

LUMEN CHRISTI COLLEGE



**Annual Report
to the Board of Governors
2007-08**

A Science Specialist College

ROLE OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors has a statutory obligation to provide an annual report to parents on the implementation of college policies, the college curriculum and the management of the college in the year previous to the report's publication. Parents of all registered pupils in the college and all persons employed by the college are entitled to a copy of this report.

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The principal, Mr Patrick O'Doherty, is a non-voting member and Secretary to the Board.

The term of office of all representatives, other than Dr Devine, ends in October 2009. Dr Devine's term of office ends in September 2010.

THE CURRICULUM

Staffing

We welcomed a number of new members to the teaching staff of the college – Mr Mark Smyth, Miss Lisa Diffley, Miss Geraldine McCrory and Miss MT McNulty. Mr Anthony Quinn, Mrs Elaine McBride, Mr Michael McCullagh, Miss Paula Fleming and Miss Kathryn Callaghan all joined the staff for one year.

We also welcomed to our support staff – Mrs Annette McCarron, Miss Katrina McCool, Mrs Marian McLaughlin [classroom assistants]. Miss Michelle Porter and Miss Paola Capatti joined the administration team to provide maternity cover.

Academic & Pastoral Arrangements

There were 214 applicants in the Transfer Procedure who applied for admission to the college and 121 were admitted to Year 8, divided into five mixed ability classes according to choice of languages and friendship groups. At Key Stage 3 class sizes range from 18 to 25 in number; at Key Stage 4, from 14 to 24, streamed only for some classes in Additional Mathematics at GCSE; and at A-Level, class sizes range from 12 to 20.

- The college continues to offer the full Northern Ireland Curriculum at Key Stages 3 and 4. Learning for Life and Work was introduced into the Year 11 curriculum using the collapsed timetable model. In a new departure, a number of senior pupils joined with pupils from Foyle and Londonderry College to take GCSE Astronomy and BTEC Engineering. At A-Level, all students are offered at least three A-Levels.
- The after-school Enrichment programme offered over 50 different sporting, academic, social or recreational activities, Monday to Friday, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. New additions to the extra-curricular programme this year included Chinese and sign language. We are particularly grateful to our external coaches and parents who help with our after-school activities.
- Students were again consulted on the college's Pastoral Programmes for Key Stage 3, 4 and Sixth Form and the programmes were revised accordingly.
- The ETI carried out a follow up inspection on the second year of the implementation of the Science Specialist programme. The report was highly positive in tone and noted that the designated targets had been met.

- In the KS3 Assessment tests all but 5 students achieved Level 6 or above in all subjects. In Mathematics, 36% and in Science 22% attained Level 8, while 70% attained the highest level in English (Level 7), all far exceeding the NI average for grammar schools. At GCSE level, all our pupils attained Grades A-C in at least eight subjects, 97 students achieved 5 Grade As or more and over 71% of all entries were Grade A or A*. A third of our students achieved 10As or higher. At AS Level examinations too, the college achieved outstanding success with 56% of all entries resulting in Grade A, forty five students attaining three Grade As or more and 88% attaining three A-C grades. At A-Level too, results were again excellent; 63% of all our entries resulted in Grade A and 98 students achieved three Grade A-C grades while 45 students achieved 3 or more Grade As. The results ensure the college's place among the foremost academic schools in the United Kingdom.

Parents Information

- Ongoing and updated information for parents on all aspects of college life is available on-line on the school website lumenchristicollege.co.uk. This contains monthly newsletters, staffing and pupil information, admissions criteria, complaints procedures and a wide range of policy documents on areas such as curriculum and pastoral provision, discipline, child protection, drugs awareness and sex education. Newsletters and policy documents are also available in written copy to parents on request to the school office and the School Development Plan is available for inspection by parents in the school.
- Parents Information Evenings were held for Years 8,11,13 and 14 and afforded parents an opportunity to gain any information required on a wide range of issues including careers advice, subject choices, sex education programme, child protection, special educational provision, study skills, drugs awareness and preparation for university.
- All parents were sent a copy of the school's Acceptable Use of the Internet procedures.
- The Parents Association had a very active year beginning with the evergreen School Draw. The fundraisers were active throughout the year at 'Okhlahoma', organizing the Trocaire 'Easter egg' event , a barbecue at the annual Sports Day and a Table Quiz [in aid of Foyle Hospice, in memory of the late Paul Wilkins]. The funds raised were used to support the Bar Mock Team, the Chaplaincy Retreats and to purchase a defibrillator for the school. The Board once again acknowledges its debt of gratitude to the parents and teachers involved in the association for their dedication, commitment and hard work on behalf of the students.
- Year 8 pupils and their parents attended welcome interviews in June and received copies of our new Welcome Booklet.
- Two formal complaints were lodged by parents to the Board of Governors regarding admissions.

Premises

The refurbishment programme for the College continued with the fitting out of HE2 as an additional science laboratory. A new biometric system was installed to alleviate queuing problems in the Canteen. Strong winds in January brought down the copper dome from the Library roof. This was repaired and the Library roof re slated during the summer as was the covered walkway between the Canteen and Junior House. A new gas fired heating system was installed for the whole school. Internally, the Technology Department and Labs 3 and 4 were repainted while the floors in the Art Department were upgraded as was the flooring in La 6 [Mme Wing's room]. The former darkroom in the Art Department was recommissioned as a mini cinema for the study of slides, DVDs etc., The parquet floor in the Library was sanded and revarnished. Interactive whiteboards were installed in most academic departments and in the 6th Form Study. The Year 12 lockers were resited in a more suitable location within the existing Year 11 area. Double glazing was installed along the PE corridor. A drinking water sink was provided for pupils outside the 6th Form Study. External repainting focused on the refurbishment of doors at the Sports Hall, Senior House, the goalposts on all pitches and the decorative Victorian ironwork at the covered walkway. Continual heavy rain led to runoff problems in the backyards of houses in Sunbeam Terrace. Exploratory excavation was carried out on the College side of the perimeter wall to ascertain the origin of the problem and establish if further repair work was required. The water supply to the College was improved through the installation of more appropriate piping.

Arrangements for the Security of Staff and Pupils

An emergency evacuation drill was conducted in the first term.

An Acceptable Use of The Internet Policy and parental guidance documents on use of the internet were sent from the school to all parents/guardians in the third term.

The college employed the services of an NSPCC Counsellor to provide independent counseling for students. An independent counseling service for staff was also engaged.

Religious and Spiritual Life in the College

This year was a very exciting and challenging one for all involved in the Chaplaincy life of the College. We marked our 10th Anniversary with Mass in the Long Tower Church celebrated by Bishop Seamus Hegarty. We enjoyed a wonderful Mission Week in February 2008 with large numbers of students, parents and teachers participating from early morning to late in the evening. Our new spirituality website www.lumenorbis.ie was launched and we returned to Lourdes for the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions. It was once again an important time for consolidating the large amount of work and the many initiatives that have become a central part of College life.

- With our tradition of First Friday Mass continuing we also celebrated a number of Seasonal Masses. We celebrated weekly mass during Advent and Lent and ended the

year for our senior students with two masses to conclude Years 12 & 14. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to Rev Francis Bradley and Monsignor Bryan McCanny.

- Our annual day of Reconciliation was held during Lent. This gave every student in the school the opportunity to receive the sacrament. Twenty three priests from the Derry Diocese joined us for the day. We are indebted to them for their continued support.
- Our Retreat Programme continued with Year 13 spending the day 'walking barefooted' in the spirit of the Celtic Saints in the Iosas Centre. Our Year 10 group visited Ards Friary, Co. Donegal. The Year 11, 12 and 14 groups had one day retreats in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, with the Net Canada Retreat Team and a number of other facilitators, including members of our own staff. The Year 9 group had their retreat in Knock and the pupils of Year 8 were withdrawn from class throughout June for periods of guided prayer and meditation.
- As usual, the Carol Service took place in the Long Tower Church. An invitation was extended to the local community and parish schools. This is a wonderful occasion that continues to lead us into the heart of Christmas. The service was also the venue for our cheque and hamper presentations to the many groups and concerns that we continue to reach out to.
- The year also saw the continuation and development of our Outreach Programme in Sixth Form. Every student was involved in voluntary work ranging from church cleaning duties, to visits in the local residential nursing homes, and extra-curricular involvement in the local primary schools. This was a true example of faith in action. It was agreed that the programme should be further extended to give students even more opportunity to contribute to community life. Dr Michael Gormley was appointed to oversee the running of the programme.
- Each day throughout the year the College Chapel was the venue for Adoration and Morning Prayer. The commitment of those in attendance was very encouraging.

