



COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS

SUMMER

Newsletter 2026



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WELCOME!

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians, Staff and Members of the School Community,

As another busy and successful school year draws to a close, we are delighted to share our Summer Newsletter with you. Inside, you'll find a snapshot of the many events, achievements and memorable moments that have taken place across our school community since January.

From sporting success and academic accomplishments to school tours, student leadership initiatives and wellbeing activities, this edition highlights the fantastic involvement, talent and spirit shown by our students throughout the year.

We hope you take some time to read and reflect on all that's been accomplished this year. It's a wonderful reminder of the energy, talent and spirit that make our school such a special place.

To stay up to date with the latest news, events and updates, be sure to keep an eye on our social media pages and [school website](#).

Wishing you all a happy, safe and healthy summer break.

Warm regards,

Conor Byrne,
Newsletter Coordinator.



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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS



As the 2025-26 school year draws to a close in Coláiste Éamonn Rís, it is time to reflect on what was another busy and positive year. Our students excelled yet again on the academic and sporting fronts. Many students across all year groups got a chance to represent the school, given that we enter teams across a broad range of sports. Among the sporting highlights were the First Years and the Under-19 soccer team winning Leinster titles. The TY musical, a collaboration between Coláiste Éamonn Rís and the Presentation Secondary School, was a great success. The performance of Mary Poppins JR. was a credit to all involved. Various cohorts travelled across the country and abroad to destinations such as The Burren, Achill, Marilleva 1400, Italy, the Black Forest and Lourdes.

I would like to thank Mr Hegarty and Mr Nolan, Deputy Principals, for their hard work, help and support in the running of the school. I would also like to thank all the teaching staff for their hard work in guiding, instructing and inspiring our students during this school year. Special thanks to the many teachers who gave of their free time to undertake class tutor, assistant year head or year head duties, or who volunteered for the various staff committees. It would also be remiss of me not to mention the many teachers who facilitate the provision of an array of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities in the school. These activities add significantly to the educational experience of all our students and greatly enhance school life.

I would also like to record my thanks to Bernie, Edel and Melanie, our SNAs, our chaplain, Fr Paddy Browne, and our caretaker, Derek, for their work and support during the last year.

**Michael McMahon,
Principal.**

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM APPOINTMENTS: PRINCIPAL AND DEPUTY PRINCIPAL POSITIONS

Mr John Hegarty has been appointed Principal of the school from 1st September 2026. Mr Hegarty has served in the role of Deputy Principal since 2010 and was Acting Principal for the 2020-2021 academic year.



Mrs Linda Scallan has been appointed Deputy Principal from 1st September 2026 and takes over the position from Mr Hegarty following his appointment as Principal. Mrs Scallan has been a member of the teaching staff here since 2003 and has been TY Co-ordinator for the last number of years.



Best wishes to John and Linda in their new roles.



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RETIREMENTS

Best wishes to Ms Connell, who retired in February after spending thirty-five years in the school. Ms Connell taught Geography for many years before taking on the role of SENCO. Mrs Sinnott has also spent thirty-five years in the school, teaching German and English throughout her career.

Both have given outstanding service to the school over that time and will be greatly missed by students and colleagues alike.

JUNIOR CYCLE

The DoEY recently published arrangements for Junior Cycle 2026-27. [Click here](#) for further details.

NEW SENIOR CYCLE

The 2025-26 school year saw the introduction of new Senior Cycle programmes in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Business. The 2026-27 school year will herald the introduction of new Senior Cycle programmes in Construction Studies, Geography, Physical Education and Leaving Certificate Life, Community and Work (formerly known as LCVP).

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION

The school has submitted all the necessary documentation to the Department of Education and Youth as part of Stage 2a for the school extension. Hopefully, the plans will meet with Department approval and the project will progress quickly to the planning permission stage.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management has had another busy year guiding the development of the school. I would like to thank Mr Gerry Forde (Chairperson) and the other members of the Board of Management for their support and ongoing commitment to the school. The current Board's term of office ends in October 2026.

BEST WISHES

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Leaving Certificate class of 2026 the very best of luck in the Leaving Certificate examinations. Ninety-seven students are sitting the Leaving Certificate examinations, and seventeen students are sitting the LCA examinations, here this year. Many hours of study and homework have been invested over the last five or six years in preparation for these examinations. I hope that effort bears fruit over the coming weeks.

The school's mission is to develop responsible individuals in a Christian environment who will participate fully in a changing society. I trust that our Leaving Certificate students' future lives will bear witness to our success in this regard.

I would also like to extend my best wishes to all our Junior Cycle students. One hundred and nineteen students are sitting the Junior Cycle examinations here this year. This is an important milestone in their educational journey.

PARENTS' COUNCIL

The Parents' Council has also been very supportive of the school over the past year. I would like to thank the members of the Council for their efforts. This year, once again, the Council co-sponsored the Gaeltacht bursaries in conjunction with the Board of Management. Several Gaeltacht bursaries were awarded this year, with students enrolling in various Gaeltacht colleges.

The Council has an important role to play in the running of the school. Active participation in the Council's affairs by even more parents would be welcome. I would particularly like to thank the parents involved in preparing for and working at this year's Graduation reception in the school gym.



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BÍ CINEÁLTA

Consultation took place in recent weeks with parents, staff and students as part of the review of the school's anti-bullying policy and practice (the Bí Cineálta Policy). Thank you to all who responded to the various surveys.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The school would like to thank those who have given generously this year and would appeal to all parents/guardians to contribute to the voluntary contribution at the beginning of the new school year. Your financial contributions are greatly appreciated and are needed to help defray school running costs such as heating, lighting and cleaning. It is becoming increasingly difficult to balance the books and meet all the financial commitments and costs incurred in keeping the school running.

I wish to advise that school fees will remain at the 2025-26 level.

All students will be required to pay €10 to cover the cost of their personal accident insurance (school activities only). Locker rental will cost €20. The bus fee for trips and matches within the county will remain at €5, while trips and matches outside the county will incur a €10 charge.

The new Astro still has to be fully paid for and maintained, so we are also asking for contributions to the pitch fund (€30 per student or €50 per family).

Please note that there will be no charge for journals, the book lending scheme or printing next year. All books and stationery will be provided free of charge.

CASHLESS PAYMENTS

We are endeavouring to eliminate the handling of cash in the school for security and efficiency reasons. Consequently, parents/guardians are requested to make payments online via the PayZone tab on the website www.wexfordcbs.ie for all school contributions.

You are requested to pay all return-to-school fees for voluntary contributions, pitch levy, locker fee etc. before Monday 24th August 2026. Should you have any difficulties using this method, please contact the school office.

TEXT MESSAGING

As you are aware, a text message is sent out to parents of students who do not present at 8.50am or for afternoon classes. Text messages are also sent to alert parents about staff meetings, parent-teacher meetings, late detentions, report card detentions etc.

Please ensure that if you change your mobile contact number you let us know. Similarly, if you change address, please let us know so that we can update your contact details on the school administration system.

GERMAN EXCHANGE

Our German Exchange, in conjunction with Loreto Wexford, has been running since 2014. A group of students from both schools will travel to "Sankt Ursula's", a mixed Catholic school, in the twin towns of Villingen-Schwenningen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany. The German students are coming to Wexford from 23rd-30th September 2026, with the students from Loreto and Coláiste Éamonn Rís going to Germany from 7th-14th April 2027. Thank you to Mrs Sinnott for her work on the school's behalf in organising the exchange.



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LUNCHTIME / SIGNING OUT

A reminder to all parents of Junior Cycle students that they are forbidden from leaving the school grounds at lunchtime unless accompanied by a parent or a teacher. No exceptions will be made. Junior Cycle students who leave the school premises without permission will face severe sanction.

Junior Cycle students must be collected if they need to leave the school premises during the school day for appointments, etc. All pupils must get permission from the Principal, Deputy Principal or Year Head and have their journal stamped before leaving the school premises.

Parents/guardians are asked to avoid making appointments for students during school time if at all possible, to minimise loss of learning time.

BOOKLISTS, EXAM TIMETABLES AND CALENDARS

The 2026-27 booklists for the various year groups are available on the school website. Copies are also available from the office. The 2026-27 school calendar is also available on the school website.

UNIFORM COLLECTION

As part of our sustainability drive, we welcome donations of items of uniform no longer needed or outgrown for Junior Cycle (shirts, jumpers, ties, trousers, jacket) and Senior Cycle (fleece, trousers, T-shirt, jacket) that we can pass on to other students.

Donations of uniforms will be accepted from Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June, and all items can be left at reception in the school.

JUNIOR CYCLE, TY AND SENIOR CYCLE BOOKS AND STATIONERY

All year groups will receive books and stationery for the 2026-27 academic year. All books supplied under the free book scheme remain the property of the school and must be replaced if damaged or lost by the student.

Books for First and Fifth Years will be supplied in advance of their return to school during the week of 10th August 2026. Parents/guardians will be contacted with further details on Monday 10th August. Stationery distribution dates for these year groups are yet to be confirmed.

Second, Third and Sixth Year students will be supplied with the books and stationery they require on their return to school.

TY students have already received their stationery packs and will be supplied with any books they need on their return to school.

FIRST YEAR DEVICES

Student devices for the First Year 2026-27 cohort will be distributed in the school on Tuesday 2nd September. Parents/guardians who have not yet ordered are reminded to do so as soon as possible.

SUMMER EXAM RESULTS ON VSWare

All parents/guardians have access to our VSWare system to access their son's summer exam school reports. Reports will be published on June 11th.

Details of login and password information for each current pupil have already been sent out to parents/guardians. If you are having difficulties logging in, please contact Mr Nolan (jnolan@wexfordcbs.ie).



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STUDENT DEVICES FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

With the introduction of the redeveloped Senior Cycle, there will be increased demand for student access to digital devices across 22 different class groups, including both 5th and 6th Year students.

For 5th Year students in particular, subjects such as Biology, Business, Chemistry, Physics, LCLCW(LCVP), Geography and PE will include an Additional Assessment Component (AAC) worth 40% of the overall grade. In addition, subjects including Classics, History, Applied Maths, Economics and Agricultural Science will require students to complete online project work, all of which necessitates regular access to digital devices.

At present, the school has only a limited number of devices available. While we will continue to facilitate access wherever possible, the reality is that our current resources will not provide sufficient access for all 5th Year students to fully engage with these significant online assessment components.

As a result, we have explored the possibility of securing a purchasing arrangement that would allow students to obtain their own device at a competitive rate. Having personal access to a device would greatly support students in completing their online coursework and assessments, while also providing a useful resource for college or personal use in the future.

See flyer containing details of the proposed arrangement - [click here](#). Alternatively, students are, of course, welcome to source their own device independently. If you have any further questions in relation to this, please contact Mr. Nolan (jnolan@wexfordcbs.ie).

Enjoy
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MR. McMAHON'S FINAL FAREWELL

We would like to wish all our staff, parents/guardians and students a safe and enjoyable summer.

As this is my final newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody who has helped or supported me in any way during my time as a teacher and, subsequently, as principal of the school. I would also like to acknowledge the support of my wife and family during this time. It has been an honour and a privilege to lead the school over the last eighteen years.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the teaching staff, SNAs and ancillary staff for their dedication and commitment to the school and the students over this time. Ní neart go cur le chéile. Thank you to the various members of the Parents' Council for their help and support and to all those who have served on the Board of Management during my time as principal. I would particularly like to acknowledge the help and support of the BoM Chairperson, Mr Gerry Forde, since my appointment as principal. Gerry has given unstinting and unheralded service to the school as Chairperson.

Thank you to my two Deputy Principals, John Nolan and John Hegarty, for their support to me and the school over the years. The load was always that much lighter with their help. Finally, thank you to all those who have sent me emails and cards with their kind wishes. I would like to wish the whole school community all the best for the future. The school is in very good hands, and I have no doubt it will continue to go from strength to strength.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Michael McMahon
Principal



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2026 - 2027 School Calendar

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	School Holidays.		School closed - Subject Cluster Day.
	State Exams.		School closed - Whole School Planning Day.
	Parent/Teacher Meeting.		

