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## Blood Brothers Success!

The curtains were slowly drawn back, smoke began to curl and twist amongst the props on-stage and an eerie, shadowy figure stepped into the spot-light...our first public performance of "Blood Brothers" had begun!



Set in Liverpool during the 1950s, the play tells the story of a working class mother, Mrs Johnston, desperately struggling to bring up a large brood of children on her own. On discovering she is pregnant with twins she is emotionally blackmailed into giving one of them to Mrs Lyons an affluent, but infertile, lady of leisure. The brothers are raised apart in very different circumstances but fate draws them back together and their lives, hopes and dreams become entangled once more.

Daniel Livingstone and Adam Goudy were cast as the boys in their later years whereas Christopher McLaughlin and Calum McBurney represented the brothers when they were young. Their antics on stage entertained and amused the audience and provided some light relief in comparison to the tragic conclusions of the second half.

The role of the Narrator was expertly portrayed by Peri-Jake Stynes, the policeman by Mark Braithwaite and the milkman by Craig

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Team FUGA 2008 arrived in Malaysia on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of March, extremely jet lagged after over 25 hours travelling, but eager for the experiences which lay ahead of us. Malaysia was a completely different culture and the locals were more than welcoming despite our weird habit of jumping between shadows to escape the intense sun! Fortunately, we experienced not only sun but the welcome sound of torrential rain to remind us of home!



McConville. The Johnston kids were played by Jack Perry, Nicholas McKesick and Alexandra Magee...yes, you DO recognise the surname...who would've thought that there were two drama queens in the family!?!)

Of course we could not have performed "Blood Brothers" with a solely male cast. The tradition of inviting pupils from Coleraine High to perform alongside CAI pupils was reintroduced this year. Our stage was graced by Niomi Knight who played Mrs Johns-



Steven  
Henry  
(Co-Director)

ton and Ilea Hendron who portrayed the mentally unhinged Mrs Lyons.

Danika Shepperd and Rosie Alcorn both played Linda at her various ages of development.

It took four rehearsals a week, over five months to get the production up to an acceptable standard and it was all over in just three days...but hopefully the legacy will live on through future performances at Coleraine Academical Institution. For now, we can enjoy the memories of "Blood Brothers".

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The first day was spent sight seeing at the Petronas Twin Towers' Sky Bridge and Petrosains science museum. The astonishing twin towers which are connected by a sky bridge featured extensively in "Entrapment", the action movie starring Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta Jones. Then came the competition itself. By the end of the day's racing the team had only dropped 3 points, out of a possible 80. The next day brought the judging of the stand, the portfolio, and the verbal presentation. Also, the reaction timing commenced, where Andrew Avery fought off stiff competition to gain an extremely impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The presentation went well, as did the judging of the portfolio and Stand (pits). Fi-

nally, day 3 saw the closing ceremony which was attended by the Malaysian Minister for Education and James Allen, F1 commentator for ITV.

This year Team FUGA didn't pick up any awards but gained 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Engineering section, and 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the 2008 world championships.

With the immense pressure of the competition off our shoulders, the team could then relax and enjoy our remaining time in Malaysia. This included a theme park, the Malaysian Grand Prix and a beach resort!

We would like to thank all our generous sponsors for making our participation possible, our parents for their continual support, and the school and technology department, for their tremendous help and guidance.

Colin Henry - Team Manager

## CAI narrowly lose at Under 19 District Football



Both sides went into this District Final with grounds for confidence. Inst had comfortably defeated Limavady Grammar in a pre-season friendly. However, the Limavady side were unbeaten in the league, including a 3-0 home victory over CAI.

It was Inst who made the more enterprising start with both of their strikers, Keith Taylor and Gary Quinn, having shots on target in the first five minutes. As the game proceeded Limavady came more into it and forced a succession of free kicks outside the Inst penalty area. Robert Sturgeon's goal was not threatened until the 20<sup>th</sup> minute, when a Limavady Grammar free kick was cleared and he saved and held the resulting shot. The rest of the half descended into a midfield stalemate with neither side posing any real threat to their opponents' goal.

As in the first half, Inst began the second brightly. Keith Taylor had a shot deflected for a corner. From the resulting kick Taylor was again involved in the action but his almost point blank shot was parried by the Limavady goalkeeper. Limavady were quick to reply and Inst were kept on level terms by a Sturgeon

save and a Beverland last-ditch tackle when a Limavady striker was through on goal. However, their efforts were to no avail when Limavady broke the deadlock a few minutes later.

