



Sallemanac

Recta Sapere
"Knowing what is right"
Or

"The Wisdom to know what is right & the courage to do it"

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Goodbye, Mr. Cryan!

Mr. Boyd



Our year has had been full of so many amazing events. We have done so much as a school but it is with sadness that we say a fond farewell to Mr. Brendan Cryan who will begin the next chapter in his life and retire from teaching in De La Salle College Churchtown.

It was in September 1967 when Brendan first entered a De La Salle classroom as a student and it is now 52 years later that he will leave as a teacher and year head. He still recalls his first day in the De La Salle prep school and entering Mrs. Erskine's class. In the same year Brother Christopher was principal of the school and surprisingly once referred to Brendan as 'the worst gurrier I've ever come across'.

Unbeknownst to Brother Christopher that not many years later he would ask that same person to be a teacher in secondary school and knew that Brendan would be a fine example to the rest of the staff and students.

Brendan's influences were many but none more so it seems than Brother Patrick Byrne. He was the principal in 81/82 and in simple terms he was as Brendan says, 'a rock of sense'.

He has spent so much time here than he does acknowledge that so many of his colleagues have been incredibly supportive and have had such a positive effect on him and also his work within the school.

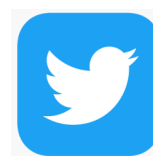
Similarly, he cannot pick a single student that comes to the fore of his mind.

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He has educated 1000's of young boys in becoming good men and has had an incredible influence on the lives of so many of our students and staff. However, he does mention jokingly that

in his younger teaching years that Julian Clare (Current Irish ambassador to Malaysia) was an incredible student and within four weeks of starting the economics course with Brendan seemed to know more than him. Not true I'm sure.

He remembers with great happiness the success of the rugby teams in the 80's and how it brought the school community together. With astonishing detail he recalls March 20th 1983 when De La Salle College won the Leinster schools senior cup.

He does also have a fond love of orienteering and the school becoming national champions in 1990. So much so the current holders at the time Middleton CBS did not bring the cup with them under the presumption that they would win the title with ease.

Brendan laughs and reminds himself of journey to Cork that he still may take in ensuring De La Salle College Churchtown has been inscribed on the appropriate cup.

'The school has changed' he says. It is so different but yet it is the same. Our students come from over 40 countries around the world and hail from the four corners of earth and yet despite this he sees something that stays the same. He again joking says, 'the only thing that really hasn't changed is the two pitches'.

Each year has had its unique experiences and people. Different generations of teachers have brought similarly good things but cannot decipher one to be better than the other.

Before we go Brendan recalls one of his many moments of hilarity and happiness. Not long ago he

walks into his 6th Geography class to a sound of silence.

Dumbfounded and bemused he doesn't understand why a bunch of young men would be sitting silently in a classroom without the supervision of a teacher. Sits at his desk, eyes roam the room looking for something out of the order but nothing presents itself.

He feels something slight touch against his foot. Under his desk he sees what can only be a little treat in the form of a Mars Bar. Room still silent.

The students eyes are fixed on their books, 'what on earth is going on?' he thinks. He thinks 'While they are busily reading away I will reach down, nab the Mars bar and save it happily for a cup of tea at break'.

He goes to reach for the bar and just before he clasps his fingers around the plastic it shoots off down the back of the room from a tiny piece of fishing line.

The room erupts and he with it in laughter. He cannot help but appreciate the well executed plan of the 6th years and simply join in the fun.

So it is with immeasurable gratitude we say thank you to Brendan Cryan for all he has done for the school and those who have passed the halls of De La Salle.

We are sad to say goodbye but know that he will never be far and always have a distant eye on the events of the year.

Thank you Brendan for all you have done, for all you have brought and we wish you and yours the very best in your retirement. Maybe next time you see him ask him if he got the Mars bar in the end. Adieu.

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**KEEP
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IS NEVER
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Past Pupil Corner: John Carney

Scott Gannon

John Carney is a past pupil who is the director of award nominated and winning films such as *Once*, *Begin Again* and *Sing Street*. He was born in Dublin in 1972.

Between 1991 and 93 he was the bassist of a band called "The Frames" with which he shot music videos sparking early idea of a calling the world of film.

In 1996 John Carney co wrote his first feature film *November Afternoon* alongside fellow filmmaker Tom Hall. Then again in 1999 Carney worked with tom hall in a drama called park about a girl who is abused by a paedophile.

Two years later he co wrote and directed "On the Edge", a film starring Cillian Murphy and Stephen Rea.

