

6th Year Graduation

The 6th year graduation took place on a warm summers evening on Thursday May 26th. In what is always a bittersweet evening the class of 2017 gathered for one final time to say goodbye to De La Salle. It is always great to see the students arrive into the hall with the rose for their mothers, no longer boys, but men, ready to head out into the world full of hope and expectation.

The mass was followed by awards and speeches. On behalf of the students Liam Wall spoke with great pride and eloquence about all the ups and downs we

experienced during our time in Salle. Mr. Martin our year head gave an inspirational speech (his words!!). And special thanks to Ms O'Connell for looking after us for 6 years, we will miss your guidance and thoughtfulness.

The two most prestigious awards on the night went to two of the stand out students in 6th year. Conor Lynch won the 'Spirit of Salle Award'. A runaway winner, Conor epitomised the La Sallian spirit throughout his 6 years in the school.

The 'Student of the Year' award was won by Fergus Balfe. Fergus is an

excellent student who has been an inspirational leader in his time in De La Salle. Academically excellent, a good rugby player, a mentor, member of the Student Council, to name but a few of his actions in his 6 years with us. Well done Fergus. We are sure that you will be successful in whatever you endeavour to do in the future.

Many thanks to all those involved in putting together such a wonderful evening. Special thanks must go to Ms Jordan who worked tirelessly on putting the entire ceremony together.



Conor Lynch



Fergus Balfe



Class of 2017

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Year 2017

Neil Anjel Kirkpatrick	Pádraic Dooley
Fergus Balfe	Daniel Doyle
Oussama Bouattoura	Curt Ferrera
Jonathan Butler	Iain Finnegan
Matthew Byrne	Ryan Fitzgerald
Dennis Byrne	Ryan Forbes
Daniel Byrne	Conor Fowler
Kieran Cameron	Aaron Gordon
Cillian Carroll	Erik Grunner
Dean Cleary	Ali Halabi
John Corrigan	Yousef Indja
Daniel Day	Nicolas Karakashev

Alejandro La Forga

Adam Lambe

Ignacio Lopez

Ross Lowry

Craig Lynch

Conor Lynch

Andrew Manning

Joseph Marmion

Oisin McCann

James McCusker

Ryan McLoughlin

Abdurahim Mhadhbi

Cian Moody

Nathan O'Donovan

James Pakenham

Lee Redmond

Mohamed Saleh

Kai Fai Sham

Daniel Slattery

Mohammed Tayyab

Stephen Tian

Stanislav Todorov

Liam Wall

Mark Walsh

Dean Walsh

Jared Williamson



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recent 60 years of rugby celebration, the college hosted an Additional-Needs Rugby Blitz.

The event was primarily driven by students from the Transition Year Programme, as part of their community and sports science coaching modules, with help from coaches and

Rugby Blitz

g students.

Leinster Rugby's very own Leo the Lion was one of the special guests on the day. Leo's visit created huge excitement and all the teams were delighted when he also took time to present each player with their participation medal.

Four teams from four clubs in Leinster were invited,

with Barnhall, Seapoint, Westmanstown, and the school's sister club, De La Salle Palmerston, all delighted to take up their invite and attend the event, which was played in the true spirit of the core values of rugby, participation, friendship and, most importantly, having fun!



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ele- Year students. It was a wonderful occasion where we acknowledged the many achievements of our TY students this year.

On the night Patrick Riordan debuted his short film that highlighted the busy year that the students had while also showcasing the fun and the many experiences that the lads enjoyed.

Dimitri Griffin gave a great speech on his overall reflections of the Transition Year programme. Adam Nealon informed parents of his time working in Cheeverstown House as part of his social work placement while Mark Dalton spoke about his work experience.

Peader Kelly and Dane Carroll recounted their trip to France on student exchange while Oscar Martinez spoke fondly of his time here in Churchtown on behalf of his fellow Spanish classmates.

Craig Doyle, Conor Odoemene and Reece Martin were very assured discussing their experience of the Mini-Company module while Sean Callis briefed the audience on the great time he had during Sports Science, coaching in local primary schools.

All in attendance were so impressed by those who spoke and it highlighted the best of what the Transition Year programme can offer.



