

SACA NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017 Edition

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 6 October 2017
SACA Annual Golf Outing

Edmondstown Golf Club
Tee times between 1:15pm and 2:45pm
Contact: marcmurphy@lawlibrary.ie

Friday 13 October 2017
SACA Annual Dinner

Old Wesley RFC
Price: €65
Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/st-andrews-college-alumni-2017-annual-dinner-tickets-37759206804>
Contact: swalker@st-andrews.ie

Saturday 18 November 2017
Reunions for the Classes of 1992, 1997 and 2007

Reception at St. Andrew's College
Bus transfer to Sams Bar, Dawson St.

Happy Retirement to Keith Spencer and Lesley and David Boyd

The end of the 2016/2017 school year marked the retirement of St. Andrew's College teachers Keith Spencer, Lesley Boyd and David Boyd from the school. All three have played a huge part in the academic and sporting programmes at St. Andrew's and will have a special place in the hearts and minds of boarders over the years. Happy retirement!



Volunteers needed for the SACA Social Media Team

We are looking for volunteers to get involved with SACA's social media team! It's a great opportunity to join the most successful social media Alumni team in Ireland across our platforms Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & LinkedIn. No professional experience is required rather a willingness to get involved, develop content & post regularly. Wover 5000 connections on social media, typically our reach would be around 20-30,000 a week & our engagement over 50 times higher than big brands like Starbucks, Coke or Guinness & we are active in 45 different countries so you'll be joining a very successful team & will make a genuine impact helping to promote SACA's purpose of connecting and reconnecting our Alumni all around the world. Please message us on our Facebook page to find out more. We've also relaunched our Instagram page - check it out - <https://www.instagram.com/standrewscodub/?hl=en>



St. Andrew's at Dublin LGBTQ Pride

A great day was had in Dublin as 30,000 people celebrated Dublin LGBTQ Pride. We are honoured to have not one but two former pupils as previous Grand Marshals Senator David Norris and Max Krzyzanowski and there is always a significant St. Andrew's presence at the event, we hope everyone had a blast!



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#Womenonwalls - Aoife McLysaght

The Royal Hibernian Gallery has taken delivery of a magnificent portrait by Blaise Smith featuring leading Irish women scientists as part of the #womenonwalls project. Amongst those included in the portrait is Professor Aoife McLysaght, who is one of Ireland's leading geneticists and who is also an Andrew's former pupil. The thinking behind the portrait is that "you can't be what you can't see" and this is an amazing tribute to an amazingly talented woman!

<https://www.rte.ie/culture/2016/1209/837738-women-on-walls/>



ONCE - Sam McGovern

Congratulations to Sam McGovern (Class of 2009) and the rest of the cast with their eight-week running of ONCE in The Olympia Theatre in Dublin over the Summer.



Living with Jack - Philip Horner

Congratulations St. Andrew's College former pupil, Philip Horner, who was nominated for a prestigious design award in New Zealand for his innovative furniture. He's also launched a kickstarter campaign with his company Living with Jack for one of their new designs. Check it out below:

https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/snapjack/snap-jack?ref=project_link

Airstream Out of Dublin - Rian O'Flaherty

St. Andrew's College former pupil Rian O'Flaherty's new business The Catering Company's food truck The Airstream out of Dublin is opened in June in Blackrock Market. If you want a coffee or some cool street food make sure to drop by any weekend.



Molly Sterling - Stripped Down

Brilliant new video from former pupil Molly Sterling featuring Laura McCabe for their song Stripped Down - https://youtu.be/bMkV_pc8-vI



SACA Sports News

International and Provincial Rugby

It's been another busy summer for Andrew Porter who has continued his meteoric rise through the ranks. After winning his first Ireland Cap in their game against USA he won a few more in their series win over Japan. Andrew has also been apart of both of Leinster's opening Pro 14 squads.



Congrats to former pupil Greg Jones who has signed a professional contract with Ulster Rugby. Greg has previously represented Leinster up to "A" grade and famously went to the U-20 World championship final with Ireland U-20's. He continued to stay close to the College in a coaching capacity including helping the TY team to a Leinster title. <http://www.the42.ie/jack-regan-greg-jones-leinster-ulster-3519034-Jul2017/>



Wakeboarding - David O'Caomh

Huge congrats to former pupil David O'Caomh Wakeboarder who won his third European wakeboarding championship in a row this summer. You can read all about David's continued success in the sport in this great piece in The 42

<http://www.the42.ie/david-o-caomh-wakeboarder-3449832-Jun.../>



Congrats to former pupil and former Irish international Felix Jones who has been promoted from skills coach to attack and backline coach with Munster after a successful tour coaching with Ireland in Japan.

