



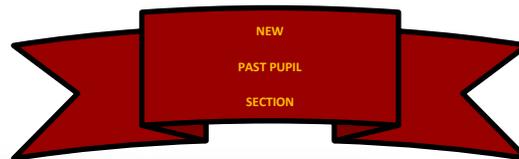
# De La Salle College

## Newsletter

*Summer 2022 Edition*



## The Class of 2022



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## WE CARE



Live the  
La Salle way



Respect yourself,  
your fellow students  
& staff at all times



Hands Up -  
One Voice



Eat in designated areas only.  
Keep Salle  
Clean & Green

## WE PREPARE



Wear your  
full uniform  
with pride



Turn off mobile phones  
and electronic devices  
before entering  
school grounds



Be on time for school  
and class.. line up and  
enter class respectfully



Have your Journal,  
books, copies and  
pencil case  
on your desk

## WE ACHIEVE



Respectfully follow  
staff instructions  
at all times



Complete your class  
work, homework & revision  
daily to the best  
of your ability



Become a leader,  
get involved in  
school activities,  
committees and events



Healthy Body, Healthy Mind  
Take part in sport and  
physical activity  
and eat healthily



# ***Message from the Principal***

Dear Parents & Guardians

Welcome to the Summer 'Bumper' Edition of the DLSC Newsletter.

We are currently busy preparing for the next academic year 2022/23 when we will be celebrating 70 years of Lasallian Education in the Churchtown Community. This will be our last year as an all boys school, as the Department of Education has granted us permission for a change of status to Co- Education from September 2023. This means we will be enrolling both boys and girls into all year groups from September 2023 onwards. Expressions of interest can be made from today on our school website [www.delasallecollege.com](http://www.delasallecollege.com) . We hope that this change of status to co-education will provide families in our community with an option to send both sons and daughters to our wonderful college. Exciting times are ahead!



The State Exams have just finished and the last Sixth Year students have left bringing the 2021/22 academic year to a close. We wish our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years every success when results and CAO offers, come out in early September. Well done to all our other year groups on completing their Summer Exams. By now families should have received Summer Reports by post but they are also available on Vsware. Please do not hesitate to contact your son's relevant Year Head in September if you have any concerns about his results or progress to date.

This edition of the newsletter is jammed packed with great photos of our students who have excelled academically, in sports and extra-curricular activities this year. We couldn't be prouder as we watch our students embrace all that DLSC has to offer and mature into hard working, ambitious and respectful young Lasallian men- future leaders who will without doubt make a positive impact and difference in the world.

The work of the Green Schools Committee has to be highly commended. This term they managed to successfully achieve a third Green School Flag for water conservation. They are also on track to make DLSC a plastic free school and have worked with the Student Council to help raise funds for the installation of our water fountain. They continue to encourage all students to stop using plastic bottles of water and to invest in a DLSC water bottle which can be purchased from the school. This group of students also worked with TY students to help develop our new bio diverse garden and DLSC Bug Hotel. Plans are also afoot to install a Bee Hive and to introduce a Bee Keeping Programme in TY later next year.



It was just great to see Transition Year return to normal as Covid restrictions lifted after Christmas and our TYs certainly embraced their new found freedom with gusto. Read on to see the many fun and educational activities and trips they took part in this term. Concern for the poor and social justice is a core Lasallian value and this value certainly emanates throughout the TY programme. This fine group of students led many fundraising initiatives throughout the year to raise money for St Vincent's De Paul, The Capuchan Day Centre, The Irish Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal, Temple Street, The ISPCC, the Irish Cancer Society and Pieta House. They also gave back to the community by organising regular community clean up initiatives, volunteering in charity shops and sports coaching in local primary schools. Next year the students plan to offer paired reading support in local primary schools to help the younger students develop a love of books and to improve literacy.

Offering a quality education is another core Lasallian value and this Summer Term was incredibly busy with teachers and SNAs working flat out to ensure curriculums and courses were completed and that students received the support and help they needed to be prepared for their exams. In the next academic year we are planning to have information evenings for all year groups and parents on the importance of homework, project completion, revision, and study techniques. We are very ambitious for all our students and want them to achieve their full potential in every way. This is best achieved when teachers, parents and students work in partnership to achieve an agreed common goal. We look forward to working more closely with parents next year and pray that there will be no restrictions preventing us from hosting meetings in the college next year.

I want to thank all the staff of DLSC not only for the work they do to improve academic standards in the college but also for the care they give to our students and their involvement in extra and co curricular activities. DLSC as you all know is a public school and we do not receive any Department funding to pay staff for after school activities. In the main we rely on their good will and commitment to the holistic development of the students, to volunteer to help coach teams and to run the after school committees, clubs and activities. A huge thank you to all the staff involved this year in running committees and clubs and coaching the rugby, soccer, badminton, basketball and table tennis teams! I hope you enjoy reading their Summer Term updates. You can also catch up on all the events that everyone enjoyed during our Active Schools Week and our Annual Sports Day in May.

It was exciting to see the new Music Room in full use this year for classes and Music Club. All First and Second Years now get the opportunity to learn how to play the ukulele through our Wellbeing Programme. This year we were very lucky to have past pupil and trainee teacher Mr Merriman on staff to share his musical talent and passion as he worked with our junior and senior rock bands. They gave a number of great performances throughout this term and we look forward to more music in the school next academic year!



This term we hosted a truly memorable Wellbeing Week. Students and staff had the opportunity to take part in activities and attend a number of very interesting and inspiring talks and workshops. It was a privilege to welcome all the various speakers who touched our hearts as they shared their stories and wisdom. Our annual Multi-Cultural Day was also held during that week. I would like to particularly thank all those wonderful families who went to great lengths to prepare and bring in the most delicious traditional food from their home countries, to share with everyone in the college. It was a most special day, one where we celebrated the many nationalities and cultures, that add such realness and richness to the quality education we offer in DLSC. Inclusivity is another core Lasallian value we are proud to embrace in DLSC!

There was hardly a dry eye in the Assembly Hall on De La Salle Day when the TY students showcased the video they made during the term to celebrate diversity in DLSC. Please check it out if you haven't already seen it! Well done to the student film makers and production team! All their own work!

It was also a joy to be able to welcome back our past teachers, past pupils and friends of the college to join in our De La Salle Day celebrations this year! I want to take this opportunity to thank past pupil Fr Paul Thorton for leading us all in liturgical celebration. Indeed thanks to all the past pupils who have supported DLSC throughout the year. It is great to read about their lives and successes in the new Past Pupil Profile section. Please keep those profiles coming and join our past pupil alumni!

De La Salle Day was all the more special this year as we welcomed Minister Josepha Madigan to the college to officially open the new Music and Art Rooms. She was also delighted to officially open our two new student support classrooms which will provide extra support and resources for our autistic students.

In addition to our new classrooms there have been lots of upgrades and improvements made to the school building this year. Many windows have been replaced to improve ventilation, security and conditions in classrooms. I would like to thank Frank and Noel for their work and the pride they take in maintaining and improving the school buildings throughout the year. This summer they will continue to paint and refurbish corridors and classrooms to have the school in top shape for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August when we will welcome our new First Years to DLSC. Building works will also take place over the summer to make the school universally accessible for all our students, staff and school community.

The end of term was as usual, marked by prize-giving and graduation ceremonies. You can read Ms Mazzucato account of 6<sup>th</sup> Year Graduation as we bade a fond farewell to our Class of 2022. A special thank you to Fr Eamonn Bourke who was celebrant of our graduation mass. The Parents' Association were also on hand to help out on the night. I cannot thank them enough for all they do for the school throughout the year. DLSC wouldn't be where it is today without their support, positivity and hard work. Please consider joining them and working with us to build a great future for your son and DLSC.



My introduction to this edition of the newsletter would not be complete, without congratulating Ms Marian O Dwyer on her retirement at the end of this academic year. On behalf of the Board of Management, staff, students and parents I want to acknowledge and thank her for the great contribution she has made to De La Salle College over her 35 years of service to the students and school. She was a wonderful, engaging hard working French Teacher and the most compassionate, caring and dedicated Year Head of 5<sup>th</sup> Years. I know she has inspired and touched the hearts and minds of many students and staff members over the years. She leaves behind her a legacy she can be truly proud of. We will all miss her greatly but wish her a very well deserved, long, happy and healthy retirement. We know it is just the beginning of a new exciting chapter in her life and we look forward to her updates and visits back to the college.



I would also like to acknowledge Declan O' Neill's great contribution as a Special Needs Assistant and Rugby Coach over the last decade in the college. He has helped, encouraged and supported so many students over the years, giving them that extra help, support and reassurance they needed to succeed in DLSC. He too has shown much kindnesses and made a difference to so many students along the way. He is a huge loss to the students and staff especially the SNA and Rugby Coaching Teams. On behalf of the BOM and the entire DLSC Community. I want to thank him for his dedication and hard work and wish him every success in his new career.

It has been without doubt a very busy but successful academic year. As principal it is an absolute privilege to work with a wonderful community of students, parents, teachers, snas, ancillary staff and a supportive Board of Management who are not afraid to face and overcome challenges, embrace change and are united in our goal to make De La Salle College the very best caring educational environment it can be, for each and every one of our students.

I ask for Saint Jean Baptiste La Salle's blessing to keep everyone safe, healthy and happy over the summer holidays and I look forward to the new 2022/23 academic year when we will proudly celebrate 70 years of Lasallian education in Churchtown together.

Saint John Baptiste La Salle pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts forever.

## The Village Schoolmaster



*Beside yon straggling fence that skirts the way  
 With blossom'd furze unprofitably gay,  
 There, in his noisy mansion, skill'd to rule,  
 The village master taught his little school;  
 A man severe he was, and stern to view,  
 I knew him well, and every truant knew;  
 Well had the boding tremblers learn'd to trace  
 The days disasters in his morning face;  
 Full well they laugh'd with counterfeited glee,  
 At all his jokes, for many a joke had he:  
 Full well the busy whisper, circling round,  
 Convey'd the dismal tidings when he frown'd:  
 Yet he was kind; or if severe in aught,  
 The love he bore to learning was in fault.  
 The village all declar'd how much he knew;  
 'Twas certain he could write, and cipher too:  
 Lands he could measure, terms and tides presage,  
 And e'en the story ran that he could gauge.  
 In arguing too, the parson own'd his skill,  
 For e'en though vanquish'd he could argue still;  
 While words of learned length and thund'ring sound  
 Amazed the gazing rustics rang'd around;  
 And still they gaz'd and still the wonder grew,  
 That one small head could carry all he knew.  
 But past is all his fame. The very spot  
 Where many a time he triumph'd is forgot*

*By Oliver Goldsmith*



# The Class of 2022

Class of 2022, we salute you! This is it for our brave group of Sixth Years who have faced the last three years and all its challenges with a lot of courage! It is hard to believe they are all grown up now, it has gone by so fast...

Despite preparing for their final exams with great care and diligence, they were also celebrating their last few weeks in DLSC: a lovely walk to St Enda's park followed by artistic pictures in the walled garden (thank you Agamy!), followed by a most delicious barbecue in the courtyard, organised with great care by a most dedicated group of students. What a treat!

