



# DE LA SALLE COLLEGE

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### Message from the Principal

Welcome to the Student Council De La Salle College Christmas Newsletter. As we come to the end of this school term I would like to thank the De La Salle Brothers in the College Community, staff, Board of Management, Parents Association, students and parents for their continued support this term. I hope you and your family have a lovely Christmas and every good wish for 2019.

Margaret Betts



### De La Salle College Remembers Owen Murphy RIP



Owen Murphy RIP  
5th July 1964 - 2nd November 2018

So many people in Waterford and the surrounding areas were shocked to hear of Owen's passing. Owen was son of Phyllis and the late William Murphy, brother to Muriel, brother in law to Gerry and a beloved uncle to Caroline and Melanie. He lived in Percy Terrace in the early years and then moved a very short distance away to St. Otteran's Place in latter years.

Owen spent 18 years working in the Book Centre before he

decided on a change of career. This was to qualify as a Special Needs Assistant (SNA).

After he qualified he spent a year in Mount Sion Secondary school. In 2010 he joined De La Salle College as a staff member. He always said that was a dream come true for him. Owen was a true De la Salle man having started his education in St Declan's and then went on to De la Salle College secondary school -so to then became a member of the De la Salle College staff was, as he said himself, "the icing on the cake".

He loved De La Salle College with all his heart and wished the school holidays away every year. As his brother in law Gerry said during his Eulogy- "The students were lucky Owen wasn't running the school because holidays would have been drastically cut short". During Owen's illness he was so determined to be in work daily to help and

support his student. Anyone under his care came first, no matter what.

Owen had a lot of passions in life. One in particular was taking photos on his mobile phone, no matter what the season, as he strolled up the avenue to the College. He equally loved the comments and reactions he got from others about those snaps. He loved plants and shrubs and his Mum and sister's gardens were his pride and joy.

He attended the Bloom festival over the years and really looked forward to this. He had a passion for Rugby and he would watch the matches over a few pints in one of his locals with friends. He also loved to watch the Wimbledon tennis tournament every year. Owen travelled a lot but of all the cities he visited, New York was a special one for him having been there four times. He was planning a fifth visit at some stage.



Owen was such a popular SNA in De La Salle College and had a huge amount of friends from all walks of his life. This was so evident at his funeral with the huge crowd who came to pay their respects to his family. His much loved De La Salle College choir sang at his funeral and friends and students also participated in the Mass. He would have been so chuffed about this.

Owen was so popular and loved by all the staff, students and parents. He always had a smile on his face, good humoured, witty, obliging and most importantly supportive to everyone across the board. No job or task was ever an effort - he gave it his all. Owen was renowned for his 'lucky bag' which always contained a variety of sweets, bars, chocolates etc. If anyone was a bit 'down in the dumps' a treat from Owen's 'lucky bag', along with some kind words of encouragement from Owen himself did the trick.

Owen was an absolute gentleman, very positive, cheerful, optimistic and kind hearted. He had a great sense of humour, loved life and everyone

enjoyed being in his company.

He has left such a void in De la Salle College and for his family and friends. His memory and legacy will live on forever. Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann. Ar dheis Dé go raiibh a anam dílis.

Autumn came,  
The crimson leaves faded and fell,  
You, joyous and generous, fell too,  
But your gentle warmth shines on,  
in our hearts, and in De La Salle College.



## Green Schools

De La Salle College Waterford is on its journey to becoming a Plastic Free School by 2020 with our new filtered Water Fountain.

We are proud to be doing our part for the environment, helping to turn the tide on the planet's plastic crisis.

We would like to remind all members of staff and students not to bring plastic bottles and cups onto the campus unless they are reusable.

If you don't have a reusable bottle TY's will be selling them all day Thursday & Friday in the canteen.

Join in on the plastic free movement and do your part for the environment.



## The Addams Family 15th - 19th Oct— Interview with Ms White

**Could you briefly explain the show and how you came up with the idea?**

Every year just before Easter myself, Br. Ben and Ms. Forsey meet up to discuss possible options for the school show. We always try to go with a show that will keep the interest of students in our school. Doing the Addams Family provided us with the opportunity to decorate and dress up for Halloween.

