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## CAI Teacher is Double Motor Racing Champion

Most pupils will be aware of the fact that Mr. Gault has a great interest in cars and often participates in motor racing events. This is an increasingly popular sport throughout Northern Ireland. Although it is a very expensive sport compared to most, it is also an extremely enjoyable and competitive sport. Mr. Gault has recently won both the Northern Ireland Sprint and Hill Climb Championships. Stripes decided to ask him to give us a flavour of what his racing career has been like.

• *What got you interested in the world of Motor sport and from what age did you become interested?*

My father competed in the 1970s in a Mini Cooper S so it was always in the blood to start with. When I was a teenager local legend Alan Roddy was competing in Hillclimbs and Sprints in a Mini with some giant killing



results and that attracted me as I was always a mini fan.

• *As you were growing up did you have any heroes who were involved in motor racing who inspired you to participate?*

I was a fan of Ari Vatanen from his days in a Mk2 Escort, and then in the mid 80s the spectacle of the group B rallycars such as the Audi Quattro and 205 turbo16 really captured my imagination.

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As we launch into preparations the first task to complete is to gather a willing and talented cast. Nine male parts are required along with four lovely ladies. Luckily the Coleraine High School have agreed to collaborate with us, so don't worry boys-you can



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• *What make of car do you have and how much did it cost to prepare it to race?*

I started competing in a mini and did so for several years but I built a Peugeot 106 GTI for the 2007 Champions in a period of 4 months. The car has a 1600cc 16v engine and revs to 8300rpm.

• *Do you not consider Motor sport to be dangerous as there is a lot of speed involved?*

I do not see Motorsport as any more dangerous than, say, Rugby. Yes it has its risks, but the cars have very tight controls on safety equipment and fire proof clothes etc.

• *If you have crashed, what has been your biggest crash?*

I have been fairly lucky and only had 2 offs in saloon cars. One recently at Spelga hillclimb but the biggest was in a Mini Cooper during the British championship round at Craigtanlet in 2001. I cracked 2 ribs and was left pretty sore where the harness had dug into my shoulders.

• *To set up a race car you have to know what you're doing; how were you educated to set your car up and work on engines?*

I have worked on engines and cars since I was a boy and I spent a lot of time in my teens taking things apart, learning how to machine things and reading about engines. I would have endless chats during my days at Coleraine Inst with Art teacher Ronnie Bryson about minis and how to make them go faster. Then I spent 5 years at Queen's University, Belfast and spent a lot of my free

time in the dyno rooms and reading about Professor Gordon Blair's 2 stroke work at Queen's. At Queen's they also had one of the last F1 engines from the turbo era of the 1980s. I used to study it every time I passed it. This was an awesome piece of kit and was developing over 1000bhp from 1400cc! It was at this stage I met Kris Meeke and we used to compete against each other in the Queen's Motor club events. For my final Thesis at Queen's I did a 2 stroke bike engine project with electronic control that led to further development for the then rider of the QUB Team Aprilia Moto GP Jeremy McWilliams. Since I started competing I always built my own cars and engines and they seemed to be competitive and reliable and from there I built many for other competitors. I then did a little Kart racing but found I lacked the budget to match the initial results. After working in the engineering industry for a number of years, I decided on a career change and I purchased a flowbench for developing my cylinders in a more Scientific way and two years ago I bought a rolling road dyno in order to power test and tune our engines and program the fuel injection systems properly. (I had hired one previously).

• *What aspect of motor sport do you enjoy, or why do you take part?*

I take part because I love cars, I've always been competitive at sport, I like to further my engineering and development of the car and I'm always learning or trying something new. Next year's engine is already underway and I have some of the research and number crunching done - hopefully it will be even faster again! Sponsors are always welcome!

Adrian Nevin

Continued from page 1 put those wigs away! Auditions have been running throughout October as the Production Team search for Oscar winning performances.

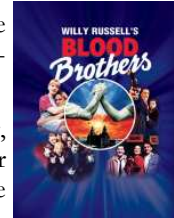
The play tells the tale of twin brothers, Mickey and Eddie, who are born into a large working-class family and then separated at birth. These characters are portrayed from the ages of seven, until their untimely deaths in their early twenties. Daniel Livingstone and Adam Goudy (both Yr 14) have been cast as the boys in their later years. Christopher McLaughlin (Yr 12), the youngest member of the cast so far, has been successfully cast as young Mickey. The Casting Directors are still on the look out for a young Eddie to play opposite Christopher. So if anyone out there

thinks he can fill these shoes please get in contact!

