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Careers Night

St. David's first Careers Information night took place in school on the 14th March, launched by Seán Gallagher of "Dragon's Den". Past pupils who returned to speak about their career paths included fire fighters, army personnel, a television producer, accountants, an animator, DJ and many more. Students were offered first-hand advice on the entry routes for each of these professions and had their questions answered. A big thank you to Ms. O'Brien for organizing an informative and inspirational evening!



Above: (L-R) Ray Shah, Mr. Kavanagh, Seán Gallagher and



Above and below: Students get career advice!



Team Hope

In November 2010 Junior Cert C.S.P.E. students took part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. They filled shoe boxes with all sorts of things and sent them to children in war torn countries.

Well done to everyone involved.

Pictured left: Adam Rowan, Dylan Cummins, Ryan Seaver, Nathan Condron and Ion Chiciu

Royseven

On the --- of March a well known boy band called 'Royseven' visited St. David's to do a workshop with our students. The members of the band, two past pupils, taught our students their songs and how to play them with the aid of various instruments. It was a wonderful experience for the boys and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Science at St. David's



Top Picture: (L-R) Aaron Foster, Kyle Scully, Nathan O'Connell and Ms. Dixon. Bottom picture: Aaron Dunne.

BT Young Scientist – What a Result!

Five teams from St. David's CBS were selected to participate in the final of this year's BT Young Scientist competition, two of which were awarded winners rosettes and listed in *The Irish Times*! The winning projects were the work of Aaron Foster, Nathan O'Connell and Kyle Scully ("Bob the Builder Only the Strongest Shapes - testing the Tetrahedron Theory") and Aaron Dunne ("Heat Powered Salt and Dirt Water Purifier"). Meanwhile, Carl Burke, Cathal Fagan and Shane Boylan (5th Year) were interviewed for radio about their project (A Study of Brain



Above: (L-R) Carl Burke, Mary Hanafin, Shane Boylan and Cathal Fagan.

Size as a Contributing Factor to Memory Function in Rodents) and the project submitted TY students Ian Lee and Luke Madden (Music Silences Blood Pressure) was selected by the *Irish Independent* one of the top health projects at the exhibition! David O'Brien, Matthew O'Leary and Stephen McDonald also impressed with their project "Consequences of computers on eyesight during one school day". Well done to all students involved for their hard work, and thanks to Ms Dixon for her help and

Intel SciFest

Fifteen teams from St. David's will be participating in this year's Intel SciFest held at DIT Kevin St on Thursday, 14 April. Under the supervision of Ms. Dixon, an

incredible 39 students from St. David's are currently working away on their projects, investigating topics as diverse as pollution, astronomy and brain training! Students must then display and present their projects to a judging panel in DIT on the day. We wish all our teams the very best of luck!!



Crystals: From starting point...

Crystal Growing

Students in Ms. Kenny's Transition Year Chemistry class have embarked on an ambitious project to grow their own crystals! The photos below show the success the students have so far had in growing these crystals in the lab. The finished products will be entered in DCU's _____ competition. Good luck to all entrants, I'm sure the judges will be as awestruck as we are!



...to finished product

Art at St. David's

An Art Exhibition entitled 'People of the Past' was recently put on in the school by LCA 1 and Ms. Mullins. The photographs here show the talented work that was produced for the event, which was set up by the class themselves and attended by members of the school community. Well done to all involved!



Above: (L-R) Robert Maher, Conor Flanagan, Aaron Moran, Jake Kearney



Above: (L-R) Conall ?, Ms. Mullins, Dylan ? and Kevin Buckely

RUGBY NEWS

Following the hugely successful trip to South Africa in August St David's took their first competitive steps in the Leinster Development Cup at Under 16 level .Our first game was against Firhouse of Tallaght in our adopted home pitch of Clontarf RFC.In an end to end game a superb individual try from Captain Philip Chaney who ran from the half way line proved to be the platform eventually overcoming a stubborn Firhouse by 28 to 17.Our next game was away to Aiden's of Tallaght On a wet and mucky pitch two tries by Colm Belton and a superb display Jordan Buckley in the centre meant David's ran out comfortable winners by 20 to 5.This meant the Dublin regional final would be against Hartstown. In the tightest of games quick thinking by Kevin Russell opened the David's try account after just one minute. Back came Hartstown to level and take the lead with a converted try of their own to lead 7-5 St David's camped themselves in the Hartstown half for the remainder of the match and were inspirationally led in particular by Philip Chaney,Ryan Fleming and sub Ciaran Roche. Incredibly there was no more scoring until five minutes to go when Ruairi McGowan proved to be the hero as he dived over to score the winning try and win the closest game of the season by 10 to 7. Great celebrations followed as St Davids in their first year in competition had qualified for the Leinster Semi Final following their regional wins in Dublin. Their opponents were Wexford CBS and although we were beaten on the day it was a fantastic year with some great memories. Forty teams had entered We were Dublin winners and made the last four in Leinster. We must thank a number of people. First of all thank you to Leinster Coach Jack Hanratty for all the assistance. His input saw us featured on the Leinster Rugby website for our first game and we even appeared in last week's programme for the Leinster Leicester game in the Heineken Cup. Next up is a parent Eoin Faherty whose huge contribution to the South Africa trip and his donation of equipment and overall support was greatly appreciated. The three teachers who run rugby and their excellent enthusiasm and commitment we sincerely thank Mr Costello, Mr Nally and Mr O' Laoire Three legends in their own right Well done Sirs You were great!!!



Personal Achievements



DRAMA NEWS

- After being spotted in the Christmas Play, several seniors were selected for audition for a new film. Out of 15 seniors shortlisted, 2 booked the part in the film called *Sirenomelia*, Carl Stringer (5th yr) & Adam Cahill (6th yr)
- Nathan O'Connell auditioned, got cast and shot his very first film this term called *'Even Secret Agents Have a Bad Day'*. It had a premier screening in town last month and got a great reception.
- Well done lads See you all at the Oscars next year!!



Irish Karting Club
Darragh Cormack – A1

Won 800m race in athletics
Lee Foley – A1

Nathan Condron – C2

Ryan Seaver – C2