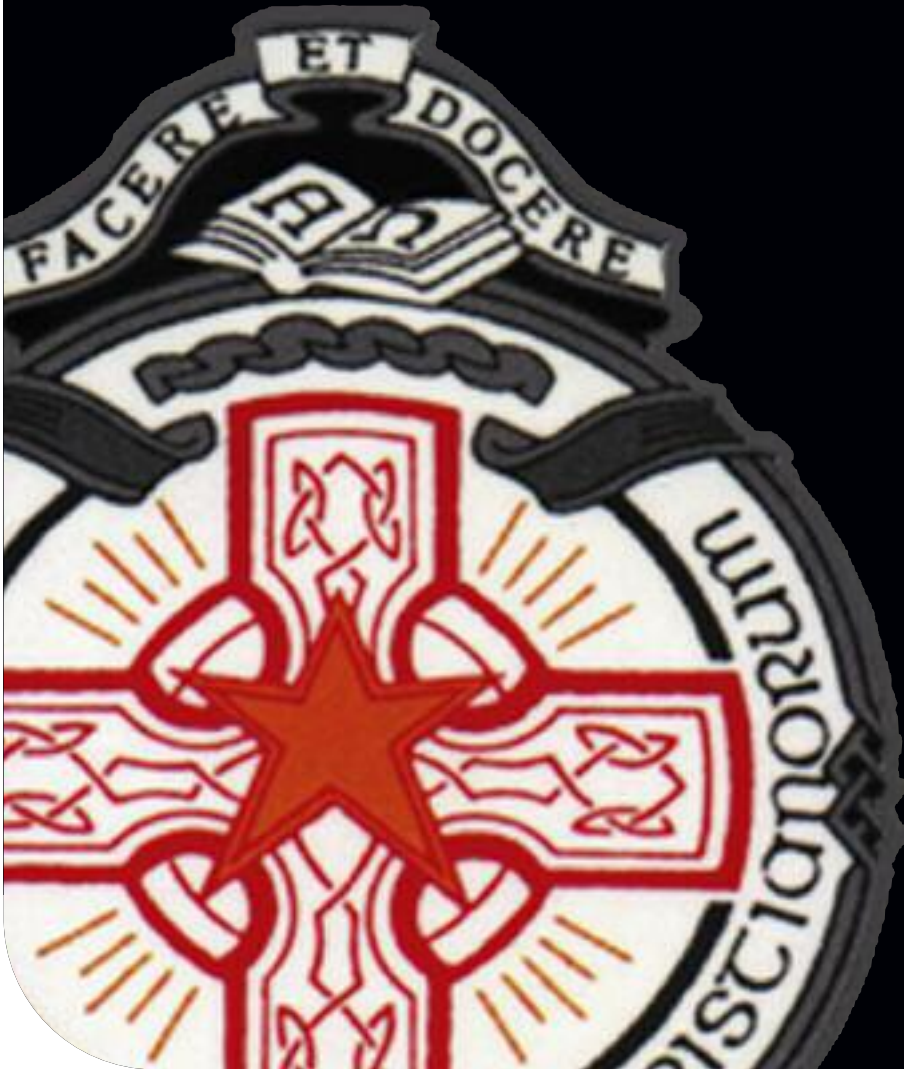




The Abbey

Christian Brothers' Grammar School



School Prizegiving

2009

Monday 19th October

EXCELLENT GCSE RESULTS SHOW INCREASE IN TOP GRADES IN ABBEY GRAMMAR



Mr Dermot McGovern, Headmaster Abbey Christian Brothers' Grammar School congratulates Jack Bradley on his achievement of 12 A / A* grades in his GCSE examinations.



Abbey Grammar School 'Top Achievers' in this year's GCSE examinations are congratulated by Mr Dermot McGovern, Headmaster and Vice Principals Mr Paul O'Shea and Mr Ronan Ruddy. Twelve students achieved at least 11 A*/A grades. They included Jack Bradley, Patrick Burns, Dean Carolan, Kevin Gribben, Hua Jian Lui, Adam Magill, Callum McLoughlin, Paul McNulty, James O'Gorman, Conor O'Hare, Conor P O'Neill and Ryan Walsh.