It is based around the kooky and strange Addams family who think that to be sad is to be happy, to feel pain is to feel joy, and death and suffering are things to be dreamed of. They are faced with many challenges throughout the show. Their dark and gruesome daughter Wednesday is now eighteen and is in love with Lucas Beineke, a sweet, smart boy from a 'normal', respectable family. Too make matters worse his family have been invited to dinner by Wednesday and when they arrive all hell breaks loose. Secrets are disclosed, relationships are tested and the Addams fami-

ly must face up to one horrible thing they've managed to avoid for generations: change

**What was the highlight of the week for you?**

The highlight of the week for me is getting to sit back and watch the cast perform on stage. I love it when everything comes together with lights, costumes, props etc. It really adds to the show and makes me proud of all the hard work the cast have put in. It creates such an atmosphere in the school and there is such a buzz when the audience like it.

**What was it like to work with the cast?**

The cast this year were wonderful. They worked really hard and genuinely enjoyed themselves. They all got along so well and that really makes a difference when in rehearsals, even though they do tend to like a chat, they put a lot of effort into their show.

**How did the production go?**

It went very well. We sold out the hall for both matinees and had great numbers turn up on all nights.

**How does it feel to be such a large part of a production that has been running for a number of years?**

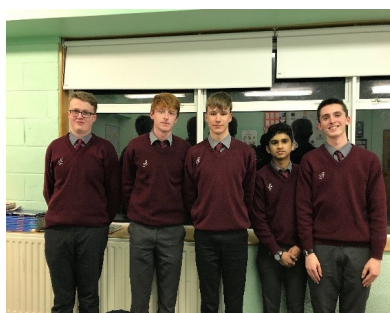
I feel kind of honoured to be part of something that has been going on so long. There have been so many well-known names involved in the De la Salle show both on and off stage and to be able to add my name to that is great.

**Could you give us a hint as to what next year's production might be?**

I would love to give you a hint but we have no idea what we are doing next year. We are still recovering from this year. There has been talk amongst this year's cast that they would like to do High School Musical or Mamma Mia but we are open to suggestions.

By Conor Twomey

## Senior Debating



Since October Alex Stotskyy, Allen Manoj, Brian Cahill, Conor Twomey, Fiachra Twohig, Oisín Henebery and Robert Frost have been involved in the Concern debating league. Concern debates afford students the opportunity to debate about topics affecting people in the developing world. It enables them to use skills such as critical thinking, research and

public speaking.

This involved the team debating against C.B.S Kilkenny, Presentation Kilkenny and Presentation Waterford. Taking part in these debates is a huge commitment for all of the team who had to meet at both lunch time and after school to prepare.

This is the first year the team has practiced debating and we hope it will grow in the years to come. We experienced great victory against Presentation Kilkenny, but unfortunately lost out on two nail biting debates against schools that were much more experienced. We believe there is a great place for the



debating team in De La Salle. Many thanks to Ms. Dunne and Ms. Buggy for their continued support.



## Br Anselm Barret Cup

Mr. Dooley Brother Anselm Barret Cup Manager was interviewed by Daniel Farrell and Ryan O Grady [student council] this is what he had to say:

### Did you enjoy managing the Brother Anselm team?

Yes as they were a pleasure to manage and always turned up to training every week, they put in 110 percent effort on and off the field. This paid off as we were champions of the Brother Anselm Barret Cup.

### What plans did you have going into the tournament and did you expect to win?

I hoped to get to the semi-final and get a performance out of the lads as I knew it would be an exhausting day for them. Winning was in the back of my head as we played Thurles CBS who were the Rice Cup All-Ireland Champions.

### What did you say to the team before each game?

I said "Right lads look for work and plenty of space in the forward line and keep going to the bitter end." Also I told them to give a good honest effort and we said a prayer before we went out on the pitch.

### What did it feel like to win the tournament?

It was brilliant considering I had setup the tournament and it was our first time winning the tournament. We won it in the best way possible for us as we were down by 8 points with 10 minutes to go and came back to win it by 5 points. This was a great achievement



De La Salle College, under 14, winners of The Brother Anselm Barret Cup on 14th September 2018.