Then came the time for our Graduation Ceremony, a fabulous time to get together, reminisce, reward, congratulate and dream big for the future. Special congratulations to all award winners who have shown impressive academic, leadership and sports achievements over the last two years and particularly to our big award winners, Tadhg Finlay, Adam Loy (John Corbett Award for the Arts), Dylan Schmitz (Spirit of Salle Award) and Gabriel Alayon, our outstanding Student of the Year 2022.

As they are now heading into their Leaving Certificate exams, we are wishing them the very best of luck (even though some argued 'We don't need luck Miss, we make our own luck!') and we are keeping our fingers crossed that they succeed in all their endeavours in the future as they become alumni of the school. Have a wonderful and well deserved summer boys and see you again soon!

**Ms E Mazzucato**  
**Year Head - 6th Year**



**Student of the Year 2022—Gabriel Alayon**



**Spirit of Salle 2022—Dylan Schmitz**



**John Corbet Award 2022—Adam Loy**

*Congratulations*

# Graduation Speech

by Gabriel Alayon

Good evening parents, teachers and my fellow classmates. Tonight I have been given the honour to give a speech on behalf of the year. To the parents that do not know who I am, my name is Gabriel Alayon and I had just completed six memorable years in De La Salle college alongside your son. After experiencing incredible highs and various lows throughout the years, we have all grown emotionally, spiritually and psychologically as an individual, and as a collective. I can even go as far as calling my fellow classmates, my brothers. After spending all these years together creating unforgettable memories, it is safe to say that we are somewhat of a family. De La Salle college as a whole is a family, alongside the other students from different years and of course the amazing teachers and staff. We are a family, and we will always be a family.

We began our time here in the college as innocent and clueless little kids, struggling to find the classroom in which we were meant to be in. I remember walking through the corridors as the seniors at the time towered over me. Six years later and now the juniors tower over me, I'm sure Mr. Broderick and Mr. Brennan can relate. Our height hasn't been very good to us over the years. But here we are gathered tonight, to celebrate each other's achievements throughout the years and to reminisce about our incredible memories as a year group. Memorable moments such as the hectic exam hall during the Junior Cert exams, our Killary trip in Transition year, and the online classes that we had to suffer through during Fifth year. These moments and experiences spent together are what fortified our friendships with one another. We've gone through a whole global pandemic together, and here we are at the end of it all, celebrating our graduation in unity. These memories will stick with us as we separate into our own individual paths.

For that, I would like to thank each and every one of you for making my time in De La Salle college an unforgettable one. I believe that we couldn't have asked for a better year group. Everyone's individuality and extraordinary personalities is what made our year group so special and unique. I truly wish you all the best of luck for the coming years no matter which route you take in life. On behalf of the year I would also like to thank the teachers and staff for guiding us and providing us with, not only an amazing education, but a variety of incredible life lessons that we can bring with us as we continue to grow.



A special thanks to our current and previous year heads and tutors that had to deal with us during our time here. One of them being Ms Mazzucato, our incredible sixth year year head who had taken care of us during our last year in the college. We thank you for being that mother figure to us. We truly appreciate the love, support and care that you gave to us. A huge thank you to Ms. O'Dwyer, our fifth year year head, who is also leaving the college with us this year. We wish you a happy retirement and it is an honour to be departing the college alongside you. Most importantly, a special thank you to all of our families, our parents, guardians, brothers and sisters that are here with us this evening to celebrate our graduation. If it weren't for our loved ones, we wouldn't be the people that we are now, and for that we should always be grateful for them.

This is the end of our secondary school experience, however, this is also the beginning of a new chapter in our lives. Although many of us are afraid of the uncertainty of our future, it is imperative that we face these challenges with our heads held high. One of these challenges is of course the upcoming Leaving Cert exams. However if you can take a full rant from Ms Mazzucato, then you'll be well able to handle a week of exam stress.

"It is not death that a man should fear, but he should fear never beginning to live". This is a quote by Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius that has stuck with me for the past year and it will continue to inspire me as I grow older. Now is the time to live and to take every opportunity that we can to grow and experience new things. Don't be afraid to make mistakes as those are the lessons that we need, in order to grow and become the best versions of ourselves. As long as you're doing your best, that's all that really matters. Our future is in our hands and we must take responsibility for it. Some of us will go on to college, others will go straight into the workforce, we all have our own individual paths. However, you will never be alone: "like branches on a tree, we will all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one". We are, and we will always be Salle. Thank you.



# The Class of 2022

## Award Recipients

### Student of the Year

Gabriel Alayon

### Spirit of Salle

Dylan Schmitz

### John Corbet Award

Adam Loy

### Senior Rugby Captain

Tadgh Finlay

### MVP Basketball

Joshua Esguerra



### Student Leadership Awards

Gabriel Alayon

Ben Quinlan Murray

Dylan Schmitz

Eoin Stowe

### Subject Awards

### Student

<b>Maths</b>	Ciaran Nolan
<b>English</b>	Calum Pettigrew & Gavin Harford
<b>Irish</b>	David Ayoola
<b>RE</b>	Abduljalil Mohamed Omar
<b>Construction</b>	Eoin Stowe
<b>Geography</b>	Gabriel Alayon
<b>History</b>	Andrew Nolan
<b>French</b>	Gabriel Alayon
<b>DCG</b>	Calum Pettigrew
<b>Art</b>	Alex Turner
<b>Biology</b>	Ciaran Nolan
<b>Physics</b>	Sami Lopez
<b>Chemistry</b>	Sami Lopez
<b>Business</b>	Andrew Nolan

# The Class of 2022 Graduation

## In pictures



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**2022**

# Award Winners

## 2022

### 1st Year

Subject	1L	1S
English	Finlay Boylan	Khuslen Kherlen
Geography	Muhammed Flood	Ivan Chen
Maths	Albert Radkin	Khuslen Kherlen
Irish	Sean Wu	Umer Ahmad
Science	Albert Radkin	Ivan Chen
History	Mathew Burke	Kushlen Kerlen
PE	Matthew Burke	Adam Harford
Woodwork	Balint Attila Nagy	Albert Radkin
Business	Albert Radkin	Sheam Khondaker
French	Zac Looney	Kushlen Kerlen
Art	Nicolas Gladala	Leon Collins
Graphics	Eoin Ni Zi	KhuslenKherlen
Religion	Eduard Schipor	Sheam Khondaker
Spirit of Salle	Ross Cooney & Balint Nagy	Elliot Leigh & Adam Harford
Outstanding Student	Albert Radkin & Zac Looney	Khuslen Kherlen & Ivan Chen

### 2nd Year

Subject	2s	2L
English	Ciaran Dadacay	Bernardo De Castro Hogemann
Geography	Sergiu Cepoi	Ryan O Connell
Maths	Conor Clancy Kelly	Max Finlay
Irish	Joshua Sam Liao	Luke Crimmins
Science	Sergiu Cepoi	Bernardo De Castro Hogemann
History	Ciaran Dadacay	Bernardo De Castro Hogemann
PE	Inigo Fierro	Joshua Sam Liao
Woodwork	Federico Giurgila	
Business	Daniel Okunade	
French	Ciaran McGovern	Ben McDonnell
Religion	Jonathan Ayoola	
Art	Inigo Siguero Fierro	
Graphics	Bernardo De Castro Hogemann	
Spirit of Salle	Roberts Graubergs	Luke Crimmins
Outstanding Student	Ciaran Dadacay	Ciaran MCGovern

# Award Winners

## 2022

### 3rd Year

Subject	3S	3L
English	Adam Gaynor Maguire	Basil Sunny
Geography	Vlad Zheleznyak	Oscar Fitzgerald
Maths	Niel Sebastien De Jesus	David Sheldrick
Irish	Daniel Kelly	Mohammed Belakhdar
Science	Felipé Hector Socca	Mohammed Belakhdar
History	Felipé Hector Socca	Basil Kooran Sunny
PE	Calum Douglas	Mohammed Belakhdar
Woodwork	Samir Ahmed	
Business	Adam Powell	
French	Felipé Hector Socca	Chaker Tifouri
Religion	Felipé Hector Socca	Peter Mari
Art	Shane Ledesma	
Graphics	James Reilly	
Spirit of Salle	Oscar Fitzgerald	Peter Mari
Outstanding Student	Felipé Hector Socca	Basil Kooran Sunny

### 5th Year

Subject	Student	Student
English	Conor Rochford	
Geography	Matthew McTague	
Maths	Muawazz Moihuddin	
Irish	Zvikomborero Kufazviei	
History	Jack Campbell	
PE	Craig Delaney	
Woodwork	Hazem Ibrahim Aly	
Business	Jack Campbell	
Physics	Josiah Mahady	
Biology	Ben Boylan	
Chemistry	Josiah Mahady	
Art	Adithyakrishna Biju	
DCG	Antoni Wajda	
LCVP	Elliot Looney	
French	Jack Campbell	Ahmed Bouslah
RE	Elliot Looney	
Spirit of Salle	Jethro Ledesma	Tautvydas Danilevicius
Spirit of Salle	Matthew Escanillas	Hazem Ibrahim Ali
Outstanding Student	Jack Campbell	Elliot Looney

# Award Winners 2022 In Pictures



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# De La Salle Day 2022

De La Salle Day is always very special here in De La Salle College, Churchtown but this year seemed more special than usual for a number of reasons.

After two years of having to curtail celebrations due to the Covid pandemic we were again able to celebrate it with the whole school community past and present.

As always the day started off with a beautiful celebratory Mass said by past pupil Fr Paul Thornton. Mass was followed by the debut of an amazing video on diversity and inclusion in our Community put together by our TY students, Anthony and Breandán. Their short film truly captured the colour and vibrancy in our school.

After everyone moved outside into the beautiful sunshine to partake in a tradition here in Churchtown that goes back over 70 years to when HB was produced on the Whitehall road of giving out ice creams to the students, staff and guests.

This year we had even more to celebrate than normal with the official opening of our new creative Arts building and our ASD Student Support Classrooms. We were delighted to be joined by Minister of State at the Department of Education, Josepha Madigan, to do the official ribbon cutting for both. The ASD student support program shows our commitment to being an inclusive school and catering for all members of society. This principle has always been very much at the heart of De La Salle College Churchtown but we are proud to talk the talk and walk the walk. Actions do speak louder than words. We will continue to build on that principle by opening a second ASD student support classroom in August 2022 and look forward to supporting our newest crop of students to De La Salle.

**Mr M Kirwan**



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**Thank you to Minister for Special Education Ms Josepha Madigan TD for officially opening our Creative Arts Building and our two Autism Support Classrooms.**



# Lasallian Awards 2022

The La Sallian Awards were introduced last year with the idea of engaging the students with the Lasallian 5 core principles:

- **Faith in the presence of God**
- **Respect for all Persons**
- **Quality Education**
- **Concern for the Poor and Social Justice**
- **Inclusive Community**



These are an integral part of our school community which welcomes all faiths and none, which nurtures and supports our students and in particular our most vulnerable students.

Being a Lasallian for our students means living in a specific way which spreads love, kindness and compassion.

Our students learn in an environment of mutual respect where students learn from teachers and we the teachers learn from our students.