Parent/Teacher Meetings:

	6 th Year – Wednesday 4 th November 2026.	4.15pm to 6.30pm. Classes end at 3.30pm
	3 rd Year – Thursday 19 th November 2026.	3.15pm to 5.30pm. Classes end at 2.30pm
	5 th Year - Wednesday 9 th December 2026.	4.15pm to 6.30pm. Classes end at 3.30pm
	2 nd Year – Thursday 14 th January 2027.	3.15pm to 5.30pm. Classes end at 2.30pm
	1 st Year - Wednesday 20 th January 2027.	4.15pm to 6.30pm. Classes end at 3.30pm



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END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The Sixth Year Graduation Mass and Awards ceremony was held in the school gym on Thursday 21st May. Fr Paddy Browne, school chaplain, celebrated Mass, which was followed by our Sixth Year Awards ceremony. I would like to thank all those associated with this year's Sixth Year Awards ceremony for all their hard work in making the night such a success.



Edmund Rice Award - Tadhg Doyle



Kathleen Fahy Award - Daniel Lawlor



Kathleen Fahy Award Nominees



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END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS



Subject Award Winners



Debating/Public Speaking Award
Mir Hasibullah Zia



Senior Hurling
Tadhg Doyle



Senior Football
Cian o'Dowd



Senior Soccer
Seán O'Connor



Senior Basketball
Kacper Ptak



Senior Rugby
Cormac O'Leary



Senior Boxing
Blake Dunne



Zambia Immersion Project



Performace Arts Award - Sean Siggins



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END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Sixth Year Academic Award Winners

Accounting: Nick Lambert

Agricultural Science: Alex Rochard

Applied Maths: Tiernan Crotty

Art: Olivier Stieber

Biology: Seán Parle

Business: Nick Lambert

Chemistry: Eoghan Lynch

Classics: Ben Mythen

Construction Studies: James Kehoe

Design & Communication Graphics: Conor Reardon and Kevin Golden

Economics: Mir Hasibullah Zia

English: Rory Goff

French: Tiernan Crotty

German: Eoghan Lynch

Geography: Eoghan Lynch

History: Kacper Jaworski

Irish: Rory Goff and Eoghan Lynch

LCA: Daniel Lawlor

LCVP: Jack Bergin

Maths: Tiernan Crotty and Eoghan Lynch

Music: Tiernan Crotty

Physical Education: Patrick Power and Tadhg Murtagh

Physics: Eoghan Lynch

The Edmund Rice Award:

The premier award the school bestows on any one of the graduating students is the Edmund Rice Award, named after the school's founder. The nominees for this award are those students who are judged to best embody the spirit of the school. Young men who use their academic abilities but more importantly demonstrate throughout their school careers the qualities of integrity, leadership, co-operation and commitment to the school ethos.

The Edmund Rice Award winner for 2025-26 is **Tadhg Doyle**.

Edmund Rice Award Nominees:

Daniel Lawlor, Conor Doyle, Patrick Power, Tadhg Doyle, Daragh O'Rourke, Cian McCormack, Seán Parle, Mir Hasibullah Zia, Thady Cuddihy, Daniel Dillon Fiodorov, Tiernan Crotty, Evan Devereux, Cormac O'Leary, Rory Goff, Michael Benson, Nick Lambert, Shayne Whelan and Kacper Jaworski.

The Kathleen Fahy Award

The school has a proud tradition of community involvement and charitable work and encourages the students to extend their life experiences and to be of benefit to the community within which they live. This aspect of school life is recognised by the Kathleen Fahy Award. This year's winner of the award is **Daniel Lawlor**. Fellow Sixth Years Cormac O'Leary, Tadhg Doyle, Evan Devereux, Eoghan Lynch, Kacper Jaworski, VJ Doyle, Calum McGuire, Thady Cuddihy and Cian McCormack were also nominated for the award.

Exemplary Work Ethic Awards

Jack Butler, Evan Devereux, Ruairí Corley, Jack Faherty, Shay Murphy, Daragh O'Rourke, Dmytro Bondarenko, Jacob Murphy, Shayne Whelan, Thady Cuddihy, Adam Murphy, Cian McCormack, Tadhg Doyle, Cian O'Dowd, Darragh Mc Loughlin, Ryan Paige, Robert Adamson, Eoghan Mc Cleane and Rian O'Grady.

Attendance Awards:

Tiernan Crotty, Roman Monahan, Tadhg Doyle, Rory Goff, Ahmed Hussan, Ryan Kirwan, Nick Lambert, Cian Lacey, Jack Long, Eoghan Lynch, Michael McEvoy, Seán Moran, Tadhg Murtagh, Cian O'Dowd, Ryan Paige and Conor Reardon.

Meitheal Leaders 2024/25

Assam Ali Bhatti, Luke Brophy, Nick Lambert, Eoghan Lynch, Peter Hirst, Joshua Kidd, Harry Kehoe, Kajetan Kuczek, James Scallan, Oisín Weldon.



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Sports Awards:

Senior Hurler of the Year: Tadhg Doyle

Senior Football: Cian O'Dowd

Senior Rugby: Cormac O'Leary

Senior Soccer: Seán O'Connor

Senior Basketball: Kacper Ptak

Senior Boxing: Blake Dunne

Debating/Public Speaking Award:

Mir Hasibullah Zia

Performance Arts Award:

Seán Siggins

Zambia Immersion Project:

A presentation was made to each of the sixth-year students who participated in the 2025 Zambia Immersion Project - Tadhg Doyle, Evan Devereux, Eoghan Lynch, Kacper Jaworski, VJ Doyle, Calum McGuire, Thady Cuddihy, Luke Colley and Cian Mc Cormack.





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Transition Year Awards

The Transition Year Awards ceremony was held in the school's gym room on Friday 22nd May. Mrs Scallan commended the students on their efforts over the past year and wished them well on the rest of their educational journey.

The Sinead Breen Spirit of Transition Year Award went to Oisín Hartigan. Sinead's family were in attendance to make the presentation. Well done to Oisín who was a worthy winner. Well done also to the other nominees.



School Awards Night:

Our Annual Awards Night to celebrate the academic and sporting achievements of our 2025-26 First, Second and Fifth Year cohorts will take place on Monday 30th September.

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TEAM OF 4 STUDENTS (SECONDARY) - €140

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OR TEXT 087 4035474 WITH YOUR NAME, NAMES OF PLAYERS

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A MESSAGE TO OUR SIXTH YEARS FROM MR. HOWLIN



It has been both a privilege and a pleasure (and challenging at times) to watch you grow over the last six years into the young men that you are today. From your first tentative steps through the school gates to your final days preparing for the Leaving Certificate (hope you all last until June!), you have shown excellent character and everything we hope that our students become. The Wexford CBS mission statement states that we aim to develop responsible individuals who will participate fully in a changing society and to carry out this task in a Christian environment.

This year, in particular, has been one of hard work, determination, and important milestones. The challenges you have faced - both academic and personal - have shaped you into a group that should be immensely proud of your achievements. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or representing the school in various activities, you have consistently demonstrated the values of Wexford CBS.

As you move on to the next chapter of their lives, I encourage you all to carry forward the lessons you have learned here. Be ambitious, be kind and never be afraid to take on new challenges. The future holds many opportunities and I have no doubt that this group has the ability to make a meaningful impact wherever you go.

On behalf of the all the staff of Wexford CBS, I would like to wish each and every one of you the very best in your Leaving Certificate and in the years ahead. Thank you for the contribution you have made to our school community - you will always be a valued part of it.

On a personal note, some of you may be suffering from amnesia judging from some of the quotes incorrectly attributed to me in the yearbook. Also, whoever becomes a millionaire first is obliged to sponsor a set of jerseys for the first-year hurlers.

Good luck to you all!

Donal Howlin, 6th Year Year Head.

You don't need to see the entire path to take the *first step*. ♡

You can take the first step with fear and doubt and you can also take it with *hope* and *trust*.

Too often we think we need to have it all figured out and planned before we can start, but the truth is the best journeys taken are *not planned*.

They take unexpected twists and turns that lead us where we need to go. They take longer than we think they will and teach us things we would have never prepared for.

So, when you find yourself on the foot of a path, *don't worry* about what lies ahead.

Just take that first step, ♡
you will find your way!

(Author: Nikki Banas)

Best of luck

to the
CLASS OF
2026 

in your upcoming exams
and for the future. ♡

You will be greatly missed...
but now it's time to go
and find your path!



Christine Martin,
6th Year Assistant Year Head



♡ Believe in yourself. Embrace the unknown. Enjoy the journey.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!



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LCVP HIGHLIGHTS

This year, our 5th Year LCVP class took part in a number of exciting enterprise activities, including educational visits and a guest speaker presentation. These experiences gave us a valuable opportunity to explore different areas of business, entrepreneurship, and the world of work outside the classroom.

Celtic Linen Visit

On the 22nd of January, we visited Celtic Linen in Wexford, a major supplier of linen and laundry services to hotels, hospitals, and other industries. We received a guided tour of the facility and saw first-hand how a large-scale operation is managed on a daily basis. From industrial machinery and organisation systems to transport and customer service, we gained a greater understanding of the teamwork and efficiency required to run such a busy business.

The visit also highlighted the importance of sustainability, hygiene standards, and logistics within the company. It was a great opportunity to connect what we learn in LCVP with real working environments.

The Chocolate Garden of Ireland

On the 28th of January, we travelled to The Chocolate Garden of Ireland in Carlow, a family-owned business well known for its handmade chocolates and interactive visitor experiences. During the visit, we took part in a chocolate-making workshop and learned about the development of the business over the years. The owners explained how creativity, strong customer engagement, and diversification have helped the company grow successfully.

It was very interesting to hear about the challenges and rewards of running a business and to see how entrepreneurship can turn a passion into a thriving enterprise.

Guest Speaker – Ben Brosnan, Bodibro

On the 23rd of April, we were delighted to welcome Ben Brosnan, founder of Bodibro, to our school. Bodibro is a successful Irish sportswear brand that creates custom clothing for GAA clubs and sports teams throughout Ireland and abroad.

Ben spoke about his journey from playing GAA to launching his own company. He shared insights into identifying business opportunities, building a strong brand, and the importance of marketing and customer relationships. His talk gave us an honest and motivating look into the realities of entrepreneurship and encouraged us to think about future career possibilities and business ideas of our own.

Overall, these experiences were both enjoyable and educational. They helped bring many aspects of the LCVP course to life and gave us a better understanding of enterprise, teamwork, and career opportunities in the modern workplace.

A sincere thank you to everyone who welcomed us and shared their knowledge and experiences with our class.

Ms. Shannon Roche, LCVP Teacher.





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FIRST YEAR ITALIAN SCHOOL TOUR 2026

The First Year trip to Italy in early May was a great success, with students enjoying an unforgettable few days exploring some of Italy's most beautiful destinations. The group visited Verona, Venice, Milan and the stunning Lake Garda, taking in the culture, history and atmosphere of each location.

Students had a fantastic time throughout the trip, creating wonderful memories and representing the school excellently. A sincere thank you to Mr. M. McMahon, Ms. E. Whelan, Ms. E. Goff and Mr. M. Kehoe for accompanying the students and helping to make the trip such an enjoyable and memorable experience for all involved.