Specialist Schools Programme

Lumen Christi College was one of twelve schools in Northern Ireland who were successful in bidding for Specialist School Status as a Science College. Under this scheme, the college is developing its expertise in the teaching and learning of Science and building up links with local primary and secondary schools as well as local businesses to promote awareness of Science in the community. Collaboration and sharing of ideas and projects with other schools throughout Northern Ireland and further afield are at the heart of the programme. In addition, the financial investment by the DENI in the school infrastructure and curriculum is supporting the college in maintaining its already high standards of academic achievement in all curricular areas. Miss Martina McLaughlin, who was initially appointed Specialist Science Co-ordinator to oversee the implementation of the programme, left the College in June 2007 to take up a post as Head of Chemistry in Limavady Grammar. She was replaced as co-ordinator by a member of our Physics department, Mrs Mildred Gill who has overseen the implementation of the programme in 2007-08.

The Board of Governors wish to acknowledge their gratitude to all the college's business sponsors, educational partners and professional organisations for their support, their assistance in putting the bid together and in their financial support without which Specialist Status would have been impossible. We look forward to working with them in the future.

Sharing Education Programme

This exciting initiative, begun in September 2007, has enabled the college to build meaningful cross community involvement in the area of Science education at both primary

and secondary level. At primary level, links have been established with our neighbourhood schools, Fountain PS, Long Tower PS, and Nazareth PS while at secondary level, we are in active collaboration with Foyle and Londonderry College.

Extended Schools Programme

The college has been awarded funding under this scheme for the first time in June 2008. The purpose of this scheme is to develop the outreach of the school beyond curriculum time to support pupils who may suffer disadvantage and to promote sustainable links with the local community.

Eco Schools Initiative

Lumen Christi College is now an 'Eco-School'. This means that the College is making steps to becoming more eco-friendly. The environmental group 'Geogers', consisting of a group of students from Year 9 and co-ordinated by Miss Diffley, achieved the Bronze and Silver awards for work completed during the last academic year. They have introduced a recycling initiative throughout the school and developed an Eco-Code which will be on display at key areas around the school.

Eco Code

Trees, birds and animals
Pollution everywhere
This really doesn't mix
So stop doing it, get it fixed!

Reduce, reuse, recycle
We see it everywhere
Why don't you give it a try
It's not that hard I swear

Taxis, buses, transport and railways
Public transport everyday
Instead of using cars and planes
Try walking you don't have to pay.

Some year 8 students with the help of Miss Fleming, also kept the school grounds litter free. In 2008-09, the College hopes to obtain the prestigious 'Green Flag Award'.

International Exchange Programme

In February 2008, thirteen students from Collegio Astori in Treviso, Italy accompanied by their College Principal, Don Maurizio and Mr Terence Brett spent a week with us. They visited Stormont, Giants Causeway, the Ulster American Folk Park and sampled Irish life. Our host students, accompanied by Mr and Mrs O'Doherty travelled to Treviso and enjoyed outings to Venice and Verona and experienced the Italian way of life both in school and in the homes of their host students.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2007-2008

SEPTEMBER Induction Day for parents and pupils in Year 8
Celebration of Mass of Welcome
Senior Prizegiving
Junior Prizegiving
Year 14 Work Experience
Year 14 attended Open Day at Queen's , Belfast
Year 12 Geography Field Trip
Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Year 11 Retreat
Fire Drill
Year 11 and Year 12 visit to theatre

OCTOBER Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Study Skills Evening for Year 8 parents
Young Enterprise course for Year 8
AGM of Parents Association
Year 13 Induction Evening
Year 13 Careers Fair
Year 13 Retreat
Year 11 Parents Information Evening
Year 10 History Trip
Year 12 Drama workshop
Year 12 LIFE Conference
Year 14 Biology Field Trip
Year 13 Class Counsellor Training
Year 8 Halloween Quiz
A Level French Debating Competition
A Level French film event –QUB
Year 11 LLW with St Patrick's & St Brigid's, Claudy
10th Anniversary Mass and Celebration Dinner

NOVEMBER Parents' Nights for Year 12 and Year 13
Year 13 Geography Field Trip
Year 9 Pilgrimage to Knock
Senior Maths Challenge
Year 13 Business Studies Trip
EYH Conference
Year 13 Technology Trip
College Formal
Lumen Christi won Mock Bar Trial NI. Finals
College hosts QUB Chemistry lecture
Year 13 attend Physics Talk
Book Fair
A2 French Debating team win local heat
A Level French film event
Year 9 Fun Maths workshops
Year 14 Mock Interview Day

DECEMBER	<p>School Show -Okhlahoma Advent Service and Carol service School Council and Senior Prefect Elections Parents' Evening for Year 10 Study Skills Workshops for Year 8 Robotics Workshop for Year 8 Spanish Quiz for Years 8 and 9 Practicals for GCSE and AS PE students Teaching Experience for Stranmillis students Reception for Leavers</p>
JANUARY	<p>Ulster Grammar Schools Swimming Gala, Belfast AS/A2 Public examinations Internal School Examinations GCSE Home Economics Practical Year 14 QUB Chemistry lecture</p>
FEBRUARY	<p>Intermediate Maths Challenge Year 12 Study Skills Day Year 12 Career Planning Sessions Open Day Ashes Service Year 13 Technology Trip to Seagate All-Ireland Schools Swimming Gala School Target -Setting Day Year 11 Parents Meeting School Mission Year 9 Ski Trip to Haut Lac Penitential service Italian Exchange visits Year 12 and Year 14 Retreats Year 13 visit to Stormont A level Physics students visit to Seagate Senior Quiz team win Credit Union Competition A Level Business Studies participate in quiz in Lisburn A level Geography students attend W5 workshop 12 hour fast for 'Children in Crossfire'</p>
MARCH	<p>College Team participate in UK Final of Bar Mock Trial competition Year 9 Parents' Meeting Irish Mass in celebration of St Patrick's Day Years 9 and 10 French Trip Year 8 STEM workshop Sentinus workshops AS Physics/Biology visits to Magee and University of Ulster Year 14 Geography Field Trip Years 13 & 14 Geography Field trip to Iceland Karaoke competition Easter Revision School Smallpeice Residential Conference</p>

APRIL	<p>Biennial Audit Year 9 Geography Field Trip Spring Concert Year 8 'Lost in Space' Workshop Year 8 Parents Evening Year 10 Citizenship workshop A Level French Debating Final Year 11 Science Specialism Workshop Year 13 Medical Physics lecture KS3 English/Science Examinations</p>
	<p>KS3, GCSE , AS and A2 Examinations GCSE, AS and A2 Art Exhibition Year 11 Geography Field Trip Valedictory Evening for Year 14 Year 8 Big Bug Hunt Young Enterprise Workshops for Years 10 and 11 Year 10 Visits to Stormont</p>
MAY	
JUNE	<p>Years 9 History Trips: City Walls tour Year 8 Trips to Gaeltacht Years 8 and 10 Retreats Year 8 Young Enterprise workshops College Pilgrimage to Lourdes College Sports Day at Templemore Sports Complex KS3 Soccer Class Leagues Meetings with new Year 8 pupils and their parents PTA Quiz for Foyle Hospice Science Summer School for link primary schools Year 11 Learning for Life and Work with St Patrick's and St Brigid's, Claudy Year 11 Geography Field Trips</p>

Departmental Activities & Achievements

Art Department

The Art and Design Department was very pleased to welcome back Mrs. Edel Hasson after her maternity leave.

The newly laid floors in both Art rooms have made a remarkable difference to the department, giving it a much cleaner and fresher look. The Department has also been enhanced by a set of new tables. The Department is very pleased with the transformation of the photographic darkroom into a lecture room for art appreciation. This room will be used for slide show and DVD presentations to examination groups.

In addition to displaying pupils art work around the school we worked on permanent and framed displays for Geography (Iceland trip) and for PE (Sports Day). The Department took part in the, now annual, exhibition of A level work in the Gordon Gallery. This proved to be a very worthwhile undertaking. The work of Lumen Christi students compared extremely favourably alongside that of other schools from the City. As in previous years the department was pleased to offer pupils work, with their consent, as tokens of appreciation to speakers at prize giving ceremonies. The Department was very pleased to have been able to contribute to the production of 'Okhlahoma' through painting the scenery.

The department continues to support the work of the APA through the Year 10 APA awareness project. This work takes the form of design work and posters which are then made available to the APA via Mrs. Canavan. We were very pleased to invite Mrs. Canavan into the department on three occasions, to speak to year 10 pupils about the work of the APA. On one occasion Mrs. Canavan brought with her a visitor from Africa whose life had been bettered by the work of the APA. This was a very moving occasion for all concerned.