The role of the Narrator, an ominous character who lurks around the stage in a menacing manner, is to be played by Peri-Jake Stynes (Yr 13). The roles of the socially biased Policeman and dry witted Milkman are to be played by Mark Braithwaite and Craig McConville respectively, both are from Year 14. Last, but certainly not least, is Steven Henry (Yr 14) who has taken on the demanding role of Co-Director.

There will be opportunities at a later stage for volunteers to come forward to help with backstage and other areas.

Miss Magee



## Which House are you in?

Every year when Year 8 pupils arrive at the school there are allocated into a 'House'. They remain in this house throughout their school life and compete against each other in various events. These include an annual rugby competition, swimming gala and at Sport's Day. Each house has a teacher in charge, captain and vice captain who are responsible for all the pupils in their house. Find out what house you are in and how you



can achieve points for your house!

<i>House</i>	<i>Teacher in charge</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>Vice-captain</i>
<b>Houston</b>	Mr Martin	Andrew Munce	Douglas Flatt/Daniel Livingstone
<b>Clarke</b>	Mr Beggs	Jonathan Shiels	Howard Beverland
<b>Hunter</b>	Mr Patterson	Mark Braithwaite	Matthew McKeown
<b>White</b>	Mr Lee	Alan Gourley	Christopher Thomas

(SEE BOARD IN CIRCULATON AREA TO DISCOVER WHICH HOUSE YOU ARE IN)

## Floral Art demonstration raises money for Rowing Club

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October C.A.I. hosted a floral art demonstration as an opportunity for raising money for the rowing club at the school. The idea had been very kindly suggested months ago by Dr. and Mrs. Barry Mitchell, who, with the C.O.B.R.A. committee's go-ahead, booked the National Floral Art Demonstrator, James Burnside for the evening.

Dr. Carruthers welcomed the large crowd of parents, grand-parents, friends and fellow floral art enthusiasts. James Burnside didn't disappoint and presented a magnificent range of displays incorporating the rowing theme, flowers for celebration, flora and fauna and a more modern approach with a Reni Mackintosh piece, all of which really captured the imagination and managed to really impress.

After an interval for supper and the selling of much sought after raffle tickets for each of the displays, Richard Archibald thanked all those involved in organizing the demonstra-



tion. Many people of all ages attended this marvelous exhibition and thought the night was a great success. Over £3000 was raised for the rowing club, which is delightful news. The rowing club and COBRA would like to thank all those people who supported the event in various ways. Without their support the night would not have been such a resounding success.

Robert Hart (Yr 14)

### Fantasy Football League Table

Team	Manager	Points
El-fatboi	Aaron McCracken	56
Macosquin Boys	David Reid	56
Water Coolers	Owen McIntosh	54

### Diary Dates

School Exams:  
10th - 14th December

Christmas Holidays:  
22nd Dec - 7 Jan

Coleraine Inst Friends'  
Association Quiz:  
Friday 18th January  
2008 at 8 p.m.

## Years 8 and 9 at High School Disco

On Thursday 25th October at 8pm the High School opened its doors to let all the 1st and 2nd years of C.H.S. and C.A.I. in for its first ever Halloween Disco. Of course the assembly hall of C.H.S. was packed within 10 minutes of the doors being opened. Music and games were played all night and we all made lots of new friends.



The whole night was enjoyed by everyone involved and thanks go to Coleraine High School for organising the Event!

Jamie Graham (Year 9)

## CAI win the Sport's Council 'Junior Team of the Year'

The CAI Junior Swimming Relay Squad have just rounded off a very successful 2006-2007 season by winning the "Junior Team of The Year" trophy at the Coleraine Sports Council Awards Gala evening held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the Lodge Hotel.



This prestigious award is highly contested with teams from a wide variety of sports entered, and the quality of the entry reflects what a great achievement it is for the team to come out on top.

The team comprising Chris Coils, Jay-Dee Ferguson, Christie McLaughlin, Conor Nicholl and Ciaran Sloan competed in the Ulster Grammar Schools Championships at the Grove in Belfast in November 2006 and won both the Junior freestyle and medley relays and also the Junior Champions Cup. In January 2007 at the Ulster Secondary Schools Championships, again at the Grove in Belfast, the same squad again won the Junior freestyle

and medley relays with automatic qualification for the Irish Schools' Championships.

This Championship rotates through the four provinces, and this year Ulster played hosts in Belfast. The Inst squad again won both the freestyle and medley relays to become Irish Champions! The squad appreciates all the support and commitment they receive from their coach, Mr Knox and also to their parents for their support at all these various championships.

