



# Crescent Express

School Show

## *The Wizard Of Oz*

After weeks of preparation the Transition year group of 2017/2018 took to the stage for the production of *The Wizard Of Oz*. Over 100 students took part in the show whether it was on stage or behind the scenes. There was a lot of time and effort put in by all involved with rehearsals during school, after school, evenings, weekends and even during midterm. After all the hard work the TV students took to the stage on the 16th, 17th, and 19th of November 2017. All the students put in 110% each night and had great fun. Each night was a full house and everyone left the school amazed at the standard that was reached throughout the nights especially some outstanding performances from students who have experience of performing on stage and those who had not.

We would like to thank Lisa Bennett Quaid and Emma Chawke for all their hard work, commitment and dedication.

We would also like to thank Joe Fitzgerald and Ben Hynes and their crew for the wonderful stage.

We would also like to thank the producers even though they were behind the scenes it would not have been possible without them, they organised costumes, sold tickets, collected sponsorships and spot prizes, sold DVDs made programmes and did the shop on all nights.



By Ashleigh, Éadaoin and Elle



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## School Show Continued



### *Main cast:*

*Lacise Carr- Dorothy*

*Eoghan Cantillon Mann- Scarecrow*

*Niamh O'Conner- Tinman*

*Joshua Skehan Fitzgerald- Lion*

*Jenna O'Brien- Glinda*

*Cacimhe Daly- Wicked Witch*

*Grace Feighan- Aunt Em*

*Odhran O'Dwyer- Uncle Henry*



*Thanks to everyone who came along and supported us*





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## Open Night

The Principal and Vice Principal spoke first and then we got a few words from the school captains about what Crescent meant to them.

Diarmuid Mullins Vice Principal spoke about the balance between sports and classwork at Crescent. Learning how to manage both playing sports and still managing to get great results and points in their exams.

He also spoke about the ethos at Crescent and each student using their talents, enjoyment, life skills and its not all about winning.

Our school captain Kevin LeGear mentioned what Crescent meant to him. He also spoke about teamwork at Crescent, retreats, TY trips like Achill and Dingle and students reaching their full potential. He also said "This school is like no other."

Aine O'Brien (Vice captain) talked about all the memories, friends and sports that's will stay with her for life.

**"Since coming to Crescent I have grown so much, not in height but in lots of other ways."**

In conclusion we want to thank all the staff, prefects and students who took part in the open night we are very excited to meet all the new first years next year and hope they are as excited as us.





## Class of 2017

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Congratulations are in order to:

Shona Cassidy and Darragh O' Flanagan who were awarded the Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship from Mary Immaculate College

Conor O'Farrelly and Jenner Ellen Holmes who were awarded the Entrance Exhibition Award 2017 from Trinity College Dublin

Jason Griffin who was awarded the UCC Quercus Entrance Scholarship from University College Cork.

Christopher Leahy, Karl Moloney and Darragh O'Dowd who were awarded the UCD Entrance Scholars Award from UCD Dublin

Sam Sorensen was awarded a scholarship to study a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Informatics International sales and consulting under the Duale system in Mannheim, Germany, while working with SAP, the global systems company.



Congratulations also to Alice Parks and Nell Hartney past students of Crescent College who were recent Limerick recipients at the Johnston and Johnston WiSTEM2D awards in U.L.

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## Mini Marathon TYs

On the 22 of October most of the girls from 4th year ran the ladies mini marathon in Limerick, to raise money for St. Gabriel's school .

St.Gabriels School and centre is a not-for-profit organisation and registered charity. It is located in Dooradoyle Limerick and they provide a range of clinical therapies for up to 500 children and teens with disabilities. St. Gabriel's school is nearby to St. Gabriel's Therapy centre and provides primary and post primary education to 69 pupils with very special needs.

All of the 4th year girls from Crescent College Comprehensive S.J. visited St Gabriel's school, they saw the hydrotherapy pool and had a talk from the principal and the Speech and Language therapist.

After the girls saw the school they decided to raise money and compete in the mini marathon .