The Business Studies Department

Business Studies not only enjoyed outstanding academic success in 2007/08 but also produced and designed a leavers t-shirt for the year 14 achieving a profit, which they donated to the Foyle Search and Rescue charity. It culminated with their presentation of a cheque being published in the local paper.

During the year 2007/2008 two Year 13 students (Lauren Kelly and Dwayne McElhinney) and two Year 14 students (Aine O'Doherty and Eoghan Monk) made up the team for the Young Consumer Council Quiz representing the school. It was the first time that we entered the competition. The team came 1st in the North West Region and 4th in the overall Northern Ireland Region.

The Business Studies department has an excellent working relationship with external organisations such as Hidden Hearing, Perfecseal, U-Bake, CCEA and local charities. For the Year 13 coursework Unit 1 (The Enterprising Business) and Unit 2 (The Enterprising Manager) we used Hidden Hearing. The year 14 course Unit 8 (Quality Management) used Perfecseal and Unit 9 (Enterprise in Practice) used various outstanding organisations e.g. printers, financial institutions, the services within the school.

The English Department continued to provide a rich and varied curricular and extra-curricular experience for their pupils. The *Black Cat Theatre Company* ran a series of workshops on *An Inspector Calls* with Year 12 pupils. Senior girls entered the Northern Ireland Soroptimist public speaking competition. Emmanuela Wroth came 1st in the regional final. (She had left the school by the date of the Northern Ireland final).

Senior and junior pupils participated in the Londonderry Chamber of Commerce public speaking competition. Mary Hassan came 2nd. Pupils participated in the Playhouse Artsyard Drama Group. Jonathon Guckian came 1st in the WELB creative writing competition. Internal poetry competitions were held for Years 8 and 9.

Library Activities 2007-2008

A whole-school Library survey was carried out to assess attitudes towards and usage of the Library among both students and staff. There was a good response rate and the survey was very useful in identifying areas of success and also for improvement.

A Scholastic Book fair was held in November for junior pupils. Over £700 of books was sold, generating over £340 of free books for the Library. A Harry Potter word search competition was held during the Book Fair, with a winner from each KS3 year group choosing a book from the fair as their prize.

The Spring term saw the unveiling of the bronze plaque created by Mr Maurice Harron in memory of our former Librarian, Mr Paul Wilkins RIP. The staff and students have expressed their pleasure at this gesture as Mr Wilkins was much loved and respected by the whole school community.

The Alice Biometric System for fingerprint recognition was installed and students successfully added to the Library management system, speeding up circulation and putting the Library system in line with those throughout the school.

A small library has been set up in the Staff Room to encourage reading for pleasure among teaching and non-teaching staff. This has been welcomed by many members of staff.

8C were acknowledged as 'Reading Champions' this year, amassing the greatest number of Library loans. They received a bookmark and prize as recognition. Throughout the year, students provided a valuable contribution to the running of the Library through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, the Library Committee and by acting as Library Prefects.

The French Department

The Head of the French Department, Mme Wing, organised a very valuable trip to Paris for pupils in Years 9 and 10 in March 2008. Accompanied by Mme Wing, Ms G Rogers, Dr M. Gormley, Mr C. Ryan and Mrs R. McDaid, the party flew to Brussels and were then transferred by coach to Le Touquet. After an overnight stay, they travelled to Paris where they undertook a series of cultural engagements and enjoyed a day of fun and adventure in EuroDisney.

The Post 16 French Debating team, under the guidance of Mme Wing, are to be highly commended on their performance in the national competition

The team consisted of five members, Conor Mc Laughlin, Niamh Hargan, Anna Mc Ivor, Christina Mc Beth, Laura Mc Laughlin and 2 reserves.

The competition involved 16 teams at National level and Lumen Christi confidently beat off their opponents to secure a coveted place in the final against Aquinas Grammar School.

According to the chief judge, it was one of the highest scoring and closest fought finals ever with Lumen Christi losing by the narrowest of margins.

Whilst they may have missed out on the ultimate prize, the team certainly deserve recognition for their unfailing commitment, determination, team spirit, and camaraderie. They often went over and above the call of duty, meeting up sometimes twice a day and during the holiday periods to prepare their arguments and counterarguments. The skills and qualities they displayed over the seven month period of the competition will undoubtedly stand them in good stead for the future and highlight ever more clearly the importance and indeed the success of our Extra- Curricular school programme here at Lumen Christi.

In recognition of the team's effort and commitment, they were awarded Senior Club of the Year at this year's Senior Prizegiving.

The Geography Department

A group of 40 Geography students ranging in age from Y11 – Y14, accompanied by Mrs Mc Menamin, Miss Diffley, Miss Mc Crory, Mr Gallagher, Mr Doherty and Mrs Mc Shane (Parent of one of the students travelling), spent three nights and four days in Iceland from 27th – 30th March 2008. The itinerary had a 'Fire and Ice' theme in order to maximise the geographical treasures that Iceland has on offer.

Shortly after arriving at Keflavik airport, the group had the opportunity to cross the Reykjanes Bridge. This bridge across the Mid-Atlantic Ridge marks the spot where the North American and Eurasian plates are moving away from each other. Afterwards time was spent relaxing in the geothermally heated seawaters of the Blue Lagoon. The Lagoon is a wonder of nature in the middle of a lava field whose magic blue water is known for its healing and soothing properties.

'The Golden Circle Tour' included a visit to the famous Geyser area with its many hot springs, mud pools and geysers, of which Strokkur, is the world's most active and which erupted on several occasions during the visit. Time was also spent peering into the crater of the Kerid Volcano and touring the geothermal Hveragerdi greenhouse village. The group also walked along the famous rift valley at Thingvellir and viewed what is said to be Iceland's most beautiful waterfall at Gullfoss.

'The South Shore Tour' provided the group with the wonderful opportunity to walk behind a waterfall and feel the spray from the water on their faces as the water plummeted towards the plunge pool. A visit to the beach at Reynir allowed the group to view basaltic columns similar to those found at the Giant's Causeway. The traditional Icelandic way of life was experienced at a museum where the owner met with and accompanied the group around its various artefacts, school, church and houses. But the main highlight of this tour had to be the chance to walk on a glacier tongue.

Time was even found during the busy schedule to visit the local 'Flea Market' and to shop for souvenirs at the Kringlan centre in Reykjavik.

On the last night, the group witnessed the magical Northern Lights which were a breathtaking end to what turned out to be an extremely memorable and once in a lifetime trip for many of the group.

The History Department

The Department received a real boost in September 2007 with the news that Suzanne Doogan, a Year 14 student, achieved 1st place in N. Ireland in A level History. Suzanne was presented with a special award at the CEEA building in Belfast.

In April 2008 the History Department won the post-primary Local History Cup in the Derry Feis for the third year running. This year's project was carried out by 10B and documented the history of the Derry City Football Club as they celebrated the 80th anniversary of the founding of the club. The manager of Derry City, Stephen Kenny, visited the school to see the pupil's work and was overwhelmed by the detail and the quality of the project. The history department has formed a great relationship with the club and every month the club provides free tickets for pupils to attend the matches in the Brandywell.

The department undertook the following trips this year:

Year 8: Dunree Fort and Greencastle Maritime Museum

Year 9: Derry's Walls and Tower Museum

Year 10: Ulster American Folk Park

Year 13: Parliament Buildings at Stormont

Plans were also put in place to organise an overseas trip to Krakow and Berlin for Year 12, 13 and 14 students for October 2008.

The Home Economics Department

GCSE students obtained Basic certificates in Food Hygiene from Loughry College. This is essential when working in any area of the catering/food industry. An after school cookery club was run for Year 8s to give an introduction to Home Economics for Year 9. This was very successful and enjoyed by all those who attended. As part of the pastoral programme, Year 8s looked at the topic of Healthy Eating. The Home Economics department facilitated this activity by taking each class for a single lesson to make a fruit smoothie of their choice. This smoothie was then consumed in class. As part of the Key stage 4 Personal Development programme, the Home Economics department covered one of the topics - 'Develop an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of parenting.' This involved group work, getting the students to think for themselves about how their parents feel and it allowed them to discover why parents act in various ways.

The ICT Department

The year 2008-2009 brought a number of new challenges for the ICT department. The legacy system was replaced and this had a number of effects for A level teaching as follows :

- (i) Pupils working on web sites no longer had a server to upload and test active pages as C2K is a closed and managed service.
- (ii) A2 pupils were unable to use visual basic on the C2K system.

Resolution:

- (i) After 4 weeks of working with C2K, the department had to look outside of the educational support service to an industry specialist to resolve the web server issue. He configured the new webserver so that all pupils in the school can potentially connect.
- (ii) The department worked with C2K to produce a solution. The outcome was that the school piloted and tested "Virtual PC" in conjunction with C2K. As a result we are one of only two schools in Northern Ireland who have been given this function.