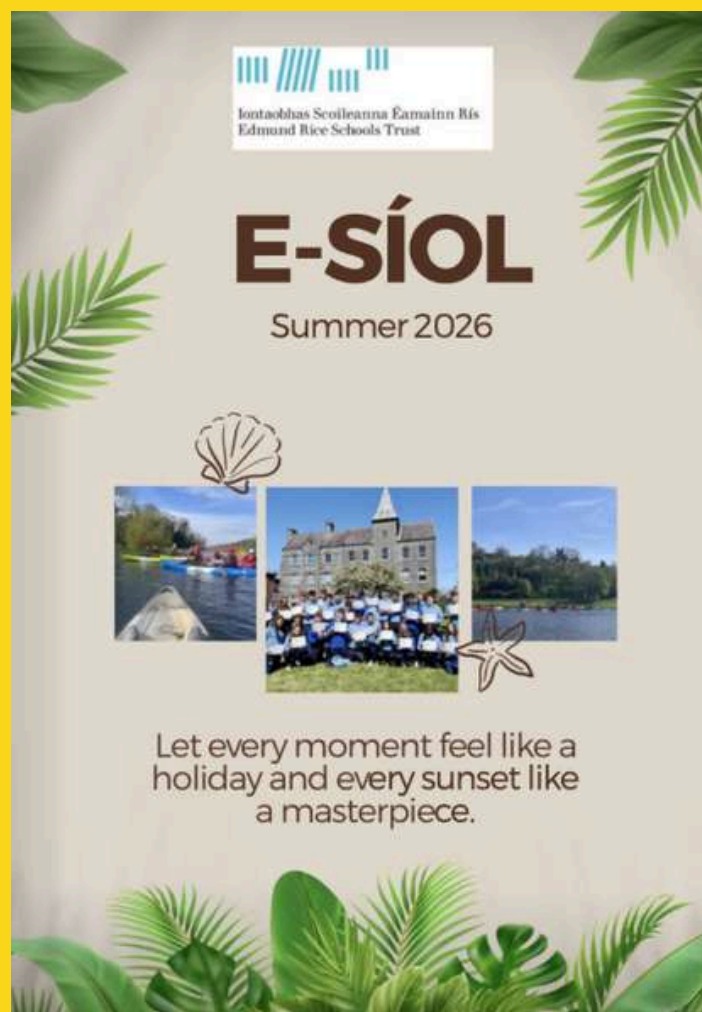


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BASKETBALL UPDATE

1st year:

Our first years reached the South-East final and narrowly missed out on silverware.



2nd year:

Our second years reached the South-East final and All Ireland quarter final.



U16:

Our under-16 team reached the South-East semi final.



U19:

Our under-19 team reached the South-East quarter final.





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WEXFORD CBS 2ND YEARS 2026 BASKETBALL CAMPAIGN

The 2026 basketball season will long be remembered at Wexford CBS after the school's 2nd Year side produced a campaign filled with dramatic victories, fierce rivalries and outstanding determination. Representing the school with pride throughout the South East competitions and All-Ireland qualifiers, the young CBS squad showed remarkable growth over the course of the season.

Early in the campaign, Wexford CBS battled hard against strong opposition. A contest against Selkar ended in a 40-18 result, while a close encounter with FCJ Bunclody saw CBS edge a thriller 35-30. The side responded brilliantly in later fixtures, defeating Gorey 27-16 before delivering one of their best performances of the season in a commanding 33-24 win over Carnew.

Momentum continued to build as the team travelled to face Gaelcholáiste Cheatharlach in the South East Quarter-Final. Wexford CBS rose to the occasion with a superb attacking display, securing an impressive 27-20 victory to advance further in the competition.

The South East Semi-Final against St Paul's proved another memorable day for the squad. Playing with confidence and intensity from the opening whistle, CBS powered to a convincing 36-15 triumph to book their place in the final.

In the South East Final, the team faced a talented St Kieran's side who had defeated our lads in the 1st Year South East Final the previous year. Despite a determined effort and an outstanding performance from the Wexford CBS players, St Kieran's narrowly claimed victory, 43-31, in a high-quality contest.

Rather than letting the defeat define their season, the CBS squad responded in outstanding fashion during the All-Ireland qualifiers. The team travelled to face Fermoy and delivered one of their biggest performances of the year, defeating the Cork side by 19 points and the Kerry side by 10 points to keep their national hopes alive.

The All-Ireland Quarter-Final brought the curtain down on a brilliant campaign, with CBS eventually losing against top-level opposition — St. Vincent's of Glasnevin. Despite the disappointment of defeat, reaching the final eight teams in Ireland marked a major accomplishment and highlighted the incredible progress made by the squad throughout the season.

The players represented their school with enormous pride and helped continue the growing basketball tradition within the college community. The team only suffered two defeats all year, with both of those opponents contesting the All-Ireland Final. Players on the team included captain Oluwabiyi Oluwademilade Enoch, Kuzey Emem, Artem Mytnyk, Ezra Chira, Sam Breslin, Johnjoe Rusecki Farrell, Freddie Dempsey, Alan Benson, Elijah Donegan, Luca Fortune, Kyle Wade, Brendan Mulqueen and Ryan Gordon.

Coach: N. Colfer

By Oluwabiyi Oluwademilade Enoch.



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ROAD TO CHINA: U17 CHAMPIONS PREPARE FOR ISF WORLD CUP

The U17 All-Ireland Champions of 2024/25 have had an incredibly busy and exciting year as preparations continue for their prestigious trip to China, where they will represent both Ireland and our school at the ISF World Cup.

Since securing the All-Ireland title, the team has dedicated countless hours to training, fundraising and organising for what promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. What began as an invitation from the International School Sport Federation (ISF) quickly developed into an amazing opportunity for the players and management to compete on the world stage against some of the best school teams from across the globe.

The squad has shown tremendous commitment and determination both on and off the pitch, balancing training sessions with numerous fundraising initiatives to help make the trip possible. With the help of generous sponsors and the incredible support of the wider community, we are on a positive trajectory in securing funding for this prestigious and once-in-a-lifetime sporting opportunity.

The students themselves have played a huge role in these fundraising efforts. They have been busy collecting names for a successful cash prize fundraiser, organising and running quiz nights in Buglers and Wexford Golf Club, coaching soccer camps for many young budding footballers and preparing for an upcoming golf classic which will take place at the end of this month.

Throughout this journey, the players have worked closely with their teachers and coaches, Carolyn Connolly, Pdraig Whitty, John Fanning and Will Doyle, whose dedication and guidance have been invaluable. As staff, we would also like to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to Will Doyle for organising the soccer camps which the team coached, and to the incredibly supportive parents who have stood by our side, helping in every possible way since this dream first became a reality.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Board of Management for approving this incredible opportunity and for believing in the team. Their support has helped make it possible for our students to travel internationally, experience new cultures and proudly represent both their country and their school at such a prestigious event.

The squad now set their sights on what promises to be an unforgettable trip to China this October, and we could not be more proud of everything they have achieved both on and off the field. The very best of luck to all involved as they prepare to represent their school and Ireland on the international stage.





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UPDATE FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

The Maths Department enjoyed a successful year placing highly in multiple regional and national competitions run by the Irish Mathematics Teachers' Association and the Irish Applied Mathematics Teachers' Association.

In January four of our 1st Year students – Cathal McCleane, Nathan Moran, Artur Owczarek and Hugo Dempsey each scored 95% in the Irish Mathematics Teachers' Association (IMTA) 1st Year Competition. They received medals for their achievement, an honour earned by only 212 students nationwide.

January also saw three teams of TY and 3rd Year students contest the Irish Applied Mathematics Teachers' Association (IAMTA) Junior Problem Solving Quiz. The team comprising Cillian Hunt, Joseph Leamy, Eoin Brophy, and Ryan Kelly secured a brilliant second place in the Wexford region, going on to compete in the All-Ireland Junior Quiz final in April.

March saw 6th Year Higher Level Mathematics students head off to take part in the IMTA Senior Maths Quiz in Enniscorthy. Demonstrating excellent teamwork on complex curriculum-based problems, the team of Shay Murphy, Evan Devereux, Eoghan Lynch and Tiernan Crotty achieved a commendable second place.

Regional success continued in March when the 3rd Year Higher Level students. Three teams of 3rd Year students competed in the IMTA Pi Quiz in Enniscorthy, where the team of Tyge Crowe, Christopher Hurt, Dara O'Donohoe and Fiachra Mehigan fought off tight competition to come 2nd overall.





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FIRST YEAR SOCCER LEINSTER CHAMPIONS

Our First Year Soccer Team has enjoyed a truly outstanding debut season, being crowned Leinster Champions, finishing as one of the top four teams in the country after reaching the All Ireland Semi-Final, and progressing to the semi-final of the Wexford/Wicklow League.

From the opening games of the campaign, this group showed real quality on the pitch, getting the better of top opposition along the way, but it is their mindset and team spirit that has stood out most of all. Every member of the squad has played his part, and each lad should be immensely proud of the contribution he has made to such a successful season. Their Leinster success marks the school's first Leinster Cup win at First Year level since the 2016/17 season, making it a special moment for the squad and adding to the long list of accolades earned by the school's teams on the soccer pitch.

Throughout the year, the lads have represented the school, their families, their clubs, and their coaches, Mr Breen and Mr M. Kehoe, with great distinction.

The young Bokerboys have a bright future ahead of them in Wexford CBS Soccer.





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AN UPDATE FROM THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT BERLIN 2027

Following on from the great success of our Northern Ireland trip in 2025, the History Department has decided to go further afield and is delighted to announce that planning is well underway for an educational trip to the deeply historic city of Berlin in 2027. The tour, open to Senior Cycle History students in Fifth and Sixth Year, will run over three nights and four days, packing in a rich itinerary of historical sites and guided tours.

Among the highlights, students will visit Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, the Topography of Terror, the Holocaust Memorial, the German Resistance Memorial Centre, and the Stasi Prison at Hohenschönhausen. The group will also take in the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the Berlin TV Tower, Checkpoint Charlie and the Wall Museum, the East Side Gallery, the Allied Museum, the Stasi Museum, the Berlin Olympic Stadium, the Spy Museum, and BMW Welt, along with a guided walking tour of the city and a Cold War bunker tour.

The trip ties in directly with the Leaving Certificate History course, in particular Topic Three: Dictatorship and Democracy, 1920–1945, and Topic Six: The United States and the World, 1945–1989. Walking the streets of Berlin and visiting these sites first-hand will bring the course material to life and deepen students' understanding ahead of the State Examination.

Expression of interest forms have been issued, with places allotted on a first come, first served basis. Any queries can be directed to your son's History teacher or to Mr M. Kehoe at mkehoe@wexfordcbs.ie.

The History Department is looking forward to what promises to be a hugely rewarding experience for all involved.





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FOOTBALL UPDATE

First Year Football

A first for a first year football team in the school as their season will finish up when they enter second year! As a series of games were called off due to the bad weather at the beginning of 2026, our lads still showed an appetite to train and continue their development after a promising start to the season.

Our Leinster campaign continued with a fine win against a physical Bunclody side in late January in atrocious conditions. Our lads showed a steely determination to see out the result as they braved the elements. As a result, the Boker Boys topped the group as Enniscorthy awaited them in a Leinster semi-final. The team got to grips with the Enniscorthy CBS knockout with Lucas Hayes, Kyle Wade and Padraic Gore all dominating the middle third. Our 'sharp shooters' Cillian O'Sullivan, Cathal McCleane, Cormac Carley and the goal-hungry Tom Harding all duly obliged in finishing chances that were created. That result set up a Leinster Final against Portlaoise CBS.

The team prepared well for Portlaoise CBS but never got up to the pitch of the game. Portlaoise were very strong and played a similar brand of attacking football to our lads, but were more ruthless in front of goal. Our defenders played manfully embodied and never shied away from the challenge. The result finished (enter scoreline). To compete in a 'B' final was an outstanding achievement as the school hadn't competed in the latter stages of a 'B' competition in recent memory and it highlighted the talent and capability within the group. We got together as a group after the game and highlighted the lessons we learned and how we set out to improve as a team going forward.

Our season was not over yet as our lads set out to compete in the Wexford Championship. Our Wexford Championship campaign started with a defeat to St.Peters as they gained revenge on our win in Power Park in the Leinster Championship before Christmas. Over 30 players got game time and displayed the competitiveness of our squad.

Next up we played Creagh College away from home where similar numbers got at least a half. Our lads played against a strong wind and showed excellent composure in creating high percentage opportunities. Darragh Bennett and Gearoid Moran pulled the strings as we went in with a strong advantage. A new fifteen entered the field and finished off the game with excellent score taking. A standout performance came from James Lynch. The St.Mary's Rosslare man finished with 1-1 from two shots! The final score ended 3-12 to 0-04.



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Our final group game was played last week (May 11th) as time began to squeeze to get all our fixtures played. We played Good Counsel College, a school has previously dominated 'A' competitions in Leinster. A huge challenge faced our lads who wanted to display the learnings and improvements that were made following the Leinster final defeat to Portlaoise. The game started at a frantic pace with our lads dominating the opening proceedings. Some excellent football was played throughout with Jacob O'Brien, Gearoid Moran and Lucas Hayes catching the eye with some trojan work rate and defence throughout the game. Up front Cathal McCleane lead the scoring with 2-3 with Pdraig Gore also contributing 1-3. Tom Harding got his obligatory goal whilst Cillian O'Sullivan and Darragh Bennett orchestrated the majority of our attacking play. The defence withstood a late Good Counsel surge to win the game by two points on a score line of 4-9 to 4-7.

