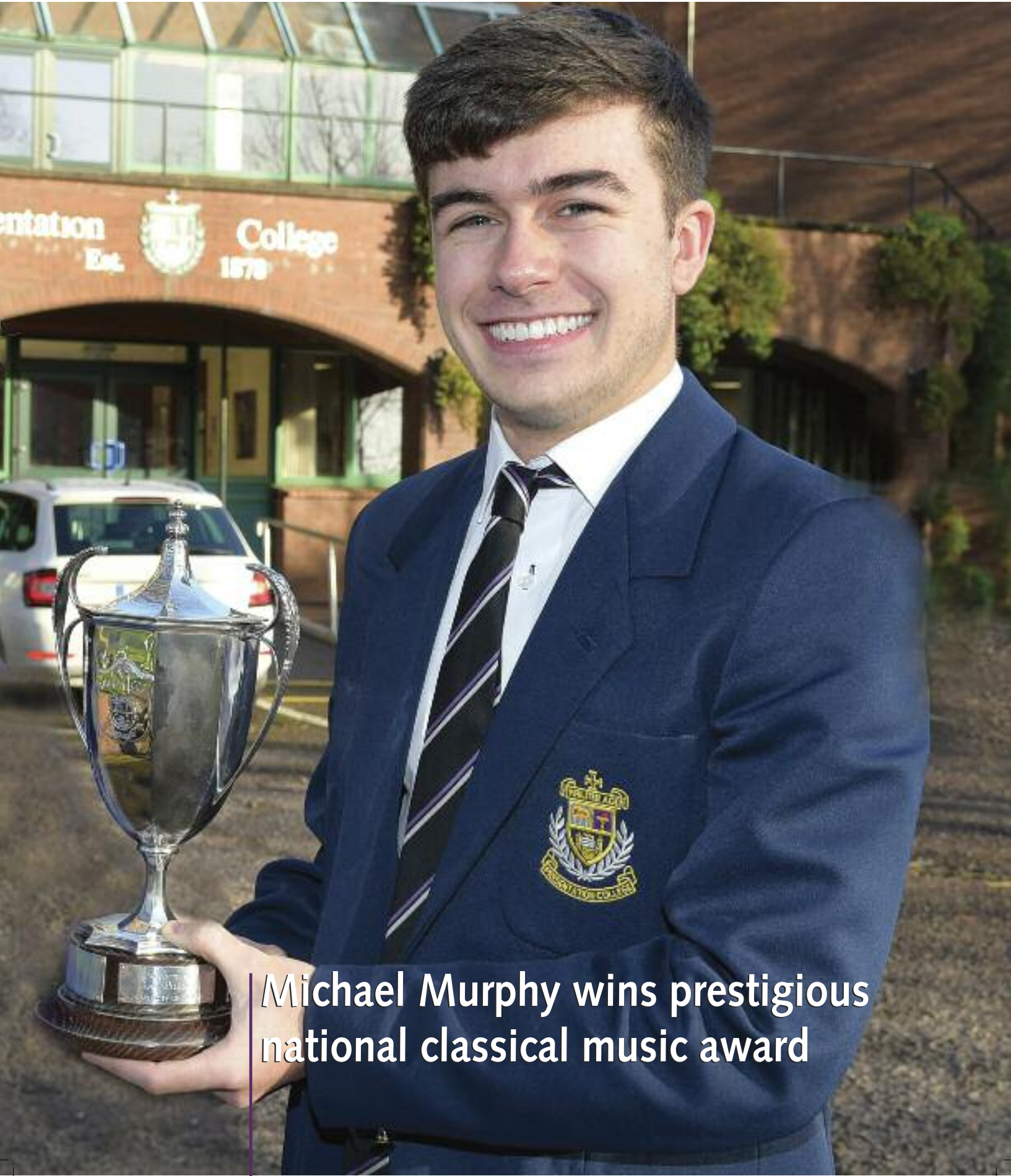




# Pres Gazette

Spring 2020

The Newsletter of Presentation Brothers College, Cork



**Michael Murphy wins prestigious national classical music award**

## Principal's Report



Welcome to the Pres Gazette Spring Edition for 2020.

There has been so much going on in the school since last edition of the Pres Gazette. The Leaving Certificate results were excellent with the vast majority of our students achieving their courses of choice. There were also a number of students that received scholarships to universities outside of Cork, both in Ireland and abroad. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these pupils and their parents on their great success, in addition to their teachers who worked so hard to create the positive learning environment to allow for these excellent results.

The school has had many successes since the summer and this Gazette will give all of you an opportunity to see the great work of the pupils and staff at the school. The continued success of the College is due to the excellent relationship between the pupils, parents and teaching staff, which allows the boys to develop into independent and innovative learners.

The Board of Management continues to strive for excellence in developing the school and supports the excellent teaching and learning experiences provided by teachers for the pupils. These learning experiences are both inside and outside the classroom. Extra-curricular activities continue to play a crucial part in the school and successes in these wide-ranging areas of interest give the boys other opportunities to show their talents on and off the playing fields. Support from teachers who act as coaches and managers of teams allows the students to have a wide ranging educational experience in Pres. For that the school is very grateful to staff and the many outside coaches who give their time to benefit the boys and their extra-curricular activities.

As Principal, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Head Boy, Deputy Head Boy and Prefects for all of their work throughout the year. This does not go unnoticed as they have been excellent in helping to organise and facilitate the six Parent Teacher Meetings, while also assisting the cheerleaders at the Senior Cup matches. They have shown great leadership and responsibility in putting themselves up for the role and completing the tasks required.

Finally, I'd like to thank Pres Gazette Editor, Don Buckley for all the work he has completed to put the Pres Gazette together for this Spring edition. Much appreciation is also due to Nora Walsh, as ever on hand to provide photographs for the publication, and graphic designer Charlie Neville, who designs the newsletter and organises the publication of the Pres Gazette.

I hope you all enjoy the Pres Gazette Spring 2020 edition.

Kindest regards,

*David Barry*

David Barry  
Principal

*Cover shows Michael Murphy with the Tom Burke Memorial Cup for Music, presented to him in December 2019. See p5.*

## Entrance Scholarships to UCC awarded to six PBC past pupils



(l-r) Daniel Ghori, David Sahm, Dr John O'Halloran Vice President of Teaching and Learning, UCC, Jimmy Duggan, Andrew Geaney-O'Brien, James Ó Coileáin and Olan Dennehy

Six members of the Presentation College Class of 2019 were awarded Entrance Scholarships to UCC, based on their superb Leaving Certificate results. They are pictured above with UCC's Dr John O'Halloran Vice President of Teaching and Learning at a ceremony to mark the event last October. We wish the lads every success in their studies at the university.

## Louis Bruce awarded a Quercus Scholarship from UCC



Photo shows (l-r) Dr John O'Halloran, Vice President of Teaching and Learning and Director of UCC Quercus Talented programme Louis Bruce and Dr Jennifer Murphy, UCC Admissions Officer

Louis Bruce (PBC Class of 2019) was the recipient of a UCC Quercus Sport Scholarship for rugby at a ceremony in UCC in October. A great achievement. Well done Louis. We wish you every success in UCC.

## Academic excellence recognised for Junior Cert Results 2019



(l-r) 3rd Year Head, Micheál Jones, Seán Ó Coileáin, Diarmuid O'Connor and PBC Deputy Principal, Ms Marian Carey

We have always celebrated academic excellence in Pres. The college was delighted with the Junior Cert results achieved by our students in September 2019. We recently acknowledged our two top performers Seán Ó Coileáin and Diarmuid O'Connor, who were presented with prizes by 3rd Year Head, Mr Micheál Jones and Deputy Principal, Ms Marian Carey. The excellent results can be attributed to the students' hard work, their teachers' dedication, the support of their parents and much more.

*Micheál Jones*

## Smurfit Business School Graduates 2019



(l-r) Paul Kiernan and Robert Lynch

Paul Kiernan and Robert Lynch, members of the Class of 2015, recently graduated with Masters in Management Consulting from UCD's Smurfit Graduate Business School. Paul will take up a management consultancy position with Accenture in Dublin in February, while Rob is now working in a research capacity with State Street Bank in Cork. Many congratulations, lads!

## Michael Murphy wins the prestigious 2019 Frank Maher Classical Music Award



Pictured after the presentation of the Tom Burke Cup and Bursary for Musical Achievement in Presentation College, 2019-20 were (l-r) Dr Michael Murphy, Mrs Siobán Murphy, Mrs Kay Burke and recipient, Leaving Cert student, Michael Murphy

6th Year student, eighteen-year-old cellist Michael Murphy is the winner of this year's Frank Maher Classical Music Award. The €5,000 prize must be used to attend a place of tuition, a course of study in Ireland or abroad or on a purchase necessary for the development of their talent.

Finalists from Cork, Louth and Kildare competed last October at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin with Phil Coulter as MC. Michael performed two pieces, 'Requiebros' by Gaspar Cassado and the third movement from the Cello Sonata in G Minor, Op. 19, by Rachmaninov. He said 'It was an incredible night and I'm absolutely amazed and delighted to have won. I plan to use my prize to buy a new bow and pay for masterclasses in the UK, Germany and France'.

The awards, created in 2001, aim to showcase outstanding young musical talent in Ireland and are open to 6th Year students of strings, woodwind, brass and piano. Previous winners have continued their studies in colleges and universities abroad, such as the Juilliard School, Shenandoah University of Virginia, Conservatoire Nationale Supérieur de Musique et de Danse Paris, Kronberg Academy in Germany, the Meadows School of the Arts in Dallas, Texas and the Royal Academy of Music in London. The 2018 winner, former Pres student, Kevin Jansson, now studying at the Juilliard School in New York, returned on the night to perform Chopin's Ballade No. 1.

The judging panel this year were Dr Kerry Houston, head of academic studies at DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama, pianist Veronica McSwiney and Brian O'Rourke, former head of the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra.

All in Pres are delighted to hear of Michael's success and we look forward to celebrating many more musical achievements from him in the future.



Mrs Kay Burke presents Michael Murphy with the Tom Burke Cup



Michael after winning the Frank Maher Classical Music Award

## Pres teams perform very well in renowned Team Math competition



The Pres team who finished in the runner-up place in the Team Math Competition

Janet Cotter, Oisín Schumm, Ben Coburn, Andrew O'Connor, Rory Coulter, and Eoghan O'Leary (Chairperson Cork IMTA)

Pres had an excellent performance in this year's Team Math Competition in January. This is a table quiz based on the Leaving Certificate Higher Level Maths course organised by the Irish Maths Teachers' Association for students of Cork city and county. 24 teams competed and our team consisting of Ben Coburn, Rory Coulter, Andrew O'Connor and Oisín Schumm finished in second place. The second Pres team consisting of Jack Heffernan, Liam Rooke, Masroor Salam and Farzaan Zulquernain finished in joint third place. Congratulations to both teams. The team in second place qualified for the National Final which will be held in Trinity College Dublin on Saturday 7th March. We wish the lads every success in this prestigious competition.



The Pres team who finished in third place in the Team Math Competition

(l-r) Janet Cotter, Liam Rooke, Masroor Salam, Jack Heffernan, Farzaan Zulquernain and Eoghan O'Leary (Chairperson Cork IMTA)

## Junior Problem Solving Competition



The Pres team who finished in the runners-up position in the recent Regional Junior Problem Solving Competition, (l-r) Fionn Coleman, Hugo Bruce, Ms Janet Cotter (teacher), David Bennett and Seán Ó Coileáin

Pres also excelled in this year's Regional Junior Problem Solving Competition in January. This is a Maths and Applied Maths table quiz organised by the Irish Applied Maths Teachers' Association to promote Applied Maths as a Leaving Certificate subject. Each team must comprise of two 4th Year and two 3rd Year students. The joint efforts of our 4th Year Applied Maths and 3rd Year Maths students proved very successful on the night. Congratulations to our team of David Bennett, Hugo Bruce, Fionn Coleman and Seán Ó Coileán who finished in the runners-up place. They will take part in an All-Ireland Final on Saturday 28th March in Athlone. We wish them the very best of luck. The other Pres team consisting of Patrick Brophy, Mark Fitzgibbon, Jack Kingston and Isaac Wheelock finished in a very creditable third place. Well done again boys!



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## SHARE



The Pres members of the 2019-2020 SHARE Executive with third from left front row, Chairman, James McCarthy (Class 5C) and fourth from left front row, Deputy Chairman, Adam O'Brien (Class 5D).

At Christmas 1970, 12 Pres students under the guidance of Br Jerome Kelly, founded a small school-based charity that aimed to provide housing for Cork's elderly. Back then, who would have thought that this charity would become the organisation that it is today, consisting of 56 students from schools around the city, including twenty or so 5th Year students from Pres?