Contribution to Research and Development :

The quality of our learning is always enhanced by providing better resources for students. To this end we in the ICT department always seek to partner key organisations to ensure we have the best facilities and underpinning teaching knowledge to advantage our students. Here are a few of our main projects for last year :

E-moderation of GCSE Coursework

All GCSE ICT coursework was successfully submitted electronically to CCEA for moderation. This is part of a CCEA 10 school pilot which involved two departments within the school, ICT and HE. The school was commended for its contribution to the pilot and it is hoped that the pilot will continue and expand as a result next year.

Writing the new A Level Specification

Two members of the department, Mrs S Matthewson and Mrs S Devlin, have been heavily involved in the development of the new A level ICT specification. Mrs Matthewson wrote Unit 2 with support material and Mrs Devlin wrote all of the support material to be used for AS and A2 ICT projects. These have been made available for all ICT teachers in Northern Ireland on the CCEA website. *The insight gained here will prove invaluable when delivering the specification to our own students.*

Staff Development

Mrs Devlin undertook the OLTE course which trains teachers in the Pedagogy of online learning and video conferencing.

Staff members attended inservice on new specifications and agreement trials.

Piloting Online assessment tool with C2K

Mrs Matthewson and Mrs Robertson helped C2K to pilot and test a new online assessment tool. Engineers visited the school for 4 days and worked on the software and server before it was tested on students. This was highly successful and the staff have been invited onto a committee to write a review for other users. *This tool can be used by any teacher in the school when conducting an online test.*

Whole School Activities

Some staff feed into the whole school development of ICT and e-learning. Briefly here are some of their achievements to date :

- Mrs Devlin is responsible for videoconferencing and this year has set up a wide range of videoconferences for students from poetry days to interviews with surgeons.
- Mrs Matthewson has devised an electronic booking system and an electronic ticket system for reporting faults.
- Mrs Robertson and Mrs Matthewson in conjunction with an outside provider Zoocreative have developed an editable website so that most HODs can replace their own content on the school website.
- Mrs Devlin has created a specialist school website which only partner schools can access.

- Mrs Devlin, Mrs Matthewson and Ms Doherty have created an ICT intranet for use by student from home.
- Mrs Matthewson will sit on the CCEA Post Primary Pupil Profile Advisory Committee

Achievements :

ICT accreditation for all pupils has gone up from Level 6 to Level 7 as a result of good cross curricular work by all Year 10 staff.

The Irish Department

Céilí: The music for the céilí was provided by a group of fifteen young musicians from St Ninian's in Glasgow. They were on a cultural trip to Derry arranged by Miss Mc Crory. It was inspirational for the students to see how talented and interested in Irish traditional music they were and certainly added to the occasion. Our own Irish dancers, led by Mrs Carlisle, the traditional group, under the guidance of Miss Mc Crory and Year 8 students who sang, 'I want to be a Rockstar', conducted by Mrs Tinney helped to make the occasion memorable for our Celtic neighbours also. A great night's craic was had by all!

Aifreann na Féile Pádraig: Father Culhoun made a welcome return to celebrate the St Patrick's Day Mass with us. Irish students plus all of Year 8 enjoyed the beautiful liturgy which was enhanced by the involvement of the choir, soloists and instrumentalists. The full participation of students made this a momentous occasion.

Feis Dhoire Cholmcille: The Irish Department has been an advocate of our local feis since it was established and this year was no exception. Students achieved success in the following competitions:

Year 8 Poetry: 1st Bláithín Kerr; 2nd Peter Melarkey; H.C. Anna Kindlon

Year 8 Speaking: 2nd Peter Melarkey

Year 9 Poetry: 2nd Carmel Canavan

Year 11-14 Poetry: 1st place Jonathon Bond

Oráid Phoiblí: Students involved in the Irish Public Speaking Society were entered for Cumann Gaelach Chnoc na Rós Public Speaking Competition and 'Abair', Gael Linn Public Speaking Competition for Year 11-12 students. Orla Mc Laughlin, Year 11, was awarded Best Speaker in the former and second place in the regional heat of the latter. This was a tremendous achievement as she was up against stiff competition and was indeed a testament to her own personal commitment and ability.

Residential weekend in St Columb's Park House: Four Year 8 students enjoyed a fun packed weekend at St Columb's Park House which involved a range of sporting and cultural activities and gave them the chance to interact with students from other schools in the city.

An Ghaeltacht: Large numbers of students attended Summer residential courses in Coláiste Bhríde, Rann na Feirste and the Easter course in Coláiste Mhuire, Loch an Iúir. All gave glowing accounts of their experience.

A significant number were awarded scholarships which were presented at a ceremony in the Millennium Forum.

Awards: All Year 10 Irish students secured their Silver Fáinne and Year 8 Irish students were awarded the 'Cúpla Focal'. Both groups had to conduct a short oral assessment with an external examiner from Cumann Gaelach Chnoc na Rós to attain their awards.

Tráth na gCeist: Students triumphed in the Gael Linn Junior and Senior Quizzes held in the Whitehorse Hotel, winning first place in the grammar school section at both events. Junior team members included: Aisling Cullen, Ryan Mortimer and Joseph O'Driscoll; Senior team members included: Conall Doherty, Ruairí Heaney, Orla Mc Laughlin and Gráinne Morrison

Film Production and Media Skills: Two Year 10 students, Katherine Parke and Eimear Flanagan, had the opportunity to learn film and media skills by attending a course run by An Gaeláras in collaboration with the Nerve Centre. This required commitment for six Saturdays and resulted in the girls producing a DVD.

Significant Academic Achievement: Four students: Patricia Barber, Grace Devine, Jack Mc Cartie and Aimee Mc Hugh were awarded full marks in the GCSE examinations. They deserve credit for the tenacity and dedication shown which enabled them to achieve such a high standard.

The Learning for Life and Work Department

“SEE ME SEE YOU”

Class 9D Lumen Christi College and a Year 9 class from Foyle and Londonderry College took part in the Verbal Arts Centre’s ‘See Me See You’ project.

The ‘See Me See You’ project uses active and experiential learning strategies to explore issues of cultural identity, diversity and conflict. The programme allowed pupils to explore and enhance their knowledge, understanding and attitudes towards the diverse and unique community of Northern Ireland they are growing up in.

Mr Ciaran Flanagan, a trained facilitator, delivered the programme.

From February to June 2008, the two classes spent two days working together in the Verbal Arts Centre and the class also travelled to Foyle and Londonderry College for a third day of activities and a great time was had by all.

Ms K. Callaghan accompanied the class on these outings.

AFRICAN TEACHERS’ VISIT.

In October 2007 a group of teachers from Zambia, Sierra Leone and Ethiopia visited the College and met with Year 9 Citizenship classes to discuss with the pupils what life is like for pupils of their age in Africa.

VISIT FROM TROCAIRE EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

In January 2008, the educational officer from Trocaire, Miss Deirdre Rainey, visited 9E Citizenship class.

This related to the topic NGOs and included issues studied in Geography such as climate change – as this was the focus of Trocaire 2008 Lenten Campaign.

Miss Rainey showed the class photographs taken by a field worker whilst visiting project locations. Pupils compared photograph of little girl used in the previous year’s Lenten Campaign a year later and saw that she was now growing healthily.

There were excellent examples of real peoples’ lives benefiting from Trocaire: a young woman whose family farm no longer could support the family, so she was retrained as a carpenter and with the money she earned is building her own house bit by bit. She looked so proud standing in front of her half finished house.

The students really enjoyed the presentation as it brought a subject to life in a real way.

9E VISIT THE BBC

On 13th November 2008 a representative group of pupils from 9E travelled to Belfast to present their class’s project to the BBC Trust.

The task they set pupils was to collate their opinions about the BBC on a selection of topics in a variety of ways.

9E focused on group work as is usual in the Citizenship Class.

Their work included:

- Questionnaires
- TV diary – as a poster and as a book
- Pie charts / bar graphs to report findings
- Desert Island top 10 programmes they couldn't live without. Pupils actually made a model of the Island.
- A new logo or character for Bitesize, the BBC website for revision.
- A clay model showing how students access information in today's world.

Representatives from the BBC Trust in England had flown over to speak to the pupils. Each school then toured the Big Yellow Bus which has a radio station on board and digital TV screens. The pupils visited the mobile BBC van used for outside broadcasts. They also saw the set of Children in Need being constructed and were allowed to manoeuvre TV cameras.

The pupils found the whole experience amazing and did the school proud in terms of their behaviour and enthusiasm.

The BBC followed up the visit by presenting a certificate and a book mark for every member of 9E.

