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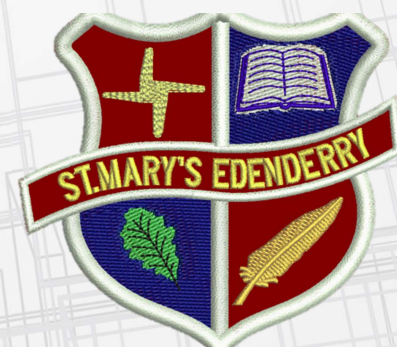
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**To the class of 2023, I whole heartedly congratulate you. Graduating from secondary school is a wonderful juncture in life's journey. A moment to cherish.**

**You have been a magnificent group, very easy to work with, talk to and grow alongside. I hope that your time with us has been rewarding- enriching you as a person and preparing you for adult life. The opportunities that lie in front of you are countless and the possibilities limitless. There is the excitement of the immediate years to come in college or work. We in St Mary's hope that we have prepared you well for much that lies ahead.**

**You finish your time in St Mary's as I complete my second year as Principal. I would like to thank you for your cooperation and courtesy. We are proud of you and have great memories of your time here with us.**

**Remember to measure success in the widest way possible. Cherish and nurture your friendships and relationships, new and old. Hold your family close to your heart. Most of all, respect yourself, truly and consciously. In doing that you will serve your parents and community well.**

**I and everyone in St Mary's wish you well in life's journey. We ask that you bring with you some of the values of St Mary's, BE KIND, BE FAIR, BE RESILIENT, BE RESPONSIBLE. Go now and make a difference.**

**Best wishes,  
Emmet McDonnell  
Principal**



**Comhghairdeas ó chroí do lucht na hÁrdteiste 2023.**

**As you reach the end of your journey with us at St. Mary's Secondary School, I congratulate you.**

**I am very proud of you, and I appreciate everything that you have accomplished during your time with us at St. Mary's. The years ahead will, at times be demanding and tough but you have each shown over your time here that you are adaptable and resilient and can cope with change and take on new challenges. Your entire future lies ahead of you so focus on your dreams and ambitions and focus on the work ethic needed to attain them. Believe in yourselves and your capabilities!**

**It has been a privilege to know you; to work with you; to watch you grow and mature as a wonderful group of young people. This is not the end of your journey but the beginning of the next chapter in your lives.**

**I wish the best for you in everything you do.**

**Go n-éirí go geal libh go léir!**

**Mrs B Lawton  
Deputy Principal**



**I hope your time as a student in St. Mary's has helped you develop perseverance coupled with a strong identity, fantastic memories, and friends.**

**Your positive attitude, resilience, kindness to each other, and sense of humour will stand you well long after you have moved on from St. Mary's when you're confronted by the inevitable challenges that life throws at us. The confidence gained as a student in this school will help you to step outside your comfort zone, make a positive impact and be happy.**

**Thank you for the support that you've shown me over the last six years.**

**All the best in whatever you choose to do going forward.**

**Mr T Reehill  
Deputy Principal**



**I would like to wish all of you every success in your Leaving Certificate exams and in the exciting years that will follow your time in St. Mary's. I have enjoyed seeing you progress and develop from the time you entered the school as wide-eyed first years until now, when you leave as adults, ready to take your place in the world beyond school.**

**In your time here you have made your mark on St. Mary's. You have done this in the classroom, on the sports fields, and on the stage. You have also made a mark on the teachers that have come to know and care for you, and on the friends that you have made here.**

**Part of your time here was impacted hugely by Covid, and you had to adjust to the new reality of online class and missing out on time with your friends. You deserve great credit for how you dealt with this time of adversity. When you look back at your time in St. Mary's it won't be the masks or the online lessons that you remember. It will be the many great experiences that you had and especially the great friends that you made. You should be proud of your time in St. Mary's and of the great strides you have all made.**

**Look forward to the future and embrace the opportunities that arise. Be brave enough to take risks and chase your dreams with hard work and enthusiasm. Be kind to yourselves and others and embrace the future. Your future is still unwritten and that is what makes it exciting.**

**Mr D Flynn.  
Deputy Principal.**



**To the Class of 2023,**

**It has been an honour to be your Year Head.**

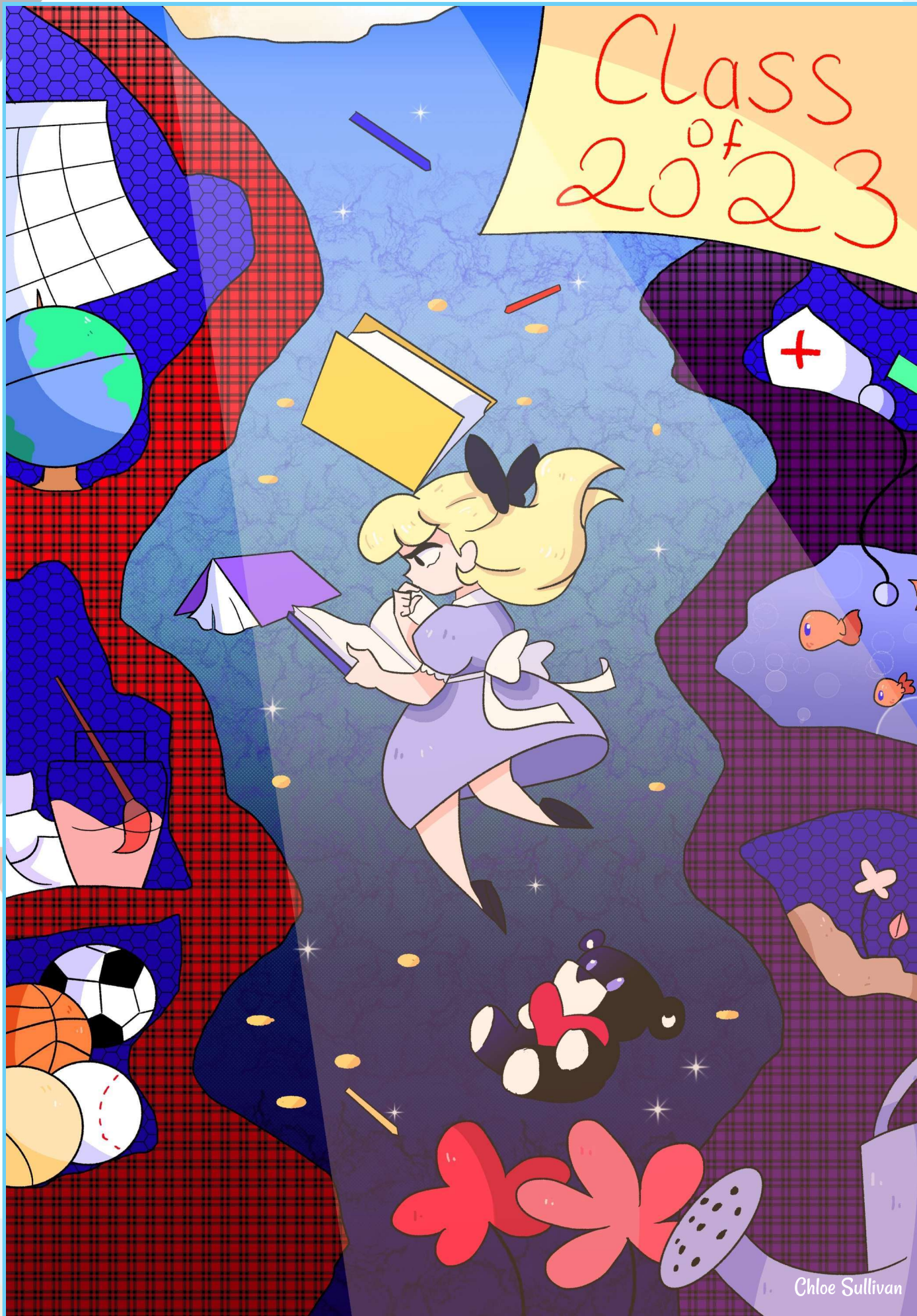
**Working with you as you progressed through St. Mary's - from your first year, as you adjusted to secondary school life with its timetables, lockers, new teachers, and new friends has been a privilege. Watching you endure the Covid times and the resilience you have shown getting back to normal school life, to your final year as you set new goals for yourselves and the determination you have to do the work needed to achieve them, has been remarkable.**

**I am very proud of who you have become. Be proud of yourselves and always believe in yourselves.**

**I wish you every happiness and success as you start the next chapter of your life's journey.**

**God Bless,  
Ms Hourigan**

# Class of 2023



Chloe Sullivan

# Prefects 2022-23



To the Prefects of 2022/23,

Take a bow! You have achieved so much and been exemplary role models.