Front row L-R ; Jason Hutchinson, Oliver Power, Joe Caulfield, Ben O'Neill, Donnacha Fitzpatrick, Donnacdh Williams (Captain) Conor Keane, Jack Twomey, Kieran O'Sullivan, Harry Phelan, Eoin Walsh.  
Middle row L-R : Dermot Dooley, Teacher, Declan Vogt, Jack O'Neill, Charlie White, Calum Flynn, Ryan O'Grady, Jordan Murphy, Sam Pender, Rory Doblyn, Barry John Flynn, Kieran Kinsella, Rory Wymberly, Adam Deegan, Conor O'Shea, Darragh Nolan, Aaron O'Neill, Jonathan O'Mordha, Teacher.  
Back row L-R : Kieran Power, Michael Moran, William Irish, Kieran Kennedy, Ziggy Galvin, Darragh Heffernan, Craig O'Keeffe, Patrick Fitzgerald, Donagh Cooney, Eoin Cuddihy, Tommy Phelan, Jack Douglas, Noah Lynch.  
Missing from photograph : Cian Troy, (goalkeeper) and Dean Wall.

## U16A Basketball



The De La Salle College U16A Basketball squad who won the Midlands League two weeks ago have qualified for the All-Ireland series and will travel to St. Patrick's College Cavan on Sunday the 13th of January and play three qualifying games against St Pat's Cavan, Summerhill College Sligo and Coolmine C.S. Dublin. Whoever wins all their games qualify for the All-Ireland league semi-final. We wish the squad every success in January.

## Ultimate Frisbee



Mr. MacSweeney was interviewed about Ultimate Frisbee. [interview written up by Alex Byrne of the student council].

### What are the basics of the sport?

Ultimate Frisbee is a competitive invasion game that can be played both indoor and outdoors. Players

cannot move with the Frisbee in hand. The way in which you score is by catching the disk in the end zone (like American football). It is a non-contact sport. The main skills involved are throwing, catching and running. The game was originally played by university students in New England, USA.

### What inspired you to set up a team in DLS?

I wanted to give an opportunity to all of the students here. This sport is one that can be enjoyed by everyone, you don't necessarily need to be a hurler or footballer. The 6<sup>th</sup> years of 2017 were the ones who asked me to set up a team. They had been playing it in PE and were enjoying the sport.

### Are there many students involved?

Yes; there are over 50 students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year alone. Many TY students and junior students have also shown interest in the game.

Those students will help make up the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year teams in the next number of years.

### Can you tell us about the recent tournament in the WIT arena?

It was a massive success. The boys represented DLS college very well. We are proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the day. They demonstrated the spirit of the game. 4 teams from our school managed to qualify for the All-Ireland! This will take place in Kilkenny, March 2019. We still have some training to do, but we are improving all the time.

### How do you feel that participation in the sport benefits students?

It encourages responsibility, negotiation and sportsmanship because there is no referee. Physical fitness and positive participation are ever-present in the sport. We have started something new in DLS. I hope we can encourage other schools to take up this exciting sport.

We are all looking forward to March already!

## Harty Cup



De La Salle Harty Cup management team are Dermot Dooley, Jonathan O Mordha and Marie Meagher. Their strength and conditioning coach is Gary Walsh of Waterford Warriors.

We wish them the very best of luck in their upcoming match on the 9<sup>th</sup> January against St. Colmans. No doubt

we will see a great display of hurling.

They team will be training very hard over Christmas and they will have two challenge matches to be well prepared.

The players wanted to support Touching Hearts by printing and displaying the logo on the back of

the jersey. It's a charity that was set up to build a new early

intervention centre for children between 0-6 years with additional needs. The centre also offers respite for families through aftercare and the project is ongoing.



## Dean Ryan Cup



### The Dean Ryan

Interview with Manager and co-captains of the team....

#### **Mr. Moore:**

#### **What inspired you to take up the management of this Dean Ryan team?**

Myself and Mr. Cronin have been with these lads since first year. Mr. Nevin joined us the following year. We have built up a great relationship and rapport over this time. We always knew they were a good group that were willing to work hard to achieve results.

#### **What had you planned to achieve this year?**

I believed we could win the Dean Ryan, as we had been training since the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, which is earlier than usual. We have 30+ lads turning up to training during the summer, this showed us they were serious about the competition.

#### **What one word would you use to describe this team?**

I wouldn't be able to describe these lads in one word. I would say their honesty, their integrity, and most of all these attitude both on and off the field.