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awards to recognise the different elements of TY and all students who excelled in sport and extra-curricular activities were celebrated. Academic awards were presented and the following students were recognised for their outstanding dedication and contribution to Transition Year this year.

Outstanding Students

TYD- Dimitri Griffin

TYL- Sean Callis

TYS- Craig Doyle

Spirit of Salle

TYD- Adam Nealon

TYL- Charlie Byrne

TYS- Ross Evans

Outstanding Junior Cert

Sean Benson



All students then received their Graduation Certs, their final act in the grey of DLSC. It was a wonderful occasion and everyone was impressed by the growth, maturity and confidence of our TY students. The TY team would like to thank Mr. Mark Griffin who kindly photographed the evening for us.



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place on Saturday May 6th. Raising over €1100 euro a fantastic group of dedicated students and teachers took part in the Marley Park walk.

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Special congratulations to Dmitri Griffin TY who finished 1st overall, beating Mr Cronin into second place. Gracious in defeat Mr Cronin had these words in praise for Dmitri, “I feel so cheated! I would definitely have won if I hadn’t gotten lost in the forest. I’m really fast!”. Well done everyone.



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Ireland Boxing Champion.

Fighting out of Monkstown Gym, Sean had a comprehensive victory over Jack O'Neill (Holy Trinity) 5-0 in his semi-final.

Sean All In a packed National Stadium Sean romped to a 5-0 win over the fancied Adam Hession (Monivea) in the final. Well done Sean!

We look forward to seeing your progress over the coming years and maybe we might have a future Olympian or world champion to add to the ranks of our prestigious sporting alumni.



Luke Nolan

Congratulations to 5th year student Luke Nolan who was a part of the Ireland U17 team that recently took part in the European U17 Championships in Croatia.

Ireland successfully managed to advance from a tough group that included Germany and Serbia to set up a mouth-watering Quarter Final clash with England.

Against the tournament favourites Ireland put in a brave performance narrowly losing 1-0 to an early goal from Man City youngster Jadon Sancho, a stunning 30 yard strike.

Playing all 90 minutes Luke put in an excellent performance and was a mainstay of the team throughout the tournament. Who knows we may have another Damien Duff on our hands?

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other lads involved in the trip would agree. It was a fantastic experience, which was very well organised. The week we spent in Capbreton as well as the week they spent over here were extremely successful.

The trip started off with panic as there was talks of flights to France being cancelled. Luckily it was mostly Ryanair and our Aer Lingus flight wasn't affected. On the 8th of March, in the early hours of the morning, us fourteen De la Salle lads, Ms. O'Dwyer, the Greenhills girls and their two teachers flew to Bordeaux airport. After the long drive to Capbreton, we met with our French correspondents.

It was weird settling in to a new household, but the French family were very hospitable and made it easier. I quickly realised that things weren't too different compared to Ireland. I found it was a nice place to stay.

There were lots organised for us, the week was action-packed. We spent a day in San Sebastian. We saw the science museum and explored the town. We went on a day trip to Biarritz, as well as Hossegor, and just generally explored the area in and around Capbreton.

We also spent a couple of days in the school, where we did various educational activities. For example; we made videos of us all acting out real-life situations.

We had plenty of free time, which was mostly spent in our French homes. We would sometimes meet with our friends in various places such as the beach, football pitch etc. And sometimes our French families would organise things for us to do together.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the whole experience of the exchange and I would love to do it again if I had the chance. A huge thanks to Ms. O'Dwyer who made it possible.

French visit to Ireland

On Tuesday the 9th of May myself and the lads went out to St. Pauls in Walkinstown to collect the lads. It was good to see all the French kids faces light up when they came in and saw us. They all seemed very tired though due to the early morning start and flight.

When we got home my student was shyer than usual which I guess is understandable because being so young and living with a family you don't really know can be quite daunting and intimidating. I myself

was quite similar when I went over to France.

On day 2 after school all the Irish students from both schools organised to go to Marlay Park. Thankfully it was a cracking day and we were able to go out and enjoy the great weather.

On Thursday, the school organised for the French students to go into town and visit the National Museum along with many other Dublin attractions. I know for my student he loved the experience.

On Sunday, the La Salle lads organised to go to Jumpzone up in Sandyford. I can safely say the French guys loved it. The following day both schools went to an Irish dancing academy to show the French guys how it's done over here!