SHARE is now caring for residents housed in 138 units in seven different complexes across Cork city. The Christmas Collection & Fast is the highlight for every SHARE Executive and is SHARE's only fundraiser for the entire year. It runs for the ten days leading up to Christmas, concluding on Christmas Eve, and involves collectors being out in all sorts of weather conditions. The collection is the culmination of a huge amount of preparation and planning from October to December, with meetings scheduled for every Tuesday evening. This year's Collection started on Saturday 14th of December and continued as is the tradition, until the evening of Christmas Eve. Every student involved in these meetings puts their own stamp on the proceedings, and all will, I'm sure, have their own stand out memories of an overwhelmingly positive experience.

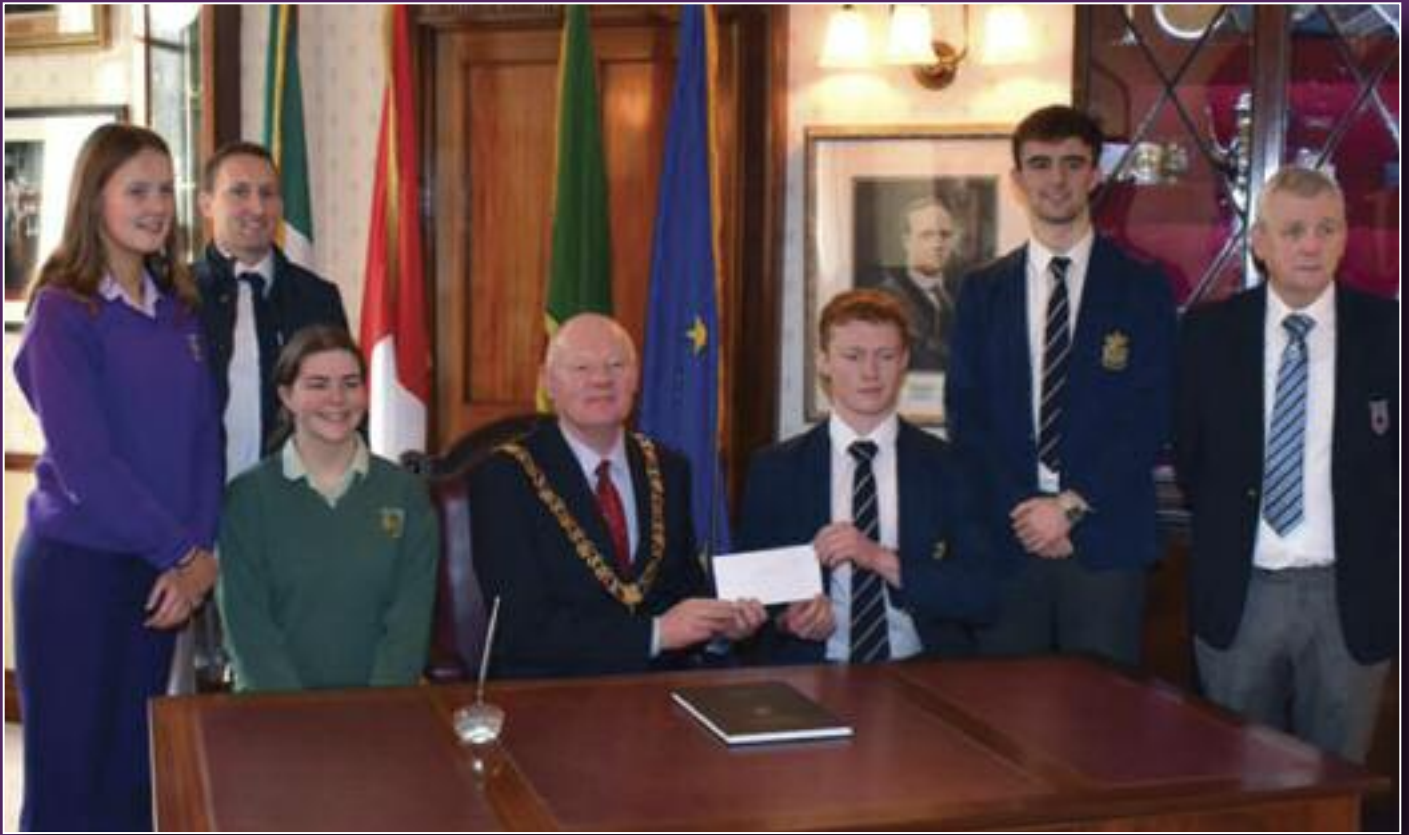
Being a member of the SHARE Executive entails a lot more than putting on the famous yellow jacket and collecting on the streets. Each Executive member makes a weekly visit to one of the SHARE complexes to spend an hour or so with the residents. These visitations are year round, and can consist of a game of bingo, a game of pool or just a friendly chat. In this way, the students can see first hand just how much good SHARE does for the elderly of Cork, while the residents also clearly enjoy the banter with the students! My SHARE experience has made me very proud to be a Pres boy and a Corkonian. The huge generosity of the people of Cork, and the support we receive from businesses and the city itself to SHARE year on year gladdens the heart and restores one's faith in genuine human decency.

While the wellbeing and comfort of elderly Cork people is positively influenced through SHARE's involvement in their lives, there is really more to it than just those involved directly. It is really the product of Cork coming together to make better lives for those less fortunate as the saying goes - 'In Cork, we care!'

Of course, though SHARE is a manifestly student led charity that helps ensure the continued success of the organisation, there are many more people than just the students involved behind the scenes. On behalf of all on the Executive, I'd like to give our sincerest thanks to Mr Liam Lynch, Deputy Principal Mr Aiden Twomey, the Pres Trustees, everyone working in the Br Jerome Kelly Day Care Centre and finally all who have helped SHARE in any way, in this its 50th year.

*James McCarthy*  
*Chairman, SHARE Executive*





At the launch of the annual SHARE Fast and Collection at Cork City Hall were  
 back row (l-r) Aoife McCarthy (Regina Mundi) and Luke Dennehy (Dennehy Fitness).  
 Front row (l-r) Isabel Jansson Cahill (St Angela's College), Lord Mayor Of Cork, Cllr John Sheehan, James McCarthy (Chairman, SHARE Executive), Adam O'Brien (Deputy Chairman, SHARE Executive), Noel Long (PRO, Avondale United AFC)

## The Pres collectors are made of tough stuff!



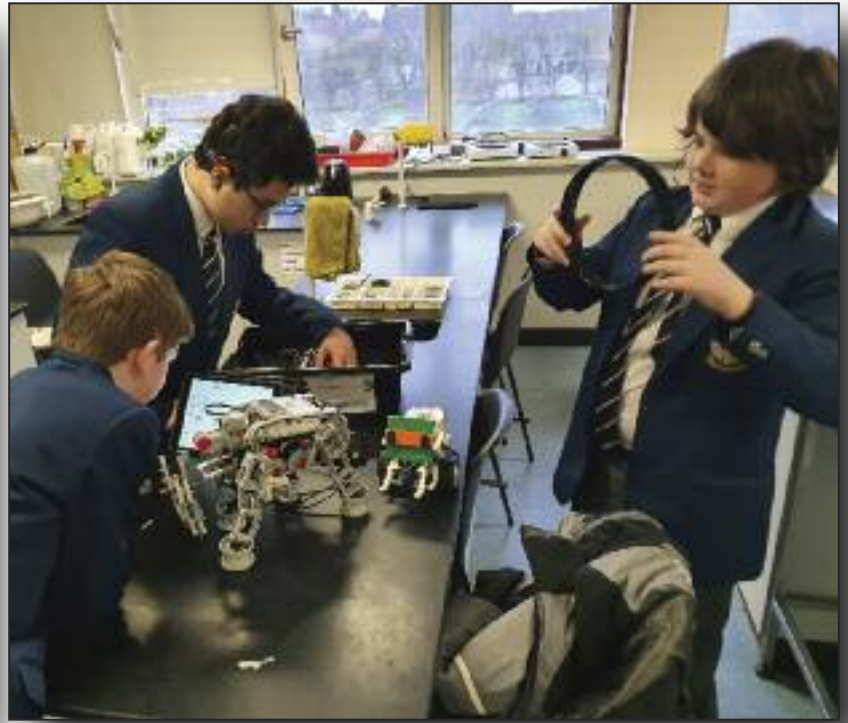
Two frozen collectors Luke O'Keeffe and Tiarnán De Burca collecting on Christmas Eve

A tradition amongst the SHARE collectors is they dress up for a bit of fun on Christmas Eve, the last day of collecting. Respect to Luke and Tiarnán for braving the very inclement weather on the streets. Here's hoping the lads didn't spend the Christmas suffering from pneumonia!

## 1st Year Robotics



Photo shows a completed Lego Robot



1st Years, Leo Giltinan, Ivo Kok and Theo Scully hard at work.

Students meet twice a week to develop their design, engineering and programming skills using Lego Mindstorms kits. The students engage in theme-based challenges where they research, design and build solutions to challenges facing today's scientists, such as building accessible new cities or expeditions to other planets. The students get to see real-world math and science concepts in action and learn critical thinking, team building and presentation skills.

Some of the robots students are currently working on include, building a function robotic mammoth that will move on its own and be able to carry out some simple tasks. Other students are working on a robot that will be able to move and place materials to designated areas. The club also acts as a social activity for the students where they build new friendships and develop confidence in their own ability to problem solve.

*Martin Garvey,  
Department of Science, PBC*



Photo shows (l-r) Theo Scully, Leo Giltinan and Ivo Kok.



Thumbs up from Theo Scully after a job well done!

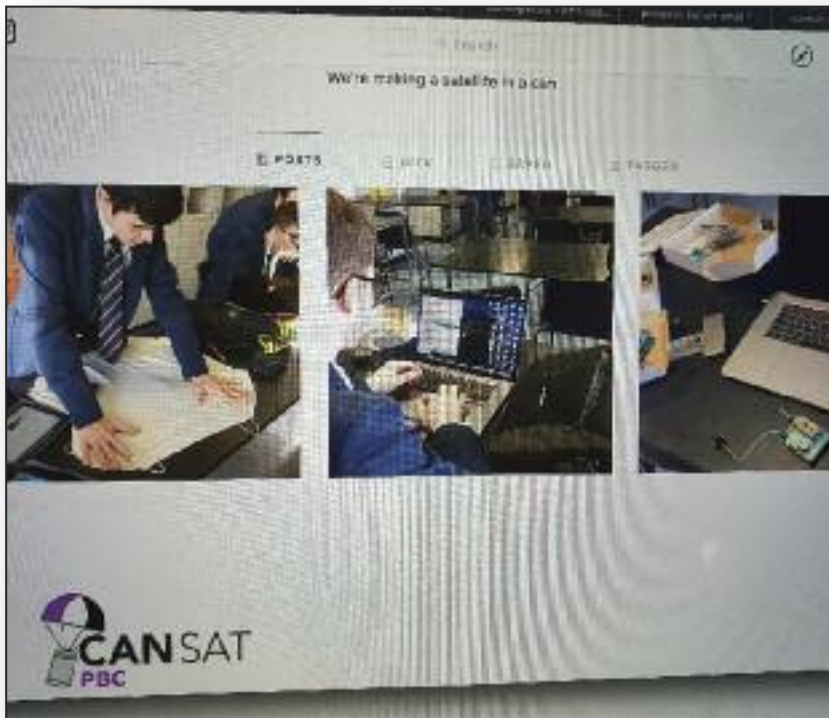
# Pres students busy designing a functioning satellite for CanSat



Photo shows (l-r) Seán Barrett and Jared Westley hard at work

CanSat is a competition begun by the European Space Agency to engage interest amongst young minds in the field. Four TY students, Seán Barrett, Ian Roche, William Hartley and Jared Westley are taking part in the competition where students design and build a functioning satellite that fits inside an 330ml soft drink can. The satellite will then be launched 400m into the air and will have to return safely and in working order to the ground. It will be able to carry out tasks such as send / receive radio transmissions and read temperatures, pressures and humidity of the surrounding atmosphere. CanSat gives students an opportunity to try and develop their own unique programming, design and construction skills so that their satellite will stand out from the competition. An important part of the programme is public outreach, where students will involve the public in their project ie asking a nearby primary school to help create an image that will decorate the satellites parachute. The students have an Instagram page @CanSatPBC, so the public can follow their progress and any support is very much appreciated.

*Martin Garvey*  
Science Department, PBC



The CanSat Process laid out in presentation form



The intricacies of the inside of the satellite.