At the core of a Lasallian education in De La Salle College is our concern with the physical, spiritual and educational welfare of all our students.

Our students took on the challenge of working towards a gold, silver or bronze award. In order to achieve these awards they undertook a selection of tasks under each of the 5 core principles. Some of these tasks include attending a live mass, looking up the life of a saint, learning a new skill, linking in with someone in their community who lives alone, and many more.

We had a very large number of students who worked towards these different categories of awards and now it is our pleasure to acknowledge their hard work and commitment to the Lasallian ethos.

We were delighted to welcome Br Patrick and Br Damien as well as Board of Management Chairperson Mr Joe Twomey to present recipients with their awards.

**Ms M Fitzpatrick**



# Lasallian Awards 2022

## Winners

### GOLD

Ben Mc Donnell (2S)  
 Aaron Cooper (2S)  
 Keith Jasper Perocho (3S)  
 Filipe Hector Socca (3S)  
 Khuslen Kherlen (1L)

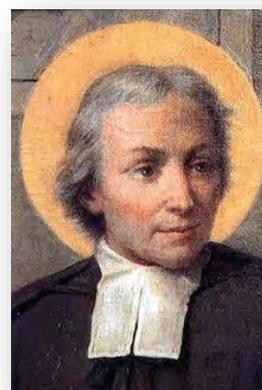


### SILVER

Ryan O Connell (2L)  
 Ryan Byrne (2L)  
 Blaise Farnham (2L)

### BRONZE

Max Finlay (2L)  
 Bernardo De Castro (2L)  
 Pietro Belo (2L)  
 Charlie Nolan (2L)  
 John Shortt (2L)  
 Luke Crimmins (2L)  
 Shane Ledesma (3L)  
 Mohammed Belakhdar (3L)  
 Jacub Buduj (3L)  
 Samir Ahmed: (3L)  
 Mahdi Bouakaz (3L)  
 Vlad Zheleznyak (3S)  
 Niel Sebastien (3S)  
 Callum Guthrie (3S)  
 Finlay Mahon (3S)  
 James Cranny (3S)



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# 1st Year 2022

As we came together for our final First Year assembly at the end of May, it was wonderful to hear the immeasurable positivity that the students had as they reflected on their first year in De La Salle College.

Highlights shared were new subjects, supportive teachers and SNAs, extracurricular activities, Gertie's canteen, fun trips -the list was endless. However, the common thread emanating from their contributions was how comfortable and safe they feel in De La Salle and most importantly, the friendships forged this year. We have to remember that this was the boys first full year of school in two years, having missed out on many of the formative moments of their senior primary school lives and they embraced the new environment of secondary school life with vigour.

We are so proud of every one of our First Years who have settled and matured so well this year.

All the teachers have been so impressed with the boy's enthusiasm, dedication and sense of fun in their classes. As the First years tackle new subjects, concepts and ways of learning, we just hope that they put in the effort so that they can fulfil their potential and this is evident in this Year group. An example of their dedication to their studies, Ms. Normile commented on how impressed she was about some of the first year students' study notes- a lesson to our senior students no doubt.

Outside the classroom, the First Years seemed to be at the heart of everything. The boys certainly like to give their opinion, many of the lads attended debate club on Friday, and some lively engagements took place here. We have some fine musicians in First Year, with some hidden talent still to surface no doubt, and it was great to see some of the boys performing at our lunchtime concerts throughout the year.

In the sporting arena, we have some very fine athletes in First Year. The numbers at table tennis was immense and the boys were quite successful, winning many of their matches this year. It was great to see so many lads take part in such a fun game and the progress and improvement over the year was super. I know the lads want to thank Eddie for all his wonderful coaching and especially to Ms. Plunkett who was their dedicated manager who organised all the matches and sessions and she isn't too bad a player herself!



**1st Year Table Tennis Squad**

These First Years will go down in the DLSC history books as the first group to wear the wine and gold on a football pitch and the First Year team, managed by past pupil Charlie Byrne, had a satisfactory season. We have some brilliant players and in most games, we dominated the play and possession but lacked that killer instinct that brought us victory. However, there is plenty of hope for the future.



Many of our lads had never played rugby before and it was fantastic to see how our First Year Rugby team progressed this year. Many matches consisted of Blitz days run by Leinster Rugby and in fact, this was a fantastic way to introduce the lads to the game in a fun and competitive manner. John Murray and I were so impressed by the dedication and commitment of the First Year team and this bodes well for the Junior team in the coming years. Well done to Albert, Jack and Zac who represented the school in the colours

of Leinster at the South Dublin schools blitz in May.

Inside the sports hall, Basketball is a favoured sport of our first years. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Brosnan were amazed by the skill and determination of the lads, and hopefully we can push on further on the court next season. Badminton was another sport enjoyed by the boys this year. Many students only begin playing this sport in first year and it is evident how quickly they develop a love for the game and we have some promising players who will only go from strength to strength. Badminton was organised by Ms. O'Donnell but her true colours (blue and yellow) came out when she organised a few hurling sessions and it was great to see a few first years take up this wonderful sport for the first time. This was only a microcosm of the extracurricular activities undertaken by the First Years this year.



Outside trips are an integral part to school life and thankfully these bonding trips returned this year. First Years enjoyed memorable excursions to GoQuest, Dundrum Cinema, Collins Barracks and Jumpzone. Other fun activities organised were table quizzes, a mini world cup and a Fifa tournament. It was clearly not just about the hard work in the classroom.



The end of year Prize giving was a joyous occasion where we celebrated all the wonderful achievements of our First Year students. I was not shocked to see so many lads receiving awards as it highlighted their fantastic work inside and outside the classroom. Many students were awarded over 100 merits and in many subjects more than one award was given out and this shows the quality of work undertaken in First Year. The top athlete awards went to David and Leon who excelled during Sports Day.



The boys really had a true Lasallian experience this year. What impressed me most was the sense of collegiality and friendship. There were so many acts of kindness displayed by the boys this year and much laughter. We all look forward to seeing them progress as they journey through secondary school. I know the First Year students would like to thank and show their appreciation to Natalyia, Emma and Sharon who were always there for them this year and to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Leigh, such positive role models as tutors.



**Mr T Cronin**





**1st year 2022**

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## 2nd Year 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Year was an action-packed year during this academic 2021-2022 year. The theme of this year was to 'Build Friendships and Form Relationships'. We were very aware of the effects that the global pandemic had on our students, particularly our 2<sup>nd</sup> Years, whom never had the opportunity to traditionally complete and graduate Primary School. They were then faced with a very peculiar introduction to Secondary School with all the Covid restrictions and social distancing and yet another return to remote learning. There is no doubt that this impacted our students in forming good



friendships and personal relationships with their peers. On our Induction for 2<sup>nd</sup> Years in late August of last year, the theme of the year was introduced to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Years and all students were encouraged to widen their social circle, introduce themselves to someone new, be kind and be a friend. This theme helped shape our plan for the academic year in organising different key events and school trips that would spur on team-bonding and positive socialisation.

As covid restrictions began to lift, De La Salle College took full advantage of introducing the boys to a more traditional experience of being in the college. The last term of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year was a hive of activity for students and staff alike. Students and teachers were eager to participate in the many events organised, namely the Football Tournament, Sports Day, DLS Day, Awards and Merit Ceremony and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year End of Year Trip to Jump Zone and Dundrum Cinema. The term, despite being busy, was an excellent way for our students to feel the traditional buzz of the College and hopefully these events and activities took the lads out of their comfort zone a little bit and gelled them as a year group.



## 2nd Year 2022

There was an array of sporting activities on Sports Day that students could compete in; 100m Sprints, Long Jump, Shot Putt, Long Puck, Penalty Shootout, Sack Race, Relay and the Salle Kilometre Run. Well done to all those who participated in all the events and in particular those who received medals. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and highlighted the range of sporting talent our students have and how active our school community is!

This year was the first traditional DLS Day for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students. There

was a great atmosphere in the school. Our traditional De La Salle's Day Mass was celebrated by a past pupil of the College, Father Paul Thornton. There was great attendance from members of the wider school and local community; students, teachers, past pupils, past teachers and management, parents, members of the Board of Management, De La Salle Brothers, members of the Le Chéile Trust and friends of the College. It was fantastic to see the level of involvement the student body had in the celebrations. The Lasallian Award ceremony also took place. This award was given to students who live out the five core principles of DLS; Respect for all Persons, Quality Education, Inclusive Community, Concern for the Poor and Social Justice and Faith in the Presence of God. Students were awarded for their efforts with bronze, silver and gold awards. It was wonderful for the school community to see and recognise the good work that our students do in true Lasallian spirit. Josepha Madigan, a local TD and Minister for Children with Special Educational Needs, was present to officially open the two new ASD classrooms and supporting Seomra Suaimhneas and our new state-of-the-art Arts Block, the new Art and Music hub for the College. This is a very exciting new phase for the college and in true inclusive spirit, will give greater access to education for all our students. Our DLS Day ended with a traditional HB Ice-cream. Thank you especially to our liturgy and ethos team and our Principal Ms. Foster and Deputy Principal Mr. Kirwan for making this day so special and for all the work they do in managing and running the school making these experiences possible.



## 2nd Year 2022

In acknowledgement of the great work done by our students this year, an Awards Ceremony was held at the end of term to highlight all of the student achievements throughout the year. There were awards for each subject area and also two very prestigious awards; the Outstanding Student and the Spirit of Salle Award. A list of each award is listed below. Congratulations to all of our award winners.



**WELLDONE!**

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Students completed their Summer Assessments in their last days of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year and we strongly advise that students reflect on their progress this year as it is important that each student reach their full potential in all aspects of their development in DLSC.

Of course, like any year group, we face challenges and I would like to pay a particular thanks to your wonderful parents/guardians and families. Without their ongoing support, we would have not had such a successful, enjoyable and engaged year group. We recognise that this link is imperative in your son's development. A special thanks is also due to the Pastoral care team, made up of your Tutors Mr Ruane and Ms O'Donnell, SNA Edel, Guidance Counsellor Ms Fitzpatrick, Principal Ms Foster, Deputy Principal Mr Kirwan, Subject Teachers, Coaches, Staff and Year Head Mr Forde. This group of people not only offer you pastoral and professional support but they are your biggest cheerleaders and have/will help you overcome any challenges you may face in order to reach your full potential holistically, as strong Lasallian young men.

Next year these students will be in a very important exam year. It is important that each student reflects on their development, their goals and continue to set high standards for themselves in the future. 'Be the change I want to see' is a quote from a Lasallian prayer and I think that it is worth reflecting on how YOU can make simple changes to advance your development as a young adult. We have had many guest-speakers and workshops during 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, especially during our Wellbeing Week and numerous important topics were covered in SPHE on friendship, relationships and personal development. Reflect and learn from this and bring any new information with you next year, allowing it to help navigate and guide you in making informed decisions. Our college motto *Recta Sapere* means 'the wisdom to know what is right and the courage to do it'

Now that the summer holidays are upon us, relax and unwind and do things that make you happy. Please come back refreshed and eager to start back with a strong work ethic and have a good study routine in place. On a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your Tutors Mr. Ruane and Ms. O'Donnell, on behalf of the boys, for their hard work, support and dedication to our 2nd Year students.