"PREJUDICE FACE ON"

"Prejudice Face On" was the 2007/8 theme for the annual Community Relations Initiative co-ordinated by Derry City Council, The Junction and Children in Cross-Fire.

The initiative offers secondary schools a free programme of work shops on the themes of Good Relations, sectarianism, racism, homophobia and Human Rights.

This year specific identity work was built into workshops and each school has a different "prejudice" to explore in more depth.

Class 10E took part in a series of Workshops facilitated by Jim Arbuckle,, UNICEF on the theme of "What is Good Relations?"

In February all the schools involved were invited to make a presentation of their work to the Mayor and other dignitaries at an event in the City Hotel. 10E presented their work. Well done 10E! Mr S. Doherty and Mr M. Sweeney[student teacher] accompanied them to the City Hotel.

"OUR PRESENT PAST"

In April 2008 Class 9B, accompanied by Mrs D. Carlisle, visited the Tower Museum's interactive Good Relations programme "Our Present Past". This project examines the complexities and ironies of our local history through tours and interactive "hands on" activities as part of Derry City Councils Community Relations Week.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL AND SALVATION ARMY HAMPER APPEAL

Each form class in the school put together a hamper to be distributed to less fortunate in the local community by St Vincent de Paul Society and Salvation Army. Classes discuss and understand the contribution of both Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul in Pastoral period, assemblies and Year 8 Citizenship. Hampers are presented to representatives of the two societies at the Annual Christmas Carol Service.

CHILDREN IN CROSS FIRE 10000 SANTAS

In December 2007, Year 8 classes took part in the 10000 Santas event organised by Children in Crossfire.

CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE TIDAL COURSE

Ms C. Doherty and Ms M. T. Mc Nulty completed this course.

The course is accredited through OCN and aims to develop the confidence and skills of teachers using creative and participative methodologies, exploring values and incorporating a global dimension into teaching.

ANTI - SECTARIAN POSTER PROJECT

In Jan 2008 The Junction, in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, organised an Anti-Sectarian Poster Competition. Five out of six of the competition winners came from Class 9C. Mr Deane and Dr Gormley accompanied the pupils to a Special Reception where they were awarded their prizes by the Major of Derry, Mr Drew Thompson. Copies of their posters have been distributed as part of a wide publicity campaign on anti-sectarianism.

YEAR 10 ASSEMBLY VISIT

As part of the Year 10 Citizenship Programme, all Year 10 pupils visited The Northern Ireland Assembly at Stormont Buildings to take part in a work shop organised by the Education Department of the NI Assembly. A very informative and interesting day was enjoyed by both teachers and pupils.

TROCAIRE EASTER EGG ACTION PROJECT

9C Employability class, in collaboration with the PTA, organised a fund raising venture through the sale and delivery of crème eggs to that "eggstra" special person at Easter. All pupils worked very hard and enthusiastically and thoroughly enjoyed this activity raising in excess of £500 for Trocaire's 2008 Lenten Campaign.

This activity enhanced pupils' entrepreneurial skills and proved an excellent Action Project for Employability. As they worked together to raise funds for this NGO, it also proved an excellent Action Project for Citizenship.

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S KNIT KIT

In June 2008 Year 8 Citizenship Classes knitted woolly hats that will go directly on to the head of a newborn baby; a baby in places which high rates of infant mortality, like Kenya, Sierra Leone or Tibet. The pupils also pinned a short message to their hats to inform politicians that enough is enough. If we don't act now, millions of children will continue to die needlessly every year.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME

The Sixth Form Outreach programme is a central element of the realisation of the Vision and Aims of the school. As a Christian School where pupils are given so much, it is important to offer opportunities for them to give back to the local community. Pupils visited Altnagelvin Hospital and Nazareth House Residential Home each week and provided "After School Clubs" in local primary schools and assisted in the Longtower Church.

Some of the students received Gold Millenium Volunteers Award for their contribution.

FOYLE HOSPICE FEMALE WALK

In June 2008 some 150 students and staff took part in the annual 5km walk raising over £2,600 for the Foyle Hospice.

TASTE AND SEE

These sessions, organised by CCEA in collaboration with NWIFHE, are designed to allow pupils the opportunity to sample vocational courses offered by Further Education Institutions.

Two Year 9 Employability Classes attended on 5th June 2008, one group visited Media and Journalism and Catering in the Northland Campus and the other group visited Joinery and Motor and Vehicle studies in the Springtown Campus.

Pupils and teachers involved found this a very interesting and enjoyable experience.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE PROJECTS

YEAR 8 - "Moving on"

YEAR 10 "Project Business"

YEAR 11 CITIZENSHIP

DEMOCRACY AND INCLUSION

In October 2007, a Democracy and Inclusion Day was delivered by the LLW Team and History Department covering:

- *Develop their understanding how to participate in a range of democratic processes.*
- *Develop awareness of key democratic institutions and their role in promoting inclusion, justice and democracy.*

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

In June 2008, a Diversity and Inclusion Day facilitated by SEEDS, INCORE and CHANGARO took place covering

- *Respond to the specific challenges and opportunities which diversity and inclusion present in Northern Ireland and the wider world.*
- *Identify and exercise their rights and social responsibilities in relation to local, national and global issues.*

YEAR 11 EMPLOYABILITY

Lumen Christi College became partners with St Patrick's and St Brigid's College Claudy, a Specialist College in Business and Entrepreneurship.

October 2007

Year 11 students from Lumen Christi College and St Patrick's and St Brigid's College, Claudy attended a Young Enterprise Entrepreneurship Masterclass in the Diamond Centre Claudy, centring on the KS4 Entrepreneurship Aspect of KS4 Statutory Requirements.

June 2008

Year 11 students from Lumen Christi College, St Patrick's and St Brigid's College, Claudy and Lisneal College attended a workshop facilitated by Bright Futures focussing on "Working in the Local and Global Economy" in the Diamond Centre, Claudy.

The Mathematics Department

Maths Challenge

Our mathematicians performed to a very high standard in the different sections of the Maths Challenge Competition:

Year 9 pupils picked up seven gold, fourteen silver and twenty five bronze certificates in the Junior section,

Year 11 pupils picked up six gold, twelve silver and twenty six bronze certificates in the Intermediate section, and two pupils, Karl McCarron and David Guckian ,progressed to the Maths Olympiad and received Certificates of Merit.

Year 13 pupils were awarded one gold, seven silver and eleven bronze certificates in the Senior section.

GCSE

In the new GCSE specification, which was being sat for the first time, sixteen Y12 and two Y11 pupils achieved full uniform marks.

The Music Department

In the academic year 2007/8 the Music Department at Lumen Christi enjoyed a high level of success, both in examination and extra curricular activity:

Ailish Harley [Year 14] was placed 2nd in N.Ireland in the A2 aural exam.

Raymond Tedders represented the school in the annual CCEA 'SCORE' concert which is a celebration of excellence in musical performance. He is now studying at Trinity College, Dublin.

Aside from academic success, the department maintained a high public profile with a number of exciting musical ventures:

Oklahoma

The highlight of the year was the department's production of 'Oklahoma' (Rogers & Hart) in December 2007 to mark the 10th anniversary of the College. The senior chorus gave a superb production and particular credit goes to the lead performers who worked so hard in rehearsal to bring this great show to life:

- *Kelly Reilly (Laurie), Ben Kelly (Curly), Aaron Devine (Jud), Christina Tedders(Ado Annie), Patrick Flanagan(Will) Feargus Murphy(Ali Hakim) and Andrew Breslin(Carnes). Jack Keogh(Y9) played trombone in the orchestra for the show.*

The Department owe a great debt of gratitude to all staff - too numerous to mention who helped with the production of the show. Special thanks go to Eddie Mailey, our director and to Mr Billy Patterson, our guest panellist at the audition stage.

Shortly after the show, the cast took the highlights to Foyle Hospice for a very special performance which included a short Christmas Programme. The residents and staff at the Hospice greatly appreciated the efforts and it was truly a magical morning.

10th Anniversary Mass:

The 10th Anniversary mass held in October featured a huge contribution from the department's various ensembles performing a sophisticated programme which included the 'Lourdes Mass'. The music students deserve great praise for rehearsing a comprehensive

programme in such a short space of time. Former pupil Maria Cutliffe, a highly experienced organist, provided the accompaniment on the day.

'Tuned In Project'

During the Halloween break, 12 of our music pupils were selected to take part in a most prestigious 5 day residential at Gartan outdoor education centre, Donegal. They worked with composer in residence Mr Vincent Kennedy - a well known Dublin composer who has written and arranged music material for the RTE orchestras and the Rathfarnham concert band. The project was funded entirely by PEACE II (cross border peace reconciliation fund) in association with the Donegal Music Education Partnership (VEC schools).