From the non-uniform days raising funds for most worthy causes like Little Wishes Edenderry, the Creeslough Tragedy Fund and the Local Branch of St Vincent de Paul. To the spectacular Christmas show with its brilliant LipSync Battle, a fantastic Deal or No Deal! and our wonderful hosts, Elyse, Mark & Sean. You all put so much work in to make it the success that it was. And who will ever forget Sean and Ultan facing the chop! The sweet shop and the sponsored mullet and beard shave were among the highlights of the school year! And once more, all for a great cause the Irish Hospice Foundation.

You helped out at school events from the Primary School Quiz to the Open Night and were always on hand to help out where needed.

Thank you wholeheartedly for all you have done. I take this opportunity to wish each of you all the best for the future. Life has so much in store for you, embrace it all! Stay kind, be true to yourselves and never give up on your dreams.

All the best,  
Mr Costello

**Prefects 2022/23: Ultan McIntyre (Chairperson), Luke O'Connor, Riona Loughrey, Shauna Comerford, Ciara Ennis, Míglé Matulionyte, Aaron Kennedy, Sean Brien, Amy Dalton, Ruby Foran, Andy Yan, Olivia Craig, Mark Forde, Sadhbh Rogers Keating, Ashlin Francis and Elyse Halligan.**



# Student Council 2022-23



**In the academic year 2022/2023 the Student Council got off to a busy start in September with our annual Open Night as well as a trip to Comhairle na nÓg. In December, they met with Offaly County Council in Edenderry Town Hall to discuss the facilities for young people in the town and present their own ideas. The year 2022 was rounded up with a whole school bingo which was inclusive and fun for all.**

**The Student Council joined forces with the Prefects for Seactain na Gaeilge and St Patrick's Day with a Green Day for charity on the 10th of March.**

**They also worked closely with school management to revise school policies with regard to homework, healthy eating and substance abuse. They liaised with management regarding the revision of the school inform and the addition of school jackets.**

**A big thank you to our 6th year Student Council members Abi Quinn, Clodagh Kearney, Dylan Byrne and Eoin Smith for all their contributions. We wish each of you all the very best in your future endeavours.**

**Mr Page and Ms Jordan**

# MEITHEAL



**The Meitheal Team of 2022 /23 was an enthusiastic & committed group, who worked together to make the school a more caring environment. They supported the 1st yr. students with the challenging transition from primary to secondary school by organising activities throughout the year to help them to get to know each other. The Meitheal Team went over and above to welcome the students into the school and help them feel at ease. They will be remembered fondly by the 1st yr. for their ice breaker activities, competitive basketball leagues and fun Christmas Quiz.**

**Personally, I would like to thank them for their enthusiasm, hard work and empathy toward the 1st yr. students, and, for always striving to become better versions of themselves. I would like to wish each one of them all the best in the years ahead and to carry the skills that Meitheal has given you with you for the future.**

**Best Wishes,  
Mrs. Mary McDonnell.**

Meitheal Team 2022/23: Elyse Halligan (Chairperson) , Ruby Foran, Declan Boyhan, Nicole Groome, Denisa Cizauskaite, Ciara Howick, Róisín Bennett, Shauna Comerford, Ellen Moore and Olivia Craig

*Caoimhe Brereton*

Use code 'caويمه'  
for 20% off in Boots!

*Leah Daly*

You can take the girl  
out of Clonbulloge but  
you can't take the  
Clonbulloge out of the  
girl

You can't shine if  
you dont Byrne

*Katie Byrne*

*Mairéad Milmoé*

It's tough at  
the top



Always being mistaken as a 1st year

*Nicole Groome*

Dressing up as Mr. Worldwide for Halloween

*Deimante Stepanaviciute*

A teacher pronouncing my name as devil

*Davile Stepanaviciute*

When the last bell rings, I might actually miss this place!

*Julia Rozek*

Alan Fowley was suppose to be in this photo. His Zetor wouldn't start.

Alan Fowley has 10 points on his Licence. Driving too slow is a crime.

Back in my day!



*Killian Wallace*



*Seán Donegan*



*Cathal Monaghan*

"What happens in chemistry stays in chemistry..."

*Sam Carberry*

I came  
I slept  
I left

Take each day as an opportunity to learn something new. Except Mondays, no one likes Mondays.

*Ola Ojo*

*Nagasi*

*Chintalapati*

Be the change you wish to see in the world

*Ben Long*

"Greatness comes from hard work and perseverance, no excuses"  
Kobe Bryant

*Oisín Cox*

"Greatness comes from hard work and perseverance, no excuses"  
Kobe Bryant

My doctor told me I'm going deaf. The news was hard for me to hear.

Someone asked me what the 9th letter of the Alphabet was...

It was a complete guess, but I was right.



*Amy Bell*

*Colleen Brereton*

Houseparty at mine!

Emily take your hands off my shoulder

*Emily Mc Kean*

*Anneliese Van Engelbrechten*



E5

It's hard to soar  
like an eagle  
when I'm  
surrounded by  
pigeons

Thank u, next

Only smiling  
because it's  
over.



*Katie Fennell*

*Ross Lenehan*

*Anna Lacey*

Imagine a really good quote here

Live, laugh, love, deftones

Cheating on all of the exams during online school

*Alisa Janevica*

*Gabrielus Mizutavicius*

*Migle Matulionite*

*Aislinn Mc Auliffe*

*Reehan Ozbek*

"Everyday above ground is a great day"  
- Pitbull

Smashlinn

I was too good for higher maths

To be honest I don't know how to say my last name either

*Denisa Cizauskaite*

*Ciara Howick*

WE ARE THE  
FUTURE



Ciara Ennis

ST. MARY'S

Estd. 1982

SECOND

Last night, I dreamed  
I was swimming in  
an ocean of orange  
soda. But it was just  
a Fanta sea.

*Mason Farrell*

Why should you  
wear glasses in  
maths class? They  
improve division.

*Cian Murphy*

Ryan once told me  
that the easiest word  
to spell was ICY. It  
took me a while but  
now I SEE WHY.

*Ryan Grace*

I drank a whole bottle of  
glue in 1st year art class.  
I told no one though. My  
lips were sealed.

*Aaron  
Murphy*



Next time you see me I'll be a hippie

Mr Henry sending me to the Vietnam war

Remember if all else fails, marry rich

You're never alone when you have books :)

*Mya Smith*

*Cindy Yau*

*Jake Herbert*

*Aoibheann Hickey*

Kinda craving  
a kebab

Finally ! Walking to  
school everyday  
gets draining

It's because I'm  
Lithuanian



*Wiktorina Piotrowska*

*Natalia Piotrowska*

*Arida Zinkute*

Someone was always crying in school, it was nearly always me

Only here for the Ls and the Bs

It's Amy not Amy Louise

Just missing Aoife Shakespeare

*Ali Quinn*

*Olivia Craig*

*Amy Lynch*

*Raia Bennett*





I have no problem  
admitting when I'm  
wrong, it's just that I  
never am !

*Elyse Halligan*

"I gave my blood,  
sweat and tears  
for this"  
- T Swift

*Shauna Comerford*

"Long story  
short, I  
survived"  
- T Swift

*Kate Maher*

I remember it All  
Too Well (6 year  
version)

