



SACA NEWS LETTER

December and January Edition

SACA 6 Nations Rugby Lunch - Friday 24th of February

Following last year's very successful rugby lunch, SACA will be hosting a lunch to honour the contributions of David Boyd and Walter Hosford to the College's rugby programme. The event is also a fundraiser to help support the current rugby programme. We have a great panel and it promises to be a great day. Following the lunch Ireland U-20's will play France, so you can stick around and watch the game from the new Wesley Pavilion and hopefully Andrew's former pupil Jordan Larmour will be involved! Tickets from Sally Walker in the College (01-2882785 or swalker@st-andrews.ie) or on Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/st-andrews-college-dublin-alumni-rugby-lunch-2017-tickets-31149376624?aff=eac2>





SACA RUGBY LUNCH 2017
HONOURING DAVID BOYD AND WALTER HOSFORD

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY AT OLD WESLEY AFC, DONNYBROOK
RECEPTION AT 2pm, LUNCH AT 2.45pm sharp

IN THE COMPANY OF

**Tony Ward, Lions and Irish Rugby International & Irish Independent
Rugby Correspondent**

Peter O'Reilly, Irish Cricket International & Sunday Times Rugby Correspondent

Alan Lewis, International Rugby Referee & Irish Cricket International

Willie Norse, President, Old Belvedere RFC

David McHugh, Sports Marketing Director & former Olympic Squad Member

**Stay and enjoy Ireland v France U20s Six Nations
match in Donnybrook that evening**

**Tickets €70 from eventbrite.com or from Sally Walker at 01288 2785
all proceeds will support the rugby program at the college**

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SACA Olympic Night and SACA Uganda Table Quiz 2016

Two great events organised and supported by SACA took place over the last two months.

A great night and a packed house in Gleeson's for the annual SACA Table Quiz in January to raise funds for SAC TY Uganda programmes and CHEEERS run by past pupils Stu Garrett, Roisin Plunkett and Suzanne Byrne who are also active supporting healthcare in Uganda. We raised around €1500 and had a great night!



In November we had one of the great nights in SACA history as the Alumni honoured our 9 living Olympians in a remarkable night at the College. The event was hosted by former pupil David McHugh in a chat show format and featured Rio Olympians Chris Juul Jensen (Rio 2016 Cycling), David Fitzgerald and Alan Sothern (Rio 2016 Hockey), Mark Kyle (Rio 2016, London 2012, Athens 2004 Equestrian), David Connolly (Turin 2006 Winter Olympics - Skeleton), Tom Fitzpatrick (Athens 2004 Sailing), Marshall King (Atlanta 1996 Sailing), Derek McClean (Tokyo 1964 - Athletics) and Chantal Gibney (Sydney 2000 Swimming) on a video link from the US. The Olympians spoke about their school days and the impact they had on them, what it took to be an Olympian, what it took to be the best you could be in life and offered some fascinating insight into their own sports!



SACA Reunions: Classes of 1996, 2006 and 2011

Reunions are what SACA does best and what we're all about. Here are some heartwarming photos of the Class of 2006 and Class of 2011 back in school.



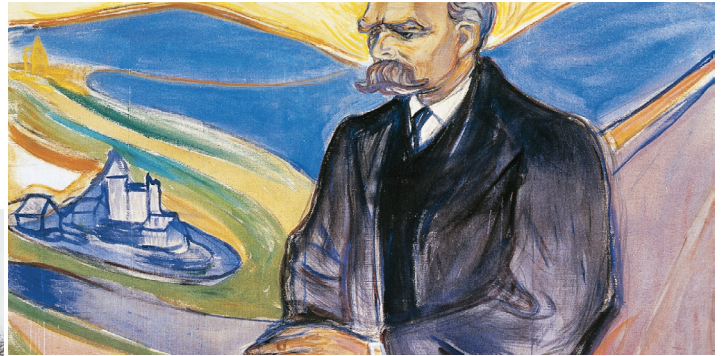
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Andrew's MUN Team in the Hague

The Andrew's MUN team have been in the Hague last week. We have a significant representation there with a 38 strong crew where we represented China, Haiti and UNECA.



Hugo Halferty published by Princeton Press



Congratulations to Hugo Halferty from the Class of 1999 whose first book has been published by Princeton Press. Hugo writes under the pseudonym Hugo Drochon (his mother's maiden name). He was deputy head boy in 1999 and now lives and works in Cambridge.