Before the run the girls signed in each getting a number and a t-shirt and a goody bag. After everyone was signed in they all went to the yard and Zumba. They set off from UL and the finish was back at UL. There was a 5k run and a 10k run.

After the run was finished the girls relaxed and got their medals and a snack with water.

The week after the run Grainne Delaney collected the money from the girls that participated.

Thank you for all participating and thank you to Grainne Delaney

**Amount raised 1,511 euros**





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### RSA Life Safer Project

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November a road safety demonstration was held in the South Court Hotel. The demonstration consisted of a car crash and the planning and the calmness that is needed to get the person out of the car. I also shows us how people react when they are the cause of the crash from drinking or on the phone, they usually say “ I never thought it would happen to me “

They also showed us television adds of possible car crashes acted out showing us how it affects the family and warning us not to drink, go on our phones or anything that might cause a crash.

They had a victim of a car crash that spoke to us. He was paralyzed from the neck down and had terrible trouble speaking. He tried to ask all of us to wear a seatbelts and to be careful,” it may not be you that causes the crash but you could become a victim”.

We also had a talk about it in the school library 2 weeks later showing us the figures of how many men, women , children and passengers were killed and many of them were males drivers that crashed. We were also shown a lot of videos of car crashes warning us to wear our seat-belts.





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## Crescent College Hurling

Well done to our 1st year hurlers who had big wins against Castletroy College and Ard Scoil Ris B before Christmas. We have some fine hurlers in our 1st year group who I am sure will go on to represent Limerick in the future. The 1st years have shown great commitment by attending training every Tuesday after school.



### Medal Presentation for U15 hurlers

Limericks vice caption Gearoid Hegarty was at hand to present our U15 hurlers with their medals which were hard won earlier on in the year.

Gearoid told the players to aim high and be in charge of raising the standard of hurling in the school. He commended the number of students who represented Limerick at the Tony Forristal tournament during the summer.





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### Transition Year Ice Skating Trip

Hopkins and Ogilvie class enjoyed an exciting morning of ice skating on Tuesday 11th December. There were lots of falls but also a lots of fun and laughter. Ethan "twinkle toes" O Sullivan amazed us with his ice skating skills, attempting numerous triple axels throughout the morning. Ireland doesn't have a strong tradition in the winter Olympics but I suspect we will see some of the students of Hopkins and Ogilvie taking to the ice ring in the coming years. The morning was finished off with a competitive game of bull dog, with Meadhbh Mac Namara claiming victory. Everyone arrived back to school safe with no injuries to report.





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# Health Promoting Schools



We are delighted to inform you that our school has been awarded the Health Promoting Schools Flag. Thank you to everybody who has helped us in this initiative; Board of Management , Parents Council, Students Council, Students and Staff.

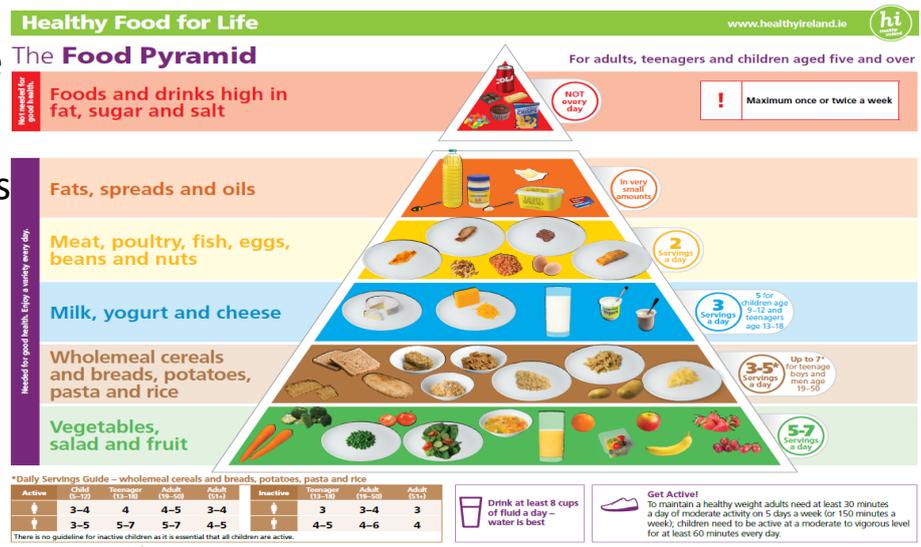
We will have information on the Health Promoting Schools Committee in every Newsletter. Monday the 4th December the committee planted flowers on the school grounds as part of the healthy schools project.

