



## Victory for the Senior Cup Hockey Team!



On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, the senior cup hockey team went to Villiers school to take on Ursilines Thurles in the Munster Senior Cup Final.

The ultras came out in troops and were led out by Captain Michelle Barrett. At the start of the match it was very tight. Aebfhinn Bourke scored the first goal of the match, which really lifted crescents spirits. The second goal of the first half was scored by Michelle Barrett. At half time the score was 2-0 and Ursuline's Thurles were under pressure. In the fifth minute of the second half Megan Mawhinny smacked in a corner and another 2 goals were scored by Meabh O Sullivan and Niamh O Keefe putting the Crescent girls well in the lead. Towards the end of the match Ursulines scored one back but when the whistle blew at full time the score was 5-1 to CCC, bringing the cup home to Crescent for the third year in a row.

Michelle Barrett has 3 junior Munster Cup medals and now has 3 Senior Munster Medals. Ciara Leahy also has 3 Junior Cup Medals and 3 Senior Cup Medals.

It was a lovely day #UAW

*Senior Cup Hockey Team: N Keyes, C Leahy, A Ryan, J Kirby, N Power, M Mawhinney, N O'Keefe, C Coffey, J Clein, A Horan, A Bourke, M O'Sullivan, / Murphy, M Horan, C Murphy, O Curtin, M Doran, A Horan*

By Avril Clark, Alix Fitzgerald and Meave O Halloran



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

## Junior Cup Semi-Final

Last Tuesday the 10th of March, A group of young warriors rose on a clear, crisp spring day to face the school day ahead but, it's what happened after school that matters. It was the Junior Cup Semi Final. We got off to a bad start before the match even started. Karl Moloney got injured in the pre-match warm up and suffered ligament damage. This was a huge loss to Crescent. The young American Sean Burton got the nod. Thankfully, he did his country proud and filled in excellently. We wish Karl Moloney a speedy recovery as he is a vital member in Crecora's quest for Minor glory.

The match kicked off and within minutes Crescent were attacking Castletroy's line. After a brilliantly worked line out move, Finatn Coleman caught the ball in air and passed to Jack Hennessey who went crashing over but unfortunately knocked the ball on as he attempted to touch it down. The match remained tight and was scoreless at half time. Castletroy's openside flanker went over for a try. Aaron Cosgrove managed to disrupt the Castletroy goalkicker with an excellent chase down so that he didn't convert. The score was left 5-0 in favour of Castletroy. Just minutes later some excellent play from Tommy O'Hora sent Conor Philips over in the corner. Despite a great effort from John Hurley, the conversion sailed left. Crescent kept working hard and earned a penalty 40 metres out which John Hurley superbly slotted between the posts under immense pressure from the on-looking crowd. This left the score at 8-5. The Ultras had a great day out and inspired the boys to hold on in final few minutes. Before Mark Edwards hooked the ball over the sideline for the final whistle. The score finished at 8-5. The struggle for seats in the stand was over and the Crescent boys were victorious.

The crescent boys put in an enormous shift at work. We wish Nevil O' Sullivan and the boys the very best of luck in the finals as they face off Christian Brothers College in Thomand Park at 4:15 on Paddy's Day.



By Tomas Connolly and Daire Clery



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# Talent Show 2015

The annual talent show took place on Friday last in aid of Cliona's foundation. It was a very successful night with €900 being raised for this very worthy cause. Cliona's foundation is a charity that provides financial assistance to families with terminally ill children. It was a very entertaining night, with the standard exceptionally high. The show was opened by Cian O'Dea on drums to the hit track "Uptown Funk."

There was a variety of acts from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> year. The best soloist went to Oran Curran who performed a stunning rendition of "Don't You Remember." The best group was given to the very entertaining duo of Robert Bourke and Maurice Cusack. The overall winners on the night were Sinead O'Loughlin and Donal MacNamee, who performed "Chelsea Hotel #2"

The show was presented by the school captains Hugh Fitzgibbon and Crioadh Monaghan who kept the show rolling with their witty repertoire.