He was awarded the silver Hitchcock for on the edge at the Dinard festival of British cinema. Within the same year alongside his brothers Kieran Carney and Tom Carney, John co wrote and co directed hugely successful "Bachelors walk", a drama where a barrister, a film critic and an average man are trying to find a "get rich quick" scheme.

In 2006 Carney directed and wrote academy award winning film *Once* a romance starring the frames frontman Glen Hansard and Czech musician Markéta Irglová. *once* was officially released at the Sundance film festival in January 2007 winning the world cinema audience award in the category dramatic.

Once was hugely successful grossing \$7 million worldwide in its first 3 months of release with only a budget of \$160,000. legendary director is quoted as saying 'Once gave me enough inspiration to last the rest of the year'.

10 years later Carney wrote and directed golden globe nominated musical film *Sing Street*. John Carney is a truly talented and successful person and example of a product of De La Salle college





Star Wars Battlefront II is an action shooter video game. It is based on the legendary Lucas Film movie franchise. The game was made by EA Dice, criterion software and Motive studios. It was released on the 17th of November 2017.

It is playable on the Play Station4, Xbox one and Microsoft Windows. People who watched the movies would have a greater understanding of the game. The game has cutting edge graphics and is probably the best in its



class.

The game itself is a sequel to Battlefront I, which was an outstanding installment in the franchise. The most popular element of either, is the extremely popular online multiplayer mode which has different sub modes just to add to the joys of every Star Wars fan who is playing this game.

The game boasts a great inventory of weapons to select from, which live up to their real counterparts in each movie installment, most amazingly the iconic sound of each of them when they are fired. The more wins you get you get score points which move you up the ranks, and helps you unlock advanced characters, costumes & inventory items.



The greatest element of fun in the game is the ability to become any of the iconic heroes and villain's characters. The most popular of all time being, "yes I am sure you would have guessed it by now", Luke Skywalker & Darth Vader.

In the online multiplayer mode, you are able to play with friends and form clans against other rivals, which adds another element of fun to the game.

My favorite game mode is Galactic assault in this online mode it hosts up to 40 players, which is a bit of a challenge but in view lots of fun.

In my opinion, it is a very enjoyable game to play, especially if you are an action fan. 10 out of 10!

Active School Week

Mr. Boyd

De La Salle College Churchtown from the 15th -20th of April this year took part in an amazing event called 'Active Schools Week'.

The purpose of the event was to draw peoples' attention to the importance of staying active and with that being a happier and healthier person.

The week was superbly organised by our P.E. teacher Mr. O'Neill and each day there was various events running throughout the school. The events varied from things like:

- Wheelchair basketball
- Park Runs
- Surfing
- Tug of War
- Penalty Shootout
- Mind and body yoga

The event also introduced healthy eating habits and tried to educate our students and staff on how we can eat healthier foods in our daily lives.

The wheelchair basketball games were great fun and while the teacher vs students game did result in a teachers win it came at a cost of some teachers spending some of their time on the hall floor rather than the chair.

We also held an aerobics class for parents just to ensure everyone got some activities into their week. The week culminated in two events.

One event was our yearly sports day where our teachers lost the 6th year vs teachers football match.

We also got to see many of our school athletes perform throughout the day and our 6th year student Dmitri Griffin win the Dick Ryan sportsman of the year award.

The following day we hosted the additional needs rugby blitz where the De La Salle Eagles, Seapoint Dragons and the Westmanstown Wasps had a fantastic day of fun.

The event was a huge success and we look forward to running it again next year. So remember, stay active and stay healthy. Well done everyone involved and a big thank you to Mr. O'Neill for organising.



Past Pupil Corner: James Curry

Omar Saood

We at Sallemanac asked Ms. Lowry to get in contact with James Curry so we could ask him about his achievements with college societies. She sent him an email and this is what he had to say:

The award ceremony that I attended is called the "Board of Irish Colleges Societies (BICS) Awards", where the various colleges around Ireland come together to compete in various awards to do with societies in college.

It is split into two categories, small colleges and large colleges. My college, TU Dublin Tallaght Campus (which is classed as a small college), sent 40 people to Athlone in the Sheraton Hotel where the awards ceremony was held and competed against the other colleges.

I went for two awards, Best Fresher and Best New Society.

Best Fresher is an award given to a first year for despite being new to college has already contributed a lot to societies in their first year.

Best New Society is given to a brand new society who has contributed a lot to college life and has made incredible progress in their infancy.

I created the "Nerd Society" which is a society that revolves around pop culture such as video games, movies, comics, etc.

It is a very welcoming place for people who don't feel socially accepted in some places such as sports. I even became the chairperson for the society and made sure that everything ran smoothly for the society.