All in all, it was an unbelievable experience and I would recommend going on exchange to everyone. Although I spent only a week I know I'm so much more confident when speaking French. It was the highlight of the year!

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enjoyed a memorable trip to one of Europe's most vibrant cities, Barcelona. Although meeting at an ungodly hour on the Saturday morning, all the lads were in great spirits as we left a chilly Dublin.

On arrival we were met by our tour guide and we were taken on a cultural and historical bus tour of this beautiful city. Highlights experienced were the wonderful architecture of old Barcelona, including the modernist work of Antoni Gaudi and of the new city and port developed for the 1992 Olympic Games.

After the tour and a spot of lunch we visited the mesmeric Basilica, the Sagrada Familia. The lads were in awe of the spectacular architecture inside and out and were amazed that Gaudi's masterpiece was still unfinished, learning that they hoped to finally finish construction in 2020, a hundred years after Gaudi's death.

Plenty of photos were taken before returning to the bus and making the short trip to Barcelona's main thoroughfare, Las Ramblas. Here the lads explored the mile long shopping area.

After such a busy day we set out to our hotel in Salou. Before dinner some students enjoyed a quick swim in the pool before retiring for the night after a hectic and long day.

Sunday for many was the highlight of the trip, it been dominated by our visit to Camp Nou, the home of Barcelona Football Club. Here the lads explored this spectacular stadium experiencing every aspect of stadium life. We learned of the history and success of this iconic football team and experienced the dressing room where the mighty Messi and

Neymer prepare before games. We walked through the tunnel and out onto pitch side where we sat on the bench that so many giants of the game have once been. It was a most wonderful experience for the lads and something that will live long in the memory for most.

After the Nou Camp we visited the Barcelona Aquarium. This was a really fun and engaging way to spend the afternoon before we headed back to our excellent hotel where we enjoyed another great dinner.

After dinner, bowling was organised for the evening. Again this was a great way to unwind after another busy day and students and teachers alike had a great time playing pool and arcade games.

Our final day in Barcelona was spent at the adventure park, Portaventura. This adventure park is a vast complex of rollercoasters and water slides. To say the lads had fun was an understatement. Not as much fun as Mr Cronin who put in one of the great performances on his rollercoaster ride with Mr Kelly. We think he is still recovering from it! For the whole day, the lads experienced immense thrills of exhilarating rollercoasters such as the *Shambala* and the *Dragon Khan*. It was a day of just pure good fun and again for many it was a highlight of the trip.

We returned home to Dublin exhausted, perplexed at how quickly our time in Barcelona flew by. It was a fantastic trip, littered with memorable experiences and fun times. Huge thanks must go to Ms. Jordan who worked tirelessly to ensure the lads had such a brilliant time. All the time and effort did not go unnoticed and everyone really appreciated it.

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annual rain dance and our sports day was bathed in sunshine. Year groups rotated between events offering a range of challenges and opportunities to show off our sporting prowess.

Events included: 100 metres, long puck, penalty shoot-out, broad jump, 1500m, to name a few.

TY Hike

One of the final activities that the TY's undertake every year is a hike around the beautiful environs of Glendalough. This year it took place on the 18th of May

throughout the day students were kept refuelled and refreshed by the TY's and Mr. Kelly (our own resident Jamie Oliver).

The highlight of the day was, as always, the hotly anticipated teacher/6th year soccer match. As usual, the teachers tactical and skill superiority shone through

as they eased to a comfortable 1-0 victory.

Mr O'Reilly's spectacular long-range effort worthy of winning any match. Mr O'Reilly claims it was all about using his maths skills to plot an unsaveable trajectory using some theorem (whatever a theorem is?).

and it was a really enjoyable experience.

Thankfully the weather was dry and warm and although at times the walk was

relatively strenuous, all the students made it home in good time and in one piece.

De La Salle Day

Our annual De La Salle Day celebrations took place on Friday May 12th this year. Celebrating our founder, this wonderful tradition gives us a great opportunity to come together as a school community and share an ice-cream and memories.

As part of the celebrations this year we held our first annual De La Salle day draw. A huge thanks to all the students and staff who did trojan work raising over

€12,000!

