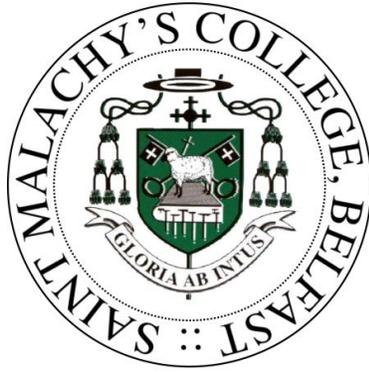


BOARD OF GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2015 / 2016

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St Malachy's College

Board of Governors

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Mr Shane McBrien (Bursar)

Elected Parent Governor

Ms Brona Brennan

Elected Teacher Governor

Dr David Roberts

Secretary

Mr Paul McBride (Principal)

MISSION STATEMENT

"St Malachy's College, as a Catholic school, is dedicated to providing academic excellence in the context of a Christian community ethos. It seeks to preserve its traditions of spirituality and learning so that all pupils, staff and parents can experience continuity in achievement and further their own spiritual, educational and personal growth in a pleasant interesting, and stimulating environment. "

The Board of Governors of St Malachy's College is very pleased to present to the annual report for the academic year 2015 – 2016.

The year just past has been another very busy and highly successful one for the College Community. There has been increasing emphasis on developing a medium term strategic approach to improvement and the process of self-evaluation. However, the Board is committed to its Mission Statement. It is based on the premise that belief in a God of love, justice and forgiveness is essential to the education of the whole person. What makes the Catholic school distinctive is its religious dimension, and this is to be found in:

- The education climate and culture
- The personal development of each student, teacher and member of the school community
- The relationship established between culture and the Gospel
- The illumination of all knowledge with the light of faith
- A synthesis of culture and faith.

The Board is fully aware of the need both to foster the needs of all pupils and to continue to make its unique contribution to building relationships in the community.

A. ENROLMENT

Total numbers enrolled on, the official school census – 1057

B. STAFFING

We welcomed the following members of staff:

- Ms Karen Gregg – Head of History
- Ms Linsey Norton – Full Time Teacher of Chemistry
- Mr Stephen Granville – Full Time Teacher of Physics
- Dr Jonathan Thompson – Full Time Teacher of French and Spanish

Departures

The following members of staff left the College:

- Ms Mary Rice – Head of History

The following appointments were made for 2016/17:

- Mr Hamish Matheson – Head of English
- Ms Catriona Grimes – Teacher of ICT to cover Career Break
- Dr Ursula Anderson – Teacher of Biology to cover Career Break

We are happy to acknowledge the tremendous work done by the members of staff and wish them every blessing.

RELIGIOUS ETHOS

The College Mission Statement makes it clear that St. Malachy's is a Catholic school, which is dedicated to providing academic excellence in the context of a Christian community ethos. The College, among many other things, seeks to ensure that all pupils and staff experience opportunities for their own spiritual growth and faith development. In view of this, the following opportunities were provided:

Be it known to all who enter here: Christ is the reason for all we do. He is the invisible presence in every classroom, made visible through our relationships with the pupils and with each other.

We celebrated the beginning of the new academic year with a Prayer Service and Mass for all Staff.

Mass was celebrated four days a week in the College Chapel at 8.30 am (on Wednesdays, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament). In October we had the Mass for the Year 8 pupils and their families. It provided an excellent opportunity for parents, pupils and staff to meet in a spiritual context.

The annual St. Malachy's Mass, held in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 23rd October, provided the opportunity for the whole College to gather as a community. This year saw Bishop Treanor commissioning Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist from the Year 14s. The Old Boys' Association had their Mass for deceased pupils and members of staff on the evening of Monday 9th November.

During the year various year-group liturgies were held in the College Chapel to mark liturgical seasons or special events. Each year group had an Advent Prayer Service in the College Chapel to mark the end of the first term and to help pupils prepare for Christmas. The College staff had their own Carol Service on the last day of class before the Christmas holidays.

All year groups were given the opportunity to attend a Lenten service in the Chapel. Thanks to Fr Michael Spence for organising and leading the services and assisting the boys in their prayerful reflection on the Passion story. A group of pupils represented the College at the Chrism Mass in St. Peter's Cathedral on Holy Thursday.

The College continued to be conscious of its role in the wider community.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: The SVP Conference in the College continued to go from strength to strength. The pupils extended their outreach programme to the local community by networking with other schools, raising money, buying Christmas presents and distributing hampers to local families, a vital aspect of the work of the SVP. The students were involved in visitations to the North Queen Residential, and performing a Christmas Concert there. Also work with Grainne House in the New Lodge, twinning with Newington SVP. A lot of hard work was put in by many people under the enthusiastic guidance of Mr. Mark Lenaghan.

Diocesan/Parish initiatives: The John Paul II awards scheme continued this year, for year 13/14 pupils, coordinated by Mr. Brendan Dowd. The scheme aims to encourage parish involvement, social awareness (involvement in the life of community and society) and an increased understanding of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world. There are currently 15 boys who are committed to the scheme from a number of parishes (Holy Family, St Mary's on the Hill, St Gerard's, Glenavy and Kilead). They are

actively engaged in witness in a variety of ways, from SVP, Parish GIFT Programme and Living Youth Summer pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day, Youth Alpha, Offertory Collection at Mass, Working with Primary school children, Scola Sanctorum, Parish Folk Groups, Parish Stations of the Cross (Good Friday night), assisting at Open Night and promotion of the College Lenten Programme.

Other pupils were also involved in various areas in their parishes such as serving at Mass, reading at Mass, and helpers at the children's liturgy. Many of our pupils were also very generous with their musical talents and were heavily involved in parish choirs, folk groups and prayer groups.

Fund-raising for Charity: raising awareness among pupils and staff about those in need in our world continued to be an important feature of College life and providing opportunities for pupils and staff to concretely respond to the needs of others remained a priority. Fund-raising continued throughout the year, with high points during Advent and Lent. The pre-Christmas collections were focused on SVP, while Trócaire was the main beneficiary of the Lenten generosity, including a non-uniform day with a difference. Members of staff were sponsored by their classes to wear school uniform for the day, including some of the most senior staff and the Principal!. Over £2,000 was raised for Trócaire.

Retreats

Year 14 students had the opportunity to go on retreat in the autumn to Clonard Monastery. The Clonard Youth Team delivered their retreat. Each year 8 class had a retreat at Living Youth (Berry Street) in June and this was delivered by a team from Living Youth.

End of Year Events: The year came to a close for the Year 12 and Year 14 students in May. The year 14 Leavers' Mass was held on Thursday 6th May. It was an evening Mass with an invitation extended to family and friends to join the students who were leaving the College. The Mass was held in the College Chapel. It was a standing-room only occasion and a very moving one for all involved – students, teachers, parents, friends and families. These Masses gave students an opportunity to look back and give thanks to God for the good things over the past number of years and also a chance to look forward and ask for God's blessings for the road ahead.

D. FINANCE

The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board of Governors has met regularly during the year to fulfil all the legal obligations, and to examine the proposed annual budget for 2016-2017. The College auditors gave a very favourable report on the College's financial and accounting procedures in respect of the 2015/2016 year.

Income and Expenditure for 2015/2016

Expenditure		Income
Teaching staff	£3,387,725	DENI Grants £5,711,249
Other staff	£1,205,972	Other income
Other Operating Costs		
Stationery, books & materials		£117,757
Examination fees	£104,237	
Purchase of equipment	£72,911	
Rent, rates, insurance	£91,788	
Heat, light & power	£69,922	
Maintenance	£104,772	
Transport	£378,101	
Postage and telephone	£35,974	
Advertising & printing	£20,277	
Cleaning materials, hire & contracted	£45,886	
Audit & professional fees	£42,846	
Other costs	£20,355	
VAT	£43,222	
	£1,174,074	
	£143,783	
	<u>£5,767,771</u>	<u>£5,829,006</u>
Surplus	£61,235	
	<u>£5,829,006</u>	<u>£5,829,006</u>
Accumulated surplus at 1 April 2015		<u>£119,651</u>
Accumulated surplus at 31 March 2016		<u>£180,886</u>

The College prepares financial projections for a three year cycle and plans to achieve a break-even financial position by 31st March 2018.

School Meals Revenue Account

Expenditure		Income	
Food	£116,428	Sale of meals	£157,292
Wages	£79,751	DENI Grants	£71,174
Heat & light	£11,521	Other income	£515
Other costs	£18,722		
	<u>£226,422</u>		<u>£228,981</u>
	£226,422		£228,981
Surplus	<u>£2,559</u>		<u>£228,981</u>
	<u>£228,981</u>		<u>£228,981</u>
Accumulated surplus at 1 April 2015			<u>£(6,522)</u>
Accumulated deficit at 31 March 2016			<u>£(3,963)</u>

The College operated the following additional accounts in the year ended 31 August 2016:

Pitch Account

The College operates an account for the letting of our 3G pitch. At 31 August 2016 there were fund reserves of £65,800. These funds will be used for replacement of the pitch surface in due course and capital projects on the school site.

Fund-raising Account

The College operates a fund-raising account. Funds raised from the College's designated charities are lodged into this bank account and cheques written to the charities accordingly. Money is also lodged in relation to fundraising activities undertaken by the College, money raised for school trips and receipts from Parents for iPad payments.

At 31 August 2016 there was a cash balance of funds of £66,650.

Shop Account

The College operates a "Shop Account" which includes commission from drinks vending and sundry sales.

At 31 August 2016 there was a cash balance of funds of £7,459.

E. ACADEMIC RESULTS

While academic success is not the only goal of education, nevertheless high achievements in public examinations have been the hallmark of the College. St. Malachy's College is committed to each and every pupil who is enrolled in the College maximising his potential. Pupils are encouraged to set their own targets and to measure their progress according to those standards. The Board of Governors has a Standards and Achievements sub-committee, which seeks specifically to promote, celebrate and improve on academic excellence. Public examination results in 2016 were very pleasing; and the best on record. The academic targets set for the year were met and exceeded in most categories. This outcome indicates a sustained improvement at A2 and significant improvement at GCSE, reflecting the industrious efforts of our students, the support of parents and guardians and the dedication and professionalism of the College staff.

At A-level, an impressive 82% of the student body of 111 who completed their A-level courses obtained 3 or more grade A*-C passes (cf. page 54 this report). The subject pass rate was 100%. One particularly pleasing aspect of the results was that 109 students (98.2%) achieved three A- level passes Grades A*-E. This demonstrates the breadth of study of Sixth Form in the College. One student achieved 5 A* grades, 9 additional students achieved 4 A*/A grades, and 12 students achieved three A*/A grades. Successes in A2 MIA and Physics placed St Malachy's students in the top achievers within Northern Ireland.

In Year 13, all students follow a broad curriculum preparing for AS examinations in three or four subjects. The subject pass rate was 98% with 56.6% of the students gaining 3 or more A*-C grades at AS level and 98% gaining 3 passes grades A*-E. 5 students achieved 4A grades with an additional 6 students gaining 3A grades.

At GCSE level (cf. page 58 of this report) 98% of the GCSE students secured A*- C grades in five subjects or more. 95.3 % achieved A*- C grades in seven subjects or more. 12 students achieved 10 A*/A grades, 15 additional students achieved 9 Grade A*/A and 3 more students achieved 8 grades A*/A. Raising achievement continues to be a focus for the College, ensuring that students are challenged to achieve their best. A significant increase in the headline figure for GCSE passes A*-B grades is worthy on mention; 60% of Year 12 students achieved this standard. Once again the College was represented among the highest achievers in Northern Ireland in Irish and Physics.

The assessment at Key Stage 3 in Communication and Using Mathematics produced some very encouraging results, again reflecting the quality of the College's learning environment (cf page 59 of this report).

The Governors, Senior Leadership Team, Middle management and all Staff are continuing to work together to ensure the upward trend at all Key Stages. The outstanding work and diligent approach, particularly at KS5 have resulted in a sustained improvement at both AS and A2. A tremendous effort was focused at GCSE with numerous interventions and supportive measures put in place. Extended opening hours and additional revision classes are now part of the culture within the College environment. The outcome was very pleasing with the College achieving the best GCSE and A2 headline figures to date. A culture of rigorous review and target setting is becoming further embedded. The use of personalised action plans and targets for departments, individual staff and students are impacting positively on academic progress at all levels.

F. Departments – Some highlights from 2015/16

ART, DESIGN AND MOVING IMAGE ARTS

September 2015

In September afterschool enrichment classes commenced for students at Key Stages 3 and 4. Students interested in developing their skills in the Visual Arts were afforded the opportunity to realize their creative intentions in a wide range of activities after school on Wednesdays, with students participating in filmmaking, animation, drawing, painting and work in ceramics.

Student support classes also commenced after school on Tuesdays for students at KS4 and KS5 in Art and Design, to assist students in realising their potential in Visual Arts in public examinations.

October 2015

Five students from KS5 in St Malachy's were successful with their applications for professional training by the British Film Institute on the prestigious BFI Film Academy project. Throughout the year the students worked weekends and after school to achieve their qualifications and create a short film. Following on from participation in this BFI Film Academy programme, one of the students would go on to be successful in gaining a placement in a subsequent British Film Institute residential programme in Edinburgh, where he would be chosen to be director of a short film, devised by a group of students selected from regions throughout the UK.

26 November 2015

'St Malachy's Students were Sensational Again with Unprecedented Success in Filmmaking. For an Unequalled Fifth Year in a Row, Moving Image Arts Students from the College Lifted Top Honours in Filmmaking at the 2015 CCEA Showcase.'

For the fifth year in a row St Malachy's students shone at the CCEA Showcase of the best film work from Moving Image Arts students in 2015.

Caolan Caddell and Chloe Anderson (who studied Moving Image Arts at St Malachy's) picked up First Place at A Level and Second Place at AS, respectively, at the event at Queen's Film Theatre on 26 November.

Caolan, who is currently studying Film Production at the prestigious Ravensbourne College in London, followed his impressive first place awards at AS in the 2014 CCEA Showcase and Cinemagic's Young Filmmaker competition, by achieving the top place in 2015 with his outstanding A2 masterpiece entitled "The Clown". Caolan's truly unsurpassed A Level film is a poignant exploration of the human cost of war, from the perspective of a soldier struggling to maintain his integrity, morality and empathy for others amidst the horrors that he must witness daily. With a captivating visual style, that would not look out of place

alongside films such as Shindler's List, and an allegorical subtext that is resonant of literary works by Bertolt Brecht, this masterpiece left audiences amazed and almost moved to tears by its poignancy.

Chloe, who studied her Moving Image Arts AS at St Malachy's College, lifted second place at the CCEA Showcase with her expressionistic exploration of the inner conflicts and anxieties of an individual, portrayed across the years, using artistic non-linear narrative filmmaking techniques.

27 November 2015.

To assist with their progress and to broaden their perspective, the Visual Arts Department took students in years 13 and 14 to the Open Day of The National Film School at Dun Laoghaire, where students toured the newly constructed digital TV studios, model making and special effects workshops with 3D latex printing, and the photography, visual communication and fine art studios. Students attended workshops on portfolio construction and submission, which later resulted in all three applicants who submitted portfolios for admission to the TV and Film Production degree course, gaining admission, with truly outstanding portfolio scores of 600 points out of 600. Students also toured the National Gallery in Dublin to take inspiration from works that included paintings by Jack B Yates, Roderick O'Connor and Carrivagio.

17 December 2015

'St Malachy's Students were Unsurpassed at A Level in Moving Image Arts with Unprecedented Success in Examinations.'

For the second time in three years, St Malachy's College was recognised as being unsurpassed in the UK in Moving Image Arts, as Fionntán Macdonald was awarded first place at A Level in MIA at the gala event in the Grand Hall at Parliament Buildings, Stormont. The event, which was hosted by the Education Minister, John O'Dowd, and was attended by winning students, their families, principals and teachers from throughout the UK, was a celebration of true excellence in performance, commitment and exemplary endeavour. Fionntán, who was also the top GCSE student in Moving Image Arts in 2013, is currently studying Cinematic Arts at Ulster University.

Fionntán's achievement means that the outstanding successes evidenced in 8 of the previous 9 years has been revisited. From 2005 to 2013 the department of Art, Design and Moving Image Arts has had students listed in the top 3 in N Ireland or the UK in public examinations. In 2015 the excellence of previous years was revisited, with Fionntán MacDonald achieving first place overall at A Level in Moving Image Arts.

Historic successes in public examinations at GCSE, AS and A Level are detailed below:

In 2005 James Rafferty came 3rd in the UK in A Level Moving Image Arts.

In 2006 Niall Johnston came joint 1st in N Ireland in GCSE Art and Design.

In 2007 Ruairi Teer and James Skelton came joint 1st in N Ireland in GCSE Art and Design.

In 2008 Declan Murray came 1st in the UK in A Level Moving Image Arts.

In 2009 Michael Donaghy came joint 1st in N Ireland in AS Art and Design with full marks in all modules, whilst Rory McLean came 3rd in Applied GCSE Art and Design.

In 2010 Aidan Gault came 3rd in Applied GCSE Art and Design.

In 2011 John Kelly came joint 1st in N Ireland in GCSE Art and Design with full marks in all modules.

In 2011 Leo McGuigan came in 2nd N Ireland in GCSE Moving Image Arts.

In 2012 Leo McGuigan missed being placed first in AS Moving Image Arts by 1 mark.

In 2013 Leo McGuigan came 1st in the UK in A Level Moving Image Arts.

Fiontánn MacDonald came 1st in N Ireland in GCSE Moving Image Arts.

Caolan Caddell and Christopher Connolly came joint 1st in N Ireland GCSE Art and Design.

In 2015 Fiontánn MacDonald came 1st in the UK in A2 Moving Image Arts.

12 January 2016

Years 11, 12, 13 and 14 Art and Design and MIA students visited the True Colours CCEA exhibition in the Ulster Museum, to broaden their perspectives and gain inspiration for their work in the Visual Arts.

