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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 21 October 2009  
8.00 p.m.

The prizes will be distributed by

**Dr Aengus O'Marcaigh**

## **Order of Proceedings**

The Chairman of the Board of Governors

**Leslie Ruttle**

The Principal

**Brian Duffy**

A choir performance

directed by

**Brenda Bourke**

**Dr Aengus O'Marcaigh**

An orchestral performance

directed by

**Marianne White**

Distribution of Prizes

**Dr Aengus O'Marcaigh**

Presentation of the Jean Scott Trophy

**Ann Tector**

(President of the Past Pupils' Union)

Presentation of the Old Boys' Cup

**Richard Graves**

(President of the Past Pupils' Union)

Benediction

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

# 2008/2009

## Principal's Report

### BT Duffy, MA, H Dip Ed

#### National developments

It is by now well known that the government has slashed and burned its way through education funding as part of its effort to restore national finances. From a position where we were already at the bottom of the table of OECD countries in terms of investment in education so much has been removed that the system is in danger of collapsing altogether. Pupils in "free" schools around the country are suffering the loss of subjects, larger classes, higher and ordinary levels being routinely taught in the same instead of separate classes, withdrawal of supports for children with special needs and even the cancellation of the book grant for the needy, perhaps the most unacceptable of all cutbacks. Unlike the government, the Finance Committee in this school engaged in prudent financial practices over the last few years and was in the fortunate position of being able to cushion fee-paying parents from the worst while also replacing our old astroturf hockey pitch and building a second, new astroturf. We managed this by using much of our accumulated reserve, with some judicious pruning of our normal budgets and with support from our staff.

For this type of school all normal government grants for the running of the school were removed from January 2009, e.g. support services grant, book grant for needy pupils, Transition Year grant, grants for materials in science and practical subjects, assistance towards caretaking and secretarial costs, etc. Since 1968, the government had maintained an agreement with the Protestant secondary sector that its schools would receive these grants. This agreement was simply abandoned without consultation or notice, in the middle of a school year.

The pupil teacher ratio was changed from 18:1 to 20:1 from September 2009. At this school we provide a pupil teacher ratio of 13:1 which we consider to be appropriate for good quality education and therefore you are now paying through your fees four additional privately paid teachers who were previously paid by the state. The only other option is to remove particular subjects from the curriculum. Schools in Ireland now have the second-worst ratio of pupils to state funded teachers in Europe. Grants for the provision of supervision of the school and substitution for absent teachers were severely curtailed. The longterm implications are a less safe environment and curtailed extra-curricular activities.

Since March 2009, senior managerial positions in the school can not be filled if a teacher retires or leaves. In other words, if an Assistant Principal is a Year Head or Certificate Examination organiser and retires, that function is supposed to be "reallocated" or left unfilled. Other staff have their own responsibilities so these posts can not be easily "reallocated". This will mean a steadily diminishing service and pastoral care from schools, or rising fees to provide the services through private pay, while at the same

time being conscious that parents can ill afford rising fees at the moment.

The government's own economic forum at Farmleigh comprised many of the best economic minds and entrepreneurial business leaders in Ireland, as well as the chief executives of some of the multi-national companies which have invested here in the past. The unanimous view was that, rather than cutting investment in education, the government should be investing more in education, research and development so that a well educated and well trained workforce is ready to take advantage of economic recovery and even to stimulate that recovery with innovation. However, as I write we hear that further cuts are being planned for the 2010 budget, in staffing and in special needs provision for the most vulnerable in our society. One has to question the wisdom of the path being chosen. Will we be looking back in fifteen years time and commenting on the disastrous decisions which were made in 2009?

This government has claimed to be promoting the development of science and technology education for more than a decade while the facts are that science classes are disappearing all over the country because they can no longer be funded. They are often the first to go because of the expense of maintaining the laboratories and providing the equipment and supplies. The last time there was any government investment in ICT was in the year 2000 - nine years ago! Are you still using a nine year old computer at home or in your business? At this school, we have maintained our position in ICT through our own investment and have recently upgraded our facilities again, for the third time since 2000.

The Department of Education & Science, while cutting our funding, is also introducing a culture of ever-increasing control of what we do in the school and nowadays wishes to control even the teachers we may employ. Having already forced through a scheme of cross-sectoral redeployment where a teacher may be moved to a vacancy here from a school closing elsewhere, with our Board of Governors having no right even to interview that person, the Department is now seeking a similar scheme to redeploy out of the school a teacher who is surplus in its view, because the school might be temporarily over the quota of state paid teachers allowed to it, due to the recent changes in the pupil teacher ratio.

