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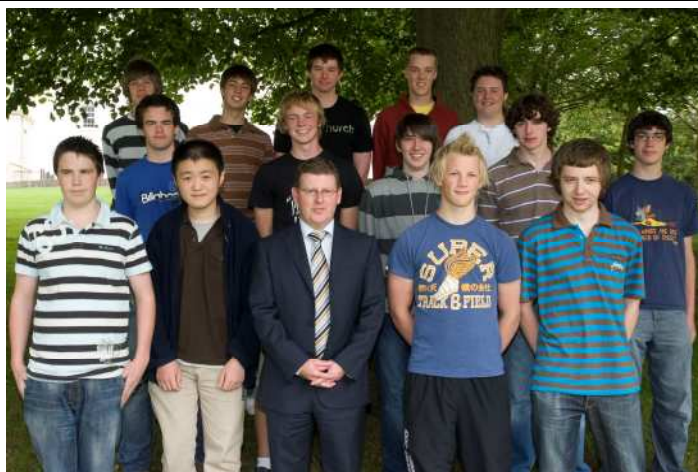
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EXCELLENT EXAM RESULTS

The school enjoyed considerable success in the summer in the GCSE, AS and A2 examinations. AS and A2 were particularly successful with, in both cases, a third more grade As attained than was the case last year. GCSE was also successful with more A and A* grades being achieved. However, there is room for improvement on the C/D boundary. All of these boys owe a great deal of thanks to their teachers. If it wasn't for the hard work,



energy, commitment and expertise of the teaching staff none of this would have been possible.

A2

Alistair Adams, Neil Bleakly, Stephen Dobbin, David Kearney, Timothy Kelly, Neal Linnegan, Jonathan Steen, Edwin Taylor.

Top Achievers are as follows:



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AS

Finlay Brown, Tom Brown, Douglas Flatt, Ryan Gilmore, Jesse Gordon, David Lennox, Daniel Livingstone, David Mawhinney, Karl McKillop, James Mills, Andrew Morrow, Aaron Phillips, Thomas Rajan, Jonathan Stewart, Michael Topping, Neil Wallace, Peter Wallace.

**GCSE**

Jason Bloomfield, James Cromie, Ryan Elliott, Conor Gaston, Michael Griffith, Tom He, Neil Henry, Christopher Kane, Jamie McBurney, Michael McDowell, Michael McKendry, Jonathan Mitchell, Matthew Patterson, Christopher Steele, Benjamin Steen, James Taylor, Michael Wallace.

There have been a number of successes since the beginning of term in cricket, rugby and football. It is also good to see the chess and bridge clubs operating once again. I am pleased to see the im-

provement in uniform and appearance. Several members of the public have commented positively on this which is very important for the good image of the school. I look forward to seeing this continue in the future.

Dr Carruthers

MARKUS TAEUBERT

Top 5 Place in C.C.E.A. GCSE
German



Shield Success for 1st XI Cricket Team



In the last week of the summer holiday the 1st XI played their President's Shield final against Friends' School, Lisburn ending up deserved winners by 4 wickets

With Friends' batting first CAI needed a good start from their bowlers and got just that. Rory Knox and Douglas Flatt produced a superb spell of opening bowling restricting Friends' to just 18 runs off the first 10 overs for the loss of three wickets.

Although Allen and Wain scored 19 in the next two overs Simon Caulfield and Peter Wallace gradually found their line and length and backed up by some excellent fielding by the whole team they made it difficult for the Friends' batsmen to score runs. Despite the odd moment we continued to dominate and two wickets for Rory Knox in the final over helped limit Friends to 92-9, innings closed.

With just three runs an over needed Rory and Stephen Dobbin gave us the ideal start scoring steadily at just the required rate. When Stephen was dismissed Simon Caulfield came in and proceeded to try and win the match 20 – 20 style. Two trade mark off-drives in a quick fire 16 followed, before he misjudged a slower delivery and was bowled.

With Peter Wallace and David Mawhinney

going quickly the tension began to mount but was eased when Finlay Brown hit a four and a six. With just ten needed life was looking comfortable until Finlay was run out followed next ball by Douglas Flatt.

It was left to Matthew McKeown to see the team through to victory together with man of the match Rory Knox [39 not out]. Undaunted by the pressure Matt proceeded to hammer an immaculate on-drive for four and three balls later the same shot saw him and Rory race through for the two needed to win the match.