<http://www.newstatesman.com/.../friedrich-ni->

Rosie Woolfson Awarded Gold Medal



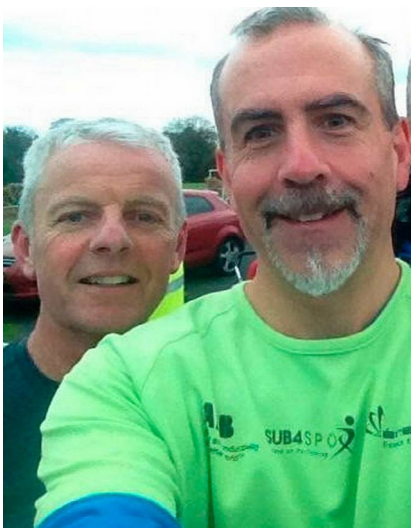
Congrats to Rosie Woolfson from the Class of 2012 has been presented with a Gold Medal in English Literature and History from the Board of Trinity College as a result of her first class degree in History and English Literature.

Ciara Blake in The Nutcracker



Congrats to Andrew's girl Ciara Blake who gave a stunning performance as the Sugar Plum Fairy in the Irish National Youth Ballet's production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker at The Pavilion Theatre in Dun Laoghaire before Christmas.

Peter Knaggs saves friend's life



Runner Peter Knaggs from the Class of 1984 made the national press after performing some life saving heroics!
<http://m.independent.ie/.../only-for-him-i-wouldnt-be-around-...>

'A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man'



To mark the centenary of the publication of James Joyce's debut novel 'A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man', past pupil and

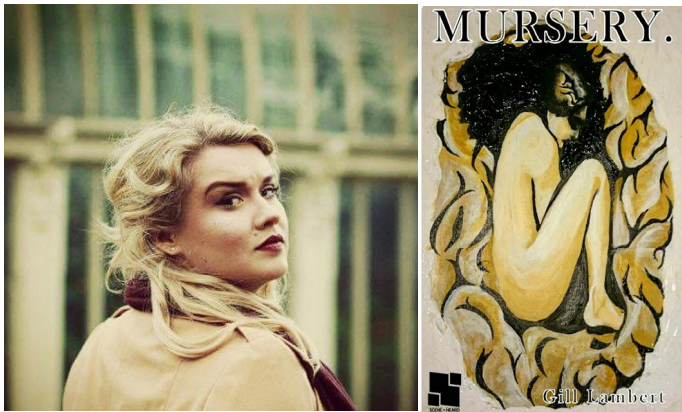
actor Sam McGovern (Class of 2009), together with his actor father Barry McGovern, recorded a new audio version of the novel which tells the story of Stephen Dedalus from his early childhood until the age of twenty-two.

<http://www.joyceportrait100.com/downloads/>

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Gillian Lambert's 'Nursery'

Gillian Lambert's (Class of 2011) first original play 'Nursery' has been selected for Smock Alley's 'Scene and Heard' Festival for new Irish play-writing. This is Gillian's writing and directing debut and she looks forward to seeing as many of you fellow past pupils as possible on Saturday 18 or Sunday 19 February at 6.30pm. Tickets available on Smock Alley's website https://smockalley.ticketsolve.com/?_ga=1.128736389.841167739.1486319618#/shows/873569392



Aoife McLysaght (Class of 1994)

Trinity College geneticists have made a major breakthrough in the treatment of autism and epilepsy. The team's work could open up new treatment options for difficult to treat conditions - they were led by former pupil Professor Aoife McLysaght (Class of 1994). Amazing work from Aoife and the team! <http://www.irishtimes.com/news/science/tcd-geneticists-in-break-through-on-autism-and-epilepsy-1.2967817>

Bethel Solomons (1885 - 1965)

Bethel Solomons (1885 - 1965), a past pupil of St. Andrew's College, was Ireland's first Jewish rugby international. He won ten caps for Ireland, was a gynaecologist, obstetrician and distinguished Master of the Rotunda. He was also master of the Kildare Hunt, a discerning art collector and close friend of Arthur Griffiths. Solomons's optician father was referred to in Joyce's 'Ulysses': "Striding past Finn's Hotel, Cashel Boyle O'Connor



Louise O'Callaghan awarded TCD Medal

Louise O'Callaghan (also from the Class of 2012) was awarded TCD Gold Medal in Law as well as the Henry Hamilton Hunter Memorial Prize for having obtained first place in her law degree exams.

Fitmaurice Tisdall Farrell stared through a fierce eyeglass across the carriages at the head of Mr M. E. Solomons in the window of the Austro-Hungarian viceconsulate." And Solomons himself was mentioned in 'Finnegan's Wake': "...in my bethel of Solyman's, I accouched their rotundaties."