## Tánaiste Simon Coveney visits Pres



Tánaiste Simon Coveney TD pictured with PBC Politics teacher, Karl Sweeney and the combined 5th and 6th Year Politics classes during his recent visit to the College

Presentation College hosted Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney last January. Mr Coveney addressed the Politics Classes from 4th, 5th and 6th Year, courtesy of a long standing invitation from Mr Karl Sweeney and Mr Emmet O'Halloran. In his speech, he addressed topics that he firmly believes are pivotal to Ireland's and Cork's success now and into the future. Issues like Brexit, Northern Ireland, the Health Service and Cork's role in the next twenty years in providing an industrial and population balance to Dublin. After his speech, Mr Coveney facilitated a lively question and answer session with the pupils, fielding questions on the homeless crisis, the health service and young people's participation in the political process, amongst others. Following a photocall, Mr Coveney met Principal David Barry, Deputy Principal Marian Carey and other staff members. Everyone in Pres are very grateful to Mr Coveney for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit the school.

*Michael Duffy*  
*6th Year Politics Class*



Photo shows Tánaiste Simon Coveney pictured with PBC staff members, Karl Sweeney, Emmet O'Halloran, Deputy Principal Marian Carey and Principal David Barry

## History students attend Holocaust survivor Tomi Reichental's lecture



PBC teacher Karl Sweeney speaks with Tomi



Tomi signs a book for student Michael Duffy

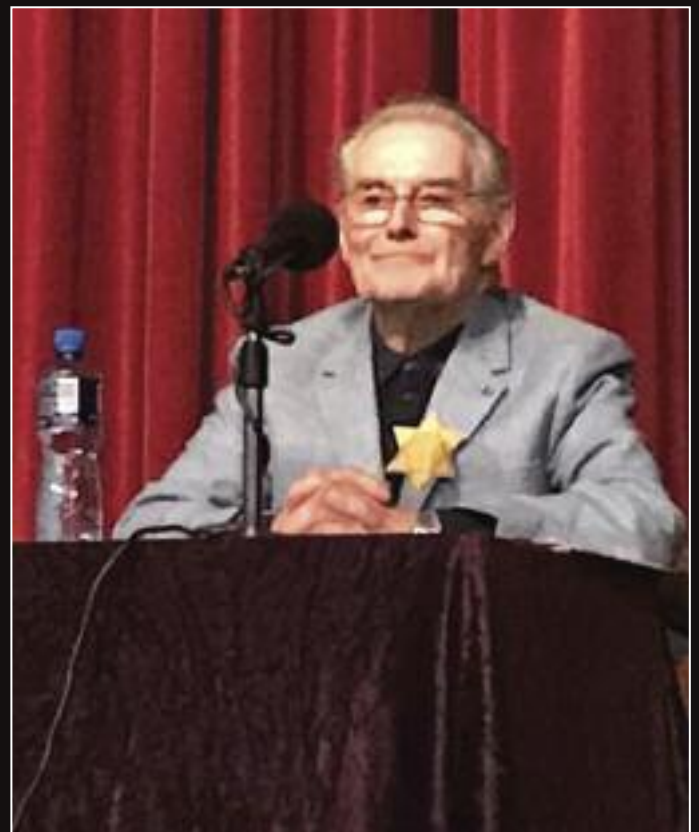
'Before the talk I didn't know what to expect'  
'A once in a life time experience'  
'This talk was unique'  
'The power of propaganda became more realistic'

On Wednesday 13th November 2019, one hundred Senior Cycle history students had the amazing opportunity to attend the Everyman Theatre to hear the hugely emotive story of Holocaust survivor, Tomi Reichental. Tomi had been a prisoner of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp at just nine years of age. With six hundred students in attendance across six schools, one could hear a pin drop in the Theatre. Tomi spoke very honestly to his audience giving background detail on the rise of anti-semitism in his native Slovakia to his experiences of discrimination under Joseph Tito in the 1940s.

Tomi captured the hearts and minds of his audience as he described his family's attempt to evade capture. The emotion was raw as he depicted the removal of his grandmother's body from the camp and spoke about his reunion with family members that survived when the camps were liberated.

Students will forever remember the experience of the day as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the camps this year.

*Grace Fitzgerald*  
PBC History Department



Tomi delivers his emotive lecture to a captivated audience

## Tobar na Gaeilge



An Fhoireann Shinsearach Díospóireachta. An tUasal Seán Ó Maoilearca, Caomhán Budhlaeir, Cormac Mac Cárthaigh, Ben Olden, An tUasal Séamus Mac Amhlaoihb, Micheál Ó Ríordáin agus an tUasal Micheál Mac Eoin (M Jones)

Bhí cúpla deis ag daltaí na Toirbhirte freastal ar ócáidí Gaelacha le cúpla mí anuas agus chuaigh a léithéid go mór I bhFeidhm orthu. Bhain siad taitneamh agus tairbhe as an dráma cáiliúil conspóideach An Triail ach go háirithe. Chomh maith leis sin thug an comhlacht 'Caith Amach É' cuairt ar an scoil I mí Eanáir agus rinne siad seó bunaithe ar na sraith pictiúirí. Bhí an taispeántas seo thar barr agus d'fhoghlaim na daltaí mórán agus bhí an seó fíor-ghreannmhar freisin. Iníon Ní Riagáin a d'eagraigh an ócáid seo ar fad, míle buíochas! Níl aon dabht faoi ach go gCabhraíonn ócáidí den tSórt seo go mór le sealbhú na Gaeilge agus dul chun cinn na Gaeilge I gCoitinne.

Arís I mBliana tá foireann díospóireachta againn a ghlacann páirt sa chomórtas náisiúnta 'Comórtas An Phiarsaigh'. Fuair eamar an lámh in uachtar sa chéad bhabhta agus sa dara babhta agus táimid ag tnúth go mór le craobh na Mumhan faoi láthair. Sár-jab déanta ag gach duine. Is fíor go deo ,cleachtadh a dhéanann máistreacht.

Tá scoláirí na séú bliana ag obair go dian don scrúdú cainte na laethanta seo agus cuireann sé gliondar chroí orm an Ghaeilge chruinn shaibhir atá ag cuid acu a chloisteáil. Beatha teanga í a labhairt! Mar is gnáth tá tromlach na nDaltaí ag déanamh an cúrsa ardleibhéil agus le cúnamh Dé beidh siad an-shásta leis na torthaí ag deireadh na bliana. Ní bhíonn an rath ach mar a mBíonn an smacht!

*Micheál Mac Eoin (Micheál Jones)*



Na Gaeilgeoirí ón Séú Bliain



An Ciorcal Comhrá fé lán seoil

## Pres Movember campaign continues to raise badly needed funds for cancer research



Photo shows (l-r) Micheál Sheridan, CEO Mercy Hospital Foundation, Coileán De Burca (Class 5B), Tiarnán De Burca (Class 5D), Micheál Giltinan (Class 6D) and Dr Derek Power, Oncologist, Mercy University Hospital.

Movember is an international campaign to raise awareness and funds for male cancers, specifically prostate and testicular cancer, as well as mental health. The annual campaign in Pres seeks to raise awareness and start a discussion amongst the students about these issues and raise much needed funds, which are donated directly to the Mercy Cancer Appeal. With cancer rates for the Cork region being higher than the national average in regard to specific cancer types, the €1,140 raised during this year's campaign will make a valuable contribution to cancer research locally, aiding endeavours to eradicate such scourges.

As in previous years, the 2019 Movember campaign in Pres was threefold:

- Students and staff were encouraged to participate and / or sponsor others to purchase a 'Licence To Mo' and cultivate moustaches during the month, acquiring sponsorship and raising funds.
- On Movember 29th, Junior Students were given the opportunity to purchase fake moustaches and wear them during the school day.
- Dr Derek Power, Consultant Medical Oncologist from the Mercy University Hospital again very kindly offered to give a lecture to Senior Students on the types of cancers, their prevalence locally / nationally, the lifestyle changes that can drastically reduce a person's chances of developing cancer and specific advice on how young men can check for and detect testicular cancer early, this being the most common cancer type amongst 15-25 year olds.

Thanks must be extended to the school management for facilitating and encouraging the campaign in Pres again this year. Thanks also to Mr Aidan Murray and Mr Karl Sweeney for organising the campaign and to all those staff members who took part and sponsored others during the month. Principally however, sincerest thanks must be extended to students and their parents, who again rose to the occasion, cultivating some very impressive moustaches and raising a total of €1,140 for the Mercy Cancer Appeal. Particular thanks must again be extended to Dr Derek Power and Mr. Micheál Sheridan, of the Mercy University Hospital Foundation, for their informative and thought provoking lecture which was very well received by students.



*Karl Sweeney*

## Presentation family welcomes Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross



Prefects with Bishop of Cork and Ross, Dr Fintan Gavin, at a recent ceremony in Mount St Joseph, (l-r) Ian O'Keeffe, Cormac McCarthy (Head Boy), Micheál Giltinan (Deputy Head Boy), Bishop Fintan Gavin, Jack Murphy, Jack Kennedy and Jacques Mathieu

Bishop Fintan Gavin, the new Bishop of Cork and Ross challenged young people to find a deeper meaning in life through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Speaking at a 'Welcome Event' at the Mardyke House Conference Centre, organised by the LEAF Project and the Presentation Brothers network in Cork, Bishop Fintan said the encounter with Christ and living gospel values, bring joy, hope and renewal. These are greatly needed in our society today. There was a huge attendance at the event from Presentation schools and groups in Cork. Pres was well represented by several staff members along with representatives of the Pres Prefects and members of the Preslink Committee. It was a very informative and hope-filled occasion, where Bishop Gavin outlined a vision for a renewed, inclusive and dynamic Church in Cork, at the service of people, especially those in any kind of need. He reminded all present, especially the young people of God's love for them and invited them to contribute to and be part of this new vision.

*Br Martin Kenneally, Presentation Order*



Members of the PresLink Committee meet with Bishop Fintan Gavin at Mount St Joseph.

(l-r) Br Ray Dwyer, James Cuddigan, Diarmuid O'Connor, Seán Ó Coileáin, Paul O'Halloran, Bishop Fintan Gavin and Br Martin Kenneally



## PresLink Christmas Carol Concert is another big success



The Cantate Choir in fine voice at the PresLink Christmas Carol Concert

## Bag packing and 1st Year sleep-over raise much needed funds for PresLink



3rd Year pupils and Pres staff members at the recent PresLink bag pack in Bishopstown Shopping Centre



Huge excitement in the FIFA 20 Tournament at the 1st Year sleep-over



1st Years enjoying the PlayStation Games



Some slick darts at the oche during the 1st Year sleep over

## Pres boys do very well at BT Young Scientist Competition in Dublin



Pictured at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition were (l-r) Martin Garvey (PBC Science Department), Illann Wall and Caomhán Budhlaeir

Congratulations to 5th Years Illann Wall and Caomhán Budhlaeir, who finished a very commendable third in their category at the BT Young Scientist Competition in Dublin.

The boys began this project in September of 2018 in the TY Scientific Investigations module with teacher, Enda O'Regan. It was originally entered in the Scifest@School Competition held in the school in February 2019, and adjudicated upon by two independent Scifest judges.

After winning first prize in that competition, they entered the regional Scifest@College held in CIT in April 2019. There, they were awarded the Science Foundation Ireland Best Project Award, which qualified them for the National Final in Dublin last November, where their project was awarded the Irish Science Teachers' Association Award, as well as the 'Excellence in STEM' award. Mr O'Regan was also presented with the Janssen Pharmaceuticals 'Teacher of the Best Life Sciences Project Award' at the event.

Illann and Caomhán then entered the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition in the RDS in January. After four days of exhibiting their project, the boys came third in the Senior Chemical, Physical and Mathematical Sciences category.

They freely acknowledge their success over the past while wouldn't have been possible without the support of the school, their parents, friends and perhaps most importantly the entire PBC Science Department, especially lab technician, Karen Wall for all her invaluable help and Martin Garvey who travelled with the lads to the competition.

*Claire Lynch,  
PBC Science Department*



Illann Wall and Caomhán Budhlaeir pictured with their prize



The audience view of the presentation to Illann and Caomhán

## Pres students show their enterprise!



Photo shows (l-r) Danny Sheahan, James Cuddigan, Conor Kelleher, Robbie Coughlan and Darren Sheehan

TY students across four Enterprise Classes have been working hard since September and the fruits of their labour have started to pay off! The aim of the module is to create a product / service, learn about the rewards and challenges associated with running a business and hopefully make profit. Since the start of the year, students have attended workshops and met with guest speakers in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Banking to help them on their path. Students also attended the annual Christmas Trade Fair in Blackpool on last December and were delighted with the positive feedback on the day.

Some of the companies created this year include iPocket, PBC Shakers, PBC Bobble Hats and Capall Craft to name but a few. Their hard work continues over the next few months as the students try to perfect their products and business reports ahead of the City Finals. Wishing all the entrants the very best of luck in the competition.