Mr Lee

Diary Dates:

4th October:

Sixth Form Parents' night

26th October: Prize Day

29th October: Half Term

13th November: Year 8

Parents' night

Year 13 Seamus Heaney Trip

In a bid to encourage the Yr13 Literature class to look more enthusiastically on the prospect of covering a daunting 23 poems over the course of the year, a trip was organised to introduce them to the man behind the words – Mr. Seamus Heaney.

We set off in the mini bus enroute for Bellaghy- the home town of Heaney during his teenage years. We visited the Bellaghy Bawn which represents one of the defining periods in the history of Ireland-the Plantation of Ulster. Whilst there we listened to radio broadcasts and watched a video in which Heaney talks about his experiences of growing up in the rural countryside. We were given access to his manuscripts, first editions

and even got to try on his old school bag and duffle coat, which he had donated to the Heaney Museum!

After a lovely meal we travelled on to The Riverside Theatre for more Heaney inspired culture! Big Telly, a local drama company, was celebrating its 20th anniversary with a production entitled *Bog People*. This play was inspired by Heaney's 'Bog Poems' which focus on the discovery of bodies in Irish bogland. The plot was mysterious and the setting atmospheric, whilst the performances given were both tense and highly amusing.

Altogether the trip was educational, but also very enjoyable!

Miss Magee.

Team FUGA meet Lewis Hamilton

As reigning world champions, Team FUGA were invited to represent F1 in Schools at the British Grand Prix. .

Qualifying on the Saturday morning was our first real experience of the atmosphere with everyone in the crowd supporting Lewis Hamilton. He eventually claimed pole position for the race with a last second effort. The crowd reacted as if Hamilton had won the race and cheered wildly. After qualifying, we met Andrew Denford from F1 in Schools. He took us across the bridge into the paddock where we would visit both the Williams and Toyota F1 teams. We were given a tour of Williams by the Technical Director Sam Michael, saw around the whole garage and got

glimpses of what goes on behind the scenes in a Formula 1 team. At Toyota we were allowed into the pit-lane to watch the team practice pit-stops. It was an amazing experience. We also met a few famous faces in the paddock including Lewis Hamilton (who posed for a photo), Nick Heidfeld (driver for BMW) and ITV commentators James Allen and Martin Brundle.

The race was on the Sunday afternoon with the crowd hoping Lewis could repeat the form of qualifying. Unfortunately he couldn't manage it, finishing 3rd behind Kimi Raikkonen and Fernando Alonso. Despite this it was an unforgettable experience. I'm really thankful to F1 in Schools and Mr McGregor for allowing me to be a part of it. Keith Taylor (Y14)

C.A.I.B.C and C.O.B.R.A Annual BBQ

A great day was had on the 9th of September down at Coleraine Inst's Rowing Club BBQ. This well established annual fund raiser helps not only to raise awareness within the school of what we do as a club, but also helps us to raise money for our boat club. We endeavour to make the afternoon as 'family friendly' as possible and the bouncy castle provided some fun and frolics for some of our younger guests with access to the erg machines and indoor tank for those who wished to 'have a go!'



Dr Caruthers pictured with Bobby Platt MBE, Richard Chambers (GB), Richard Archibald (Ire) and members of the school's boat club.

The highlight of the day for our current club members, had to be the presence of both Richard Archibald (Irish lightweight coxless four) and Richard Chambers (GB Lightweight Four) who have been enjoying not only international success, but also podium positions in the Rowing World Championships. We are forever indebted to these and other past C.A.I. club members making the effort to come along and share their experiences with us and join in the fun.

Of course, the traditional sprint race between C.A.I.B.C and C.O.B.R.A took place in the form of quad fours. After a very promising start by C.A.I.B.C., our C.O.B.R.A. challengers pulled through to win by $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length. After a hearty BBQ, our esteemed C.O.B.R.A. visitors, R.Archibald and R. Chambers,

honoured us by presenting the club with this years' trophies as follows: Jonathon Mitchell won the cup for the best sculler, Elliott Clarke for the most improved oarsman, Milo Stynes for the best junior 15 oarsman and the oarsman of the year went to Michael McNaul. Great food and fun was had by all and the day was hailed as a great success. With thanks to parents, C.O.B.R.A. members, and of course our steadfast coaches for making the day.



Elliott Clarke pictured receiving the cup for the most improved oarsman from R. Chambers.

Robert Hart
(Y14)

Angling Competition at Portglenone

A total of 27 boys took part in the annual angling competition at Portglenone with Messrs Blayney, Harkness and Thomas supervising. Conditions were ideal and most boys caught fish. The senior boys proved most skilful with



Robert Hart catching 18 fish; next was Finlay Brown with 8.