This is a message from our new chef Jodie:

From January , there will be a brand new menu in the canteen we aim to offer quality , healthy meal options to cater for all delivery requirements should you have a special dietary requirement, please ask Jodie in the canteen who will happily cater to your needs.

Thanks from Jodie and the Health Promoting Schools Committee.

You will soon start to see these new food pyramids in every class !!!





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## ISTA Senior Science Quiz



**ISTA Senior Science Quiz National Final** Following their recent victory at the Regional Final in LIT, our Senior Science Quiz team (Elizabeth Mulvihill, Cian McDonnell, Jack Roche) travelled to Trinity College, Dublin last Saturday to represent the Mid-West at the National Finals. Fifty teams competed from throughout the country at this, the twenty fifth year of the event. There were eight rounds of six questions with topics from not only the Leaving Cert Biology, Chemistry and Physics syllabi but also from beyond the course e.g. black holes, deep vein thrombosis, computer language, galaxies, crystallography.

After the eight rounds, Colaiste Christ Ri and our team were joint leaders with a score of 40 each, two points ahead of the next placed school. A sudden-death tie-break ensued with the deadlock being broken only after the sixth question. Unfortunately it was the Cork school who pipped our team and who were pronounced National Winners with ours taking second place. Congratulations are extended to Jack, Cian and Elizabeth for reaching such high standards in this competition and for representing the school so well. They also, as juniors, won the Junior Science Quiz at LIT in 2015





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## Bobola C.S.P.E. Visit to L.A.W

3rd Year CSPE Class visited Limerick Animal Welfare Sanctuary in Kilfinan in Co. Limerick on the 11th of October as part of their Action Project. When we arrived at the sanctuary we were met by Chris Samways the education officer, who works at the centre as a volunteer every week.



Chris gave us a talk and a power point display about the history of the sanctuary and the work that takes place there. She showed us some pictures of animals that had been abused and neglected by their owners. Pictures of horrific injuries to horses and dogs who had been rescued by the volunteers and after medical care, some love and attention had been successfully rehomed to grateful owners.

We learned that L.A.W. depends on the goodness of people for funding, through their shops, flag days and donations and receive a small grant from the Dept of Agriculture each year but while this is welcomed it comes nowhere near the cost of running the facility, the fees for the vets alone costing over 40,000 a month.

After the talk Sam answered all our questions then we got a walking tour of the grounds where we got to see all the rescued animals, horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, sheep, donkeys, goats, she told us they even had a seal at one stage which is now gone back to sea.

**The Sanctuary functions 24/7 365 day a year even on Christmas Day**

**So if you feel like taking a trip out to see them and maybe even walk a dog during your Christmas break they would love to see you**

**Bobola class are looking for your un-wanted Christmas gifts in the New Year as they hope to support the Limerick Animal Welfare shops with a collection box in the school after Christmas for unwanted toys, books, etc.**





## Briant CSPE Action Project

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As part of our Action Project for CSPE, our class Briant held a bake sale in the school. The bake sale was to help raise money for St Vincent de Paul to aid those who might be struggling over Christmas. With the help of our teachers and transition year students from the Young St Vincent de Paul, we set up our table in the shop corridor. When break time came, students gathered around and enjoyed delicious homemade cakes. We were delighted to have raised 306.26 euro and we hope it will help those in need over Christmas. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and to those of you who bought cakes on the day.