The end result was a concert in the newly built Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny followed in the New Year with a performance in the National Concert Hall, Dublin. The pupils represented the school most honourably and on each occasion were publicly thanked for their invaluable contribution.

The chosen pupils were:

Eimear Kerr; Caoimhe Henry; Nialla Doherty; Jack Keogh; Niall McCauley; Brendan Gallagher; Eoin Garvin; Philip Canny; Gemma Doherty; Rebecca O Reilly

Carol Service:

The School's annual Carol service in the Long Tower Chapel once again proved a great success. Both junior and senior choirs as well as the junior string orchestra performed a high quality programme of sacred and secular festive music in what was a superbly organised event. Many thanks go to Phil and Mickey for their hard work in setting up the chapel and transportation of equipment. Thanks are due to both Mrs E. McCaffrey and Miss S. Lester for their continued hard work with the school folk group in preparation for the Carol Service.

The year 2007/8 was another productive year for the **Junior Choir**. Made up from predominately Year 8 and 9 pupils, they devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to their programme. Attendance and punctuality throughout the year was remarkable. Individuals showed huge pride in the ensemble both in preparation and performance. Among their many engagements were:

- Christmas Charity work in Foyleside for Save the Children and The Nazareth Home
- School Carol Service - December 2007
- Spring Concert - April 2007

WELB instrumental lessons:

During the past academic year, the pupils of the Department have been outstanding in instrumental excellence. We now have approximately 150 pupils taking WELB lessons on site as well as countless others taking private tuition externally. Most of these pupils have already completed several instrumental grades. The pupils regularly perform in concerts and events outside of school such as City of Derry civic choirs, Codetta and the Western Board Youth Orchestra, local musicals and pantomime.

The Music Department was privileged to have on board, the visiting tutors from the WELB.

They were:

John Bergin- violin, **Clare Cunningham** - violin, **Karen McGillian** - woodwind, **Theresa Callaghan** - woodwind, **Louise Edwards** - Brass, **Ann Bergin** - oboe/bassoon, **Michael McGinty** - double bass, **Joan Hutchmann** - Cello

Extra Curricular:

During the year the Department ran the following ensembles:

Junior Choir/Senior Choir/Full Orchestra/String Orchestra/Irish Traditional ensemble.

Many thanks go to Miss Geraldine McCrory for her direction of the School's Irish Traditional group. The department wishes to acknowledge her efforts in preparing the group for the Derry Feis, Spring Concert and School Ceili.

Many thanks go to **Miss Clare Cunningham** for her work with the string orchestra.

We also continued to have school representation in:

1. **The Ulster Youth Orchestra** - Patrick Flanagan, Colm Doherty, Raymond and Christina Tedders and
2. **The Ulster Youth Choir** - Patrick Flanagan and Kiera Lubbeke

The pop band '*Organised Confusion*' - Ryan McGroarty, Niall Doherty, Ben Barber and Kieran Coyle had a year to remember winning the much coveted 2FM School of Rock competition. They were awarded a music voucher to the sum of 5000euro and a performance slot at the internationally renowned 'Oxygen' music festival

Aveen Cooley toured Europe with her award winning Ceili band - '*Clan Ri.*' They have enjoyed much success in recent years at numerous festivals and fleadh's around the country.

Former pupils, Debbie Hannaway and Ciaran O Driscoll, are making excellent progress in the field of performance and we continue to wish them the very best and express our gratitude for their invaluable contribution to Music during their time here.

The year was rounded off with our Celebration of Music concert in April in which all senior music students performed to an audience of invited guests in a magnificent showcase for the college. The concert featured the very best of talent from Years 14 and 13 as well as the Irish Traditional Group, junior choir, senior choir, Full Orchestra, string orchestra and a Year 14A Level Music group formed just for the night!

The Music Department is indebted to all pupils, too numerous to mention who excelled in the Derry Feis, Grade examinations, City of Derry youth choirs or achieved scholarships. They are all ambassadors for the Music Department and we thank them for their enthusiasm and dedication.

Finally the Department would like to thank the all the parents of music students for their unending support of their children and the numerous music ventures at Lumen Christi. We appreciate the level of extra-curricular/financial support given by parents towards the daily life of the Lumen Christi Music Department.

The Physical Education Department

The P.E. programme offered opportunities for pupils to participate in Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Trampolining, Camogie, Dance, Gaelic Football, Rugby, Golf, Gymnastics, Hurling, Swimming, Netball, Cross-Country, Soccer, Tennis, Cricket, Volleyball, Softball and Judo.

Sporting facilities consist of three outdoor pitches, one grass and two all-weather pitches, a basketball court, tennis court, an Assembly Hall/Gymnasium, a Sports Hall/Gymnasium, changing rooms and access to local swimming pools at William Street Pool and Lisnagelvin Leisure Centre, to the DCC Pitch at the Daisy Field and to Foyle Golf Club.

The school year began for the PE department with the inter class cross country race for Year 8 students. This event took place in early October 2007. Seven students from each class represented their class in a race around the school grounds. The race was won by Class 8D with Tiarnan Brady, Lorcan Baker, Eoin Mc Keever, Conal Mc Glinchey, Claire Dougherty, Amy Jackson, Jill Murphy in the winning team. In the boys individual race, Amier Elawad came first, Eoin Mc Keever, second and Conor Morris, third. In the girls individual race, Fiona Mallett, Claire Doherty, Amy Jackson were the top three athletes.

Mrs Deery organised the Year 9 Ski Trip for sixty Year 9 pupils to the Haut Lac skiing centre in Switzerland. She was accompanied by Mr Gallagher, Mr Hegarty, Ms Fleming, Mr Doherty and Ms Mullan. This was our eleventh trip to this excellent facility and was once again a fantastic experience with all students having the trip of a lifetime.

Class Leagues

The Year 11 GCSE PE Classes organised the class leagues for our junior pupils as part of their GCSE Coursework. These are held in June every year. It is always great to see so many students either playing or supporting their class during the Class leagues. These leagues are highly competitive affairs and always produce a few shock results.

Sports Day

Sports Day is the main event in our PE calendar which we host at Templemore Sports Complex and students received their medals for their individual events on sports day during the presentation ceremony. Preparation for Sports day began with the Year 8 sports afternoon where the Year 8 pupils spent an afternoon at Templemore in order to choose their event for sports day. We have two divisions on sports day with students qualifying for the premiership division and all other students opting to be in one event in the first division. We also have additional events running alongside our sports such as target golf, face painting, bouncy castle, five a side soccer and a barbeque which was provided by the PTA.

Sports Day prize giving took place in June. We invited local athlete, Bridgeen Byrne as our guest speaker. She told the students that taking part in sport is life long learning, teaching about hard work and commitment, self discipline, preparation, the importance of a positive attitude and courage. Success and failure are both character building. Team work develops both belonging and responsibility. She encouraged pupils to celebrate their achievements and take pride in themselves for what they had achieved.

The most prestigious prizes were awarded to those students who gained the title Victor Ludorum, Victrix Ludorum, player of the year in our various extra curricular sports, the Colours awards and the Mc Daid award for commitment to sport.

Nineteen of our sports day records were broken on sports day this year, some of which have stood since 2005. Jamie Devine broke four Year 10 records in the 100m, 200m, long jump and the javelin, with Terry Melaugh breaking two Year 9 records in the 100m and 200m and Conall Doherty breaking two Year 11 records in the shot putt and the javelin.

The title Victor Ludorum and Victrix Ludorum are Latin for best sportsman and sportswoman. These awards are for the best athletes in Year 8 – 11. Students gain points for taking part in the premiership division on sports day. The student with the most points wins the title.

Victor Ludorum - Boys

Year 8	Emmett Carlin	8C
Year 9	Terry Melaugh	9E
Year 10	Jamie Devine	10C
Year 11	Conall Doherty	11A

Victrix Ludorum - Girls

Year 8	Claire Dougherty	8D
Year 9	Meghan Doherty	9A
Year 10	Bronagh Irvine	10A
Year 11	Claire Mallett	11E

Colours Awards

The Colours awards represent excellence in a chosen sport, giving half colours to pupils who represent the district or win a local title and full colours for those who represent county, country or win a national title.

Eighteen half colours were awarded in the college's reward system for achievement in sport to Aiya Banat, Terri Moore, Bronagh Irvine, Emma Williamson (Netball), Nicole Lindsay, Maureen Dooher, Lee Meehan, Conor Casey, John Mason, Jack Mc Ateer, Eoin Mc Keever (Gaelic Football), Conal Mc Glinchey (Hurling), Claire Dougherty, Terry Melaugh (Athletics), Mark Kelly, Aidan Harkin (Soccer), Rachel Mc Callion, Dearbhla Hillick (Irish Dancing)

Three full colours were awarded this year to Sean Nangle (Horse riding), Cillian Doherty (Rugby) and Jamie Devine (Athletics), an indication of the growing success of our students beyond the college. Students can only receive a half colours and a full colours award on one occasion. To date, we have given out 104 half colours and 32 full colours awards.