Unfortunately, as the school year ends the competition will not be completed by the end of the school year. Up next is a semi final game vs Gorey CS that will take place in September. Mr.Porter and Mr.Gannon would like to thank the players, their parents and the school community for the support shown towards the team throughout the year. This team is one of the most talented teams to play in the school and highlights the fantastic work being done with teams in the school, which was embodied by wins against traditional strongholds St.Peters and Good Counsel College. Mr.Porter and Mr.Gannon wish all a great summer of football and look forward to next year!

Junior Football

The Junior Footballers narrowly missed out on qualification from the group stages of the Leinster 'B' championship before Christmas as they entered the shield competition. With unplayable weather conditions it made it difficult to fulfil fixtures, the lads had to wait until February 5th to play a shield semi-final vs Gorey CS.

The game was played in atrocious weather conditions which tested the team's skill and resilience. The team played against the gale force wind in the first half and surprisingly dominated the kickout battle. Luke Kelly, deputising for James Brady, was pinpoint with his kickouts and provided a platform to attack. Tom Barrett carried the team forward with penetrating runs from deep as we braved the elements to head in to haltime with a three point lead. With the wind our lads didn't take our chances as well as we created them.

Our conversion rate was low which gave Gorey CS energy as they roared back in to the contest. A superbly taken goal from sub Jack O'Sullivan five minutes from the end prevented a nervy ending, as the lads saw out the game with a 1-7 to 0-6 point victory.



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FOOTBALL UPDATE

A shield final vs Patrician Newbridge awaited the Boker Boys which took place in late March. Clashes with other games and the school musical curbed preparations for the game as some key players missed out. The game gave the opportunity to many third year students who will feature more heavily in next season's competition, although they didn't look out of place. A series of early chances passed us by which were punished by Newbridge who possessed some powerful middle third players. The game could've been out of sight only for the phenomenal performance by goalkeeper James Brady. Our players fought right until the final whistle and showed great spirit. This spirit was exemplified through a diving block from Isaac Barry, a play that wouldn't look out of place in Croke Park! The game finished on a score line of 2-12 to 0-11. Mr.Porter and Mr.Furlong would like to thank the players, their parents and all of the school community for the support shown towards the team this year. The development of football in the school has been extremely pleasing and we're competing in knockout phases of 'B' football. Although our juniors just missed out, they can be proud in their development and should look forward to progressing in to the Senior Team next year.





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GAA HURLING UPDATE

Another year comes to a close for Wexford CBS hurling! It was another action-packed year with lots of games, coaching, spills and thrills, strength work, disappointment and fun.

The seniors started a rebuild after losing so many from last year's team. A very young team went up to Bellefield to take on Enniscorthy CBS, who were at 'A' level. The lads pushed the Enniscorthy students the whole way and lost by two points (3-13 to 4-8). FCJ Bunclody came to Piercestown in Round 2 and proved too strong, winning by 1-22 to 1-14 in a competitive game. That result ended any interest in the league.

A trip to Callan started off the championship in November and it was a difficult day at the office. Callan eventually won the Leinster Championship and dispatched the Bokerboys with a big defeat. To stay alive in the championship, CBS needed to defeat Gorey but, after a tough battle, Gorey emerged winners by 1-17 to 2-10. The never-say-die attitude is encouraging and bodes well for the years ahead as this young team develops.

The juniors were in a competitive group with Gorey and Borris. They worked very hard in both matches to earn two victories and top their group, which was a significant achievement. However, Callan pipped the lads in the semi-final, which was a disappointing end to the campaign.

The second years had a long season which ended in May. They drew with Callan in the opening round but lost to Gorey in Gorey, which resulted in the lads crashing out of the championship and going into the Shield competition, where CBS took on St. Brendan's of Birr in the final but, in a high-scoring game, lost out by 7-8 to 5-17.

The first years began in August and finished in late May. They had a hectic year with lots of learning and development. Lunchtime mini-games on the Astro were very popular with the lads and greatly helped their improvement throughout the year.

They played in the Wexford blitz in Ferns COE in October and made it all the way to the final after games against FCJ Bunclody and Good Counsel. Neighbours St. Peter's were also in the final and they prevailed by 3-5 to 0-3. The B team also got games in against FCJ Bunclody, Good Counsel and Enniscorthy CBS.

The Wexford Championship commenced with a home game versus Enniscorthy CBS, which was won easily by 4-9 to 1-5, before the boys travelled to New Ross to take on Good Counsel in Round 2. It was one that was left behind as the home side were blessed to get the points in a 2-8 to 1-7 defeat.

Next up was Gorey at home in the quarter-final and, after a shocking first-half display, CBS eventually won by 3-12 to 3-2 to set up a semi-final versus St. Peter's. Alas, it was another one that got away as St. Peter's went on to the final, which they won. CBS led by 3 going into the final quarter-final but some silly mistakes proved costly in a 3-9 to 1-7 loss.

This game doubled up as the Leinster 'B' Championship first-round game and St. Peter's won this competit-



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GAA HURLING UPDATE

ion quite easily, while CBS gave them their most difficult game. The lads have lots to build on. The Rice Cup in Kilkenny in March was a huge success as the lads defeated Clonmel, Youghal and Tramore but fell to Kilkenny. This meant that the Bokerboys emerged from the group with Kilkenny CBS.

The next game was versus Nenagh CBS in SETU Carlow and the lads hurled up a storm, winning comfortably by 4-13 to 2-6 to set up a quarter-final versus Cork CBC in Lismore. There was a huge wind and Cork won the toss, which explained their huge half-time lead. However, the Bokerboys tore into the second half and were very unlucky to be three points behind at the final whistle.

This was the furthest the school has ever gone in the Rice Cup, which is a great achievement, so hopefully this group can build on their work in first year.

As ever, we have people to thank for their work with the boys. David Kehoe of Wexford GAA oversees the strength and conditioning of the seniors and second years in the gym. Pettitt's SuperValu have been very generous in providing protein milk and snacks for the boys after every early morning gym session before they go into first class.

Derek Perry Heating and Plumbing sponsored training tops while Frank Meagher Electrical sponsored windcheater tops for the seniors. Ger Carthy generously sponsored the same windcheaters for the second years and he also gave the school 10 dozen hurling balls, while Roslin Kitchens and Interiors sponsored the first years with training tops.

Thanks also to teachers Mr Redmond, Mr Howlin, Mr Bennett, Ms Redmond, Ms Martin, Mr Murphy Butler, Mr Doyle and Mr Furlong for their time and effort with the boys. Thanks to St. Martin's and St. Mary's Maudlinton for generously making their facilities available to the school teams throughout the year.

Congratulations to the many Bokerboys who played on the various county teams over the year. It was super to see last year's senior captain, Ciaran Doyle, also captain the Wexford U20s this year.

Roll on 2026-27! #CBSbuilt







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TY GAELTACHT TRIP 2026



During the week of May 18th–21st, students from Wexford CBS travelled to Coláiste Acla for an unforgettable Gaeltacht experience. The group departed the school bright and early at 6:30am on Monday morning and made the journey west to beautiful Achill Island.

Throughout the trip, students took part in a wide variety of exciting activities including bog snorkelling, cliff jumping, surfing, hiking, and traditional céilís. These activities provided students with plenty of opportunities to challenge themselves, work together, and most importantly enjoy the Irish language in a fun and immersive environment.

Each evening, students gathered back at the college alongside students from other schools for lively céilís filled with music, dancing, and great craic. After the evening activities, students returned to their host families where they experienced everyday life through Irish and enjoyed the warm hospitality of the local community.

The trip was a fantastic success and created many lasting memories for everyone involved. A huge thank you goes to the staff of Coláiste Acla, the host families, and all teachers who helped make the trip such an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



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PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION SECTION

Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of the Bokerboys' Bulletin. For the first time, our Past Pupils' Association news comes to you as part of the wider Wexford CBS school newsletter rather than as a standalone publication - a change we are delighted with, and one that reflects the close connection we have been building between past pupils and the everyday life of the school.

Inside, our Chairperson, Dr Kieran Donohoe, sets out the year ahead, followed by a reflection from Michael O'Grady, with some photographs from the archive. We congratulate our retiring staff and offer our best wishes to the incoming Principal and Deputy Principal.

There is also a report on our 7-a-side soccer tournament, news of our annual Golf Classic on Friday 3rd July, and the graduation Mass address from sixth year student Eoghan Lynch. Our thanks to everyone who contributed - enjoy the read and do get in touch with stories of your own for the next issue.

Martin Kehoe,
PPA Newsletter Coordinator.





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PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION SECTION

Chairman's Update:

Building Connections, Supporting our School Community.

There is a real sense of momentum recently around the CBS Wexford Past Pupils Association — and the future looks bright.

Over recent months, the Association has been focused on one simple but important goal: strengthening the connection between past pupils and the wider CBS Wexford school community. What has emerged is a welcoming, energetic group of former students who are determined to make a positive difference while also creating enjoyable opportunities for people to reconnect with each other, and the school.

At the heart of the Association is a belief that the CBS experience does not end at the school gates on our last day of sixth year. The friendships, memories, values and connections built during school years remain important long after 'the grad' — and the PPA is working hard to help past pupils rediscover those connections.

Growing the CBS Community

In the past year, one of the Association's key commitments is to widen participation and encourage more former students to reconnect with CBS Wexford and with each other. There is a growing recognition that past pupils have enormous goodwill towards the school, along with valuable skills, experience and networks that could benefit both current students and fellow alumni.

The PPA is particularly keen to introduce more social opportunities where past pupils can meet, network and support one another. Importantly, these gatherings are evolving in a modern and engaging way. Rather than relying solely on traditional reunion formats, the Association recognises that our activities such as our annual golf outings, the very popular soccer events during the Christmas break and school-linked social occasions are already creating meaningful connections. In many ways, the modern reunion is already happening — just in a more active, informal and inclusive style. We are trying to respond to what past pupils like.

Supporting Current Students

A major focus for the group is finding practical ways to support today's CBS students. Discussions at recent meetings highlighted exciting possibilities to develop in the coming year including mock interviews, mentoring opportunities, public speaking guidance, work placement assistance (for example TY Students), summer job connections, and support for student enterprise initiatives (for example TY Students).

The Association also hopes to encourage younger graduates (maybe this year's sixth years??) to become involved earlier, with ideas such as introducing the PPA to students before they leave school each year. Young "PPA Ambassadors" could play an important role in helping future generations stay connected to CBS Wexford from the very beginning. This year's sixth year representatives are committed to this, thank you for your support guys.



Kieran Donohoe
Chairperson



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Working Together With the School

A particularly positive development has been the continued integration of PPA activities with wider school life. The Association sees itself as working alongside the school community rather than separately from it. Events such as the Christmas soccer activities and contributions to newsletters are examples of how collaboration is already strengthening ties between past and present students. PPA was also heavily supportive of the very successful Career and Opportunity Fair where past pupils shared their life experiences in an extremely well organised event.

There is also enthusiasm around reviving online engagement initiatives such as the popular "Throwback Thursday" social media posts, which previously generated great interest and nostalgia among former pupils. If you have photos that would 'spark' an interest, please share with us so we can let the whole school community appreciate how things were 'in the olden days!'.

The Association is even exploring whether there may be scope in future to engage more closely with past pupils of CBS Primary School, helping to broaden the overall CBS network further still.

An Invitation to Reconnect

Perhaps the strongest message coming from the CBS Wexford Past Pupils Association is that every past pupil is welcome. Whether you left school five years ago or fifty years ago, whether you played sport, sang in the school musicals, represented the school at an outside event or simply value your memories of CBS Wexford, there is a place for you in the school community.

The Association is made up of genuinely good people who are giving their time voluntarily and doing their very best to support the CBS Wexford school community in a positive and constructive way.

New members, new ideas and new energy are always welcome. If you are a past pupil and would like to reconnect, contribute ideas, support activities or simply meet old friends again, the CBS Wexford Past Pupils Association would be delighted to hear from you.

The door is always open — and the school community continues to grow with pride and appreciation.