#### **What were your last words to the lads before the final began?**

Before they went out I said to them enjoy the experience as a Munster A final doesn't come around very often. I also reminded them that they were representing their families, their clubs, and of course their school. Most importantly I told them to have no regrets, win or lose, leaving the field.

#### **Were they a good group to take on advice?**

They were excellent to take things on board. They are an intelligent group of lads, who are willing to do anything in order to be the best they can be.

#### **What did it feel like to be beaten in the final after coming all that way?**

On a personal level I was extremely disappointed for the players because of the huge effort they had put in to get that far in the competition, but also a sense of pride because they never gave up. I have no doubt they will learn a lot from this experience and will come back stronger for the Harty cup over the next 2 years.

#### **Co-Captains Reuben O'Halloran and Ronan Power:**

Both captains agreed that the

biggest highlight of the overall experience was when the team beat Ard Scoil Rís in the first round. This was a huge win as the same team had beaten them two years in a row at White cup.

"After the match we were all ecstatic! Everyone was hugging each other, including the managers", Reuben told us.

Ronan praised the managers by saying "We had a great management team that put in a lot of effort. Organizing trainings outside of school times, and giving us our breakfast before matches."

Reuben mentioned that "The entire panel were exceptional, they never took their eye off the ball and always kept going until the final whistle."

Both captains were hugely honoured to captain this team and represent our college.

Well done to all involved, you've done the school proud!

These interviews were carried out and written up by Alex Byrne and Daniel Farrell of the student council.

## Display Cabinets

"There was an awful lot of valuable materials in them, that weren't being displayed to their full potential" said Ms. McDonough "It was time for a bit of an overhaul."

First the cabinets were emptied, and the items inside were cleaned. "TY1 took the rocks out of Ms. Stacks room, which were very grey and boring. We genuinely thought we'd be dumping them, but only when we washed them we realised that there's a serious collection here."

Once the cabinets were cleaned out, it became apparent that the wooden shelves themselves were stained with age. They were sent to the woodwork department, who stripped them down. They were then revarnished. The back walls of the cabinets had to be repainted, since they hadn't been painted in a long time and the colour had changed. LED strip lighting was fitted on the inside of the cabinets.

On the B floor there is now one display cabinet filled with taxidermy animals, and another contains a wide variety of labelled rock samples. This cabinet may be of particular interest to geography students. On the C floor, there is a cabinet that is filled with historical scientific equipment used in the college 100 years ago, including a telescope and historical electrical experiment equipment.

There's is one final cabinet that is planned to go on the B floor. It will contain x-ray equipment belonging to Brother Potamian, who was appointed Professor of Physics at De La Salle Teacher Training College in 1893. In 1896, Brother Potamian performed the 3rd x-ray in Ireland in De La Salle College, to examine a steel splinter in a young woman's hand.

Ms Stack was asked to mention



what were the most interesting artefacts that were found.

"I discovered were the X-ray machine, a very large rare Ammonite fossil and a piece of the Giants Causeway."

Since then we are finding out facts about these artefacts daily.

These interviews were carried out and written up by Diarmuid Sheehan, Daniel Farrell and Ryan O Grady of the student council.

## Student Council Cake Sale



On Wednesday 5th Dec, the Student Council held a cake sale in the Study Hall at break time. They also organised a raffle for students and staff. While the students were busy buying cakes at the

sale, the teachers/staff held a coffee morning in the staffroom, offering donations. There was a great vibe in the air, lots of fun was had and all enjoyed delicious cakes and bakes.

All proceeds went to Solas, the local cancer support centre in Waterford. The event was a great success! €946.65 was raised and all enjoyed the event.

'We, the Student council, would like to thank everyone who participated, contributed and helped out in any way. Within the school community, a special thank you to Ms. Harte and her students, Ms. Drohan and her students, to the ladies in the school dining hall, and to the

parents who baked for us. We would not have raised anything near this amount without your generosity.

We would also like to thank the local bakeries and outlets who supported us, and, in particular, Supervalu, Kilbarry. We really appreciate the goodwill, the community spirit and the support shown to us, within the school and outside, in the local community.

Thank you for helping us to help others!