I wish you all the best next year and I hope you enjoy the summer holidays. We look forward to seeing you all on your return in August.

Mr Forde 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Head



## 2nd Year 2022



Let me be the change I want to see  
 To do with strength and wisdom  
 All that needs to be done..  
 And become the hope that I can be.

Set me free from my fears and hesitations  
 Grant me courage and humility  
 Fill me with spirit to face the challenge  
 And start the change I long to see.

Today I start the change I want to see.  
 Even if I'm not the light  
 I can be the spark  
 In faith, service, and communion.  
 Let us start the change we want to see.  
 The change that begins in me.



## 3rd Year 2022

Returning to the college last August, we were struck by the thought that this was the first year in recent memory that a group of students entered Third year without completing two full years in First and Second year. Despite the obvious challenges, this group of students soldiered on with admirable positivity and without complaint.

The boys have forged strong bonds over the past three years and in October, at the end of the first term, they unfortunately had to bid farewell to Enzo who returned to his native Brazil. They threw him a party in the assembly hall and presented him with some gifts and a journal full of lovely messages to ensure that he didn't forget his time and friendships at our College.

The November Assessments replaced the traditional Christmas Exams, giving the students some well needed time to reflect on their results before the Mock Exams the following February. The period leading up to the Christmas exams was used for block classes to help our students catch up on missed assignments and topics due to the interruptions over the past few years.

A FIFA Tournament was organised by the Student Council at the end of term with massive thanks to Third Year representatives James Cranny and Ezekiel Chikwe helping out on the day.

Come January, the focus was firmly on the Mock Exams and completing the CBA'S. Our Third year group deserves a huge amount of praise for the effort they made in spite of the challenges they faced. The boys really appreciate the hard work of all of their teachers who have worked tirelessly to help get each and everyone of the boys over the line.

The highlight of the year came in May when the boys had their end of year trip. They set off from Marley Park, enduring a two and a half hour hike over the mountains and down into the base of the forest landing at Zipit Adventure centre in Tibbradden Wood. It was fabulous to see their strength and confidence as they took on the high ropes and ziplines.

Many of our Third year students have been very busy on the sporting field after a two year absence of competitions. Congratulations to our table tennis team who won their league this year. What a great achievement!

Finally, a huge thank you to Ms Sharon Tully and Mr Conail Boyd who were excellent tutors to the boys over the past three years. Their help and support to both the boys and myself was invaluable. A special thank you to our amazing SNA team who work tirelessly day in day out with the boys behind the scenes. Their work is invaluable and hugely appreciated by staff and students alike.

**Mr O Chambers**

**Year Head—3rd Year**





3rd Year 2022



# Transition Year 2022

It has been so fantastic working with the group this year and to be able to provide the students with a more diverse TY programme than has been possible over the past few years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the students for being such a fantastic group this year and for bringing such wonderfully positive energy and a supportive attitude to every experience.

The lads have shown immense resilience over the past two years with the many challenges that were thrown their way and I hope that this year gave them a greater sense of normality, where they could just enjoy being with their friends, develop personally and become closer as a year group.

They have achieved so much this year and should be incredibly proud of how far they have come since September. Myself and the class tutors Ms. Egan and Ms Plunkett have gotten to see many of them face and overcome personal challenges, build lasting friendships, grow immensely in confidence and develop into great leaders, which we are truly proud of.

We hope the boys have enjoyed their year, made some great memories and developed closer, more supportive bonds as a year group that will continue to strengthen as they continue into Senior Cycle.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful summer and looking forward to seeing you in August!

**Mr C Brennan**

**Year Head - Transition Year**



## 5th Year 2022

Reflecting on the current 5<sup>th</sup> year group, soon to become 6<sup>th</sup> years, Ms. O’Sullivan, Mr Kinsella and I would feel we hit the jackpot this year.

During our weekly meetings, we dealt with issues as they arose but we were constantly uplifted by the bonhomie of the group.

There are strong, admirable leaders in this group who buoy and support the others and lead by example and not just words.

A good sense of humour and conviviality pervades this group and it is both contagious and uplifting.

The challenging moments were followed by times of reflection and self development. Our philosophy of Growth mind set teaches us that a challenging moment is an opportunity to grow and learn.

We went on a hike in February and despite the inclement weather, we laughed, soldiered on and managed to reach the windy heights of Ticknock and back in one piece.

Our second trip was to SpecialOPPs in Roundwood where the 5<sup>th</sup> years took part in the challenges of Airsoft.

Some bore their wounds with pride and others bore the pain quietly. Again a sense of cheer and good humour infused the air and we smiled, ate pizza and laughed with ease.

I know in my heart I speak on behalf of Ms. O’Sullivan and Mr Kinsella in wishing this group all the best in 6<sup>th</sup> year.

Remember Leaving Cert class of 2023

“ It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves” Shakespeare

**Ms M O’Dwyer**



## 5th Year 2022



**La**  **Salle**  
Ireland Great Britain Malta

## Student Council 2021-22

This has been yet another incredibly productive year for the Student Council. With the easing of Covid restrictions, the student council have resumed their fabulous work around De La Salle. Back at Halloween last year, the student council organised a successful "FIFA" Tournament to raise funds for charity. Then came November, when De La Salle proudly took part in Stand Up week, showing support for our La Sallian friends in the LGBT community. This week was capped with a colour day, with each year group wearing a different colour of the pride flag.

The student council resumed their work in the new year too, organising a Pancake sale on Shrove Tuesday to raise money for the people of Ukraine, suffering at the hands of Putin and Russia at the moment. This student council also resumed the lunch time chess tournament in school. This was a great hit for years and it's wonderful to have this exciting tournament back in action. Recently, to end Seachtain na Gaeilge "Green Day" or "Lá Glas" was organised by the Student Council to once again raise funds for Ukraine and to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Another significant event in the De La Salle calendar is Multicultural Day. This is always a great day where we celebrate and embrace the many different nationalities in our school. A recent survey conducted by the school revealed that there are over 33 languages spoken by the students of our school. Incredible! Students from all backgrounds are encouraged to bring in their cultural clothes/food and to get involved in such a lovely day.

The student council took advantage of the nice weather in the final term of the school year to organise a football tournament in the form of a "mini world cup" for all years. There was both a junior and senior league competition held during active schools week and the event was well organised by the Student Council and worked a treat. Two of the sixth year members of the council also attended the annual ISSU student conference during the Easter holidays, a great experience for them.

To celebrate the wonderful, Trojan-like work everyone in the student council put in throughout the year, on the final day of term all of the members joined up to enjoy a pizza party. This was a great opportunity for the council to meet one last time before breaking up for the summer and was a pleasant way to end the year. Finally, the student council looks forward to another productive year ahead and can't wait to do their best to improve the school going forward!

**Jack Campbell**  
5th Year



# Green Schools



## What is Green schools?

Green-Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and education programme for schools.

Promoting long-term, whole-school action for the environment Green-Schools is a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community. The programme is operated and coordinated by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce (FEE member for Ireland).



## Green Schools in De La Salle College

We are very proud to have achieved the flags for Litter and Waste, Energy and Water. Every two years we maintain our current flags while we work on a new theme. Our green schools committee is made up of students from a variety of years in the school and teachers. In May we were presented with our Water Flag. We focused on water conservation. The green schools committee provided education to the school community about how to save water in everyday life. We decided to invest in a water foundation and reusable water bottles for the students and staff in the school. We introduced many initiatives to save water- Well done to all the committee members!

Our next flag will focus on Travel! We are already planning ways to make De La Salle College a more sustainable school



# Transition Year Round up

By Mr C Brennan

## Epic Museum & Kilmainham Gaol

The lads started the new term with two Irish History themed trips to give them an insight into the incredibly rich history of this country. First they visited the immersive **Epic Museum**, where they got to learn about the story of Irish immigration. This is a wonderfully visual and interactive museum.

Then they got to explore the cells and grounds of the incredible **Kilmainham Gaol** and learned about the significant historical figures and events that were within its walls.



## National Spring Clean

As part of Wellbeing Week, our TYs worked hard while enjoying the beautiful Spring sun, taking part in the National Spring Clean. They cleared over 20 bags of rubbish from Loreto Park and Mountain View Park. It is so important that we as a school community take care of our local amenities. Great work all who took part!

## Trip to National Gallery

The lads were given a private tour of the National Gallery. Their guides showed and explained many key pieces, including Caravaggio's *Taking of Christ* and William John Leech's *A Covent Garden*. They were even lucky enough to see William-Burton's *Meeting on the Turret Stairs*, which is only shown to the public for one hour twice a week.



# Transition Year Round up

## Killary 2022

We were delighted to be able to reintroduce our yearly trip to the **Killary Adventure Centre** in Galway this year. This 2-night trip, set in the stunning landscapes of Killary Fjord, offers the lads an array of fun activities including Raft Building, Cliff Jumping, Gorge Walking, High Ropes among many others. This is a wonderful way for the students to be active in nature, make new friends, make memories and build strong bonds as a group. It is always a high point for any students that take part.



## Barista Training

The TYs got to take part in three very diverse workshops this term. The first was an incredibly fun and practical workshop with the **Dublin Barista School** where the lads got to learn how to brew coffee professionally. They learned how to grind the beans, how to make different forms of coffee and the best ways to serve them up. Such a wonderful experience which will hopefully result in some summer jobs for the lads!

Next the boys took a very important **CPR workshop**, which is certified by the Irish Heart Foundation. They learned how to help someone in serious cases such as cardiac arrest and choking, and how to administer a defibrillator. Such an essential skill to teach our students, which may save a life one day.



# Transition Year Round up



## Croke Park & Glasnevin Cemetery

During Active Schools Week, the TYs took a trip to **Croke Park Stadium** and Museum. The lads were given a guided tour of the player's changing rooms, the press box, and the president's seating section. They even got to put their GAA skills to the test!

This was followed with a tour of the immense **Glasnevin Cemetery**, visiting the graves of some of Ireland's most historic figures including Daniel O'Connell's tomb and the Michael Collins' Grave & Memorial

## Reptile Haven Workshop

Another high point for the TYs each year is the Reptile Haven Workshop delivered by the wonderful Melanie.

This very special, highly interactive and engaging workshop allows the lads to learn about and handle a variety of reptiles such as corn snakes; a chameleon; a tortoise; geckos; bearded dragons, and a Gila monster.

To finish things off they even got to hold a Burmese Python!! A truly memorable experience where some lads got to overcome their biggest fears!