The Mc Daid award for Commitment to Sport is awarded yearly to the student who has been totally committed to the PE Department of our school. This is not about sporting ability but about giving time and energy without question to the PE department. This was awarded to Eamon Mc Ivor who was a founding member of the school rugby club. Eamon has a passion for the game and he is an outstanding player gaining Ulster honours last season. He is a former school captain and has helped Alan McCay coach the junior rugby at the school. The school coach Alan Mc Cay believed that this award would be a very fitting way to mark the contribution the Year 14 boys made to rugby in Lumen Christi College.

In what proved to have been an outstanding year of team and individual success, the PE Department would like to thank those many parents, support staff, outside coaches and teachers who assisted in any way.

The Spanish Department

This year the department organised a Spanish quiz for Key Stage 3 which was held in the assembly hall in November. Questions were read out by our resident Basque, Koldo, and money raised was sent to Lasco. The quiz was very well received by students and they all participated extremely well.

During the year links have been established with several Spanish schools, with a view to setting up an exchange programme. Links have also been established with a South American school with a view to "twinning" with this school to set up email correspondence as well as to send them the money raised from future events such as the quiz for KS3.

The department welcomed a Spanish student from the Foyle Language School for a week at the beginning of the school year. The student came into classes and gave the pupils a chance to meet, converse with and find out about the student's home town, hobbies, interests etc.

The Technology and Design Department

The department wish to thank the school and the BOG for the marvellous paint work of the department which has made such a difference to the staff and the pupils.

The purchase of the CNC Rotocam router is paying huge dividends in learning and teaching in many year groups. Once again the Small piece Trust residential has proven a great success as have the links forged with FOSEC over the past year.

Extra -Curricular Activities and Achievements

Extra-curricular activities are an integral and valued part of life in Lumen Christi and attendance by pupils in 2007-2008 confirmed students enjoyment and appreciation of the range on offer. Loyalty to clubs was rewarded in the Junior School through the Merit System. Seventy nine students achieved the Bronze Merit Award which was given to those who showed commitment to a club for a full term. Seventy nine students were presented with the Silver Merit Award which indicated total dedication over two terms and an impressive forty two achieved the Gold Merit Award which was awarded to those students who showed outstanding commitment to a range of clubs over two terms.

National Bar Mock Trial

The school's Bar Mock team won the N. Ireland heat of the competition, held at The Royal Courts of Justice, Belfast, in November 2007, defeating 15 other top grammar schools. This is the second year in succession that the school has won the N. Ireland heat. We went on to compete in the UK final in Liverpool in March 2008. The team won all its group matches but it did not reach the final because two other schools also remained undefeated and were deemed to have accumulated more points on the Judges' scorecards. Nevertheless, it was a valiant defence of our UK title and once again represented an invaluable and unforgettable experience for all those pupils involved.

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Scheme

Two year 14 pupils, Adam McNulty and Kelly Reilly received Gold Awards while Conor Meenan, Emma Nangle [Year 14] and Paul Healy [Year 13] attained Silver Awards. Fifty pupils [Year 10] achieved Bronze Awards. A further forty eight pupils from Year 11 are now in the process of completing their Silver Awards.

In addition to the opportunity these activities present to develop personal and social skills, many of the sporting activities particularly, rose to the challenge of participation in competition and their successes in the course of this year were indeed commendable

Athletics

The Year 9 Boys' Milk Athletics team qualified for the district finals on May 24th and travelled to Coleraine Institute to compete, finishing an excellent third and just missing out on qualification for the Ulster finals.

In the District Championships, the Boys' Relay team and four individual athletes: Claire Doherty, Sean Irvine, Ruairi Heaney and Seanan Heaney qualified for the Ulster final.

Claire Doherty subsequently won an amazing gold medal in the high jump event in the Ulster final, an outstanding feat.

Interest in Athletics among students in the school continues to grow, thanks to the dedication of our coaches, Danae Herron and Miss Fleming.

Football

The Boys' Gaelic teams were noteworthy for the excellent commitment and attitude they showed throughout the year, participating exceptionally well in all competitions. The Year 9 and Year 12 teams got to the quarter final of their respective competitions and the Year 10 team was beaten in the semi final by the eventual winners.

The highlight of the season however was the senior team, captained by Hugh Casey, reaching the Nolan Cup Final for the very first time. This was a significant achievement and one which will surely inspire and nurture greater self-belief among the junior teams for the year ahead. Mr Mc Cullough was justifiably proud of their achievements.

Football (Womens)

For the first time in Lumen Christi, a ladies' football team reached the Ulster C League play off. Unfortunately, they were beaten by Coláiste Ailigh, Letterkenny, just missing out on an Ulster semi-final place at Under 19 level.

The Under 16 team had an excellent League campaign and this group of players will compete at Under 19 level next year. Miss Fleming looks forward to the challenge this will present.

Two girls from the school have been selected for County squads: Nicole Lindsay – Under 14; Maureen Dooher – Under 16.

Judo

Lumen Christi Judo Club retained the NI Schools' Judo title for the fifth consecutive year. They also retained the Boys' Team shield and the Girls' Team shield. The following players achieved individual accolades:

Conor Bradley – Male Player of the Day

Niall O'Doherty – Male Player of the Day

Aoibheann Bradley – Female Player of the Day

This success is a testament to the interest and enthusiasm of the students for the sport and for the dedication, commitment and encouragement of their coach, Thomas Pearson.

Michael Clarke, who began his Judo career when he joined the Lumen Christi Club in January 2004, achieved his black belt in June of this year, a proud moment indeed for himself, his coach and the school.

Netball

The Senior team and the Year 10 team performed very respectably, both reaching the semi finals of the Plate competition. However, the highlight of the year was the Intermediate team success. They reached the Western Area Finals and the Northern Ireland Plate finals. Mrs Deery feels that these excellent performances augur well for the year ahead.

Two pupils were selected for Representative Squads: Gemma Doherty NI Under 19 Development Squad; Soraya Power NI Under 19 National Squad

Rugby

The highlight of the year was the Junior Rugby team's success in the Mowbray Shield. They defeated Castlederg in the final in a high scoring match. It was a proud moment for captain and Player of the Tournament, Jamie Devine, to accept the shield for the school.

The boys owe a special debt of gratitude to their coach, Alan Mc Kay whose commitment has nurtured their self-confidence and love for the game.

Alan himself is keen to acknowledge the support he has received from the Year 14 boys, in particular Eamonn Mc Ivor, and the inspiration and assistance they have provided to the junior pupils over the past few years. He is convinced that they have played an integral part in creating the thriving club that now exists in the school.

Swimming

The swimming team maintained their competitive commitments by participating in a range of galas in the course of the year. At the Ulster Minor Schools in October, there were a number of excellent performances. Pearse Bradley narrowly missed out on the medals but managed to reach the finals in both the Breaststroke and IM events. Claire Bradley and Eoghan Casey joined Pearse to represent Lumen Christi at the Irish Minor Schools in Dublin in December.

At the Ulster Grammar Schools held in November, Adam Mc Nulty secured two gold medals for Lumen Christi. All swimmers swam excellent personal best times with the Senior Relay team achieving fourth place in both the Medley and Freestyle relays. James Deeney

deserves a special mention for moving up an age group to complete this team. James Garvey reached the final in the Boys' Intermediate Butterfly despite having another year in this age group.

At the Ulster Secondary Schools held in January of this year, Adam Mc Nulty achieved a gold and silver medal. Senior swimmers went on to represent Lumen Christi at the Irish Secondary Schools in February in Galway.

The swimmers also performed exceptionally well at the North West Gala, held in June at William Street Swimming Pool. In addition to an overall medal tally of 14-gold, 11-silver and 1-bronze, the Under 13 Boys, Under 13 Girls, and the Under 11 Boys won Best School in their age group.

Adam Mc Nulty, Year 14 leaves us to go to university this year. He has shown unique commitment to the club throughout his seven years at the school, both as a swimmer and a coach, and leaves a void which will be difficult to fill. We are indebted to him and to Mr Martin Mc Nulty who gave tremendous support to the swimming team, by accompanying them to galas and encouraging all participants. We also extend our gratitude to our weekly coach, Mary Mc Callion, without whom the swimming club would not run.

Trampolining

In the Northern Ireland Schools' Regional Competition held in November 2007, Scarlett O'Brien achieved first place in the Under 15 Open competition. The Under 15 Boys' team comprising: Kieran Barrett, Kelvin Irwin and Odhran Feeney also achieved first.