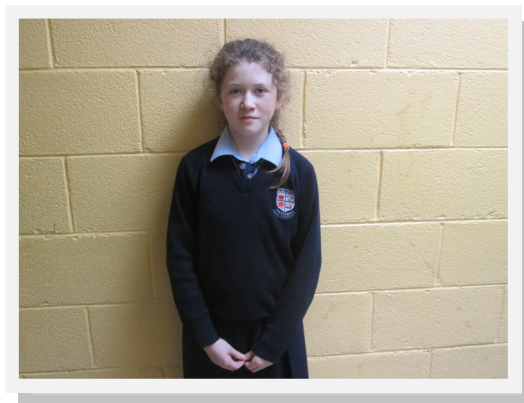
With much talent in the school, we can't wait for next years talent show and we hope it will encourage others to partake next year. Thanks to the producers of the talent show 2015, Leah Van Veen, Clodagh Kirby, Ellen Breen, Aoife Lane, Jenny Morrison, and Louise Ryan.



*Overall winners Sinead O'Loughlin and Donal MacNamee*



*'Best Group' winners Maurice Cusack and Robert Bourke*



*'Best Soloist' winner Oran Curran*

# Munster Senior Cup Final

Although Crescent aren't represented in this year's senior cup final it promises to be an exciting affair. Rockwell defeated Glenstal

22-3 in a one sided affair in Thomand Park, while Ard scoil Ris beat PBC in a tight match. It will be a tight match, with both teams expected to play 10 man rugby but Rockwell are expected to come out the better.



## First Year Soccer Semi Final

On the 10th of February 2015, we witnessed one of the most glorious games of footy in years. Unfortunately Crescent lost 5-3 on penalties after the game finished 1-1 after extra time, but the lads played a good brand of footy, with good banter. Scouts from Ipswich Town and Wigan athletic club came to the game and the word on the street is that Darragh Fenton, who many say his performances resemble Nikolas Bendtner, has been offered a contract of £37 a week plus a chicken roll. The game started off with the holding midfielder for Gort bossing the game pinging 30 yard passes with ease to their striker Akinfenwa, but they couldn't capitalise. It was 0-0 at half time due to a stellar performance from the Crescent defence lead by Sami Hypia. A neat backheeled freekick from 43.5 yards out by Gort's coverage CAM was enough to cement their lead, according to our sources he's in fact in 6th year. To be fair his superflies were immense. Then out of nowhere on the 91st minute Darragh Fenton picked the ball up on his own 6 yard box, beat 10 men with sublime pace and skill, ran the pitch and won a corner. From the resulting corner Fenton leaped like a salmon above his marker and the ball hit off his shin and into the top corner. Crescent dominated extra time but were unable to break Gort's defence down, who were camped inside their half. A majestic display was capped with a heart-breaking loss in the penalty shoot out, after the Gort keeper put off Crescents defence attempting to be Tim Krul. He got a yellow card but it was not enough to help Crescent win. Fair play to all the boys involved and to the manager, who requested to be unnamed. Especially thanks to Liam Harrington, our camera man, who forgot the camera.

By Edwin Wixted



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM



On Thursday, 12th February 2015, Peter McVerry S.J. came to Crescent Comprehensive to talk to the T.Y students and raise awareness about homelessness and drugs.

Peter McVerry trust was established in 1983 by Fr Peter McVerry to tackle homelessness, drug misuse and social disadvantage.

Fr McVerry grew up in Co. Down and was educated at the Abbey Christian Brothers' Grammar School in Newry and at the Jesuit school, Clongowes Wood College in Co. Kildare.

Peter worked in the Inner City in Dublin and there he came into contact with young people who were sleeping on the streets because of their home situation. He witnessed first-hand the problems of homelessness and poverty.