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 continuation of the 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. How exactly any of this will be financed is not clear!

## School developments

The inspectorate has carried out a number of inspections and evaluations in the school in the areas of management, planning, curriculum, guidance, learning support, Irish, Physics, Science, French, English, German and recently Technical Graphics and Design & Communication Graphics. 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 two new astroturf pitches were completed on time and are in use. Insulation and recovering of the roof of the school was completed in October. General maintenance work included painting, flooring, furniture renewal, fencing, etc. was also undertaken. All of these jobs were difficult to complete within the few weeks between the end of the exams and the beginning of term and we owe our gratitude to Administrator, John Davis, and Chairman of the Grounds & Property Committee, Dr John Reid, for the coordination of the projects.

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 Education Committee this year reviewed the code of conduct and policies in the areas of religious, spiritual and moral education, and social, personal and health education.

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 the 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 techniques course is organised 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, 3 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.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 M Kirby retired at the end of October 2008, having taught Physical Education, Business and Latin since 1975. Mr Kirby coached swimming, cricket, soccer and golf at various times during his career. As an Assistant Principal, he was responsible in recent years for enterprise education and the locker system. Mr B Quinn retired at the end of August 2009, having taught modern languages since 1978. Mr Quinn coached rugby and cricket for many years and supervised trips to the continent. He served as a form teacher, as coordinator of continental exchange links and, in recent years as coordinator of the language department, of subject choice administration and of scholarships, while an Assistant Principal. We wish them well in their retirements.

Ms M Lynch, Mr K Clarke and Ms C Smyth resigned during the summer holidays. We have welcomed the following new staff - Ms A Rugg, French, hockey; Ms R Lyons, resource; Mr B Sheehan, Construction Studies, Technical Graphics; Ms L Sweeney, Art, replacing Becky Galligan while on leave; Dr T de Brit, Geography, Geology, replacing Mr D Wright temporarily (ill); Mr C Rankin, Geography, Mr D Dunne, English, History; Mr R Draper, Art; Ms J Jackson, Special Needs Assistant; Mr M Critchley, laboratory technician and basketball coach. We also welcome back after leave - Ms M Hearne and Ms S Toolan. Ms L Watson is away on study leave for a year; Mr M Wisener, Ms S Quinn, Ms M Burrowes and Melle E Rouillet are on career breaks while Ms C Reilly is on a year of extended maternity leave.

## **Numbers and Examinations**

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2009-2010 is 771.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2009, 126 pupils presented 887 papers in 21 subjects. 637 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 79% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.25% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage of the grand total of all papers was 57%. These statistics represent a very good performance.

In the Junior Certificate 2009, 135 pupils presented 1073 papers where different levels are available and 135 papers at common level (CSPE). 905 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 86% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1.8% 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 72%. This was the second best performance ever in the school.

## **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](http://www.highschoolDublin.com) and in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication produced by the students of Form 5 and coordinated in 2008-09 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.



### **Form 3**

**Rogers Memorial Prize** (best overall in Form 3): Cian Dowling Cullen  
**Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:** Aoife Moroney  
**Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:** Mark Deegan  
**Classical Studies:** Gavin O'Toole  
**Civic, Social & Political Education - Parents' Association Prize:** Rachel Burke, Colm Finlay, Niamh Murphy  
**English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:** Emma Devine  
**French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:** Alice Somers Donnelly  
**Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:** Judith Harrington  
**German - German Government Prize:** Anna Keary  
**History - Casserley Prize:** Thomas Wyse Jackson  
**Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:** Anna Keary  
**Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:** Cian Dowling Cullen  
**Mathematics - Dillon Prize:** Cian Dowling Cullen  
**Materials Technology (Wood) - Parents' Association Prize:** Cian Dowling Cullen  
**Music - Diocesan School Prize:** Joseph Finn  
**Religious Education- Parents' Association Prize:** Jennifer Rynne  
**Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:** Colm Finlay  
**Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize:** Samuel Lunn

**Progress Prizes:**

3-H	James Hennessy, Niamh Kearns
3-OH	Rebecca Dalton, Stephen Reid
3-P	Deborah Burke, Ethan Conroy
3-R	Kristian Chisholm, Sophie Collins
3-W	Mara Barrett, Niall Burke