*Meig Collins*  
PBC Business Teacher



TY students Ethan Navarro and Seán Ó Coileáin at the Christmas Trade Fair



Pictured at the Christmas Trade Fair in Blackpool were Conor Kelleher, Jake Lynch, Matthew Murphy and Charlie Gowan

## Pres boys do very well at the ISTA National Science Quiz

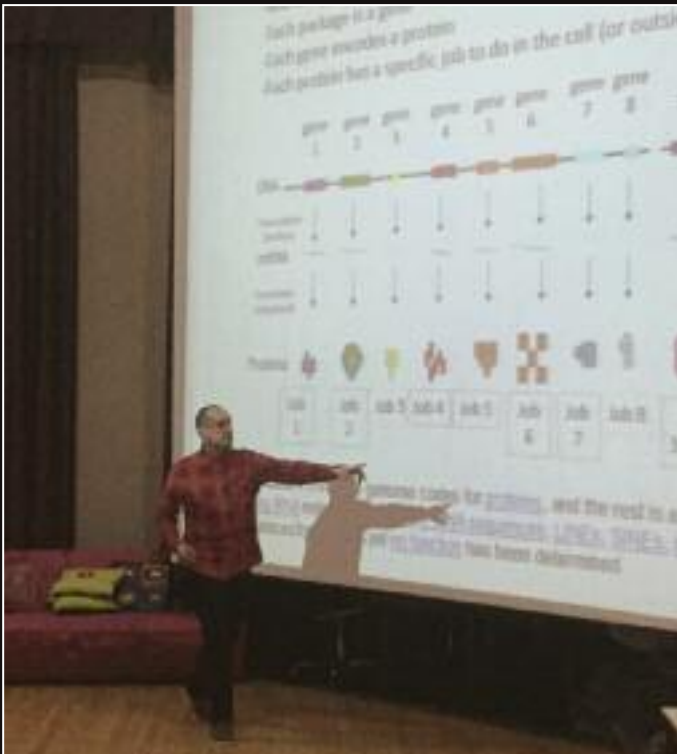


Photo shows (l-r) Jack Heffernan, Chris Fehilly (Captain) and Liam Rooke

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*Claire Lynch*  
*PBC Science Department*

## Science Week Genetics Lecture



Dr John Williams delivering his interesting, thought provoking lecture

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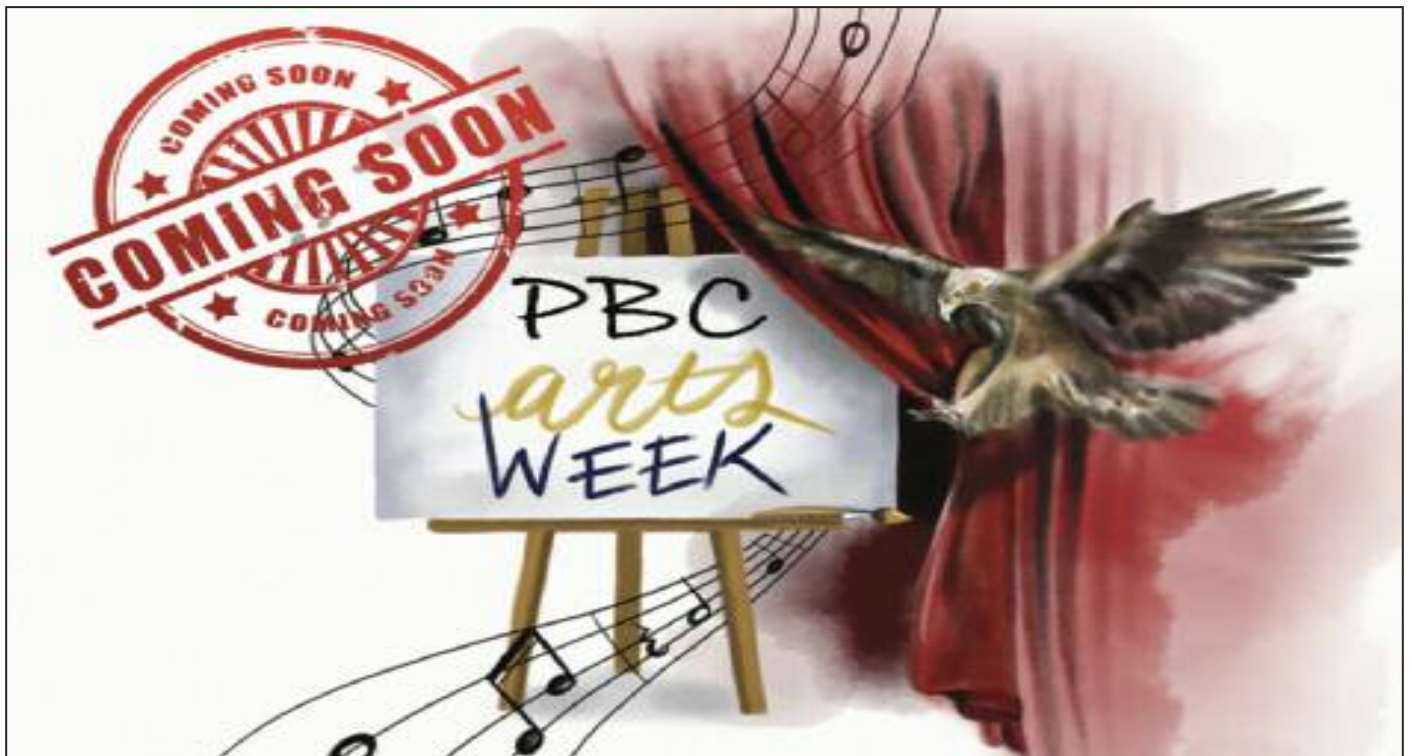


A very large attendance in the theatre listen to Dr John Williams' Genetics Lecture

### Science Week 2019

- **Monday 11th November**  
Science Quiz: all 1st Year students in Theatre P1 and P2
- **Tuesday 12th November**  
Presentation by Caomhán Budhlaeir and Illann Wall to all 2nd Years on their SciFest winning project in Theatre P1
- **Wednesday 13th November**  
Genetics - talk from past pupil Dr John Williams  
ALL 5th and 6th Year students in theatre P1  
ALL 4th Year students in the Theatre P2
- **Thursday 14th November**  
2019 Year of the Periodic Table  
Regional final of ISTA Senior Science Quiz (6th Year Team) in UCC at 7.00pm

ALL WEEK: Students are invited to submit an essay titled 'My Favourite Element'. They are also invited to submit a piece of artwork relevant to the periodic table or to a specific element. Separate prizes will be given for essays and artwork.



## Art continues to thrive in Pres



Childhood by Adam Fitzgerald, 2nd Year



Alex McKenna Carroll, 2nd Year



Sculpture by Danny Noonan, Class 2C



4th Years visit the 'Seen Not Heard' exhibition at the Crawford



Childhood by Christy Hosford, Class 2B



Colm Kelliher, Class 2B



2nd Year Art Class attend an exhibition on Children's Rights the Glucksman Gallery, UCC



Liam Keville, Class 2A



Tareq Salih, Class 2A



Still Life by Peter Hyland, Class 5B



Still Life by David Henry, Class 5F

## Agricultural Science students attend the National Ploughing Championships



The combined 4th and 5th Year Agricultural Science classes enjoying the fine weather at the National Ploughing Championships in Ballintrane, Co Carlow last September

Last September, Transition Year and 5th Year Agricultural Science Students ventured to Carlow for the National Ploughing Championships. Following an early start, we had a wonderful day engaging with the various exhibits that Ireland showcases at the event. From plants and animals to food, we experienced the enormous range of agricultural production. It was a very memorable, worthwhile day for all involved.

*Dr Lynda Meiklejohn*  
Agricultural Science Teacher





# DNA Workshop in UCC



Dr Sinéad Kerins, UCC School of Biochemistry and Biology, demonstrates the procedures for obtaining a DNA sample.

The TY Biology classes were invited to a DNA Workshop in UCC in October. The day began with a lecture on DNA and the genetic disease, Sickle cell anaemia. The level of the material was quite high and it challenged the majority of students present, while Dr Sinead Kerin's style and delivery brought everyone along in an interactive and application filled morning.

The rest of the day was spent in the Biochemistry Laboratories working on DNA from plants and humans. The use of electrophoresis to find the Sickle cell anaemia genes and the application of techniques found on the Leaving Cert Biology course as theory was particularly useful. This was a day that clearly awakened a passion for science amongst our Transition Year cohort, while also giving our students a great insight into what college life will be like in a few short years time.

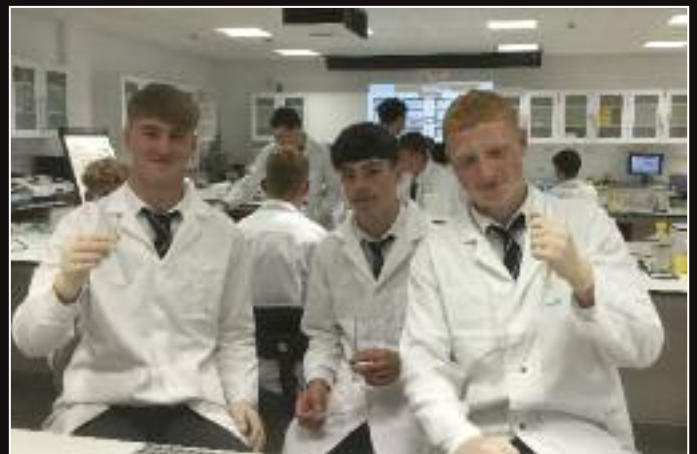
*Claire Lynch  
PBC Science Department*



(l-r) Jack Hallissey, Ben Dalton, Louis Herdman, Calum O'Brien and Ciarán Sexton



(l-r) Aidan Keane, Finn Cowhig and Kyle O'Flynn-Long



(l-r) Adam Twomey, Eoghan Maloney and Seán Condon

## Graduate News



### **Michael Nolan (Class of 1989)**

Michael entered Pres in 1983, one of three brothers and a father who attended the College. Spending two years in the old school enjoying 1½ hour lunch breaks was brought to a sharp end in 1985 with the move to the 'new school' and a new principal, Brother Terence. During his time in Pres, Michael represented the school in many sports and was School Bank Manager in his final year, a role no one suspected would lead to his eventual career!

He graduated from UCC in 1993 with a primary degree and post graduate qualification in Economics, and that same year commenced his training contract as a Chartered Accountant with local firm, Welch & Co qualifying in 1996. Later that year, he joined KPMG in Dublin working in their manufacturing, retail and distribution department before returning to Welch & Co in 1998 as an Audit Partner.

In 2015, Michael merged Welch & Co with Grant Thornton, the global accountancy firm that set up in Cork two years previously. Grant Thornton has experienced rapid growth since, with the expansion of the office from 30 employees in 2015 to a current headcount of 125 across five service lines, and which includes another three past pupils who are currently trainees with the firm. In September 2019, he was appointed Partner in Charge of the local office, leading its continued expansion and the move to new offices in Penrose Dock.

In his view, Pres is about two things: the people you meet and the education you receive. You make friends for life and are given an academic base that you can build on for the rest of your career.

Michael is married to Susan, and has two daughters, Emily and Susie and a son, David, who hopefully will enrol in Pres in 2021, making it three generations of Nolans who will have attended Pres.



### **David Grainger (Class of 1993)**

David is the Gas Trading Manager in Bord Gáis Energy. In 1983 he began his time in Pres when he joined the primary school in 2nd Class. In secondary school he remembers two standout teachers in Larry Murphy and Br Tim. Both were tough teachers, but they got great results for their students. David represented Pres on the soccer pitch when his father Kieran and Don Buckley managed the team for the Munster Schools Cup. They were beaten in the Cup but won the Senior Schools Shield in 1993. David also represented the school in golf under the management of Donal O'Brien. David was a joint chairperson of SHARE in 5th Year. He enjoyed Pres and many of his lifelong friendships began there. After graduating in 1993, he went to UCC and got a Bachelor of Commerce in 1997 and an MBS in 1998. He played soccer throughout university and represented UCC at senior level in the Munster Senior League and the FAI Senior Cup.

After university, David moved to Dublin to work at NCB Stockbrokers in the Economics Dept. He moved to the Bond desk before moving to a role as an analyst in the Research Dept. After a few years, he moved on the trading desk as a European Sales Trader where he marketed European shares to Irish fund managers. He left NCB to join Merrion Capital and moved back to Cork in 2005 when he joined Davy.

In 2007, he joined Bord Gáis Eireann as a Gas Trader. Bord Gáis Energy was then sold to Centrica in 2014 and David has managed the Gas Desk since then. Economics continues to be pivotal in his day to day duties, as energy market prices tend to be very responsive to changes in supply and demand. He lives in Douglas but likes to spend time in West Cork with his family when possible. He's married to Linda and has two children, Anna and Max, who is due to start 1st Year in Pres in September. He continues to play golf and is an active member of the PPU Golf Society. He says it's an excellent way to stay in touch with other past pupils.