In 1979, he opened a small hostel to provide accommodation for homeless boys between the ages of 12-16.

Four years later, he founded The Arrupe Society, a charity to provide housing and support for young homeless people and response to the growing numbers experiencing homelessness in Dublin.

In 2005, a new Board of Directors and CEO were appointed to help develop their services in response to the growing needs of young homeless people. It was at this time that the name of the charity changed from The Arrupe Society to The Peter McVerry Trust.

Fr Peter McVerry has been working with Dublin's young homeless for more than 30 years.

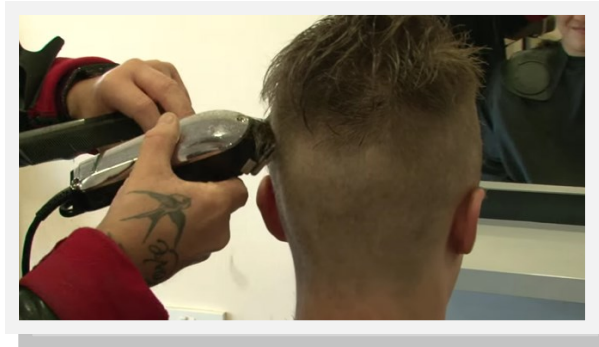






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# Shave or dye- David Condon



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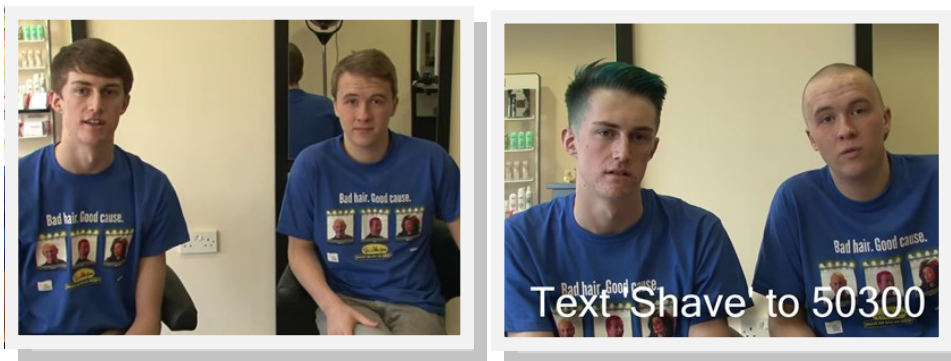
He thought it would be a nice gesture as he had family and friends who experienced cancer and he felt it was a very noble cause.

He has a close friend who had cancer and she found the experience of having to shaving her head very upsetting, which inspired him to take part in the Shave or Dye initiative.

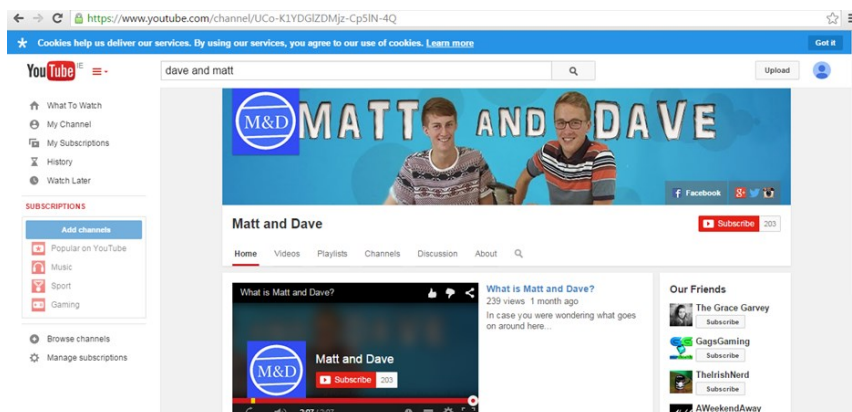
So on the 16<sup>th</sup> of the February with his friend Matthew (who dyed his hair blue) David Condon went to Conor Galvin Hair Salon who offered his service for free and had his head shaved.