Headmaster's Welcome



Good Evening

On behalf of the Board of Governors and the entire Abbey community I would like to welcome you all to this evening's Prize Giving Ceremony. Tonight is an important occasion when we honour the achievements of our senior students over the last academic year

I would like to begin with a special word of congratulations to the students who we honour tonight by awarding GCSE certificates and also students in the categories of Best in subject at GCSE, Top GCSE Students. I also applaud the students whose non academic achievements have enriched the previous academic year.

I have great pleasure in welcoming back to his Alma Mater our distinguished guest speaker Monsignor Hugh Connolly. Monsignor Connolly was a pupil in the Abbey between 1973 and 1980 completing A levels in French, Spanish and English. As is obvious from his CV, he has gone on to give great service to the Catholic Church in Ireland and we congratulate him on his distinguished role as President of St Patrick's College Maynooth. We are honoured that he has accepted our invitation to return to the Abbey tonight.

At the same time as congratulating our pupils, I would like to pay particular tribute to you the parents for the work that you have done over the years and in particular for the enthusiastic and continued support that you offer the school.

Lastly, on behalf of myself and the Board of Governors I would like to express our appreciation for the work of our dedicated staff who work so enthusiastically with your sons in enhancing all aspects of their education.

In conclusion, I hope that you all enjoy the presentations tonight and I invite you to join us for light refreshments in the school canteen at the end of the evening.

Mr Dermot McGovern
Headmaster

Guest Speaker: Rt. Rev Monsignor Hugh G Connolly, BA, DD



President, Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth

Hugh Connolly is originally from Burren, Co Down and attended St. Peter's Primary School, Warrenpoint. He joined the Abbey Christian Brothers School in 1973 and spent seven happy years there. He completed A levels in French, Spanish and English before moving to St Patrick's College Maynooth in 1980. He graduated with a B.A. in 1983 but as is usual with students for the priesthood Monsignor Connolly continued to study for a further primary degree in theology achieving a BD (Hons) (Pontifical University, Maynooth 1986); he undertook Postgraduate Studies in the Gregorian University, Rome 1987-91, Licentiate in Theology (1988); Doctorate in Theology DD (1991). He was ordained a Priest of the Diocese of Dromore in 1987.

Throughout his priesthood he has given outstanding service to the Church at home and abroad and has served as Executive Secretary Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference (June 1991 – October 1997 [2 three-year terms]); Secretary and Member of Inter-Church Standing Committee On Mixed Marriages (1991-1997); Lecturer in Moral Theology, Pontifical University, Maynooth (October 1997), appointed Professor in January 2007. Member Conseil d'Administration, College des Irlandais, Paris (1997-2007); Vice-President St Patrick's College Maynooth (1999-2007); Treasurer, Maynooth Union, June (1999- 2007); Registrar, Pontifical University, Maynooth (2001-2006); President St Patrick's College Maynooth (1st September 2007-present). He was given the title Monsignor in December 2007 by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

He has many research interests including Human Rights, Virtue Ethics, Marital and Sexual Ethics and Professional Ethics He has published widely both in English and in French and has written two books; *The Irish Penitentials and their Significance for the Sacrament of Penance Today*, 1995 and *Sin*, 2002 as well as contributing to a encyclopaedia and a number of scholarly journals.

As well as his full time duties at Maynooth he also enjoys helping out with occasional weekend pastoral assignments closer to home.

My Friend Oísín.

This article first appeared in the Abbey Way in June 2009



I have known Oísín all of my life. We were the best of friends and our families are very close. In many ways Oísín was more like a brother to me, and that's the way I will always think of him. I loved him, even though he was better than me at everything we did together. He was always more skilful, stronger and faster than me. Once on holidays my dad and I tried for two hours in 40 degrees heat to beat the McGuinnesses at tennis but we couldn't get the ball past Oísín – and John (his father) wasn't bad either. So eventually the McCafferys had to admit defeat. Oísín and his dad loved that game and slagged us for the rest of the two weeks.

Oísín was even better than me at getting the girls (I know it's hard to believe). One year at the Gaelteacht he kissed all the girls in the same house – and there were about 15 of them! He never even had to try! He was so cool and the girls loved him. The rest of us could get the leftovers!! Oísín was always busy – always wanting to do new things; he would join every club going – as long as it didn't include studying. You needed plenty of energy to keep up with Oísín.