I was a part of 5 societies in total and was on the committee for 3 of them. I was chairperson for Nerd, Ordinary Committee Member (OCM) for Drama and Airsoft and was a very active member in Radio and Rainbow.

My passion for societies was so great that I even decided to run for the position of Societies Of-

ficer in the Students Union which I was successfully elected for which won't take effect until the 1st of July.

To go for these awards we had to make applications and portfolios which went against anyone else who went for the award.

We also had to have interviews for each award. I had to run across the hotel since both interviews were on after the other.

I had my Nerd committee come into the interview with me for Best New Society and I had my campaign manager for my Societies Officer campaign come into my interview for Best Fresher. Once that was done we then got ready for the dinner/awards ceremony.

For Best New Society we were against 5 other colleges but we unfortunately lost to Tralee but it was very close.

For Best Fresher I was against 2 other people from Tralee and Blanchardstown and I won against the two of them. We also won Most Improved Society which our Rainbow Society won.

Hopefully I'll see you on De La Salle's Day. :)

Kind Regards

James Curry



School Events

Omar Saood

Temper-Mental Miss Elaynous

To finish off Numeracy and Literacy week, the 4th, 5th and 6th years got a visit from Temper-Mental Miss Elayneous. She taught Ronald Muntandwa how to beatbox and called up Feroz to help her rap. She then told them a poem that she wrote when she was 6 and rapped about Ireland and the North. She's also a self-taught Bodhrán player.

Wheelchair basketball:

The wheelchair basketball event, taking place during April 30th, was a charity fundraiser for IWA (Irish wheelchair Association) Sport during Active School Week. It was an in-school tournament, no other schools, and there were two leagues, one for 1st and 2nd years and one for 3rd, 4th and 5th years.

6th years could not participate because of the upcoming leaving cert. Students were allowed to make their own teams to compete in the tournament.

The final match was 5th years against the teachers. Despite a lot of cheating and falling out of chairs on both sides, the teachers came out on top and won a trophy.

Glasnevin Trip:

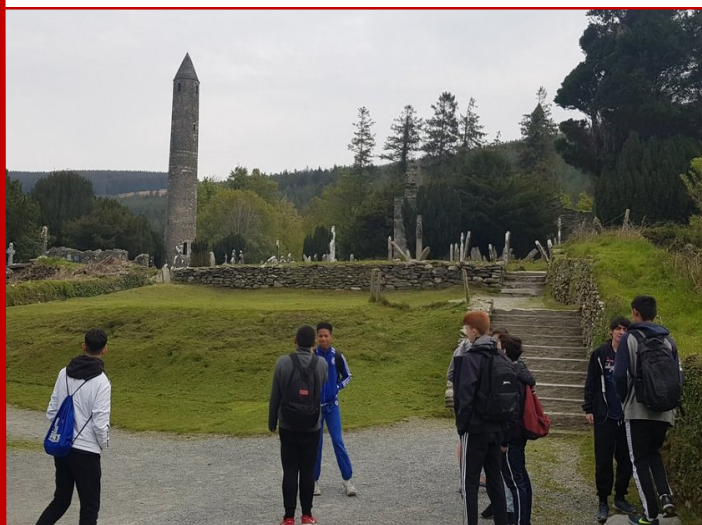
TY students went on a trip to Glasnevin cemetery on May 2nd to learn more about Dublin's history. The tour, while long (around 1½ hours), only consisted of visiting graves of historical figures including the tomb of Daniel O'Connell and the Cholera pit where Charles Stewart Parnell was buried.

Students described the tour being "dead".

Glendalough Hike

TY's went on an end of year hike to Glendalough that lasted around 4 hours. The hike was certainly challenging but they were rewarded with ice cream at the end.

De la salle day: De La Salle day has passed once again. As usual, many ex-teachers and past pupils showed up to the celebration of De La Salle. This year's De La Salle day was extra special as it is the 300th anniversary of De La Salle Schools across the world. The priest talked about time and its importance. After the event, ice-cream was given to the students. Our raffle was held at the lunch and both students and staff were amongst the raffle winners. Thanks to all who sold tickets and you will all see the improvements made to the school soon.



Krakow/Berlin Trip 2019

Jack Kenny & Ms. Jordan

On March 3rd, 19 students from both TY and 5th year flew over to Krakow, Poland. On the first day in Krakow on the way to our hotel, we stopped at the Wieliczka Salt Mines just outside of the main city. We descended to an altitude of approximately 315m into the mine and we learned plenty of facts about how the mine worked while in operation, its historical purposes and how it has been preserved so well by restoration projects. After this tour, we arrived at our hotel for dinner and prepared for an early rise the next morning.

