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Welcome to the Wexford CBS

Past Pupils' Association & Friends Newsletter!

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to the November edition of the Wexford CBS Past Pupils' Association newsletter. We are delighted to keep past pupils and friends of the CBS up-to-date with the latest news, events and achievements of our alumni network. In this jam-packed edition,

there are updates from our new chairman, Pat Murphy, school principal, Michael McMahon and various articles from those connected to the network of Bokerboys. Read about this year's awards night, the Career Fair, reflections from past pupils and staff as well as up-to-date news from the school itself.

Overall, this is a great edition which showcases all that is best relating to life in the school. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this issue of the newsletter. Enjoy the read and do reach out with stories of your own that you'd like to share in the next one!

Martin Kehoe

Past Pupils' Association PRO



CHAIRPERSON'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone,

I am delighted to welcome you all to our latest PPA Newsletter for the first time as Wexford CBS PPA Chairman.

It is quite a challenge to follow in the footsteps of my predecessor Colin Browne. Colin did amazing work in not just maintaining but actually growing the organisation during the unprecedented challenges of recent years. His effective and progressive leadership saw the PPA once again established as an important support to our school and as a linkage and platform for our many past pupils of all vintages to network and reconnect. On behalf of everyone at the PPA we wish Colin the very best and look forward to seeing him in a more relaxed mode at future PPA events.



Pat Murphy
Chairperson

One of my first duties as chairman was to attend the very enjoyable school Awards Night in September and to present Student of the Year and Outstanding Achievement awards to three students from the Leaving Certificate class of 2024. Their academic brilliance was worthy of celebration and reflects so positively on everyone at Wexford CBS.

One of my goals for the coming year is to build on the successes to date and grow our PPA membership further. We hope to host some new events (watch this space) aimed at prospective new members and we will once again delve into school history with regular “throwback” bulletins of old photos and memories from our school.

We will of course continue with our popular annual events: the 7-a-side Soccer Tournament which will take place on 28th December 2024, the 5K Fun Run and the Summer Golf Classic. We are also delighted to have continued our support of the school with other activities including the recent Career Fair, which was another great success. Our funding programme has continued within the school and we have also been working on encouraging some notable past pupils to come back to their alma mater to share their stories and experiences with the student body. This very much ties in with our mentor programme and the PPA's stated priority of ‘giving back’.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the incredible work of the PPA team that I am so fortunate to have around me. I very much look forward to working with you all over the coming year.

To all you past pupils reading this, please come along to some of our events this year, both participants and spectators are welcome. You may have some photos or memories of your time at Wexford CBS that you might like to share or perhaps give advice about your life/career learning with students at a school workshop. You can contact me directly at my email address - pm1online@yahoo.ie.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming year and thanks, as always, for your ongoing support.

Pat Murphy



A WORD FROM THE FORMER CHAIRPERSON

Hi Folks,

Another summer has come and gone, a new academic year is in full flight and the shorter days are upon us. As I look back on the last four years since we kicked off the PPA in early 2021, I can only reflect on how proud the PPA should be of the journey and the impact it has had in this short time. It has stuck to its core priorities and enabled students through academic, sporting and artistic grants. Giving back to the school through fundraising, enabling events and giving time to support the learning of our students has supported and promoted the good work going on in Wexford CBS and finally, helped to connect and reconnect our past pupils.

The work here was done by many and supported by all. There are too many to mention but I want to sincerely thank everyone for developing and delivering a PPA that continues to grow, deliver impact and benefit the school and its students. I have only played a small part in this because when you have a winning team, committed to the cause and delivering such impact there is little for a captain to do but steer the path.

I look forward to seeing this work continue under the excellent leadership of Pat and the new committee. I want to wish them the very best for the future and like all good Bokerboys, I'll always be there if I can be of any help! Thank you.



Colin Browne

WHY JOIN THE PPA & FRIENDS?

Wexford CBS PPA has been nothing but a success so far. We are still welcoming past pupils and friends of Wexford CBS to sign-up to keep connected with the 'Bokerboy' community.