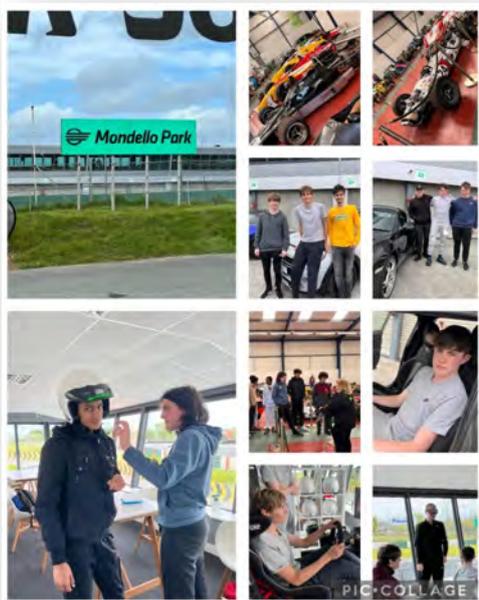


## Botanic Gardens

The TYs took advantage of the beautiful Spring sunshine by taking a trip to the National Botanic Gardens. This stunning institution holds highly important collections of plant species cultivated from around the world. The lads got to walk through the beautiful gardens, visit the stunning 19th Century greenhouses including a fascinating indoor rainforest. They also took a potting workshop where they planted their own Sunflowers to take home.



# Transition Year Round up



## Early Drive

Some TY students took part in the visit to Mondello Early Drive. This is always a favourite for the guys who opt to partake in this activity. The lads were given a tour of the incredible Museum of Motorsport where they saw some historic F1 cars.

They then attended a talk about the history of Mondello and Road Safety. This was followed by a Brake Simulator experience. Finally the lads got to drive for 20-minutes in a BMW Mini. A truly unforgettable experience!

## End of Year Glendalough Hike

Just as the year began with a Hike, the lads marked the end to a truly great Transition Year with a 10k Hike in the beautiful Glendalough in Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. Taking the super challenging Spinc trail, the lad's hard toil up the mountain was rewarded with stunning views out over Glendalough's two lakes.

A very fitting way to mark the end to a year that offered the lads many new experiences, the chance to develop & mature as individuals, to take on and overcome new and old challenges, become stronger leaders, and create stronger bonds with their peers. It has been a pleasure to work with this year group and myself and the Tutors Ms Plunkett & Ms Egan hope each student has made memories that will last a lifetime. Wishing the lads all the very best heading into 5th Year!



# Wellbeing Week 2022

WELLBEING WEEK 2022 in De La Salle College Churchtown Took place from 25th March - 1st April this year.

**Friday March 25th was 'Feel it Friday'** where students were challenged to 'Place yourself in their shoes' - How would YOU feel if You were them? Each students locker contained a 'Random Act of Kindness' Post-it encouraging them to complete a Random Act of Kindness and to be Lasallian. The focus on this day was on the Lasallian Principle: Concern for the Poor and Social Justice and Respect for ALL People.

We also had an Anti Bullying workshop facilitated by 'Bully 4U' which was attended by all 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students.

The highlight of today's proceedings was our 'Two minute Friendship' which is like 'Speed Dating' where our students were encouraged to talk to new people in their year group, the sound of chat and laughter in our Assembly Hall was a delight!

**Monday March 28th was 'Move it Monday'** where students were Challenged to 'get those steps UP to 10,000 'YOU need to MAKE energy in order to HAVE energy'.

Our student body were Introduced to Wellbeing Week via our School Intercom with particular reference to our DLSC Charter and the Five Core Principles of De La Salle.

During the day all students were encouraged to 'Drop Everything and Meditate'

Our guest speaker on this Day was Rory from 'Rory's Stories' the talk was entitled 'Overcoming the struggle'. Our students were completely engaged and found the talk extremely beneficial.

During lunchtime our Table Tennis Team organised a very entertaining Staff V Students Table Tennis Tournament.

During lunchtime our Student Council also ran a 'Drop in and chat' room.

Our TY's spent the afternoon doing a 'Litter Pick' in our local park, they did a fantastic job accumulating a large amount of litter and ensuring our local amenities are cared for.



# Wellbeing Week 2022

**Tuesday March 29th was 'Think about it Tuesday'** where students were challenged to show their Lasallian Spirit by taking the time to get to know more about other people's heritage and cultures, focusing on the core Lasallian principle of Respect for ALL People and Inclusive Community.

At lunchtime staff and students were treated to cuisine from all over the globe, thanks to the many parents who contributed to such a wonderful and colourful event. Students also completed a quiz that focused on the almost 50 different nationalities and cultures represented in our school.

Our guest speaker today was Psychologist, Patricia Murray who gave a thought provoking talk on resilience.

**Wednesday March 30th was 'Work it Wednesday'** where students were challenged to Take on an extra responsibility at home, help out with chores, complete a Random Act of Kindness, etc.

Students took part in a rock painting workshop with their beautiful creations being added to our Biodiversity Garden.

At Lunctime the wholeschool was treated to a musical performance by local musician and past pupil Mr Eamo Griffin, what a joy it was to see our Assembly Hall so full of life and smiles.



# Wellbeing Week 2022

**Thursday March 31st was 'Talk about it Thursday'** where students were challenged to Introduce themselves to someone new and widen their social circle. Be inclusive rather than exclusive. Find a common interest. Be a friend. Be Lasallian.

Today's visiting speaker was Tony O'Reilly who told his story of being a recovering Gambling addict, what an amazing story and what brilliant advice offered by Tony.

**Friday April 1st was 'Fix YOURSELF Friday'** where students were challenged to think How can I improve myself? What can I do differently? Be the change you want to see. Are you preparing yourself for a Quality Education? DLSC Charter: We Care, We Prepare, We Achieve. Fix any broken relationships or mend bridges in order to heal.

Today we walked together as a school, simply walking around our beautiful campus enjoying the fresh air and eachothers company.

At lunchtime there was Yoga for staff and students, there was also excellent entertainment provided in the assembly Hall by student musicians.

Our final guest speaker was Jackie, the amazing lady responsible for CoCo's Law. Jackie told the very sad and tragic story of her daughter Nicole. The Hall was filled with emotion and with admiration for the bravery shown by Jackie as she told her daughter's tragic story.

As you can see Wellbeing Week 2022 in DLS Churchtown was packed with a variety of opportunities for our students and staff to nurture their Wellbeing, the whole school community is thankful to the organising committee for planning such a fun, engaging and beneficial week.

**Mr M Kirwan & Mr M Forde**



# Sports Day 2022

## 1st Year

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place
Long Jump	Leon Collins	Daniel Graham	Jack Williamson	Albert Radkin
Shot Putt	Yassir Ali	Albert Radkin	Haydn McNeil	
Long Puck	Leon Collins	Dylan Roche Kavanagh	Elliot Leigh	
Sack Race	David Sanabria	Nadir Bukaz	Albert Radkin	
100 Metres	Adam Harford	Nadir Bukaz	Matthew Burke	
Penalty Shoot Out	David Sanabria	Yasser Ali	Yosif Aljanaiby	

## 2nd Year

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place
Penalty Shoot out	Ali Al-Jiyan	Federico Giurgila	Ben McDonnell	
100 Metres	Paul Kiza	Max Finlay	Jonathon Ayoola	
Long Jump	Johnathan Ayoola	Ryan O'Connell	Adda Youcef	Max Finlay
Shot Putt	Adam Keogh	Alex McCabe	Charlie Nolan	
Long Puck	Tom leigh	Conor Clancy Kelly	Alex McCabe	
Sack Race	Conor Clancy Kelly	Joshua Liao	Johnathan Ayoola	

## 3rd Year

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place
Penalty Shoot out	Thomas Berghenti	Chaker Tifouri	Adam Powell	
100 Metres	David Burke	Paddy Andrews	Mahdi Boukaz	
Long Jump	Juan Marquez Chevez	David Burke	Rosti Mogildya	Hugo Gonzalez
Shot Putt	Hugo Gonzalez	Seva Eliseev	Luca Giancarlo	Rubin Murray
Long Jump	David Burke	Thomas Berghenti	Callum Douglas	
Kilometre	Peter Mari	Mahdi Boukaz	Adda Yousef	

## Transition Year

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Long Puck	Fionn McGovern	John Cleary	Jaden Conboy
Sack Race	Charlie Murphy Leech	Bilal Ahmad	Emmanuel Ayoola
Penalty Shoot out	Jack Weadick	Cormac Clancy	Charlie Murphy Leech
100 Metres	Cormac Clancy Kelly	Emmanuel Ayoola	Jamie morris
Long Jump	Jaden Conboy	Fionn McGovern	Hezron Tesfaye
Shot Putt	Artiom Savchuk	John Cleary	Anthony Downes

# Sports Day 2022

## 5th Year

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Shot Putt	Conor Rochford	Diego Rubeo Galeano	Henry
Long Puck	Niall Burke	Elliott Looney	Atilla Szalai
Sack Race	Antoni Wajda	Elliott Looney	Atilla Szalai
Penalty Shoot out	Conor Rochford	Ameer Tariq	Hugo Jiminez
100 Metres	Niall Burke	Aaron Roche Kavanagh	Atilla Szalai

## 6th Year

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place
Shot Putt	David Ayoola	Mustafa al Saedi	Abduljalil Omar	
Long Puck	Tadhg Finlay	Ciaran Nolan	Andrew Nolan	Kacper Bandzierz
Sack Race	Ciaran Nolan	David Ayoola	Abduljalil Omar	
Penalty Shoot out	Enda Benson	Dylan Schmidt	Tadhg Finlay	
100 Metres	Tadhg Finlay	David Ayoola	Abdelrahman Belakhdar	
Kilometre	Cormac Clancy Kelly (TY)	Artiom Savchuk (TY)	Tadhg Finlay	

## Best Athletes

Year Group	Best Athlete	Best Athlete
1st Year	Leon Collins	David Sanabria
2nd year	Conor Clancy Kelly	
3rd Year	David Burke	
Transition Year	Fionn McGovern	Stephen Wu
5th Year	Niall Burke	
6th Year	Tadhg Finlay	

## Best Athlete Overall

*Tadhg Finlay (6th Year) Winner of The  
Dick Ryan Trophy 2022*

# Sports Day 2022

## In Pictures



# Sports Round up



# Senior Rugby

Rugby is back up and running in De La Salle College. At Senior level we cater for 4th , 5th and 6th year students. This year there have been many challenges because of the lack of rugby played during Covid 19. Many of our players who never played rugby before attending De La Salle College have had a massive disadvantage this year because they have missed out on two years of playing rugby.

We continue to work on creating a culture that emphasises commitment within the Senior Rugby group, both on and off the field. Another challenge we face is trying to work with students from different years groups, during Covid restrictions there was very little mixing of year groups meaning the normal bonds and friendships were not formed. To improve this we began to meet as a group during lunchtimes, this allowed us to get to know each other better and has been a huge positive for the group as a whole, the food been provided also helped!

On the field we played Newpark and St Columbas in September in good competitive games. In October we again played St Columbas and St Conleths, this time winning both games. After the break we were drawn against Patrician College Newbridge and in a very tight match we lost 20-10. On the day we didn't get the luck having received a yellow card early in the game which knocked us back and we unfortunately didn't take our chances in the second half, it was a very good experience especially for some of our players playing their first competitive match.

After the cup match we played games against Clongowes in the league and St Columbas in the plate competition. We lost both of the games but we are learning all the time and understand the work that needs to be done to be competitive at this level.

The school facilities we have on site are excellent, our playing pitches are excellent, this has further been enhanced with the upgrade of Gym in the Sports Centre. This is an excellent facility that is available to the Senior Rugby squad. In December we began working on a strength and conditioning programme to make sure we finish the season strong and more importantly be ready for next year's rugby season 2022/2023.