17 April 2016

Current students, staff and former students from St Malachy's College attended the premier of Leo McGuigan's first feature film, "Braxton" which sold out within hours at the Movie House Cinema, Dublin Road, Belfast in the Belfast Film Festival. The full feature length film, which was scripted and directed by former student Leo McGuigan also had St Malachy's A Level Moving Image Arts student, Matthew McGuigan, as director of Photography. The film, which has already won awards in film festivals in Canada, received rapturous applause from the assembled audience, that included film director, screen writer and former St Malachy's student Aiden Largey and award winning former MIA student, Conor Byrne, who attended with fellow filmmakers from IADT National Film School, DunLaoghaire.

9 June 2016

Year 11 Art and Design and MIA students visited Ulster University's, Belfast School of Art and Design, End of Year Show, to gain inspiration from exemplary work, and develop an understanding of potential career options for the future.

June 2015

Presentation of the prizes for the winners, and certificates of commendation, for the “Bin-Beings Art from Junk” competition took place in year 9 assembly. The students were praised for their wonderful imagination and creativity in researching, developing and creating fantasy characters from recycled material. Winners were Shea Walsh, Aodhan Gilmore and Jamie Goodwin. Aodhan would later further receive the accolade of having his work selected for display at Ulster University’s Belfast School of Art, in a group exhibition of student work from schools in North Belfast.

16 June 2015

The creative culmination of the endeavours of GCSE, AS and A2 Art and Design and Moving Image Arts students was celebrated in traditional fashion with St Malachy’s Annual End of Year Exhibition and Screening of Student Films. The 2016 show was opened by Mr Paul McGuigan, a highly regarded creative Film Director and Executive Producer for the BBC. He spoke to the audience on the importance of creative endeavour and imagination and developing skills for careers in the creative industries, that continue to grow in critical mass, in the N Ireland economy.

BIOLOGY

Mr Jardine again organised a trip to W5 in October, where the Year 13 Biology students took part in a DNA workshop. This involved the students taking a sample of their own DNA, replicating a sequence of it using the Polymerase Chain Reaction, and carrying out gel electrophoresis to establish their genotype for the ability to taste PTC, a chemical similar to one found in cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower, which many people find distasteful.

The Year 13 students also took part in the annual field trip in March. They travelled to Carnlough, where they completed an investigation as part of their AS coursework (the last year group who will have to complete coursework in Biology). The students also carried out an investigation into the differences between two oak and larch forests in Glenarm Estate.

Teachers from the Biology department contributed to the Year 8 Science Club, organised again this year by Mr Corrigan. Pupils meet once a week at lunchtime, and carry out a range of interesting and fun practical activities. Teachers in the department again played a major role in the Joint Award (Duke of Edinburgh and President's Award) throughout the year, which is run by Mrs McAlister.

To help guide our current students in the choices they make about their careers, a number of former students continue to contact Dr Roberts with Past Pupil Profiles. It is hoped that next year, some of these Malachians will come back to the College to speak to our current pupils about their career choices. The students, who are taking a diverse range of courses at university and careers, describe their experiences of studying Biology at the College, as well as providing information about their course and giving advice for our current students. The profiles are displayed in the Biology laboratories, two of which were refurbished at the end of the summer term. The new labs have proved very popular with both students and teachers: the bright, modern labs have also been equipped with new equipment, including high quality microscopes, digital microscopes that send images to the students' iPads, and a digital flexicam to display dissections onto a screen.

BUSINESS STUDIES

Business Studies was introduced as an ab initio A Level subject in St. Malachy's College in 1997. The first GCSE Business Studies class began its studies in 2008. Currently the College follows the CCEA specifications in these subjects. In 2012 AS Applied Business was introduced into the Year 13 syllabus. There is no Applied Business class in the College in 2016-2017, although in recent years it has been offered through collaboration in the NBALC. Generally there are 2 Business Studies classes in years 13 and 14 and one each in Years 11 and 12. This may vary from year to year based on pupils' subject choices. Business and Communication Systems has been introduced for September 2016 in a joint venture with the IT department.

Staff Details

Mr Tony Carlin Assistant Senior Leader, Curriculum Development and Strategic Planning,
Head of Business Studies,
Teacher of Business Studies Years 11-14,
Internal Exams Officer

Miss Catriona Grimes Teacher of Business and Communication Systems
Teacher of IT and Computing

The Business Studies Department is keen to explore links outside the College and aims to have speakers or events regularly.

The Business Studies Department invited Dr. Martin Kelly from Queen's University Management School to come in to the College on 11th May 2016 to speak to the whole of Year 13 about the various courses they offer and life as a student at QUMS. This was a very engaging and well-received presentation and provoked a lot of interest from our Year 13 pupils.

We were invited to take a team of Year 11 pupils to participate in the Stock Market Challenge at Grosvenor Grammar on 2nd March 2016. The College team competed against quite a number of other schools during a session of simulated trading on the financial markets, making decisions under pressure, taking calculated risks and experiencing the excitement of the trading floor. This proved to be an enjoyable and rewarding challenge which gave our pupils an insight into career opportunities within the financial services sector and helped them to develop important skills such as communication, problem-solving and working with others.

The St. Malachy's College team of Daniel McIlmail, Callum O'Toole, Diarmuid Small, Matthew McLaughlin and Nathan McLaughlin took part in the Stock Market Challenge.

In order to facilitate Year 12's work on their Controlled Assessment a visit to the Lisburn plant of Coca-Cola HBC Northern Ireland was organised on January 11th 2016. Our visit included a DVD presentation, showcasing the 125 year history of Coca-Cola and how Northern Ireland businessman Tom Robinson first brought the Coca-Cola bottling operation to the island of Ireland; a guided gallery tour of the main production facility, to experience a 'bird's eye view' of how the products are manufactured, bottled, packaged and stored; and an opportunity to explore the world of Coca-Cola, their connection to the Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company, their commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility, and their involvement in the local community in Lisburn.

In November 2015 the Student Recruitment team from PWC visited the College to speak to year 13 and 14 Business Studies pupils. Two of our pupils began Higher Apprenticeships last Autumn with PWC and this, along with other post A Level options with the company was the focus for the session. Three of our year 14 pupils accepted offers from PWC and Deloitte to take up a Higher Apprenticeship in the autumn of 2016.

CHEMISTRY

A Level Chemistry: To expand our current teaching and delivery of A2 Chemistry, L McGuinness completed the following course at Queen's University School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering. The Role of Chemistry in Healthcare was the main focus of the course and it primarily involved research into the drug discovery and development programme, delivered by Professor Tim Harrison QUB and Almac. Detection of recreational and therapeutic drugs - Professor Steven Bell. Spectroscopy, A-level and beyond - Professor P Stevenson. Preparation of aspirin and tlc analysis of branded analgesics - Professor Paul Stevenson.

In attending this course the Chemistry Department was provided with new materials, resources and new methods of delivery such A level content. New links and information regarding higher level courses and employment were also provided.

AS Chemistry students were taken to Stranmillis University College to take part in the Royal Society of Chemistry's Schools Analyst Competition. The competition involved three sixth form Chemistry students, carrying out experiments of an analytical nature which are relevant to everyday commercial applications of Chemistry, and relate directly to the A Level Curriculum. Each participant will be presented with a certificate by the Royal Society of Chemistry indicating that they have received an approved level of attainment in Chemical Analysis.

In Year 12 Chemistry students were invited to attend the RSC-sponsored event is aimed at GCSE chemistry students and comprised of a series of short, interactive talks from local companies who use chemistry in their business activities. The main aim of 'Chemistry at Work' is to show the many and varied ways in which the chemistry studied by children at school is used in the everyday world. The Exhibition will provided pupils with the chance to see chemical based companies and institutions presenting easy to understand demonstrations of their use of chemistry at work. It is hoped that this experience will stimulate an interest in chemistry, particularly in industry, and will show some aspects of the importance of chemistry.

Years 11 & 12 are to collected coloured stamps on their puzzle card from teachers whose initials formed a chemical symbol for an element e.g. Paul Davison is Pd and thus Palladium. These teachers were asked to participate and kindly agreed! Pupils were asked to collect stamps only from teachers whose initials form such symbols and present as many as they can on their card to any of the four Chemistry teachers by the end of school day. An overall winner and runners up were chosen, based on time and the prizes are appropriately small, pieces of scientific puzzle-dom!

To celebrate 'Chemistry Week', Years 9 & 10 used an app called Junaio on their iPads or on mobile phones (in a restricted environment, C11-C17) to engage with posters using Augmented Reality and then hunted for their matching molecular models in the Chemistry Labs. The boys recorded their identification of the models on their puzzle card and presented it for marking to any of the Chemistry teachers. There were 150 photons (small packets of energy) for the winners. Actually they were Haribo! Year 8 students have been actively involved in Science Club and have celebrated the festive season by making Chemistry Christmas Trees from science apparatus during science club, with the help of Year 14 Chemists and Mr L McKringle and Mr Santa O'Callaghan. Students who attended Science Club regularly were rewarded with an end of term trip to W5.

COMPUTING

Key Stage 3 Hour of Code Classes

All Key Stage 3 classes got involved in a new initiative known as 'Hour of Code' during Computer Science Education Week, from 7th to 13th December 2015.

The students used their timetabled period to complete one-hour self-guided tutorials on their computers.

They developed small programs based on Disney's Frozen, Scrat from Ice Age, Angry Birds, and Plants vs. Zombies which got them started in the world of 'Block Programming'. When the pupils completed the initial basic tasks they went on to try more advanced tutorials in JavaScript, and developed small applications in Khan Academy or CodeHS.

The main reason why the department got involved in this initiative was to use basic programming structures to help nurture creativity and problem-solving skills, and prepare our students for future career paths in this industry. It was also a good opportunity to introduce pupils to Computer Science and designed to encourage coding, so they can learn the basics of computer science and programming.

The Hour of Code was organised by Code.org, a public non-profit based company in the U.S. dedicated to expanding participation in computer science. A number of organisations came together to support the Hour of Code, including Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Computing at Schools, and the Department for Education.

Visit to CSIT - Computer Security and Ethical Hacking

The Centre for Secure Information Technologies (CSIT) offered us the opportunity of a full day course that educated students about computer security and protection. As part of this education, students would be shown how to defend computer systems and networks and learn techniques that may allow them to circumvent computer security defences.

The TEACH programme, which is the technical research arm of Queens University Belfast invited our Year 14 A-Level Computing students to attend a course based around Cyber Security at CSIT in Northern Ireland Science Park, Titanic Quarter. We were only one of 2 schools chosen for this event on 22nd March 2016.

The day was fully funded by CSIT and designed to reach out to schools that were teaching A Level Computer Science and had programming skill sets in this area.

The day included:

- An introduction to the Cyber Security Industry.
- Legal and ethical implications of Cyber Security.
- Technical aspects of Cyber Security.

- Industry speakers outlining the career opportunities within the Cyber Security Industry.

The structure of the course was excellent and the pupils came back very impressed at what they had gained from it. They appreciated the quality of the information provided by the various speakers at the event and getting involved in activities on new and cutting edge technologies.

It was a great insight into the cybercrime arena as well as getting involved in demonstrations and practical examples of how easy it was to get through security loopholes, especially in financial and social networking systems. Sections on legal implications were really useful and not only tied in with A Level Computing Course, but also opened our eyes to how easy it could be to get criminal convictions by just having what pupils describe as ‘harmless fun’.

The day started with an introduction to CSIT and cyber security overview and then proceeded with various speakers discussing legal issues involving Cyber Crime in areas related to computer misuse and web unauthorized access.

The TEACH Programme involved the demonstration of security penetration tools and techniques in an artificial ‘sandboxed’ environment using virtual machines in a laboratory designed specifically for this purpose. In these ‘sandboxed environments’, students were allowed to attack targets authorized by their instructors.

Students were given a series of hands on activities involving the following specialised software:

- Nmap Network Analysis Tool
- Metasploit Penetration Testing Software
- War Driving Software
- Wireshark and Wi-Fi sniffing Tools

The students then attended group seminars which discussed areas such as ‘Responsible Disclosure’ and ‘Bug Bounty Programmes’ as well as career options and pathways into a very fast growing Cybercrime Prevention Industry.

DRAMA

School Play: *Return to the Forbidden Planet* took place in The College Hall in November in collaboration with B.R.A. Tom Deazley, Oisín Thompson and Marc Cowan all deserve special praise for their contribution.

Theatre Visits:

GCSE and A Level students went to the following plays over the course of the year:

Dancing at Lughnasa – The Lyric Theatre, Belfast

Lord of the Flies- The Grand Opera House, Belfast

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time – The Grand Opera House, Belfast

The Suitcase – The Belfast Synagogue, Somerton Road

The Tempest – T13, Belfast – 8A students along with Year 13 Drama students attended this event

Year 13 and 14 Drama students also visited Trinity College, Dublin to see a play about The Easter Rising which originated as an A Level Devised piece under the direction of past pupil (and current under- graduate of TCD) Matthew McGowan.

Ulster Museum – GCSE and A Level students visited the Ulster Museum for a workshop about World War One

Bruiser Workshop – GCSE and A Level students took part in *A Day with Bruiser* at The Mac, Belfast working with local theatre company Bruiser on their renowned physical style.

Open Night Performances – A number of Year Eight and Year Twelve students performed extracts from *Mugged* by Andrew Payne and *One Man, Two Guv'nors* by Richard Bean respectively for prospective students and their parents. The boys involved enjoyed themselves immensely.

GCSE Practical: in April, the GCSE Drama class performed extracts from *The History Boys*, *The Lord of the Flies* and *One Man, Two Guv'nors* for an audience of their family, friends and teachers in The Drama Studio.

Year 13 Practical – in April, the Year Thirteen Drama class performed extracts from *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* for AQA Chief Moderator Pat Friday and an audience of their family, friends and teachers in The Drama Studio. Applying physical theatre techniques gleaned from their work with Bruiser, the performance was an accomplished ensemble piece.

A2 practical – Year Fourteen students performed their devised work for parents, friends and AQA Chief Moderator Pat Friday in April. Two groups performed totally contrasting pieces: a Verbatim piece on

Schizophrenia and a riotous physical comedy satirising students. As always, this event was well supported by staff and students.

Annual Concert – The Music and Drama departments worked together with Year Eight students to perform extracts from *Bugsy Malone* as part of the Annual Concert under the direction of Mr Stephen Kelly.

Junior Concert – A small group of Year Eight students performed short pieces from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of the Junior Concert. 29 students took part in the RSC's "Play For a Nation" performing as The Fairies along with Belvoir Players as The Rude Mechanicals in The Grand Opera House, Belfast under the direction of Dr Bailie and Mrs McLaughlin along with RSC and Lyric Theatre staff.

The refurbishment of the Drama suite is complete and is much appreciated by staff and students alike.

The mentoring role of the Drama prefects was successful and will be expanded upon this academic year.

ENGLISH

PUPIL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

‘Clarity, creativity, confidence!’ St Malachy’s College English Department

The pupils in St Malachy’s have continued to achieve great results in English public examinations. The boys in Year 12 succeeded in achieving the best ever results in GCSE English Language within the College and this was testament to the hard work of the boys themselves; the varied and purposeful teaching of the staff in the department and the support of SLT, the BoG and the wider school community.

JUNIOR READING WEEK

‘There’s no friend as loyal as a book’ – Ernest Hemingway

Here at St Malachy's, we know that reading is very important, and we love to celebrate reading for pleasure. During our Reading Week in October 2016, we held a Celebration of Reading in the College Hall where some of our staff and senior pupils shared extracts from their favourite books to our Year 8 pupils.

We also held a sponsored read in class during that week across KS3, and an incredible total of £1259.95 was raised for the Northern Ireland Cancer Fund for Children. We would like to thank all the KS3 boys and their parents for their generosity to this worthy cause; we hope to hold another sponsored read for the same cause in 2017.

JOURNALISTS INVESTIGATE THE EASTER RISING

*This man had kept a school
And rode our winged horse;
This other his helper and friend
Was coming into his force;
He might have won fame in the end,
So sensitive his nature seemed,
So daring and sweet his thought.
(W.B Yeats Easter, 1916)*

GCSE journalism students delved into the St Malachy’s archives to uncover hidden information about the role played by St Malachy’s pupils in the 1916 Easter Rising. They produced both written and audio reports for the Collegian and website, uncovering fascinating insights into the significant contributions and sacrifices of many former Malachians, including Eoin MacNeill, Seán McEntee and Major John McBride.

THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Twenty-nine of our KS3 boys had the privilege of participating in a unique project last year, where they became members of the Royal Shakespeare Company Dream Team for 2016. Playing a group of woodland creatures, they performed on the stage of the Grand Opera House - alongside members of the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) and our local Belvoir Players - in the final leg of the nationwide tour of the RSC production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". This production was designed to honour the 400th

anniversary of Shakespeare's death, and it allowed our boys to work with some incredibly talented people from several theatre companies.

The Belfast run of the play was co-ordinated through the Lyric Theatre connections to the RSC, which were established by their Head of Creative Learning, Philip Crawford. The boys were trained by Dr Bailie, Mrs McLaughlin and Ms Niki Doherty, who is the Creative Learning Co-ordinator at the Lyric, and who was working under the overall direction of Ms Erica Whyman, the Deputy Assistant Director of the RSC in Stratford. Throughout their final rehearsals and performances, the boys were accompanied by Miss Hughes and Mrs McLaughlin from St Malachy's. The boys performed a song, dances and epilogue each night, and St Malachy's College was advertised in the official RSC programme which accompanied the performances. The boys, along with the rest of the cast, which included members of the local Belvoir Players, received standing ovations in a packed Opera House night after night during their run in June 2016. The boys were highly praised by the RSC actors and directors and in articles in the Irish News and the Huffington Post. We would like to thank Mr McBride, the SLT and the Board of Governors for allowing us to participate in this wonderful project.

FRENCH

International Guest Speaker for French

Lydie de Baulieu, a native of Guadeloupe, came to the College to speak to the Year 9, 11 and 13 students about the French speaking world beyond metropolitan France. It was a fascinating talk which highlighted the global nature of the French language and also made the boys aware of some of France's overseas departments. This was followed up with project work on la Francophonie.

French and Using ICT

In the summer term, pupils in all Year 9 classes produced a short iMovie in French, the purpose of which was to encourage prospective parents to send their sons to the College. This will form part of the boys UICT portfolio at the end of Key Stage 3. Some examples of finished movies were used at a Staff Day as examples of best practice in Using ICT at Key Stage 3. The best of these iMovies will be shown on Open Night to promote French.