### **Form 5**

**Mitchell Scholarship** (best overall in Form 5): Luke Byrne

**Class Prizes:** Sarah Burns, Ian Duggan, Iain Irvine, Stephanie Lodola, Tess McCann, Robbie McGuinness, Michael McNulty, Eva Nugent, Mark Rogan, Tom Roseingrave, Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh

### **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) Deborah Blair  
**John Thompson Scholarship:** Alicia Smyth  
**Glorney Exhibition and Cup:** (next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education) Jack Kelly  
**Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize:** (next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland) Joan Somers Donnelly  
**Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:** (next best performing pupil) Jack O'Kennedy  
**John Bennett Memorial Prize:** (next best performing pupil) Stephen Shaw  
**Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:** (best pupil who studies Engineering at TCD) Thomas Burke

**Accounting:** Deborah Blair  
**Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize:** Shane Grehan  
**Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:** Bo Jane Woods  
**Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize:** Jack Kelly  
**Business - S.S. Evans Prize:** Jonathan Walker  
**Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize:** Jack Kelly  
**Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize:** Alicia Smyth  
**Construction Studies - Parents' Association Prize:** Clare Cryan  
**Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize:** Declan Fergus  
**English - Bessie Bury Prize:** Deborah Blair  
**French - McNay Prize:** Stephen Shaw  
**Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:** Joan Somers Donnelly  
**Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize:** Niall Smith  
**German - German Government Prize:** Joan Somers Donnelly  
**History - Ivan King Memorial Prize:** Jack O'Kennedy  
**Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:** Zoe O'Regan  
**Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize:** Jack O'Kennedy  
**Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize:** Deborah Blair  
**Music - Diocesan School Prize:** Robbie O'Brien  
**Physics:** Jack Kelly  
**Spanish:** Stephen Shaw  
**Technical Drawing - Miss Mitchell's Prize:** James Ryan

**Class Prizes:** Robbie Browne, Aislinn Coghlan, Ciarán Collins, Gareth Fallon, Olivia McEvansoneya, Matthew McKenna Barry, Graham Mills, Mark Savage, Linda Silke, Olwen Smith

#### **Special Category Prizes**

**Alan Peters Memorial Prize:** (Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life) Matthew McKenna Barry

**P.P.U. Debating Medal:** Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh

**McDonnell Prize for the Arts:** Patrick King, Keenan Lacey

#### **Foundation Day Initiative Award**

**Andrew Donovan** and **Bill O Cleirigh** for their role in the preparation, production and adaptation of the script for 'The Commitments'.

**Eleanor White** for establishing and promoting an Amnesty International group

#### **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:** Jack O'Kennedy

**Head Girl:** Olwen Smith

**Jean Scott Trophy:** Charlotte Leonard-Kane

**Old Boys' Cup:** Kevin Smyth

## Sports Captains 2008-2009

Cricket - Boys	-	Niall Noonan
Cricket - Girls	-	Cliona Rogan
Tennis - Boys	-	Jonathan Walker
Tennis - Girls	-	Aimee Jones O'Connor
Athletics - Boys	-	Bill O'Cleirigh
Athletics - Girls	-	Niamh Murphy
Basketball- Boys	-	Stephen James
Basketball- Girls	-	Aislinn Coghlan
Hockey - Boys	-	Jonathan Walker
Hockey - Girls	-	Alison Meeke
Rugby	-	Stephen Carter

## School Trophy Winners 2008-2009

### Athletics

<b>Belgrave</b>	200 Metres - Senior Girls	Emma Murphy
<b>Cornick</b>	400 Metres - Senior Boys	Bill O'Cleirigh
<b>Cunningham</b>	Points - Junior Boys	Sam Treacy-McGee
<b>Hughes</b>	U15 Girls 100m	Emma Murphy
<b>Diocesan Staff</b>	Points - Junior Girls	Emma Murphy
<b>Magill</b>	100 Metres - Junior Boys	Sam Treacy-McGee
<b>Mathers</b>	Points - Form 1 Girls	Eva Barrett
<b>Moore</b>	200 Metres - Senior Boys	Stuart Gray
<b>Pakenham Hamilton</b>	High Jump - Junior Girls	Not awarded
<b>Parents' Association</b>	100 Metres- Senior Girls	Katie O'Brien
<b>Sloan</b>	Long Jump - Senior Boys	Conor Sexton
<b>Southam</b>	800 Metres - Senior Boys	Bill O'Cleirigh
<b>Taylor</b>	100 Metres - Senior Boys	Stuart Gray
<b>Taylor</b>	Points - Senior Girls	Katie O'Brien
<b>Travers</b>	High Jump - Senior Boys	Not awarded
<b>Walker</b>	1500 Metres - Senior Boys	Bill O'Cleirigh
<b>War Memorial</b>	Points - Senior Boys	Bill O'Cleirigh