The attitude and culture are improving all the time and as we continue to add new players to the group which enhances the group even further. In the spring and summer term we continued to play matches and develop our skills and improve the strength and conditioning within the Senior group of players.

The intention is to bring the team away on a trip to play a game and also to encourage team spirit on and off the field and create that bond within the group for many years to come and to encourage the core rugby values of Integrity [through honesty and fair play], Passion [sense of belonging to the rugby family], Solidarity [spirit that leads to lifelong friendships], Discipline [both on and off the field], Respect [respect for teammates, officials and opponents] which also ties into our La Sallian principles of Respect for all persons [teammates, officials and opponents], Quality Education [coaching and peer learning from each other], Inclusive Community [everyone is welcomed to play rugby in De La Salle College Churchtown].

A special mention to all the new players this year who have worn the famous wine and gold rugby jersey for the first time and now have become part of history that goes back 70 years they are Brendan McGarry, Ali Lebsir, Mohamed Omar Abdujalil and Abdelrahman Belakhdar. Congratulations to all four players.

Finally we are very proud this year that our Captain Tadhg Finlay has represented Connacht at U-20 level. Tadhg fully deserved this honour after many years of hard work and dedication to training. Tadhg's leadership this year has been outstanding especially with our new players and our inexperienced players. Tadhg is a credit to De La Salle College and hopefully we will have many like him in the future. Well done Tadhg.

As the rugby year has come to an end the planning is already underway and getting ready for next year 2022/23. The players from 5th and 4th year and a couple from 3rd year have been assessed and strength and conditioning is now in place. This could only have taken place with the help of Mr Boyd. The response to the programme is excellent with 70% of the squad working in the gym twice a week at the moment, this is going to continue throughout the summer, with preseason commencing in early August. The players are really looking forward to the challenge over the summer months to really try to improve their fitness levels and skills levels for next season.

To all our past pupils reading this article I hope you are keeping well and remember your days of playing rugby in De La Salle College. We are proud of the effort and commitment you gave to the College and can guarantee that the present group of players will follow in your footsteps with effort and commitment in true De La Salle spirit.

**Mr T Leigh**



# Senior Rugby Squad

## 2021-22



# Junior Rugby

We go forward, no matter what, we go forward. Our junior rugby side captured the essence of what rugby and sport is about in De La Salle. The year was hard and many games were difficult. Sports is easy when you're winning but it's not about winning, it's about so much more. Our juniors despite some hard games stuck together, looked after each other and kept on trying and playing. What great lessons our students have learnt and will bring those learnings to the future of their time playing rugby in De La Salle and also their life. Thanks have to be given to coaches Conail Boyd and Declan O'Neill who gave so much of themselves and their time to the team. Equally important thank you to the students who showed up each week, kept working hard and looking after each other. We are proud of you all and thank you so much for all that you have done. See you on the sidelines next year.



**Mr T Leigh**



# 1st Year Rugby

The sport of rugby is very much part of De La Salle and having watched the next batch of players this year in 1st year we are very excited about the years to come and good times that'll be had. Many of our 1st years come to De La Salle College Churchtown having never touched or maybe even seen a rugby ball. Lots of our students were very open to trying the game and for a large number of our 1st years they absolutely loved it.



Thanks to Tom Cronin and John Murray, our magnificent coaches who make this transition a fun and safe one. They both do an incredible job and huge thanks must be given to them for their dedication and commitment to the team.

The team played in various blitz competitions run by separate schools and also competed in the yearly Leinster schools 7s blitz competitions. They managed to play oodles of games against lots of different schools and we were fortunate to witness some incredible games where players and the team went above and beyond to reach their potential. Well done and thank you to all the boys who were central to the teams growth and we look forward to seeing you learn and grow as a team and individuals next year.

**Mr C Boyd**



# Rugby Trip 2022

## End of Year Rugby Trip

At the end of the year we wanted say thanks to all those who wore the wine and gold of a De La Salle College Churchtown rugby jersey. It requires more, it requires huge levels of commitment and time outside of school, time away from other commitments. Despite that we have an incredible group of young players who have met those requirement and dedicated themselves to their teams, to their school and to their own progression. We just wanted to thank those students with a day of fun. The plan was simple.

- 1: We all train in the Irish National Training Centre
- 2: Go for a swim in Dunlaoghaire
- 3: Have a nice juicy ice cream afterwards

And that's what we did. A great day was had where the boys played a mixed round robin in the national training centre. 1st years were awarded 3 points for a try which made some of the games interesting. We got some food and headed to Sandycove beach where our students donning the older and traditional rugby jerseys jumped into the sea with faces of shock all around. The shock soon passed with laughs and they of course were then treated to a delicious ice cream once they had dried off. A new day in the rugby calendar has been created and we look forward to similar days next year. Well done to all involved.

**Mr C Boyd**



# Senior Football



# Minor Football

Our minor football team had an incredible season of successes and also heartbreak. The team like our 1st year team was coached by past pupil Cian Kesso and helped create an attacking structure and cohesiveness that reaped rewards on the pitch with the team progressing comfortably to the knockout stages of their league. Thank you Cian. Thanks must also be given to Craig McDonnell who helped out at the latter stage of the year. They would unfortunately go no further with a close loss in the knockout stage. The team played some incredible football where the ball was moved fluently around the field to suddenly find itself in the net of the opposition. The team will now move up into the older age bracket of junior and we are excited to see what they will do in the years ahead. They have shown to be a formidable force and we are so thankful to the students who were central to the team's growth and development. Well done and thank you so much for your dedication and commitment. We look forward to seeing you all on the pitch next year.



Mr C Boyd



# 1st Year Football

What a year we had of good games and great memories. Our 1st year students this year for the first time ever played in the FAI school football league and cup. The team was excellently coached by past pupil Charlie Byrne who led the way for the students. The team played against Ballinteer C.S, Greenhills College and James' Street CBS competitively. All games were very close and the team on each occasion did themselves and their school proud. Football is a sport that is growing, our students for years have asked for it to be part of the school sporting plan and we as a school have listened. We look forward to improving upon our introductory year and looking to take strides forward in the game. Well done to all those who trained consistently and those who led the team and the group. See you on the pitch next year.

*thank you*



**Leicester Celtic FC**

*Arte et Labore*

**Mr C Byrne**



# Basketball

*“The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand”- Vince Lombardi.*

With the 2021-22 De La Salle Basketball Season coming to a close, it is ample opportunity for all the stakeholders associated with the squad to consider the highs and lows of the year and contemplate what actions can enhance player enjoyment for the future.

The above quote applies to all genres of sport, but evokes a definite impression on how the basketballers in De La Salle performed this year. Developing the mindset to apply the best of oneself in challenging situations is a quality that is necessary for success both on and off the basketball court. This basketball season has allowed players to begin to establish and advance this attitude during training and match performances. This was especially notable in the MVP (Most Valuable Player) end of season awards. Their emerging leadership skills towards their peers and continuous ability to evolve basketball proficiency certified these young adults to be recipients of the award. Huge congratulations to the following De La Salle Basketball players;

**U19 MVP: Joshua Esguerra**

**U16 MVP: Keith Jasper Perocho**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Yr MVP: Ciaran Dadacay**

**1<sup>st</sup> Yr MVP: Zac Looney**

The future is bright for basketball next season in De La Salle. We look forward to assisting and observing our current students in developing their skillset throughout the year, and in welcoming many more new incoming future stars!

**Mr C Murphy**



# Basketball Squads 2022



# Basketball Squads

## 2022



**Basketball**  
Ireland



# Table Tennis

Table Tennis has proved to be very popular this year in De La Salle with many new students joining training. Our coach Eddie was back again to help the players improve- A huge thanks to Eddie for his dedication to the teams!

We have had some challenging matches this year but our teams are always ready and waiting to play the next match!

The 1st year team has grown throughout the year and have made the school proud representing De La Salle! They were runners up in their league - Well done to all players that showed great dedication to the sport!

Well done to our Under 15 Table Tennis Team on winning their league. A huge achievement for the team -We look forward to watching this team grow next year and take on new challenges.

## Ms A Plunkett



# Badminton

Badminton is one of the most popular sports here at De La Salle College with approximately 60 boys training weekly and registered to compete in Dublin and Leinster Schools badminton competitions. Our U14 & U19 won some great games against other schools but our most successful team were our U16 As who lost by a single point in the Dublin Schools semi final, 148-149. Will we ever get over that point? Next year!

Some stand out players from the year who showed immense dedication, talent and spirit are as follows:

U19 Ben Boylan

U16 Artiom Savchuk

U14 Pietro Belo

Well done to all the boys who train weekly, compete against other schools and make De La Salle College very proud.

Lookin forward to getting back to training in September and hope to bring home some silver wear in the months that follow.

**Ms S O'Donnell**



**Under 16 Badminton Team**

# Music

## Music in De La Salle

It was about time music made a return to De la Salle College, and with the brand new music room recently completed, it was the perfect time for the sound of music to be heard again. The musical talent in DLS had been dormant for the last number of years, but this year it was back in force and on show for all. The aforementioned music room provides a wonderful space for our experienced musicians to rehearse together, and for our young aspiring musicians in their weekly music classes taught by the incredibly talented Mr. Forde.



The first emergence of our musicians came on Halloween when a live music performance was scheduled as part of the pre- mid term festivities. Scrambling to find the instrumentalists, a full band was put together and we all enjoyed a live performance including renditions of Metallica, Pixies, and Nirvana, on the stage in the assembly hall. There would not be another performance for some time, as student musicians and teachers alike were busy focusing on their studies.

In the meantime however, musicians slowly began to emerge, and with the introduction of Music Club (which is an unofficial title!) students were still able to enjoy music in school. The idea came about purely as a result of the enthusiasm and love of music of Mr. Merriman, who everyday, at break time, gathers with students in the music room, where students can try out different instruments, practice, but mainly to discuss and share their love of music with each other.

Mr. Forde wanted a musical performance as part of wellbeing week, and this would lead to the formation of the senior band, as well as the emergence of a junior band. The junior band called themselves the Corduroy Boys, and comprised the following students, all in 3rd and 2nd year. David Sheldreck (3rd year) kept the rhythm as the drummer, Joshua Liao (2nd year) on guitar, multi talented instrumentalist Sebastian Lafford (3rd year) on bass, with the band lead by frontman Keith Jasper Perocho (3rd year) providing vocals and lead guitar. This band had been playing together for some time but this was the first time they played for a crowd in DLS. The senior band came together out of necessity to play the show on that Friday. These extremely talented young musicians would band together, under the guidance of Mr. Merriman, rehearsing long hours after school to get their setlist ready. The band consisted of the delicate hands of Heinz Raphael Ballebar (5th year) on guitar, the powerful riffs of Jethro Ledesma (5th year) on bass, brought together by the ridiculously talented and hardworking Luke Crimmins who is only in 2nd Year. Mr. Merriman would provide an additional guitar at the request of the students. Following the show, and the hugely positive reactions of both students and staff alike, the senior band were requested to play another show the following week to celebrate the last day of term with more great music. And so, the group spent another week hard at work, rehearsing long hours and learning songs that each band member had chosen to play. The band proved to have a very diverse and quality taste in music, as songs chosen for this show included the bands PUP, Mono, Cigarettes After Sex and Hum. Once again, the performance was met with a warm crowd who cheered and showed their support for these incredibly hard working students. Music was back in De La Salle and the vibrations in the walls were very welcome (by most!).