'Ní neart go cur le chéile'

## French Trip to Paris



On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 36 students and 4 teachers left Waterford for the school trip to France. Having left school at 2:00a.m we arrived in Beauvais airport, outside of Paris shortly after 10a.m. and met our coach for the trip. We started with a guided tour of Paris and learned all about the history of famous landmarks including Le Musée du Louvre, L'Arc de Triomphe and La Cathédrale de Notre Dame. Such sights were breathtaking! Our first afternoon set the tone for our trip. Each day was action-packed, fun, adventurous and interesting. Even our meals proved to be different and exciting, not necessarily always quite what we expected!

We picnicked under the Eiffel Tower, cruised the Seine on the 'Bateaux Mouches', dropped into the Val de Marne shopping outlet, visited the Sacré Coeur, and admired the views of Paris from Montmartre.

For some students, our afternoon visit to 'Le Palais de Versailles' was unforgettable. Many were impressed with the grandeur and the opulence of the rooms and the magnificent pristine gardens.

We enjoyed classes with the

French Academy school and loved exploring the nearby Latin Quarters. For most students, the biggest highlight was our second last day, a thrilling 14 hour day in Euro Disney! What a day we had.....exploring all of the amazing rides and the adventurous colourful buildings located in the park. There was a palpable sense of a fun atmosphere during the fireworks show at the end of the night. It was beautiful to hear the families singing the Disney songs in French.

'I really enjoyed seeing the Palace of Versailles due to the scenic views and my interest in the Monarchy. I would love to go back to Paris again.' – Bill Branigan  
Vive La France!

### Interview with Ms. Duggan

#### Did you enjoy exploring Paris with over 30 students?

Teachers and students truly enjoyed our French trip, It was a visit not to forget.

DLS Waterford will return!

#### What was the highlight of the trip, in your opinion?

Seeing all the Parisian landmarks and in particular, The Eiffel Tower illuminated at night, which was spectacular.

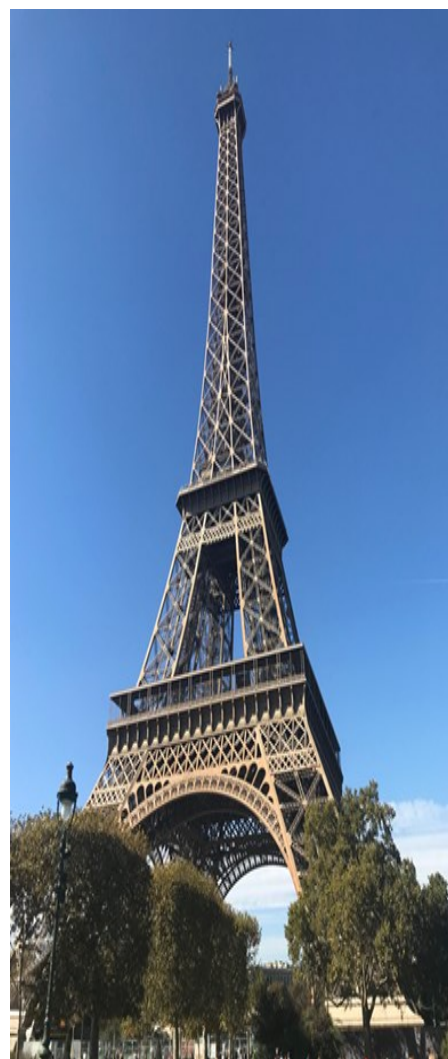
#### How do you think the food was received?

The boys embraced French food, naturally it's a bit different but it's all part of the experience !

#### What do you think the benefits for the students were?

The trip allowed the boys to experience the French language and to appreciate the rich culture of the country.

This article was prepared by Connor Twomey who was also on the trip this year.





## German Exchange

On October 20th 2018, 12 students accompanied by their teachers Ms. Walsh & Ms. Conway travelled to Mainz in Germany on a school exchange with Willigs Boys Grammar School. They flew to Frankfurt Airport and were collected by host families and spent the weekend with them. They visited the famous St. Stephan Church, climbed the tower and saw the Marc Chagall stained glass windows. They were guests of the mayor in the Rheinhalle, they did a day trip to downtown Frankfurt for shopping, visited a castle in the Rhine Valley, St. Martin's Cathedral, the Experiment Science Museum, Opel Arena, Mainz 05 Football Club and the Gutenberg Museum. They experienced German culture and put their language skills to the test! They had an overall fantastic experience & some hope to go back again next year.