Apart from his family and sport Oísín loved two other things dearly. Food and the Abbey. He was always hungry. His mum made him a packed lunch everyday and he had his dinner in school. He could eat for Ireland. We always stopped for more food on our way home. No matter where the lads went Oísín wanted food.

Oísín was always in good form, even in the mornings going to school he was happy. He would slag the head of his Mum. Joan would always laugh. Oísín loved this place. He loved the craic with the boys. He had all the best slags. He could mess and make us laugh better than anyone else. Oísín was the man. He's a lige.

I hope I will always hear Oísín's voice in my head and feel his hand on my back, pushing me on and saying: "Go on McCaff!" We are all so lucky to have known Oísín and so privileged to be able call him our friend. We all have our own memories of him and they are priceless.

We will never, ever forget him.

- Sean McCafferey

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Caretaking Staff

Special Academic Achievements

9 GCSE A* / A Grade Passes - June '09

These awards are presented to those students who achieved a very high standard of academic performance in obtaining at least 9 Grade A*/A passes in their GCSE examinations in June 2009

Mark Cox
Shane Finnegan

10 GCSE A* / A Grade Passes - June '09

These awards are presented to those students who achieved a very high standard of academic performance in obtaining at least 10 Grade A*/A passes in their GCSE examinations in June 2009

Stephen Beattie	Mark McAlinden
Aodhan Byrne	Gregory McChesney
Bernard Cooper	Daniel McCullagh
James Dickson	Garbhan McKeivitt
Stephen Doherty	Dermot McVeigh
Conor Doran	David Richmond
Cian Gallagher	Conor Savage
Owen Jones	

11 GCSE A* / A Grade Passes - June '09

These awards are presented to those students who achieved a very high standard of academic performance in obtaining at least 11 Grade A*/A passes in their GCSE examinations in June 2009

Patrick Burns	Paul McNulty
Dean Carolan	James O'Gorman
Kevin Gribben	Conor O'Hare
Hua Jian Lui	Conor P O'Neill
Adam Magill	Ryan Walsh
Callum McLoughlin	

12 GCSE A* / A Grade Passes - June '09

These awards are presented to those students who achieved a very high standard of academic performance in obtaining at least 12 Grade A*/A passes in their GCSE examinations in June 2009

Jack Bradley

Special Academic Achievements

Best in Subject G.C.S.E. – June '09

These awards are presented to those students who received the highest overall mark in each individual G.C.S.E. subject in June 2008.

Subject	Pupils	Subject	Pupils
Chemistry	Dean Carolan	Geography	Stephen Doherty
English Literature	Dean Carolan	History	Hua Jian Lui
English Language	Dean Carolan	Religion	Hua Jian Lui
French	Dean Carolan	Business Studies	Conor Doran
Religion	Dean Carolan	Construction	Conor Devlin
Double Award Science	Ryan Walsh	Art and Design	Ryan Kearney
Irish	Ryan Walsh	ICT	Colum Mackey
Technology	Ryan Walsh	LLW	Sean Rooney
Financial Services	Daniel Mullan	Mathematics	Stephen Grant
Biology	Daniel McCullagh	Music	Conor O'Hare
Physics	Daniel McCullagh	PE Studies	Ruairi Keenan
Drama	Garbhan McKeivitt	Religious Studies	Paul McNulty
Spanish	Garbhan McKeivitt	Religious Studies	Conor Savage
Additional Mathematics	Stephen Doherty		

Special Awards

Basketball	Niall Byrne
Music	Stephen Beattie
Technology	Mark Millar
	Ryan Walsh
	Scott Gray
	James Dickson
Irish	Conor O'Neill

Top Candidates in Northern Ireland

The following students were placed in the top three in Northern Ireland in the GCSE examinations 2009

Financial Services	Daniel Mullan	Joint 3rd
Technology	Ryan Walsh	3rd
Spanish	Garbhan Mc Keivitt	Joint 3rd

The Oisín McGuinness Award

Tonight is the inaugural presentation of the Oisín McGuinness Award. This award recognises the contribution that Oisín made to the Abbey in his time here. It reflects Abbey spirit, true friendship and his love of the Abbey. It is presented in honour of Oisín's laughter and his ability to bring people together which he did both when here and also through his untimely passing.

It has been agreed that the inaugural recipient of the award will be the entire Lower 6th yr group. On their behalf, two of Oisín's close friends, Sean McCaffrey and Conor Donnelly will accept the award. The award will go on display here in our trophy cabinet and will take pride of place in the trophy cabinet in our new building.