### **Shane Costigan (Class of 2007)**

Shane sat his Leaving Cert in 2007 and moved to Brighton to study Pharmacy. Following a great six years in Pres, playing on the senior rugby team as a 3rd Year and winning a Senior Cup in 2005, it was a massive step into the unknown.

Fast forward a busy four years in college and a couple of seasons of National League rugby in the South of England, Shane graduated from the University of Brighton with a Masters in Pharmacy in 2011 and has worked as a clinical pharmacist in a number of hospitals in the UK. He then undertook a postgraduate diploma in Clinical Pharmacy Practice at the University of Bath. He went on to specialise in Acute Medicine & Stroke Services. More recently, he spent time aiding in the design of an electronic prescribing system for a large National Health Service (NHS) teaching hospital, as well as working in quality improvement and as an NHS hospital lead for medicines safety.

In 2018, Shane was accepted onto the prestigious NHS 'Darzi Fellowship' in Clinical Leadership, working as a clinical fellow alongside a cohort of emerging medical leaders from across the NHS. He completed a post-graduate certificate in healthcare leadership at London South Bank University in 2019. He now works as the NHS Associate Dean for Pharmacy Workforce across London and the South East, and is a lead for the TEDxNHS initiative, a social movement which runs TED talks and events across the UK showcasing inspiring stories and individuals working in health and social care.

Shane attributes his core values, beliefs and ethos largely to the time he spent in Pres, the incredible staff who supported him and his classmates, and the vast network of Pres lads who he still sees regularly to this day. He would encourage anyone thinking about what to do post Leaving Cert to think outside the box regarding where to apply (or not) for college, be that in Ireland or abroad and not to immediately discount paths less well travelled.



### **Robert Lynch (Class of 2014)**

Rob joined Pres in 2008. He played rugby, but hung up his scrum cap after a 2010 McCarthy Cup final defeat. He played for the soccer team and is the first to highlight that, although they won a Cork Schools Senior Cup title in 2013, they underachieved, given the immense talent on the squad. Rob remembers his time in Pres with great fondness, accrediting the school with a variety of traits and characteristics, along with a great core group of friends who haven't parted ways since their 2014 graduation.

While studying for the Leaving Certificate, Rob, along with classmate Dave Walsh, was part of the Cobh Ramblers U19s, who won the U19 All-Ireland National Cup in 2014, a feat not achieved since or prior to this. They both enjoyed playing in the League of Ireland throughout their final year in Pres, where they felt very proud to be representing the school.

In 2014 Rob won a Sports Scholarship to UCC, studying for a BComm degree, majoring in Economics. In UCC, he was part of an illustrious UCC Soccer team which in 2015 won the College's first Harding Cup in 20 years. This team won an unprecedented Collingwood Cup and Munster Senior League Double in 2017, the first time the College had ever done so. UCC would also enjoy great on field success in Rob's penultimate year. He was joined by former PBC students, Charlie Bornemann and David Dalton on this superb team.

Rob reflects upon his time in UCC with great fondness, both on an academic and social level. After completing his degree, Rob began an MSc in Management Consulting at UCD's Smurfit Graduate Business School. He felt that the course was of great benefit to him, gaining practical experience whilst also learning from industry leading professionals. It also included an internship at Kernel Capital in Cork.

Rob is currently working for State Street Bank in a research capacity and is excited for what the future holds.

## PBC Gaisce Award Winners 2019



Photo shows (l-r) Cian Smyth, Caomhán Budhlaeir, James McCarthy, Ronan O'Callaghan and Cian Healy

During 4th Year, over the month of September, Caomhán Budhlaeir, Cian Healy, James McCarthy, Ronan O'Callaghan and I set out to claim our bronze Gaisce awards and in James' case his silver award. We had to each sign up to four key activities for the year ie a personal skill, physical recreation, community involvement and an adventure journey. I personally chose debating, rowing and Comhairle na nÓg. As a group, we took a guided hike together through, or rather up, the Black Valley near Killarney. It was a really great trip and the hostel had a TV which meant no one missed the Eurovision! By the end of the year we all managed to complete our Gaisce challenges and we are now awaiting our certification.

*Cian Smyth*  
Class 5A



PBC Gaisce recipients hiking in the Black Valley, Co Kerry as part of an adventure journey to complete their Gaisce requirements, (l-r) Cian Smyth, James McCarthy, Cian Healy, Caomhán Budhlaeir and Ronan O'Callaghan

## Class 1A of 2020



Back row (l-r) Charlie Duane, Ronan Dunwell, Sebastian Wiseman and Dylan Westley  
Middle row (l-r) Conor Geary, Ned Quigley, Stuart Gilbert, Ben Foley, Devin Giltinan and Samuel Allen  
Front row (l-r) Jack Bugler, Tadhg Andrews, Cian Timoney, Frank Balfry, Ronan Scott and Cian O'Mahony  
Insets (l-r) Daire McStay, John Cashman, Peter Burke, Robert Barry, Devin Fray and Finbarr Murphy

## Class 1B of 2020



Back row (l-r) David Coughlan, Leo Giltinan, Sam Hernan, Keith Walsh, Mikie Morgan and Paddy Walsh  
Middle row (l-r) Cian Wolfe, Charlie Thrippleton, Zach Bradley, Liam Hegarty, Peter Barry, Ricky Barrett and Luke Mullins  
Front row (l-r) Shane O'Connor, Ronan Nangle, Bobby Kelleher, Luke Costello-Ryall, Ronan Byrd and Eoghan O'Donovan  
Insets (l-r) Andrew Maume, Bobby O'Riordan, Deckie Fitzgerald and Thomas Egan

## First Year students of 2019

We warmly welcome all our new First Years and hope they enjoy their years in Pres.



Copies of the First Year Class of 2019 photograph are available to purchase. Please visit [www.adrianoherlihy.com](http://www.adrianoherlihy.com) for more details.



## Class 1C of 2020



Back (l-r) Aidan McGrath, Killian Peterson, Denis Murphy, Max Ford, John Neville, Ivo Kok and Cameron Swalbe-O'Sullivan  
Middle (l-r) Seán McFarland, Kieran Barry, Darach Fanning, Adam Hosford, Alex Cronin, Matthew Gregan,  
Dylan O'Dwyer and Ronan Byrne

Front (l-r) Séamus Sweeney, Michael Mullins, Conor Twomey, Andrew Kingston, Cillian Murphy, Joe Hennessy and Ronan McCarthy  
Insets (l-r) James O'Leary and Ali Dunne

## Class 1D of 2020



Back row (l-r) Eric Leech, Brian O'Leary, Daniel Foley, Conor Murphy and Ian Crowley

Middle row (l-r) Mr James McAuliffe, Ruairí Ó Donnchadha, Andrew Stack, Michael Collins, Eoin Hurley, David Price,  
Leo Porion and Mr Ronan O'Mahony

Front row (l-r) William Herdman, Fergal Cotter, John Neville, Cian O'Brien, Fiachra Wall, Hugh McGinn and Jack Kelleher  
Insets (l-r) Cian Conway, Ronan O'Shea, Ben O'Connell and Tadhg Daly



## Class 1E of 2020



Back row (l-r) Conor Geelan, Kyle O'Sullivan, Michael Dan Lucey, Ruairc Porter, Evan O'Dowd and Max Quigley  
Middle row (l-r) Cian McKenzie, Theo Scully, Stuart Daly, Connor Buckley, Adam Ryan, Hassan Jameel, Olan Dillon and Ms Joann Keogh  
Front row (l-r) Rory Nangle, Ivan Walsh, Mark McNulty, Shane Collins, Harry Murphy, JP Curtin and Adam Bogue  
Insets (l-r) Barry Collins, Danny Higgins, Tadhg O'Connor and Diarmuid Forrest

## Class of 2020 - Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy



(l-r) PBC Head Boy Cormac McCarthy and Deputy Head Boy Micheál Giltinan

## Lord Mayor recognises Derek O'Callaghan's superb unblemished attendance record



Derek receives a well deserved Certificate of Merit from the Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr John Sheehan at a function in City Hall

Leaving Certificate student, Derek O'Callaghan, recently received a richly deserved Certificate of Merit from the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr John Sheehan, to mark an amazing achievement of thirteen years of unbroken attendance in both primary school and secondary school! Derek previously attended Ballintemple NS, Crab Lane for primary school and has been a student in Pres since 2014. He is understandably delighted with his award and is looking forward to making it fourteen years unblemished attendance this coming June. A really fantastic achievement, many congratulations Derek!

## Former student Kevin Jansson wins the RDS Music Bursary



Kevin Jansson

Class of 2019 student Kevin Jansson is shown after winning the 2019 RDS Music Bursary in June 2019. Valued at €15,000, the bursary is the single largest annual classical music award in Ireland and one of the largest in Europe. Kevin is currently studying at the Juilliard School in New York. We wish him well in his studies.

## Pres Transition Year team win Japan Quiz Night 2020



Photo shows (l-r) Christian Daly, Donal McCarthy, Stephen Spence, Robert Mullins and Ms Rhonda Tsu Lambe (teacher)

The annual Languages Connect Japan Quiz Night for TY students was held across a number of venues last January. The local Cork section was held in Coláiste Dáibhéid and comprised of ten teams from local schools. The aggregate scores on the night counted for national ranking. The questions were divided into four broad categories, mainly dealing with Japanese history, geography and culture. After a very tight, exciting contest, the Pres team of Christian Daly, Donal McCarthy, Stephen Spence and Robert Mullins came first! This excellent news was enhanced a short time later when it was revealed that we had also come out in first place in the national ranks. A magnificent achievement from everyone involved. On behalf of the team, I'd like to sincerely thank teacher, Ms Rhonda Tsu Lambe for all her hard work preparing us for the quiz. We're hugely grateful!

*Robert Mullins, Class 4E*



The Transition Year Japanese class 2019 / 2020 with their teacher, Ms Rhonda Tsui Lambe

## Politics and Society Classes visit Dáil Éireann



PBC politics students pictured in the Dáil Éireann Public Accounts Committee Room

Last October, 5th and 6th Year Politics students had the opportunity to go to Dublin to learn about the Irish political system at Leinster House and Ireland's international aid programme at the Irish Aid Centre. We met at Kent Station and headed off to Dublin. Upon arrival, some difficulty getting the LUAS was to be had before we were on our way to our first destination, the Irish Aid Centre.

At the Irish Aid Centre, we learned about Ireland's aid programme and played an enormous game of snakes and ladders, with facts about the Sustainable Development Goals thrown in. Our second destination however, was the focal point of the trip and after a lengthy security check we arrived at Leinster House. We first entered a committee room where our guide took us through the workings of the Irish political system, before having us hold a debate on whether the voting age in Ireland should be reduced from 18 to 16, with a chairman and a scribe chosen from amongst us to moderate the debate. Points were discussed and hammers were banged before we moved on to see the Dáil Éireann chamber. The last part of the house to be seen, Seanad Éireann, was next. The Seanad was a very impressive and expensive looking room and after hearing the history of Leinster House, we left and began our journey back to Heuston Station. We arrived back to Cork having gained a first-hand insight into Ireland's political system and international aid programme, and it was overall a very educational and informative day in Dublin, despite the incessant rain!

Many thanks to Mr Karl Sweeney and Mr John Mullarkey for facilitating the trip.

*Aidan Wolfe*  
5th Year Politics and Society Class



Presentation College Politics group in the Public Accounts chamber



Pres students make their way into Leinster House

## Annual Christmas swim in remembrance of past pupil Danny Crowley



Back row (l-r) Amy Coholan, Scott Lonergan, Michael Coholan, Shane Moran and Jack Lonergan  
Front row (l-r) Katie Crowley, Bishop Fintan Gavin and Alannah Crowley

The Danny Crowley Swim Committee recently met with Bishop of Cork and Ross Fintan Gavin. Danny was a pupil in Pres when he sadly passed away after a long battle with illness in 2013. His family and many friends in Carrigaline and Pres honour his memory by raising funds through the annual Christmas Swim for the Mercy Hospital Childrens' Leukaemia Services.