He said he felt "a mixture between excitement and fear and a cold chill on the back of his head on looking in the mirror".

So far the money raised in close to €2000 for the Irish Cancer Society, To Donate 2euro text shave to 50300



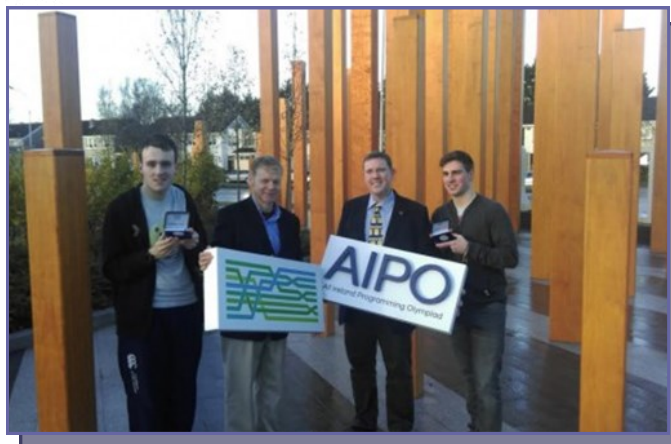
To see this video go to Matt and Dave youtube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo-KIYDGZDMjz-Cp5IN-4Q>





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## Cian McDonnell- All Ireland Programming Olympiad



*On the 1<sup>st</sup> of march I managed to interview Cian McDonnell on his win in the All Ireland Programming Olympiad held in DCU two weeks beforehand. He had this to say.*

Me: Cian, you won a programming competition in DCU recently, right?

Cian: that's right.

Me: What did that involve exactly?

Cian: Well, first there was a preliminary round that was done online, and basically you had to write a program that, when given an input, could give an appropriate output, like as an example, there was a problem that gave a tic tac toe/X's and O's board, with X's and O's being the input and the output being if the game had a winner or not.

Me: did you have to use a particular programming language or was it a free choice?

Cian: there were five or six different languages you could use, like python, C++, C, java.

Me: And what would you be using?

Cian: Either java or C.

Me: after preliminaries, you went to DCU. Was it the same sort of competition there?

Cian: it was, but the problems were a bit tougher. That X's and O's game I mentioned was actually one of the final round questions. In the preliminary rounds the seniors had the same problems as the juniors

Me: And you would be in the juniors is it?

Cian: only by a few months, I had a bit of an advantage. But then in the final rounds we had different questions as well.

Me: how many people were taking part do you know?

Cian: in the final round there were only 6 juniors.

Me: so tough competition was it?

Cian: yea. But there were 29 seniors.

Me: was the challenge time based, or based on efficiency of your program?

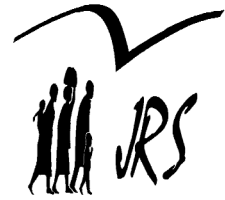
Cian: We had five hours, and each problem solved gave a full 100 points. The problems were computer corrected and there were about 20 test cases, each worth 5 points, so there was very little chance of a tie because getting the same questions right is really unlikely. I know two people came in joined 3<sup>rd</sup> but I'm not sure how they decided who got the medal but they both have the same prize anyway.

Me: well I really appreciate you letting me interview you, Cian and once again, congratulations!

By Connor O'Brien



# Easter Egg Appeal



Could you buy 2 Easter Eggs for Jesuit Refugee Service by March 20th

We are delighted that Crescent College Comprehensive S.J Christmas Appeal for the Jesuit Refugee Service was so successful

Many thanks to all who made this possible .

We delivered 72 childrens Pjs , 100 ladies Pjs and 100 toiletries and socks for men.

There are approximately 70 children in Knocklisheen Cerntre in Co Clare and together with the Jesuit Refugee Service in Dooradoyle, we want to make their Easter fun, by helping with Easter Eggs. The children are living with their parents while they wait for their family's claim for asylum to be decided. The direct provision system (the Irish government provides accommodation and full board to people seeking asylum) was set up in 1999 to house people seeking asylum in the short term.