**Dr Kieran Donohoe,
Past Pupils' Association Chairperson,
and Class of 1989.**





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PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION SECTION

Reflections from Past Staff: Michael O'Grady

Bro. Michael O'Grady came to Wexford CBS as Principal in 1984. Here he looks back on his years at the school.

1984 — forty-two years ago — I came to Wexford CBS as Principal. It was my first time in school management and, needless to say, I was a bit anxious. There was little or no school management training in those days, so you had to move slowly and carefully. After a few weeks I felt very much at home, as I had great support from the staff. I worked hard at getting to know the pupils and parents.



Michael O'Grady

Life is never boring when you are trying to manage 450 young men. A few moments come to mind. I visited a sixth year class and was checking on pupils' names. One lad told me his name was Larry Lambe. I knew by the class reaction that this guy was a prankster. I got my own back on him when, on April Fool's Day, I gave him a note to bring around to the sixth year classrooms and give to the teacher. He came back to me saying that the teachers told him to go to the next room. I asked him to open the note. It read: 'Send on this fellow.' When he read it he smiled and said to me, 'We are quits now, sir.'

My first experience of a class graduation wasn't great. A few lads were the worse for alcohol and were loud and out of order when the mayor addressed the group. I decided that this wouldn't happen again. I called in the fifth year leaders and told them that we would not be having a graduation the following year. They were shocked and disappointed. They came back to me a week later and asked me to reconsider. I told them I would agree to it on one condition: that it was held on the school premises. They were delighted to have it anywhere. The Parents' Council got involved and we had a few graduations in the GP Room, and they were outstanding successes.

We had some very good hurling teams, and we were in the semi-final of a Leinster competition. As it happened, we had sixth years booked in to Carne for an overnight retreat. I was with them, so I suggested that we would have lights out at 11pm. They were in rooms with six bunk beds. At 11.30 there was lots of noise from some of the rooms. When I would enter a room all was quiet. No sooner had I left the room than the chatter would start again. Around midnight silence took over. I was awake half the night wondering would these lads be up to playing a very important game the following day. During the pep talk before the game I told them it would be their fault if we lost. We just about won.

One of the low points for me in year one was when 50 sixth years went on strike because I had suspended three lads for smoking on the premises. The sixth year group refused to come in to the school the following morning. Eventually they came in, and I informed them to go home and that I would write to their parents and invite them to see me the following day. The parents came in and, much to my relief, they all supported me. So the pupils were back in a few days later.



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During the eighties the Smiths were very popular with young people. It wasn't unusual to see the Smiths' name written on a desk or wall. I never liked graffiti, so I would visit the senior classes on Friday afternoon with a box of sandpaper and get each pupil to sand his own desk if it had graffiti. They didn't like doing it, and before long the name didn't appear again.

Our GP Room was used a lot for assemblies, concerts, parents' socials and graduations. We had our own school radio. We installed speakers in each classroom with the help of the woodwork and science departments, and thereby had a very cheap intercom system.

We liaised with the Presentation School and put on musicals including Oklahoma and The Pirates. It was a great success, and the teachers and pupils from both schools really bought into it. We introduced a 'repeats' class one year and we had 15 lads in the class. Because they didn't do seven subjects they had some free time, and could be seen walking the corridors when they should have been studying in the library. Some teachers didn't like that and would have preferred if we didn't have repeats.

The great Jean Goold (RIP) was producer and interviewed those who wished to be considered for the show. She was concerned that she hadn't enough for the part of the police. She asked me for some big, tall lads. I met the repeaters and told them that I was considering terminating the repeats class. The only chance they had of staying in school was to join the Pirates cast as policemen. They were delighted to agree, and they became the hit of the show and really enjoyed the experience. During the interval the cast would stay in classrooms. I had told the boys that they could not leave the premises. Sr. Francis, the Pres Principal, had told them they could smoke outside the building. I went in to one classroom to find one of the lads standing on the window ledge, with his head out the window, smoking a cigarette. 'I'm not breaking the rules, sir,' he told me. 'I am in the room, but I am smoking outside.' I smiled and exited.

I have met past pupils over the years and we have enjoyed sharing our memories. I really loved the Wexford CBS boys. They had a great sense of humour and I always felt they appreciated what the school was doing for them. The teaching staff were very supportive and we got on well as a group. Some of us played golf together, and every year we would go to Thurles to play my former school, Sexton St. CBS. We had some great battles with the Limerick lads, and one year we had to resort to the pool table to see who would get the perpetual trophy. We had a wonderful Parents' Council and I really valued their support. We also had an active Past Pupils' Union, and they were always ready to help when needed.

I keep in touch with Wexford CBS via social media and a very impressive website, and it gives me great satisfaction to see how vibrant the school is now. I had the pleasure of employing Michael McMahon as a young teacher, and I congratulate him on the wonderful job he has done and wish him a happy retirement. Best wishes to John Hegarty on taking on the Principal role now. John and I have one thing in common: he manages the Wexford football team, and I managed the Wexford hurlers in 1986.

Best wishes to Kieran Donohoe and his team. He has an ambitious five-point plan of action for the PPA, and I have no doubt it will be appreciated by pupils and past pupils alike.

**Michael O'Grady,
Former Principal & C.B.S. Superior.**



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BRO. MICHAEL O'GRADY (CENTRE) PICTURED AT A SCHOOL GATHERING.



BART SAUNDERS, PIERCESTOWN (LEFT), AND KIERAN DONOHOE, ROSSLARE. MEMBERS OF THE WEXFORD CBS TEAM. PICTURED WITH BRO. MICHAEL O'GRADY, CBS SUPERIOR, AT THE ALL-IRELAND INTER-SCHOOLS HUNTER TRIALS AT KILLINICK.



Bart Saunders, Piercestown (left) and Kieran Donohoe, Rosslare, members of the Wexford C.B.S. team pictured with Bro. Michael O'Grady, C.B.S. Superior, at the All-Ireland Inter-Schools Hunter Trials at Killinick.

THE GRAD BALL COMMITTEE. 1989. PICTURED WITH BRO. MICHAEL O'GRADY (SEATED, CENTRE).



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PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION SECTION

Congratulations to Our Retiring Staff

As the school year draws to a close, the Past Pupils' Association joins the whole CBS community in marking the retirement of three valued members of staff whose combined service to the school spans many decades.

We extend our congratulations to our Principal, Michael McMahon, who retires this summer after a remarkable career at Wexford CBS stretching back to 1989. From his early days as a young teacher to his years at the helm as Principal, he has given the school extraordinary commitment, leadership and care. Generations of Bokerboys - including this year's graduating class, who were proud to be his final sixth year group - have been the better for it. On behalf of all past pupils, we thank him most sincerely and wish him a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

We also pay tribute to two long-serving members of staff who retire alongside him, Marie Connell and Mary Sinnott. Between them they have given the school many years of dedicated service in the classroom and outside of it. Their steady presence, hard work and good humour will be greatly missed in the corridors of the CBS, and we wish them every happiness in the years ahead.

To all three, on behalf of the Past Pupils' Association: thank you, go raibh míle maith agaibh, and enjoy the next chapter.

Best Wishes to Our New Principal and Deputy Principal

The Past Pupils' Association is delighted to extend its very best wishes to John Hegarty on his appointment as Principal of Wexford CBS. We have every confidence that he will lead the CBS with energy and vision, and we look forward to working closely with him and the school in the years ahead.

We are equally pleased to congratulate long-serving staff member, Linda Scallan, on her appointment as Deputy Principal. We wish her every success in her new role.

The Association looks forward to continuing its strong partnership with the new senior leadership team, and to playing our part in the next stage of the school's story. We wish them both the very best as they take up their new responsibilities.



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A Great Success: Our Annual 7-a-Side Soccer

Our annual PPA 7-a-side soccer tournament was another great success, held once again on the Wexford CBS astro pitch. The event continues to grow year on year, with an impressive 21 teams taking part this time round.

It was brilliant to see such a strong mix of past pupils, current students and friends of Wexford CBS coming together for a great day of football. Congratulations to Town FC, who edged out JMAC FC with a narrow 1-0 victory in a closely contested final. We are extremely proud of how much this event has grown, and of the community spirit it continues to create.

A huge thank you to Liam Sinnott of Sinnott's Bar for sponsoring this year's event, and to everyone who played, supported and helped to organise the day. We are already looking forward to next year.

Save the Date: Annual PPA Golf Classic — Friday 3rd July

Our ever-popular annual Golf Classic returns this summer, held in conjunction with the Noel Morris Memorial Cup, and we would love to see you there. This year's Classic takes place on Friday 3rd July at Wexford Golf Club, and it promises to be another superb day of golf and good company in aid of our school.

The event is open to everyone who would like to take part. We would love to see as many past pupils as possible, and friends are very welcome too. We are also delighted to welcome current secondary school students to get involved at a reduced rate.

Event Details

- Venue: Wexford Golf Club
- Date: Friday 3rd July
- Format: scramble (GUI and non-GUI players welcome)
- Entry: team of four — €200 (team of four secondary students — €140)
- Prizes: include longest drive and nearest the pin
- Food included, at Slice

To enter a team, email pastpupils@wexfordcbs.ie or text 087 4035474 with your name, the names of your players and your preferred tee-off time. Full details and online sign-up are available at: <https://linktr.ee/wexcbsppa> . We look forward to a great day on the course and a big turnout of Bokerboys.



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Sixth Year Graduation Mass Address — Eoghan Lynch

From this issue on, we will feature the Sixth Year Graduation address in every summer edition. It is a small way to keep these words, and the year groups behind them, with us. This year's was delivered to the Class of 2026 by Eoghan Lynch on 21st May 2026.

Sedimentary rocks are formed by the accumulation, compaction, and cementation of different types of sediment at the bottom of lakes or the sea. Over millions of years, continuous deposition results in distinctive layers, known as strata, developing in the rock. Tonight, our Class of 2026 will become another layer in the sedimentary rock of Wexford CBS, and all the memories and friends we made throughout our time here will be captured in the rock like fossils, carried both within us and the walls of this school for the rest of our lives.



Eoghan Lynch

Ladies and gentlemen, for those of you who don't know me, my name is Eoghan Lynch, and for the last six years of my life I have had the incredible fortune to attend Wexford CBS - a school that has helped mould us into the great men you see today.

When I sat down to write this speech, I was filled with fear. Fear that I would not be able to capture, in just five short minutes (don't worry lads, you'll be in The Crown soon enough), the achievements of what has undoubtedly been one of this school's most successful year groups ever. Some of the most remarkable people I have ever had the pleasure to meet are in this room. Two young Economists of the Year, a national Public Speaker of the Year, singers, dancers, actors, geniuses. Our soccer players, all boasting All-Ireland wins and numerous Leinster cups. Our hurlers, footballers, golfers, basketballers, boxers, Brazilian ju-jitsuers. Even Adam Goodison, who has managed to defy all the laws of statistics and probability and win almost every raffle throughout his time here. Nice one, Adam.

Everyone here today will become distinguished, productive, revolutionary members of society. Doctors, engineers, teachers, builders, entrepreneurs and, most importantly, critical thinkers. I ask you all to be considerate of our community. To look out for those around you. To be compassionate. To work towards a greater goal. To build the bridges between the divisions that we so often see in our society today. Because every one of you has the power to change the world.

And though this will likely be our last time together as a year group, there is no doubt in my mind that we will hear and celebrate each other's achievements in the future.

Throughout our time here, we have experienced many things together, both the highs and the lows, so allow me to take you on our incredible journey from first to sixth year. I won't do it justice here today, but I will do my very best.

First year: a year fraught with change and danger. To any poor souls who may have stumbled upon a rather unassuming plastic bottle in the middle of the corridor, I'm sure you haven't quite been the same since. The imminent threat that, at any moment, your shirt pocket could be stripped from your person, and your dignity along with it.



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Haircuts and hand sanitiser were a dangerous combination back in those days. But look at us now - how we've changed, how we've grown, both physically and in maturity. We've gone from wearing shopping bags in PE (Cormac Gallagher) to carrying them around 24/7 to let everyone know how 'locked in' we are - well, some of us anyway.

They say you can tell a lot about a society from its public bins. Well then, I'm afraid I can't offer you any valuable insights into the state of our base classrooms. Flying shoes, projectile bananas and raspberry rockets were just some of the items one might find floating through the air on a Tuesday morning CSPE.