All students, with the addition of Matthew Hockley, travelled to Newcastle, England in January 2008 for the Zonal round.

The boys put on sterling performances; Scarlett took fourth place, narrowly missing out on a place in the Zonal finals in England.

Scarlett also represented Ireland at the World Trampoline Championships in November 2008.

Aoibheann Carlin, the school's trampoline coach, communicated what great ambassadors all the participants were for the school and we commend them for their attainments.

The following students have been nominated by their coaches for special awards in their sports:

Athletics

Most Valued Player	Junior	Senior
	Claire Doherty	Sean Irvine

Basketball

Most Valued Player	Junior	Senior
	Daniel Kitson	Erin Gray

Football

Most Valued Player	Junior	Senior
	Aodhan Doherty	Christopher Beales

Football (Ladies)

Most Valued Player	Junior	Senior
	Nicole Lindsay	Enya Doherty

Judo

Most Valued Player	Female	Male
	Aoife Rodgers	Niall Gallagher

Netball

Most Valued Player	Junior	Senior
	Clodagh Mc Dermott	Terri Moore

Rugby

Most Valued Player	Junior	Senior
	Jamie Devine	Daniel O'Connor

Soccer

Most Valued Player	Junior	Senior
	Aidan Harkin	Emmett Mc Daid

Swimming

Most Valued Player	Junior	Senior
	Pearse Bradley	James Deeney

The opportunities given to students through the Extra-curricular Programme could not be provided without the tireless efforts of our external coaches, members of staff and parents and to them we extend a final word of thanks.

College policy documents on the following topics are available in the college at any time and parents may pick up a copy by calling to the Office.

- *Admissions*
- *Anti-Bullying*
- *Attendance*
- *Assessment*
- *Asthma*
- *Charging & remissions*
- *Child Protection*
- *Complaints*
- *Curriculum*
- *Discipline and Behaviour*
- *Drugs Awareness*

- Health and Safety
- Homework
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Pastoral Care
- Sex Education
- Special Educational Needs
- Use of the Internet

Any parent or member of staff wishing to offer comments or suggestions on the policy statements should provide these in writing to the Principal. Any views expressed will be taken into account in the process of revision by the Board of Governors and Leadership Team.

External Examination Results 2008

At GCSE, Joint 1st in UK English Literature was shared by six students who were ranked in the top 5 mark range: - Samantha Moore, Megan Logue, Catherine Meenan, Sean Quinn, Rebecca O'Reilly and Sarah McSwiggan.

3rd place in Northern Ireland in ICT at GCSE level was attained by Patrick McIvor.

At A-Level too, students achieved outstanding individual success: Claire Sheerin attained 1st in NI in Business Studies with Mary Bradley joint 2nd in this subject. Conor McLaughlin [Year 13] sustained his remarkable linguistic record by attaining one of the top 5 marks in the United Kingdom in A Level French [AQA].

GCSE EXAMINATIONS 2008

Subject	No. Entries	GradeA*	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Grade E	%age Grade A+A*	%age Grade A*-C
Additional Maths	43	12	13	16	1	1		58.1 (69.1)	97.7 (100.0)
		27.9	30.2	37.2	2.3	2.3			
Art	29	9	8	8	4			58.6 (44.7)	100.0 (97.4)
		31.0	27.6	27.6	13.8				
Biology	34	14	19	1				97.1 (87.0)	100.0 (100.0)
		41.2	55.9	2.9					
Chemistry	34	15	17	2				94.1 (92.3)	100.0 (100.0)
		44.1	50.0	5.9					
Design and Technology	32	2	15	15				53.1 (85.7)	100.0 (100.0)
		6.3	46.9	46.9					
English Language	122	23	50	41	8			59.8 (76.7)	100.0 (100.0)
		18.9	41.0	33.6	6.5				
English	114	39	54	16	3	1		81.6	100.0

Literature								(80.5)	(100.0)
		34.2	47.4	14.0	2.6	0.9			
French	69	23	17	17	10	2		58.0 (45.5)	97.1 (87.9)
		33.3	24.6	24.6	14.5	2.9			
Geography	52	15	22	10	4	1		71.2 (88.7)	98.1 (100.0)
		28.8	44.3	19.2	7.7	1.9			
History	71	19	34	15	3			71.8 (73.5)	100.0 (100.0)
		26.8	47.9	21.1	4.2				
H/Econs	16	2	3	8	3			31.3 (13.3)	100.0 (100.0)
		12.5	18.8	50.0	18.8				
I.C.T.	68	36	31	1				98.5 (100.0)	100.0 (100.0)
		52.9	45.6	1.5					
Irish	15	9	4	2				86.7 (96.4)	100.0 (100.0)
		60.0	26.7	13.3					
Mathematics	122	48	25	38	11			59.8 (74.2)	100.0 (100.0)
		39.3	20.5	31.1	9.0				
Music	19	8	7	4				78.9 (82.6)	100.0 (100.0)
		42.1	36.8	21.1					
Sport/PE Studies	29	22	7					100.0 (95.7)	100.0 (100.0)
		75.9	24.1						
Physics	34	10	17	7				79.4 (61.5)	100.0 (100.0)
		29.4	50.0	20.6					
Religious Education	122	66	31	17	8			79.5 (85.0)	100.0 (100.0)
		54.1	25.4	13.9	6.6				
Science DA	176	32	80	42	22			63.6 (77.8)	100.0 (100.0)
		18.2	45.5	23.9	12.5				
Spanish	53	14	10	12	17			42.3 (52.6)	100.0 (100.0)
		25.0	18.9	22.6	32.7				
Engineering	32	32						100.0	100.0
		100.0							
Total	1285	450	466	272	94	5			
%		34.9	36.3	21.2	7.3	0.4			

A LEVEL SUBJECT RESULTS 2008

Subject	Entries	A	B	C	D	E	U
Art and Design	11	5	3	2	1		
%		45.5	27.3	18.2	9.1		
Business	12	11	1				
%		91.7	8.3				
Biology	62	24	16	10	5	6	1
%		38.7	25.8	16.1	8.1	9.7	1.6
Chemistry	42	27	9	5	1		
%		64.3	21.4	11.9	2.4		
English Literature	27	13	11	3			
%		48.1	40.7	11.1			
French	9	3	1	4	1		
%		33.3	11.1	44.4	11.1		
Geography	15	11	3	1			
%		73.3	20.0	6.7			
History	35	23	10	2			
%		65.7	28.6	5.7			
Information Technology	39	33	6				
%		84.6	15.4				
Mathematics	28	26	1	1			
%		92.9	3.6	3.6			
Music	10	8	2				
%		80.0	20.0				
Physics	24	13	5	5	1		
%		54.2	20.8	20.8	4.2		
Religious Studies	25	20	5				
%		80.0	20.0				
Spanish	12	6	4	2			
%		50.0	33.3	16.7			
Sports / PE studies	7	4	2	1			
		57.1	28.6	14.3			
Technology	8	3	3	1	1		
%		37.5	37.5	12.5	12.5		
Health & Social Care	1	1					
%		100.0					
Totals	367	231	82	37	10	6	1
%		62.9	22.3	10.1	2.7	1.6	0.3

EXAMINATION TRENDS**GCSE EXAMINATIONS 2006-2008**

	% of pupils entered for 7+ GCSEs LUMEN CHRISTI	% of pupils achieving 7+ Grades A-C LUMEN CHRISTI	Northern Ireland Grammar School Average 7+ A-C
2005-2006	100	100	91.0
2006-2007	100	100	90.0
2007-08	100	100	<i>Not available</i>

A-LEVEL EXAMINATIONS 2006-8

	% of pupils entered for 3A Levels LUMEN CHRISTI	% of pupils achieving 3 Grades A-C LUMEN CHRISTI	Northern Ireland Grammar School Av. % Achieving 3 A-C
2005-2006	100	97.3	
2006-2007	99.1	92.2	73.7
2007-2008	98.2	86.0	<i>Not available</i>

KEY STAGE 3 EXAMINATIONS 2006-2008

KS 3	Level 6	Level 6	Level 6	Level 7	Level 7	Level 7	Level 8	Level 8	Level 8
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
English	100	96.8	100	76.0	51.0	70.0	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Maths	100	99.2	97.5	63.6	43.5	44.1	24.0	46.8	36.4
Science	99.2	99.2	95.7	45.8	52.1	50.8	25.0	33.9	22.0

* CCEA does not award level 8 in English at Key Stage 3.

SCHOOL LEAVERS & DESTINATIONS:

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Secondary	University	FE/HE	Employment	Apprenticeship	Gap Year	Unemployed
14	106	7	2	0	5	0