### Interview with Alisha Roche, a member of the fundraising committee

**What did you enjoy about the fundraiser?** I enjoyed baking with my class and fundraising money for such a good cause.

**What was the hardest part about doing the fundraiser?** I think the hardest part about the fundraiser was organising the cakes and buns and managing prices.





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## Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Market 2017

On Thursday 7th December, Crescent TY students Eoin Geary, Jeffrey Roche-Gardiner, Eoin Cantillon-Mann, Barry Scanlon and Róisín Hawkins set up stall at Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Market.

This year we chose to sell Costume Jewellery and thanks to generous donations from Parents we had enough glitter and glitz to fill two tables. The students also prepared Rice Krispie buns, popcorn and drinks for sale all of which sold out and, in the Christmas Spirit, packets of Reindeer Food for the younger children to take home for Christmas Eve.



A group of First Year students sang two carols at the market and then enjoyed some time visiting the stalls and talking with past teachers who were delighted to see them looking and sounding so grown-up.

I received many compliments on our students' behaviour and friendly manner on the day – not surprisingly. Congratulations to singers and stall managers on a great job. We raised €200 which goes towards helping our own students in need and had great fun in the process.

**Happy Christmas and a big thank-you from the Student Support office!**





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# U19 Soccer Match

On a sunny Thursday afternoon, Crescent College U19 soccer team faced off against Newport College in the group stages of the North Munster Cup.

Crescent got off to an excellent start with an early goal from Captain Stephen Coughlan. Soon after, Crescent demonstrated some great skill in the midfield area leading to their second goal of the match, scored by Stephen Clein.

Newport began to fight back getting their first goal of the match in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute.

Towards the end of the first half Stephen Clein scored his second goal giving Crescent a 3-1 lead going in the second half.

The second half didn't go Crescents way with Newport scoring the only goal of the half. But a few great saves by Tim Lyons helped Crescent to stay on top, winning the match 3-2.





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## Holly Day ISPCCC Collections



Transition Year students collected for ISPCCC “Holly Day “Collection in Limerick on several dates over December.

This is a very worthy cause and it is good to see our students taking part in such a worthwhile fundraising initiative .

Well done to all who took part despite the cold weather!!!!

Students from all 4th year classes took part Meyer, Hopkins, De Chardin, Arrupe, Ogilvie, and Field

**Well done to all who took part!!!!**





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## Krakow Tour

On the 15th of October, the sixth year history students and their teachers Mr Noonan, Mr Cullinan and Ms Shanahan set off on a three-day trip to Krakow. On arrival, they went on a walking tour of the city where they visited the wartime ghetto of Podgorzem, the Old Town Square, the University District and much more.

Day 2 began with a visit to the Schindler Factory Museum and that afternoon they travelled to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Here they got a real insight into what life was like for those who were sent to the camp. One student explained, “this was a surreal experience, one that will never be forgotten by any of us.”

On the final day, they visited Park Wodny, one of the biggest indoor water parks in Europe. After that, they went to the Wieliczka Salt Mine where they discovered the salt-carved monuments and explored the chambers of this 800 year old salt mine. The trip helped students understand the horrific events of WW2 but it was also extremely enjoyable.





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## Basketball

### Southwest regional A champions



Congratulations to Sophie Moore and Tara Nealon who have been selected for Basketball Irelands U15 southern academy

Congratulations to Ronan Cregan and Nathan Moore who have made the Irish U18 men's basketball squad

Congratulations to Eve Nealon, Aoife Morrissey, Lauren Walsh and Laura Stapleton who represented the school at the Inter regionals over the weekend and received silver medals.

Our U16 A girls team are through to the All Ireland A semi final haven beaten Castleblaney .

Hard luck to our U19 boys and girls who were beaten in there 1/4 finals.

Congratulations to Aoife Morrissey, Lauren Walsh, Laura Stapleton and Eve Nealon who represented the Southwest Inter Regional Basketball team on the 18th of November.

The girls came second over all in the competition and received silver medals.

It was a great honour for Crescent College to have four students picked on this team and that our student Laura Stapleton was captain.