By signing up, you can:

- Catch up on what has been happening at the school
- Reconnect with old class mates and make new connections with past pupils
- Share in our collective sense of pride in the achievements of the school then and now

Maybe you want to give back in some small way to the school that helped you or a friend on their path.

We look forward to keeping in contact with you to help keep the 'Bokerboy' tradition alive.

Interested? Register as a member, free of charge, by [clicking here](#).



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Welcome once again to all PPA members and friends of the school. There have been a number of developments within the school since my last segment in the PPA Newsletter.

School Campus Update

It has been a very busy summer in Wexford CBS as the school enhanced its facilities with improvements in the Woodwork Department, sporting facilities and in the extra-curricular area.

An application was made through the Capital Sport Grant for an overhaul of the existing gym, a brush mower for the Astro and retractable GAA goals for the Astro along with playing equipment such as sliotars, footballs, table tennis bats, bibs, water bottles and other items for games. The application was successful and Wexford CBS was awarded just under €40,000.



Michael McMahon
Principal

Work was ongoing over the summer as it was felt important to have the gym ready for use in September when the students return. A new rubber mat flooring was installed, along with four new racks, two full sets of dumbbells right the way up to 30kg, bikes, rowers, ski ergs, benches, boxes, trap bars, kettlebells, pull up bars and a magnetic white board for instruction.

The new gym, painted purple and gold by some TY students last May, has been very well received by the students and staff alike.



Another welcome arrival to Wexford CBS has been two new dug-outs for the Astro. Playing a match in the all-too-common inclement weather has been difficult and uncomfortable for teachers and substitutes so the decision was made to install dug-outs which will be very welcome once winter arrives.

The introduction of new Wood Technology machinery marks an exciting advancement to our current workshops. These state-of-the-art tools and machines, including a laser cutter, 3D printer, precision lathes, automated saws, bandsaw, mortise machines and pillar drills provide students with the opportunity to sharpen their skills.



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE



This technology not only enhances safety but also allows for greater creativity and precision in students' woodworking projects. With these machines, students can learn advanced techniques, improving their skills and preparing them for potential careers in design, construction, and manufacturing. Additionally, the new machinery encourages innovation, making woodworking both an engaging and modern learning experience.

Zambia Immersion Project

Following on from our very successful Immersion Project in summer 2023 and in keeping with our ethos of helping those less fortunate than ourselves, we are currently in the process of organising an Immersion Project to Zambia for the current TY and 5th Year cohorts. This is an exciting opportunity provided to a small group of students who will immerse themselves in a different culture and volunteer in Zambia in June 2025.

Since 2006, our school has taken part in this project. Students and staff have helped hospices, taught and interacted with local students and contributed to the building of a school run by ZAMDA Ireland. This time, students will fundraise throughout the 2024/25 academic year for the continued development of a school called Sables Nua in a developing community in Kabwe, Zambia.

The cohort of students chosen for the 2024/25 project are as follows: Jake Maher, Kacper Jaworski, Daragh Rogan, Jack O'Neill, Rian Bracken, Aidan Furlong, Calum McGuire, Eoghan Lynch, Tadhg Doyle, Darragh Molloy, Cian McCormack, Geoffrey Barry, Thady Cuddihy, Evan Devereux, Luke Colley and VJ Doyle.



As you can see, we've had an action-packed summer and an even more thrilling start to the new school year! We're eagerly looking ahead to the coming months, where we'll dive into a range of exciting sporting events, including hurling, football, soccer, rugby, and basketball, just to name a few.

We were also delighted with the recent success of our Career Fair. Our Guidance Department, in partnership with the Past Pupils' Association, teamed up with Loreto Wexford to host a fantastic collaborative

event which took place on Monday, 18th November. It was great to see so many past pupils and friends of the school involved.

Thank you to Pat and the PPA for their ongoing work supporting the school community.

Michael McMahon



WEXFORD CBS PPA AWARDS 2024

It was great to be invited to the Wexford CBS Awards Night in White's Hotel in September. We were very impressed and extremely proud of the high standards being set in the school. It was fantastic to see so many talented young men receive awards for a large array of achievements, from academic to sporting and beyond.