### Badminton

<b>Factor</b>	Junior Boys	Alex Liddicoat
<b>Hennessey</b>	Senior Boys	Not awarded
	Junior Girls	Emma Murphy
	Senior Girls	Not awarded
<b>Evans</b>	Junior Mixed	Not awarded

### **Canoeing**

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

Form 1  
Form 6  
Form 2

Zephan Kavanagh  
Tom Burke  
Sam Treacy-McGee

### **Cricket**

**Davies  
Dawson  
de Vere Shortt  
Hanly**

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

Alan Hughes  
Aaron Campbell  
John Willoughby  
Niall Noonan

### **Hockey**

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

Senior Boys  
Minor Girls  
Sportmanship  
Junior Girls  
Senior Girls

Jonathan Walker  
Evie McCullough  
Olwen Smith  
Martha Barber Hume  
Alison Meeke

### **Rugby**

**Dawson  
de Vere Short  
Turner  
Evan**

Form 2  
Player of the Year  
Most Deserving Team  
Place & Drop

Dean Kilroy  
Alex Conroy  
John Hackett U14s  
Cian Twomey

### **Soccer**

**Shield**

League

Neal Hickey - Captain

### **Table Tennis**

**Evans**

Ryan Morgan

### **Tennis- Girls**

**Jagoe  
Smith**

Junior Girls  
Senior Girls

Lauren Walsh  
Susan McRann

### **Tennis - Boys**

**Harcourt  
Sealy**

Junior Boys  
Senior Boys  
Minor Boys

Mark O'Kelly  
Jonathan Walker  
Andrew Ryan

### **Swimming**

Senior (Liffey)  
Junior (Dodder)  
  
Survival (John Philips)

Alan Young  
Emma Webster,  
Daniel Sheridan  
Not awarded

# Transition Year Awards 2008-2009

## **Gaisce-President's Award**

### **Bronze**

Seán Adye-Curran  
Hannah Browning  
Jennifer Byrne  
Ellen Carney  
Robert Carson  
Amy Cripps  
Megan Daley  
Seraphim Dempsey  
Amy Deverell  
Christopher Downey  
Emily Dunleavy  
Rose Halpin Duffy  
Samuel Harman Conlon  
Niall Hickey  
Sarah Keating  
Jennifer Keogh  
Ryan Kirwan  
Sophie Lee  
Sean-Tee Lim  
Sarah Lucas  
Hugh Macken  
Joan McCarthy  
Lauren McGarry  
Neil McGinley  
Colm Moran  
Kira Mulhere  
Finn Murphy  
Lynn Murphy  
Aisling Naylor  
Katie O'Brien  
Kate O'Marcaigh  
Cian Ó Néill  
Shane O'Reilly  
Emma O'Rourke  
Laura Pearson  
Sarah Quirke  
Megan Rayner

Mollie-Kate Richardson  
Eve Roseingrave  
Jessica Sargeant  
Keri Sheehan  
Clodagh Sleator  
Mathew Smyth  
Ian Stevenson  
Maeve Sweetnam  
Stephen Watts  
Mark Weston  
Dean Whelan  
Shane Whooley  
Patrick Wilson  
Stephanie Wynne  
Alan Young

### **Young Entrepreneurs Scheme**

William Anglim  
Robert Emo  
Kunal Kapoor  
Cillian McCann

## **Judo**

### **Yellow Belt Awards**

Seán Adye-Curran  
Graham Campbell  
Daniel Clarke  
Patrick Dennis  
Amy Deverell  
Jack Doyle  
Emmet Dwyer  
Niall Hickey  
Josh Kennedy  
Sean-Tee Lim  
Jamie McAvinue  
Neil McGinley  
Ferdia O'Brien  
Matthew Smyth  
Michael Sykes  
Stephen Watts  
Joshua Wiler  
Stefanie Wynne

### **White Belt Awards**

Gary Beardsley  
David Cosgrove  
Alex Deane  
Paul Deering  
Cian McDonagh  
Colm Moran  
Andrew Stein  
Oliver Walsh

## *Bursaries*

**We wish to acknowledge with gratitude the generous McDonnell and B'nai Brith bursaries. The names of the recipients of these bursaries are confidential and are not recorded in this booklet.**