And just as it felt like we were beginning to settle into this new school life, we were cast back into another lockdown and forced to adapt once again. Microsoft Teams became our prison. We rolled out of bed each morning only to discover that Mr Kirwan had delegated the entirety of his teaching duties to a website called Techsquare.ie. (Derek Kavanagh?)

Reality hit us fast as we came back into school, with our first experience of summer exams. At the time they felt like the most important thing we had ever - and would ever - do. Little did we know we would have to come back and do it all again the next year.

Second year brought the CBAs - or the 'can't be arsed', as they were more affectionately known among the students. For two weeks in science class we were given the incredible opportunity to push Hot Wheels down a track and measure how far they travelled. How our teachers read such ground-breaking reports, let alone graded them, is beyond me.

Third year: it's when Ruairi Corley's English results peaked, and most notably our first experience of state exams - perhaps too soon for some. We learned many valuable lessons, mainly that studying is doubting your ability to think under pressure. Yet somehow, despite all the stress and fear-mongering, the weeks of our Junior Cert exams made it into many of our yearbooks as some of the most memorable weeks of our time here.

Roll on to TY, and we really started to come together as a year group. The new classes forced us to interact with lads we might not have been as familiar with or close to, and all for the better. Having been deprived of female contact for three years, some of us were all too eager to sign up for the musical - though I think our dance moves didn't do us any favours, nor the unflattering costumes and make-up for that matter.

Whether we were scaling the heights of the IOAC or shooting down the slopes of Andorra, TY gave us the opportunity to learn and grow as people. A huge thank you goes to Ms Scallan for making it one of the most memorable years of our lives.

After a year of frolicking around the country doing anything but schoolwork, fifth year hit many of us like a brick to the face - exams, homework, tests, no more trips, but worst of all, no more girls. At the same time, however, we all began to take more pride in our schoolwork. The competition was tense at times but, ultimately, we all pushed each other to be the best version of ourselves.

And now here we are, facing into the Leaving Cert. I'm not sure any of us believed it would ever actually come. So, congratulations, men - we've survived this far, which in many ways may be the purest form of academic excellence.



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On behalf of the Class of 2026, I'd like to say a big thank you to our year head, Mr Howlin, and our guidance counsellors, Ms Goff and Ms Martin, for guiding us through these, our most formative years. To Mr Hegarty and Mr Nolan, for always keeping us in check. To Derek, thank you for making sure we always had a school building that allowed us to do as well as possible. To Martina and Geraldine, thank you for teaching us our manners. To all the coaches who gave us the opportunity to represent our school with pride on the national stage.

Finally, a special thank you goes out to Mr McMahon. We are truly honoured to be a part of your final year group at this school, and I can only hope we've done you proud. Thank you for always pushing us to strive for the best and not settle until we get there.

As is traditional with graduation speeches, I'd like to leave you with the inspiring words of the modern philosopher and street poet, Dr. Seuss: 'You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.'

We all leave here today with different dreams, different fears, and different paths ahead of us. But no matter where life takes us, Wexford CBS has given us two things: the ability to think for ourselves, and the courage to take the next step. Graduation is proof that we have already overcome challenges we once thought impossible, and now we can move forward with the freedom — and the responsibility — to choose who we want to become.

We're not just limestone or sandstone; we are a special kind of rock, more resistant to weathering and erosion than any other. When geologists come to study these walls in millions of years, they will find friends, successes, failures, jokes, laughs — and probably some sausage rolls. When people ask you in years to come where you went to school, you will not say 'the CBS' — you'll say 'the brothers', because that's what we are, and always will be. Thank you.

**Eoghan Lynch,
Sixth Year, Class of 2026.**

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](#).

Best Wishes

TO THE CLASS OF 2026

FROM



Make Sure to Keep in Touch!

As you are now a past pupil of Wexford CBS, why not sign-up to be a member of the PPA to keep connected with the 'Bokerboy' community.

By signing up, you can:

- Keep up to date on what is happening at the school
- Reconnect with old class mates and make new connections
- Share in our collective sense of pride in the achievements of the school

Maybe someday you will want to give back in some small way to the school that helped you on your path.

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

Interested? Register as a member through the link on our social media pages or by scanning the QR code.



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ATHLETICS UPDATE

The athletics season was marked by a series of outstanding individual and team performances across cross country and track and field competitions, with students representing the school with great distinction throughout the year.

The season began in January with the County Cross Country Championships at the Ferns Centre of Excellence, where athletes faced extremely tough and challenging conditions. Despite this, the junior boys team produced an excellent display. Michael O'Donnell finished in an impressive 4th place, followed by Sam O'Sullivan in 7th, Darragh Hayes in 10th and Eli O'Rourke in 17th. Their combined efforts earned the team a well-deserved silver medal in the junior boys competition. In the inter boys race, Fiachra Mehigan delivered a strong performance to finish 8th overall.

Attention then turned to the South Leinster Cross Country Championships in Carlow later in January. The standout performance of the day came from Darragh Bennett, who produced an outstanding run to secure 7th place in the minor boys race against very strong opposition.

The South Leinster Track and Field Championships brought further success over two highly competitive days in Carlow. On the opening day, Daniel Kelly sprinted to a superb 2nd-place finish in the 100m, while Artem Mytnyk claimed 3rd place in the long jump. Fiachra Mehigan continued his excellent season by finishing 4th in the steeplechase.

The second day also saw excellent performances both on the track and in the field events. The highlight performances came from Josh Nolan, who won the Under-19 javelin competition, and Fiachra Mehigan, who secured an impressive 3rd-place finish in the Under-17 3000m.

Following their success at South Leinster level, both Josh and Fiachra competed strongly at the Leinster Championships in Tullamore. Josh Nolan produced a personal best throw of 45.57 metres to win the gold medal in the javelin, a remarkable achievement and a fitting reward for his hard work and dedication throughout the season. Fiachra Mehigan also performed admirably, finishing 8th in a highly competitive 3000m race.

Overall, the season was an extremely successful one for the athletics team, with athletes demonstrating determination, commitment and excellent sporting ability at county, regional and provincial level.





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ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION UPDATE

Building Connection, Belonging and Positive Attendance

This year, our school community placed a strong focus on attendance, participation and student connection. We recognised that attendance is not just about being present in school. It is about belonging, wellbeing, relationships, and helping every student feel supported in taking part in school life.

Throughout the year, we worked to strengthen systems, improve communication, and build a more connected approach among students, families, and staff. This work reflected national guidance on wellbeing, attendance, and student support, including a whole-school, preventative approach to supporting young people.

A major focus this year was on support. Staff worked hard to identify patterns, check in with students and keep communication open with home. We also continued to promote positive attendance habits and student engagement through encouragement, relationship-building and practical supports.

Attendance Promotion Campaigns

Several attendance-promotion campaigns were run to encourage positive habits, school connection, and student participation throughout the year.

In September, our **“Start Strong”** campaign focused on building routines and positive attendance from the beginning of the school year. October saw students take part in our **Halloween Attendance Poster Competition**, which brought creativity and strong attendance messages across the school community.

In December, students enjoyed the **“Troy Parrott Hat Trick Challenge”**, linking attendance promotion with fun, teamwork and school spirit. From March to May, we ran our **“30 Days Strongest Yet”** campaign, encouraging students to finish the school year on a positive, consistent note.

In January, our Attendance Ambassadors led a whole-school assembly focused on routines, consistency and the importance of showing up each day. The impact across the student community was extremely positive. Through strong student voice, humour and confident delivery, the ambassadors communicated attendance messages in a way that genuinely connected with students. Their leadership helped reinforce positive routines after the Christmas break and highlighted the powerful influence young people can have on one another.

Together with the Attendance Coordinator, the Attendance Ambassadors also designed an attendance awareness poster that shows, in the form of a ladder, how school absences directly affect attendance rates. These posters will be featured in the student journal for 2026/2027 alongside an attendance reflection piece, helping students build greater awareness, understanding, and ownership of their own attendance patterns and progress.



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ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION UPDATE

Supporting Local Community Partnerships

The prizes and rewards linked to our attendance campaigns also reflected the strong connection between our school and the wider Wexford community. We were delighted to partner with local businesses, including Hores Stores, Pettitts, and The Oven Door, and to provide voucher support through the Wexford Chamber of Commerce. These contributions helped make the campaigns engaging and meaningful for students, while also highlighting the importance of supporting local businesses within our community. We are very grateful for their generosity and continued support throughout the year.

Attendance Clinics and Student Supports

Another important support this year was the attendance clinics held in partnership with our Educational Welfare Officer from Tusla. These meetings provided opportunities for students and families to work closely with the school to identify barriers to attendance and implement supportive plans. The clinics resulted in positive outcomes for many students, with noticeable improvements in attendance, engagement and connection to school. The collaborative approach between home, school, and Tusla Educational Support Service was a key strength of this work.

Celebrating Student Achievement

We were delighted to recognise our students' commitment at this year's prize-giving ceremonies. Special recognition was given to 6th Year and TY students who achieved over **95% attendance**, reflecting their consistency, resilience and engagement throughout the year.

A Whole-School Team Effort

Special thanks to all staff, particularly the SNAs, our ancillary staff, Assistant Year Heads, Year Heads, the Student Support Team, and the Senior Leadership Team. Their daily work has made a real difference. From check-ins and follow-up calls to student mentoring, meetings with families, and support for re-engagement plans, their commitment helped many students stay connected to school.

This year also saw continued development in how we support wellbeing alongside attendance. Research and national guidance remind us that students attend and participate more consistently when they feel safe, calm and connected. Our Student Support Team continued to strengthen support pathways for students who needed extra help.

We would also like to acknowledge the leadership and teamwork demonstrated by the entire staff. Attendance improvement is never the work of one person or one team. It happens with a shared message that every student matters and every day counts.



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ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION UPDATE

Message to Parents and Guardians

As part of our continued focus on attendance, we would like to remind parents and guardians that the school strongly discourages holidays during term time. Missed days can quickly affect learning, routines, and student progress. Absent days can add up very quickly over the school year, and schools are required to notify Tusla Educational Support Services when a student reaches 20 days of absence.

Where possible, we also ask that medical and other appointments are arranged outside of school hours to minimise disruption to teaching and learning. We appreciate the continued support of parents in helping students to attend school regularly, arrive on time and stay connected to learning.

We are especially grateful to parents and guardians for their partnership throughout the year. Strong home-school relationships continue to play a key role in helping young people attend, engage and succeed.

Looking Ahead to 2026/2027

Our focus will continue to be:

- Supporting positive attendance habits early
- Strengthening student voice and participation
- Continuing wellbeing-focused approaches
- Building strong connections between school and home
- Supporting students through transitions and challenges
- Celebrating progress, effort and improvement

Special thanks to:

- Attendance Ambassadors: James Brady, Cathal Donoghue, Alexander Miller, Liam O'Brien, Ryan Scallan, Rory Sidney.
- Ancillary Staff: Ms E. Dodd, Ms B. Stafford, Ms M. Baker and Mr D. Hatchell
- Assistant Year Heads: Ms J. Roche, Mr S. McMahon, Mr C. Kehoe, Ms R. Cousins, Ms C. Connolly, and Ms C. Martin.
- Year Heads: Ms R. Ivers, Mr T. Bennett, Ms A. Barry, Ms L. Argue, and Mr D. Howlin.
- Student Support Team: Ms L. Goff, Ms C. Martin, and Ms A. Breen.
- Senior Leadership Team: Mr M. McMahon, Mr J. Hegarty, and Mr J. Nolan.

Importantly, thank you to all students for the energy, resilience and positivity you brought to school this year. We look forward to continuing this work together next year.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. By working together, we can continue to make a positive difference in our students' wellbeing, achievement and ability to reach their full potential.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer Break!

Mrs. Hanna Turner,
Attendance and Participation Coordinator.





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SCIENCE UPDATE

Well done Jack!

TY Student Jack Rossiter recently represented the school at the Irish Olympiad of Experimental Science in DCU. After what the organisers called an unbelievably difficult competition Jack narrowly missed out on the medal places receiving an honorable mention from Dr Patrick O'Malley from the School of Chemical Sciences in DCU. Well done Jack on placing in the top ten students in the country, a fantastic achievement 🙌🙌





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ZAMBIA IMMERSION PROJECT 2027



Following a highly successful screening and interview process involving more than 60 students from both Third Year and Transition Year, the final 16 students selected for the Zambia Immersion Project 2027 have now been announced.