A TY French/ German breakfast was enjoyed by all on Tuesday 11th Dec in dining hall celebrating European Languages and Culture.

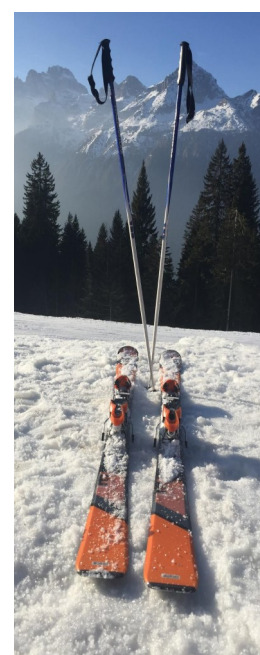
## Ski Trip

De La Salle College Ski Trip:

Final preparation is well underway for the Annual Ski Trip to Andalo in Italy. The group which consists of Transition Years & 5th years will be leaving The College on Friday the 15th of February to travel to Italy for a week of Skiing. Students may arrive on the slopes with concerns or fears if they are first time skiers, nevertheless, this action packed week involves morning and afternoon Ski School for all the students who will conquer any fears and grow in confidence throughout the trip. Not only will they develop a new skill, this trip solidifies existing friendships and creates new ones and most of all it's great fun. Staying at the Pian Castello Hotel, students will get the

opportunity to taste local cuisines and experience some fantastic scenery.

There are a limited number of spaces left for the current Third years who wish to sign up for the 2020 Ski Trip. Details can be found on the College website or from Mr. Healy in room D2.



## Trip to Strasbourg

10 students from Ms Lee's European studies class from De La Salle Waterford's Ambassador School Programme have been invited to form a combined group to attend an expenses paid Euroscola in Strasbourg on Friday, 14th December, this is a huge opportunity for students to attend this special European parliament event.

Euroscola is being organised exclusively for schools in the EPAS programme. De La Salle Waterford and Christian Brothers School Cork have been selected by Europe house to represent Ireland at this exclusive event.

Euroscola brings together 16 to 18-year-old students from all 28 European Union Member States. From the benches of the European Parliament's hemicycle, the students get the unique opportunity to experience EU decision making in the form of a multilingual European youth parliament. Euroscola allows these students to get together, debate, take sides, negotiate, amend, vote and finally adopt resolutions on real European issues.

Watch this space for more news soon.....



## Rising Star



Congratulations to Jack Cunningham, 6<sup>th</sup> Yr, who was selected to participate in the musical, 'The Wizard of Oz' by Festival Productions in the National Concert Hall in Dublin over the festive season. Jack has been actively involved in many productions for several years now. His role in our recent school show 'the Addams Family' was spectacular. He also ran his own show 'The Little Shop of Horrors' during the Halloween break in Garter Lane where he was producer, director and choreographer. We want to wish Jack continued success and great enjoyment on the big stage in

## Golf Interviews

A short interview with Mr. Munroe and Alex King (2<sup>nd</sup> Yr student) who won The Munster Order of Merit for U14 2018 and The Leinster U14 Open Championship 2018.

**Mr Munroe :**

**Q.How long have you been running the golf team?**

A.7 Years now!

**Q.What Your Last Big Win?**

A.Oh it would definitely have to be the All Ireland's in 2017!

**Q.What was your most successful year?**

A.Oh I can't even choose! It would be between 2011 , 2014 , 2017 and

hopefully 2020!

**Q.What was the furthest place that you have travelled for a tournament?**

A.Belfast!

**Q.What motivated you to manage the team?**

A.I am a big fan of golf and I wanted to give something back to the pupils who might not necessarily get to go out to play in a competition!

**Alex King :**

**Q.What inspired you to play golf?**

A.Well, my Mam made me go to a golf camp when I was little and I just found my love for it!

**Q.How long have you been playing?**

A.I've been playing since I was 7 so about 8 years now! Time flies.....

**Q.What was your biggest win to date?**

A.Probably "The Leinster Under 14 Open Championship" That was a big win for me!

I would also like to congratulate Rory Milne, who retained his title in the U16 Close Competition of Munster 2018 .  
By Jack De Courcey





## Ice Hockey



Matthew Quinlan (2EN) has been selected as part of the 15-person Irish 'Saints' Ice Hockey team to represent Ireland in December at the EMF Ice Hockey International Tournament Slovakia 2018. Matthew will compete in 6 games over three days against other countries. This selection is made up of players from Cork Wolfpack, Dublin Ducks and Kilkenny Storm Ice Hockey teams.