French Film

In January, Year 13&14 French students attended a screening and workshop in Queens Film Theatre on the French New Wave classic *Les 400 coups*. The Year 13&14 French students led and carried the discussion with such aplomb that it has given rise to a French film club which takes place at lunch time in the College to build on these interests and skills.

French and Entrepreneurship

Year 11 French students got the opportunity to see how useful French was in the world of business when they participated in the Business Insight event at the end of June in the College. Students worked in teams to create and produce a product which they then had to sell. Those who could converse in French were able to negotiate the most competitive rates for their product. It was a great learning experience for the application of French skills in the world of work.

GEOGRAPHY

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

- Key stage 5 Year 13 AS fieldwork: Residential visit to Derrygonnelly FSC on 3rd & 4th March 2016.
- Key Stage 4 GCSE fieldwork: 3 classes visited Newcastle in June 2016.
- Key Stage 3 Year 10 fieldwork: All Year 10 pupils visited Colin Glen in May 2016.

EVENTS

- Years 13 & 14: Some pupils attended the Geographical Association lectures at QUB during September and October.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

- The Green Team met every Friday at lunchtime with a large number of junior students. Some senior students joined us to help with their Duke of Edinburgh or John Paul II award.
- We have maintained our status as a Silver Eco School.
- Both Ms Marcus and Miss O'Hare participated in the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

COMPETITIONS

- One of our Year 14 pupils was chosen to represent the College at the QUB School of Natural & Built Environment day long course entitled from "Dawn to Dusk."

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Ms Marcus has been appointed to the CCEA GCSE new specification writing team and is a GCSE examiner. She has also been part of review team for Entry Level accreditation and written support materials for the Entry Level qualification.
- Miss O'Hare successfully completed the PQH qualification and is a Principal Examiner with CCEA for AS Geography.
- Mr McKenna (HOD) attended a number of CCEA conferences regarding the implementation of new specifications for GCSE & A'level teaching.

HISTORY

2015-2016 was another busy year in terms of enrichment activities for the History Department:

- Year 14 History

Year 14 History students visited Dublin in March 2016 as part of our study of the Partition of Ireland. Our first stop was Trinity College, Dublin from where we embarked upon a walking tour of various historical sites associated with the 1916 rising. Next, we travelled to Glasnevin Cemetery, the final resting place of many notable Irish historical figures.

- Year 13 History students attended a series of Sixth Form conferences at the Somme Centre, Newtownards. The focus was Weimar and Nazi Germany (AS1).
- All Year 10 students visited the Somme Centre as part of their study of World War One.
- All Year 9 students visited Clifton Street Graveyard.

In June 2016 Year 9 students produced iMovies to promote a local historical gem – Clifton Street Graveyard. The Graveyard marks the final resting place of a diverse range of Belfast people from all walks of life: United Irishmen, cholera victims, social reformers and millionaires. The boys were led on a guided tour of this historical site, visiting the graves of Mary Anne McCracken, her brother Henry Joy McCracken and William Drennan as well as the mass grave for cholera and famine victims. They also learned about the local entrepreneurs who played a leading role in the development of nineteenth century Belfast and the gruesome practice of body snatching which took place after the graveyard opened.

- All Year 8 students participated in a historical tour of Carrickfergus Castle.

In April 2016 Year 8 classes visited Carrickfergus Castle as part of their study of ‘The Normans in Ireland’. On arrival, the boys were led on a guided tour of the site, highlighting reasons for the construction of the castle at Carrickfergus, defensive features and methods of attack. We were also able to explore the battlements which provide an excellent vantage point across Belfast Lough. Particular highlights of the tour included the spiral staircase (luckily we all survived the trip step!) and the opportunities to handle replica Norman weaponry.

Other news

- Year 8 History curriculum: initial focus on the study of the history of the College with the emphasis on its origins and first students. We also explored the development of the College and famous past pupils. The module was completed with a tour of the College. We have enhanced this study of St. Malachy’s this year with the addition of an interview with College Archivist Gerry McNamee and the integration of CEIAG in terms of History and possible careers
- We started a KS3 History Club which is attracting some loyal members.
- We are planning an overseas History visit to Berlin for KS5 historians.

HOME ECONOMICS

September 2015 saw the start of A-Level Health and Social Care. The AS examination was sat in June 2016 with the pupil achieving a B grade. 17 pupils in Year 12 successfully completed the practical exam in February achieving outstanding marks as a result in their controlled assessment. The boys produced a 3 course meal with sides in 2½ hours and all the food they made was beautiful. A complete credit to them! They sat their exam in May and achieved 94% A*- C/ 88% A*- B. We now have 6 pupils pursuing A-Level Nutrition and Food Science in BRA, starting September 2016.

Niall Mc Daid did the Home Economics Department proud by becoming a Regional Winner in the Diary Council 2016 Young Cook of the Year. The final took place in Holy Cross College, Strabane on 19th April 2016. Niall made an Irish Cheddar Cheese and Tomato Quiche with a Thyme Crust with a Homemade Lemon Curd Cheesecake for dessert. Niall's food was delicious and he worked very hard beforehand practising to get to such a high standard.

Adam Burns and Padraig Slane successfully progressed to the final of the 'Kitchen Whizz Kids 2015' Cookery Competition. The final took place on the 10th November 2015 in Abbey Community College and the boys chose to make a main course for the judges. Adam and Padraig made a beautiful Cheese and Ham Quiche in a competitive environment and made St. Malachy's College very proud of their efforts.

On 5th February 2016, the Home Economics Department went on their first trip. 30 Year 10 pupils along with Mrs Mulvaney and Mrs Mc Cann visited the Tayto Factory in Tandragee. We toured the factory to observe the different stages and processes that take place from farm to shop. We got real insight into the high levels of hygiene and safety, the cooking process, storage conditions and marketing procedures. It also gave a practical awareness of the different careers available.

This year saw the start of the Survival Cookery Course as part of the Enrichment programme for Year 13 students. The pupils have 2 x 8 week blocks whereby they were able to choose different activities to take part in, one being the Survival Cooking. Throughout this time they learnt how to cook for themselves in university, how to budget money and to make healthier food choices. Meals such as Spaghetti Bolognese, Chicken Curry, homemade burgers, scones and brownies were made and the boys thoroughly enjoyed the chance to develop and practise their cookery skills.

7th April 2016 saw the start of a six-week afterschool cookery club. Five Year 12 'Home Economics Mentors' ran the club. Year 8-10 pupils learned how to make a range of desserts including Raspberry and Chocolate Cheesecake, Strawberry Sponge Cake, Chocolate Mousse, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Viennese Biscuits and Brownies. Sean Marley, Conor Mc Auley, Daire O' Neill, Jason Mc Grady, Connor O' Reilly and Niall Dickson were great role models, demonstrating impressive practical skills and teaching the junior pupils how to make these dishes. A thoroughly enjoyable few weeks in Home Economics!

IRISH / ROINN NA GAELIGE

World Record participation for St Malachy's Irish Department

A selection of Coláiste Mhaolmhaodhóg's finest Gaeilgeoirí once again this year represented the College in a record breaking occasion - The Longest Continuous Conversation in Irish Ever! Irish-speakers from every corner of the world linked up with one another as part of the event. Some of St Malachy's Irish medium students took part in the live conversation. This was a great opportunity for the boys to interact with one another in Gaeilge as well as with Irish speakers from all over the world, and although the world record was not broken on this occasion, the opportunity was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

“Abair” public speaking competition

The College was very privileged to host the regional finals for the prestigious “Abair” public speaking competition last year, which was attended by a number of grammar and secondary schools from throughout the county. St Malachy's had three participants, two of whom won their various age-groups qualifying for the overall finals. Those boys were Rory Brolly Year 12 and Lochlann DeBrun Year 14.

Feis Bhéal Feirste

In April 2016 Irish students from Years 8-12 took part in Feis Bhéal Feirste, a competition with sections for conversation and poetry. St Malachy's students brought home a plethora of awards! In Year 8 Garric MacAdhaimh was 2nd in poetry, and Odhran McKee and Corey Logan were placed 1st and 2nd respectively in the conversation competition. In Year 9 Ciaran Corr was awarded 1st place in conversation. In Year 10 Toirealach Brolly came 2nd in the poetry competition, with Mark Donnelly 1st and Euan McGuigan 2nd in conversation. Students from Year 11 swept the board, with Caolan Stow 1st and Joel Baxter 2nd in poetry, and James Baker 1st and Michael Morgan 2nd in conversation. And finally Thomas McFarlane came 1st in the Year 12 poetry competition.

Year 10 Gael Linn Quiz Winners!

In October the Year 10 Irish students attended the annual Gael Linn Irish Quiz. The boys kept up our excellent record of achievement at the quiz, winning second place overall. The winning team consisted of Ciaran Beattie, Michael Hegney, Padraig Dorman and Cillian McGarry.

Bronnadh na bhFáinní i gColáiste Mhaolmhaodhóg

As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, Irish students in St Malachy's had the opportunity to have their hard work and enthusiasm for the Irish language rewarded at the school's annual Bronnadh na bhFáinní (Fáinne Presentation).

The strong tradition of Irish in the College continues to shine through, and this was reflected in the large numbers of certificates awarded at the ceremony. Each level of fluency is recognised in the scheme, with 50 Year 8 boys achieving their Cúpla Focal and 58 Year 9 boys achieving their Bunteastas. 57 Year 10 students sat their Fáinne Airgid exam and there was an outstanding 100% pass rate. Many Year 11 boys went a step further and gained their Meánteastas or Meánteastas Uachtar.

A number of students from varying year groups were awarded a Fáinne Óir in recognition of their high level of fluency, and many Gaeilgeoirí from Years 8-11 achieved an Ardteastas. This is the highest accolade available and recognises complete fluency and excellence in Irish. The presentation was made on behalf of Cumann Cultúrtha Mhic Reachtain who congratulated the boys and encouraged them to use whatever Irish they have as often as possible.

An Cumann Gaelach i gColáiste Mhaolmhaodhóg

The Irish Society in St Malachy's continued to go from strength to strength throughout the year. The boys met each Tuesday at lunch time and there were various activities to keep them entertained. Activities included: Uno (a hAon) competitions, TV shows, Irish pancake decoration and numerous other games all carried out through the medium of Irish. This is a great opportunity for the boys to use their Irish in a relaxed environment.

Year 9 Cultural Visit to Páirc An Chrócaigh

30 Year 9 Irish students visited Croke Park, Dublin, as part of their Gaelic Games topic. The boys learned all about the history of the GAA and Croke Park as they toured the stadium and even braved the 17 story high Skyline Tour! They finished off the day by perfecting their Gaelic skills in the games centre. They had a great time and had the opportunity to put their 'Cúpla Focal' to good use!

Year 11 Action Packed Residential

In June, GCSE Irish students attended an action packed residential in the Donegal Gaeltacht. The first stop was Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin in Derry, then Páirc Náisiúnta Ghleann Bheatha / Glenveagh National Park and Loch Dhún Lúiche / Dunlewey Loch. The boys spent the evening playing football and rounders on the beach and finished the evening with a quiz as Gaeilge. After an early start the following morning, they travelled to Dunfanaghy and enjoyed a day of water sports.

An Ghaeltacht Samhradh 2016

A large number of St Malachy's boys have decided to spend their summers immersed in language, culture and sport in the Donegal Gaeltacht. Year 8 boys departed from Belfast on 19th June with some deciding to go to Machaire Rabhartaigh and some to Loch An Iúir. There are a very large number of Year 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 boys going to Loch An Iúir & Machaire Rabhartaigh on Cúrsaí B & C.

Lá na dTeangacha Eorpacha / European Day of languages

In September, a group of Year 13 and 14 Irish students visited Parklodge and St Thérèse de Lisieux Primary Schools to teach the students a few words of Irish. The boys proved to be excellent ambassadors representing the Irish department. They taught the boys a selection of Irish phrases, songs and poems, and teachers commended the students for their enthusiasm and manner.

Lá Staidéir AS

In March, a group of 14 AS Irish got the opportunity to attend a study day organised by the University of Ulster. This day was very important as it focused on exam technique and future careers in the Irish language sector. The boys also got to meet Irish language singer and Youtube sensation, J.J Ó Dochartaigh.

Crosóga Bhríde at An Cumann Gaelach

To mark the Feast of St. Brigid (1st February), the boys of An Cumann Gaelach (Irish Club) were busy making Crosóga Bríde (St Brigid's Crosses). This has become an annual event at the club with a few teachers even placing an order for next year with the boys!

GCSE Success

Two Irish students were recipients of CCEA top three in Northern Ireland for GCSE Irish in summer 2016. Rory Brolly was joint 1st in Irish and Oran McNally was awarded joint third place. An amazing accomplishment of which we are extremely proud within the Irish Department.

LEARNING FOR LIFE AND WORK (LLW)

2015-16 was another busy year for the Learning for Life and Work Department.

At Key Stage 3 the new revised Year 8 programme was rolled out to all five classes. As part of the evaluation process feedback and exemplar work were collected from all the teachers involved at several points in the year. The evidence showed that a wide range of excellent teaching and learning were taking place and that the programme was fit for purpose.

A further evaluation took place through the process of Student Voice. A sample of Year 8 students undertook a survey which focused on the integration of Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities. The results of this survey was shared with staff during an August Staff Day.

Year 9 completed an interim Citizenship programme. The revised Year 9 programme, with integrated Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities was launched in September 2016. It incorporates Local & Global Citizenship, Personal Development and Employability. A text book was purchased to assist the delivery of this course.

The department focus for 2016-17 is marking for improvement. A revised marking for improvement document has been written and distributed to the KS3 team.

Learning for Life and Work continues to be mapped across the academic and pastoral curriculum in order to ensure that the statutory requirements are met.

At Key Stage 4 LLW forms part of the pastoral programme. In Year 11 a study skills programme covers elements of the Personal Development and Employability requirements. In Year 12 the students complete the Local and Global Citizenship section of the LLW GCSE. They are provided with materials from CCEA to deliver this course.

At both Key Stages a large portion of the Employability requirements are delivered by the Careers Department.

Moving forward through 2016-17

The HOD Patricia Marcus continues to be a GCSE examiner for LLW (CCEA). In addition she was part of the team accrediting the new GCSE for CCEA (Qualifications).

Pupil voice will continue to be employed in Years 8 & 9 to review and improve the programmes. All members of the KS3 teaching team have been invited to take part in 'trusted colleague network' observations. As part of PRSD the HOD will observe each of the KS3 teaching team based on the department focus of marking.

MATHEMATICS

UKMT Team Challenge

St. Malachy's College is now the host school for running the UKMT Junior Team Challenge event. Miss Corr (Head of Junior Mathematics) is the event coordinator and has received much training by attending conferences in England in preparation for the day. St. Malachy's College welcomed 15 schools who competed in various team activities using their mathematical ability and knowledge. The feedback from teachers and pupils was very positive.

Queen's University

The Mathematics department continued its links with QUB by attending a Team Challenge presented by the Outreach Programme. The team included two Year 13 and two Year 14 students but the competition proved to be of a very high standard and required much outside reading and knowledge. The students enjoyed the challenge and their feedback indicated that the Further Maths students were better equipped having completed their A Level in one year.

Collaboration with Business Studies Department

In March 2016 a group of six Year 11 GCSE Mathematics students competed in the Stock Market Challenge project with a group of Business Studies students from the College. Prior to the event, a half day's training was given to the teachers involved. It was an energetic day which also gave an insight and opportunity to explore career options other than the university pathway. It was very informative for the teachers to make connections with the business world and meet with representatives from Deloitte.

Maths Support

The Mathematics Department has been offering continuous support on a weekly basis to students who are experiencing difficulty. The KS3 and KS4 support sessions were offered at lunchtime and KS5 students booked in to attend study sessions in E1 with HOD during allocated free time. This deemed to be very successful and contributed to raising standards.

The department piloted sixth form mentoring in lunchtime sessions and Year 13 students attended the weakest maths group in Year 12 once a week to assist with teaching and raising confidence and self esteem for disengaged pupils. The group achieved 100% A-C.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The European Day of Languages was celebrated on September 26 . As part of our outreach programme to schools in our local community, Years 13 & 14 language students visited Our Lady of Lourdes, Park Lodge and St Thérèse de Lisieux primary schools to teach introductory language classes in French, Spanish and Irish. This is always a great ‘hit’ with the primary schools and an opportunity for our Sixth year students to act as ambassadors for languages.

Meanwhile there were lots of things going on in and around the College. The Hazelwood choir sang in different languages for us at break time. The Home Economics room was turned into a French café for the morning- Yolaine, the French Assistant demonstrated how to cook crêpes and the Junior classes did a languages treasure hunt in the quad, and there were food tastings in the French, Spanish and Irish classrooms throughout the day.

Digital Training in Languages

In June 2016, representatives of the French, Irish and Spanish Departments in the College attended the NICILT Digital Language Learning Day at Queen’s University, Belfast. The teachers looked at the purposeful use of technology in the classroom, promoting listening and speaking skills using iPads and had a whistle stop tour of apps, websites and QR codes. This was followed up by a meeting to share good practice within the Languages Department.

MUSIC

In the academic year 2015-2016 the Music Department continued to thrive and attract students throughout the College, encouraging them to reach their potential musically. It is more difficult to sustain the discipline of rehearsal and individual practice with the distractions of modern life and we are continually impressed with the tenacity and resilience of the young musicians.

The Annual Christmas concert this year was once again a Carol service in Sacred Heart Church, with additional music by the Jazz Band after the service. Lessons were read by representatives of each year group. The Year 8 students were invited to participate and many sang in this event. The Spring Concert was held in Holy Cross Church and on this occasion almost all of Year 8 sang, with some acting, excerpts from ‘Bugsy Malone’.

Many students took part in Ballymena Festival, notably the Training Orchestra and some individual entries. It was a great experience and there were some medals and cups brought back to the College. ABRSM entries were numerous with many students achieving merit and distinction grades. There were many successes in traditional and Rock School grades also.

There was a small class at AS which continued its studies at Aquinas. Mr McBride assisted in the Department in the teaching of A2 composition. The students had the privilege of having their work performed and later recorded by a quartet from the Ulster Orchestra.