After a lengthy interview process, the students are absolutely delighted to have been chosen for this incredible opportunity, which will commence next June. The group will undertake approximately 40 hours of travel to reach Sables Nua School in Zambia, where they will take part in a variety of meaningful projects, including painting, building, and refurbishing areas of the school grounds, along with many other activities.

The students will also have the unique opportunity to visit the homes of students from the school, an experience that is sure to be both eye-opening and unforgettable. In addition, the group will visit Makululu, one of the poorest slums in the world, gaining a deeper understanding of life and community in Zambia.

The students are already extremely excited about the opportunity and have begun fundraising efforts. Each student aims to raise €2,500 over the summer, with group fundraising activities set to begin when school resumes in September.

A huge congratulations to the following students:

Issac Barry, Alfie Canning, Rhys Carley, Barra Fortune, Tadhg Furlong, Conor Gleeson, Jamie Lewis, Barry Pettit, Alexander Miller, Micheal Carthy, Rory Codd, Cathal Donoghue, Ronan Hynes, Liam O'Brien, Sean O'Brien, Rory Sidney.

A special thank you also goes to the teachers who will accompany the students on this trip - Conor Byrne, Ruth Ivers, Hanna Turner, Martin Kehoe.

**On Behalf of the Zambia 2027 Crew,
Alexander Miller, Cathal O'Donoghue & Rhys Carley.**



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GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING UPDATE 2025/26

Here is a round-up of a very busy and productive few months in the Career Guidance Department.

Waterford Apprenticeship Training Centre Visit

A group of 6th year students visited the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board Waterford Apprenticeship Training Centre to learn more about the wide range of apprenticeship opportunities available after school. During the visit, the students explored the modern training facilities, met experienced instructors, and gained valuable insight into careers in areas such as electrical, plumbing, carpentry and many other areas. The trip provided students with a practical understanding of the apprenticeship pathway and highlighted the exciting opportunities available through the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board, not just in trade apprenticeships, but in new apprenticeships such as Lab technician and in evening courses such as Car Restoration.

Maynooth University Campus Tour

In February, a group of 5th and 6th Year students visited Maynooth University for an informative talk on college life, followed by a guided campus tour led by current students. It was also a pleasure to meet several past pupils during the visit. Feedback from students was extremely positive, with many leaving feeling inspired and considering Maynooth University as a strong option for their future studies.

Careers in Forensics – Wexford Garda Station Visit

A small group of students visited Wexford Garda Station, where they learned about careers in forensic science and the role forensics plays in criminal investigations. Students gained valuable insight into career pathways within An Garda Síochána and heard first-hand about the skills and qualifications required. The visit was both informative and highly engaging, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Subject Choice Talk for Parents

A Subject Choice Talk for parents was hosted by Ms Goff to support families as students in Transition Year and 3rd Year begin making important Senior Cycle decisions. The presentation provided clear guidance on how subject choices can impact future education and career pathways, along with key considerations when selecting subjects and advice on how best to support students during this process.

Ms Hennebry also presented information on the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) programme, outlining its focus on practical learning, continuous assessment, and preparation for life beyond school, including further education, training, and employment opportunities.

The talk was very well attended and positively received, with parents welcoming the opportunity to better understand the options available to students.



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WWETB Wexford Campus Visit

A group of 5th year students had the chance to visit the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board training centre located in Whitemill Industrial Estate. Here they got to explore the many education and career opportunities available to them after school. During the visit, students were introduced to a wide range of programmes, including apprenticeships that take place there, traineeships, further education courses and skills training designed to prepare young people for the modern workplace. They had the opportunity to tour the facilities, speak with tutors and staff, see actual classes taking place and to learn about both traditional trades and newer apprenticeship pathways in areas such as technology, healthcare support and business. The visit gave students a valuable insight into the different routes available beyond secondary school and highlighted the excellent opportunities offered through the Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board.

Irish Rail - "Try an Apprenticeship Day"

In March, a group of students attended Irish Rail's "Try an Apprenticeship Day", where they explored a wide range of apprenticeship and career opportunities within the organisation. Students gained hands-on experience and insight into areas such as engineering, mechanics, electrical work, and transport operations. The day was interactive and highly informative, helping students better understand apprenticeship pathways and career opportunities in the industry.

Online Safety Talk - Garda Aidan Milley

1st and 2nd Year students attended an Online Safety Talk delivered by Garda Aidan Milley from Wexford Garda Station. The session focused on staying safe online, responsible social media use, cyberbullying awareness, and protecting personal information. Students found the talk both engaging and informative, and it provided valuable guidance on making safe and positive online choices.

Senior Cycle Students Attend Wexford Job Fest 2026

Senior Cycle students attended the Wexford Job Fest 2026, a careers event connecting young people with employers and training providers across a range of sectors including healthcare, business, hospitality, and emergency services.

Students had the opportunity to speak directly with employers, explore career options, and receive advice on CV preparation, interview skills, and workplace readiness. The event helped students develop a clearer understanding of potential career pathways and the qualifications required for different roles. Overall, it was a valuable and engaging experience.



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GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING UPDATE 2025/26

Subject Choice Afternoon for TY and Senior Cycle Students

Transition Year and 3rd–5th Year students participated in a Subject Choice Afternoon designed to support informed decision-making about Senior Cycle subjects. Students learned about subject content, assessment methods, and the skills required for each course.

Teachers and current students from a range of departments were available to offer guidance, answer questions, and explain how subject choices link to future college courses and careers. Students also received advice from the Guidance Department on balancing subject combinations while considering their interests, strengths, and future goals.

The afternoon proved very beneficial, helping students feel more confident as they prepare for subject selection.

EUNICAS Information Meeting

A small group of 5th year students who are interested in studying abroad after completing their Leaving Certificate took part in a Zoom meeting with Guy Flouch from EUNICAS. This allowed them to explore the wide range of opportunities available after the Leaving Certificate. During the meeting, students learned about studying in universities across Europe, including courses taught through English in areas such as medicine, engineering, business, and science. Students had a chance to ask any questions that they had. The session provided valuable information on application processes, entry requirements, fees and student life abroad, helping students to consider alternative pathways and broaden their options for further education after school.

Important Notices for 6th Year Students

- The CAO Change of Mind facility is currently open, allowing students to make changes to their applications. This will remain open until 1st July.
- The SUSI grant application process is also now open for the 2026/2027 academic year. Students are advised to apply as early as possible, as applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The Guidance Counsellors are available over the coming weeks to support students with any career-related queries. Please feel free to contact:
 - jgoff@wexfordcbs.ie
 - cmartin@wexfordcbs.ie

Message to the Class of 2026

"This is your life, your journey, your story, your book. As one chapter ends, the next is just beginning. Do not let anyone else write it, and do not apologise for the edits you make along the way. Just make sure it is one worth reading."

"Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

Best of Luck
Ms. Goff & Ms. Martin

Closing Note

We hope all students, their families, and friends have a healthy and relaxing summer. We look forward to welcoming everyone back safely at the beginning of the new school year.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt





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TY SKI TRIP 2026

This January, the Transition Year students embarked on an exciting ski trip to the beautiful slopes of the Italian Alps. The trip was a resounding success. Thanks to organising teachers Mr. Byrne & Mrs. Scallan, and to the accompanying staff; Mrs. Barry, Mr. Furlong, Mr. Walsh, Mr. C Kehoe & Ms. Power.

Students enjoyed a week of thrilling skiing activities, suitable for all levels, from beginners to advanced skiers. In addition to perfecting their skiing techniques, they had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Italian culture and savour the local cuisine.

A great time was had by all, with students making new friends and creating unforgettable memories. We are already looking forward to next year's ski trip, anticipating another fantastic adventure.







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5TH YEAR GEOGRAPHY TRIP - THE BURREN

Our 5th Year Geography students recently travelled to the beautiful Burren in Co. Clare for an exciting and educational field studies trip in partnership with the Burren Outdoor Education Centre. The trip provided students with a fantastic opportunity to experience first-hand the practical side of Leaving Certificate Geography while creating lasting memories with classmates.

Leaving Certificate Geography is a dynamic and relevant subject that helps students understand the world around them — from Ireland's unique landscapes and environment to global issues such as climate change, migration and sustainable development. The course combines physical geography, human geography and geographical investigation skills, encouraging students to think critically, analyse real-world issues and develop informed opinions. A key element of the course is the Geographical Investigation, where students engage in outdoor fieldwork and apply their classroom learning in practical and meaningful ways.

Students departed early on Tuesday morning, full of excitement for the journey ahead. Although the bus trip was long, the scenic views and lively atmosphere kept spirits high throughout the journey. Upon arrival at the hotel, students quickly settled into their rooms before heading back out into the heart of the Burren with their leaders from the Burren Outdoor Education Centre.

During the field studies session, students explored the unique limestone landscape of the Burren and learned fascinating facts about the region's geology, coastal features and biodiversity. The group even ventured along the coastline, braving crashing waves while searching rock pools and coastal waters for sea life. The experience brought many of the geographical concepts studied in class to life in a memorable and engaging way.

After a busy afternoon outdoors, students returned to the hotel for some well-earned rest and enjoyed a delicious dinner together. That evening, groups were organised for the following day's activities, which included caving and rock climbing. Both activities proved hugely enjoyable, challenging students to step outside their comfort zones while encouraging teamwork, resilience and confidence. There were plenty of laughs, stories and photographs captured throughout the adventure.

The return journey home was noticeably quieter, with everyone exhausted after two action-packed days. However, despite the tiredness, students returned with smiles on their faces, a greater appreciation for the Irish landscape and many cherished memories from an unforgettable Geography experience.





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CLIMATE LITERACY TY COLLABORATION MODULE 2025-2026

At Coláiste Éamonn Rís, Transition Year students engaged in an innovative and thought-provoking Climate Literacy Module this year with Ms Ivers, in collaboration with Presentation Secondary School. The module encouraged students to critically examine climate change, sustainability and the role they can play in shaping a more sustainable future. Student feedback highlighted the positive impact of the programme, with many students reporting increased confidence in discussing environmental issues and a stronger understanding of how everyday actions can influence the planet.

Students began by exploring what climate literacy means and developed an understanding of key vocabulary and concepts connected to climate action and environmental sustainability. Through class discussion and collaborative activities, students investigated the Paris Agreement, examining both its positive ambitions and the significant challenges countries face in trying to meet climate targets. This led to valuable debate around the realities of balancing economic growth, lifestyle choices and environmental responsibility. Several students reflected afterwards that learning about global climate agreements helped them better understand “how connected everything is” and how “something small can affect the whole planet.”

A major focus of the module involved connecting systems thinking to climate change by examining inputs, processes and outputs linked to carbon emissions. Students used a Carbon Footprint Calculator to evaluate their own lifestyles and identify small, realistic routine changes that could reduce their environmental impact. Feedback from students showed that this was one of the most impactful aspects of the programme, with many recognising “the importance of small routines” and how reducing waste or saving energy can make a meaningful difference when people work collectively.

Students also participated in a workshop on the 100 Million Trees Project and reflected on Coláiste Éamonn Rís’ previous involvement in environmental initiatives. As part of this learning, students travelled to Wexford Golf Club for a tour, guided by Decci Rossiter, to check in on the progress of the 5,000 trees that past students planted as part of this project. This provided an excellent opportunity to observe sustainability efforts, carbon sink management and biodiversity initiatives in a real-world setting.

During Sustainability Week, students explored future-focused ideas by watching and analysing Futureville. This sparked engaging classroom debates on the role of artificial intelligence in future planning, sustainability and reducing carbon emissions. Students considered both the opportunities and ethical challenges associated with technological innovation in addressing climate issues.



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Creativity and collaboration were central throughout the module. Students worked in groups to design and present sustainable islands, applying their knowledge of renewable energy, transport systems, housing, food production and waste management. They also explored the relationship between wealth and carbon emissions, prompting important discussions around global inequality and environmental responsibility.

Another highlight was the “Parachute Debate” activity, where students debated which animal species should be saved and explored the motivations and values that influence human decision-making. This activity encouraged students to reflect on biodiversity, ethics and the emotional connections people have with the natural world.