Chris Coils (Year 10)

## U16 Football Team win 6-2

Inst played their first Coleraine District League match at home to Limavady Grammar on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, still smarting from their recent N. I. Cup exit and determined to exorcise the memory of this with a convincing win. Inst couldn't have got off to a better start with a goal after two minutes scored by captain Stevie Mason. He then went on to set up Conor McMullan for the second goal after eleven minutes. Inst had most of the attacking play in the first half dealing convincingly with Limavady attacks and eventually increasing their lead when Mason scored again.

In the second half Mason scored an early goal to take Inst into a four goal lead. Limavady reacted to this situation with a determined series of attacks, scoring about ten minutes later. They kept up the pressure and successfully sliced through the Coleraine defence on a few occasions but failed to reduce the deficit. Matthew Paul, whose work rate and commitment were outstanding throughout the



match, had to move back on a number of occasions to shore up the defence. When Coleraine did break they looked dangerous with Stuart Millar's intelligent passing and Scott Hamilton's teasing of the opposition defence. In the last five minutes Mason scored twice more to crown an exceptional personal performance. In injury time Limavady scored a further consolation goal to bring the final score to 6-2.

Mr Kane

## Romeo and Juliet English Trip

The Black Cat Theatre Company is currently on tour with their production of 'Romeo and Juliet'. On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October the Year 12 Literature classes travelled up to Dalriada to experience this performance.

The condensed version of the play married the traditions of travelling players of the period, simple sets and a traditionally dressed cast of four. It proved to be an entertaining 75 minutes as the actresses engaged with some of our very own Romeos in the audience! At the end the actors gave a demonstration of the stage combat skills used

throughout the performance and answered questions from the audience. Watching this production helped bring the text to life and the experience for the audience was as Shakespeare intended.



## Ugandan Children's Choir visit Inst.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, on behalf of the CU club, an enthusiastic Ugandan children's choir danced, sang and praised in front of an appreciative audience of students and teachers alike. The choir is able to come to



Northern Ireland to perform for churches, schools and groups thanks to Rock Ministries NI; they have provided the manpower to allow these Ugandan orphans to have food, shelter and good music. After the choir joyfully performed, a representative of the school's charity committee,

presented a cheque for £100 to Rock Ministries to help with their work in Uganda. I think everyone who attended will agree that the money will be well used if the choir is anything to go by.

Jonathan Mitchell (Y14)



## Quiz: Win a Flash Drive

Send the answers to the following questions to

editor@stripes-magazine.co.uk to be entered in a prize draw to win a 1GB USB Flash Drive

*Which rooms does Miss Coyle teach in?*

*When did the school stop letting people board?*

*Who is in charge of year 8 Cricket?*

*Who is Head of English?*

*Name two people who have gone on to represent their country from our school?*

Good luck!



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**Second Prize £10 HMV Voucher**

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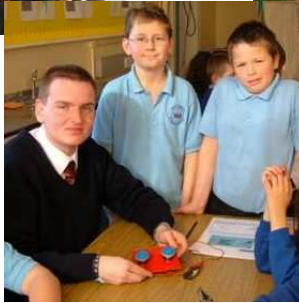
## Photo Round-up



Jonathan Mitchell presents the Rock Uganda Children's Choir with a cheque from the school

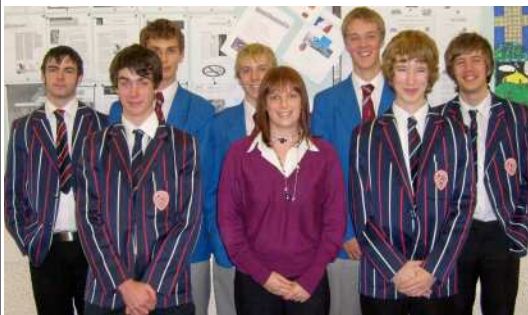
Some CAI Scientists went to Portstewart Primary School

Miss Calvin and the new charity committee



Jason Bloomfield, Angus Warwicker and Josh Christie have been selected for the Ulster Schools' Rugby Squad

Alan Campbell and the rest of the stage party at this year's prize day



## Win for Debating Team

Congratulations to Tom He and Christopher Kane, Year 13, who won their first round debate against St Louis, Ballymena. The motion, "This house believes that N.I. has been ruined by bungalow blight" produced a very lively and informative debate. The CAI boys were highly commended for the quality of their research, argument and delivery. We wish them all the best in their next round.

Mr Taggart



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