The students continue to avail of the extra-curricular programme including Senior Orchestra, Training Orchestra, a new SATB choir, Traditional group, Brass and woodwind groups, string quartets and Jazz Band, all of which meet weekly for rehearsal. A new guitar group was formed.

The Jazz Band was out and about, including a prestigious event for NSPCC in St Anne's Cathedral concert and an open air gig in the Quad. Staff and patients from the Mater Hospital also enjoyed the experience of looking on, and have asked that we make this a more frequent occurrence! The brass group played for some dignitaries at an event in the Hilton Hotel at Christmas.

The tutors continue to support the work of the Music Department and we were pleased to have Mr Shaw (oboe), Mr Irvine (flute), Mr Thompson (clarinet), Mr McErlean (bassoon), Mr Griffin and Mrs McLeod (violin), Mrs Griffin and Mrs Brady (cello), Mr Briscoe (trumpet), Phil Tinney (trumpet), Mr Wall (horn), Mrs Sweet (trombone), Mr Sykes (drums), Mr Breen (electric guitar), Mr Teirney (guitar), Mrs Firth (piano), Dr Brown (piano) and Mr Seamas O'Labhradha (traditional). The new choir tutor and singing teacher, replacing Mr Mills was Mr Mark McGrath. The pipes and drums lessons have continued to be provided by the RPBANI. The group of boys from St Malachy's College regularly meet with pipers and drummers from BRA and Campbell College. Thanks to Winston Pollock for co-ordinating these lessons and groups.

The College Orchestra was conducted for the first two terms by Miss Lowry, assisted by Mr Griffin, who often took the strings, Senior Choir by Mr McGrath, Brass group by Mr Briscoe and string quartets taken by Mr Griffin and Mrs McLeod. Mr O'Labhradha continued with the traditional group, Mr Shaw directed the woodwind ensemble while Mr Davison took the Jazz Band and Miss Lowry the Training orchestra. A new guitar group was created by Mr Tierney which was well received at the Annual concert. Adam McCambridge (year 10) has established a cello quartet, which meets weekly. The junior groups continue to meet until the end of the school year. The Junior Concert, in the Chapel was a fitting end to the year's work and was greatly enjoyed by all.

Students continue to be actively involved with external bodies, especially the CBYO, (12 students) NYO (Matthew Kendell), UYC, (6 students) UYJO (Ronan Doherty), UYO (6 students) and Concert Band at CBSM (4 students).

Voices in Unity

This 40 strong choir, made up of students from St Malachy's and Hazelwood continues to exist, performing first at the Hazelwood Carol Service and later at Fortwilliam Golf Club. The choir was also invited to take part in a concert in Holy Cross Church with Barry Douglas in late December. There were opportunities for Carol singing at Tesco Newtownabbay and at the newly refurbished Carlisle Centre in Carlisle Circus.

Belfast Opera

There was a singing workshop with past Head of Music, Donal McCrisken from Belfast Opera, bringing with him some 1 Opera singers. The students from Year 8-11 had a wonderful time re-working some scenes from La Traviata. The students were then invited to join the chorus of this group which meets in the Carlisle Centre.

UYC workshop

Greg Beardshill from UYC came to the College to carry out auditions. He held a workshop with the Senior Choir which was extremely useful. 10 members of the choir were offered places at the UYC or TUYC for the Summer courses.

FISCA Competition

In collaboration with Hazelwood College 20 students were selected from the choir to attend a vocal workshop and then took part in a competition in the City Hall in December. This proved to be a very worthwhile experience as we forged links with other schools. We were awarded £250 for our efforts. Megan Mooney, a local Opera singer was instrumental in our training for this event. The choir was invited to take part in a concert with Barry Douglas on 22nd December in the new Holy Cross venue.

Catherine Judge Bursary Awards

After successfully passing through the earlier rounds, Matthew Kendell found himself in the final of this prestigious award. One of only 9 students from Ireland North and South, Matthew performed to an extremely high standard and acquitted himself with true professionalism.

Harmony North

An initiative coming out of Hazelwood's celebration of 30 years, a mass choir, involving all schools from North Belfast. Donal Doherty was selected as choir master and 20 students began to attend rehearsals in various schools, working for concerts and tours. A launch in Girdwood for friends and family was held in April. A group of students travelled to London to meet with the US Consulate. A further group of eight students travelled to Washington to participate in Ireland 100, a celebration of 100 years of independence. The students were thrilled to share the stage with some alumni, Neil Martin, Patrick McErlean and Eáanna Monaghan. Following this tour two students were chosen to represent the College as funding was sought for the next leg of the project. This involved a concert in Girdwood and an appearance on UTV Life.

Irish traditional trip to Philadelphia

A group of musicians and singers travelled in March to Philadelphia, continuing in the tradition and link with Bonner/Prendigast Schools. The group was made up of students from Year 8-13 and they performed at the St Patrick's Day parades in Springfield and the City parade, on a float. Mass was sung at St Gabriel's, St Patrick's, and memorably at St Malachy's Broadway. New York. There were several occasions for singing the National anthem: at the Famine memorial, the Vietnam Memorial and at the 76ers game on St Patrick's Day. The students also had time for sight-seeing and enjoying time with host families. Thanks to Dan Harrell and his team who continue to support this alliance. Thanks also to Deirdre McCusker and Mark McGrath who accompanied the boys on the trip

Student Council

A group was formed, consisting of 2 musical students from each year group Year 11-14. After creating a mandate they set about various tasks needing done around the music block. This included: tidying and reorganising the music in the store, labelling the instrument cupboard, helping with advertising and organising the Annual concert. They meet regularly to discuss issues on going in the Music Department with Miss Lowry.

The Music Department thanks Mr McBride for his continued support throughout this year.

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

The Physics Department was delighted to see the best GCSE and A-Level results in a long time this year:

100% A*-B and 87% A*-A at GCSE including Ruairi Moran, of year 12, achieving the second highest score in Northern Ireland.

100% A*-C and 95% A*-B at A2 including Tom McIver, of year 14, achieving the highest score in Northern Ireland. Tom then headed off to Cambridge to study Natural Sciences of which Physics is a large element.

We also sent a number of year 13 boys off to the 'Civilisation Belfast' event run by the Civil Engineering Department in Queens, which provides students with insight into civil engineering and encourages them to think of it as a career choice. This involves attending a lecture and a tour around Belfast meeting employers and hearing about the construction of various key structures.

The Physics Department ran a separate Physics course for year 10 this year, rather than the amalgamated KS3 science course. This meant that year 10 Physics was taught only by specialist Physics teachers. Mrs C. McGrath developed a new course for the year group which focused on the teaching of Science skills for the first term, which pupils seemed to enjoy. Once this was complete, Physics teachers launched into the GCSE Physics course, in order to get a head start before the students entered into year 11. This was in response to the difficulties the Physics department has experienced over the years with completing, in particular, the Physics section of the GCSE Double Award course. The department hopes this will make a positive impact on the teaching and learning of the GCSE course for this year group.

The new Physics labs and equipment are excellent for pupils and staff alike. The bright, airy rooms and brand new equipment, including departmental iPads enhance the teaching and learning experience of all Physics students.

Mrs C. McGrath worked with CCEA this year as a writer of the new GCSE Physics Specification, due to launch in September 2017 and also attended a three-day course on teaching and learning in Science.

Mr S. Granville took part in a literacy scheme along with the English Department, organised by Queens to enhance the level of literacy in Science.

Mrs C. McGrath and Mr S. Granville both attended the annual Physics Teachers Conference at Queens in June.

Mrs C. McGrath and Mr S. Granville from the Physics Department contributed to the running of the year 8 science club, by hosting it according to a rota organised by Mr R. Corrigan.

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS DEPARTMENT

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

- Trip to NI Assembly, Stormont for Year 13 pupils on 10th February 2016.

EVENTS

- QUB AS Politics conference. All Year 13 pupils attended this conference specifically for AS course on 4th December 2015.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

- Year 13 pupils helped to administer the elections to the Student Council in the College.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- NI Assembly conference for Politics teachers on 17th November 2015.
- CCEA Government and Politics conference on the new A' level specification on 16th March 2016.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

St Malachy's College has an unrivalled reputation for excellence across a wide range of sports. The College is a recipient of a 'Sports Gold Mark,' awarded by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland in conjunction with the Department of Education, in recognition of excellence in the delivery of curricular Physical Education and provision of a varied extra-curricular sports programme.

The floodlit (3G) third generation pitch has been operational for nine years now and is a terrific facility that benefits both the pupils and the local community. The College makes full use of the pitch for curricular and extra-curricular activities up to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and manages the community use from 6.00pm to 10.00pm during the week and also at weekends. The pitch is used for PE classes, extra-curricular sport, outside clubs and for students before school, at break time and lunch time. Due to the very heavy usage, the quality of the playing surface has diminished significantly. We are greatly encouraged by commitments from the Principal and the Bursar in recent meetings to address this as soon as financially possible. The PE Department appreciates the financial pressures currently being placed on school budgets but again welcomes the positive comments with regards to the potential for extending and refurbishing the staff area.

Usage of the Fitness Suite by both staff and students continues to increase. The Key Stage 4 PE students have benefited from an overhaul of the programme to make it more specific to their level of performance. The Fitness Suite is of great benefit when assisting in the physical preparation of the various school sports teams. Many players who are involved in College teams use the Fitness Suite before, during and after school. Key Stage 5 students have access to the Fitness Suite for four periods during the week as a break from their studies and to maintain and develop their personal fitness levels. In addition to weight resistance machines, cardiovascular fitness machines and free weights, the department has added Swiss exercise balls, resistance bands, skipping ropes, a punch bag, dip bars and chin up bars to enhance the experience.

Regarding examination PE in the 2015-16 academic year, there were two Year 11 and one Year 12 class studying GCSE Physical Education (AQA) with healthy numbers in each. The numbers for next year are very promising at GCSE and we plan to have two GCSE classes in 2016/17. We also run afterschool and lunch time booster classes to help those boys who are under performing or having difficulty with specific topics with Andy McClean and Kevin Niblock leading the way at A-level with the boys going from strength to strength. The PE course on offer is Sports Science, a new A-level course now offered by CCEA. This change, although it has been a lot of work and not without its challenges, we feel has benefited the boys and they will be able to achieve better grades due to the nature of the course. We also believe it is a course which will better prepare the boys for the world of work. The first cohort of boys has just completed this A-Level course. Mr Molloy, Mr McClean and Mr Niblock also make an excellent contribution to the department with their time and expertise in various extra-curricular activities.

The "Active Summer Programme" has continued to develop while thankfully the number of students involved has fallen. The project has been developed to target and assist students that are struggling with their weight and personal fitness. We have extended the programme to allow for earlier intervention with a small number of students rather than wait until the summer months. The students involved received a colour booklet packed with simple advice on diet, nutrition and hydration as well as a personal exercise programme with specific targets, in an effort to help them during the summer break from routine. This has proven to be very well received by the students and parents alike, with several success stories to report. Following on

from this success, the PE Department decided to intervene earlier in the school year, by selecting pupils based on their Individual Fitness Profile Tests for additional help.

With the availability of the fitness suite at lunch times, the boys have an individual fitness programme to follow in an effort to improve their basic cardio respiratory fitness and reduce their weight. Again this has proven to be a valuable use of time and resources with several pupils making great progress.

Extra Curricular Activities & Staff

The College curricular and extra-curricular programme endeavours to promote a healthy and active lifestyle and lay the foundation for further development of interest in sport after school and in the community.

The well-managed programme makes a significant contribution to the physical, social, mental and moral education of our pupils and should:

- Contribute to the health and well being of pupils
- Help develop pupils' self esteem
- Extend the benefits of PE lessons
- Offer opportunities for competitive challenges and representative honours
- Contribute to the development of excellence

Tribute must be paid to all staff for their commitment in giving of their own time for our extra-curricular sports programme. The College offers a wide range of activities at a variety of age groups, by providing equal opportunity and encouraging high participation rates. Our extra-curricular sports programme is successful because of the commitment of our pupils, dedication and professionalism of the staff, the continuing support of parents, the senior management and our Principal, Mr. McBride.

In addition to teaching staff, the College is forever grateful to many past pupils and parents who also assist with sport development in the College and who, as proud Malachians want to maintain the rich sporting reputation of the College throughout Ireland and beyond. Mr. Paul McCrory (former Head of Physical Education), Mr Danny Fulton and Mr Michael McKendry once again have made a great contribution to the development of our Basketball, Golf and Water Polo teams respectively throughout the year, giving of their time, energy and expertise.

Mr. Molloy was appointed to the post of Teacher in charge of Basketball and Soccer and continued to do an outstanding job in co-ordinating the coaching of various teams throughout the school. This includes working closely with staff to ensure all our teams get an appropriate pitch allocation for training, that all games are played on time with a minimum of disruption and crucially that we ensure the boys who are out of class to represent the College are up to date with their academic work. Mr. McAlister has taken on the responsibility of Teacher in charge of Athletics and Cross Country.

The large number of members of staff in the College that helps with the delivery of these activities, and where necessary, assisted by coaches from outside agencies include:

Activity	Staff Member
Athletics / Cross Country	Mr Joe McAllister Mr Michael Cooke

Basketball	Mr Michael McAllister Mr Paul McCrory Mr Adrian Fulton Mr Philip Molloy
Gaelic Football	Mr Phil Molloy Mr Andy McClean Mr Kevin Niblock Mr Alex McGoran Mr Aaron Douglas Mr Paul McVey Mr. Stephen Granville Mr Mark Kelly
Golf	Mr Danny Fulton
Hurling	Mr Andy McClean Mr Mark Kelly Mr Simon McCrory (Antrim SDO)
Rugby	Dr Jonathan Thompson
Soccer	Mr Philip Molloy Mr Liam McGuinness Mr Adrian Fulton Mr Pat McStravick Mr Keith McKenna Mr Hugh McAlister Mr Sean McCafferty (Librarian) Mr Paul O'Halloran Mr Tommy O'Neill
Water polo	Mr Michael McKendry

Extra Curricular Activities

Year 8 Induction Sports Camp

To kick off the new academic year the P.E. Department, assisted by other staff members and several past pupils, hosted a two day sports camp for our new Year 8 intake, the week before school was due to begin.

The pupils were given the opportunity to meet their new peer group and classmates in the informal setting of the P.E. Department, and, using sport as the vehicle, get to know their new surroundings, having come from feeder primary schools across our ever-widening catchment area. In addition to the 150 year 8 pupils, several pupils transferring into the College in Year 9 were also in attendance.

The boys were given expert coaching in Soccer, Gaelic Football, Basketball and Baseball over the two days. Perhaps more importantly, they were given the opportunity to meet, mingle and converse with their new classmates and hopefully establish the beginnings of new friendships for the next seven years and beyond.

Martin McMullan Shield **Annual Year 8 Cross Country Race**

The Year 8 pupils participated in the annual Martin McMullan Memorial cross country championship on 22nd September. The pupils travelled in convoy to Mallusk playing fields accompanied by the PE Dept staff and Teaching Assistants. Mr McBride also took time out from his busy schedule to come up to watch the race and encourage the pupils.

The pupils took part in a warm up routine, before it was time to set off in the race proper. Mr. McKillop issued the boys with last minute instructions, and they were off on their way around the 1 mile course, which had been expertly marked out and marshalled by members of the college junior running club.

A very close race ensued up front and the remainder of the field put in a tremendous effort to contribute to their class team totals, giving us an exciting team race as well as individual battle. 8D were victorious, followed by 8B and 8E.

Some days later, year eight pupils attended a special assembly in the college hall for the presentation of individual awards and team prizes. This group of boys showed tremendous character as they cheered every runner over the finish line in true Malachian spirit. A great day was had by all!

Martin McMullan Memorial **Year 8 Cross Country Championship** **2015**

Top 20 Individuals

1 st	Sean Murray	8A
2 nd	Luke Kelly	8D
3 rd	Conall McGirr	8B
4 th	Luke O'Connor	8D
5 th	Kelvin Kearney	8B
6 th	Cian McGrath	8C
7 th	Caolan McBride	8D
8 th	Aron Lawlor	8D
9 th	Anthony McGarrigle	8B
10 th	Declan Quinn	8E

11 th	Simon Ostermeyer	8C
12 th	Keevan Galloway	8C
13 th	Noel McCartney	8E
14 th	Tiernan McCormick	8B
15 th	Noah McGivern	8A
16 th	Leo Ashe	8E
17 th	Aodhan Sheppard	8E
18 th	Eoin McAllister	8B
19 th	John Joe Walsh	8D
20 th	Jude Stewart	8B

Team Result

1 st	8D
2 nd	8B
3 rd	8E

SPORTS DAY

A sun kissed Antrim Stadium greeted a big turnout of 220 boys for the annual Sports Day on Tuesday 21st June. The boys and staff generated a terrific atmosphere as the day kicked off with 100 metres heats shortly after 10am. There was a real sense of encouragement for boys leading the field or at the back everyone had a lot of fun! As the results suggest, the sprints were hotly contested with fine margins separating many of the races. Matteo Lavorca secured the 100m and 200m double and Jai Benson set a new record in the long jump of 5.80m. Caolan McBride (Year 8) had an outstanding day securing 3 track titles. The PE Department would like to thank all the boys and all the other staff for getting involved and making the day another tremendous occasion.

Athletics and Cross Country Report

Inter boys victory headlines successful day at Ulster Schools Cross Country Championships

A young Inter boys (Years 11&12) team was the headline performers for the College on a successful day at Mallusk. Despite the top five finishers on the school team all being eligible for this same race next year, the St. Malachy's boys were able to see off the best teams in Ulster to claim the title and book their place at the All Ireland Championships in Sligo. This was a highlight in a successful day which saw all four teams capable of progressing to the All-Ireland doing so by securing podium finishes.

Tim Scott ran strongly to lead the team with a fine 9th place finish, which saw him selected for the NI U16 team for the London mini marathon. Cormac O'Rourke continued to improve in 17th place. Conall Browne was slightly disappointed in 23rd and Conal McClean continued to impress in 24th to round out the scoring. Matteo Lavorca continued his return to form in 27th, a place that would have saw him score on any other team in Ulster. Kieron Conway (51st), Colm Holbeach (52nd) and Gerard McCool (62nd) completed the team finishers.