*Ruby Foran*



Conor McGrath jumping into the canal

*Dan Birmingham*

*Matt Heavey*

TY in the mezzanine

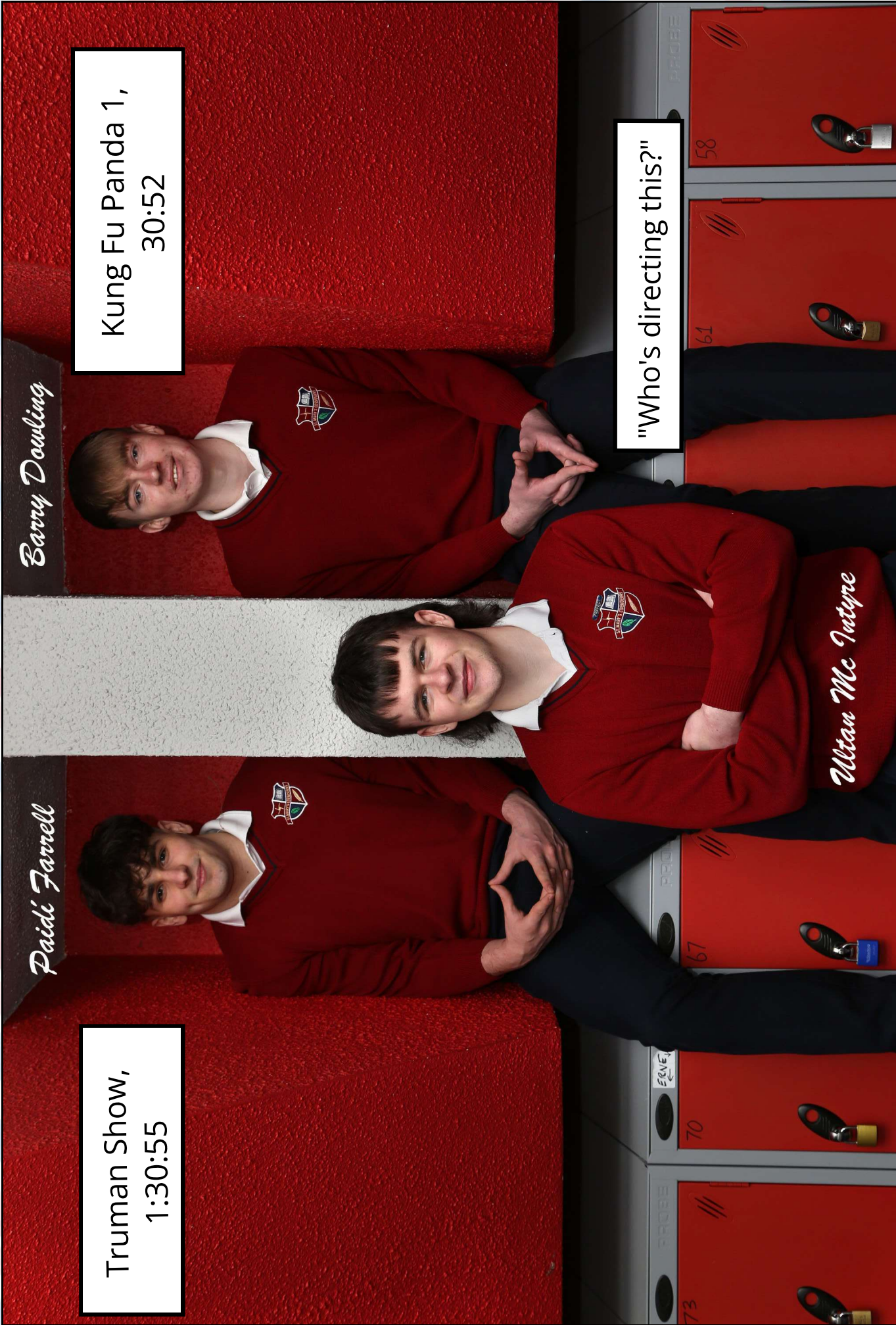
*Mark O'Meara*

*Ferdinand Ladao*

I'm not always right but I'm never wrong

3 things guaranteed in life; taxes, death and 5 lost golf balls at the end of a round.





Kung Fu Panda 1,  
30:52

"Who's directing this?"

*Barry Dawling*

*Utau Mc Intyre*

*Paidi Farrell*

Truman Show,  
1:30:55



Kellie! Oh wait  
no... Katie

I want to go home

*Katie Stynes*

*Natalie Mitchell*

Work hard, have fun, and go on a mad one this summer

Any of Mr Nally's classes

Fly like a butterfly, sting like a bee, you can't catch me, I'm Stevie.