The module concluded with participation in the Marine Strategy Game facilitated by Tracey, Conor and Shannon from the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment. This interactive workshop challenged students to make decisions about marine resource management while balancing environmental, economic and social pressures.

Student self-assessment feedback at the end of the module showed that many students now feel more informed, more hopeful and more motivated to make sustainable choices in their everyday lives. A significant number reported that they are now more likely to change daily habits, learn more about sustainability and take part in school or community environmental actions. Students also expressed strong interest in learning more about renewable energy, international cooperation on emissions and future climate solutions.

Overall, the Climate Literacy Module provided students with an engaging and practical understanding of sustainability and climate action. It encouraged critical thinking, teamwork and active citizenship, while empowering students to recognise the important role they can play in creating a more sustainable future.





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HEADSTRONG STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM LEAD THE WAY IN PROMOTING POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

This year, the HEADSTRONG Student Leadership Team in Coláiste Éamonn Rís played a hugely positive and important role in promoting wellbeing and positive mental health throughout the school community.

The dedicated student leadership team included Kyle Bradley, Daniel Brennan-Walsh, Oisín Hartigan, Jayden Kehoe, Joshua Rea-Brennan, Daniel Nolan, Kyle Nolan, Alfie O'Leary, Titas Valancius and Erikas Zurauskas. Throughout the year, the students volunteered their own time, energy and ideas to support their peers and help raise awareness around positive mental health initiatives within the school.

In October 2025, students from Coláiste Éamonn Rís proudly attended and represented the school at the annual HEADSTRONG School Ambassador Programme organised by [Cycle Against Suicide](#). The event brought together student leaders and link teachers from schools across Ireland to engage in workshops, leadership training and discussions focused on promoting positive mental health and reducing stigma within school communities. The experience provided valuable ideas and inspiration which the students later brought back to the school through their ongoing HEADSTRONG initiatives and awareness campaigns.

The students delivered post-primary materials from [Cycle Against Suicide Schools Programme](#) and worked closely with Ms Ivers and Ms Connolly, meeting regularly to discuss practical ways of encouraging positive mental health and wellbeing among the student body. Their enthusiasm, leadership and willingness to support others made a significant contribution to school life this year.

A particular highlight of the year was the hosting of the "Céilí Against Suicide" event in Coláiste Éamonn Rís. The event welcomed Transition Year students from Loreto Secondary School and created a vibrant and supportive atmosphere centred on connection, music and positivity. The entire event was planned and organised by the HEADSTRONG Student Leadership Team, showcasing their teamwork, creativity and leadership skills.

One of the standout moments of the event was an inspiring speech delivered by Erikas Zurauskas, whose words encouraged students to look after their mental health and support one another. Entertainment on the day was provided by Jesse Sludds, a talented young artist and recent winner of the Late Late Country Music Competition. We are extremely grateful for Jesse's willingness to perform at this important awareness-raising event and for helping to create such an uplifting and enjoyable occasion for all involved.

Ms Ivers and Ms Connolly would like to extend a sincere thank you to all members of the HEADSTRONG Student Leadership Team for their commitment, positivity and outstanding contribution throughout the year. Their efforts have helped to foster a culture of kindness, openness and support within the school community and they should be very proud of all they have achieved. Táimid an-bhródúil astu.



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CÉILÍ AGAINST SUICIDE SPEECH. MÁRTA 2026 LE LORETO

Hi everyone,

We are with the headstrong leadership team to remind people of something simple but powerful it's okay to not feel okay and it's okay to ask for help.

Social media is a huge part of our lives it helps us share our stories and spreads important messages about mental health, but it also has a darker side. We compare ourselves to filtered perfect lives we see highlights not struggles. And sometimes hurtful comments or online bullying can deeply affect someone who is already struggling.

For someone dealing with anxiety, depression or loneliness social media can make those feelings worse

Let's use our voices to lift each other up online and offline because no one should ever feel alone

But here is the truth.

A like is not love.

A follower is not a friend.

And a screen should never define your value.

Behind every account is a human being.

Someone who may also be struggling.

Someone who may also be smiling through pain.

Someone who may be silently asking for help.

That's why today matters. Shoulder to shoulder we will break the stigma. Shoulder to shoulder we will start conversations. Shoulder to shoulder we will remind every person listening that your life matters.

Thank you for your time.

From the HEADSTRONG Student Leadership Team:

Kyle Nolan, Kyle Bradley, Titas Valancius, Erikas Zurauskas, Josh Rea Brennan, Daniel Brennan-Walsh, Daniel Nolan, Alfie O'Grady, Jayden Kehoe, Oisín Hartigan

Written by Jayden Kehoe and Erikas Zurauskas





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NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

The Art Room was delighted to receive funding from the Department of Education last month for a range of exciting new equipment and materials. Additions include a brand new printing press, drying rack, drawing boards, paints, pencils, markers, paper and much more - all ready for students to enjoy and make full use of from September onwards. We look forward to seeing the creativity and artistic projects this new equipment will inspire throughout the coming school year.





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WELL-BEING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Walk and Talk

All students and class tutors went on their wellbeing walk to the Quay when the weather was smashing in May. The lads enjoyed some fresh air, exercise and a tasty treat from The Pantry van on the Quay or an ice cream from Daybreak. Thanks to all the teachers, staff and the Wellbeing Committee for organising this well-earned rest and time out for the boys ahead of a busy time of exams!

CBS Get Active Days 2025

In collaboration with the PE Department, the Wellbeing Committee organised CBS Get Active Days on 13th & 14th May and the weather was kind to us. The emphasis was on fun and activities for all. This included various activities such as a giant obstacle course, crossbar challenge, grip test, high jump, wrecking ball, Connect Four and 'The Great CBS 400m Race' etc.

A huge thank you to the Parents Council for purchasing and distributing ice cream to the students. This was a fantastic couple of days in highlighting the promotion of wellbeing here in CBS. A huge well done to James Stewart, who was crowned 'CBS Fastest Man Over 400m!' Students enjoyed the various activities on offer; there was an activity to suit all, sporty and non-sporty alike!

1st Year Trip to Emerald Park

The first years enjoyed a trip to Emerald Park on May 6th, organised by the Wellbeing Committee. A huge thank you to Ms Marchese and all the staff who accompanied the boys on the day and ensured they all had a great time! A wonderful day was had by all. The boys enjoyed the roller coasters and seeing the animals in the zoo!

CBS Staff Wellbeing Evening

The Wellbeing Committee organised a Staff Wellbeing Day in March for all staff members. The objective was the promotion of staff self-care. Staff were encouraged to sign up for various workshops and perhaps try something new.

Staff volunteered to run workshops including sip and paint, darts, card games and table tennis. An ice cream van was brought in at the interval between the workshops. This was a great success. Staff were delighted with the initiative and enjoyed it immensely.





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ENTERPRISE

Another very successful year of Enterprise Education was had in CBS. Yet again, at county level, we scooped multiple awards. We are very proud of all our young entrepreneurs who represented the school at this level. Students were interviewed at the County Council Buildings on February 12th by representatives from the Wexford Local Enterprise Office and members of the Wexford business community.

Well done to our 1st and 2nd year mini companies who attended for interview as part of the county final of the Student Enterprise Awards in Wexford County Council Buildings:

The Craftsmen - James Mooney and Ollie Moore/Cousins

The Fighters - Ante Redovnikovic

The Christmas Crafting Crew - Kyle Dempsey, Darragh Walsh, Paudie Jordan (missing)

Sweet Mix - Artem Mytnyk, Ezra Chita

Luke and Paul's Baubles - Paul Rossiter and Luke Duggan

Felt Fest - Sam Breslin, Kuzey Emen and Enoch Oluwabiyi

AB Golf Balls - Alex Dodd and Aaron Butler

Crumbled Crafted - Elijah Donegan, Charlie Browne and Ryan Gordon

Darragh's Decorations - Darragh Rowe

Also, a huge well done to our TY mini companies who attended for interview:

Sustainable Scents - Joseph Leamy

Bright Branches - Ben Rossiter

Lonradh - Liam O'Brien, Cathal Donoghue and Rory Sidney

Crest Grain - Cillian Hunt and Darragh O'Sullivan

The county final took place in the County Council Buildings on March 5th.

Award winners on the night included:

🏆 Junior Section - Overall Winners: Crumbled Crafted - Elijah Donegan, Charlie Browne and Ryan Gordon

🏆 Intermediate Section - Overall Winners: Luke and Paul's Baubles - Paul Rossiter and Luke Duggan

🏆 Best Report: The Fighters - Ante Redovnikovic

🏆 Senior Section - Entrepreneurial Spirit Award: Lonradh - Liam O'Brien, Cathal Donoghue and Rory Sidney

Crumbled Crafted went on to represent Wexford in the All-Ireland Final of the Student Enterprise Awards in Mullingar on May 7th. The boys put in a huge amount of work throughout the school year and showcased their mini company, Crumbled Crafted, superbly!

Well done to all our young entrepreneurs throughout the year and thank you to our Enterprise teachers. We look forward to another year of Enterprise Education in the CBS, where new product and service ideas will be tried and tested!

CBS Christmas Fair

The annual CBS Christmas Fair took place in the school gym on Thursday, December 4th.

TY, 1st and 2nd year enterprise students set up stalls selling Christmas gift ideas, smoothies, pancakes and more. There were lots of Christmas crafts on sale, mince pies, mulled wine and face painting, while Santa Claus was there to say "Ho Ho Ho!"

What a day — there was a fantastic turnout. Well done to all the boys who put in a great effort producing some wonderful Christmas crafts. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day so enjoyable!!





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EQUESTRIAN

Well done to second years Ollie Walsh and Donnacha Cousins, and first year Liam Robinson, who represented the school during the year in the National Interschools Showjumping Competition. The boys had plenty of clear rounds of jumping and won rosettes throughout the year.

We are all set for next year's competition and look forward to sporting our new numnahs, sponsored by the Past Pupils Association. Any student who would like to represent the school in showjumping, please see Mrs Barry. 🐾





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NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

TY Musical 2026

This year, our TY students took to the stage with a fantastic production of Mary Poppins. After months of rehearsals, hard work, and dedication, the students delivered an entertaining and memorable show that showcased their incredible talents in acting, singing, dancing, and stage production.

The production was a huge success, with students demonstrating great teamwork, creativity, and confidence throughout the process. From colourful costumes and energetic choreography to outstanding musical performances, every aspect of the show reflected the commitment and enthusiasm of all involved.

A special word of thanks goes to the staff, students, and everyone behind the scenes who helped bring the production to life. Most importantly, congratulations to our TY students for putting on such a magical performance and creating wonderful memories for our school community.

The Recording Studio

May marked the successful completion of our Creative Clusters programme, which enabled us to create a fully equipped recording studio in our school. A dedicated committee of music students played a central role in the project, collaborating on ideas and helping to bring the creative space to life.

Our cluster schools, Presentation Wexford and Selskar College, also developed inspiring creative spaces within their schools as part of the programme. On May 12th, students and staff from all three schools took part in a walking tour, giving students the opportunity to showcase their hard work while exploring and appreciating the ideas developed by others. Students were also presented with certificates to mark their involvement and completion of the programme. A special thank you goes to Wexford Education Centre and our facilitator Eamonn Barrett, the PPA for their funding and to the family in our school community who do not wish to be named but donated a generous amount. Thank you.

Our recording studio is now open and already in full use. Any students interested in using the studio in September are encouraged to speak to Ms. Power.







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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SCHOOL SUMMER CLOSURE:

The school office will close on Friday 19th June at 4pm and will re-open on Monday 10th August at 9am.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Year groups returning from Friday 28th August. Exact schedule tbc in August.

St. Stephen's Day Swim 2025

What a fantastic turnout for our St Stephen's Day swim in Curracloe this year! We really appreciated the incredible support from our whole school community. It was a cold one!

A huge thank you to everyone who braved the water to raise funds for two fantastic causes, Wexford Marinewatch and Wexford Women's Refuge. Sincere thanks also to all those who generously sponsored the swimmers and it is not too late to sponsor them if you would still like to support these wonderful causes

Thanks to everyone who came along to cheer us on and to Phil, Therese and Ciara for providing the much needed refreshments



School Website:



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We would like to wish all our staff, parents/guardians and students a safe and enjoyable summer.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

**Michael McMahon,
Principal.**