The Mini boys (Yr8) found the step up in standard tough in their first experience of the Ulster schools, but did well to finish 5th among the top 15 schools in Ulster. Sean Murray ran brilliantly to make his way up to

7th place after being impeded at the start. Luke Kelly competed well to finish in 15th. Conall McGirr fought hard to a 46th place finish and Matthew Lavery justified his late addition to the team by completing the scoring in 61st. Cian McGrath (67th), Kelvin Kearney (71st), Anthony McGarrigle (94th) and Simon Ostermayer (104th) competed well in the 150 strong field.

The Minor boys (Yr9) secured All Ireland qualification with the team Bronze. The top three finishers Callum Morgan, Daniel McComiskey and Ruari Gallagher packed well in 17th, 18th and 21st place respectively. Fionntan Campbell was the best of the rest in 54th to complete the scoring quartet. He was closely followed by Conor O'Neill in 66th and Darragh Gorman in 88th.

The Junior boys (Yr10) were the surprise package of the day securing an unexpected berth at the All Ireland Championship with another team bronze by one point. Adam Ferris made up for his poor start at the districts the week before and was always in the lead pack throughout the race. He would hold on brilliantly to secure the highest individual finish of the day in 5th. Ciaran Beattie ran an exceptional race to finish 32nd. Fionn McQuillan and Keelan Benson completed the scoring in 39th and 40th.

The last race of the day saw the Senior boys finish a slightly disappointing second place to an excellent St. Michael's Enniskillen team. A combination of injuries and lack of preparation caught up on the Senior boys and they lost to a much better team on the day. Eoin Maguire put in a first rate performance to finish in 8th place, his highest ever finish in an Ulster Schools Cross Country. Connor McCann was disappointed with his 22 place finish and Darryl McNicholl competed well for 23rd despite nursing a few minor niggles. Lorcan McClean finished 31st and new team member Conor O'Rawe gained experience in 44th. Niall Armstrong did well to complete the muddy 6km senior course in 65th.

St. Malachy's AC members Eoin McCann (4th senior boys, Rathmore) and Tony McCambridge (8th Inter Boys, St Patrick's) ran well to earn selection for the NI U18 and U16 London mini marathon teams.

Success at 2016 Ulster Schools Track &Field

Friday and Saturday saw the cream of Ulster Schools athletics converge on Antrim forum for the biggest athletics competition in the province. All the athletes on show had qualified by finishing in the top three in one of five districts.

Cormac O'Rourke produced a strong finish to pull away from the field down the home straight and secure the 2016 Inter Boys (Yr11 and 12) 800m title. His time of 2.02 was a personal best. Cormac is still eligible for this age group again next year.

Conall Browne ran arguably his best race to date to pick up the silver medal in a tactical Inter boys 1500m race. Conall showed his speed on the final lap giving the heavy favourite from Omagh a scare as he came up alongside him with 50m to go. Unfortunately Conall couldn't get past, but was rewarded with second place and All Ireland qualification.

There was disappointment for Eoin Maguire as he narrowly missed out on a medal and All Ireland qualification in a sprint finish; finishing fourth in the Senior boys 5000m. Eoin showed great character to return the following day and post a personal best for 6th in the 1500m.

Tim Scott competed well in the Inter boys 3000m; he was in the lead group for the first mile, before losing contact with the leaders over the final few laps. Tim managed a very credible 5th place finish and was rewarded for his effort with selection to compete in the U16 mile event at the All Ireland Schools.

Adam Ferris found the pace too hot on the last lap of the Junior boys 1500m, but ran strongly for 7th place. Adam's strong suit is his endurance rather than his speed, so he will be glad when he can move up to the 3000m distance on the track next year. Daniel McComiskey gained valuable experience in this race as did Ruari Gallagher in the Minor boys 800m.

Aidan McGeown mixed it well in the Inter boys shot, finishing in 8th place and Joe McGann ran excellently to make the final of the Inter boys 200m where he finished in 7th in 24.5s.

St. Malachy's take a clean sweep of the titles at South Antrim District Cross Country Championships

St. Malachy's started off the schools cross country campaign in excellent fashion, winning all the boys team titles on offer at the postponed event at Ulster University Jordanstown. Crisp and cool conditions greeted the runners, but thankfully it stayed dry and bright throughout the day. This is the first time in a few years that we have managed to claim all the team titles on offer.

Sean Murray got proceedings off to a fantastic start taking charge of the Mini boys race at the half way stage and extending his lead to nine seconds at the finish. Luke Kelly battled hard to the finish, narrowly missing an individual medal in fourth. Only one second separated Conall McGirr and Kelvin Kearney in 9th and 11th as they completed the scoring quartet. Luke O'Connor (14th) Anthony McGarrigle (17th) Cian McGrath (18th) and Simon Ostermayer (26th) all competed fantastically in their first schools championships and would have scored on any other schools team. The team had a dominating win, finishing first of 11 teams and scoring 25 points to Methody's 82 points in second.

Ruairi Gallagher overcame a mid-race fall to finish an excellent second place to lead the Minor boys team. Daniel McComiskey showed great speed and strength to nip third place in a sprint finish. The two were followed closely by Callum Morgan in 7th and Oscar Smyth in 10th to complete a commanding team performance. As with the Mini's Fionntan Campbell (14th) Jack Maguire (19th) and Darragh Gorman in 20th would have scored on any other schools team. Conor O'Neill was close behind in 36th.

The Junior boys had the closest team battle of the day, but moved up through the field brilliantly as the race progressed to overcome Methody by 7 points. Adam Ferris was disappointed with his individual silver medal after getting a poor start, but he will learn from this for the Ulster Championships. Keelan Benson (9th) Fionn McQuillan (10th) and Ciaran Beattie (13th) packed together well to secure the team title.

The Inter boys are probably our strongest team despite all the scorers being year 11s in this joint year 11 and 12 age group. Tim Scott ran a strong race to finish a clear second place having run most of the race on his own. Conall Browne pounced out of the chasing pack on the final lap to claim the individual bronze medal. The versatile Cormac O'Rourke showed his class to pick up a few places in the run in to finish 6th. Conal McClean continued his excellent performances this year to finish strongly in 8th place and ensure the team achieved the smallest winning total for the day (19 points). Such is the strength of this team that Matteo Lavorca, returning from a short lay off, in 12th, Colm Holbeach (16th) and Kieron Conway (17th) didn't count in the team scoring. Gerard McCool continued his return from injury in 35th.

The Senior boys team has had its challenges this year, losing a couple of key members to injury, but those who did compete did an outstanding job in a very competitive race. Eoin Maguire closely chased two of last

year's All-Ireland medallists home to claim the individual bronze medal. Connor McCann continued his strong return to form in 6th place. Lorcan McClean competed well to claim 8th place and new boy Conor O'Rawe finished up the team superbly in 11th place.

All these teams qualified for the Ulster Championships at Mallusk. The first three teams and 15 individuals in each race will qualify for the All Ireland Championships in Sligo.

Other notable achievements:

Adam Ferris represented Irish Schools Junior boys (u15) XC team in schools international in Scotland in March.

Tim Scott and Eoin Maguire represented NI team in London Mini marathon in April.

Golf

For the first time in many years, the College Senior golfers won the Ulster Schools Winter League. This was a tremendous achievement and the boys were thrilled given that they had come so close the previous year. Hugh O'Hare, Jude Maskey, Niall McDonagh and Karl Fox, expertly managed by Mr. Danny Fulton won the contest at The Hilton in Templepatrick.

The Darren Clarke Squad members:

Karl Fox, Lewis McGarvey, Cormac Gillespie, Matthew McLaughlin, Christopher Fulton, James Crummey, Jai Benson

Hugh O'Hare has become a junior international golfer which is another fine achievement. It is great to see Hugh gaining recognition for his outstanding play throughout the season.

Basketball

It was an unprecedented year in basketball as the College raced to 4 All Ireland Schools 'A' titles. With around 320 schools registered and playing competitive basketball in Ireland this is a fantastic achievement.

Year 8

Under the expert guidance of Mr Paul McCrory, the Year 8 squad practised twice a week from early September. The boys prepared well for the Northern Ireland Schools Championships (Vince Halloran Cup) by training regularly and playing in a number of invitational tournaments throughout the year. The boys had a most enjoyable year and finished runners up in the Vince Halloran Cup, losing out narrowly to OLPSCK in a pulsating final. The squad included Luke O'Connor, Saul Sherlock, Conall McGirr, Tiernan McCormick, Sean Murray, Dara Maguire, Shea Mooney, Conal Fox, Pearse Rogers, Daniel McQuillan, Peter Fitzpatrick, Sean O'Reilly, Feargal Creagh and Thomas McAuley.

U16 Basketball

The U16 team showed tremendous character after a heartbreaking loss in the final of the All Ireland Schools Cup in January to bounce back to win the North East Regional League and then go on to win the All Ireland Schools League in the National Basketball Arena. By doing so, the College has qualified to represent Ireland in the World Schools Games in Croatia in May 2017. Victory over ISK Killorglin, Kerry was in the balance going into the last quarter with the scores tied up but both experience and character got the boys over the line in a thrilling contest with Niall McGinnity taking the MVP of the final.

U14 Basketball

THURSDAY APRIL 14TH, 2016

Subway All-Ireland Schools U14A Boys Cup Final

St. Malachy's College Belfast 35, Presentation College Bray 29

National Basketball Arena

St. Malachy's retained the Subway All-Ireland Schools U14A Boys Cup Final with a 35-29 win over Presentation College Bray at the National Basketball Arena. The Belfast side have contested every final since the competition began in 2013 while the Wicklow side were in their first U14 decider.

Ryan Paul imposed himself on the first quarter as Presentation, Bray went into a 6-2 lead. Conor McDonnell helped St. Malachy's to curb Bray's inside threat and CJ Fulton scored 13 points in seven minutes to put them in front.

Presentation had to work exceptionally hard on offence in the second quarter but closed the gap through Milo Dollings and Killian Barr. It took Conor Eastwood's three-pointer on the dribble to put St. Malachy's 17-12 ahead at the break.

Eastwood opened the third quarter with another three and with Fulton back on the floor, St. Malachy's threatened to blow out the game. Presentation hung in there with Zac Collins putting in a big shift on defence but couldn't claw back the lead in time.

"We just did enough in the early stages of the game," said St. Malachy's Coach Philip Molloy. "CJ's points in the first quarter gave us the cushion we needed. Guys are just finding their love for the sport. We've got some very good players and some that are new to the game."

St. Malachy's College, Belfast: CJ Fulton (22), O O'Boyle, D Ferguson, D Price (2), N Quinn.

V Eginco (1), R Kingi, C Eastwood (6), N Morgan, C Rocks, C McDonald (4), P Sheehy.

Coach: Philip Molloy

On the international representative front, Conor Ryan, Conor Cooke, Jack Summersgill, CJ Fulton were all selected to the Irish U15 Development Squad and Niall McGinnity was selected for the U16 Irish Development Squad.

U15 Basketball

Friday May 6th, 2016

Subway All-Ireland Schools U15A Boys Cup Final

St. Malachy's College Belfast 50, St Mary's College Galway 33

St. Malachy's College capped off a trophy-laden season with a 50-33 win over St. Mary's College Galway and victory in the Subway All-Ireland Schools U15A Boys Cup Final. The win means the Belfast School have picked up All-Ireland 'A' titles at Junior, U14, U15 and U16 in 2016.

"It's been a really special season," said Coach Adrian Fulton. "We've had a lot of U15's who've had a long year but performing at U16 level really stood to them. When young guys perform at the Arena, winning becomes a habit."

St. Mary's opened the scoring through William Onyenneson and went into a 9-4 lead through Paul Kelly. The Moycullen teen was recently named on the Ireland U16 European Championship squad and hit five points in a row before firing a sublime pass the length of the court for Cormac Croke to lay-up.

St. Malachy's were ice cool and mounted a 21-6 run to take full control. Training in recent weeks had consisted mostly of shooting practice to conserve energy after a lengthy campaign and effortless three-point shooting from Matthew Mulholland, Niall Hurson and CJ Fulton put them 25-15 up by half time.

St. Mary's looked to rally in the third quarter through Miguel Christino Preto but a 10-0 run put St. Malachy's out of sight.

Mulholland took his tally to 11 with nine points coming from Conor Ryan and six apiece from Conn Doherty and Conor Cooke.

St. Malachy's College Belfast: J Summersgill (2), C Ryan (9), C O'Rourke (4), R Scott, C Cooke (6), N Hurson (3), CJ Fulton (7), R O'Neill, M Mulholland (11), C McWilliams, C Doherty (6), C McDonnell (2).
Coach: Adrian Fulton.

and in the All Ireland Junior Playoffs.....

Junior A Boys Semi Final

15:30 Sliabh Luachra Rathmore 59, Colaiste Choilm Ballincollig 54

15:30 St Pats Castleisland 40, St Malachy's Belfast 53

Junior A Boys Final

17:30 Sliabh Luachra Rathmore 39, St Malachy's Belfast 48

U19 Basketball

The U19 team finished the season as North East Regional runners up after winning all five league games but losing narrowly in the regional final. There were victories over St. MacCartan's, Monaghan, St Mary's, Drogheda, St. Joseph's, Drogheda, OLSPCK and Dunshaughlin CS. The boys also reached the All Ireland Schools League quarter finals.

The squad worked hard all year and had a productive season despite not crowning them with All Ireland titles. Numbers remain healthy in the squad which is encouraging.

Gaelic Football

MacLarnon Cup

This year saw the bulk of a very successful senior squad leaving the College. Therefore, the aim of this campaign was to begin a new cycle to blood younger talent at senior level, with the hope that the experience would serve them well for the next two to three campaigns.

The standard of play in the group stages was exceptionally high. St Colm's, Derry had a comprehensive victory over us in the first game. However, the following fixtures against Rathmore and OLSPCK were much more competitive. We beat Rathmore and lost to OLSPCK by 3, having conceded a late goal in injury time. As a result, we failed to qualify to the next stage of the competition.

Overall, the experience served the players well. The bulk of the squad consisted of Year 12 and 13 students and we hope that next year's campaign will lead to further progress at this level.

Year 9 Gaelic Football

This year, our Year 9 team produced a series of excellent displays in the group stages, with two fantastic victories over St. Joseph's, Crossmaglen and Rathmore. This led to qualification for the Ulster Colleges quarter-final against OLSPCK. After an absorbing encounter, the game ended in a draw. The boys eventually lost the replay by the narrowest of margins and could not be faulted for their effort and commitment throughout the whole campaign.

This is a very promising young side which has made huge strides in Year 9 and we are very excited about their prospects in Year 10.

Hurling

Hurling in the College is improving. Low participation numbers coupled with a small pool of coaches and on-going facility issues, have made it very difficult to put in place a sustainable programme. However, this year, the addition of a placement student (Conor Pelan) and County Hurling development officer (Simon McCrory), to the coaching staff, gave our Year 8-10 hurlers the opportunity to participate on a more regular basis. As a result, the Year 8 boys won their Ulster Colleges blitz and the Year 9 boys were narrowly defeated in the final of their competition. The recruitment of coaching staff at this level freed up coaches to work at senior level. At this level, the hurlers had a fantastic victory over Colaiste Feirste in the Ulster Colleges Casement Shield. These changes have contributed to the increased success of the hurling programme, this year.

We hope to secure the services of extra coaches next year to extend provision at all levels throughout the College.

The Year 10 panel began training as early as September, a small indication of the dedication of this team and the individuals involved. The boys played extremely well in the group stages of the competition, with impressive victories over St. Mary's CBGS and Lismore Comprehensive, while the boys lost narrowly to

Our Lady's and & St. Patrick's Knock in the last group game. A superb effort in the quarter-final ultimately ended in defeat to Patrician Carrickmacross. Carrickmacross went on to win the Ulster competition and unfortunately this was to be the end of the journey for our side, who gave Carrickmacross their closest contest in the competition.

The boys have really started to perform regularly at a high level and are making a name for themselves on the Ulster Colleges scene. We all look forward to the adventures of the 2015-16 season at both Year 9 and Year 10, with both the current Year 8 and year 9 teams showing great potential.

Soccer

Belfast & District Secondary Schools Football Association

Yr 8

St Malachy's College 3 – 1 CBS

¼ Final St Malachy's College 2 – 5 OLSPK

T.J.McAtamney, Pearse Rogers, Jude Stewart, Malachy Burns, Conall McGirr, Caolan McBride, Callum Cassidy, John Joe Walsh, Keevan Galloway, Omar Beydilli , Stephen McGuinness

Yr9

St Colm's 0 – 2 St Malachy's College

St Malachy's College 5 – 0 Glengormley

¼ final ERC 3 – 0 St Malachy's College

Fionntan Campbell, Ruairi Gallagher, Ben O'Reilly, Patrick Kelly, Ethan Largey , Deaglan Burns, Caolan McBride, Conor Quinn, Sean Stewart, Brendan Keenan, Jack Maguire , Oisin Treacy, Conor O'Neill, Oscar Smyth , Kevin Duffy, Ethan Deery

Yr10

St Malachy's College 3 – 0 Ashfield

¼ Final St Malachy's College 4 – 2 St Patrick's Bernageeha

½ Final St Malachy's College 1 – 2 ERC

Michael Hegney, Mark Donnelly, Kelan Benson, Lewis McGarvey, Peter Stewart, Christopher Fulton, Gareth Burns, Michael Duffy, Caoimhin Kingsmore, Paul Scullion, Ryan Russell, Ruairi Teer, Michael Kane, Sean Pierce McGreevy

Yr11

St Malachy's College 5 – 2 Laurelhill

¼ final Bangor 6 – 1 St Malachy's College

Aidan McGeown, Jai Benson, Matthew Mulholland, Padraig Slane, Matteo Lavorca, Oisín McQuillan, Patrick Burns, Sean Og Gallagher, Aidan Gilleece, Jack Maguire, Rowan McConnell, Sean Duffy, Patrick Quinn

Yr12

Glengormely 0 – 2 St Malachy's College

¼ Final St Malachy's College 3 – 0 O.L.S.P.K

½ Final St Patrick's Bernageeha 1 – 5 St Malachy's College

Final La Salle 3 – 0 St Malachy's College

Aidan McGeown, Aidan Tobin, Alex Doney, Canice McDonald, Conor Lawlor, Conor McCullough, Curtis Davidson, Ethan McErlean, Jai Benson, Lorcan Small, Matthew Mulholland, Niall Gilleece, Oliver Silo, Padraig Slane, Patrick Burns, Patrick Ross, Paul O'Neill

U18

St Malachy's College 2 – 0 Ashfield

St Malachy's College 6 – 0 Bangor

¼ final: St Malachy's College 3 – 0 St Colm's

½ Final: Colaiste Feirste 3 – 5 St Malachy's College

Final: St Mary's 3 – 1 St Malachy's College

Michael Brady, Michael McNamee, Luke Walsh, John-Joe McCool, Cormac Lawlor, Ruairai Bannon, Matthew Magennis, Paul Hutchinson, Donal Curran, Darryl McNicholl

Northern Ireland Secondary Schools Football Association

U12

St Patrick's GS Downpatrick 0 – 2 St Malachy's College

Portora 0 – 4 St Malachy's College

¼ Final Killicomaine 1 – 2 St Malachy's College

½ Final Boys Model 2 – 1 St Malachy's College

U14

St Malachy's College 7 – 2 Lumen Christie

¼ Final Dromore 0 – 3 St Malachy’s College
St Malachy’s College 0 – 2 Clounagh

U16

St Malachy’s College 0 – 2 Lisneal

U18

St Malachy’s College 0 – 1 NWRC (Derry)

- Caolan Mc Bride captained Club NI U13s and travelled to Greece at half term for an international tournament.
- Bobby Burns (Yr12) was offered a contract with Rochdale F.C but turned it down. They were offering a monetary deal with the opportunity to complete a BTEC and one A Level. Bobby would like to have the chance to study three A Levels and turned the deal down on this basis.
- Cormac Lawlor captained NISFA U17s in the UEFA Cup qualifiers against Norway, Israel and France. He is currently playing for Cliftonville reserves.

