Kehoe-Roche	Rathgar National School
Seán Keary	Kildare Place School

Prizes 2007 - 2008

(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

Class Prizes:	1-F	Aisling Reilly, Andrew Shaw
	1-G	Caoimhe Cassidy, Patrick Devine Prendergast
	1-J	Lisa Doyle, Gavin Rothwell
	1-R	Lucy Burns, Ing-mar Lim
	1-W	Brian Kennelly, Sam Treacy-McGee

Progress Prizes:	1-F	Chloe Deacon, Ray Listanco
	1-G	Kate Barrett, Shane Smith
	1-J	Fiadh Gregg, Luke Thompson
	1-R	Cian Butler, Lia McCann
	1-W	Florence Bradish, Daragh Kiernan

Form 2

Class Prizes:	2-H	Alice Somers Donnelly, Sophie Wann
	2-OH	Conor Sexton, Niamh Smith
	2-P	Jack Molony, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh
	2-R	Judith Harrington, Jennifer Rynne
	2-W	Anna Keary, Gavin O'Toole

Wilfrid Lowry Progress Prizes:

	2-H	Ciaran Bradish, Zoe Dolan
	2-OH	Niamh Murphy, Adam O'Malley
	2-P	Nicole Connolly, Cormac Jordan
	2-R	Jessie Meeke, Michael Treacy
	2-W	Martha Barber Hume, Niall O'Callaghan

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize (best overall in Form 3): Seraphim Dempsey

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize: Naoise Dolan

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize: Mark Gaynor

Classical Studies: Ryan Kirwan

Civic, Social & Political Education - Parents' Association Prize:

Emma Hogg, Sophie Lee, Megan Rayner

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize: Naoise Dolan

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize: Jack Doyle

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize: Robert Emo

German - German Government Prize: Seraphim Dempsey

History - Casserley Prize: Seraphim Dempsey

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize: Ellen Carney

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize: Katie O'Brien

Mathematics - Dillon Prize: Cliona Rogan

Materials Technology (Wood) - Parents' Association Prize: Cian O'Neill

Music - Diocesan School Prize: Eve Roseingrave

Religious Education- Parents' Association Prize: Cian O'Neill

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize: Katie O'Brien

Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize: Matthew Smyth

Progress Prizes:

3-G	Jennifer Byrne, Kira Mulhere
3-H	Seán Warren, Amy Cripps
3-M	Ronan Lowther, Sarah Quirke
3-R	Clodagh Sleator, Laura Pearson
3-T	Neil McGinley, Aislinn Twamley Levins

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5): Debbie Blair

Class Prizes: Robbie Browne, Conor Craig, Jack Kelly, Matthew McKenna-Barry, Jack O'Kennedy, Mark Savage, Stephen Shaw, Olwen Smith, Alicia Smyth, Joan Somers Donnelly

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) Hanah Mesallati

John Thompson Scholarship: Sinead Nolan

Glorney Exhibition and Cup: (next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education) Evanna Mills

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland) Pauline Carney

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize: (next best performing pupil) David Whyte

John Bennett Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil) Rowan Lacey

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

Fionan Keenan

Accounting: Andrew Gray
Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Richard Jones
Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize: Daniel Tuomey
Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize: Hanah Mesallati
Business - S.S. Evans Prize: Nick Fitzpatrick
Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize: Hanah Mesallati
Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize: Sophie Higgs
Construction Studies - Parents' Association Prize: Aaron Ward
Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Nick Fitzpatrick
English - Bessie Bury Prize: Pauline Carney
French - McNay Prize: Ciara Butler
Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize: Hanah Mesallati
Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Hanah Mesallati
German - German Government Prize: Andrew Howell
History - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Niamh Kenny
Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize: Pauline Carney
Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize: Pauline Carney
Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize: Hanah Mesallati
Music - Diocesan School Prize: Eve Horgan
Physics - Campbell-Crawford Prize: David Whyte
Spanish: Ciara Butler
Technical Drawing - Miss Mitchell's Prize: David Whyte

Class Prizes: Dan Alkin, Gareth Austen, Triona Connell, Andrew Gray, Amy Hughes, Miriam Kerr, Siobhan Margolis, Ellen Ní Cleirigh, Christine Rorke, Valerie Sexton, Alice Wyse-Jackson

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: (Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life) Ellen Ní Cleirigh
P.P.U. Debating Medal: Stephen Shaw
McDonnell Prize for the Arts: Adam Higgs

Foundation Day Initiative Award

Adam Higgs - organising the sound system for all school productions.
Aimee Bannister and **Amy Deverell** - organising fund-raising activities within the school.