Our Chairman, Pat Murphy, had the opportunity to speak to the student cohort and present the PPA Awards.

A special mention to Páidí Doyle and James Hegarty who were joint winners of the PPA Student of the Year Award for achieving 625 points in their Leaving Certificate exams. Congratulations to Andrew O'Brien, recipient of the PPA Special Recognition Award, for achieving over 600 points in his exams. All three students are now in UCD and we wish them all the best for the years ahead.

The PPA looks forward to their involvement in the future!



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH CBS & PPA ACTIVITY:

The school updates their media pages regularly. Follow them to keep in touch:



Click on the icons above to access the pages.

To sign-up as a member, [click here](#).



PAST PUPIL SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2024

The 2024 past pupil sponsored Scholarship Award winner was Jamie Clancy from the Class of 2024. He is pictured below receiving his bursary from Mr McMahon. Best wishes in your future studies Jamie.

The Scholarship Scheme is funded by a past pupil who wishes to remain anonymous and the school is extremely grateful to him for his generosity.

The Scholarship Scheme was open to 6th year students who were accepted on a CAO Level 7 or Level 8 course for the 2024/25 academic year and amounts to the value of €5,000 in the 2024/25 academic year and each subsequent undergraduate year.

This Scholarship Scheme is in place to enable a student of Wexford CBS to avail of the opportunity of 3rd level education who might otherwise not be in a position to attend 3rd level due to financial and or social circumstances.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024

Our Christmas Concert takes place this year on Thursday 12th of December @7.30. 🎅🎵🎄 Tickets can be purchased by [clicking here](#) and will be for one night only!!! 🎸🎤

Get yours now to avoid disappointment. 🎫 We will have a wide range of acts on the night, and it promises to be a fun evening out for all to get into the Christmas spirit. Our proceeds this year will go towards a CBS Recording Studio that is being build in the new year. There will also be a raffle on the night to support our Zambia Immersion Programme and a pop-up shop where you can grab your refreshments before the show. See you all in Grogans road on Thursday the 12th of December.

A poster for the Wexford CBS Christmas Concert 2024. The background is teal with string lights and musical notes. The text reads: 'WEXFORD CBS CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024'. Below this, it says 'WHERE? PRESENTATION CONCERT HALL, GROGAN'S ROAD'. Then 'WHEN? DEC 12 | 7:30 PM'. Then 'HOW MUCH? ADULTS €8 STUDENTS €5'. At the bottom, it says 'IN AID OF: WEXFORD CBS RECORDING STUDIO'. There is a QR code with the text 'FOR TICKETS... SCAN ME' above it. At the bottom right, there are three logos: a CBS logo, a Zambia Immersion Programme logo, and a recording studio logo.



PAST STAFF REFLECTION



Paula Finn Ryan

Profession: SNA

Years in CBS: 17

I'd like to sincerely thank the PPA for inviting me to write a piece about my time working in Wexford CBS.

In 2007, when I started in the CBS, Frank Duke and Tom Connon were at the helm. Having worked in a primary school for a few years prior, I didn't know who was scarier, the massive '6 foot something' 6th Years on the old senior corridor or the slightly smaller in stature Mr. Connon.

Not long into my time in the school, Frank and Tom moved on to pastures new and along came Mr. McMahon & Mr. Hegarty, and in more recent times Mr. Nolan. In my opinion, the respect that management show to the role of the SNA ensures that all the boys in the school followed suit.

“And I miss it and everyone in it greatly.”

I was the first SNA in the school so needless to say I was terrified on my first day, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank a certain hurling mad St. Martin's man (he will remain nameless!) for telling me “You're parked in John Hegarty's space!”. Once I parked elsewhere, I finally braved the staff room. A place that once was so daunting is now one of my favourite places to be. And I miss it and everyone in it greatly.

Since 2007, when I started in the CBS, the school has seen massive changes. In my first few months the Autism Class was based in the tiny room directly opposite the student toilets beside the GP room... so that was nice! Then we were upgraded to the prefab located at the bottom of the senior corridor. Another move saw us out in prefabs on the pitch before finally making it back home to the state-of-the-art Autism classroom that is there today.