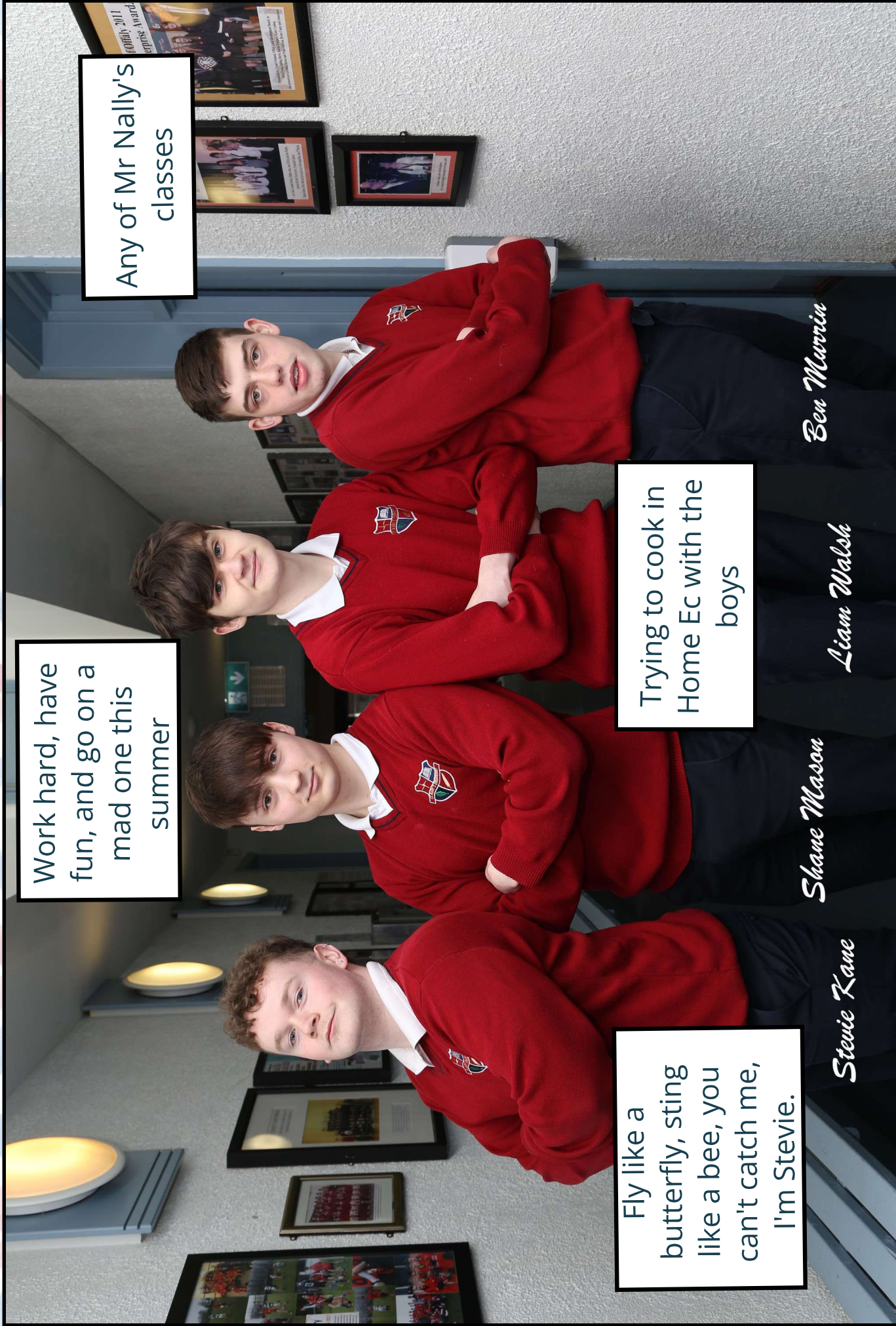
*Stevie Kane*

Trying to cook in Home Ec with the boys

*Liam Walsh*

*Shane Mason*

*Ben Murrin*

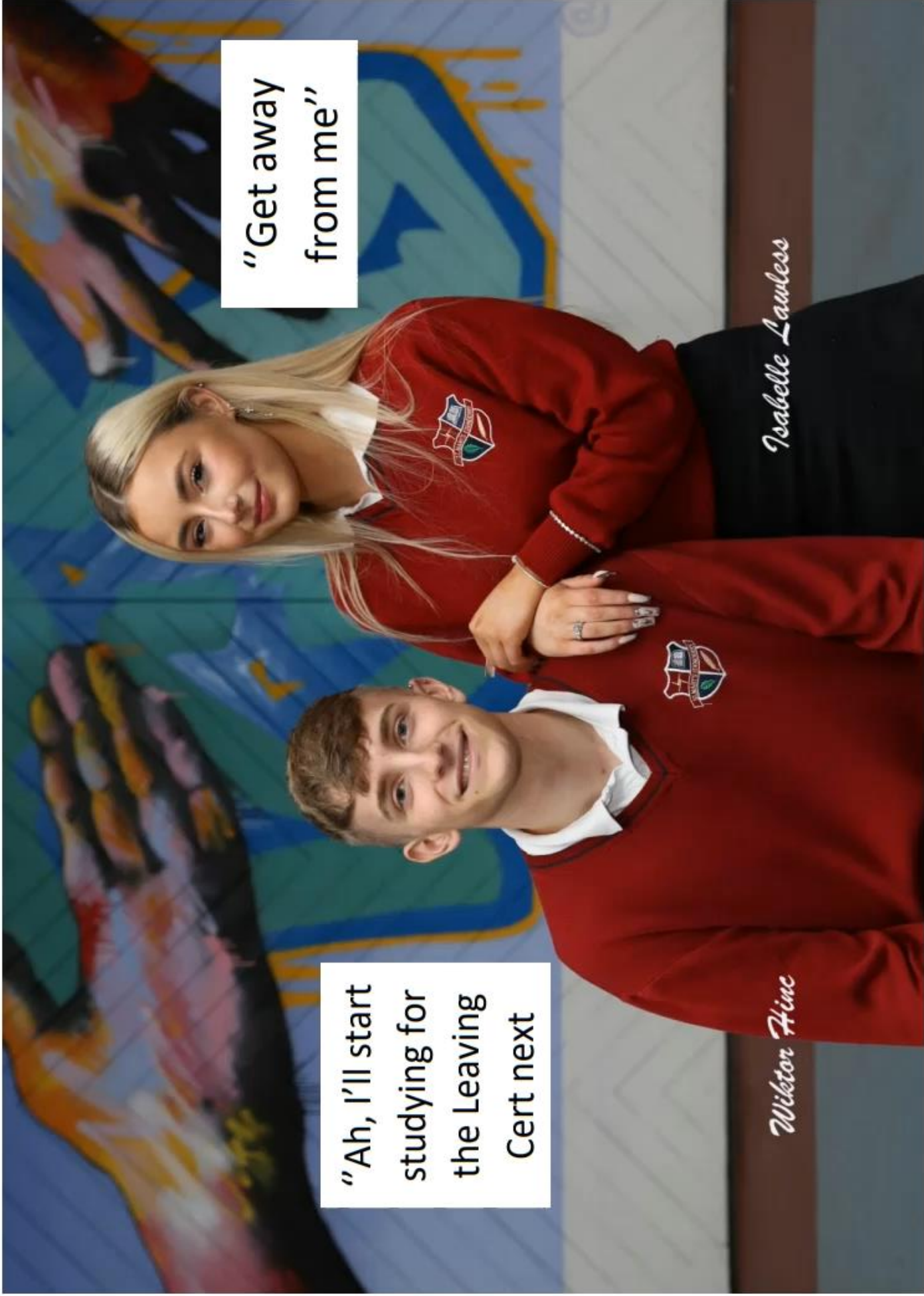


"Ah, I'll start  
studying for  
the Leaving  
Cert next

"Get away  
from me"

*Wiktor Fine*

*Isabelle Lawless*





*Ciana Emuis*

*Ashlin Francis*

*Milana Laukaityte*

I still haven't  
dropped maths...

Crying during every  
single CBA  
presentation

I would like to thank  
Google, Wikipedia and  
whoever invented copy  
and paste. Thank you ♡





*Ciara Gravin*

Absolutely robbed of  
the Lipsync 2022

*Zoe Kelly*

Hon the Captur

Last week I was at the  
shop and this man  
started throwing milk,  
butter and yoghurt at me.  
How dairy.

*Ria Kenny*

When Sophie Coghlan slid across the PE hall

Being proposed to by Leah Farrell in history

Dropping out for 2 months in 5th year because I fell off a scooter & had to have surgery

Summie, I'm signing out now.

All the TY trips we never got

Abbie  
Emis

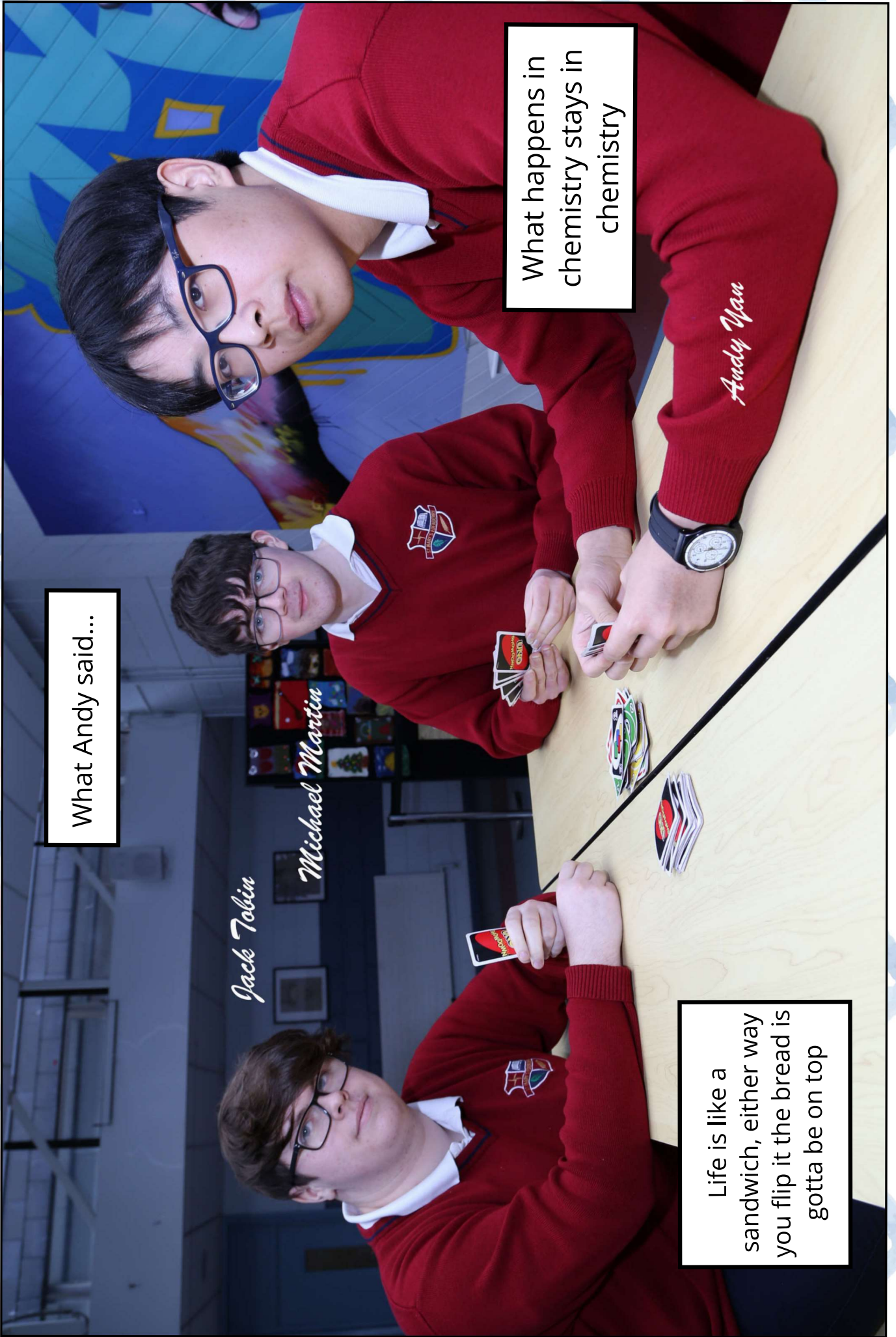
Holly  
O'Brien

Jessica  
Cannon Mooney

Sophie  
Coghlan

Naomi  
Kennedy





What Andy said...

*Jack Tobin*

*Michael Martin*

Life is like a sandwich, either way you flip it the bread is gotta be on top

What happens in chemistry stays in chemistry

*Ryan Rainey*



Dearg le fearg

*Conor Flynn*



Scoring 12 goals in  
astro PE

*Fiona O'Grady*



O'Grady  
O'Grady  
O'Grady

School was easy. It was like riding a bike, except the bike was on fire, everything was on fire because it was hell

*Sadhbh Keating*

That time in 1st year when me and Amy delayed the entire year in Liffey Valley so we could get a cookie

*Amy Carroll*

*Amy Dalton*

Funny quote loading...

After all these years I still can't speak a sentence in Irish

0/10 wouldn't recommend



Anything worth doing is worth overdoing

*Garry Mulligan*

*Luke O'Connor*

Whatever you do in life, always give 100%. Unless you are donating blood.