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: Rowan Lacey
Head Girl: Valerie Sexton
Jean Scott Trophy: Evanna Mills
Old Boys' Cup: Andrew Howell

Sports Captains 2007-2008

Cricket - Boys	David Meade
Cricket - Girls	Christine Rorke
Tennis - Boys	Daniel James
Tennis - Girls	Amy Jones
Athletics - Boys	Aidan Cowlard Joyce
Athletics - Girls	Leah Moore
Basketball- Boys	Andrew Stevenson
Basketball - Girls	Aislinn Coghlan
Hockey - Boys	Richard Jones
Hockey - Girls	Valerie Sexton
Rugby	Marc Evans

School Trophy Winners 2007-2008

Athletics

Belgrave	200 Metres - Senior Girls	Leah Moore
Cornick	400 Metres - Senior Boys	Edmund Butler
Cunningham	Points - Junior Boys	Conor Sexton/ Ethan Conroy
Diocesan Staff	Points - Junior Girls	Megan Kilpatrick
Magill	100 Metres - Junior Boys	Conor Sexton
Mathers	Points - Form 1 Girls	Siobhan McManus
Moore	200 Metres - Senior Boys	Robert O'Callaghan
Pakenham Hamilton	High Jump - Junior Girls	Siobhan McManus
Parents' Association	100 Metres- Senior Girls	Leah Moore
Sloan	Long Jump - Senior Boys	Marc Evans
Southam	800 Metres - Senior Boys	Bill O'Cleirigh
Taylor	100 Metres - Senior Boys	Robert O'Callaghan
Taylor	Points - Senior Girls	Leah Moore
Travers	High Jump - Senior Boys	Marc Evans
Walker	1500 Metres - Senior Boys	Not contested
War Memorial	Points - Senior Boys	Robert O'Callaghan

Badminton

Factor	Junior Boys	Aaron Campbell
Hennessey	Senior Boys	Not awarded
	Junior Girls	Emma Lucas
	Senior Girls	Not awarded
Evans	Junior Mixed	Aaron Campbell Chloe Deacon

Canoeing

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

Form 1

Niall Mason
Keenan Lacey
James Harding

Cricket

**Davies
Dawson
de Vere Shortt
Hanly**

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

Mark Rogan
Kunal Kapoor
David Meade
Sean Tevlin

Hockey

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

Senior Boys
Minor Girls
Sportmanship
Junior Girls
Senior Girls

Richard Jones
Niamh Moran
Ellen Ní Cleirigh
Maoliosa Nugent
Alison Meeke

Rugby

**Dawson
de Vere Short
Turner**

Form 2
Player of the Year
Most Deserving Team

Ethan Conroy
Gareth Austen
Junior Cup Team

Soccer

Shield

League

Daniel James

Table Tennis

Evans

Luke Staines

Tennis- Girls

**Jago
Smith**

Junior Girls
Senior Girls

Maeve Daly
Olivia Ball

Tennis - Boys

**Harcourt
Sealy**

Junior Boys
Senior Boys

Conor Ryan
Robbie McGuinness

Transition Year Awards 2007-2008

Gaisce-President's Award Bronze

Michael Adye-Curran
Kevin Browne
Gareth Carragher
Mark Coffey
Rebecca Conalty
Daniel Connell
Kit Connolly
Alex Dakin
Megan Earls
Vanya Eccles
Aoife Fitzpatrick
Graham Flaherty
Martin Flower
Andrew Gilbert
Stuart Gray
Craig Hanan
James Harding
Mark Horgan
Aimee Jones O'Connor
Diarmuid Kennedy
Aisling Kiernan
Etan Kinsella-McLennan
Keenan Lacey
Stephanie Lodola
Liam MacNamara
Lara Madden
Laura Martin
Emmet McBride
Tess McCann
Niamh McDonagh
Richelle McDonnell
Alexander
McLaughlin-Callan
Lisa Meehan
Rebecca Mills
Sophie Mitchell
Gavin Mullan
Andrea Murray-Byrne

Eva Nugent
Katie O'Connor
Suzanne O'Connor
Hugh O'Marcaigh
Josh Reichental
Naomi Reid
Miles Reilly
Nicola Spendlove
Holly Taylor
Georgie Twamley
Cian Twomey
Ellen Walsh
Peter Williamson

Canoeing Awards Level 2 Kayak Proficiency Award

Luke Byrne
Dylan Farrell
James Harding
Mark Horgan
Keenan Lacey
Liam MacNamara
Guy Prendergast
Brian Speller

Young Entrepreneurs Scheme

Marie Claire Foley
Robert Emo
Stephen Dowling
Graham Flaherty
Etan Kinsella-McLennan
Sarah McCoy
Sarah Brennan
Camilla Hanney
Stephen James
Suzanne O'Connor
Archie Heaslip

Bursaries

Daniel Cooke
Sarah Burke
Richelle McDonnell
Rebecca Mills
Stephen Whelan
Michael Adye-Curran
Luke Byrne
Susan Kinlan
Martin Flower
Josh Reichental
Lorcan Murphy
Guy Prendergast
Sarah Kate McConnell