Inst fought hard to get back in the game, with Coyles, Beverland and Steele

prominent in their fightback. On 23 minutes, Ryan Peden came close with a long range shot and two minutes later Inst drew level. Howard Beverland won a tackle on the left wing and played the ball into the box. Aaron Platt kept his composure to control the ball before slotting it past the Limavady goalkeeper.

The game became increasingly stretched as both sides went in search of the decisive goal. Limavady were looking dangerous on the break and Sturgeon made an excellent save when he was one on one with an advancing striker. Inst came close again through Peden on 29 minutes but, almost straight away, Limavady broke away and scored the deciding goal.

At the end of the match we congratulated the Limavady team for their efforts and the trophy was presented to the winning captain by Referee, Dessie Loughrie.

Mr Spence



## Inst Oarsmen Attend Lagan Head of River and IARU Talent Development Camp



On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, CAIBC travelled to the annual Lagan Head of the River Race. The first race of the day, a 2800m course, was completed despite the rough conditions at the starting area. The men's J18 4x- came first in their category and indeed the race, finishing in front of 112 other crews. The men's Novice sculler, Ryan Dinsmore, gained an unexpected, but not undeserved, victory in his category, as did the men's J15 4x+, who competed superbly in their first race, beating the likes of MCB and Portora. The J16 4x+ had a strong row, but were defeated

by RBAI and came second in this event.

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of February, three Inst oarsmen were selected to travel once more to Belfast to participate in a Talent Development Camp organised by the Irish Amateur Rowing Union. Keith Bailey and Neasa Folan, renowned coaches in Ireland, were on hand to coach the boys to row in the way that Irish Rowing desires. Ben McMullan, Milo Stynes and Callum McBurney were some of the lucky few who were invited, and all gained a vital insight into how J18 athletes are selected for the Irish squads to participate in the Homes Regatta and the Coupe de la Jeunesse. These boys will also hopefully be invited to the Newry Canal to get a feel for how athletes trial for the squads, by competing in single sculls or pairs over the 5000m course.

Callum McBurney

## Under 12 Rugby Tournament



The A team won through to the knock out stages with comprehensive victories, in their group, over Wallace H.S. and R.S.D. They then faced Omagh

Academy in the quarter final and won 27-0 to set up a semi final clash with C.C.B. which unfortunately they lost narrowly by 12-7. In the final, C.C.B. played an extremely strong Willow Park side but lost 24-0.

The B team defeated Sullivan Upper but lost to Ballymena and C.C.B. in the group stages. They then went into the plate competition defeating R.S.D. in the semi final and the Wallace H.S. in an enthralling final.

## 1st XV miss out at Ravenhill

On Monday 10th March, the 1st XV played their Subsidiary Shield final against RBAI 1st XV, who had been widely regarded as one of the favourites for the main competition.

Despite a poor start from the Coleraine side, going 10-0 down in the first 15 minutes, they rallied and scored a late 1st half try through number 8, Angus Warwicker. Ritchie McMaster was successful with the tough conversion, to leave the half time score at 10-7, in the Belfast side's favour.

Despite being still very much in the match at this stage, some errors from the Coleraine boys resulted in them seeing themselves 27-7 down with just 15 minutes to play. However, they never gave up, pressurising the Belfast side's line, and were rewarded with another try from

winger Michael McDowell. McMaster's conversion attempt struck the post, and the final whistle was blown to leave the final score 27-12 to RBAI.

Despite losing the match, the experience will be of great value for the players who were involved at Ravenhill, and will be especially beneficial to next year's 1st XV, as they attempt to reach the St Patrick's Day School's Cup Final in 2009.

The team and coaches would like to thank those who travelled to the match for their very vocal support.



Michael Griffith

## Under 15 Squash Team win Ulster Championships



Coleraine Academical Institution U15 Squash Team - James Taylor, Peter Murphy, Andrew Avery and David McCluskey - winners of the U15 section of the Ulster Squash Schools Cup.

### Diary Dates

**Sports' Day - 30th April**

**Year 12 & Year 14 Pupils leave - 7th May**

**CIFA AGM - 22nd May**

**Year 13 Pupils leave - 23rd May**

## Tennis teams watch the 'Tennis Legends'

On the 22 February 2008 the school's tennis teams went to the Odyssey Arena in Belfast to watch the 'legends' of tennis play. We were all excited about the trip because we were going to see the players that were on the televisions back in the day when our parents were our age.

The first two legends to come on court were Henri Leconte (FRA) and Chris Wilkinson (GBR). This match was very entertaining because as well as the high standard of playing it was extremely funny. Leconte is a great player as well as being a comedian. Some of us were shouting encouragement to Wilkinson so Leconte gave us a verbal warning!