El Classico on a Monday morning

*Seán O'Haire*

*Eoin Sheehan*

Let's go yeah

Paidi never going to study because he's "sick"

*Rian Dixon*



*Ahmed Abourezk*

Everyone I met was blown away by me

I love Ms. Fallon's classes

*Josh O'Reilly*

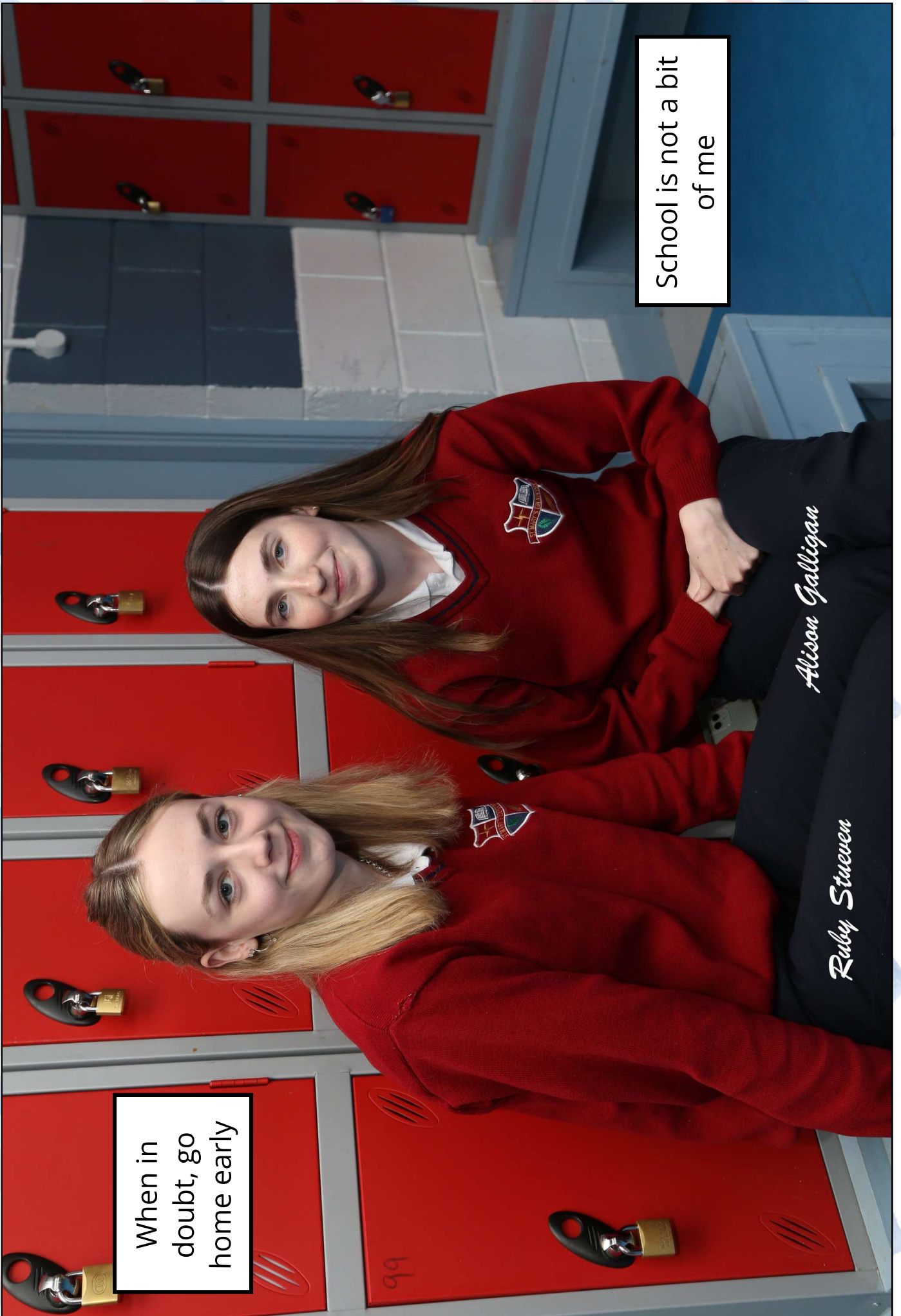
I knew exactly what to do, but in a much more real sense I had no idea what to do.

*Arturas Rakauskas*

Having class in the mezzo

*Adam Maher*





When in  
doubt, go  
home early

School is not a bit  
of me

*Alison Galligan*

*Ruby Stueven*

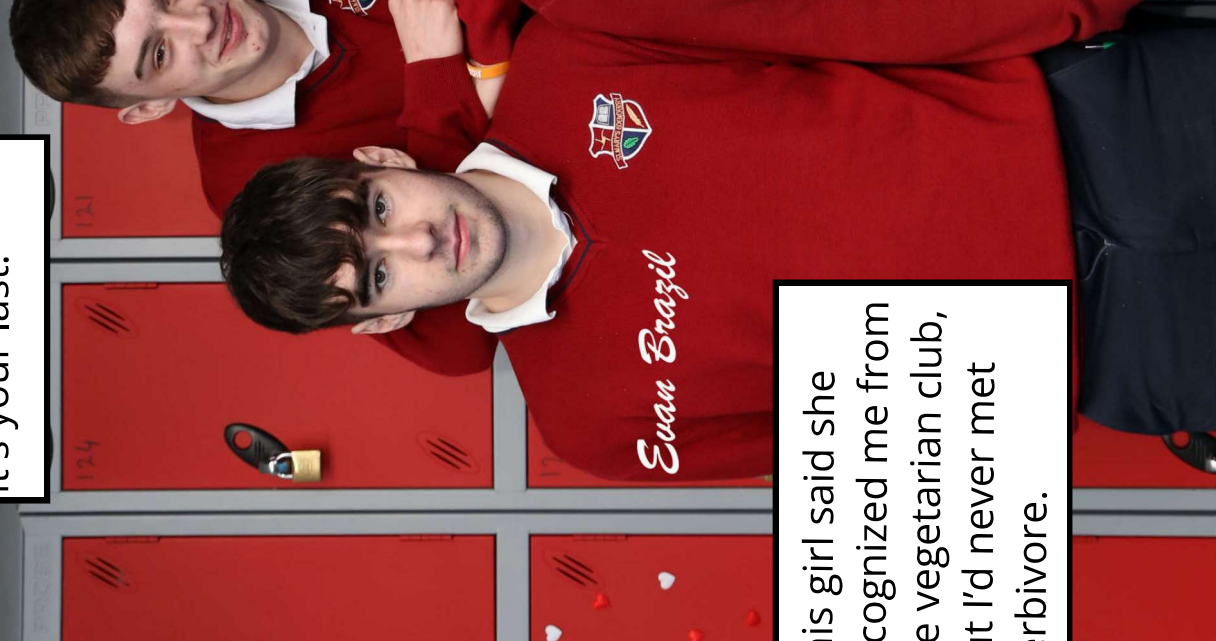
Live everyday as if it's your last.

Evan reversing into someone else's car on his first day driving to school

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

Friday morning:  
Streetside  
Breakfast

When Cillian Kelly pulled the canteen table over onto himself.



Oisín Higgins

Nathany Cassidy

Evan Brazil

Cillian Kelly

Stephen Cox



REACH FOR  
THE STARS

Miliana Laukaityte

Honestly, Mark Forde is just the the best person ever

*Ben Whelehan*

I edited the yearbook



*Mark Whelehan*



*Mark Forde*



If I were to have lunch with the Pope, Obama or Mark Forde, I'd choose Mark Forde