On the second day, we arose at 6:30am to begin an hour long trip to Auschwitz Birkenau on the outskirts of Oświęcim. We learned about the purpose of the concentration camp, what living conditions were like, how the 'Final Solution' was carried out, and how the liberation of the camp took place on the Eastern front. We also met a Holocaust survivor so we could get an insight into how this brutal event in history effected both people inside and outside the camp. We then visited the Main

Square in Krakow, which is one of the largest medieval town squares in Europe. After that we took a bus to Park Wodny, which is one of largest indoor waterparks in the world. We then began an 8-hour overnight bus journey to Berlin.

When we arrived in Berlin, we began a walking tour and visited many famous attractions in Berlin including; Museum Island, The Brandenburg Gate, remains of the Berlin Wall, The Reichstag and many more! After this walking tour, we had a little rest and then made our way to Berlin TV Tower, which is a milestone for German Architecture.

On the final day, we visited Berlin Zoo and we saw many exotic and native animals to Germany. We visited the KaDeWe shopping centre and bought some souvenirs and various items before heading home for Dublin. Overall it was an eventful trip and it was a trip that none of us will soon forget the experience of.

Krakow/Berlin Interview W/ Andrew Cotter

Omar Saood

O: What did you do on the trip?

A: We took a plane from Dublin to Krakow and got onto a coach. We went directly to the Wieszlika mines. We then went to our hotel.

That night, we went out into the town to explore. Next day, we went to Auschwitz and a Jewish Museum.

We also went to the water park. We took a bus overnight and got dropped off in the middle of Berlin.

We got breakfast and went on a three hour guided tour of Berlin. We then dropped our bags off at the hostel.

We stayed there a while. The next day, we went to the zoo and the

KaDeWe shopping centre. That night, we went out to the Berlin TV tower. It was tall.

Then we returned to the hostel and slept. We then went to the airport and travelled home

O: Who went with you?

A: Twenty students. Eleven from TY



and nine from fifth year. The teachers were Ms. Jordan, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Forde and Mr. Cronin.

O: Was it enjoyable?

A: Yes

O: Was it worth the price?

A: Considering how much we did over the 3-5 days we were there, I would consider it well worth the money.

O: Any funny stories?

A: Only one that I think was funny was how Kieran Berran had no money in Poland as he wasn't aware that they don't use the euro.

O: Would you go again and why?

A: I would go again because the trip was filled with many different experiences and fun times. We had a great time and I hope other students in the future can travel with the school and have similar experiences.



Student Profile: Conor Bradley

Scott Gannon

Connor Bradley is a star studded badminton player with an outstanding record.

He is the captain of the Badminton Senior A team. He has won various awards such as:

“Badminton player of the year”

“Leinster’s”

“Under 19’s”

and many more.



Originally, Conor wanted to play squash. However, he was invited to play badminton with some of the lads, so he decided to go. According to Connor, he hasn't stopped playing since.

His passion for badminton keeps him playing five times a week, as well as playing squash every Friday, like he originally intended and mountain biking during the weekends.

The only drive and motivation he has is simply the love for badminton and the determination to constantly get better and better.

Short Story—The Lab

Anonymous

I was heading to the lab after my day in Art College. I was originally going to head home until I got a call from my uncle who is a scientist. He called and said, “hey Stanley, I have some good news for ya. I got the lab fully finished and is open for you to see. If you want to come by and see, make sure you’re there at four P.M”.

I cycled my bike out to the middle of nowhere and could see this big, white, modern looking building. It was the first time I saw my Uncle Sam’s lab, fully finished and furnished. I left my bike right where the door of the lab was and walked in.

From the outside, it looked really cool but when I had walked in, it just looked like any office in the city. I wasn’t sure what to do so I went up to the secretary and said, “Hi I’m Stanley, I’m here to see my Uncle Sam”. The secretary looked up from her computer, frowning and pointed to the door on her right hand side. I went through the door she pointed to and saw my Uncle talking to a bunch of security men. It took him 19 years to get the lab fully finished and ready to use. “Hey Uncle Sam” I



said and he saw me and smiled “hey kid, it’s good to see ya. How about I take you down to the lab and show you on our latest experiment?” “Yeah, I’d love that”, I replied and followed the old man down the corridor. He turned right at the end of the corridor and put his hand on a screen to scan his hand and then went in to an elevator with me and two security men who looked a bit intimidating.