<http://www.independent.ie/sport/rugby/lions-tour/munster-coaches-jerry-flannery-and-felix-jones-sign-new-deals-to-take-on-more-advanced-roles-35821271.html>

Congrats to former SCT skipper Jordan Larmour who has been featuring for Leinster throughout their pre-season and scored a try in his professional debut in their Pro14 win against the Gwent Dragons. Jordan has been selected again on the wing for Leinster for their fixture against the Cardiff Blues.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/sport/rugby/pro14/scott-fardy-and-jordan-larmour-to-make-leinster-debuts-1.3206022>



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International Hockey

Hard luck to the Ireland Women's Hockey team who came so close to booking their place in the 2018 London World Cup but fell agonisily short and will now have to wait till later in the year to learn whether they will qualify or not. After draws against Japan and Germany, Ireland beat Poland 2 - 0 to book their place in the quarter finals of the FIH Hockey World League. They pushed Argentina all the way but fell short in a 2-1 loss. They then were beaten in the play-off against South Africa meaning they don't automatically qualify for next years World Cup. Former St. Andrew's students Gillian Pinder and Chloe Watkins featured heavily throughout the tournament.



There was also a massive St. Andrew's representation for Ireland at the U18 & U16 Europeans including Ben Walker (2018), Skipper Guy Sarratt (2017), Michael Styles (2010) coach and current teacher, Matteo Romoli (2018), Cian Murphy (2019) & Riley Marchant (2019).



It's been an amazing summer for the Ireland Men's Hockey team who beat world number 3 and host nation Germany to win the Hamburg Masters in June.

They then headed to South Africa to compete in the FIH World Hockey League knowing a strong tournament would book them their place in the 2018 World Cup. Qualification was virtually assured with victory over France in the group stages but was then secured with their first ever victory over New Zealand with a 1 - 0. The squad featured a number of former St. Andrew's pupils including Alan Sothern, Stephen Cole & Jamie Carr. It's the first time the team have qualified for the World Cup since 1990. Congratulations lads. <https://www.irishtimes.com/sport/other-sports/alan-sothern-s-goal-seals-ireland-s-world-cup-spot-1.3164092>



Congrats to former pupil Chloe Watkins who has signed for one of the Netherlands' oldest and most successful hockey clubs HC Bloemendaal. Best of luck Chloe!

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International Cricket

Congratulations to Miriam Grealey who became the first Irish person to be extended an honorary life membership to the prestigious Lords based MCC. Miriam is a St. Andrew's former pupil who played for, captained and coached Ireland between 1987-2005 and the award is in recognition of a remarkable and unique contribution to Irish cricket.

<http://www.cricketeurope.com/DATABASE/ARTICLES2017/articles/000041/004190.shtml>



The Ireland Under 19's scored an incredible win over Scotland in July led by St. Andrew's player Josh Little who finished off the Scots Innings with late crucial wickets. The win means Ireland qualified for the U-19's World Cup finals in New Zealand! Well done Josh and Ireland!

<https://www.irishtimes.com/sport/other-sports/ireland-qualify-for-u19-cricket-world-cup-in-dramatic-fashion-1.3172735>

Congratulations to Andy Balbirnie who became only the 3rd player in Irish cricketing history to score a double century in an international in their Intercontinental Cup match against the Netherlands.

Amazing achievement Andrew.
<http://www.espncricinfo.com/series/8074/report/1105000/day/4/>

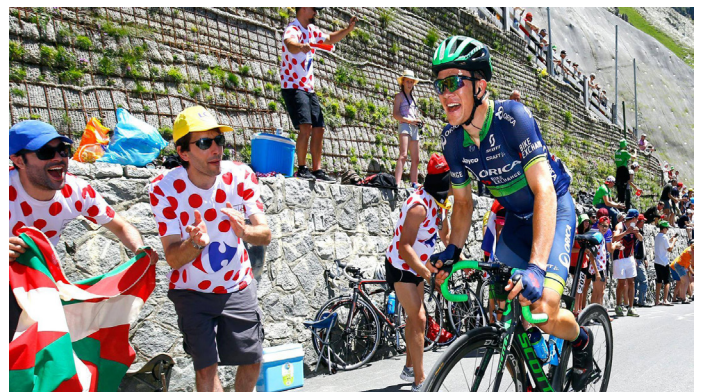


Provincial Golf

Congratulations to Charlie Denvir (Class of 2019) who was part of the winning Leinster Boys Provincial Golf Team in August! Charlie also represented Ireland week at the Boys Home Internationals which took place in St. Annes Old Links Golf Club, Lytham St. Anne's, Lancashire Well done Charlie.



Cycling



Congratulations to former St. Andrew's pupil and Olympian Chris Juul Jensen who was named in the Orica cycling team competing for the 3rd & final Grand Tour of the season the 3298km Vuelta a Espana. Best of luck Chris!