For weeks after I was asked to write this piece, I genuinely couldn't think of anything to say about my time 'working' in the CBS. It then dawned upon me that my time in Wexford CBS never felt like 'work'. Over the years I have been up numerous mountains from Forth to Vesuvius, down a zip wire, on a surfboard, off a surfboard, along the Waterford Greenway, on the CBS Has Talent stage... the list goes on. Over time, you quickly realise that in the CBS if you get asked to be involved in anything that benefits the school there is only one answer - Yes!

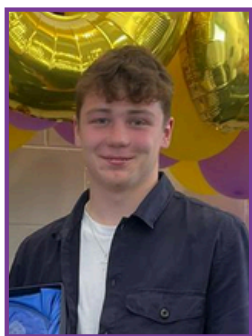
While days out of school were always fun, being a fly on the wall in the classrooms always provided me with great entertainment. Phrases overheard from the Bokerboys over the years never failed to make me laugh. I think one of my personal favourites was an interaction between a student and a teacher. After possibly 100 threats of “Stop or I'll book you!", the student replied “G'way Sir, you wouldn't book a holiday!”

Having spent 17 years in Wexford CBS, it was a tough decision to leave for a school closer to home. I will forever look back fondly on my days in the CBS. I will truly miss everything about the school, from students to staff. However, I will not miss the commute!

Paula Finn Ryan



PAST PUPIL REFLECTION: PÁIDÍ DOYLE



Páidí Doyle

Profession: UCD
College student.

Graduated: 2024

A little over six years ago, in late August 2018, I pulled on my CBS uniform and ventured my way into Thomas Street for the very first time. Little did I know as I strolled in through the doors of the brand-new state of the art building that day, that I was about to embark on a journey that would give to me some of the greatest life experiences one can have, as well as enough memories and friends to last a lifetime.

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Many of the finer details of my earlier days in the CBS have since faded, however the memory of being addressed by our year head Mr. Davey on the very first day, and being offered three pieces of advice to succeeding in the CBS still remains very distinct in my mind (perhaps because we proceeded to receive this same talk at the beginning of each of the following five years, with another few renditions added in on top of this for good measure).

As a result, the key principles of honesty, respect, and always trying our best were instilled in us all from the very beginning, one of the many valuable life lessons I learned as a result of my education in ‘the brothers’.

1st Year in the CBS took off at a million miles an hour, as I quickly immersed myself in all the

sporting and extracurricular activities I could, in an effort to get some classes off! The class of 2024 was one of huge talent and ability both inside and outside of the classroom, especially on the sporting field. I was very privileged to captain the teams that won both a Leinster

First Year Hurling title and South-Leinster Second Year Football title. In the case of the latter, I remember being a very relieved man after that final. In a tense and tight affair, we trailed the opposition by 2 points coming into the final few minutes, and in some unusual circumstances, I found myself very high up the pitch with the ball, bearing down on goal. In two minds whether to pass or shoot, I chose to take it on myself, much to the dismay of a very animated Mr. McMahon, who had positioned himself behind the goal and was adamant that I should let the ball off to his prodigal son, Justin, who was on my shoulder. Thankfully, the shot went in, we won the match, and I was allowed to return back to the school that day!

“I’d better not even mention the tale of the missing passports.”

Not so long after that, the infamous Covid-19 pandemic struck, and we were all delighted to be getting “two weeks off school”. Although we got right craic out of the online classes, as two weeks turned into four, and four into eight, and we (well some of us) realised that we still had to do schoolwork from home, I really began to yearn for a return to the classroom to see my friends and teachers once again. When this finally happened, we were forced to start into 3rd Year with the strange dynamic of wearing facemasks. As annoying as these and a pair of further lockdowns were, there weren’t too many of us complaining when it all culminated in the cancellation of Junior Cycle exams that June.