G.C.S.E. Certificates 2008 – 2009

NAME OF STUDENT	SCHOOL	NAME OF STUDENT	SCHOOL
AITKEN, John	Dromintee P.S.	McARDLE, Christopher	Jonesborough P.S.
ARCHER, Ryan	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.	McCAFFERY, Sean	St.Ronan's Primary School
BARFIELD, Daniel	Kenilworth School & Sports College	McCANN, Michael	Killowen P.S.
BEATTIE, Stephen	St.Ronan's Primary School	McCARTNEY, Matthew	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge
BLACK, Declan	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.	McCAVITT, Niall	Killowen P.S.
BRADLEY, Ciaran	St.Mary's P.S. Banbridge	McCHESNEY, Gregory	Killowen P.S.
BRADLEY, Jack	St.Patrick's P.S. Crossmaglen	McCONVILLE, Diarmuid	St.Patrick's P.S. Crossmaglen
BREEN, Iorcan	St.Ronan's Primary School	McCONVILLE, Glenn	St.Malachy's P.S. Carnagat
BROWN, William	St.Ronan's Primary School	McCONVILLE, Patrick	Carrick P.S.
BURNS, Ciaran	St.Ronan's Primary School	McCULLAGH, Daniel	St.Malachy's P.S. Camlough
BURNS, Patrick	St.Oliver Plunkett Carrickrova	McEVOY, Fergal	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.
BYRNE, Aodhan	St.Colman's P.S.Saval	McEVOY, Turlough	St.Colman's P.S.Saval
BYRNE, Niall	St.Malachy's P.S. Carnagat	McGAHAN, Christopher	St.Colman's P.S.Saval
CAMPBELL, Anthony	St.Ronan's Primary School	McGAULEY, Aidan	St.Ronan's Primary School
CAMPBELL, Joseph	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.	McGIVERN, Laurence	St.Mary's P.S. Rostrevor
CARLISLE, Owen	St.Mary's P.S. Banbridge	McGIVERN, Matthew	St.Francis Aghaderg
CAROLAN, Dean	St.Malachy's P.S. Carnagat	McGOVERN, Gearard	Carrick P.S.
CARROLL, Conor	St.Malachy's P.S. Carnagat	McKAY, Rory	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.
COMASKEY, Brian	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge	McKENNA, Kelvin	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.
COOPER, Bernard	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge	McKEVITT, Garbhan	Carrick P.S.
COX, Mark	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge	MCKINLEY, Conor	St.Malachy's P.S. Camlough
CULL, Conleth	Carlingford Primary School	McLOUGHLIN, Callum	St.Mary's P.S. Mullaghbawn
DAVIS, John	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.	McNULTY, Paul	St.Mary's P.S. Barr
DELAHUNT, James	St.Ronan's Primary School	McVEIGH, Conor	St.Joseph's & St. James, Poyntzpass
DEVLIN, Conor	Cloughoge PS	McVEIGH, Dermot	St.Joseph's & St. James, Poyntzpass
DEVLIN, Rory	St.Colman's P.S.Saval	MILLAR, Mark	Cloughoge P.S.
DICKSON, James	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.	MILLAR, Shay	St.Mary's P.S. Barr
DOHERTY, Stephen	Jonesborough P.S.	MOAN, Caolan	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.
DONNELLY, Conor	St.Ronan's Primary School	MOONEY, Stephen	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.
DONNELLY, Gavin	St.Patrick's P.S. Cullyhanna	MORGAN, David	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.
DORAN, Conor	St.Ronan's PS	MORGAN, James	St.Francis Aghaderg
FEARON, Christopher	St.Patrick's P.S. Newry	MULLAN, Daniel	St.Colman's P.S.Saval
FINEGAN, Shane	St.Ronan's Primary School	MURDOCK, Piaras	Carrick P.S.
FITZMAURICE, Eoin	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge	NEARY, Daniel	Killowen P.S.
FLYNN, Jack	St.Ronan's Primary School	O'GORMAN, James	St.Joseph's & St. James, Poyntzpass
GALLAGHER, Cian	St.Ronan's Primary School	O'HARE, Conor	St.Ronan's Primary School
GRAY, Jason	St.Dallan's Primary School	O'HARE, Gavin	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.
GRAY, Liam	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.	O'HARE, Ryan	St.Ronan's Primary School