*Dylan Byrne*



*Eoin Smith*

I'm madly in love with Mark Forde

Mark Forde will make our country great again

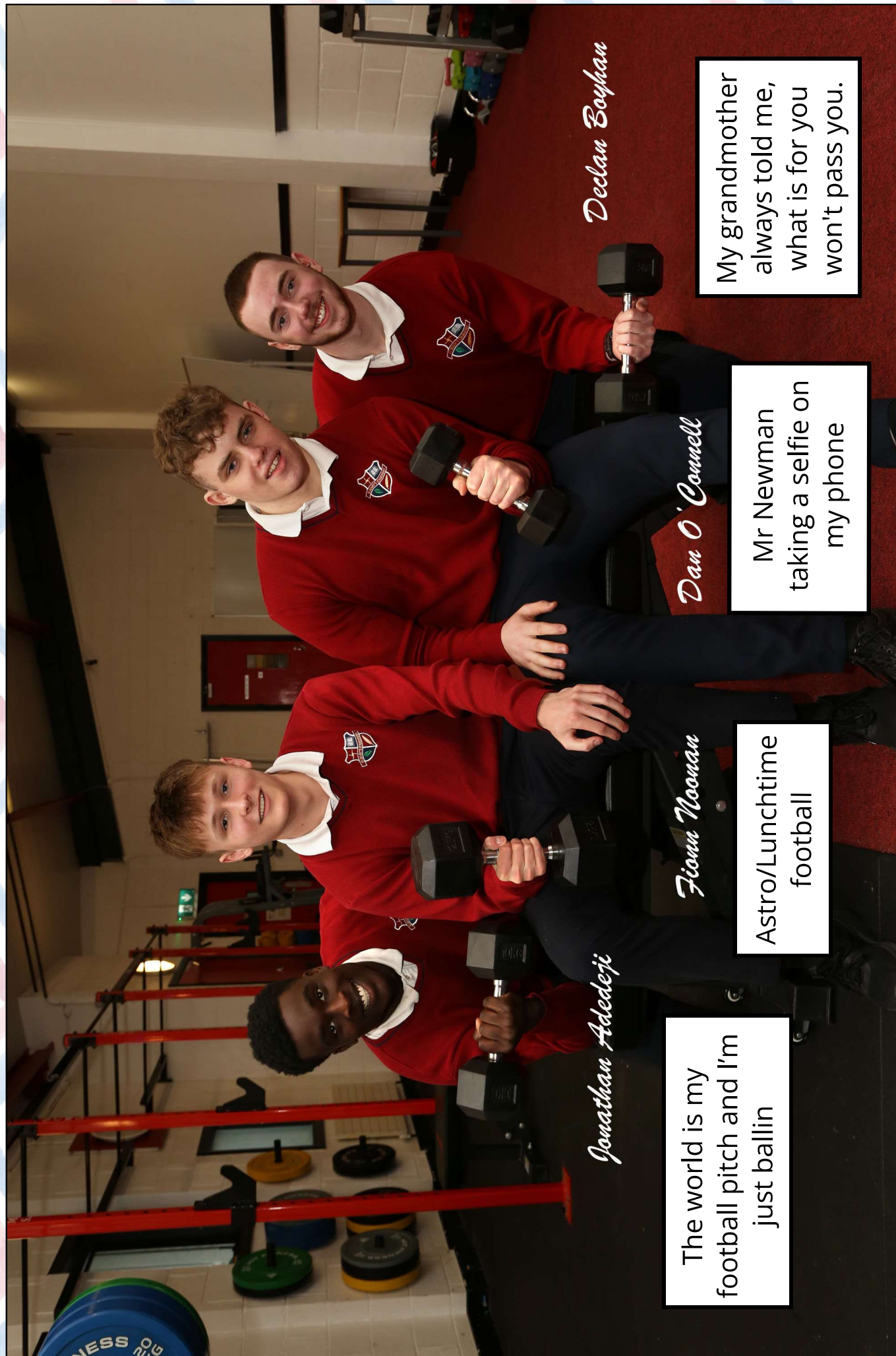
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"I don't hate it. I just don't like it at all and it's terrible." Michael Scott, The Office



"I am way too sleep deprived to deal with your negativity right now"-Jake Peralta

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*Declan Bayhan*

My grandmother always told me, what is for you won't pass you.

*Dan O'Connell*

Mr Newman taking a selfie on my phone

*Fionn Noonan*

Astro/Lunchtime football

*Jonathan Adedeji*

The world is my football pitch and I'm just ballin



If there was work in  
the bed you'd sleep  
on the floor

Crashing on  
school lane, in  
front of everyone

"Sir, I can't go  
training"

"Dan, go to class."  
- Every teacher  
ever

*Conor Bannan*

*Craig Mitchie*

*Conor Ennis*

*Dan Perry*



Dear Maths, please  
grow up and solve  
your own problems!

Ready for a  
nap now!

Жизнь далеко не  
праздник,  
проверь на  
кого ты ее  
тратишь.

Listen, Smile, Agree,  
and then do  
whatever you were  
going to do anyway

*Emma Kavanaugh*

*Sophie  
Maguire*

*Rena  
Eledkaouy*

*Aleksandra Semjonova*

For Halloween me and my Eric dressed up as almonds. Everyone thought we were nuts.

I'm going on a business trip

I used to be addicted to soap. But I'm clean now.

Cash is King

*Liam Donegan*

*Eric Hanley*

*Sean Melia*

*Christian Thomas*



All of art  
class and  
badminton

Saving penalties  
for soccer  
school team

Oui oui  
baguette,  
Bisous

*Emilie Levickas*

*Chloe Sullivan*

*Aaron Kennedy*



Future Oscar Winner?

Sultans of Ping  
are my  
favourite band

*John Mc Bride*

*Aaron Lawless*

You can take the school  
out of Seán Brien but  
you can't take Seán  
Brien out of the school

*Seán Brien*

Did you hear about the  
man who lost his left  
side? He is all right  
now.

Sure look, call it a  
day.

*Ryan Dunne*

*Jan Coogan*

Leah told me the bridge over the canal got damaged. Can't get over it.

Taking pictures of my classmates with my nintendo 3Ds

Finishing school is the same thing as getting the Friday feeling on a Monday



*Maria Macari*



*Serena Rahman*



*Leah Farrell*



Human beings suffer,  
They torture one another,  
They get hurt and get hard.  
No poem or play or song  
Can fully right a wrong  
Inflicted and endured

...

History says, don't hope  
On this side of the grave.  
But then, once in a lifetime  
The longed-for tidal wave  
Of justice can rise up,  
And hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change  
On the far side of revenge.  
Believe that further shore  
Is reachable from here.  
Believe in miracle  
And cures and healing wells.



Call miracle self-healing:  
The utter, self-revealing  
Double-take of feeling.  
If there's fire on the mountain  
Or lightning and storm  
And a god speaks from the sky

That means someone is hearing  
The outcry and the birth-cry  
of new life at its term.

It means that once in a lifetime  
that justice can rise up and

**Hope and History rhyme.**

Adapted from Seamus Heaney's 'The Cure of Troy'

The final line was quoted several times by

US President Joe Biden on his visit to Ireland in April, 2023.

# Student Awards

Best Barber .....	Dan Perry
Most Likely to have Anything in her Bag .....	Arida Zinkute
Best PE Astro Player .....	Matt Heavy
Fakest Farmer .....	Stephen Cox
Most likely to get lost on a LC holiday.....	Ciara Gravin
Best Businessman.....	Gary Mulligan
Best Director .....	Mark Forde
CEO of Skittles .....	Sam Carberry
Biggest Globetrotter .....	Nagasai Chintalapati
Least Regrets .....	Fionn Noonan
Most Fueled Fire .....	Ian Coogan
Most Yellow Cards .....	Roisin Bennett
Best Nickname .....	Smashlinn McAuliffe
Most Likely to be Arrested .....	Fionn O'Grady
Best Calves .....	Aleksandr McNally
Best Driver .....	Connor Bannon
Most Colourful Hair.....	Migle Matulionyte
Biggest Teacher's Pet .....	Eoin Sheehan
Best Beard .....	Seán Brien
Most Luscious/Worst Mullet .....	Ultán McIntyre
Biggest Passenger Princess .....	Daniel O'Connell
Biggest Simp .....	Dylan Byrne
Best Gilet .....	Emily McKeon
Best Parking .....	Olivia Craig
Most Likely to do Jam Making Course .....	Milana Laukaityte
Boldest in the Year .....	Cindy Yan
Most likely to Get Away with Murder .....	Sadbhbh Keating
Least Likely to Drive .....	Leah Daly
Worst Attendance .....	Ruby Foran
Most likely to be an Olympic Diver .....	Conor McGrath
Best Smile .....	Cian (Smiler) Murphy
Biggest Flirt .....	Declan Boyhan
Most Likely to win the Nobel Prize in Physics .....	Ellen O'Connor