In 'The Oval World: A Global History of Rugby' by Tony Collins, an account is given of Solomons taking a taxi to ensure he would be in time to run



on to the pitch for a rugby international: 'Fearing he would be late for Ireland's 1909 home match against England, he hailed a cab in the centre of Dublin. He told the cabbie he wanted to go to Lansdowne Road. "It's for the Ireland rugby international" explained Solomons. "Ireland?" snorted the driver dismissively "it's nothing but fourteen Prods and a Jew."

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Ireland Cricket

Ireland Women's cricket named their Senior World Cup Qualifying Squad for their crucial ICC World Cup Qualifying tournament in Sri Lanka this month (7th-21st) and it includes four Andrew's girls Lucy O'Reilly, Shauna Kavanagh, Gaby and Robin Lewis. Before she left, Lucy gave the following interview to Cricket Ireland.

<http://www.cricketireland.ie/news/article/qualifier-chat-with-lucy-oreilly>

Gaby Lewis has also been signed by Australian professional club the Hobart Hurricanes. The Hurricanes men's team includes former Australian skipper George Bailey, Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara and England's Stuart Broad.

<http://www.hobarthurricanes.com.au/news/icc-rookie/2016-11-17>



Ireland Women's Squad

World Cup Qualifiers Sri Lanka



Congratulations to Fifth Year student Josh Little who was named Academy Player of the Year at the Cricket Ireland Annual Awards 2016. Since then, Josh and Andrew Balbirnie were both selected for the Senior Ireland cricket squad to play the international T20 series last month. Ireland got all the way to the final where they were unfortunately defeated by a good Afghanistan side.



Simon Moore's Leglites



SAC Teacher Simon Moore has invented LEG-LITE, a flexible reflective hi-viz sleeve worn on the leg that offers unparalleled visibility and comfort for the active cyclist, runner and walker who wants to stay safe. Leglites are ideal for someone who cycles, walks and runs these dark nights. Simon needs help commercialising this so if you want to get involved please consider supporting him on his funding page or email: simon@leglite.com

https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/leglite/leg-lite?ref=category_location

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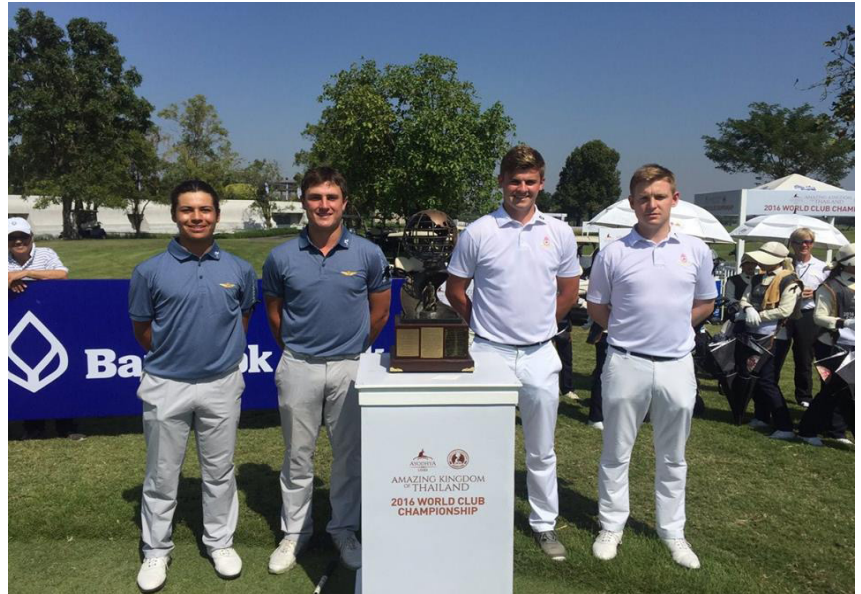
Ireland Schools Soccer

Congratulations to UCD AFC's and current St. Andrew's student Neil Farrugia who lined up for Republic of Ireland Schools vs Australia this Saturday. Neil is in 6th year in the College.



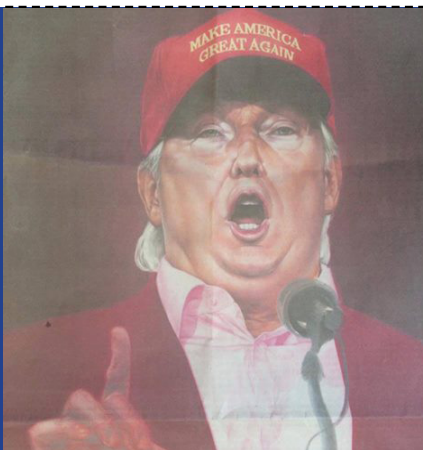
Golf

Congratulations to Geoff Lenehan (Class of 2006) who, along with his partner Jack Pierse, secured Portmarnock Golf Club's first ever World Club Championship title in a closely fought final against Royal Melbourne Golf Club.