PAST PUPIL REFLECTION: PÁIDÍ DOYLE

Throughout my years in the CBS, I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to partake in a number of international trips. The first of these was to Berlin in 1st Year. While the historical sites were obviously very interesting, you could imagine how their significance was slightly lost on a group of 40 mischievous 1st Year students, the majority of whom were far more interested in ensuring that the brave teachers on the trip got as little sleep as possible. A similar trend emerged on our trip to Italy in TY. In between basking in the views of the Colosseum and the ruins of Pompeii, and indulging in the gorgeous local cuisine, there was also plenty of messing. I'd better not even mention the tale of the missing passports.

Despite the small endeavour of the Leaving Cert on the horizon, 5th and 6th Year were undoubtedly some of my most enjoyable years. At the start of 5th Year, a small cohort of us went on an exchange trip to New York, which I can say was hands down one of the best experiences of my life. We were mesmerised by the likes of the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, and Madison Square Gardens, and I think our American partners were equally thrilled by the great sites of Wexford on their return trip – Talbot Green, Pairc Charman, and the Coal Bunker.

The beginning of 6th Year meant it was time to get the heads stuck into the books. For some of the more diligent lads, with so many books to carry around, our school bags quickly became insufficient, and so the '625 Pettitt's shopping bag' was christened. However, I think this name slightly lost its merit a bit later on, when my good pal Shea Ryan hopped on the trend.

Overall, I could not have wished for a better secondary school experience than the one I had in Wexford CBS. There are too many exceptional people to thank who are involved in the school that influenced my journey, and to all of them I will be forever grateful. From the very moment I stepped foot in the school, I felt at home, and that is a feeling that will live on in me forever. Once a brother, always a brother.

Páidí Doyle

SIXTH YEAR PPA REPRESENTATIVES 2024/25

We are delighted to announce that four new 6th Year students will act as in-school representatives for the PPA for the coming year. Thank you to all those who applied.

A huge congratulations to Rían Doyle, Callum Pierce, Seán Denton and Danny Mann who have been chosen to represent their year group on the PPA and hopefully for many years to come. They will play a vital role on our committee and we look forward to working with them.

Pictured with PPA committee members and CBS teachers Ms. Emma Goff and Ms. Erin Whelan.



PPA GOLF CLASSIC 2024



At the end of June, we held our annual PPA Golf Classic in the Wexford Golf Club. A great day out was had by all! A big thank you to past pupil Andy Doyle in Slice Restaurant, Liam Bowler in the Pro Shop and the Greenkeeping Team for helping us to organise a great day.

A huge thank you to our organising committee! There was a fine mix of past pupils, friends of Wexford CBS, current students and teaching staff taking part on the day.

Congratulations to the team of students from Wexford CBS on winning the Noel Morris Memorial Cup.

Winners of the GUI Section:

1st – Ryan Thomas, Rian Bracken, Darragh Ryan, James Whitty.

2nd – Paddy Nolan, Conor Coleman, Eoin Hartigan, Jack Mullan.

3rd – Bobby Cummings, Tom Foran, Jake Doyle, John Ffrench.

Winners of the Non-GUI Section:

1st – Tiarnan Doyle, Rory Devereux, Cian Moran, Adam Farrell.

2nd – Peter Furlong, Paul Gannon, Micheál Doyle, Martin Bergin.

3rd – Aodhán Foley, Ger Forde, Lee Whelan, Corey Ennis.

Longest Drive Winner – Alex Lafferty.

Nearest to Pin Winner – Charlie Mullan.

Many thanks to our main sponsors Fleetline Bus Hire, Riverbank House Hotel, Pettitt's SuperValu and Slice Restaurant.

The event wouldn't have been possible without all our sponsors so a big thank you to them:

- Wriggle
- Crosbies
- Whitford House Hotel
- MJ Flood
- 3TEK
- Joyce's of Wexford
- Mc Mahon's DIY Homevalue
- Fortune's Pharmacy
- Wexford Block
- Hanrahan's Londis
- Geoff Barry Agricultural Consultants
- Sinnott's Bar
- Edco
- Callaway (Brad Cohen)
- School and Office Supplies
- Advance Cleaners
- Doyle's Garage
- Wexford Credit Union
- Clearwater Construction

We will be back again next year, so make sure to keep Friday 27th June 2025 free!