However, the reality has been that families seeking asylum have been living in state provided accommodation centres for years, a significant number more than six years. They are attending Limerick Primary schools  
2 families have received their papers since Christmas, but more families have arrived.

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## Crescent's 'EGGciting' news

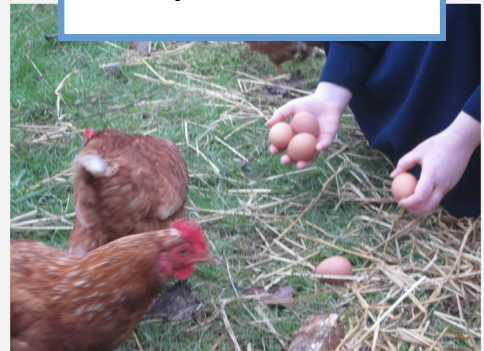
After the success that the transitions year students had with the turkeys, we decided to take our agricultural skills one step further with a cracking idea to invest in six 'Rhode Island red' hens.

Before the arrival of our feathered friends, the chicken hut needed to be redesigned to cater for the hens. Hopkins class were given the responsibility to make a chicken coop where the hens could stay at night to lay their eggs.

Next a rota was written where the responsibility of caring for the hens were given to the transition years. This involves letting them out in the morning, feeding them, giving them fresh water, collecting the eggs and tucking them in at night. We feed the chickens a mixture of rolled oats and special chicken feed. We receive six eggs each day from the hens. This is not a Monday to Friday job; it involves transition years going in on weekends and holidays.

So far things have all run smoothly in the hen house.

"Poultry in motion"



By Ellen Breen



# Film Review – Kingsman: The Secret Service



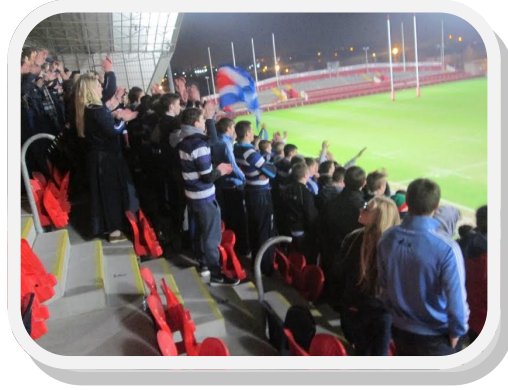
The two of us went into new comedy-action spy film *Kingsman: The Secret Service* expecting to be mildly entertained. We came out of it thinking it was the finest film of 2015. With a star-studded cast featuring Colin Firth (*The King's Speech*), Michael Caine (*The Dark Knight*) as members of a secret spy organization and Samuel L. Jackson (*Pulp Fiction*) as the charismatic villain Valentine. The lead role of troubled teenager Gary 'Eggsy' Unwin was played excellently by relatively newcomer Taron Egerton. The film never fails to entertain with its fast pace, and its innovative fight choreography shows off the fast pace exceptionally (some of the best fight scenes we've ever seen). Your reactions will vary from sheer awe to being close to tears with laughter very regularly.

The soundtrack really set the tone for the film, making it feel really like an old-fashioned, gadget-packed spy film. This film really takes into account how modern films of the same genre, like the Daniel Craig Bond films, are much too serious and don't allow themselves to have any fun with it. This is the complete and utter flipside and every second is enjoyable, and utterly silly and over the top. You can clearly see that every actor is having fun in their role. It's especially fun to see Samuel L. Jackson breaking out of his typical typecasting, although he does retain his enigmatic personality that he brings to his characters.

Overall, we give it 9.5/10 for being one of the surprises of the year and an incredibly fun movie to watch, maybe not for all the family to enjoy though. But a fantastic film regardless.



# Recent Events at Crescent College



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