GRAY, Scott	Jonesborough P.S.	O'HARE, Stephen	St.Dallan's Primary School
GRIBBEN, Kevin	Carrick P.S.	O'NEILL, Christopher	Hillcrest Christian College
HAMMOND, Nicholas	St.Mary's Christian Brothers	O'NEILL, Conor	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge
HAVERN, Jordan	Cloughoge P.S.	O'NEILL, Conor	St.Patrick's P.S. Crossmaglen
HEARTY, Martin	St.Mary's P.S. Mullaghbawn	O'NEILL, Deaglan	St.Dallan's Primary School
HILLEN, Dermot	St.Malachy's P.S. Carnagat	O'NEILL, Glenn	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.
HOLLOWOOD, Peter	St.Ronan's Primary School	PAYNE, Christopher	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.
HUGHES, Christopher	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.	QUIGG, Aaron	St.Mary's P.S. Mullaghbawn
JONES, Owen	Dromintee P.S.	QUINN, Kevin	St.Peter's P.S. Bessbrook
KEARNEY, Ryan	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.	QUINN, Lorcan	St.Laurence O'Toole's P.S.Bell
KEENAN, James	Ballyholland P.S.	QUINN, Rory	St.Ronan's Primary School
KEENAN, Kyle	St.Ronan's Primary School	RICE, Gary	St.Colman's P.S.Saval
KEENAN, Rory	St.Ronan's Primary School	RICE, Graeme	Ballyholland PS
KENNY, Kalvin	St.Ronan's Primary School	RICHMOND, David	Ballyholland P.S.
KING, Ryan	Cloughoge P.S.	ROCKS, Mark	St.Patrick's P.S. Newry
LIU, Hua Jian	St.Colman's Abbey P.S.	SAVAGE, Conor	St.Ronan's Primary School
LOUGHRAN, Conrad	Ballyholland P.S.	SAWEY, James	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge
LYNCH, Oisín	St.Ronan's Primary School	SHIELDS, Conor	Cloughoge P.S.
LYNCHEHAUN, David	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge	SMALL, Matthew	St.Malachy's P.S. Ballymoyer
MacAULEY, Dara	Carrick P.S.	SMITH, Daniel	Carlingford PS
McGUINNESS, Oisín	St.Ronan's Primary School	SMYTH, Caolan	St.Patrick's P.S. Crossmaglen
MACKAY, Colum	Carrick P.S.	TAYLOR, Jonathan	Carrick P.S.
MADDEN, Daniel	St.Malachy's P.S. Carnagat	TOAL, James	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge
MAGILL, Adam	Cloughoge P.S.	TONER, Rory	St.Patrick's P.S. Mayobridge
MARTIN, James	Dromintee P.S.	TRAINOR, Cathal	St.Malachy's P.S. Carnagat
MARTIN, Peter	Dromintee P.S.	WALSH, Ryan	St.Mary's P.S. Mullaghbawn
McALINDEN, John	St.Ronan's Primary School	WATTERS, Gerard	Jonesborough P.S.
McALINDEN, Mark	Cloughoge P.S.		



Abbey Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Newry has just received confirmation from CCEA that yet again they had pupils placed in the top three places in Northern Ireland in a variety of subjects at both A Level and GCSE. Daniel Keenan was second in A Level History. He is presently studying Accountancy in Queens University, Belfast. Dr Arthur McDonnell was his teacher. Daniel Mullan was Joint third in GCSE Financial Services. His teacher was Mrs Teresa Fearon. Ryan Walsh was third in GCSE Technology and Design. His teacher was Mr Mark Rodgers. Garbhan McKeivitt was Joint third in GCSE Spanish. His teacher was Mr Padraig McKeever. Also included in the photo is Vice Principal Mr Ronan Ruddy.



Mark Millar, Ryan Walsh, Scott Gray and James Dickson won the regional final and then the National final of the 'Big Idea' National Competition, with their project 'Little Linker', a device that helps to keep young children safe on the roads by allowing them to walk in groups connected together. This competition challenges young people to come up with creative business solutions to improve their place of learning, business or local community in some way. In total they won £6,000 for their school, £100 each and a 'once-in-a-lifetime' trip to New York with their teacher Mr Mark Rodgers.



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