The winners on the day were:

1 st prize	Paul O'Neill
2 nd prize	Declan Murray
3 rd prize	Maeve Fitzsimons
4 th prize	Marilyn Twieg
5 th prize	Mark Sheehy

A huge thank you to all the local businesses who sponsored prizes. We are very lucky to have such good will on our doorstep.



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A special word of thanks and praise for Mr Dick Ryan. Dick is presenting Tadhg Finlay with the first annual Dick Ryan Trophy for top sportsman on sports day.

Dick is retiring this year! He has been a teacher in the college since the early 80's. As any person who came into contact with Dick knows he will be a huge loss to the school. His patience, good nature, and big heart will be sorely missed. Best of luck in your retirement Mr Ryan!



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Distinction

Tadgh Finlay

Adam Loy

Ciaran Nolan

Agamy Alsayed

Yousif Yacoub

Augustinius Sirus

Kasper Bandzierz

1st year L

Sami Lopez

Matthew Keogh

Eoin Stowe

Evan Mortan

Ben Walsh

Yousef Sheleg

David Ayola

Michael Austin

2nd year L

Darragh white

Omar ali Saood

Diarmaid Balfé

Rolando Markul

Aaron Devitt

Adam O'Mahony

2nd Year S

Mohammed Elawad

Fernando Roderiguez

Mohammed Albedairy

Scott Gannon

Cathal Kelly

Sam Tully

Adam Kariem El Mesery (not in 2L)

Omar Hassan

Nafay

Robert Gay

3rd year S

James Fererra

Jordan Egan

Mostefa Galeb

Clayton Bardin

Luke Cowzer

Jack Day

Harith guernane

5th Year

Allan tajkowsk

Piotr **Wojciechowski**

Daniel McDermot

Leee Mooney

Glen Fitzgerald

Sean MacCarty

Thomas McTague

Rhys Farrell

James Curry

Omar Contanbogo

Andrew O'brien

Niall McNamara

Liam Nolan

Shane Manning

Stefan donoghue

Aidan Kearney farnham

Ibrahim Mohiuddin

1st Year S

Moustafa AlMohsan

Calum Pettigrew

Josh Esquera

Ryan McCarthy

Mohammed Elrayah

Andrew Nolan

Raymond Kelly

3rd Year D

Conor Benson

Nathan King

Usama Halabi

Ryan Behan

Gen Lambe

Malik Bouslah

2nd Year D

Enda Carberry

Shamel Khan

Mohammed Ali Hadi

Ousamma Abdelatif

Mujtaba El Mohsan

Jack McDonnell

3rd Year 3L

Jack Brady

Jack Kenny

Faez Khan

Abubaker Idris

David Sun

John Loy



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Senior Rugby Captain 2017

Junior Rugby Captain 2017

Top Golfer 2017

Best Junior Athlete 2017

Best Junior Athlete 2017

Best Senior Athlete 2017

Best Squash Player 2017

Best Squash Player 2017

Best Junior Basketball player 2017

Best Senior Basketball Player 2017

Table tennis – Minor Player of the year 2017

Table tennis – Junior Player of the year 2017

Table tennis – Senior Player of the year 2017

Chess comp 3rd

Chess comp 2nd

Chess Comp 1st

Eoin McDaid

Ryan McLoughlin Heaphy

Kian Austin Spence

Jake Finlay

Tadhg Finlay

Ahmed Jelidi

Gerrard McTague

Dimitri Griffin

Calum Pettigrew

Agustinus Sirius

Raemar Tolentino

Ahmed Teyehi

Omar Hassan

Stephen Tian

Agustinus Sirius

Jack Kenny

James Ferrera

Awards: Outstanding Student / Spirit of Salle

	Outstanding Student	Spirit of Salle
1D	Gabriel Alayon	Ben Quinlan
1L	Dylan Schmitz	Ahmed Teyehi
1S	Enda Benson	David Popa
2D	Andrew Cotter	Ben O'Connell
2L	Russel Flores	Paul Serban
2S	Ruben Torregrosa	Yassin Abdelkader
3D	Conor Benson	Maverick Labasilla
3L	Kevin Wu	Daniel Stroia
3S	Esam Azad	Aidan Redmond

	Outstanding Student	Spirit of Salle
	Gerard NcTague	James Curry
	Yasin Abdullah	David O'Hagan
	Craig McDonnell	Sib Buthelesia