In the second match it was Jeremy Bates



(GBR) versus Mikael Pernfors (SWE). This time they were more serious but it was still very enjoyable.

It was a great trip for all of us that went and a big thank you to Mr.Beggs and Mr.Knox for organising and putting up with us for the day.

Callum Currie (10C)

## Year 8 Science trip to W5



On the 18<sup>th</sup> March Year 8 went on Junior Science trip to W5. Firstly we went to the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor where we saw an explosive chemistry demonstration called 'Baking Blasts.' Some volunteers were brought up for the experiments and it was really good fun. Then we went to the Technology Trials where we paired up and learnt how to use K'nex to build a car. We had to make a car that would travel as far as possible. Following some hard work the cars were ready for the qualifying stages. Many excellent cars were made but some were taken out by unlucky crashes. In our group final the winners were Joe Spence and Paul A. Campbell. Following our packed lunch we explored the activities on Floor 2. This

included a talk on 'Strange Sounds'. We enjoyed it and again some of us were brought up to take part in the experiments.



We would like to thank all the staff who went with us. We all really enjoyed ourselves and would love to do it again.



Jonny  
Crowe  
(8B)

## Ski Trip Report 2008

At 4am on Sunday 24th February, 48 tired pupils and 4 even more tired teachers arrived at the “Inst” to start our journey to Valloire in the French Alps.

On the first day skiing we were all put into our groups for the week ahead. The group to which we were allocated depended on previous skiing experience and ability. As this was my first time I was put into a group of 10 other Year 11 beginners. By the afternoon session most of our group had mastered the art of stopping and turning. Emphasis should be placed on the word “most.” By the end of the session we were all unwilling to stop as we had finally got into our stride going down a 12km green slope. At 8pm that night we all went bum-boarding; in other words back-breaking sledging down a snow covered hill. On our second day my group had improved greatly and we managed to relax more. However, as I found out to my cost, you shouldn't relax too much when getting off a chair lift or you will end up getting a staved thumb. At night our ski company organised ice-skating.

This was great fun for those taking part, and even more fun for those watching.



During the remaining 4 days of skiing my group got more confident and went down red slopes and “high speed” slalom runs. By the Saturday when we all returned our skis and boots we couldn't believe how much we had improved in less than a week. Thanks must go to our patient ski instructor, Pierre.

In the evenings we had visited a large market, bowled beside the French army and had a large impromptu snowball fight with other schools at a freestyle ski/snowboard event.

These are just some of the great memories which I have from a very enjoyable ski-trip. Thanks to Mr. Crown, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Kane and Mr. McCluskey for organising such an exciting and entertaining trip.

Philip Gilliland, Year 11.

## Bridge Team win Ulster Schools' Novice Section

Members of our Bridge Club travelled to Belfast on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February to take part in the Ulster Schools Teams Competition.

Lewis Canning, Hamzah Khan, Zarak Khan and Alex Thompson all gave creditable performances but pride of place must go the winners of the novice section, Luke Caulfield, Matthew Dougherty, Adam



McKee, Richard Nicholl and Andrew Woods.

## Photo Round-up



CHS visit for Valentine's Day Disco



Two of the winners from the Easter Egg Raffle  
Jason Bloomfield collecting his Irish Schools' cap



The team that won the school's recent 5-a-side tournament.



Do you recognise these pupils at the Year 9 Young Enterprise Event?



## CU Mission Week



The C.U. ran a mission week in school with the help of Crown Jesus ministries from 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February. The week started in hectic fashion when free doughnuts were given out at lunchtime on the Monday. As ever

when the word 'free' is mentioned at Inst it seems to cause a lot of excitement especially when it is free food. Mr. McGregor in particular was very excited to see us giving out doughnuts, taking one for himself and 'Mr. Irwin'.

On the Tuesday a Swedish juggler and fire breather, Ture Holm, entertained a big crowd in the gym with some very impressive skills. Ture is also a Christian and shared a little about how God changed his life.

World top 20 downhill mountain biker

Colin Ross came in on the Wednesday lunchtime and showed a little of what he can do by jumping over people and doing wheelies. Colin is very passionate about God and talked a little about the challenges of being a Christian and being a top sportsman. He has the words 'One Way' on his bike and believes God's way is the 'one way' and best way in life.



On the final day Steven Halliday from Crown Jesus hosted a version of 'Deal or No Deal?' The top prize was an i-Pod shuffle but the contestant only managed to walk away with a bottle of coke. After the game Steve challenged everyone whether it was going to be deal or no deal with God. We all have a choice either to say yes to Jesus and accept his free gift of forgiveness or to say no I don't want that or I don't believe that.

What will your choice be?

Neil Wallace

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