Matthew started playing inline and ice hockey with Kilkenny Storm in 2013 and has previously travelled with the 'Saints' to Boston, Toronto, Barcelona and Coventry. As you can imagine, training in Ireland is difficult without an ice-rink and so Matthew and his team mates have often travelled to Belfast for training. Thankfully, when the 'pop-up' ice rinks arrive across the country, training and games can take place on these, normally at 7am!

Cumann Haca Oighir na hEireann, or the Irish Ice Hockey Association (IIHA) was founded in 1996 and is a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation, Olympic Council of Ireland and Sport Ireland. In 2014, the IIHA decided to invest in a youth programme, the Irish 'Saints' which resulted in an exponential growth in skill levels within a very short timeframe. Some players have spent their transition year abroad in Poland and Canada playing hockey and attending school. Hopefully, Ireland will have an ice hockey team compete in the Winter Olympics in the future!



## A very musical Christmas at DLS!!!

The De La Salle Senior and First Year Choirs are preparing for a very busy Christmas. For the First Years it will be their first Christmas in De La Salle so it's all very new and exciting. Their first performance will be in the Annual Christmas Concert which takes place in the College Chapel on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Their programme includes *Yesterday* by the Beatles and *Close Every Door* from the musical *Joseph*. The Christmas Concert always concludes with O Holy Night, sung by three of the First Year boys and supported by the Senior and Staff Choirs. No doubt it will be a magical moment. The First Years with the Seniors perform in Carols by

Candlelight in the Sacred Heart Church on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The candle-lit church is always packed and there is a wonderful Christmas atmosphere.

The Senior Choir will also be singing at a number of childrens' events. On December 14<sup>th</sup> they will sing in the pediatric ward of WUH for the sick children. On Monday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> a number of Transition Years support the St Josephs Christmas Concert by playing and singing, on Tuesday we will have carol services in the College Chapel for the whole morning and every



## UCD Entrance Scholars Awards 2018



Congratulations to former De La Salle College Student Brian Burke who was presented with a UCD Entrance Scholars Award based on his outstanding Leaving Certificate Results. Mr. Declan O'Brien Deputy Principal was present on the night to celebrate his achievement.

## Brother Kilian's First Year Talk 2018

Earlier this year, Brother Kilian gave his annual talk with the first years. He spoke about his time in Rome as a young man. He described the many beautiful places like The Trevi Fountain, The Colosseum and Saint Peters Square. He had lovely pictures on the board to show us what these well-known landmarks look like. I think I can speak for all First Years who have been told this fascinating and interesting story when I thank Brother Kilian for coming to our classes and for sharing his fond memories of Rome with us.

-Killian Calvey

## WIT School of Business BSTAI Recognition Awards 2018



Congratulations to all 17 students who received the WIT School of Business BSTAI Recognition Awards in October for obtaining an 'A' grade Junior Certificate Business Studies exam.

## Chess



Congratulations to Bill Branigan, Jekabs Biscuss, Declan Voogt and Ryan Hodge who represented De La Salle College at the Munster Junior Chess Championship held in Limerick on Sunday 25 November. A huge congratulations is due to Jekabs Biscuss who finished 2nd in the U15 category and Bill Branigan who came 3rd in the U17 category. It is a fantastic achievement for the boys to be considered amongst the best chess players in Munster this year. Well done to all concerned.

## Lions Club Young

We are very proud of Cillian Drohan, 6th Year, who was selected to represent our school in the final of the Lions Club Young Ambassador Award at the ceremony held in the Tower Hotel. This is a fantastic achievement.



## Science Week



There was great excitement in the Science Department in De La Salle College as four baby chicks hatched in time for Science Week. The chicks were cared for by the students and were returned to Nore Valley Farm when they got a little bigger.

Newsletter Summer 2019 will feature all of the vast array of extra-curricular activities which take place in the school and which we did not get to tell you about in this Christmas newsletter.

Happy Christmas to the De La Salle Brothers, Staff, Students and Parents.

*Nollaig Shona Agus Athbhlíain Faoi Mhaise Daoibh Go Léir!*