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## Leaving Certificate 2009

Allison, Bentley	Grehan, Shane	O'Connor, Denis
Anglim, Therése	Grimes, Catriona	O'Connor, James
Arias-Paz, Shay	Hennessy, Ronan	O'Donnell, Conor
Barber, James	Hogan, Saoirse	O'Donohoe, Jane
Bennett, Lucy	Horton, Candace	O'Kelly, Paul
Bishop, Rachael	Hunt, Peter	O'Kennedy, Jack
Blair, Deborah	Jackson, Jake	O'Regan, Zoe
Boles, Benjamin	Jones, Amy	O'Reilly, Sean
Bourke, Ruth	Kavanagh, David	O'Riordan, Sean
Brazil, Tierna	Keane, Mel	O'Toole, Shona
Browne, Robbie	Keating, Sean	Phelan, Hannah
Burdon, Joshua	Kelly, Jack	Quirke, Leah
Burke, Thomas	Kenny, Saurin	Regan, Rachel
Butler, Patrick	Kinlan, Emily	Ryan, James
Callaghan, Linda	Kinlan, Jonathan	Ryan, Rhiannon
Campbell, Miles	Kinneen, Simon	Satchwell, Emma
Carr, Gillian	Laing, Phoebe	Savage, Mark
Carrim, Ayesha	Lane, Iain	Shanley-Thian, Abigail
Carter, Stephen	Leavy, Hannah	Shaw, Stephen
Clarke-Kavanagh, Sam	Ledwith, Colin	Silke, Linda
Coghlan, Aislinn	Leonard-Kane, Charlotte	Simms, Rory
Cole Pidgeon, Hilary	Levine, Ian	Slattery, Mattias
Collins, Ciarán	Lew, Karen	Smith, Niall
Collins, Grace	Madigan, Sophie	Smith, Olwen
Connell, Emma	McEvansoneya, Olivia	Smith, Sinead
Conroy, Alex	McGinley, Conor	Smyth, Alicia
Conway, Aoife	McGovern, Aoife	Smyth, Kevin
Cosgrove, Lydia	McGuckin, Ishbel	Somers Donnelly, Joan
Cowlard Joyce, Aidan	McKenna Barry, Matthew	Speller, Helen
Cox, Sarah	Meade, Tessa	Tallon, Katie
Craig, Conor	Meeke, Alison	Walker, Alison
Cryan, Clare	Men, Kieron	Walker, Jonathan
Daly, Aoife	Metoudi, Michael	Webb, Shane
Day, Alan	Mills, Graham	Whelan, Richard
Emo, Thomas	Monaghan, Daragh	Willoughby, John
Fallon, Gareth	Moore, Daniel	Woods, Bo-Jane
Fergus, Declan	Moore, Samuel	Wright, Rebecca
Finn, Ross	Morgan, Ryan	Young, Graham
Flaherty, Fiona	Murphy, Grant	
Frizzelle, Conor	Murtagh, Katie	
Fusciardi, Damiano	Noonan, Niall	
Gamble, Jessica	O'Brien, Gráinne	
Gray, Keith	O'Brien, Robbie	
Gray, Michael	O'Connell, Cóilín	

## Junior Certificate 2009

Adams, Carl	Feely, Emma	McNulty, John
Adey-Curran, Peter	Finlay, Colm	McQuaid, Jordan
Alexander, Stephen	Finn, Joseph	Meeke, Jessica
Andrésson, Kári	Flaherty, Ciaran	Mitchell, Fiona
Atkinson, Emily	Fleming, James	Molony, Jack
Barber Hume, Martha	Fogarty, Jim	Moore, Thomas
Barnes, Karl	Fox, David	Moran, Niamh
Barrett, Mara	Fusciardi, Stefano	Moroney, Aoife
Benaksas, Sylvan	Garland, Rebecca	Morris, Grace
Bradish, Ciarán	Gentile, Morwenna	Mullan, Matthew
Bradish, John	Grehan, Sarah	Murphy, Niamh
Burdon, Alannah	Hanlon, Patrick	Murray-Byrne, Brendan
Burke, Deborah	Haque, Saiful	Noone, Cian
Burke, Niall	Harrington, Judith	O'Byrne, Aidan
Burke, Rachel	Heaton, Adam	O'Callaghan, Niall
Burns, Helena	Hennessy, James	O'Connor, Katie
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**Head Girl:** Aimee Jones O'Connor  
**Head Boy:** Diarmuid 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.