Judo White Belt Awards

Stephen Chapman
Aoife Fitzpatrick
Neal Hickey
Cal Howick
Matthew Ware

Yellow Belt Awards

Michael Adye-Curran
Oscar Bowling
Mark Coffey
Daniel Cooke
Danny Corbin
Vanya Eccles
Luke Evans
Stuart Gray
Craig Hanan
Mark Horgan
Mohammad Kabadaya
Liam MacNamara
Lorcan Murphy
Andrea Murray-Byrne
Katie O'Connor
Michael O'Shea
Brian Speller

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Leaving Certificate 2008

Alkin, Daniel	Harrison, Richard	Mulholland, David
Allison, Tanya	Hickey, Jack	Murphy, Annalise
Anglim, Kathryn	Hickey, James	Murphy, Ruth
Aslanis, Jordan	Hickey, Saoirse	Nolan, Sinead
Austen, Gareth	Hickey, Shane	Noone, Orfhlaith
Barry, Aisling	Higgs, Adam	Ní Cleirigh, Ellen
Bishop, Hannah	Higgs, Sophie	O'Dea, Helen
Blakely, Louise	Horgan, Eve	O'Meara, Graeme
Brady, Barry	Howell, Andrew	O'Meara, Joann
Breen, Jade	Hughes, Amy	Oliver, Laura
Brownless, Amber	James, Conor	Reina, Olwen
Burke, Rebecca	James, Daniel	Rorke, Christine
Butler, Ciara	Jewell, Dermott	Sadlier, Gavin
Butler, Edmund	Jones, Richard	Senior, Ruth
Byrne, Daragh	Keenan, Fionan	Sexton, Valerie
Byrne, Sarah	Kelleher, Judy	Sheridan, Colin
Callaghan, Robert	Keller, Darragh	Sheridan, Daniel
Carney, Pauline	Kenny, David	Singleton, Ian
Carty, Caoimhe	Kenny, Niamh	Smart, Amy
Casey, Susan	Kerr, Miriam	Spray, Marcus
Clarke, Sarah May	Lacey, Rowan	Staines, Luke
Collins, Mark	Lai, Gordon	Stevenson, Andrew
Comerford, James	Lawson, Alexander	Sweetnam, Darragh
Connell, Triona	Lohan, Thomas	Tallon, Emma
Cooley, Laura	Lui, Alain	Tevlin, Sean
Cooley, Sian	Lunn, Hannah	Thornberry, Gavin
Cooper, Cherith	Mackay, Euan	Tuomey, Daniel
Cooper, Naomi	Madden, Jack	Wade, Aron
Corbin, Sarah	Margolis, Siobhan	Walsh, Conall
Cox, Peter	McAuley, Ruth	Ward, Aaron
Deeley, Genevieve	McConnell, Karina	Ward, Harry
Donnelly, Sarah	McDermott, Sarah	Whyte, David
Drakeford, Adam	McDonnell, Caoimhe	Wiler, Christena
Evans, Kimberly	McHugh, Carl	Wyse Jackson, Alice
Evans, Marc	Meade, David	
Field, Graham	Mesallati, Hanah	
Fitzpatrick, Brian	Mills, Evanna	
Fitzpatrick, Nick	Milton, Grainne	
Fox, Ronan	Misstear, Bruce	
Fusciardi, Romano	Mitchell, Niamh	
Gray, Andrew	Mooney, Norah	
Hanan, Ross	Moore, Leah	
Hanlon, William	Moran, Barry	
Hanly, Stéphane	Moran, Donal	

Junior Certificate 2008

Adye-Curran, Seán	Harrison, Padraig	O'Donnell, Rona
Anglim, William	Hennessy, Kate	O'Leary, Niall
Bannister, Aimee	Hickey, Niall	O'Leary-Watson, Ella
Beardsley, Gary	Hogg, Emma	O'Marcaigh, Kate
Blennerhassett, Karen	Hughes, Alan	O'Neíll, Cian
Boyce, Caolán	Jackson, Simon	O'Reilly, Shane
Brennan, Johnny	Jones, Daniel	O'Rourke, Emma
Broderick, Conor	Kapoor, Dhruv	Patterson, Jessica
Browning, Hannah	Keating, Sarah	Pearson, Laura
Brownlee, Sheila	Kennedy, Josh	Quirke, Sarah
Buttanshaw, Jessica	Keogh, Jennifer	Rayner, Megan
Byrne, Jennifer	King, Olivia	Reed Schmied, Elena
Campbell, Graham	Kirwan, Ryan	Reina, Aisling
Campbell, Lee	Lee, Sophie	Richardson, Mollie-Kate
Carey, Robyn	Leitch, Faye	Rogan, Cliona
Carney, Ellen	Leith, Michael	Roseingrave, Eve
Carson, Robert	Lim, Sean-Tee	Ryan, Nicola
Clarke, Daniel	Lowry Walshe, Robert	Sadlier, James
Cosgrove, David	Lowther, Ronan	Sargeant, Jessica
Cripps, Amy	Lucas, Sarah	Scanlan, Ella
Daley, Megan	Lynch, Megan	Sheehan, Keri
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Head Boy: Jack O'Kennedy

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.