MARTINA & GERALDINE - A CANTEEN Q&A:



Our PRO recently caught up with Martina and Geraldine to ask them about their memories of their time at Wexford CBS. We would like to wish Martina and Geraldine the best in their retirement.

When did you start in Wexford CBS and for how long were you there?

Martina: I started on 23rd March 2003 and was in the school for 21 years. When I started, I worked with Ann Carty.

Geraldine: I started in the September of 2014, I think! That would have made it 10 years in the school or thereabouts.

What was your favourite thing about the place? What do you miss the most?

Martina: Ah, I miss the boys, the staff and the general camaraderie of the place. I used to love messing with the lads and letting a roar at them for that matter! Oh, and I do miss the goss! Really, we just worked away and no one ever bothered us. I loved it, no one day was the same.

Geraldine: I miss the boys, the laughs we had with them and the craic with Martina and the staff. The camaraderie we had was great, I miss Edel, Bernie and of course, annoying the heart out of Derek. I don't miss getting up for it, mind you!

What are your best memories or do you have any funny stories from your time here?

Martina: Oh, I've that many I wouldn't know where to start... I remember back in the old school building one day, Ann was bending over to get something and I gave her a kick in the backside and she fell head first into the dishwasher! Mr Hurley was once supervising the Mock exams in the old building, in the GP room, and it was deadly silent. Sure, didn't Ann trip over with a tray full of rolls and the between the two of us, let's just say it wasn't as silent as it had been! Another day, Frank Duke, the former principal, was in the GP room giving a group of students a telling off about their uniform. Of course, myself and Ann didn't realise and there we were singing 'there's a hole in my bucket' all throughout it and the young lads were doing their best not to laugh given the situation



MARTINA & GERALDINE - A CANTEEN Q&A:

they were in! Early one morning, a student was annoying the heart out of me whilst I was trying to get everything set up. Anyway, said student (you know who you are!) was in my way so I decided it would be a good idea to give him a little shove. Next thing you know, he had somehow fallen into the bins! Ah sure all the things they used to tell us over the years. We were counsellors and mummies, we'd be screaming and shouting one minute and having a deep conversation with them about anything at all!

Geraldine: I loved the little shop in the prefab building, do you remember? When we used to steward the traffic and all. I loved getting into all the videos with the lads over the years, those are some great memories to look back on. There was once a student singing a fairly rude song about tractors at the top of his lungs, myself and Martina were in stitches and sure didn't we join in! Next thing you know, Mr Dennehy is after pulling him up for a detention! Then there was Mick (Mr McMahon) and the Mouse. There had been a little mouse spotted out in the prefab at one stage and Mick would come in for regular updates. Rather than saying the word 'mouse' for fear that he would be heard, he would do an impression of one. Martina and myself would be laughing away! There was another mouse incident with Derek at one point. It was half-dead and caught in a trap and sure Derek was terrified to go near it!

What changed in the school during your time here?

Martina: A whole lot and not a whole lot really. I loved the old building and really missed it, it had a certain atmosphere in it. Staff and students felt closer together in it, and there seemed to be more high jinks! Although it came to a point where we really were closer together, that's why we needed the new building! Ah, the fun we had in the prefab too, in our little shop. That was nice too, minus the few head-shaped holes in some of the walls! Thinking about it now, one thing that didn't change was the fact that we never had a window!

Geraldine: I remember getting interviewed in the old building and having to go through the old office into Mr McMahon's office. Other than that, I can't remember much of it. I have a distinct memory of the sausage rolls and the Pot Noodles. Oh, and the famous bacon fry rolls! We used to do these muffins too and they'd be gone by little break. Sure, wasn't there vending machines and all at one point? Isn't it funny how after working in a canteen all my memories are of food!? I think with the new building, we both felt like we saw less, but that was normal with the size of it compared to what we had.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

Save the Date - The CBS Christmas Fair will take place in the school Gym on Friday week, 6th December starting at 10am.

There will be lots of Christmas crafts on sale, mince pies, mulled wine, face painting and Santa Claus will call in to say ho ho ho!!