The next big show would be St. La Salle's day where the event organisers of Ms. McDermott and Mr. Forde (who worked extremely hard preparing every aspect of the day) decided it would be great to have live music as part of the mass, and approached the senior band. Once music had been chosen by Mr. Forde and Mr. Merriman, it was only a question of rehearsals for the big day, and everyone got to work straight away. Music chosen included the work of Bill Withers, Matt Redman and Mono. Mr. Forde would be providing his angelic vocals as well as his piano skills this time around, so there was quite an ensemble getting ready for the day. A choir was also assembled and managed by Mr. Forde which was made up of several budding singers from first year up to third year, as well as staff wanting to get involved, as Ms. Foyle and Ms. Egan wanted to add their lovely voices. The music on the day for many was the highlight of the mass.

The final musical performance the school would enjoy was on the last day of class, where both the junior and senior band would provide a diverse mix of songs for all to enjoy and celebrate the end of the school year. Once again it is commendable the work these students put in learning and rehearsing songs together, as although they make it look effortless on stage, it speaks to the talent and hard work on display. Everyone in De La Salle is proud to have music back, and to have such fine musicians leading it is a pleasure.

**Mr M Merriman**



# DLSC Creative Writing Competition 2022

Well done to students from all years who entered the annual DLSC writing competition. This years theme was 'joy' and students were free to submit a piece of writing of any length in the form of an essay, a short story or a poem. Congratulations to the following winners from each year group:

*1st year winner: Mohammed Elsheikhidris*

*2nd year winner: Jake Doyle*

*3rd year winner: Neil Sebastian De Jesus*

*TY winner: Gonzalo Blanco Ruiz*

*5th year winner: Jethro Ledesma*

*6th year winner: Calum Pettigrew*

Winning students were awarded their certificates and a Dundrum Cinema vouchers at recent graduations and prize giving ceremonies. The competition will be back next year with a new theme and we will continue to encourage students to be creative, use their imaginations and develop their writing skills. Until then, this year's winning entries will be published on the school website for everyone to read and enjoy!



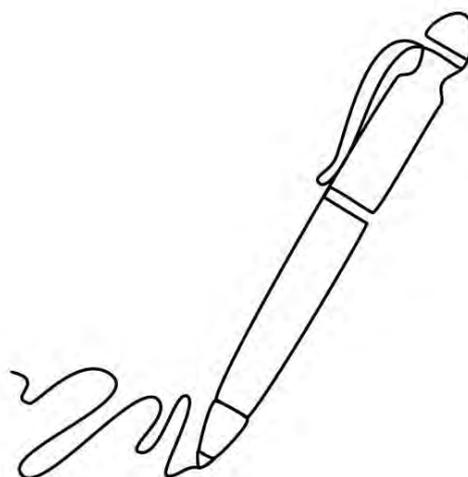
The poster features a pencil on the left with a cloud of words emerging from its tip. In the center, the text reads 'De La Salle College Writing Competition 2022' in red, with the college crest to the right. Below this, the theme 'Joy' is highlighted in red. The instructions state: 'Write a poem, short story, essay or any written piece inspired by our theme! Send your entries to: writingcomp@delasallecollege.com Submission date: Monday 9th of May'. A small image of a person jumping over a gap at sunset is in the bottom right corner of the poster.

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# Autism Support Class

De La Salle has always been a place of welcome. A place where all members of society are treated equally and we do all we can for those with any form of special or additional need. Since the beginning of this academic year we have for the first time in the school's history introduced an autism student support class. What is that you say? In essence it is a classroom that is dedicated to the needs of 6 of our students. And now in the upcoming August 2022 we will open a second autism support classroom meaning that'll be 12 students who we will do all we can to support them on their unique educational journey. We provide an almost custom built environment and educational pathway for them. At times the students will be in class with their core group and at other times they will be in the autism support class getting very specific education which is tailored to their needs. The student and their needs are placed at the centre of the support. We look at each individual student and create a collective plan that is unique to each student and is then agreed upon by all stakeholders. That way everyone is going in the same direction, including the student. We are proud of this support and while De La Salle has always been a welcoming place for all members of the community putting the structures of these two autism support classes shows that we are truly inclusive and can adapt to society and our students needs. We look forward to the year ahead and will welcome with open arms the newest crop of young students to join our school community in 2022/2023.

**Mr Conal Boyd**

**ASD Coordinator**



# First year in DLS - A Reflection

## New Beginnings

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members” - Coretta Scott King. As a newly qualified teacher emerging from my studies as a college student, this past academic year has proven exciting and constructively challenging. Educational modules prepare teachers for creating effective learning environments, motivating students, encouraging diversity, and to endeavour to have an evolving, dynamic classroom atmosphere. However, these past months have allowed me to deduce that these above mentioned attributions of an educator need to be galvanised through the community that the school environment has produced. The above quote bears a resemblance to my thoughts and experience to date. Both staff and students have played a role in this. The ecosystem of craic, enjoyment, and welcome all members of staff create in De La Salle is something that allowed me to feel very grounded and supported in my initial days at the school. This, blended with an energetic and diverse group of young adolescents, ensures that every day entails new challenges and opportunities. Being involved in coaching basketball and hurling has been rewarding for me through observing the excitement the lads get travelling to away match venues and deepening their friendships at training sessions. I want to thank everyone involved in the De La Salle school community for making this past year a memorable one. I am excited to continue my journey as a Lasallian teacher and eager to meet what the future holds.

**Mr C Murphy**



# Erasmus Project Update

We have been very lucky in De La Salle to have been invited to take part in a number of European Erasmus Projects. This is where we meet with teachers and educational experts throughout Europe to share expertise in an effort to develop resources and lesson plans for students and teachers in different European countries. It is exciting and inspiring to meet all the different nationalities and to find out what they are doing in their schools. It is also a privilege to be involved in the development resources and teaching strategies that will hopefully make a difference to many young students across Europe.

This summer we were delighted to host an Erasmus meeting in our school and it was a pleasure to give a real Irish warm welcome to our European partners.

**Siobhan Foster & Sharon Kelleher**

**Erasmus Reps for DLSC**



De La Salle were delighted to welcome our partners from across Europe for the latest meeting of the Impro Theatre project. Representatives from five different countries gathered at the school in brilliant sunshine (many of who it was their first time to Ireland), to discuss the progress of the initiative so far. An impressive spread was laid out for the visitors and they were greeted with all types of Irish goodies, from scones with real butter and strawberries and cream, to an array of chocolates to instill a pep in their step for the day's discussions!

The consortium spent the first day reviewing all aspects of the project up until now – which has been a resounding success, by the way! – and each partner showed photos and video clips of gleeful children acting out famous fairy tales. The feedback from everyone involved had been extremely positive and the creativity among the kids flourished as they sought to use the skills of Improvisation to put their own spin on stories like Cinderella, Harry Potter and Gulliver's Travels. After all the hard work was done, a trip to a traditional Irish music and dance night in Taylors Three Rock was deemed in order. So inspirational was it, that everyone dusted off their dancing shoes and did a few turns out on the floor!

The second day was a lighter affair and focused on the next steps and exciting developments planned for the future – which include adapting a new play to the problems of each country (ours being Ireland), and the lessons and solutions the kids can come up with to solving them. A tasty lunch in Churchtown brought the curtain down on proceedings and we waved goodbye to our European cousins. We look forward to our continued relationship and what the future holds for the project. Until Greece!

**Beau O'Kelly (DLSC, June 2022)**



## Primary School visits

We were delighted to welcome the 5<sup>th</sup> class boys and girls to the College recently. We hope that they had an interesting and engaging experience. During their visit they experienced the following:

- Business Class where they took part in a quiz on different Brands.
- Art through French where they learned basic French phrases whilst completing an Art task.
- PE Class where they took part in games in our PE Hall.
- A Treasure Hunt where they got to explore our campus and find out about life in Secondary School.

A big 'Thank You' to the teachers and SNA's from **St Marys Sandyford, The Good Shepherd NS, Our Lady's Clonskeagh PNS, Our Lady's Ballinteer GNS, Holy Cross Dundrum, Ballinteer ETNS, Queen of Angels NS**



## TY Subject Choice week

Subject Choice Week took place in April for our TY students, the week was packed with presentations and activities designed to help our students make informed decisions around their Leaving Cert subject choice.

### Events included:

- Teacher presentations
- Fifth year subject information session for TY students.
- Presentations from some of our past pupils who are currently in College.
- Subject choice webinars
- Information on how to use Careers Portal and Qualifax
- A selection of College talks.
- Helping parents and students to understand the costs associated with college.
- Student and parent drop in sessions
- Subject Choice information seminar for parent(s)/guardian(s)

**Ms M Fitzpatrick**

  
**Subject Choice Week 2022**

Time	Monday 7 March	Tuesday 8 March	Wednesday 9 March
8.45am-9.42am	Class	Class	Class
9.43am-10.41am	Teacher Information session	UCD Arts	Student drop in session
10.41am-11.39am	Teacher Information Session	TU Tallaght presentation:	UCD: HEAR (Higher Education Access Route)
11.39am-12.19pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
12.19pm-13.17pm	Maynooth University talk: Laura.	Apprenticeship Seminar:	Ms. Fitzpatrick: Subject Choice Seminar
13.17pm-14.15pm	Student Information Session	1pm Jack: Aviation mgt: DCU 1.30pm Daniel: law: UCD Adam: Medicine: TCD	Ms. Fitzpatrick: Subject Choice Seminar
14.15-15.13	Student Information Session	Diarmuid Balfie: Architecture: UCD Virtual presentation.	12.50-1pm National College of Ireland (NCI)

All students will have received their Subject Choice Booklet and their CAT results.




## Gaisce - The President's Award

This year, 8 TY students have been undertaking the Gaisce Bronze Award. This award involves community involvement, developing a personal skill, and partaking in physical recreation. As part of getting involved with the community, students volunteered in the school garden and the school library under the guidance of Ms Plunkett, while others trained as sports coaches with help from Mr O'Neill. Many of the students took on learning the ukulele with Mr Forde as their personal skill development, and students got active by joining one of the many sports teams in the school such as rugby, badminton and table tennis. The students then carried out an overnight hiking adventure through Glendalough! Students planned and prepared their own meals and enjoyed hiking 25km around the various trails that Glendalough has to offer! Congratulations to all the students involved who received their Gaisce medals at their graduation.

**Ms D Egan**



## Art Trip

Our First and Second Year Art groups had the pleasure of visiting The museum of Decorative Arts and History Museum. We explored a selection of the newly displayed objects, which feature in the exhibition in the Soldiers and Chiefs Galleries. The students really enjoyed learning about the history behind the uniforms and were wowed by the impressive military display which featured a selection of planes and tanks that were used in Ireland's Peace-Keeping missions abroad. We also had great fun exploring The Asguard exhibition, where we learned about conservation and renovation. It was a thoroughly enjoyable learning experience.