Wakeboarding

Congrats to European Champion David O'Caoimh who has just been named European Wakeboarder of the year! David was also featured on the front page of the Irish Independent for showing off his festive spirit over the Christmas period.



Shane Berkery Exhibition at the Chimera Gallery

Shane Berkery (Class of 2011) will be having a solo exhibition at the Chimera Gallery in May. Shane is a previous winner of both the Hennessy-Craig award and the Whyte's award at the 186th RHA Annual Exhibition. Here is his portrait of Donald Trump. For more information visit www.shaneberkery.com

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Ireland Hockey

A special congratulations to Ben who is in 5th year in the College and was called up to the Senior Squad for the first time and was awarded his first cap in their 3-1 win against France in Spain. He had a great debut laying on the second goal. He's pictured below being awarded his first cap with his fellow Ireland and Andrew's players Jamie Carr and Lee Cole!



The Irish women's hockey team including Andrew's girls Chloe Watkins and Gillian Pinder cruised to the World League 2 title with a 3-0 victory over Malaysia. Congratulations to Chloe and a special congratulation to Gill who also was awarded her 100th in their win over Hong Kong. She marked the occasion with a goal.



Schools Hockey

The St Andrew's boy's SCT hockey team won the Leinster League Final beating High School in a nailbiting final 11-10 on strokes after a 3 all finish. A fantastic performance and a fantastic game. Congratulations to the players and coaches.



Schools Rugby

The St. Andrew's Senior Cup team got drawn against defending champions Belvedere College in the first round of the Leinster Senior Cup. After a brave performance the boys unfortunately lost that game 48 - 7.

The Junior Cup team also lost their first round fixture against Wesley College 22 - 7 in a tightly fought game. Congrats to Andrew's former pupil and Munster backs coach Felix Jones on Munster's qualification



All Ireland Football

Congratulations to Emma McDonagh (Class of 2013) who played for Foxrock-Cabinteely in the All Ireland Club Football Final. The back to back Leinster champions didn't have quite enough in the tank to beat Donaghmoyne but getting to an All Ireland is a huge achievement!



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Ireland and Leinster Rugby

Both Jordan Larmour (Last Years SCT Captain) and Andrew Porter (Class of 2014) continue to make big strides in their rugby careers. Andrew has been a consistent name on the team sheets for the Leinster 'A' team while also making the full Leinster squad on a number of occasions.

Jordan has also featured and scored a number of important tries for the Leinster 'A' team over the course of the season so far. Jordan was also named for the Ireland U-20s for their game against a Munster XV as they prepared for the 2017 Six Nations Championship. Jordan played a starring role in that game with 14 carries and a try to his name.

Jordan was then named in the Ireland U-20s squad for the 2017 Six Nations Championship and featured heavily in their opening win against Scotland.

Both Andrew and Jordan have done interviews to speak about their career progress:

Andrew Porter - <http://www.independent.ie/sport/rugby/leinster-rugby/the-big-interview-porter-walking-in-the-footsteps-of-his-heroes-35224073.html>

Jordan Larmour - <http://www.the42.ie/jordan-larmour-ireland-u20s-interview-3227635-Feb2017/>

Munster Rugby

Congratulations to Andrew's former pupil and Munster backs coach Felix Jones on Munster's qualification for a home quarter final in the European Champions Cup! Munster will take on Toulouse in Thomond Park.



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Ireland and Connacht Rugby

There was some disappointing news from Connacht Rugby this month as Ben Marshall, formerly of St. Andrew's College, Leinster, Ireland U-20's and Emerging Ireland has been forced to retire due to a concussion injury. Ben was a very very talented player and always supported the college after he left.

In a truly excellent piece in "the 42" written by former pupil Ryan Bailey, Ben reflects on his rugby career and gives a detailed insight into everything that happened. Best of luck in the future Ben.

<http://www.the42.ie/ben-marshall-connacht-retirement-interview-3222402-Feb2017/>



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Devastated to have to hang up the boots early. Thank everyone for the recent messages and for the support over the years.

#GreatMemories

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Dates for the Diary

St. Stephen's Green and Clyde Road Lunch

Date: April 7th 2017

Venue: Royal St. George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire

St. Andrew's College Alumni Annual Dinner

Date: October 13th 2017

Venue: Old Wesley RFC