Water Polo

It was another successful year for St. Malachy's Water Polo squads, with a record number of new first and second years joining the respective teams and the College did considerably well in all competitions at each age level.

The biggest news from the year was the senior team finally getting its hands on the Canada Trophy to be crowned Ulster Schools Champions! Well done boys!

The U16 also competed very well this year and the Under 14 team is showing a lot of encouraging signs for the future.

Yet again, we are grateful to Michael McKendry for all his hard work and dedication this year. Some of our senior students were a great help in liaising with the PE Department and organising the younger pupils. Kieran O'Reilly, Ciaran McGranaghan and Euan Loughrey deserve a particular mention. Joseph Loane and Sean MacFarlane played a similar role later in the year with the junior team.

Table Tennis

Young starlet Julian Kelly (Year 9), son of past pupil Laurence Kelly, won the silver medal in the Ulster Schools Table Tennis championships. He is an international table tennis player and we plan to extend these opportunities to more pupils next year. Julian has been selected to travel abroad with the Irish Development Squad and we wish him well.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN SPORT **RESPECT and COMMITMENT**

The most important rule to remember is that each student must at all times show respect and courtesy towards everyone that he meets: his fellow pupils, all staff in the College and members of the public.

Pupils committed to and involved in extra-curricular activities should experience personal achievement and enjoyment in a pleasant and safe environment.

1. Pupils must never compromise their academic progress because of their involvement in extra-curricular sporting activities.
2. Pupils involved in activities should have excellent records in the following areas: attendance, punctuality, behaviour and co-operation, observance of uniform regulations, respectful attitude towards all staff; homework and coursework submitted on time.
3. Substance abuse (drugs, alcohol, tobacco etc.) are serious breaches of discipline and will result in automatic and immediate suspension from sporting activities and trips.
4. Participants should play for enjoyment and to improve performance, not just to please their parents or coaches.

5. Participants must accept the decisions of coaches and officials and always play by the rules.
6. Participants should display good sporting attitudes and behaviour and support all good play, whether it is in their own team or an opposing team.
7. Participants should control their tempers at all times.
8. Participants should treat all players, as they themselves would like to be treated.
9. Bullying or taking unfair advantage of any player will not be tolerated.
10. Participants should endeavour to do their best and work equally hard for all members of their team.

Participants should appreciate and accept that being a part of a team carries many responsibilities. Accepting difference and sacrificing yourself for the good of the team are crucial in developing good team spirit.

Your commitment and dedication are greatly appreciated
UNA CONIUNCTI — VIRES PLURA
(Together everyone achieves more)

Gloria Ab Intus

SPANISH

It is pleasing that the uptake of Spanish, at both GCSE and A level, continues to demonstrate a largely positive trend. In the 2015-2016 academic year, in Year 11, sixty-two boys began their GCSE course in Spanish (compared to thirty-five boys in Year 12). In Year 13, eighteen boys started their A level course in Spanish, with a further twelve boys continuing Spanish to A2 level. We were very pleased with our second successive year of achieving 100% A*-C at A2 level and also with the high percentage of boys achieving A*-B (83%), particularly relative to the NI average (71.9%). A similarly encouraging picture presented itself at AS level – in a large cohort, with considerable variation regarding academic ability- as only two boys did not receive a grade A to C.

The quality of teaching and learning in the Spanish Department continued to be a primary focus, with all department members contributing, to ensure that resources were topical and of the best possible quality, and that assessments were both relevant and rigorous. Also in 2015-2016, we implemented the use of a Virtual Learning Environment with A level classes, to develop the boys' independent learning skills and to encourage them to take increased levels of ownership for their learning; given its success, we will continue to incorporate this tool as a teaching and learning strategy. Boys at all Key Stages continued to receive excellent additional Spanish support, if required, from both native Spanish speaking classroom assistants as well as our Spanish language assistant. Pablo Córdoba Huertos and Alba Coca Monereo, along with department members, provided additional lunchtime support classes for Key Stage 3 boys and María Serano has continued to be an invaluable resource and source of guidance for A level pupils, focussing primarily on the boys' spoken Spanish.

The Spanish Department again made a number of significant extracurricular contributions. For example, A level boys led Spanish taster lessons in local primary schools, and Key Stage 3 and GCSE boys were given the opportunity to sample Spanish foods, all as part of European Day of Languages. A final highlight of the 2015-2016 academic year was the inaugural A level Madrid language trip, led by Mrs Rayot. Twenty-four A level boys (twelve AS boys and twelve A2 boys) spent a week in Madrid, staying with Spanish host families and attending a Spanish language school each day, until lunchtime; afternoons were spent exploring the many sights Madrid has to offer. As a department, we believe the Madrid trip had a most beneficial impact on the boys, especially in terms of their confidence, motivation levels and enthusiasm for Spanish. It is a venture we would most definitely be keen to repeat in the future.

TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN

It was another busy year in the Technology & Design Department. As well as offering a varied curriculum to all pupils at KS3, we had two GCSE classes in Yr12, one in Yr11 and AS and A2 CCEA Product Design.

We made the decision to move our GCSE pupils to CCEA in September in 2015. This was a risk as our Yr12 pupils were going to have to complete all four units in one year. Thankfully, with the hard work and dedication of staff and pupils, we pulled it off and were very happy with the results. In fact we were commended by the visiting moderator on the quality of our project work!

Our A-level pupils continued to follow the CCEA Product Design course. We had 15 students at AS level, which is very healthy numbers. The results were very promising and bode well for A2.

The highlight of the academic year again was the Sentinus Team R&D challenge. Four AS pupils, selected because of their interest in Engineering, had the privilege of working with Queen's University's Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department and NIE. The project involved researching emerging renewable energies, such as wind turbines, and the effect that they have on the network. The students were asked to devise a method of ensuring that transformers on the network were not subjected to reverse power flow as this can be an expensive repair. This was a really interesting experience for the students and opened their eyes to the vast array of opportunities available to them with QUB and NIE. They really enjoyed both the workshop days and career talks and lectures from QUB staff.

The College Open Nights in January 2016 were, as always, a great success. The pupils involved in showcasing the Technology Department were a real credit to the College. The visiting pupils and parents really enjoyed seeing examples of pupil practical work and getting to have a go themselves in the workshop!

The annual Art and Technology show was held in June. This was an opportunity for the AS and A2 Product Design students to display their efforts. It is always nice for their family and friends to come along and see how creative they have been. We had a wide range of products on display – from bicycle locks and car storage to redesigns of iPod docks and water bottle carriers. We were also able to display some of our new CCEA GCSE Systems projects.

G. APPENDICES

STATISTICS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-16

Summary of A2 Level Performance (Yr 14 – 111 students within Exam Cohort)

A2 Pass Rate(Grades A*-E) : 344 passes out of 344 exam subject entries = **100%**

A2 Subject	Entrie	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	% A*-C
Applied ICT(Ai)	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	66.7
Art & Des(Ar)	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	100.0
Biology(Bi)	25	3	8	6	4	3	1	0	84.0
Busness St(Bs)	28	1	3	13	6	5	0	0	82.1
Chemistry(Ch)	20	6	5	5	2	1	1	0	90.0
Drama(Dr)	10	0	2	6	2	0	0	0	100.0
Eng Lit(Et)	16	0	2	3	8	3	0	0	81.3
French(Fr)	8	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	100.0
Geography(Gg)	19	0	3	12	4	0	0	0	100.0
History(Hi)	31	0	6	15	8	1	1	0	93.5
Inf. Tech(It)	21	0	1	5	9	3	2	1	71.4
Irish(Ir)	10	1	4	2	2	1	0	0	90.0
Maths(Ma)	52	16	20	9	6	1	0	0	98.1
Mov Imge(Mi)	10	1	1	4	4	0	0	0	100.0
Music(Mu)	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	100.0
Physics(Ph)	25	6	12	6	1	0	0	0	100.0
Pol. St.(Po)	15	1	3	6	5	0	0	0	100.0
Rel.St.(Re)	19	0	5	8	5	1	0	0	94.7
Sociology(So)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	100.0
Spanish(Sp)	12	1	4	5	2	0	0	0	100.0
Sports Studies(Ss)	11	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	100.0
Tech. Desi(Td)	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	66.7

Category	Total No. of Students	School % 2016	School % 2015	School (% 2014)	School (% 2013)	School (% 2012)
3+ (A*-B)	53	47.7%	(37.9%)	(38.8%)	(43.5%)	(41.2%)
3+ (A*- C)	91	<u>82%</u>	(78.3%)	(65.7%)	(72.9%)	(74.6%)
2+ (A*- C)	110	99.1%	(92.7%)	(85.2%)		
3+ (A* -E)	109	98.2%	(98.4%)	(97.2%)	(96.7%)	(97.4%)
2+ (A*- E)	111	100%	(100%)	(99.1%)	(100 %)	(100%)

2015-16 : Outstanding Achievement at A2

- 1 student achieved 5 A* Grades
- 9 students achieved 4 A*/A Grades
- 12 additional students achieved 3 A*/A Grades
- 48 students achieved ABB or equivalent (13 points) = 43.5 %

(2015 = 35.5 %, 2014 =33%) (Note A*=6,A=5, B=4,C=3,D=2,E=1)

Summary of AS Performance (Yr13 – 131 students within exam cohort)

AS pass rate (A*-E) : 406 passes out of 414 exam subject entries = **98 %**

AS Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	U	% A-C
Applied Business (Ab)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
Art & Des(Ar)	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	100.0
Biology(Bi)	31	3	7	8	9	3	1	58.1
Business St(Bs)	22	6	10	3	1	1	1	86.4
Chemistry(Ch)	24	3	7	7	5	2	0	70.8
Comptr St.(Cp)	17	2	3	9	2	1	0	82.4
Drama(Dr)	6	0	2	3	1	0	0	83.3
Eng Lit(Et)	11	0	3	6	2	0	0	81.8
French(Fr)	8	2	1	4	1	0	0	87.5
Geography(Gg)	23	3	7	5	5	2	1	65.2
History(Hi)	29	4	5	11	5	3	1	69.0
Inf. Tech(It)	34	7	8	7	9	2	1	64.7
Irish(Ir)	7	2	0	1	3	0	1	42.9
Maths(Ma)	57	17	17	11	8	3	1	78.9
Mov Imge(Mi)	10	3	2	5	0	0	0	100.0
Music(Mu)	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	100.0
Physics(Ph)	29	7	7	6	3	5	1	69.0
Pol. St.(Po)	16	10	4	1	0	0	1	93.8
Rel.St.(Re)	12	2	2	1	4	2	1	41.7
Sociology(So)	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	100.0
Spanish(Sp)	18	4	9	3	2	0	0	88.9
Sports Studies(Ss)	14	7	4	0	1	1	1	78.6
Tech. Desi(Td)	12	1	2	7	2	0	0	83.3

Category	Total No. of Students	School % 2016	School (% 2015)	School (% 2014)	School (% 2013)	School (% 2012)
4+ (A - B)	-	-	-	-	12%	17.5%
4+ (A - C)	15	11.5%	(23.2%)	(13.4%)	21%	27.2%
3+ (A - B)	8	6.1%	(4.3%)	(2%)	17%	33.3%
3+ (A - C)	74	56.5%	(61.6%)	(47.7%)	44%	51.8%
2+ (A - C)	104	79.4%	(79%)	(76.5%)	70%	72.8%
3+ (A - E)	124	94.7%	(92%)	(86.6%)	83%	79.8%
2+ (A - E)	129	98.5%	(100%)	(99.3%)	97%	94.7%

2015-16 : Outstanding Achievement at AS

- 5 students achieved 4 A Grades
- 6 additional students achieved 3 A Grades
- 41 students achieved ABB or equivalent (13 points) = 31 %

(2015= 39 %, 2014 = 27.6%)

(Note A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1)

Summary of GCSE Performance (Yr 12 –149 students within Exam Cohort)

GCSE Pass Rate : 1435 passes out of 1507 exam subject entries = **95.1%**

GCSE Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	A*-C
Art & Design	21	0	6	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	100
Biology	34	8	10	7	6	0	1	2	0	0	91.2
Business Studies	22	1	11	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	100
Chemistry	23	10	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Computer Science	11	0	0	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	90.9
Design and Technology	32	0	6	13	12	1	0	0	0	0	96.9
Drama	20	0	4	11	4	1	0	0	0	0	95
English Language	154	4	41	68	40	1	0	0	0	0	99.4
English Literature	151	9	36	54	46	6	0	0	0	0	96
French	56	9	10	14	20	3	0	0	0	0	94.6
Geography	56	4	13	23	10	5	1	0	0	0	89.3
History	52	10	19	15	8	0	0	0	0	0	100
Home Economics	16	1	4	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	93.8
Irish	47	5	11	15	14	2	0	0	0	0	95.7
Mathematics Further	66	15	20	20	7	1	1	2	0	0	93.9
Mathematics	74	0	4	31	37	1	0	1	0	0	97.3
MIA	15	0	2	9	2	2	0	0	0	0	86.7
Music	7	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	85.7
Physics	23	10	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Religious Studies	152	15	36	47	37	14	2	0	1	0	88.8
Spanish	35	6	8	8	8	3	2	0	0	0	85.7
Sports Studies	22	1	3	7	10	1	0	0	0	0	95.5
Statistics	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100

Category	Total No. of Students	School % 2016	School (% 2015)	School (% 2014)	School (% 2013)	School (% 2012)
5+ GCSE A*- C	146	98%	(94.4%)	(96.8%)	(98.1%)	(97.3%)
5+ GCSE A*- C (include M & E)	145	97.3%	(92.5%)	(95.5%)	(96.2%)	(93.99%)
7+ GCSE A*- C	142	95.3%	(83.8%)	(91.6%)	(92.3%)	(91.9%)
7+ GCSE A*-C (include M & E)	141	94.6%	(83.8%)	(91.6%)	(90.4%)	(91.2%)
7+ GCSE A*- B	90	60.4%	(49.4%)	(59.4%)	-	-
7+ GCSE A*-B (include M & E)	84	56.4%	(46.3%)	(57.4%)	-	-

2015-16 Outstanding Achievement at GCSE

- 12 students achieved 10 A*/A Grades
- 15 additional students achieved 9A*-A grades
- 3 students achieved 8 A*-A grades
- Average point score at GCSE was 20 points (2015 = 17 points, 2014 = 20 points)
(A*=4, A=3, B=2,C=1 point)

Summary of KS3 Levels of Progression (Year 10)

Level	4	5	6	7
No. of Students Communication	-	52	77	34
Percentage Communication	-	31.9%	47.2%	20.9%
No. of Students Using Maths	1	15	97	50
Percentage Using Maths	0.6%	9.2%	59.5%	30.7%

Percentage of pupils achieving:

	Communication	Using Mathematics
Level 5 or above	100%	99.4%
Level 6 or above	68.1%	90.2%

SCHOOL LEAVERS DESTINATION

(i) By Number

	Year 8	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Year 14	Total
Another School : Grammar	3	0	0	2	2	0	7
Another School : non Grammar	0	1	2	10	4	0	17
Another School : unknown	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Emigrated	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Employment*	0	0	0	1	1	19	21
FE NI Foundation Degree	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FE-NI:Degree Crse (NVQ:L4)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FE-NI:non Degree>AL (NVQ:L4)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
FE-NI:non Dgree<=AL (NVQ:L1-3)	0	0	0	5	8	3	16
FE-non UK:non Dgr<=AL NVQ:L1-3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
FE-unk:non Dgre<=AL (NVQ:L1-3)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
HE-GB:Degree Crse (NVQ:L4)	0	0	0	0	0	24	24
HE-NI:Degree Crse (NVQ:L4)	0	0	0	0	0	54	54
HE-non UK:Degree Crse (NVQ:L4)	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Jobskills at FE College	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jobskills/Training/Apprentice	0	0	0	2	1	3	6
Unknown	0	0	0	2	1	1	4
Total	3	1	2	27	17	113	163

Note: Employment in Year 14 includes students taking a Gap Year.