Please support our Christmas Fair on Friday the 6th! 🎅🎄🎁



WEXFORD CBS CAREER FAIR 2024

The PPA were delighted to be involved with the Wexford CBS and Loreto Wexford Career Fair on Monday, 18th November. It was fantastic to see so many past pupils taking part and giving up their time to provide students with knowledge about their potential career paths. Thanks to all those who have been involved over the past five Career Fairs. It is great to see how the event has grown each year. Well done to all!



REMEMBERING DIARMUID MURTAGH

Everyone at the PPA extends their deepest condolences to the Murtagh family following the untimely passing of 6th Year student, Diarmuid Murtagh, in October 2024. Diarmuid was a very unassuming individual and an extremely conscientious and dedicated student.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.



BOKERBOY NEWS

PPA 7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 2024

We will hold our annual 7-A-Side Soccer Tournament on the Wexford CBS Astro Pitch on Saturday December 28th this year.

Why not come along, see your old stomping ground and get some of your friends together for a kickabout over the festive period?

Teams can include past pupils and friends of Wexford CBS and there will be a 7-a-side format with a squad of maximum 10 players and at a cost of 10 euro per player. Current Wexford CBS Student - 5 euro per player.

If you wish to enter a team, please complete the form by [clicking here](#).



Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2024

We were delighted to support the school's efforts with this year's Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.



Zambia Last Man Standing

The Zambia Immersion Project team in the school are running a Last Man Standing Competition as part of their fundraising campaign before they make the journey in June 2025. See the flyer above for further details!

Well done to all students who completed their winter exams this week!



Follow us on social media!



MEET THE TEAM - PPA COMMITTEE 2024/25

The Wexford CBS PPA & Friends is run by a group of past pupils, as well as past and existing teachers. Meet the team behind the PPA below, and don't be shy to reach out; that's what we're here for!



Pat Murphy
Chairperson

Pat left CBS in 1980 to commence an apprenticeship in Painting/Decorating. In 1992, he joined the Irish Prison Service where he went on to hold the posts of Chief Officer and Governor. He retired in 2022 and returned to live in Wexford. He now works part time with the Irish Red Cross on their Community Based Health in Prisons programme. He is committed to giving back to his community and is on the Board of Management for Piercestown NS, Knockingall Community Centre and volunteers with Piercestown Parish Council. He is a keen supporter of Wexford Hurling and St. Martins GAA Club. Pat joined the PPA on his return to Wexford and hopes that the PPA continues to grow and to explore further opportunities to support the school community.



Conor Byrne
Secretary

Conor graduated from Wexford CBS in 2014 and went on to study English and Geography at St. Patrick's College Dublin, before completing his Professional Master of Education in DCU and returning to teach in Wexford CBS in 2018. Conor is from Wexford Town and has a keen interest in community involvement. Conor hopes that the work of the PPA will assist in helping to encourage and motivate his students to reach their fullest potential.



Ger Forde
Treasurer

Ger is a former Wexford CBS pupil and currently a teacher in the school. Ger is taking on the role of Treasurer & Fundraising Officer in the Wexford CBS PPA. He graduated from the CBS in 2010 and returned to the school in 2014. He primarily teaches in the ASD unit but also teaches some geography and history classes. Outside of school, he enjoys long-distance running.



Martin Kehoe
Public Relations Officer

Martin graduated from Wexford CBS in 2018 before going on to study History and Gaelic at Maynooth University. Here, he became a founding member of Maynooth University's Film Society and served as treasurer. Martin completed his Professional Master of Education in 2023 and has been a member of the teaching staff at his alma mater since. Martin has a keen interest in local history, politics and all things related to technology. He hopes that the PPA continues to support those connected to the school community as it has done for the past four years.



Peter Furlong
Fundraising Officer

Peter graduated from Wexford CBS in 2012 and went on to study in 'The National Centre of Excellence in Furniture Making' in GMIT Letterfrack in Co. Galway. Upon graduation, he worked as Production Manager in a joinery in the midlands, before going back to college to do a Masters in Education. He is a current member of the teaching staff in the Technology department in the school. Peter is the joint Chairman of Sarsfields GAA club and is involved with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust, who regularly travel to Lourdes on an Easter pilgrimage with children with additional needs.

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