In the junior section M. Blair (9B) also had 8 fish with D. Reid, J. Malone and A. Kirby all being competitive. All the boys enjoyed the afternoon's fishing.

Mr Blayney

8A victorious at Year 8 Race



On a dull, damp day in the middle of September, Year 8 gathered at the War Memorial Pavilion. It was the day of the Year 8 run and spirits were high. The boys were full of enthusiasm as they set off for what was to be a fiercely contested battle. After a flying sprint start it wasn't long before the field stretched out and Luke McDowell took the lead, retaining this position until the end of the race.



Top 3 places: Luke McDowell (8A) Joel Stanbridge (8C) and Conor Shields (8A).

Class race

1st: 8A 2nd: 8E 3rd: 8D

Winning House: Clarke

Miss Montgomery

Graeme McDowell's Golf Lesson

At two-thirty in the afternoon on Wednesday 26th September, 34 boys boarded a bus at C.A.I which would take them to Royal Portrush Golf Course. They were receiving a free lesson from an ex-C.A.I pupil who has gained himself a renowned reputation both in Europe and America. The lesson was from none other than professional golfer Graeme McDowell who decided to take time out from his hectic schedule to teach the game that has resulted in his worldwide fame. I was fortunate enough to grab a few words with him before he left:



So Graeme, how long is it now since you left Coleraine Inst and how did you enjoy your time there?

- I left school in 1999 and I loved my time at Inst.. There are so many opportunities for young people at Coleraine Inst not just academically but also with sports. I played in the golf team and also played in the rugby teams so I managed to keep a balance between sport and school work.

What other career ambitions did you have before you decided to take golf to a professional level or is golf always what you wanted to do?

- Golf is always what I wanted to do. Playing in the school golf team really helped me improve and playing against other guys from other schools too but it was always my dream to be a professional golfer. Nothing else really appealed to me in the same way.

So, in general, is your career everything you hoped it would be or are there any downsides to it?

- It's fantastic. I guess the only downside to it would be the travel. Sitting in airports isn't much fun but I love getting to travel the world and play golf on some of the

greatest golf courses in the world.

On average, how long would you practice each day?

- Well I play 35 tournaments a year so generally about 5 days a week. I don't have a set number of hours or golf balls to hit. I like to keep my practice flexible and just stay until I'm happy with my game.

Finally, what advice would you give to any young golfers in the school who are hoping to perhaps compete against you on tour someday?

- Enjoy it. That's the main thing. You need to really enjoy something to take it further, golf is the same. Also learning the basic is important. A good grip, posture and swing goes a long way. You need to find a balance between your academic commitments and sports; it all comes down to discipline. If you can discipline yourself then you can move forward.

I think everybody who attended the lesson would agree that Graeme is a down to earth and generally nice guy. We all appreciated it greatly and hope, in years to come, he will continue to keep a close connection with C.A.I. We wish him all the best for the future and hope to see him representing Europe in the next Ryder Cup.

Philip McAuley

Photo Round-up



Some bouldering 'experts' at this year's biggest ever CAI Summer Camp



Some pupils working with the Royal Marines visibility team.



The J18 4 who defeated Portora in June to retain the Wray Cup.



Aaron Platt wearing Seamus Heaney's coat on the Year 13 English Literature trip.

Team Fuga meet Formula 1 driver Lewis Hamilton at Silverstone.

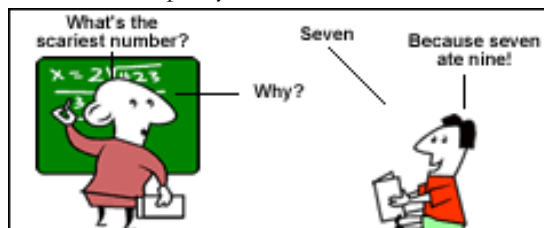


For the first time, CAI is taking part in the UK based Schools Fantasy League. **SFL** is an online fantasy football program that allows you to use your knowledge of football to challenge for prizes in your school, region and nationally!

You select a team of **11 Premier League players** that collect points depending on their performances in actual Premier League games. SFL update the points on your very own personalised team page, providing you with the perfect environment to show off your football management skills - and beat your

friends and teachers!

There has been a good response from most year groups, but we still need more entrants, especially from Year 12 and Year 14. The more entrants we have in each Year League, the better the prizes will be. So come on, see Miss McIntyre to enter so that you have time to pick your team.



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