# Student Awards

Worst Jokes .....	Ciara Howick
Most Likely to be ID'd for the rest of their life .....	Ellen Moore
Most Likely to be a Professional Athlete .....	Oisín Cox
Best Wrestlers .....	Mark and Ben Whelehan
Biggest Ego .....	Páidí Farrell
Most Likely to go to America .....	Ruby Stueven
Most Likely to Get a Free Couch .....	Amy Lynch
Best Scooter Fail .....	Jessica Cannon-Mooney
Most Likely to Nominate Himself .....	Ross Lenehen
Most ACL Tears .....	Daniel Bermingham
Best Mr.Worldwide .....	Deimante Steponaviciute
Wannabe Boy Racer .....	Nathan Cassidy
Next Picasso .....	Chloe Sullivan
Best Barman .....	Mark O'Meara
Biggest Ladies Man .....	Ahmed Abourezk
Footballer of the Year .....	Conor Ennis
Most Likely to be Late for Class .....	Oisín Higgins
Leader of the Pack .....	Seán O'Haire
Gentle Giant .....	Luke O'Connor
Biggest Glow Up .....	Eric Hanley
Best Attendance .....	Colleen Brereton
Worst Influence .....	Barry Dowling
Best Debate Team .....	Kate Maher and Ríona Loughrey
Best Name .....	Ola Ojo
Most Likely to be Famous .....	Elyse Halligan
Best Hair .....	Ria Kenny
Most Likely to be Taoiseach .....	Michael Martin
Happiest in the Year .....	Shauna Comerford
Best Car Dealer .....	Conor Flynn
Most Promising Botanist .....	Kian Dixon
Most Likely to Start a Cult .....	Amy Dalton
Love Island Contestants 2024...	Caoimhe Brereton & Jonathan Adedeji
Most likely to complain about not getting an award.....	Leah Farrell

# Teacher Quotes

"Are you for real??" - Ms. Bradley

"If you have a problem shout it!" - Ms. McDonnell

"Morning lads and ladies" - Mr. Page

"I have a life outside of school" - Mr. McEvoy

"Not a notion sunshine" - Ms. Connor

"What goes on in this classroom is none of your business" - Mr. Henry

"I didn't bring my spoon today" - Ms. Noone

"Easy peasy lemon squeezy" - Mr. McGrath

"This is the last class we are spending on the PAP" - Mr. Newman

"Yes, no, maybe so" - Ms. Rigney

"You are all good people in this class" - Mr. Henry

# Teacher Quotes



"Ye are all having the L's and the B's down there" - Mr. O'Connor

"The heads gone" - Mr. J Lawton

"One more question and we'll take a break" - Mr. Costello

"As far out as a lighthouse" - Mr. Graham

"So say we have Jakey right..." - Mr. Henry

"Are ye alive or just ignoring me" - Mr. Flynn

"What happens in room 50 stays in room 50" - Ms. Coughlan

"You can do the Maths but you know nothing"  
- Mr. Murphy

"Super whopper deadly" - Mr. McFadden

"The Mulligan method" - Mr. McManus

"Morning guys, sorry I was with my 3rd Years" - Ms. Luttrell

# Teacher Quotes

"Get that work done and I'll make a deal with ya" - Mr. Costello

"Profit and whattttt? Profit and loss!" - Ms. Coughlan

"It's not cold, it's fresh" - Mr. Newman

"It's the first of March and I ran out of print credits for the month, so please use them"  
- Ms. Bolton

"Take off your jackets" - Every teacher ever

"Stop barking boys" - Ms. Jordan

"Let's get down, let's get down to business" - Ms. Luttrell

"These tests are a disgrace" - Ms. Bolton

"Right folks, it's 5 to 9" - Ms. Hourigan

"LANGUAGE!" - Ms. McCann

"Ahhhh lads" - Ms. Bolton

"It's common sense like" - Ms. McDermott

# Teacher Quotes



"Bunch of clowns" - Mr. Newman

"P.A.Y whattttt... E!!!" - Ms. Coughlan

"3.14159265358979328" - Mr. McManus

"Get your words out Dan" - Ms. Bolton

"We'll need a double door for you Dan" -  
Mr. O'Connor

"Cindy you're so bold" - Ms. Nestor

"If you get this wrong I'll send you to woodwork"  
- Ms. McEntee

"Right" - Ms. O'Reilly

"The monitor's red -- open up that window"  
- Mr. J Lawton

"You're all mooing and screaming like animals" -  
Ms. Griffin

# Boys GAA



The Men's Senior football team put in a massive effort both on and off the playing field this year. Their Senior 'A' championship campaign got off to a flying start with a comprehensive victory against CBS Mullingar. This was followed by a narrow defeat to a very formidable St Mel's of Longford side in Pearse Park. Advancing to the knockout stages of the competition a late penalty after extra time against Colaiste Choilm in O'Connor Park, Tullamore ended the year in heartbreak. Seán O Haire's point in particular to level terms with the last kick of the game in normal time will live long in the memory of those in attendance. Often in football you do not get what you deserve, but no one could fault their attitude, appetite & application.

To the 6th Years, we wish you all the best both on and off the field in whatever you chose to do but hope you take what you have learned here in St Mary's and build on it. You have shown an ability to grow, improve, take setbacks and disappointments but never gave in. A person's true character is revealed in times of disappointment.

Special mentions to; Eoin Sheehan & Dylan Byrne who led from the front since the day they arrived. To Conor Ennis who couldn't train since the day he arrived. To Fionn O'Grady who always spoke his mind, or just spoke. To Mark Whelehan & Eoin Smith who never stopped working to make the jersey theirs, which they did. To Páidí, we all hope to see you in blue and green some day and all will be forgiven!

Mr Mealiffe and Mr Gonoud

# Boys Rugby



**The Senior Boys rugby team followed on from a successful season last year with another trophy winning the Leinster Div 3A senior Shield with a superb 39 -14 win over Kildare Town Community School. They overcame a determined Malahide CS, Dublin and Colaiste Ris, Dundalk in the previous rounds.**

**The team had the perfect mix of youthful enthusiasm from the TY contingent, and strength and experience from our 5th & 6th year boys. The team was coached superbly by Patsy Gorman and mentored by Mr Geraghty and showed marked improvement with every game. In December team captain, Ultán McIntyre, deservedly climbed the steps at Donnybrook RFC to lift the trophy on behalf of his ecstatic team mates.**

**I take this opportunity to wish every member of the panel continued success in their sporting careers. It has been a pleasure to be involved with this super bunch and I have little doubt that each and every one of you can achieve great things in the future.**

**Sixth Year panel members: Ultán McIntyre, Seán Brien, Stephen Cox, Dan O'Connell, Eric Hanley, and Conor McGrath**

**Mr Geraghty**

# Girls GAA



**Our Senior Ladies football team began their championship against a strong Gorey Community School team in very tough conditions in September. They bounced back from this defeat and produced an excellent performance against Cross and Passion College, Kilcullen at home in Edenderry.**

**Their 'never give up' attitude, positive outlook and infectious energy shone through and they were extremely unlucky to lose out by the smallest of margins. They made great efforts to attend training, including at 7.30am before school.**

**Central to the spirit of the team were a group of 6th year girls who will be sorely missed next year. We look forward to seeing them all continue to develop their football skills in their respective adult careers in club, college and county. Best of luck in the future girls!**

**Ms Dagg and Ms Cotter**



# Girls Rugby



Six years ago, I started to help out with ladies' rugby in St Mary's, I had two new first year recruits, Riona Loughrey and Amy Lynch. It has been a joy to watch that team grow, and welcome Olivia Craig, Naomi Kennedy, Roisin Bennett, and Reyhan Ozbek into our team, with Sadhbh Rogers Keating and Anneliese Von Engelbrechten always willing to step in when needed.

They have had a very busy year, not only academically, but this was the first time in two years that we could recruit new players and our senior students stepped up under the guidance of our new coach, Mr Dermot Tierney and teacher Ms Nestor.

This year, the team went from strength to strength, training hard in school and with their clubs. The commitment of the past six years was shining through in Tullamore in March when they lifted Silverware and were crowned Midland Champions, the same week they won a Leinster final for Edenderry!

We could not be prouder of these ladies, they are a credit to their families, their school and we hope they are just as proud of themselves.

Amy, I would like to officially apologies for that note in 3rd year and to the rest of the team for always showing favouritism to Riona, my 1st player, and hope we can finally move past it!