When the doors of the elevator opened I was mesmerised by everything in the lab that they were doing. They had experiments on all sorts of things. They had some sort of floating creature made



out of liquid and they also were making a pill where if you took one in your lifetime, you wouldn’t ever have to worry about having to brush your teeth. It was pretty weird but also fascinating at the same time. My uncle took me to a special room saying “MAJOR EXPERIMENTS AHEAD, PLEASE WEAR A HARD HAT, LAB COAT AND SAFETY GLASSES”. My uncle handed me all those things and went inside. The room was big and shaped like a huge square. Three quarters down the room was a thick glass wall where the experiments were held. My uncle came up to me and asked “Hey Stanley, do you want to see our latest experiment?” I looked through the window just to see a dead

tree on a piece of land. “But it’s just a tree. A dead tree.” My uncle frowned and replied “yes it’s a tree but we have found that there is special sap in the tree that will help rockets fly faster, better and for a longer distance too. Just by using this tree’s sap.” “So this tree’s sap is basically the new fuel for rocket ships?” “Yes Stanley, and this tree was found in Death valley in Texas.” “Then what’s the whole point of this experiment, Uncle Sam?” “We, my boy are going to extract the sap from the tree through a huge vacuum like machine that will suck the sap out of the tree into a glass container that will then be taken to NASA”. My uncle turned and whispered to a lanky man and shouted to everyone in the room “WE WILL NOW LET EXPERIMENT 69 COMMENCE!” The doors locked and random lights focused on the tree and the huge vacuum in the glass room. Another scientist then pulled a green lever that turned on the vacuum and we all watched what was about to happen.



After a few seconds, the vacuum started getting so strong a huge light was forming as it was sucking out all the sap from the tree. I noticed there was an orange light flashing and asked what was it for. My uncle noticed that there was something wrong. He turned to the woman who had pulled the lever and asked “is there anything we can do to turn off the vacuum, it’s over heating a lot which will lead to it exploding”. “No sir, unfortunately, there is no way we can turn it off. We can only evacuate the premises for now and hope for the best.” I quickly hid in a corner I could find and suddenly the vacuum exploded. It smashed the glass and a huge bright light passed everywhere. People were screaming out of pain from the huge shards of glass that stabbed them. I kept my eyes closed until it went all quiet. I opened my eyes to see no one moving, even my Uncle Sam. I looked at the tree to see it had made a blue portal to somewhere. I touched it and now here I am, stuck forever. Now what?

Opinion: Why the premier league is the best league in the world.

Yassin Abdelkader



Premier League

The premier league is the best and strongest league in the world, as agreed by the greatest football figures. Given the history of the game itself, and the fact that it was born on English ground, just gives this league a different depth and authenticity.

A total of 49 clubs have played in the Premier League since its inception, with Arsenal, Chelsea, Everton, Liverpool, Man Utd, and Spurs participating in every campaign to date. Brighton & Hove Albion and Huddersfield Town are the most recent clubs to have played in the league.

The premier league has also produced some of the best talented young players that went on to conquer global leagues & world football. From the world class Cristiano Ronaldo, to the emerging talent of Rashford & Paul Pogba, all of which were the product of Sir Alex Ferguson's vision and instinct for young talent.

Compared to other leagues, the English premier league has produced the most legends in world football since its inception. The likes of Cantona, Viera, Henry, Scholes, Sherar, Lampard, Beckham, Gerard and many more that we cannot simply list every single one of them, but they all live in our memories of the beautiful game and most importantly the premier league itself.

The strength of this league is demonstrated by the large number of title contenders every season, while in other leagues there are no more than three title



contenders every season. Many football legends decide to end their playing career in leagues other than the English premier league due to its strength & de-



manding nature. This strength is displayed through the intensity, physicality and pace of the English premier league compared to any other league.

The English premier league's wealth is evident, given their mega spending power. In 2018 England's top flight spent (approx. £440m) more than any of the other top four leagues in Europe, dwarfing totals spent in La Liga (£250m), Bundesliga (£65m), Ligue 1 (£50m) and Serie A (£20m)



End of Year Reflection

The year gone has been one to remember. We at De La Salle are proud of what we've done. Our school is changing and moving forward at a pace that it most likely has not seen in many a year. New people, new ideas and new energy are in every crevice of the grounds. To all those



who form part of the our community thank you for what you have done and we are so grateful for all your efforts.

The De La Salle bus will continue forward and with each hole in the ground we learn, with every wrong turn we change and with every new passenger we welcome with a smile. A special thank you goes to the boys

who put Salamanac together this year. Well done and we will see who will carry the flame next year. Here's to our another year gone and keeping the bus moving forward. See you all next year.



The Classes of 2018/2019

1st Year



2nd Year



The Classes of 2018/2019

3rd Year



4th Year



The Classes of 2018/2019

5th Year



6th Year