A huge crowd attend the annual Danny Crowley Memorial Swim, held in Myrtleville on Christmas morning

## Pres win the Munster Shield at Munster Senior Schools Swimming Championships



The victorious PBC Swimming Squad with the Jennings Shield for Munster Schools Swimming, with Neddie Irwin and David Carroll holding the coveted prize

A really strong and accomplished team of swimmers travelled to UL Arena in Limerick on Sunday October 13th to compete in the Munster Senior Schools Swimming Championships. Boasting current and ex-Munster Regional Squad swimmers such as Neddie Irwin, Paul Higgins and David Carroll, the team were ready to go head-to-head with their Cork City counterparts, CBC who could boast an equally strong team of athletes, as well as the rest of Munster's top school swimmers. This is the biggest regional swimming event at schools level where swimmers vie for Munster medals in their chosen events and those who place first will automatically be selected to represent Munster at the Irish Schools Interprovincial Championships in April. Swimmers placing in second position will be selected by the Munster coaches on a percentage of best times performances during the season, but wild card selections may also be considered. Luckily for PBC this year, one of our own teachers Mick McCormack, will yet again lead the coaching team for the Munster Interpro team so we can hopefully expect some good news on that front when the time comes for selection!

The main prize on offer at the regional competition is the Munster Schools Shield, or the 'Jennings' Shield' as it is more fondly known. First presented way back in 1904, PBC were the inaugural winners of the competition and have prospered at this level for many years although unfortunately the shield has eluded the school in recent years. The Shield is presented to the school who wins the senior 4 x 50m freestyle relay, and this year PBC proved too strong for everyone else in that particular race and were crowned 'Munster Schools Swimming Champions 2019'.

The boy's relay team of Peter Higgins, Neddie Irwin, Illan Wall and David Carroll beat our nearest rivals, CBC, with over 3secs to spare, while the senior medley relay (back, breast, fly and free) claimed silver medals in the earlier event.

More impressive performances followed with our Junior relay teams also claiming Munster medals in their respective finals. The junior teams consisting of Conor Twomey, Fiachra Wall, Jack Bugler and Louis Flynn claimed a silver medal in the Medley Relay and a bronze in the freestyle relay.

Neddie Irwin was crowned 'Munster Champion' in the Senior 100m Backstroke, dipping under the minute mark in the heats and again in the finals for dominant performances on backstroke in Munster, and won silver in the 200m IM, while Paul Higgins was crowned 'Munster Champion' in the intermediate 100m Fly and the 100 Freestyle events - again, dominant in the 100m freestyle and finishing strongest in a very close butterfly final.

Peter Higgins won silver in the senior finals of the 100m freestyle and 100m butterfly, while there were top five finishes for David Carroll and Illan Wall in the 100m backstroke finals.



PBC Swim Coach Mick McCormack with (l-r) Louis Flynn, Fiachra Wall and Conor Twomey at the recent Munster Schools Swimming Gala held at the University of Limerick

Jude Malley made finals in the intermediate 100m breaststroke and again in the 100m freestyle, while Andrew O'Leary made strong personal best times in his 100m backstroke and 200IM events. Tom McCarthy continued the good form of PBC swimmers by swimming two personal best times in the 100m breast and 100m freestyle, and John Curtin competed in the 100m backstroke with a 1:07:4 finish.

Our young junior swimmers were happy with their individual performances with final appearances from Conor Twomey, Louis Flynn and Fiachra Wall, but they were all extremely proud to win their first PBC school relay medals on the day.

PBC have now qualified for the Irish Schools Relay finals which will be held in Castlebar in April on the same day as the Irish Schools Interpros at the same event. PBC will be well-represented at this season's interpros so we will look forward to that competition when it comes around.

Overall, a great day for the school and a fantastic piece of silver/timber ware to display in the school trophy cabinet. I hope that we can hold onto the Jennings Shield again at next year's competition.

*Mick McCormack  
PBC Swimming Coach*



Coach Mick McCormack with the Jennings' Shield

## Patrick Campbell to the fore as Cork Minor footballers win the 2019 All-Ireland!



Patrick brings the Tom Markham Cup to Pres with (l-r) Conor Counihan, Cork GAA Director of Football, Bobbie O'Dwyer, Cork Minor Football Manager and Paudie O'Brien, Cork GAA Development Officer

PBC student, Patrick Campbell (Class 5A) played a starring role at centre forward in the Cork Minor footballers dramatic extra time win over Galway in the 2019 All-Ireland Minor Football Final. Nemo Rangers clubman, Patrick had a brilliant season for Cork, being named Man-of-the-Match after their semi-final win over Mayo, and contributing almost a goal a game to keep the Rebel's campaign on track last summer.

The College then had the honour on September 11th last to welcome 5th Year student, Patrick, back to the school with the Tom Markham Cup. Patrick was accompanied on the day by his Cork manager, Bobbie O'Dwyer, Cork GAA Director of Football, Conor Counihan and Cork GAA Games Development Officer, Paudie O'Brien. The group were presented to a large gathering of senior students and staff in the Dan Donovan Theatre, where teacher Enda O'Regan spoke about the huge sacrifices needed to be made to pursue such a magnificent achievement like this, and how it had relevance to all aspects of our lives.

Onwards and upwards now Patrick. All at Pres are looking forward to you bringing more silverware to the school in the seasons ahead. Very well done again!



Patrick finds the net for a vital Cork goal in the All-Ireland Minor Football semi-final v Mayo in Croke Park



Patrick Campbell receives his Man of the Match award after the Minor All-Ireland Semi Final versus Mayo



## PBC Senior Football Squad 2019-20



Back row (l-r) Conor Kelleher, Charlie Coughlan, Seán Barrett, Michael Cohalan, Ben Carthew, Daniel Harte, Brian Anthony, Ronan Barry, Daniel Murphy, Matt Moroney, Ethan Twomey, Gavin Kelleher and Ciarán Sexton  
Front row (l-r) Dara Hennigan, Tim Cronin, Sam Cunningham, Robert Geaney-O'Brien, Charlie Walsh, Gavin Marshall, Brian Hayes, Colin O'Brien, Shane Cotter, James Price and Conor Casey

## Pres past pupils star in Nemo Rangers' Munster Club Football triumph

Three past pupils captain of the side, Barry O'Driscoll, Micheál Aodh Martin and Briain Murphy, were vital to Nemo Ranger's superb Munster Club Football success versus Clonmel Commercials in November last. Nemo were comfortable winners on the day on a 0-15 to 0-6 scoreline, laying to rest their last minute shock defeat to the same opposition in the 2015 Munster decider. Unfortunately the All-Ireland semi final versus reigning All-Ireland club champions, Corofin from Galway proved to be a bridge too far for the South Douglas Road side. In fact, Corofin won the game and went on to win their third successive All-Ireland Senior Club Football Championship final by defeating Kilcoo of Down in January.



Briain Murphy puts his opponent under pressure



Nemo Rangers' captain Barry O'Driscoll with the Munster Senior Club Championship trophy



Goalkeeper Micheál Aodh Martin in the dressing room

## Under 16½ Hurling 2019 – 2020



Back row (l-r) Ms Alison Crowley (Coach), Doug Healy, Fionn Coleman, Aidan Barry, Paul O'Halloran, Conor Kelleher, Seán Ó Coileáin, Rian O'Donoghue, Vaughan Ryan, James Lynch, Darren Sheehan, Joachim O'Driscoll, Harry Coughlan, Liam Buckley, Fionn Roussel and Mr John Connaughton (Manager)

Front row (l-r) Conor Higgins, Ciarán Sexton, Ben Cunningham, Ben O'Connor, Seán Condon, Mark Howell, Charlie Gowan, Harry Kent, Ronan Power, Jerry Murphy and Adam McNulty

Another good year for Pres under 16½ Munster hurling despite losing to St Joseph's of Tulla in the 'B' Munster final. We had lots of confidence going into this year following the huge victory last year winning the under 16½ 'C' Munster Cup. It was the first time that we had won that cup in nearly ninety years.

We started this year in a challenge match against Glanmire Community School on their home pitch in the school grounds. Even though we were missing some key players that day, we still played very well and came away with a strong victory (1-13 to 0-10). After this game I definitely felt we had it in us to go far again this year.

The competition started last October versus Abbey CBS (Tipperary) in Knocklong. It was a tough game but strong defensive efforts from James Lynch at full back and Rory O'Shaughnessy gave the team a great boost. This allowed the forwards such as Ben O'Connor and Ben Cunningham pick off scores, one after another, giving the team a comfortable lead at half time (0-13 to 0-8). Vaughan Ryan in midfield also stood out that game with Doug Healy leading the forwards very well. The weather was dry and warm allowing us to play as we wanted. We came away with a great victory (0-20 to 0-15).

We headed into the quarter final against John The Baptist School, Hospital (Limerick) in Ballygiblin on 18th October with lots of confidence. Tensions in this game were high from the start and this was visible on numerous occasions. Unfortunately the pitch wasn't in great condition. However, Harry Coughlan and Fionn Coleman still managed to score some serious points. Conor Keller put in a great shift in corner back that day, with Fionn Roussel showing well at half back. Our team spirit was shown hugely that day helping each other out in a few separate incidents. That victory (1-18 to 2-6) was definitely a sweet one as we definitely worked for it.

The semi final (8th November) was on the Pairc Uí Chaoimh astro on scorching hot day against Coláiste Treasa, Kanturk. Everyone played well that day such as Seán Condon and Ciarán Sexton in the half backs, and Sean Ó Coileáin in goal. Ben Cunningham, Jerry Murphy and Rian O'Donoghue did well in the forwards. This high scoring match finished 2-22 to 2-17. That win was particularly great as we had suffered a bad loss against them in the seniors.

The Munster Hurling final was to be played in Ballyagran on 13th November 2019. This was the same venue we had the final last year. This time we were up against a well trained and determined St Joseph's of Tulla (Clare). It was cold but dry at the start of the game and we started as best as we possibly could. Ben O'Connor leading from centre back and Fionn Coleman and Ben Cunningham causing damage in the half forwards. After 20mins we were 1-6 to 0-7 up after a goal scored by Ronan Power gave us the lead.

Unfortunately that would be the last we would score for a long time. In the space of only a few minutes, a huge wind with rain and hailstones came in and it looked like it was never going to end. I could barely lift up my hurley with the cold. The weather continued to create possibly the worst conditions I've ever played sport in. To be fair to Tulla, the weather brought out their heart and team spirit. It looked like nothing was going to stop them from lifting that cup. They were well deserving champions.

As captain, I would like to thank John Connaughton for not only coaching us, but all the work he has put into GAA in Pres and from where we were five years ago to now. Also huge thanks to Ms Alison Crowley who got involved this year and made a very important and positive input.

However the biggest thanks to our panel of twenty seven hurlers representing fourteen clubs in and around Cork:  
Pres U16½ Munster Hurling panel: Rory O'Shaughnessy, Seán Condon, Charlie Gowen, Seán Ó Coileáin, Fionn Coleman, Harry Coughlan, James Lynch, Mark Howell, Ben Cunningham, Conor Kelleher, Ben O'Connor, Rian O'Donoghue, Vaughan Ryan, Fionn Roussel, Conor Higgins, Harry Kent, Ronan Power, Adam McNulty, Darren Sheehan, Aidan Barry, Paul O'Halloran, Ciaran Sexton, Liam Buckley, Doug Healy, Jerry Murphy, Joachim O'Driscoll and Seán Naughton.

Despite losing the Munster final this year, it still was a great year and I hope Pres hurling just keeps getting better!

*Mark Howell*  
*U16½ Hurling Captain*

## Cork are U20 Football Champions



Two Pres players, current Leaving Cert student, Brian Hayes and James O'Donovan (Class of 2018), were part of the Cork U20 Football Panel that won the U20 All-Ireland Final beating Dublin in a cracking final played in Portlaoise in August 2019. Very well done lads. Don't forget to bring Sam Maguire back to Leaside after a long absence.

## PBC Basketball Cork County U16A Champions 2020



Back row (l-r) Reuben Skuse, Joe MacNamara, Aodhan Cooke, Jamie Cotter, David Burke, Alex Doyle and Niall Collins  
Front row (l-r) Ryan Nolan, Seán Murphy (coach), Emmet Fitzgerald, Dara McMahon, Max Mazur and Scott Kelleher

### Pres U16 and U19 Basketball 2019 / 2020

Pres entered teams in the U19 and U16 Cork County School Basketball League. We had a top class team at U16 who lost by one point in the 2nd Year All-Ireland League Final last year. Jamie Cotter and Aodhán Cooke are on the Irish U16 International development panel. Dara is part of the Irish U15 Development panel. Emmett Fitzgerald and Alex Doyle represented Cork in the All-Ireland series. The U19 team was captained by Andrew O'Connor who also represented Ireland at U16 level and is presently on the all conquering Ballincollig Men's National League team who are unbeaten so far this season.

The Cork County U19 and U16 Leagues has twelve teams and is divided into two pools. Pres pool consisted of Rochestown, Christians, Crosshaven North Mon AG and Douglas. The U19 team had Caomhán Budlaeir, Brian Corkery and Panos Karousos and with Andrew O'Conner as captain competed really well. Unfortunately Caomhán's season ended early when he had a reoccurrence of a knee injury and any chance Pres had of reaching the semi-final of the Cork U19 League was over. Rochestown College were the surprise overall winners of the Cork County U19 League.