As you all prepare for your exciting future plans, myself, Ms Nestor and Dermot would like to thank you for your dedication to the team, the fun you brought to each day out and we hope you come back to cheer on the next generation of SME Ladies Rugby. Ms McCann

# Girls Basketball



**St Mary's U19 Ladies' Basketball was back in full swing this year captained by Katy Doyle and vice Abby O'Reilly. The team were under the coaching of Ms Duke with Ms Connor as assistant coach and went from strength to strength throughout the year.**

**With some very close games, only missing out on a win by a mere one or two points, the team finished just shy of reaching the league semi-finals. Undeterred, the team put in an amazing effort to go after the League Shield, training harder than ever. And it paid off as they had the stamina and resolve to claimed a nail biting one point win over Borriskane in the semi-finals which took them to the final.**

**The final, played in Portlaoise, the club homecourt of our very own Mr McEvoy, was against Athy CS. The girls' dominated the game right from the start with the amazing support of our school chants behind them. In the final quarter they broke their game tradition by winning by a point or two and ended the game 31-16. With some of these players starting under the coaching eye of Ms Duke as far back as 2018, a win for these players was very much deserved. Onwards and upwards for next years' season!**

**Ms Duke**

# Boys Basketball



Over the past two years we have seen the return of many things to our daily lives, including for the first time in over a decade the return of Senior Boys' Basketball to St. Mary's Edenderry. It has been a great experience to coach such a fantastic group of young men who worked so hard as a team during the two seasons in Senior Schools' Basketball. You achieved so much in a short space of time; the first Boys' Team from St. Mary's to play a final at the National Basketball Arena (the basketball equivalent to Croke Park) and to follow that up by going undefeated throughout the group stages of the league this season against some of the strongest schools in our division.

Each of you brought something unique to the team leaving behind an excellent culture for the guys coming through. Ms Casey and I would like to wish each of you the very best of luck with everything you do in the future. We hope you keep playing this great game. Thank you for your time, effort, great attitude, and commitment to the St. Mary's Basketball Programme. Finally, an important piece of motivational advice for the future, "Winners are not people who never fail, but people who never quit".

Mr. McEvoy



# Class of 2023



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# Through The Years



Lip Sync 2022



Croghan Hill Challenge 2017



Leinster Schools Final 2022



2nd year London trip 2019



Midlands Champions



Halloween Dress Up Day 2022



Lough Boora 2020



Doppelganger Day 2022



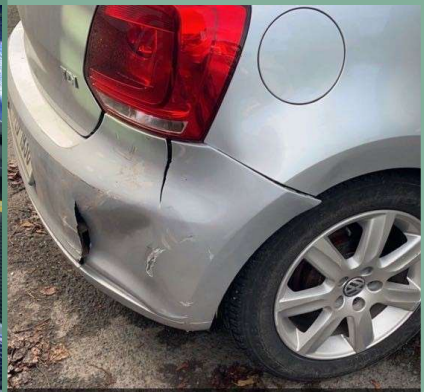
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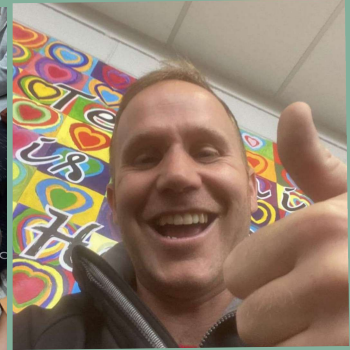
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# Memories





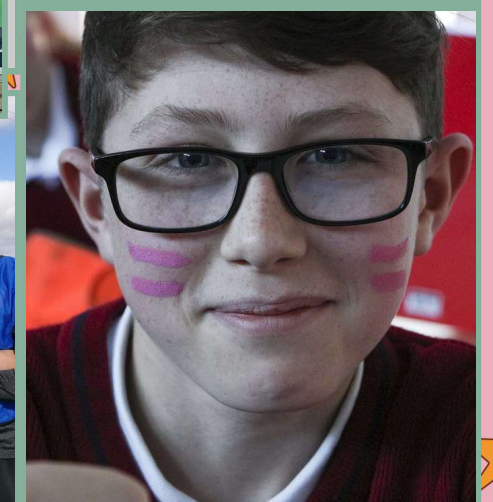
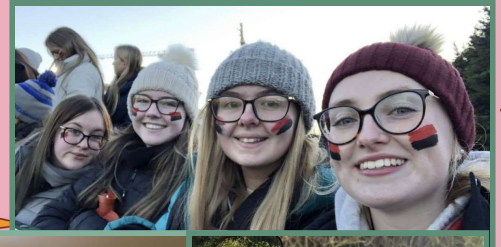
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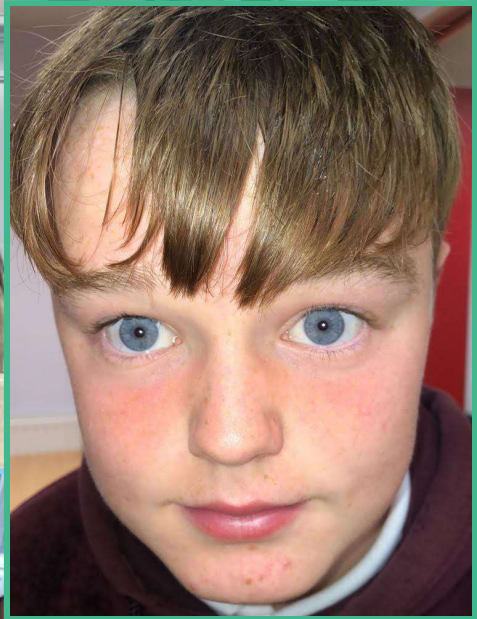


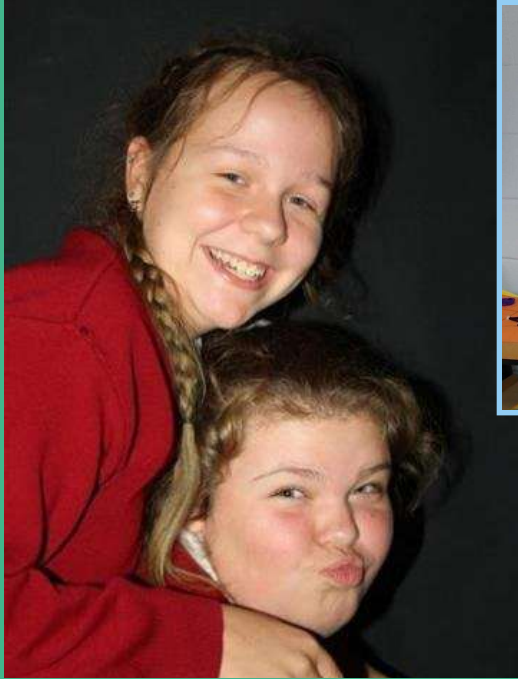












# Our Survey says...

We asked all 150 students of the St. Mary's class of 2023 what their current trends are and what they think their world will be like in 25 years time. Here are the results!

## Snapshot in Time: 2023

Question 1: How do you travel to school?

Walk 21% Car (Drive myself) 22% Car (Parents/Friends) 25%  
Bus 32% Cycle or other 0%



Question 2: What is the form of Social Media you use the most?

Snapchat 53% Twitter 3% YouTube 5%  
Instagram 9% Whatsapp 1% TikTok 28% Facebook 1%



Question 3: Do you currently have a part-time job? (April 2023)

Yes 53%

No 47%



## In 2048...

Do you think you will still be living in Ireland?

Yes 45%

No 55%



Do you think all cars will be 'driverless' by 2048?



Yes 25%

No 75%

Will online teaching be the only way students are taught in 2048?

Yes 29%

No 71%



The job you will have in 2048. Do you think it exists yet?



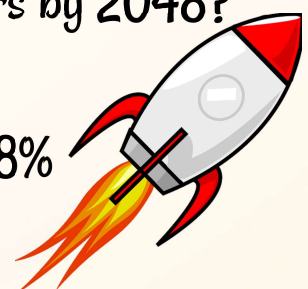
Yes 79%

No 21%

Do you think humans will have landed on Mars by 2048?

Yes 62%

No 38%



# Yearbook Committee

**As your yearbook committee and as your fellow classmates, we wish you the best of luck on your future endeavours. Wherever you go in the world these walls, hallways and classrooms will remember the Class of 2023. St.Mary's will forever be apart of our identity right down to our DNA.**

**The memories and relationships we have forged in these hallowed halls will stay with us as our dreams take flight. We wish every single one of you the very best as you take life by the scruff of the neck in the pursuit of greatness. It was our honour to be given the chance to sift through the thousands of photographs sent in. From awkward 1st Year selfies right up to the glorious portraits of the young adults all of us have blossomed into. The joy and memories captured in every picture made us proud to be apart of the class of 2023.**

**In the immortal words of Henry David Thoreau "Go forth boldly in the direction of your dreams, live the life you have imagined"**

**Yearbook Committee 2023**

**Elyse Halligan, Riona Loughrey, Olivia Craig, Seán Brien, Mark Forde and Ultán McIntyre.**