(ii) By Percentage per Year group

	Total Number of Leavers	Other Schools %	F Ed. %	H Ed. %	Jobskills / Training / Apprenticeship %	Employment %	Others %
Year 14	113	0	5.3	74.3	2.7	16.8	0.9
Year 13	17	35	47	0	5.9	5.9	5.9
Year 12	27	48	25.6	0	11.1	3.7	11.1
Years 8-11	6	100	0	0	0	0	0
Total	163						

ATTENDANCE RATE

Attendance Rate for the academic year 2015-16 : **96.0 %**

Group	Attendance
Year 8	96.14
Year 9	95.85
Year 10	96.20
Year 11	95.23
Year 12	96.47
Year 13	96.51
Year 14	97.77
Totals	96.0

Performance in Public Examinations (Grammar Schools)

3+ A*-C at A2	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
School	80	74.6	72.9	65.7	78.3	82.0
NI Grammar	77	76.7	77.2	75.7	77.0	77.0*
2+ A*-E at A2	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
School	98.9	100	100	99.3	100	100
NI Grammar	99	99.5	99.6	99.6	99.7	99.7*
5 A*-C at GCSE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
School	93.5	97.3	98.1	96.8	94.4	98.0
NI Grammar	97	97	97.3	97.2	97.8	97.8*
5 A*-C at GCSE (inc E&M)						
NI Grammar (inc E&M)	94	93	94.0	92.5	95.0	95.0*

*Indicates predicted figures based upon 2015 performance in NI

(ii) COLLEGE CURRICULUM

Junior School (Key Stage 3) - Years 8, 9, 10

In Year 8, all pupils follow the same curriculum, which includes a total of 17 different subjects.

Art & Design	Science	Geography
History	Music	Mathematics
Technology & Design	Physical Education	Home Economics
Religious Education	Drama	French
English	Spanish/ Irish	ICT & Computing Skills

LLW: Employability / Personal Development/Citizenship

Middle School (Key Stage 4) Years 11, 12

Subjects available: as in Junior school, plus Further Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English Literature, Moving Image Arts, Business Studies, Computing, Physical Education (GCSE), Journalism and Leisure & Tourism, Business & Communication Systems (BACS) and Gaeliga.

All KS4 students in St. Malachy's College take the following subjects:

Religious Education
English Language
English Literature
Mathematics, or Mathematics and Further Mathematics

Students take five other subjects including at least one Science Subject (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Double Award Science) and, in most cases, one modern language (French, Irish, Spanish). Non-examination courses taught include the three compulsory strands of Learning for Life and Work.

Senior School (Key Stage 5) Years 13, 14

Subjects available for study at A2-Level and/or AS Level include:

Art & Design	Biology	Chemistry
Drama	English Literature	French
Geography	History	Irish
Mathematics	Music	Physics
Religious Studies	Spanish	Technology & Design

In addition the following subjects are offered;

Applied ICT *	Home Economics *
Applied Business*	Health & Social Care*
Business Studies	Journalism
Computing	Politics
Economics*	Sociology *
Further Mathematics	Sports Studies
ICT	

*indicates subject offered through collaboration within the NBALC.

The Sixth Form Curriculum also includes non-examination courses for all in; Careers, Enrichment, Physical Education and Religious Education.

H. CHILD PROTECTION

In 2015-16, the Child Protection Policy was reviewed and approved by the Board of Governors and was sent to all parents and information on Child Protection is included in all Parent Information Evenings. The Drugs and Alcohol Policy was reviewed and revised in line with statutory guidance from DENI. Child Protection is an important aspect of Section 1b of the School Development Plan and, in accordance with the plan, Child Protection Training was carried out with all staff in August 2015 and then, as required, with new staff. The Designated Teacher for 2015/16 was Ms Deirdre McCusker and the Deputy Designated Teachers were Mr Francie Toner and Mrs Stephanie Rayot. Two further members of staff completed Child Protection training with the Education Authority, Belfast Region; Mr C Heaney and Mrs C Devlin and also acted as Deputy Designated Teachers. Photographs and names of all staff within the Child Protection team are prominently displayed around the College. Mr Fearghal MacElhatton is the Designated Governor for Child Protection. Child Protection and Safeguarding is a standing point of agenda at all Board of Governor meetings.

During the course of the year, the designated teachers liaised with external agencies as appropriate, including Gateway Social Services and the Education Authority, Belfast Region Child Protection team. The counselling service provided through DENI by Familyworks continues to be well used. Much work has been done on developing and embedding a relevant preventative curriculum across all key stages, including provision for eSafety, Drugs Education and Mental Health. Mr M Cooke, as HOY and Designated Drugs Officer completed ASCERT (charity providing services that address the impact of alcohol and drugs related issues that affect people's lives) OCN Level 2 Drugs Awareness Course and Miss C Gault KS4 Learning Mentor completed a 2 day course; Young People, Substance Misuse and Mental Health also with ASCERT. Miss Gault disseminated the information from her course to all SEN staff as a CPD opportunity.

I. SPECIAL NEEDS PROVISION

As part of its statutory duty under article 4 (2) of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order, 1996, the Board of Governors has delegated responsibility for the coordination of special needs and disability provision in the College to Mrs O'Neill, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. In October 2015, following Mrs O'Neill's departure from the College, Mrs Deirdre McCusker, Vice Principal took on the role of Acting Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. She is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school's SEN policy and its monitoring and review, and the development and co-ordination of additional Learning Support Programmes across all three Key Stages of the curriculum. The College also has a Specialist teacher responsible for each Key Stage; Mrs C Evans, KS3, Mr A Douglas, KS4 and Mr K Niblock, KS5. An additional 2 Learning Mentors were appointed on a temporary basis for 2015-16. In 2015-16, the SEN staff had an increased role in fostering an effective Preventative Curriculum and more effective use was made of Staff Training Days for SEN staff with training on Safetalk (suicide awareness from the Education Authority, Belfast Region) and Learning Mentors attending courses on Anger Management and Anxiety Based School Refusal. The impact of this was increased support for students with specific pastoral issues. To further professional development, Specialist teachers, Learning Mentors and Classroom assistants availed of a wide range of courses including; Anxiety based school refusal, Effective Response to Bullying Behaviour, Promoting Mental Health, Writing Behaviour Plans, Risk Management, Assessment & Personal Handling, Safe Talk, ASD Level 1 and 2, ASD Level 2, Effective Use of CAs, Anaphylaxis, Epilepsy, Diabetes and Peripatetic Hearing.

The number of students on the SEN register included 44 students with statements (stage 5 COP), 56 students (stages 1-4 COP) and 272 students with Medical or Physical conditions.

Individual Education Plans were drawn up in consultation with each student, their parents and teachers of all those placed at stage 2 or above of Code of Practice. The progress of all was monitored and reviewed regularly throughout the school year.

To develop support for students who require help, but do not have learning difficulties as is understood in the Code of Practice, the SENCo and members of the Pastoral team have had to liaise closely with an increasing number of external agencies such as the Royal Hospital schools, Social Services, and Health Trusts. They also work in close partnership across three Regions of the Education Authority- Belfast, South Eastern, and North Eastern - particularly with their Educational Welfare, Oakwood ASD Service, Educational Psychology and Special Education departments.

J. CAREERS DEPARTMENT

The Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) provision at St. Malachy's College aims to enable our students to become effective career decision makers, empowered to manage their own career development successfully, confidently and with due respect and care for their own needs, those of others and of the wider community in general.

Staff

There were three teachers in the Careers Department in 2015-16. Each has teaching responsibilities in other departments in the College. They are Mrs G McAlinden (Head of Department), Mr P McStravick and Mr B McCullagh.

CEIAG

The five key components of 'Careers' provision are:

- Careers Education
- Careers Information
- Careers Advice and Guidance
- Work-related Learning Experiences
- Development of Employability Skills

and recurring themes include...

- **Self Awareness and Development**
identifying, assessing and developing the skills and qualities necessary to choose and implement an appropriate career plan
- **Careers Exploration**
acquiring and evaluating information and reviewing experiences to identify and investigate appropriate career pathways and learning opportunities in education, training and employment, locally, nationally and internationally
- **Career Management**
developing skills in career planning and employing effective decision-making strategies to manage transition and to make suitable career development choices, with the appropriate support, advice and guidance.

The Careers Department seeks to address the aims of CEIAG and each of its key components in its provision of learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Provision

Years 8 and 9

Learning for Life and Work (LLW) of which Education for Employability is one strand, is a central element of the Revised Curriculum at key stages 3 and 4. The Education for Employability programme for years 8 and 9 is delivered by several teachers and makes a positive contribution to the overall CEIAG provision in the College.

Years 10-12

The Careers programme for years 10 -12 is delivered by careers teachers, and is supported by two Careers Advisers from the Department of Employment and Learning (DEL). Scheduled classes, one period per two weeks, are complemented by a range of provision including careers guidance interviews in Year 12, information evenings, visiting speakers and participation in relevant careers events such as business insight experiences and careers conventions.

Years 13 and 14

Students in Year 13 and Year 14 are scheduled for one period in the two-week timetable for Careers Education. The focus for the majority of students tends to be preparation for Higher Education but provision is also made for those who wish to explore and follow employment or other opportunities.

All year 13 students are expected to participate in the Work Experience Programme which provides the opportunity to spend a week in a work environment of their choice during the second term. Nine pupils chose to participate in the German Work Experience and Cultural Exchange Programme this year.

Students in year 14 begin the first term with visits to Open Days at local and other universities, followed quickly by final decision making and completion of UCAS, CAO and other applications. A mock interview programme for Year 14 students is well established and aims to prepare them for an actual interview situation as well as supporting detailed research and sound decision-making. Students are encouraged to keep career plans under review and to use all resources available to them throughout the year.

Although students are timetabled for ‘careers’ classes the Careers Department supports opportunities for careers-related learning throughout the curriculum and the contributions of all teachers and all subjects to the careers-related experiences of our students are encouraged and highly valued.

Advice and Guidance:

A range of informal advice and guidance opportunities exist in the College but the Careers Department provides more formal learner centred advice and guidance both at key transition times and on request. Career planning information is communicated for use in the mentoring programme to help ensure on-going and holistic support of pupils. GCSE and AS/A level Option Booklets are produced annually to help students with subject choice and students and parents are invited to Option Information Evenings.

All students in Year 12 have an individual guidance interview with a careers adviser and students in Year 14 are invited to discuss their Higher/Further Education choices before completing their applications. Any student may request a careers guidance interview with a careers adviser.

The Careers Advisers also play an important role in providing a series of talks for school leavers and conducting further guidance interviews for these groups of students. Careers teachers are available for consultation by pupils and parents after publication of GCSE and A/AS Level results in August.

The now established 'Enrichment Period' for senior students is welcomed by the Careers Department, and continues to provide an excellent platform for visiting speakers from higher education etc. It adds another dimension to the provision of careers information, advice and guidance for these year groups.

Information:

A broad range of relevant and up-to-date good quality careers literature is readily available to all students in the Careers Section of the newly re-furnished College Library. Access to the library is before and after school, at lunch times and on specific occasions during careers classes. The new senior school Careers Suite houses a developing year 13/14 careers library which facilitates use during class and supervised periods.

Our students have the opportunity to access careers information through a variety of experiences but ICT is regarded a vital tool in addressing the objectives of the CEIAG programme. Students use the internet extensively and make excellent use of iPad technology to research and explore potential course and career pathways. The Careers Department welcomes the provision of the new C2k careers packages specially adapted for schools in Northern Ireland.

Work-related Learning:

While recognising that work-related learning takes places through a range of activities, assignments and other experiences in the College, the Careers Department aims to provide each year group with a least one very focussed work related learning opportunity per year. The Work Experience programme, the Mock Interview programme and a range of business insight and enterprise events are highlights in the Careers calendar and enhance the relevance of the learning programmes. These experiences serve to motivate students, enhance their self-awareness, develop their career knowledge and career planning skills and ultimately help them make better informed decisions about their future education, training and employment. The Careers Department has built up an extensive database of contacts from the world of work and enjoys excellent support for all our events from local business and industry.

Employability Skills:

Work-related learning in the College makes a significant contribution to the development of our students' employability skills. The Careers Department recognises that all learning programmes can effectively promote the development of communication, numeracy, ICT skills, as well as other employability skills such as working with others, problem solving, decision-making, self-management and managing information. Where possible and appropriate active teaching and learning strategies and the provision of opportunities where students engage as active participants and take responsibility for their own learning are employed.

Additional/Individual Experiences:

As well as inviting a variety of visiting speakers to the College and running the biennial Careers Convention, the Careers Department organises a range of visits and encourages students to attend a wide variety of conferences, seminars and lectures outside school. Each year individuals as well as groups of students attend events such as: University Open Days, Higher/Further Education Events, Careers Events (Accountancy, Healthcare, Medicine, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Engineering, Law, IT, Media, Construction, Hospitality), Higher Apprenticeships Presentations and Leadership Development Competitions.

Subject departments in the College also involve pupils in a range of visits, activities, seminars, competitions

etc. which give pupils a subject related insight into the world of work and into opportunities in further and higher education.

The annual 'Careers Diary' provides a glimpse of students' experiences and is available in the current edition of 'The Collegian' or on the College website and on request.

Parents:

The Careers Department values the interest parents have in their son's future planning and recognises the positive impact of the involvement and support of parents. Through regular communications home we aim to keep parents fully informed about the careers programme and related matters. Parents are invited to attend information evenings, the biennial Careers Convention, parent/teacher meetings and guidance interviews after the publication of examination results.

Parental support of the work of the Careers Department is always welcome and we are grateful for the considerable contributions made by parents to our full range of careers related activities.

CAREERS DIARY

AUGUST 2015 – JULY 2016

13th-14th Aug. **Advice sessions for former Year13 and Year14 students**
Following publication of AS and A-level results.

20th Aug. **Advice sessions for former Year12 students**
Following publication of GCSE results.

Stirling University Presentation: Writing an Effective Personal Statement

Mr Neil Gillivray, Student Recruitment Manager at the University of Stirling attended the Year 14 Enrichment period to provide information about studying in Scotland, advice to students on how to write an effective UCAS personal statement and how to make the most of attending an Open Day.

7th-14th Sept. Year 14 Career Guidance Interview Programme

In advance of the final decision making season 19 Y14 students took the opportunity to talk through career plans with DEL Careers Advisers. Senior students may request an appointment with a careers adviser at any time during the year.

8th Sept. UCAS Presentation for Y14 Parents

As part of the Y14 Parents Information Event the Head of Careers provided an overview of the UCAS process. Key dates were highlighted, information about future events provided and advice on managing applications was given.

9th Sept. University of Ulster (Jordanstown) Open Day

This annual event which allows pupils to sample the university environment and to discuss courses etc. with university staff was attended by all Y14 pupils.

9th Sept. Year 12 Apply for Careers Guidance Interviews

Careers Advisers Mrs A Morgan and Mr G Daly visited all Y12 classes this week to re-introduce themselves

in advance of beginning personal career guidance interviews. They outlined the support they can offer Y12 pupils this year and facilitated the completion of pupils' 'Application for Careers Advice' forms.

11th Sept. **QUB Open Day**

All Year 14 students took advantage of the opportunity visit Queen's during its Open Day. As well as touring the facilities pupils attended a range of presentations relating to their degree course interests.

12th Sept. **MCB Higher Education Convention**

With representatives from higher education institutions across the U.K and Eire present, as well as a range of seminars on courses and issues of relevance to attend, a number of Year 14 students made the most of this well-established event.

15th Sept. **St. Mary's University College Open Day**

10 Year 14 students interested in teaching visited St. Mary's University College. Students benefited from a well-organized event that included an overview of courses and course structure, application and interview procedures, as well as a tour of the facilities of the College.

16th Sept - Apr. **Year 12 Career Guidance Interview Programme**

A rolling programme of career guidance interviews begins. All Year 12 pupils are scheduled to attend an interview with a careers adviser from DEL. Additional interviews are arranged as required.

18th Sept. **LJMU**

Y13 Introduction to HE

Sharon Roden from Liverpool John Moores University visited the College to provide an introduction to Higher Education for Year 13 pupils and to inform them about the courses available and the practicalities of studying in Liverpool.

18th Sept. **Pharmacy Day at W5**

Organised by the Chemistry department 25 Y13 pupils attended an event at W5 to explore career opportunities related to their A'level course.

23rd - 25th Sept. **Medical Work Experiences for Y14**

Two Y14 pupils keen to supplement previous work experiences attended additional medical work placements in the Mater and Royal hospitals during September and October.

1st Oct. **Y14 Mock Academic Interview Programme**

There was an excellent participation rate this year when in recognition of the value of interview practice and the importance of making carefully considered course choices all Year 14 students were offered mock academic interviews. A large number of representatives from Business, Industry, Further and Higher Education supported our pupils by providing feedback on interview performance and application forms as well as advice and guidance on course and career selection. Our Y14 pupils highly value this experience and appreciate the time and expertise of the interviewers.

7th Oct. **Bombardier Event at W5**

A selection of Y11 and 12 pupils got the opportunity to explore how the content of the Physics curriculum is applied in the workplace when they attended this Bombardier event at W5. Representatives of the company also provided an overview of opportunities for school leavers as well the potential for employees to engage in life-long learning and progress their career pathways.

9th Oct. **Medical Mock Interviews**

Additional mock interviews for our medical applicants were arranged to ensure all boys had the opportunity to practice their interview skills and receive advice and guidance from a local consultant.

German Work Experience and Cultural Exchange Project: Part 1

Friday 16th October marked the beginning of this year's German Work Experience, Social and Cultural Project. Twelve pupils and two staff from our partner school Ludwig Wilhelm Gymnasium in Rastatt, Germany arrived at the College to participate with a group of Y13 pupils in an eight day collaborative programme. The group enjoyed a two day residential at Greenhill YMCA in Newcastle before the German pupils undertook work experience with a variety of employers in Belfast. Our now established evening programme of social and cultural activities was as informative for our pupils as it was for our guests. We look forward to meeting again in January when the group from St. Malachy's visits Germany.

Cambridge Mock Interviews

Further mock interviews, this time by Skype, were arranged for potential Oxbridge applicants. Thanks are due to our former pupils, now Cambridge graduates, for their involvement in our mock interview programme.

9th - 11th Nov. **Medical Open Day**

Three Y13 pupils attended the new standardised Medical Work Experience Programme that the Belfast Trust is running this year. The experience is a 2 ½ day programme consisting of 1 ½ days teaching and 1 day clinical experience and has been introduced to meet the demand for medical placements. All enjoyed an insightful and very worthwhile learning experience.

10th Nov. **AllState Alumni visits St. Malachy's**

Former pupil Bro McFerran and recently retired Managing Director of AllState NI returned to the College to address senior pupils. As well as outlining his exciting career to date he stressed the importance to pupils of choosing a career they enjoy and are confident doing. His inspirational presentation enthused his audience and encouraged all present to develop a 'can do' attitude.