The U16 panel all returned for pre season training and the disappointment last year of losing the 2nd Year All-Ireland Semi Final by one point was discussed. Coach Seán Murphy set this year's target at doing something that no Pres team had done before and that was to win the Cork U16A League title and complete a triple of league titles 1st Year, 2nd year and U16 Cork County League titles by the same group of players. The opening two games were one sided with easy victories over Christians and Rochestown. The third game away to North Mon AG was the first blip of the season. We had a total of only seven players due to a clash with Rugby games. The panel of players we had on the day did not rise to the challenge and as a result we lost our first game in Cork for over two years. This game was a turning point because coach Murphy was adamant that we had more than enough talent to win that game but we did not believe or have the determination to rise to the challenge.

We finished second in our group so we had to play away to the winners of the other group which was Ballincollig Community School. As a team we were ready due to the intensity level and extra training sessions on Sunday mornings in Pres since the loss to North Monastery. The BCS hall was full to capacity but unfortunately for BCS their two top players were injured two days before playing with Ballincollig in the Cork County championship. The result therefore was a foregone conclusion and Pres played their bench players for most of the game running out easy winners.

The final was played at Neptune Stadium. The opposition was North Mon AG. This game was what all our preparation was about. We went on a full court man to man press from the off. We had so much pressure on their guards that they were turning over the ball in their own half. Pres were six points up after four minutes of the first quarter and North Mon were on five team fouls. When that happens every foul committed by the North Mon will be two free throws for Pres. We scored seven from seven free throws in that quarter and led by ten by the end of the quarter.

Pres maintained the pressure and rotated the panel in the 2nd quarter. The three point shooting by Jamie Cotter, Aodhán Cook and Dara McMahon was top drawer. Emmet Fitzgerald and Scott Kelleher controlled the pace of the game and led by example on the man-to-man press forcing a total of eight turnovers in the first half. Joe McNamara, Alex Doyle and Reuben Skuse dominated the defensive and offensive rebounds. Niall Collins, Max Mazure and David Burke came on to finish and complete a historic winning margin of 35pts.

### **U16 All-Ireland Qualifier Pres v Rathmore, Rathmore, Co Kerry,**

We travelled to Rathmore, Co Kerry in January for a place in the All-Ireland U16 Quarter finals at the National Basketball Arena. The three teams taking part were Rathmore, De La Salle Waterford and Pres. The first game was Pres versus the home team. Pres started at a blistering pace. Emmet Fitzgerald and Scott Kelleher dominated at the point guard position and Jamie Cotter was at hand to finish off the fast breaks. Jamie finished the quarter with 6pts. Aodhán Cooke opened the 2nd quarter with two successive 3 pointers from downtown and the alarm bells were ringing for Rathmore. Aodhán's total at that stage was 11pts which was more than the entire Rathmore team had scored by then. Joe McNamara, Alex Doyle and Reuben Skuse were dominating the boards and Pres finished the first half 31 to 17. Pres ran the bench for the remainder and won 67 to 51  
Top Scorers: Aodhán Cooke 24; Jamie Cotter 18; Reuben Skuse 9; Joe McNamara 6 and Niall Collins 5.

### **Pres v De La Salle**

De La Salle Waterford were to prove to be tough opposition. The game overall was a very physical encounter but was very well controlled by the two officials. Alex Doyle was given the job of marshalling Ahmed Bells who was 6ft 2in and had the body and muscle to match. Alex opened the game with a steal from Ahmed on the defensive 3 point line and he went on a full court drive to open his account and start Pres off on a positive note. There was a lot of jostling and body contact around the boards. It was borderline but the officials to their credit allowed the physical contact to continue once it was within the rules. Pres were 11 to 8 ahead at the end of the first quarter.

Alex had to be rested and Joe McNamara came in to replace Alex. I can tell you now that Joe has learned a lot from his Rugby training. He was giving away a few inches and more than a few pounds to his opponent but his determination and will to win overcame all the obstacles. Time out to Pres. Pres coach Seán Murphy opted to change the defence to a box and one. A rotation of players Scott Kelleher, Emmett Fitzgerald, Jamie Cotter, Dara McMahon and Aodhán Cooke were alternated in and out of the box formation to maintain the pressure on De La Salle  
Half time score was all square 18pts each.

Pres were struggling to get the offensive rebounds when Niall Collins and Reuben Skuse entered the game. Niall took over from Joe man marking their top player and the amount of defensive work he did was top drawer. He completed a perfect job when he also scored two great baskets. Reuben at 6ft 6in took control of the offensive and defensive rebounds. Emmett, Jamie, and Aodhán all scored in the 3rd Quarter and this put Pres ahead 34 to 26.

The 4th Quarter started with Max Mazure, David Burke and super sub Dara McMahon. Dara's shooting percentage and general open court play is proof of his amazing ability and why he is a vital member of the Irish U15 International Development squad. He knocked in two successive baskets from play and having been fouled while shooting he also scored the bonus free throw. After two minutes of the final quarter, the coach of De La Salle approached coach Murphy and informed him that he was going to empty his bench to give his younger lads a game as he knew the game as a contest was over.

Final Score Pres 58 - De La Salle 38.

Pres top scorers: Jamie Cotter 14; Aodhán Cooke 11; Alex Doyle 10; Dara McMahon 9 and Emmett Fitzgerald 8.

*Seán Murphy*  
*PBC Basketball Coach*

## **Andrew O'Connor plays for Ireland U18s**



Many congratulations to Leaving Cert student Andrew O'Connor, who played in the European U18 3x3 Basketball Championships for Ireland in Italy last August. A great achievement. Well done!

## Pres are U16 Basketball Champions!



PBC U16 Basketball Co-Captains, Aodhán Cooke and Jamie Cotter, receiving the Cork Schools U16 Basketball Plaque

## Former Pres boy Seán Jenkins stars for Presbyterian College v Clemson University



Past pupil Seán Jenkins (shown centre looking left) stars for Presbyterian College, South Carolina against Clemson University in the NCAA Basketball tournament in October, 2019

## AJ Whelan wins bronze at the European Taekwon-Do Championships



AJ shows the bronze medal



AJ on the podium

From the 10th to 13th of October 2019, I took part in the European Championships in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. This was a selection competition which means the competitors involved were the best their country had to offer. Competitors came from all corners of Europe to be here, and the standard was as high as its ever been.

I competed in 2nd-degree Black Belt Patterns and -68kg Junior Male Sparring. I had previously taken part in the World Championships in Germany, back in April. However, this was my first time to be picked for the Ireland team for individual sparring.

In sparring, I went through three tough rounds to get to the final of my ring (Semi-Final of my group) beating a Czech, a Russian and a Norwegian. I won each fight 4-0. In the Semi-Finals, I came up against a Ukrainian who scored a point in the dying seconds of the match to clinch the victory and who then went on to win the group.

The National team coaches were highly impressed with my performance and at the end of the campaign, I was given an award for Most Improved Performance.

To say I am happy with the way I fought would be a complete understatement. I had been training hard for months, even venturing to a high-intensity Taekwon-do Camp in Ukraine over the summer. The improvement I have seen is phenomenal and really does show that hard work does pay off! I was even asked to give a sparring seminar after the competition to colour belts of all ages. Hopefully, the first of many!

This is the last major tournament I will be taking part in with the exception of National Championships, before I complete my time in Pres. The day we travelled back home marked five years to the day since I competed in my first International competition, all the way back in 1st Year (European Cup 2014 in Budapest, Hungary as a red tag). It's been a long and winding road that I have loved to share with the school. My classmates and teachers have always supported me and I am hugely grateful for this.

*AJ Whelan  
6th Year*

## A very fast start to the season for Pres Rowing!



The Junior 18 Four on a training spin near Blackrock Castle,  
(l-r) Rory Buckley, Emmet Ahern, Jamie Falsey, Jack Cotter and cox Cian Smyth

The 2019/2020 season is well under way and Pres Rowing has made a strong start! The club has enjoyed wins at every event attended so far and crews across all the age groups have performed really well. Our athletes have put in a huge amount of work since the beginning of September with up to ten training sessions a week for some squads. All the dedication and commitment the students have shown in representing the school is beginning to pay off as we come ever closer to regatta season! A special mention and thank you to all the coaches involved and the hard work they put in on a daily basis. Without which it would be impossible to continue to grow the sport within the school.

### **Cork Head of the River, The Marina, October 12th**

Cork Head of the River was first up and there was some excellent racing in this early season time trial, most notably from the Junior 18 squad who came home 1st in the Junior 18 four with the crew of Rory Buckley, Emmett Ahern, Jamie Falsey, Jack Cotter and cox Gavin Keane. Rory and Emmett then went on to win the Men's Junior 18 Pair with Conor Power and Jamie finishing second in the same event. An extremely impressive first run out for the squad! Sam Crean finished third in the Junior 18 Scull. There was also a good showing from our younger crews with the Junior 14 Quad finishing fifth out of a strong field of twelve, and three Junior 15 Quads racing on the day in addition to a Junior 15 Eight.

### **Skibbereen Head of the River, The Marina, November 16th**

Skibbereen Head was next up, again on the Marina, and the winning continued! The Junior 18 Four again claimed the top prize, with the crew this time comprising of Rory Buckley, Emmett Ahern, Jamie Falsey, Conor Power and cox Cian Smyth. The four split to then finish third and fourth in the Junior 18 Pair. There was a win for the Junior 16 Quad, a third place finish again for Sam Crean, this time in the Club scull, a senior event, a third place finish for the Junior 15 Quad out of a field of fifteen crews, a third place for the Junior 16 Double, a fourth place out of nine for the Junior 14 Quad, and another strong row from our Junior 15 Eight. It was another extremely successful day for the club. Very well done to all those involved!

### **Provincial Indoor Rowing Championships, University of Limerick Sports Arena, November 23rd**

Much of the winter is spent on the rowing machines so the Provincial Indoor Rowing Championships is an opportunity to put all those hard hours to the test! An enormous contingent of approx fifty athletes travelled to the UL Sports Arena and, thankfully, there were personal bests all around! Jamie Falsey picked up silver in the Junior 18 500m race. There was also a fantastic win for the TY Relay Team of Rory Buckley, Emmet Ahern, Gavin Keane and Conor Power who claimed the Provincial Indoor Rowing Relay Championship and maintained a strong tradition of Pres crews bringing home Gold in this event. Well done again lads! The team beat opposition from St Joseph's in Galway and Castleconnell, Limerick, both strong rowing clubs, as well as others to secure a prestigious victory.





The Junior 15 8 of David O'Dwyer, Ronan Power, Darragh Lynch, Sam Johnson, Ross Daly, Seán Lang, Max Geary and Olivier Nadal



A right motley crew of past Pres rowers about to take part in the annual St Stephen's Day 'Scatter Regatta' on The Marina

### 1st Year Rowing

1st Year rowing has now started with training on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. All 1st Year students are invited to try it out! The aim is to develop an enjoyment of rowing while learning the basics of technique and getting used to the land based aspect of training. Students will go on to represent Pres at regattas across the country as the season enters the Spring, and will culminate at the National Rowing Championships in the National Rowing Centre, Farran Woods, Inniscarra in July.

### The Annual St Stephen's Day 'Scatter Regatta'

This was a great success again with many past members turning up to row. It's open to any past pupil who has rowed for Pres and has been running now for over 20 years now. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old crew mates and to keep up to date with the current goings on in Pres rowing!



Rory Buckley and Emmet Ahern with the J18 Four and Pair Winners Pennants from the Cork Head of the River

## Rugby Report



Photo shows the Senior Rugby Squad 2020 with captain Alex Kendellen, Vice Captain Jack Kelleher and coaches Ger Burke, Don Buckley, Ian Lehane and Enda O'Regan

Another enthralling start to the 2019-2020 rugby season and thankfully, we've a lot left to play for. Our McCarthy Cup Teams and Bowen Shield teams had excellent opening results in their respective competitions, with both qualifying for the knock out stages of their competitions.

The Bowen Shield team were very unfortunate against a very good CBC team in the final. Unfortunately they were beaten by the narrowest of margins but the progress from Junior Cup was clear, putting a serious marker down for Senior Cup in the coming years. Their season will culminate in a four provinces tournament in Dublin hosted by Wesley College.

The McCarthy Cup boys also competed in the closing stages of their competition. Regrettably they were pipped at the post by a very good St Munchins side. Thankfully, the future looks bright again here, having competed at the latter stages in both McCarthy 'B' and McCarthy Cup 'C' competitions also. The matches have continued post-Christmas at all levels of McCarthy Cup with great success and will run right to the end of March. We wish the lads the very best of luck for the rest of the season!

