ST. CONLETH’S COLLEGE SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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AFTER 10 YEARS AT THE HELM WE WISH ANN SHEPPARD A VERY HAPPY RETIREMENT AS CEO OF ST. CONLETH’S

A WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CEO TONY KILCOMMONS. TONY’S FORMER POSITION OF JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL HAS BEEN FILLED BY BRIAN NOLAN. BRIAN HAS TAUGHT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN BOTH IRELAND AND DUBAI. MOST RECENTLY IN THE ROLE OF DEPUTY HEAD OF PRIMARY IN THE SWISS INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL OF DUBAI WHICH HE HAD BEEN IN SINCE 2016. WE WISH BOTH TONY AND BRIAN EVERY SUCCESS IN THEIR NEW POSITIONS

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Recent Developments

WE HAVE CONTINUED TO IMPROVE THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AND STAFF OVER THE SUMMER, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WORK BEING THE EXTENSION OF THE CANTEEN WHICH WILL BE READY FOR USE IN SEPTEMBER.

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

ALUMNI OF THE MONTH IS A SERIES WHERE FORMER STUDENTS OF ST. CONLETH’S ARE INTERVIEWED ABOUT THEIR TIME AT THE SCHOOL AND THEIR CHOSEN CAREER. WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER AND ALSO EXPLORE THE INDIVIDUAL AND SHARED MEMORIES OF SCHOOL DAYS AT ST. CONLETH’S. YOU CAN READ ALL THE ARTICLES TO DATE HERE: HTTPS://STCONLETHS.IE/ALUMNI/

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Tony Kilcommons

Brian Nolan
AT ST. CONLETH’S THERE IS A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND TRADITION. IT IS THEREFORE, NO SURPRISE THAT MANY GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES HAVE COME HERE. RONAN MURPHY IS THE SON OF ONE OF ST. CONLETH’S FIRST TEACHERS, MICHAEL MURPHY. RONAN (CLASS OF 1969), ALONG WITH HIS SIBLINGS AND THEIR CHILDREN ALL ATTENDED THE SCHOOL. HIS SON’S DAUGHTER LAOISE WILL BE PROGRESSING INTO FIRST FORM AT ST. CONLETH’S THIS COMING SEPTEMBER.

ANOTHER FAMILY WITH STRONG GENERATIONAL TIES TO ST. CONLETH’S ARE THE PROSTS. PETER PROST FIRST ENTERED THE SCHOOL IN 1955. HIS SONS; ARTHUR AND BARRY JOINED IN 1981 AND 1986 RESPECTIVELY, FOLLOWED BY PETER’S DAUGHTER ELAINE FOR HER FINAL 2 YEARS OF SCHOOL. DURING HER TIME HERE, ELAINE WOULD MEET HER FUTURE HUSBAND TIM LEARY. ELAINE AND TIM WOULD GO ON TO SEND THEIR SON TIM PETER (CLASS OF 2018). NOT ONLY THIS BUT ELAINE IS THE CURRENT 1ST FORM TEACHER!

ST. CONLETH’S THRIVES ON IT’S EQUAL ADMIRATION FOR THE PAST AND THE FUTURE. JUST AS OLD TRADITIONS ARE VALUED, SO TOO ARE NEW TRADITIONS WELCOMED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEW FAMILIES JOINING OUR COMMUNITY AND BECOMING PART OF ST. CONLETH’S LONG AND PROSPEROUS HISTORY.
PHASE ONE: THE COACH HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

In 2019 we finally succeeded in purchasing the original Coach House of No. 28 Clyde Road. This will now enable us to complete a quadrangle, consisting of the original house, Clyde Lane and the school extension. This new St. Conleth’s will be stunning and dynamic to see and experience, but still very much at home in its snug corner of the Ballsbridge landscape.

Our vision for the Coach House includes a Science and Technology Hub; an Auditorium where lectures, concerts and debates can take place; a sacred space to encourage quiet reflection, prayer, mindfulness and wellbeing; and extended art facilities, as well as new learning spaces for our pupils. I am especially thrilled that this development will honour both Michael Manning, an esteemed colleague and friend and a science teacher with a world-wide legacy, and Patricia Kelleher, my mother and the guiding light of St. Conleth’s ethos and development for so many years.

Ann Sheppard, C.E.O

To learn more about St. Conleth’s Towards 100 Development Plan you can visit our website https://stconleths.ie/about/development/
Once Upon a time in Tokyo

AS THE 2021 OLYMPIC GAMES IN TOKYO DRAW NEARER, AND EXCITEMENT FOR OUR IRISH ATHLETES GROWS, WE CAST AN EYE BACK TO A CONLETHIAN WHO ONCE SET SAIL FOR TOKYO IN THE PURSUIT OF OLYMPIC GLORY. JOHN BOUCHIER HAYES (CLASS OF 1963) TRAVELLED TO THE JAPANESE CAPITAL IN 1964 TO COMPETE IN FENCING. HE ONCE AGAIN REPRESENTED IRELAND IN THE 1968 AND 1972 GAMES.

A FINAL FAREWELL TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

6TH YEAR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE WERE TREATED TO THE CULINARY DELIGHTS OF CHEFS MARK AND EMERSON LAST MONTH. THE BARBEQUE, HOSTED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE NEIGHBOURING ST. MARY’S, WAS HELD TO CELEBRATE THE END OF THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMS AND MARK THE CLASS’S BITTERSWEET DEPARTURE FROM ST. CONLETH’S.