Well done girls.





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## Hockey CCC Game Vs Bandon

On Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December the Senior and Junior hockey teams both travelled down to Bandon in Cork to play Bandon Grammar School in their first league games of this season. The Senior game tipped off at 11 o'clock. Although the score was 0-0 at half time this did not reflect how well Crescent were playing also considering the awful weather conditions. Shortly into the second half Emer O' Keeffe shot for goal and scored. Not long after this Meadhbh MacNamara deflected another goal into the back of the net. Bandon didn't give up there, they came back strong and won a short corner soon after. Bandon scored off this with a straight shot leaving a tight score of 2-1 with still time to go. Crescent came back and won another short corner which was deflected by Georgia Keane and was disallowed because it didn't hit the back board! Crescent still didn't give up there and came back with a super goal from Anna Horan leaving the final score at 3-1.



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# Crescent College Senior Rugby Tour 2017

On the 23rd of November we left Crescent at 5pm and headed for Dublin port. We got on a ferry to Holyhead, Wales. The journey took 3 hours and we arrived at Holyhead at midnight. We then went on to Mount Saint Marys school in Sheffield, England.

We arrived at Mount Saint Marys at 4 in the morning and we were greeted by former Crescent principal, Mr Cuddihy .He gave us a brief tour of the school and brought us into a church that was erected in memorial of the soldiers that died in World War 2.

We had breakfast in the canteen before heading out for a light training session out on one of five rugby pitches. After training we had lunch and the senior A team played against Mount Saint Helens first team. Crescent took a strong lead in the last twenty minutes to beat Mount Saint Marys 29-26.

After the match former Crescent senior cup winner Gearoid Lyons congratulated us on a great match along with Chris Cullinan and Mr Cuddihy.

The next day the seconds played and there was little to no competition as we beat Mount Saint Marys 68-0. The real tension was in the crowd while Tommy 'Buzz cut' O'Hora showed off his stylish new chop.

Later that day we went to Manchester to see Sail Sharks beat North Hampton with a great show of defence in the last 10 minutes.

The next day we left for Ireland on an eleven hour journey. The tour was a great experience and we hope to go on another next year!

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Twenty-five years ago the first text ever was sent to a mobile phone. Software engineer Neil Papworth was working for Vodafone when he wrote 'Merry Christmas' to company director Richard Jarvis. Today it is hard to imagine a life without your phone. The average person checks their phones over 110 times a day. I feel today without my phone I'd feel lost. We use them to communicate, to share and for entertainment. It is important to have a phone to communicate if you are ever in trouble or in an emergency. Just think if you were out at night and had no phone and no lift home, you wouldn't be able to call a taxi, your parents and would be left to find your own way home. But some people these days are too glued to their phones to notice what's going on around them due to things such as social media. Social media is a big part in young people's lives today. In our school we set up a challenge for students to give up their phones for 24 hours in order to raise money for Enable Ireland. The students would seal their phones in an envelope, take them home and would open them again the next day in school.





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## Enable Ireland 24 hour Phone Challenge

Enable Ireland provides services to children and adults with disabilities and their families from 40 locations in 14 counties. Covering childhood to adulthood our expert teams work with the individual and their family on a plan for each life stage.

On the 24th of October we collected phones from 1st and 2nd years in the school at 12 noon. We then sealed them in an envelope with each individual's name and class on it and placed them in the school safe until the next day. The next day we gave the eager students their phones back and they gave us their sponsorship money we managed to raise €730, Thank you to all the 1st and 2nd years and to everyone that donated

The next day we went around asking questions to a few students that participated in the No Phone Survival Challenge;

1. Would you do it again? All said yes as it is for a good cause.
2. How long do you usually spend on your phone per day? Half an hour, the other two said all day
3. Was there any temptations? All said yes, looking up stuff for homework and organising lifts were hard.
4. How did you occupy yourself? Went to bed, TV and completed fundraising.
5. Do you think you rely on your phone too much? Yes-cant communicate without it, "if it goes out of battery, I go out of battery."