**Ms S Kelleher**

## Special OPs Airsoft

On May 24th, our fifth year class was brought on a trip to Special OPPs Airsoft, a team game in which players shoot each other with plastic spherical pellets to eliminate each other. It was a great day and a great way to finish the year.

When we arrived at the site, we were met by the staff, who were beyond friendly and helpful and got everyone engaged and excited about the games. They were brisk and effective at explaining the rules in a way that kept us all captivated and focused. They then split us into teams and handed out the guns, and we were led to the site of the first game.

We played two games on two different sites, the first game we played, the two teams were put on either attack or defence, the defending team was given three lives, and each time a life was lost, they had to fall back further away from the attacking teams respawn point and closer to the building you're sent after you've lost all your lives, the defending teams goal is to survive the time limit whereas the attacking team has to eliminate all the defenders. The attacking team are given unlimited lives, but when they're hit, they have to retreat to their starting point before playing again.

The second game we played was very similar to the first, except the defending team was trying to keep attackers out of a building. If all attackers got inside the building, they won the game, so it was a lot more difficult. There was also the detail that all defenders only got two lives, one outside the budding and after they get shot one inside the building.

We were given pizza afterwards and it turned out to be a great trip for the whole year and an excellent source of stress relief before our exams.



# SPECIAL OPS

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

## Debate Club 2021-22

Well done to all Junior Cycle students who took part in Debate Club this year! It took place on Fridays at lunchtime and a range of exciting debate motions were debated and discussed. Thanks to 5th year mentors Elliot and Jack for helping out every and sharing their debating skills and wisdom. This year's debate awards went to; 1st years Zac Looney, Daniel Graham and Albert Radkin and 2nd year, Jake Doyle. Debate Club will resume in September and students from all year groups will be welcome to join.

**Ms J Lowry**



## Leinster Rugby

Congratulations to Zac, Jack & Albert (1st Year) Aieham, Adda & Ben (2nd Year) who proudly represented Leinster DLR in the County Councils Cup

## Business in De La Salle

For our final term in Business class Transition Year students attended the Future Financial Experts programme given by speaker Niives Piac QFA of Financial Brokers Ireland. The course was 4 modules in total and focused on different areas of financial literacy such as planning and budgeting, investing and saving and protection from fraud.

The students found it to be a worthwhile informative programme and we look forward to welcoming Ms Piac back again next year. Meanwhile First Year students undertook the Money Smarts Financial Literacy programme given by the Youth Banking team at Bank of Ireland. The presentations covered topics such as borrowing and planning, investing and protection, earning and spending. Students again thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and all received a certificate for their efforts in participating in the programme.

**Ms E O'Sullivan**



## Leaving Certificate Geography Field Trip

On the 1st of March the 6th year geography students travelled to Kippure Estate in Co. Wicklow to carry out their Leaving Certificate geography field trip.

The geography field trip involves carrying out multiple experiments to investigate the formation of a part of the River Liffey. This year, we investigated a meander.

The students used what they have learned in Geography class and applied it to a real life example. The students worked together in groups to gather data including the depth and speed of the river and even the rock sizes found on the river bed. They used various instruments such as callipers to measure rocks and a clinometer to measure the slope. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and everyone got involved.

**Ms N Foyle**



## Harmony Workshop

The lads attended the **Harmony Workshop** with Roger A. Mehta. This was a highly engaging workshop on Drug and Alcohol abuse.

It explained about the dangers teenagers face using various drugs and forms of alcohol and raised a variety of open discussions around these topics through the use of music and song lyric analysis allowing students to relate to these topics and gain a deeper understanding about them.

**Mr C Brennan**

## DLSC Surf Trip

This year saw the DLSC Surf Trip back again. On the 16<sup>th</sup> May a full and excited bus headed off to the Surf Shack in Curracloe Beach for a day of Surfing, Sandboarding, Pizza and lots and lots of laughs.



## Active School Week

We had another jam packed Active Schools Week this year. Events included Mini World Cups, Croke Park Tour, Zip Lining, Surf Trip, Drop everything & move, and the main event, Sports Day. It was great to see the whole school able to come together again in the gorgeous sunshine and enjoy a fun filled week of activity.

Mr S O'Neill



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## Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022

The lead up to St Patrick's day was celebrated with Seachtain na Gaeilge! There were plenty of activities throughout the week to celebrate the Irish language and culture. Every day students answered the Ceist an Lae to win prizes. Ms Egan's classroom became a Pop-Up Gaeltacht at lunch time, for students to practice the spoken language. Junior students enjoyed a Tráth na gCeist with Mr Chambers and Ms Leggett, while TYs and 5th years took part in an Irish dancing Céilí where they learned some traditional dances as well as some more modern Irish dancing. Irish sports were played, with students competing in the Poc Fada with their new-found hurling skills, while the Senior Cycle students played in a competitive 5th year vs 6th year game of Gaelic Football in which the 6th years were victorious! The week ended with a Lá Glas, with students sporting their green clothes and Irish jerseys to get everyone in the spirit for the St Patrick's day long weekend .

Ms D Egan



## LCVP Mini World Cup

Well done to our 5th year LCVP students who organised a Mini World Cup for the student body. Two competitions, one for junior students and one for senior students, were hotly contested with all participants having a fantastic time. Well done boys on organising a fantastic tournament.



# Past Pupil Profiles

**Name:** Peter Higgans

**Year of Graduation from DLSC:** 1998

**Where you are currently based?** London

**My Career so far:**

After graduating from UCD, I began my career working for Enterprise Ireland in their Paris office on a two-year graduate program helping Irish companies develop France as an export market. Following this I moved to London where after a short stint as an investment analyst with Network Rail, I moved into management consultancy for the next 10 years. I am now a Partner at Rapid Innovation Group in its AgriFood and Industrial Biotech practice where I work with early-stage companies that are tackling sustainability challenges to commercialise their technologies.

**My Favourite Memory of DLSC:**

There are few things that stand out for me. The first is how many of the skills or passions that I based my career on or which I enjoy as hobbies can be traced back to either the subjects I took and teachers I had or the sports that I got involved in. Retrospectively, I realise that I was lucky to have Pat O'Sullivan and Phil Ryan teach me maths, John Corbett and Marion O'Dwyer introduce French to me, and Pat Nihill for the fundamentals of accounting. The second was the camaraderie and friendships formed which were always illustrated by the warmth in the Glenside whenever I would return at Christmas. But if there were to be a single memory to hang my hat on it would be beating Blackrock in the Leinster Schools Squash league/championship and for this I would like to thank Mick Conroy for introducing this great sport to me.

**One piece of advice I would give to current DLS students is.....**

Take risks and back yourself particularly when it comes to your career. Don't be worried about the downside of your decision making as it is never as bad as you think it might be and the rewards can be far greater than you predicted. If you have the chance to start a business go for it, if you want a promotion believe that you can get it. Given the impact work has on the rest of our lives, try to work at something you enjoy, in an environment that you like, and where your efforts and achievements are recognized and rewarded.

PS – I would echo Declan Quinn's advice to pursue your passions and Enda Corneille's to follow your own path not what others want you to do.



# Past Pupil Profiles

**Name:** Ian O’Riordan

**Year of Graduation from DLSC:** 1990

**Where you are currently based?** Dublin

**My Career so far:**

After finishing my Leaving Cert in De La Salle in 1990, I went to college in the US, attending Brown University in Rhode Island, after securing an athletics scholarship. This had a lasting impact on my career, the US collegiate system allowing me to explore studies across several different departments, including English, although I majored in Biology. After returning to Ireland in 1996, I began some freelance reporting based on my interest in sport. After completing the one-year MA degree in DCU in 1998, I got a work placement in The Irish Times for the summer. I’ve been in that role ever since, a staff sports reporter since 2001.



**My Favourite Memory of DLSC:**

Plenty of favourite memories actually, beginning with the lasting friendships made and the reminiscing of the fun times in and out of the classroom. I only got into sport seriously around Fourth Year, always enjoyed other activities in the school, starting our own band too and having a whopping good time with that. In Fifth Year I believe a small gang of us went to Inishmore on the Aran Islands for an Irish language excursion and that was like a foreign expedition, and still raises a smile every time I think back.

**One piece of advice I would give to current DLS students is.....**

Not to get too stressed or hung up on knowing what you want or feel you need to do after finishing school. I realise now I was as unsure as most about the pathway after school, and most of the time this will take care of itself. I remember thinking medicine might be for me, until discovering I did not fancy the look of blood, so that went out the window, and I’ve been happily working with ink ever since. Best of luck!

# Past Pupil Profiles

**Name:** Brian Byrne

**Year of Graduation from DLSC:** 2002

**Where you are currently based?** Maths Teacher, County Mayo.

**My Career so far:**

I studied Science in UCD where I completed an Honours degree in Statistics.

I returned to DLSC to complete my PGDE in Education with Mr Phil Ryan as my mentoring teacher. I subsequently stayed in DLSC as a full time Maths and Applied Maths teacher until 2019 when I decided to move to Mayo to continue teaching Maths out here!

**My Favourite Memory of DLSC:**

My favourite memory has to be winning our JCT first round rugby match against Pres Bray in Donnybrook. We narrowly lost to St Michaels in the second round. The friendship bonds we made playing rugby in DLS have lasted a lifetime.

**One piece of advice I would give to current DLS students is.....**

Keep in touch with all the friends you make along the way in life, particularly your school friends.



# Past Pupil Acknowledgements



**Congratulations** to Brian Byrne (Class of 2002) on his recent marriage to Laura. Great to see a sizeable Salle contingent joining the celebration.

**Congratulations** to Stephen Tighe (Class of 1995) on his recent marriage to Andrea. Some excellent lineout work at the reception!



## Kinsale 7's

A Motley crew of Past Pupils were spotted recently at the Kinsale 7's, hope you had a great weekend fellas!

## DLSP President

Well done to Past Pupil Brian Murray on completing a very successful stint as President of De La Salle Palmerston FC.



# Past Pupil Acknowledgements

We were saddened to hear of the passing of the following Past Pupils:

**David Comerford—The Class of 1989**

**Michael Mahon—The Class of 1991**

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha**



## Thank you!

We would like to thank the DLS Past Pupil community for their ongoing support, in particular we thank Kevin Whitty and [www.thegardener.ie](http://www.thegardener.ie) for his assistance in maintaining the school grounds, John Reddy from Paintbox Design Studios for maintaining our website and our branding, David Lillis and [www.igate.ie](http://www.igate.ie) for assisting us with our Library upgrade and Brian McMahan and Total Tree Care for sponsorship of our Football Jerseys.



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## REMINDER

Socks for those special occasions can be purchased by contacting the school office

# Ms Marion O'Dwyer

After 35 years of absolute dedication to her students, Ms Marion O'Dwyer has taught her last class in De La Salle College Churchtown. An inspirational and utterly dedicated teacher and a wonderful colleague. The whole De La Salle College Churchtown Community would like to wish Marion a long and happy retirement.

**Puissiez-vous avoir une longue et heureuse retraite**





**We hope you enjoyed  
our Newsletter, have a  
restful and safe  
Summer Break.**

**We look forward with  
hope to the New  
Academic Year 2022-23**