Our 1st Year squad has had some fantastic results and great games as they continue to learn and improve on a weekly basis. Great credit goes to the large number of coaches involved, in particular Mr Liam Lynch and Mr Craig O'Driscoll, with what is by far our biggest playing group with more than 100 players at most session! There are exciting plans a foot to take the whole 1st Year cohort to the 6 Nations clash, Ireland v Italy in the AVIVA stadium in early March.

Our Kidney Cup Team and Barry Cup Team were both beaten by CBC in two tightly contested finals. Both teams just pipped by a score at the final whistle. The standard of rugby in the school at all levels is driven forward by contesting these matches, and all the players did both themselves and Pres proud on the field of play. We can proudly say that we have played more matches at every level and every age grade than ever before. This bodes very well for the immediate future.

Thankfully our Senior Squad levelled the score somewhat in another hotly contested affair in the Charity Cup Final in Lansdowne by beating our rivals on the hill and taking three wins in a row in the competition! More importantly though, a substantial amount of money was raised and donated to L'Arche on the back of this fixture.

Our Senior Squad had a very successful, tough training camp on the lonely Banna Strand, Co Kerry. The heat in Spain last year proving too much for Ger Burke! There were fantastic performances both on and off the pitch by players and coaches alike. Not only did the boys show their prowess on the rugby field but many showed their willingness to show off their singing ability (or lack thereof!) in our PBC Got Talent contest. No cause for alarm as yet once the rugby skills are finely honed for the business end to the season!



Outside centre Darragh French shows absolute determination in the white heat of battle v Crescent College in the Senior Cup Quarter Final

Once again PBC players represented the school at the highest levels. We had players at Munster U18 and Munster U19 and were involved in the Irish Schoolboy Camp at the mid-term break.

We have a long season in front of us yet, and many more miles to put on the clock, before we can look back and truly assess the year. At this stage, we are really focussed for the battles ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my gratitude to the coaches at all levels, for their dedication and selflessness. I wish to thank the parents and teachers for their co-operation and understanding, allowing our boys be a part of PBC Rugby. I would also like to thank all our sponsors especially Rugby Travel Ireland and Michael Murphy of Tom Murphy Menswear. We are always looking for more people to come on board with PBC Rugby and look to the future in the hope of developing our Wilton facility.

Finally, I would like to wish our SCT and JCT all the very best of luck in their upcoming Cup competitions, most especially the team captains, Alex Kendellen for the Seniors and Rory O'Shaughnessy for the Juniors.

*Is mise le meas,  
Brian MacMathúna*



PBC Senior back row John Forde showing very quick hands in the offload to Mark Deane v Ard Scoil Rís



Jack Kelleher in a line break v Crescent College in the Senior Cup Quarter Final

## Pres win the Cork Charity Cup for the third year in a row!



The victorious PBC squad who defeated Christian Brothers on their Lansdowne pitch in a hotly contested Cork Charity Cup Final

## Munster U18 Schools Players 2019



Four Pres players (l-r) Sam O'Sullivan, Darragh McSweeney, Darragh French and Daniel Hurley were part of the Munster Schools U18 Rugby Squad that played in the National U18 Schools Festival in the University of Limerick in August 2019. They are shown together after a famous win over Leinster in their final game.

## Pres entertain South Africa's Mauritz Hansen Select



Photo shows the combined Pres and Mauritz Hansen Select sides who played a senior friendly in Wilton last October as part of the South African side's tour of Ireland

## Transition Year Rugby Referees Course



(l-r) Adam Lahique, Daniel Philpott-Vendrells and Marc Byrne

As part of the TY Rugby Coaching module, Munster Rugby, in conjunction with PBC, offered a Rugby Refereeing Qualification Course to students. It was run by Munster Referee Development Manager, Chris Harrington, and is part of a pilot programme aimed at attracting young referees. By completing this course, students are qualified to referee at U14 and U15 level. This year Marc Byrne, Daniel Philpott-Vendrells and Adam Lahique completed the accreditation, their overall aim being to improve their knowledge of the laws of rugby, to move up the levels of refereeing and to contribute to the game of rugby in the school.

*Caleb Sheehan*  
PBC TY Coordinator

## A very proud moment for Billy Scannell!



Billy Scannell (r) pictured after his Biarritz senior debut

2018 Pres Senior Cup Team Captain, Billy Scannell, made his Senior Pro 2 debut at hooker for Biarritz Olympique v Vannes on Friday, February 14th, in an exciting 27-24 win. He is shown above with his Biarritz teammate and former Munster stalwart, Dave O'Callaghan.

Many, many congratulations Billy! Very well done. All at Pres will follow your progress in French rugby with great interest and wish you the very best of luck as you follow the proud family tradition of playing top class senior rugby!

## Michael Kiernan inducted into the Irish Rugby Writers Hall of Fame



Former Pres, Munster, Ireland and Lions centre, Michael Kiernan is presented with the Irish Rugby Writers Hall Of Fame award by Irish Examiner rugby correspondent Simon Lewis and Diageo's Rory Sheridan.

Michael Kiernan (Class of 1979) was inducted into the Irish Rugby Writers Hall of Fame at a ceremony held in the Guinness Storehouse in July 2019. Michael excelled at both rugby and athletics in school, winning a Schools Senior Cup medal in 1978. After school, he joined Dolphin RFC, for whom his father, Jim, had a distinguished career, and went on to represent Munster, Ireland and the British & Irish Lions.

Mick has 43 caps for Ireland making his debut in 1982, playing outside centre in an Ireland team that won the Triple Crown for the first time since 1949. Ireland went on to share the Five Nations Championship the following year with France. His stand out displays for Ireland in '82 and '83 led to his selection for the British & Irish Lions tour to New Zealand in 1983, where Mick played in three tests.

Ireland won another famous Triple Crown in 1985, the winning points coming from a drop goal by Mick in the dying moments to beat England at Lansdowne Road. Mick was also selected for Ireland in the inaugural Rugby World Cup in 1987, playing in three games and scoring 1 try, 7 conversions, 5 penalties and 1 drop goal, in an aggregate of 37 points. His final cap for Ireland came in 1991, concluding a fine career marked by 6 tries, 40 conversions, 62 penalties and 6 drop goals, in an aggregate of 308 points.

Mick's two sons, James and Paul followed in his footsteps to Pres, where both were distinguished Junior and Senior Cup players. James won Barry Cup and Senior Cup medals in 2010 and Paul captained the SCT in 2015, and also played for Ireland Schools, Ireland U19 and in the U20 World Cup in 2016.

We salute Mick's extensive rugby achievements, He is truly a great rugby ambassador for Pres, Dolphin, Munster, Ireland and the British & Irish Lions.

## John Cashman wins silver at the Irish Schools Athletics Pentathlon Championships



1st Year student John Cashman looking powerful as he surges to victory in the 60m hurdles during the Pentathlon event at the recent AAI Juvenile Indoor Championships in Athlone

The four provinces of Ireland were represented by the top four athletes from each province at the Irish School Athletics Pentathlon Championship in Athlone IT.

There was very stiff competition particularly from athletes from the North but John rose to the occasion and ran a blinder winning the 60m hurdles and the 200m sprint. John had a personal bests in the Shot Put, Long Jump and 800m race. He then went on to take the overall silver medal in minor boys age group. Very well done John!



PBC student, John Cashman (2nd from right), pictured with his Silver Medal after his second place in the Pentathlon event at the recent Irish Schools Indoor Athletics Championships held in Athlone.



Past pupil Seán Lucey with John Connaughton. Seán Lucey (Class of 2016) won the 100m race at the 2016 Sports Day. Due to unusual circumstances, Seán only received his gold medal recently.

## Not all heroes wear capes!

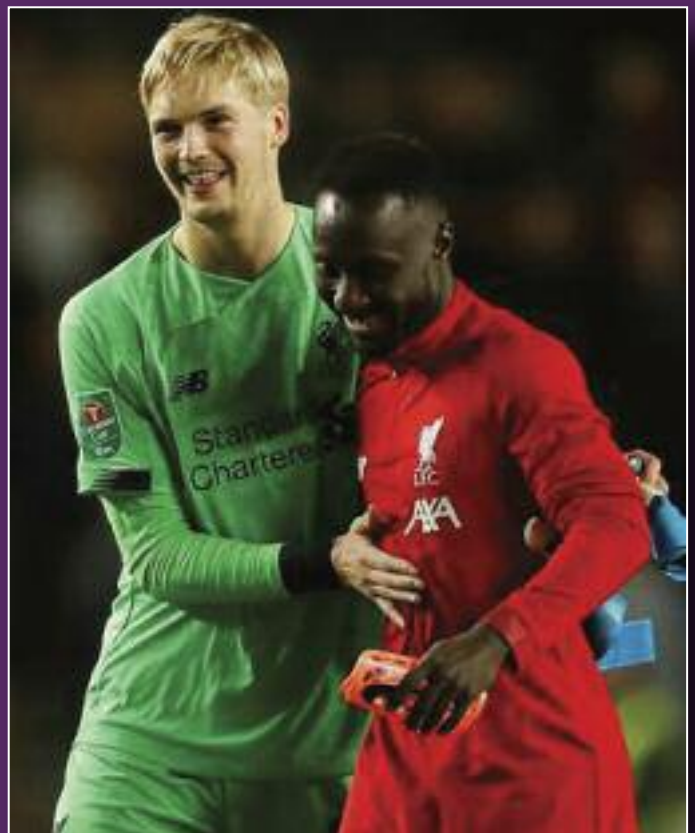


Hero Caoimhín superbly saves the crucial penalty and Liverpool qualify for the quarter-finals of the Carabao Cup

Former Pres student and Liverpool goalkeeper Caoimhín Kelleher couldn't stop smiling after his heroics in the penalty shoot-out played a pivotal role in Liverpool's remarkable Carabao Cup win against Arsenal. Ireland's U21 keeper, Caoimhín saved Dani Ceballos' penalty in the shoot-out after a 5-5 draw in a dramatic game. The young Blackrock man was the toast of the Liverpool team and fans as he helped his side into the quarter-finals and he admitted the advice from his team-mates and the Liverpool coaching staff inspired him to make the match-winning save.

'As soon as the final whistle went, all the focus was on trying to save in the shoot-out' the goalkeeper told Liverpoolfc.com. 'Some of the lads and the coaches said to me, 'You've nothing to lose, just try to be the hero'. And luckily I did it in the end. It was a bit of a whirlwind. I'm obviously happy but it's just hard to sum it up at the moment. It has all gone by quite quickly. It's just unreal, to be honest. We have a never-say-die attitude and we showed that once again, coming from behind on a few occasions. It just goes right through the whole squad that we'll never give up. It was unbelievable tonight. Once you hear fans singing 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and you're actually playing, it's quite surreal. It's just an unreal feeling. It's class!'

Caoimhín's many supporters in Pres take understandable delight in his achievements to date, and look forward to seeing his continuing development in the coming months.



Hero Caoimhín with team mate Naby Keita after the game



## PBC Soccer Awards



Brian Lynch  
Senior Player of the Year 2018 / 2019



Zach Dunne  
U15 Player of the Year 2018 / 2019 with coach Karl Sweeney



Charlie Cummins  
1st Year Player of the Year 2018 / 2019 with Deputy Principal Aiden Twomey



Ethan Giltinan  
2019 All-Ireland U16 Winner with Cork

## Munster Junior Cup Winners 1963



### Presentation College - Munster Junior Cup Winners 1963

Back row (l-r) Jerry Lynch, Mick Manning, Jimmy Walsh, Michael Buckley, Denis O'Leary and Kevin O'Leary  
Middle row (l-r) Br Athanasius (Games Master), Kevin Flanagan, Jim O'Connell, Des Prendergast, Johnny Jennings,  
Barry Twomey and Pat Barry (Coach)  
Front row (l-r) Barry McGann, Dom Spillane, Tom Murphy (Captain), Brian McNeely and Peter Morahan

## Civic reception for 1965 Senior Cup Winners



Photo shows the victorious PBC Senior Rugby Squad of 1965 with Lord Mayor of Cork, Alderman Gus Healy, at a mayoral reception to honour their achievement

# *Down Memory Lane*



## **Presentation College**

### **- Munster Senior Cup Winners 1965 -**

Back row (l-r) Cashel Riordan, Tony Fitzgibbon, Johnny Jennings, Peter Morahan, Kerry Creedon, Barry McGann and Barry Twomey

Middle row (l-r) Michael Manning, Dom Spillane, Des Prendergast, Eoin Moriarty, Michael Buckley and Mick Daly

Front row (l-r) Eamon Gamble, Pat Sheppard, Tom Murphy (captain), Noel Elliot and Dave Coughlan



# Reflection

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All powerful God,  
you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness  
all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and  
forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts  
of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognise that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

*taken from*

*Laudata Si*  
*Pope Francis*