14th/23rd Nov. **Insight into Medical Multi-Mini Interviews**

Y14 pupils who have applied to read medicine at university took advantage of two different opportunities to gain experience in multi-mini interviews. In the first instance pupils attended an event organised by Dr G Loughrey and colleagues at St. Brigid's Parish Hall. This was followed on 23rd November by a NBALC collaborative MMI event hosted by Dominican College, Fortwilliam. Our participants found the experience very valuable in helping them focus for the challenges of applying to medical school.

22nd Nov. **Chemistry at Work Exhibition**

GCSE Chemistry pupils attended a Chemistry at Work Exhibition and Workshop in QUB. This relevant and practical experience highlights the applications of the subject in the world of work and has become an annual careers event for the Chemistry department in the College.

PwC Presentation

Opportunities at PwC were outlined for 50 Y13 and Y14 pupils who are considering a future in the business world. After introductions and details of the career pathways of the PwC representatives pupils gained an insight into the work of the company and the opportunities it can provide for its employees. A number of

those present indicated their intention to attend further information sessions relating to the Higher Apprenticeships on offer.

25th Nov. **Mental Health Nursing Open Day**

The Belfast Trust's Open Day on Mental Health Nursing at Knockbracken was attended by a Y14 pupil with a sincere interest in nursing. He gained an insight into application procedures and course content and met staff who spoke honestly about the rewards and the demands of the job.

National Film School Open Day

To assist with their progress and to broaden their perspective, the Visual Arts department took students in years 13 and 14 to the National Film School Open Day at Dun Laoghaire. They toured the newly constructed digital TV studios, model making and special effects workshops and the photography, visual communication and fine art studios. Workshops on portfolio construction and submission contributed to the 100% success rate of our students' later applications.

IT Work Placement

One Y13 pupil took advantage of an opportunity to spend time with local IT company Kainos. He gained an overview of the work of the company as well as some 'hands-on' IT experience.

3rd Dec. **Pharmacy Open Day - City Hospital**

4 Y13 pupils got an insight into the Pharmacy course, the different roles available on graduation and a tour of the facilities when they attended a Pharmacy Open Day in the City Hospital.

NUI Galway CAO Presentation

Grainne Dunn visited the College to inform Year 14 students about the courses and opportunities available at National University of Ireland Galway and to provide an overview of the CAO application system for applying to Higher Education Institutions in the South. 83% of pupils surveyed after the presentation indicated that they were now more likely to consider applying down south.

13th Jan. **Trinity College Dublin Presentation for Y14**

Jonny Johnston, TCD Northern Ireland Engagement Programme Coordinator and past pupil and current Trinity Law student Paul McNamee visited the College on Wednesday to address final year pupils as they explore their options for studying 'down South'. As well as referring to facilities, courses and the CAO application system, Mr Johnston explained the new points system in place for A'level applicants and the 'Feasibility Study for A'Level Admission' which is continues to be in place for pupils applying from Northern Ireland for 2016 entry.

Paul, now in his final year, enthused our pupils by providing a very positive student perspective on studying at Trinity College Dublin. As well as referring to the structure of his course he described the new experiences he enjoyed as he met and made friends in the Halls of Residence during his first year at university and the exciting opportunities he has taken advantage of since then. His advice to Year 14 pupils is to seriously consider higher education opportunities in the South.

13th Jan. **Health and Safety Presentation for Year13**

In preparation for their forthcoming week of work experience Year 13 students attended a H&S presentation facilitated by the Northern Ireland Safety Group. As well as raising awareness of the hazards of the workplace pupils also gained an insight into career opportunities in the field of Health and Safety.

21st Jan. **HE+ Scheme for Y13**

Under the supervision of Head of Year Mr Jardine, 17 Y13 pupils with an interest in extending their education began their involvement in the Oxbridge funded HE+ programme. The programme hosted by Methodist College involves pupils attending a number of ‘extension classes’ taken by local teachers – including Mr McVey (Mathematics Department) - and a ‘masterclass’ taken by Oxbridge lecturers.

German Work Experience and Cultural Exchange Programme

Nine Y13 pupils accompanied by Mrs McAlinden and Mr O’Callaghan travelled to Germany during 22 - 30 January in the second stage of our German Work Experience and Cultural Exchange Programme. Students attended four day work placements specific to their career aspirations and an evening programme of social and cultural experiences made the trip educational, memorable and enjoyable. All involved felt the experience deepened their appreciation of potential career and life choices and highlighted the potential for job opportunities outside N. Ireland.

25th-29th Jan. Year 13 Work Experience Week

More than 100 Y13 students became part of the workforce for a week when they undertook work placements in Belfast and further afield. As always those participating enjoyed the experience and felt their placements were extremely valuable in providing them with an insight into the world of work and helping them with their future career choices.

26th - 28th Jan. Medical Open Day

The second session of the Belfast Trust’s new Medical Work Experience Programme was attended by another two Year 13 pupils with a keen interest in pursuing a medical career. Once again our participants reported an insightful and valuable learning experience.

28th Jan. Occupational Therapy Open Day

The pathway to qualifying as an occupational therapist and the role played by this professional in the health service were two of the issues addressed during this open day run by the Belfast Trust. One Y13 pupil attended to find out more about what the course and career entails.

1st Feb. Physiotherapy Open Day

One Y13 pupil attended a physiotherapy open day at Musgrave Park Hospital. The full day event included an introduction and information session with physiotherapy students, a presentation on the differing aspects and disciplines of Physiotherapy as well as an observation workshop and tour of the department. He reported that he gained a very practical insight into the work of a physiotherapist and found the opportunity to discuss the course with physiotherapy students and qualified staff most beneficial.

1st Feb Kainos Work Experience

Three Y13 pupils who seized the opportunity and applied promptly for an advertised work experience programme at IT company Kainos, began their 4 day placement on 1st February. As well as getting an overview of the structure of the company they had an opportunity to work in various departments, hone their programming skills and enjoy an excellent insight into the IT industry.

2nd Feb. Newcastle and Northumbria Universities Visit

Following on from the LJM University presentation on ‘An Introduction to Higher Education’ at the beginning of the year, Y13 attended a presentation by representatives of these two popular universities. Courses, facilities, transport routes as well as an overview of the application timeline reminded pupils of the need to research HE decisions thoroughly and in good time.

4th Feb. **Nursing and Midwifery MMIs**

One Y14 student applying for Mental Health Nursing attended this Multi-Mini Interview practice session. This is the first year of this event which will be organised in collaboration with all schools in the NBALC and was hosted by BRA this year.

11th Feb. **St. Malachy's College Careers Convention 2016**

Over 60 exhibitors from Further and Higher Education, Business, Industry and Training Organisations as well as a range of professionals from the world of work attended the College's Careers Convention held in the College Hall and Library on Thursday 11th February.

Pupils from Y10 – Y14 and their parents as well as pupils, parents and staff from a number of schools in the North Belfast Area Learning Community made the most of this opportunity to meet and discuss future plans with the representatives present.

The College is grateful to all who supported the event and helped make the evening a successful and worthwhile experience.

25th Feb. **Year 12 Options Afternoon for Parents and Pupils**

Year 12 pupils and their parents attended the Options afternoon the purpose of which is to support parents as they help their sons make their A'level choices and to further inform pupils about the subject options available at this level.

26th Feb. **Student Finance NI**

Through a series of presentations in careers class and the enrichment period Y14 students learned that Higher Education is a major but manageable investment. An overview of financial support available as well as information about the process of paying back loans helped focus pupils on the need to complete all finance documentation in advance of deadlines.

29th Feb. **Scottish University Presentations**

Representatives of seven of Scotland's traditional universities visited the College to outline the characteristics of Scottish Higher Education and to provide specific information about these institutions (Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Heriot Watt, Strathclyde, Stirling). This event, presented by Lauren Watt from University of Glasgow and Mark Stansfield from Stirling University, was well received by pupils, heightened their awareness of the decisions that lie ahead of them and marked a clear beginning of a Year 13 focus on Higher Education options.

4th Mar. **MCB Sixth Form Law Conference**

One Year 13 student with a keen interest in the legal profession attended this annual Sixth Form Conference. The agenda for the event included information on university entrance requirements, courses, careers in the legal profession as well as presentations from practicing solicitors and barristers and covered a range of related issues that ensures delegates were well informed about all relevant matters.

GCSE Subject Choice Event/Parent/Teacher Meeting.

Year 10 students and their parents attended this key event in preparation for making GCSE subject choices. Careers Advisers Mrs Anne Morgan and Mr Gerard Daly offered advice and guidance on how to make good decisions at this crucial time and provided up-to-date labour market information to support positive career planning.

9th Mar. **UCAS Higher Education Convention**

With the focus of their careers programme turning now to Higher Education, all Year 13 students attended

this convention which is organized by UCAS in conjunction with the Department for Employment and Learning. Over 90 Higher Education institutions and professional organisations were represented at this annual event which for the first time took place in the Eikon Complex in Lisburn.

11th Mar. Gap Year Opportunities with Project Trust

Project Trust representative Claire Jennings inspired Y13 pupils with her presentation that highlighted the benefits of taking a structured year out after leaving school and also the opportunities for taking a year out with Project Trust. Claire, who had taken a gap year herself with Project Trust recounted her experiences and shared how these have impacted on her personal development.

18th Mar. Oxbridge Student Conference

Three Year 13 students accompanied by Mr Jardine attended this annual conference which is held at Lagan Valley Island Conference Centre, Lisburn. The event is designed to provide up-to-date information on the application and admissions procedure at both institutions as well as providing an insight into student life.

6th Apr. Medical Careers Symposium

2 Year 13 students attended a Medical Careers Symposium hosted by Methodist College Belfast and Queen's University Faculty of Medicine. The event included talks on entrance requirements etc. by medical schools, talks by doctors on a range of medical topics and on careers in Medicine as well as visits to local hospitals.

STEM Careers - Robotics Industry

Y10 gained an insight into work in a STEM industry when they took part in a Robotics Workshop managed by Pat Jamison from Sentinus.

Scottish Modern Universities Tour

This second of two Scottish University presentations focussed on the more modern institutions such as University of the West of Scotland, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh Napier, Abertay University and The Robert Gordon University.

Options at 17/18: BMC/ CSNI Presentations

Senior pupils keen to investigate the alternatives to Higher Education and to back up career plans attended presentations given by representatives from Belfast Metropolitan College and the College's Careers Advisers. Application procedures and course outlines for BMC were detailed and information and guidance relating to training and employment opportunities was provided. Practical job hunting hints and tips were also welcomed by the 24 Y13 and 17 Y14 students who attended.

11th Apr. Year 12 School-leavers Talks: BMC/ CSNI Presentations

41 Year 12 students who are considering alternative courses, training and employment opportunities for this coming September attended presentations by representatives from Belfast Metropolitan College and the College's Careers Advisers. All were appreciative of the opportunity to reconsider and confirm their career plans at this key time of the year.

PSNI Work Experience

2 Year 13 students with an interest in law enforcement attended a 3-day work placement with the PSNI.

12th Apr. Y14 'Preparing for Independent Living' Presentation

As part of our programme to help students ‘prepare for independent living’, Emily Brough who specialises in Student Affairs, Education and Welfare visited the College to address Y14. Her presentation included the pros and cons of on-campus living and private-rented accommodation and raised awareness of what students should know when house hunting and agreeing tenancy arrangements. Legal issues relating to students’ rights and responsibilities, student welfare and civic responsibility were key themes that were covered to support and educate our students.

4th May. Ulster University: UCAS Presentation

In advance of Y13 pupils beginning the UCAS application process in June, Ms Helan Bingham UU, addressed them to provide guidance on how to get started and what to do to make a successful application. She provided a brief overview of the UCAS process and emphasised the importance of thorough research and doing a course of genuine interest to the applicant. She finished by providing an overview of the courses, facilities and opportunities available for students at UU.

11th May QUB: Personal Statement Presentation

Following on from the UU presentation two weeks earlier, Ms Grace Meehan from QUB visited the College to address Year 13 students on the topic of ‘Writing Effective UCAS Personal Statements’. Students found the presentation very informative and helpful and appreciated the overview of the courses, facilities and opportunities QUB has to offer its students.

9th June. Y11 Art and Design students visit the University of Ulster.

Y11 students gained an insight into the range of courses offered by the University of Ulster when the Art Department organised this annual trip to the York Street Campus.

14th - 15th June. Business Insight Event for Y11

One of the most successful Business Insight workshops ever! - Pat Jamison (Sentinus)

Y11 pupils participated wholeheartedly in a Business Insight Event which involved them working in non-friendship teams to create their own companies, produce and promote their product and finally ‘make a pitch’ to their peers and a total of 15 ambassadors from a range of companies including AllState NI, Deloitte, Intertrade Ireland, Invest NI, and PwC. All involved concluded this was an excellent day for our enterprising Year 11 boys!

Careers in the Creative Industries

Mr Paul McGuigan, Creative Film Director and Executive Producer for the BBC, visited the College to open the Art & Design and Moving Image Arts End of Year Event. He spoke to the audience about the importance of creative endeavour and imagination and developing skills for the wide range of careers available in the creative industries in N Ireland.

20th June. BMA Schools Engagement Event

Ten pupils from Year 10 and Year 11 classes took full advantage of the opportunity to attend this British Medical Association Schools Event at the Waterfront Hall. The carousel seating arrangement allowed pupils to speak face-to-face with doctors and medical students, hear talks on what inspired people to become a doctor and to get practical advice on overcoming barriers to the profession. Pupils also got to experience some simple clinical techniques using basic medical equipment. All reported very positively on their experience indicating that they now had a better understanding of the profession and the variety of opportunities within it. Pupils also indicated that as a result of this experience they are more likely to aim for a career in this area.

24th June. **Year 13 UCAS ‘Apply’ Registration Day**

Following the successful pilot of this arrangement last year, Year 13 pupils returned to the College after their AS levels to begin the UCAS application process. With guidance from their tutors, pupils registered and completed the administrative sections of their applications. Pupils will complete their course selections and personal statements in early September.

25th Jul - 5th Aug **Aerospace Summer School**

Two Year 12 pupils made good use of the holiday period when they signed up for a two-week Aerospace Summer School at BMC. A packed itinerary included: a visit to Bombardier to learn about the forces of flight and the job an engineer does; a ‘Composites workshop’ and a tour of the Dunmurry Factory; an exploration of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Drones (UAV) and a visit to the Armagh Planetarium to learn about astronaut training; a flight in a Bombardier Aircraft operated by Flybe.

This was a great experience for two pupils who demonstrated how to take advantage of an opportunity and use their initiative.

29th June - 1st July. **Experiencing Cambridge Summer School**

7 Year 13 pupils accompanied by Mr McVey attended this annual summer school at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. The group followed a full programme of activities consisting of information sessions on making a competitive application, workshops on academic interviews, subject lectures and tours of the facilities. All attended the University Open Day on 30th June to visit other College and further explore the opportunities and facilities available to Cambridge students.

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K. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOOL SECURITY

(c.f. The Education (NI) Order 1998 – Article 15)

The Board of Governors of St Malachy's College is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for staff and visitors in the College.

Access

Entrance to the College property for students is normally only by the Antrim Road gate. The Lincoln Avenue and Crumlin Road gates are open only for limited periods at the beginning and end of the school day to facilitate staff parking.

Visitors

Parents and visitors are welcome to the College. However, all visitors must report to the College Office. If they are proceeding beyond the office, they will be issued with a visitor's pass for the duration of their stay on College premises.

Meetings between visitors and staff will normally take place by appointment. Visitors and parents are not permitted to approach staff directly in their classrooms.

Cars

In the interest of safety and to avoid congestion, parents are asked not to bring cars on to the school premises at the beginning or end of the school day. Only staff with authorised parking permits, or visitors that have signed in, are permitted to park on the College site.

General security

The College monitors every visitor to the College and utilises a range of security measures including intruder alarms, CCTV coverage and security lighting. The College employs caretakers / security guards to monitor the Lincoln Avenue entrance from the end of the school day to late evening while our sports facilities are used by external groups. These measures assist in providing a safe secure environment for pupils, staff and visitors.

L. CONCLUSION

The academic year 2015-16 has proved to be very successful on many fronts. We were able to celebrate the fact that all the targets from year 1 of our School Development Plan were met, with the vast majority of these being exceeded. In August 2016, the College reached new heights in terms of GCSE and A level performance. Our proficient gathering of data and the analyses of this have provided concrete evidence that we can continue to perform academically at the highest level, adding great value to the potential of every pupil.

It is right that we celebrate our successes in this highly competitive world but we continue to rely firmly on our great traditions and faith so that we focus on educating the whole person. Curricular and extramural life is totally infused with pastoral care and support. Strong partnerships between the College and the home remain one ingredient of our success. Our College motto “Gloria Ab Intus” encourages us to nurture resilience in our pupils, equipping them with skills which are necessary for adult life. We have observed our pupils becoming increasingly adept at following good routines. Attendance and punctuality are at excellent levels, and the pupils are evidently taking real ownership of their learning. Much effort and investment have gone into developing and distributing leadership at all levels within our College community, and all members are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities. Our approach here helps to maintain our renowned team spirit and camaraderie.

The renewal and refurbishment of our facilities have continued. E Block and the College Hall have had major facelifts. Staff and pupils agree that such work enhances morale and helps to raise expectations. We have in place ambitious building programmes for 2016-17, and beyond. The historic O’Lavery Library and its surroundings are to be renovated with the assistance of funding from the Heritage Lottery. More work will be carried out in E Block and we await the release of government monies to extend C Block, put in a new drainage system and resurface all of the College grounds.

I want to put on record my thanks to the members of the Board of Governors who continue to provide first class support and challenge for the College. The Board works very closely with Mr McBride and the Senior Leadership Team, and continues to encourage direct input from all members of the College. During the past year, we even had a member of the Student Council make a very impressive presentation to our Standards and Achievements Committee! On behalf of the Board of Governors, I thank all members of the College community; staff – teaching and support, pupils, parents and guardians for their hard work, dedication and support. The heartbeat of the College remains strong and keeps gospel values at its core. I have every confidence that we will continue to go to new levels, and in all areas of College life.

Signed: _____ Chair of the Board of Governors