Thank you to Jamie Duggan, Shane Doyle and Abby Nagle





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## A Faith that does Justice Young St Vincent de Paul

A faith that does justice is very much part of the values of our school. All the students are encouraged to seek justice for the poor and the marginalised.

This year a **Young St Vincent de Paul society** was set up in the school. Young St Vincent de Paul provides students with an opportunity to engage in social action within their local community .

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and students who fundraised for St Vincent de Paul, through the bake sale, the bag packing and the collection in the crescent shopping centre and for the upcoming sleep out.

I would also like to thank Ivana Kolic of Young St Vincent de Paul, for coming to the school and talking to us about the work she does with St Vincent de Paul.

Next term we hope to hold more projects that will help to improve the lives of others; so that we can truly be men and women for the other people

Thank you

Students Ava McCoy, Cliona Roche and Kate O'Farrelly bag packing for Young St Vincent de Paul.



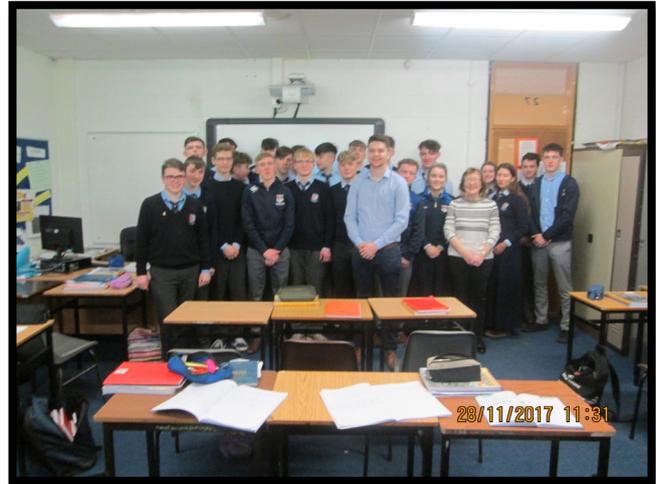


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## Chris Kelly Returns to CCC



**Chris Kelly – Best Young Entrepreneur**



The co-founder and CEO of Pinpoint Innovations, and former student, Chris Kelly was invited back to Crescent on Tuesday 28th November to give a presentation about his entrepreneurial success to Nuala McGann's fifth year business class. Having left Crescent not long ago Chris Kelly got his start in business through a former boss inviting him to join a project outside their normal work. The project failed not long after, but Mr Kelly was unfazed and his spark for entrepreneurialism was lit. He started two more unsuccessful businesses with friends he met through events like the "Hackathon", where coder from across Ireland come together to do 24 to 48 hours straight of coding. Figuring third time lucky Chris Kelly and fellow business partners, Eoin O'Brien and Fionn Barron, created the company Pinpoint Innovations. The product that they produced is called xsonor™, which is going under trials currently in the University Hospital Limerick.

Xsonor™, to quote from their website is "a patient tracking system that creates a holistic patient journey, driving hospital efficiencies that results in an exceptional perioperative experience." In layman's terms, it tracks patients and equipment as it travels through the hospital, quickly and easily in order to save time. Chris Kelly has been working on this project since August of 2016, but has no intention of stopping with UHL. During the question and answers segment of his presentation to the 5th year business students he explained his plans to continue growing the business, and to start more after Pinpoint stabilises.

Before the class Ms McGann asked how many would consider opening a business. About 3 hands of 24 were raised, but after Mr Kelly's speech the number surged to about 15. Clearly an inspirational speaker, we owe a huge thank you to Chris Kelly for coming back to the Crescent to speak to us, and to his brother Gary for giving him the invitation. Good luck on getting that yacht Chris!

By Sam Kingston Ryan.



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*Wishing everybody staff, students, and parents a very Happy Christmas from everyone at Crescent College Comprehensive S.J.*

*We hope you will enjoy the festivities and welcome in the new year*

*Thanks to everyone who contributed to the making of this edition*

