



Blackrock College Bulletin

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Karl Ashe Semi-Final



The semi-final of the Karl Ashe competition took place on Friday 13th Sept. 6th Years, captained by James Neary, came through a keenly fought semi-final against an excellent 5th Year Dayboys side, captained by Oisín Daly, on a scoreline of 6-5 to 3-6. Leading by 10 points at one stage, the 6th Years were reeled in by 5th Years to only leave a 5-point gap at half time which was narrowed to 2 points with only a few minutes left. 6th Years, managed to widen the gap with a couple of late goals in what was a super contest playing in a very sporting manner. Next up for 6th Year is Transition Year in the final on Friday Sept. 20th.

Our Very First Rock Readers' Club

Our very first Rock Readers' Club took place on Thursday September 12th. Students enjoyed some toast and orange juice, took part in a quiz where they had to guess the correct book title from an alternative title and chatted about books. Rock Readers' Club takes place every Thursday at 8.15 am in the library. All book and comic enthusiasts or any student who wants to get into reading are welcome.



The DnD & Tabletop Club



The Dungeons and Dragons club is back up and running with a new expansion – the club will be hosting all kind of table-top games this year! New members are welcome as always. The club will be running DnD tables term-to-term, with DM and player-groups changing regularly to ensure that everyone who wants to join in either role will have their chance. We have also introduced new box board-games including classics like Risk and Settlers of Catan, and new games like Pandemic and The Yawning Portal, with more to come as the year goes on! Game walk-throughs and how-to-plays will take place every

few weeks to introduce new games for new players to learn, so we encourage all students to come along and pick a game with some friends!

House 10s Results

2nd Year

Winner: De Valera

Player of the Tournament: Orin O'Connell

4th Year

Winner: Shanahan

Player of the Tournament: Finnlay Joyce

3rd Year

Winners A&B: Shanahan & De Valera

Player of the Tournaments A & B: Matthew O'Donnell & Lorcan Petrilli

5th Year

Winner: Shanahan

Player of the Tournament: Aidan Wehrly

6th Year

Winner: De Valera

Player of the Tournament: Con Mason



6th Year Pilgrimage to Lourdes

6th Year students Isaac Moss, Michael Breslin, Matthew Neary, David Mattimoe and Cian Sheehy, accompanied by our chaplain Mrs. Crimmins and Mr. Kearney, travelled to Lourdes on the Thursday the 5th of September, as part of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. Our group carried out duties as blueshirt volunteers alongside students from 28 other Dublin schools. These duties included stewarding the many liturgical events, helping on the wards of the Accueil Notre Dame and assisting pilgrims around the town of Lourdes. The boys lived out the Spiritan values by attending the opening mass, mass at the Grotto, the candlelight procession, and assisted at the holy baths, the youth mass, and the final farewell mass. We commend their commitment, hard work and service. By volunteering as brancardiers themselves in the years to come, joining the many past pupils currently doing so, the boys will build on friendships formed during the pilgrimage.



Welcome Liturgies - Welcome Liturgies have been held for each year group and each liturgy had a unique theme delivered jointly by Fr. Moran, Sacramental Chaplain and Mr. Madden, College Chaplain.

2nd Year: Prayer ... even for one minute each day at the same time.

3rd Year: Moment ... grasp every opportunity afforded to us.

Transition Year: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle ... in relation to our prayer life.

5th Year: Be not afraid as promised on the first Pentecost Sunday, no need to be afraid as we begin our Leaving Certificate courses.

6th Year: All will be well ... there is life after our Leaving Certificate, God loves each of us and will take care of us.

Senior Basketball



The U19 team, captained by Sam Curley (6th Year) had a busy week with the opening round of the All-Ireland Cup A competition and the start of the A League competition. Their first match on Tuesday saw 'Rock host Claregalway College in the A Cup competition. While it was a close and competitive match, 'Rock ultimately took and maintained their lead throughout most of the game. The team played a blinder in the third quarter. The final score was 43-35. The win sees the team through to the next round of the Cup

competition. The following day, the squad travelled away to Pres Bray for the first match of the League competition. A well-organised and aggressive Pres Bray side put the team under pressure from the start. However, 'Rock worked well together to secure and maintain an early lead. The final score was 44-40 to 'Rock. The U16 team played their first match on Wednesday against Pres Bray. The team faced a very strong and efficient opposition who put them under pressure from the start. The team did well during the game to find their rhythm and develop their teamwork skills. The game ultimately ended in defeat for 'Rock. The team have more games coming up to prepare for.

Blackrock Cross Country Relay Teams



Well done to the Blackrock Cross Country Relay teams in their opening race of the season. Strong performances by all age groups led to a silver medal for the Junior team and gold medals went to the Intermediate and Senior teams.

Transition Year Tour - Our 4th Year students take on Ireland's toughest physical and endurance challenge at **Hell & Back!**



Student Artwork

Stunning artwork from two of our incredibly talented 5th Year students.



Artist: *Conor Bradbury*



Artist: *Daniel Cunningham*

Clubs & Societies

Clubs & Societies' Day was a huge success. Students from all year groups had an opportunity to register for the variety of clubs that Blackrock College has to offer. The Student Council event, organised by Leo Fowler (6th Year) and Edward Wilson (6th Year), had decorated stands from over 20 clubs and many engaging activities for students. The day was a great opportunity for the incoming 2nd Years to get involved in the huge range of activities on offer in the College.



Science Club



Art Club



Rowing



Chess Club



Library Committee



Music



Model United Nations



Robotics & Coding



Basketball