



SACA 6 Nations Rugby Lunch

In February, SACA hosted a rugby lunch to celebrate the contributions of David Boyd and Walter Hosford to the College's rugby programme. A packed Old Wesley RFC honoured Walter and David, who spoke to Sunday Times rugby correspondent Peter O'Reilly. Past pupil David McHugh hosted a conversation with Ireland and Lions legend Tony Ward and former international rugby referee Alan Lewis. The day was topped off by last year's SCT skipper Jordan Larmour terrorising the French in an Ireland U-20 Six Nations win. It was a great day and SACA really appreciate everything Walter and David did for rugby in the college.



Well done to all involved and a special thank you to Synova Capital and Collen Construction who generously sponsored the Rugby event and helped make it such a successful occasion.

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SACA Table Quiz raises €1000 for Uganda

SACA President Paul McClatchie came to the school to present a cheque for €1000 to four of this year's TY students who will be travelling to Uganda in May. The causes the SAC Uganda Project support will benefit from these funds which were raised at our recent Table Quiz.



Max & Fiachra take on the Mongol Rally

Max Bradley from the class of 2012 alongside fellow past pupil, Fiachra Maher will be taking part in the Mongol Rally this Summer. This is a yearly rally which begins in London and ends in Mongolia. And they're doing it in a Renault Kangoo.... they are raising money for Laura Lynn, so please check out their page and support them if you can!
<https://www.facebook.com/TeamKangooAnywhere/>



TY Enterprise Awards

Great event at the TY Enterprise Awards in February - many thanks to past pupils Michael Covitz and Andrew Turner for judging and picking the two projects to go forward for the County Student Enterprise Award Finals.



Peadar Connolly - Recovery



Peadar Connolly Davey from the Class of 2016 has released his first ever single onto spotify, iTunes, Apple music and all other major music platforms. Peadar's promotional video is below, please give it a listen.
<https://www.facebook.com/peadarpda/videos/719819151558573/>

SACA News

Ciara Everard joins the Athletics Team

St Andrew's College is delighted to welcome Ciara Everard, Irish 800m record holder and Rio Olympian, to the athletics coaching staff this season.



Katie McGrath stars in King Arthur

Trailers are now out for the early May release of Guy Ritchie's new epic "King Arthur - the Legend of the Sword". The film stars former Andrew's pupil Katie McGrath from the IB Class of 2000 who stars alongside Jude Law and Charlie Hunnam. Well done Katie!



Roseanne Lynch's "Swimming with Ophelia"

Roseanne Lynch's (Class of 2006) first play 'Swimming with Ophelia' had a work-in-progress performance at dlr LexIcon Studio in Dún Laoghaire on Tuesday 21st March. Congratulations Roseanne.



Rebecca Coll (Class of 2003)



Congratulations to Rebecca Coll (Class of 2003) who was awarded for her work in identifying promising anti-inflammatory compounds that block the NLRP3 inflammasome (or protein), a key driver of inflammation. After leaving St Andrew's Rebecca studied science in Trinity and ended up collaborating with researchers from the University of Queensland.

Peter Jones (Class of 1984)

Irish Times journalist Jim Carroll hosted a panel of music legends and aficionados based upon the book "In Concert - Favourite Gigs of Ireland's Music Community" which included Peter Jones from the Class of 84. Peter AKA PA System is a guitarist with Punk icons Paranoid Visions and appears alongside experts like Mick Heaney (Nobel Prize winner Seamus' Heaney's son who is a journalist and long time adorer of the Cramps!). The event, like the book, went to support refugees from the Syrian Civil War.

Leah Morgan wins Irish Times Award

Congrats to Leah Morgan from the Class of 2010 who won the Irish Times debate individual prize in what was described as an "impassioned, persuasive and humorous performance". Well done Leah!

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/irish-times-debate-2017-ucd-wins-top-prize-as-leah-morgan-takes-individual-award-1.2980865>



SACA Sports News

Stuart Lancaster visits St. Andrew's College

Former England Head Coach and current Leinster Senior Coach Stuart Lancaster took a break from training to visit to St. Andrew's College and put the Senior squad through some drills. Stuart ran an excellent and pretty high intensity session in what was a great experience for the players.



Alan Lewis referees the Ireland vs England Legends game

There was a very big crowd at the RDS when the Ireland and England Legends took the field in memory of Ireland and Munster's Anthony Foley when For a Legends game you really need a legendary referee so naturally, former pupil Alan Lewis took the field to maintain discipline and keep the fun.



Felix Jones joins Ireland Coaching Staff

The Irish rugby team are touring Japan and the USA this summer and former pupil Felix Jones is being brought onto the Irish coaching team alongside fellow Munsterman Ronan O'Gara. This is a tremendous appointment for the former Ireland international who is now coaching Munster.



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Ireland Women's Cricket

Ireland kicked off their ICC T20 cricket qualification campaign with a convincing win over Zimbabwe. After that they fell to both Sri Lanka and India before keeping their hopes alive with a win over Thailand. However, that's where the run would end when they finished the tournament with three tough defeats to Bangladesh, South Africa and Pakistan. The Ireland squad featured St. Andrew's girls Lucy O'Reilly, Shauna Kavanagh and the Lewis sisters Gaby and Robyn. The girls in green are currently in Abu Dhabi where they were beaten by 276 runs, in gruelling heat, by a strong ECB XI.



Andrew Balbirnie back in Green

<http://www.cricketireland.ie/news/article/balbirnie-back-in-the-big-time>

On his return home from India St. Andrew's former pupil underwent major surgery which ruled him out of the entire domestic cricket season, and in a further blow was released by Middlesex from his county contract. However, after a lot of hard work he returned to take the field for the Ireland cricket team and saw a return to form when he fired a 57 not out off 65 balls in a match winning innings against UAE. He then followed that up with a match winning 85 not out to help Ireland beat Afghanistan. Well done Andrew.



Neil Farrugia - Ireland Soccer

Congrats to St. Andrew's pupil Neil Farrugia who was picked to play for Ireland U-18 Schools. Neil scored the opening goal for the Boys in Green in a nailbiting 2-1.

Neil was in action again in their game vs Northern Ireland. Going into the 80th minute Ireland were 1-0 down, Neil knocks in a great cross to setup a goal to make it 1-1. Six minutes later he goes one better and scores the winner for Ireland. Well done Neil!



Chris Juul Jensen - Cycling

Former pupil and professional and olympic cyclist Chris Juul Jensen has kicked off his European racing season in one of the iconic races of cycling, Paris. Best of luck for the season Chris!



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Ireland Hockey

Ireland's Senior Mens team were in action again in the World League 2 tournament in Stormont and 3 St. Andrew's players were involved - Jamie Carr, Lee Cole and Ben Walker. Ireland's opening game saw a comprehensive 9-2 win vs Ukraine and both Ben and Lee scored. Ireland then went on to book their spot at the final World Cup qualifying tournament with victory over Wales. Ben scored Ireland's vital second goal. Well done Jamie, Lee and Ben.

<http://m.bbc.com/sport/hockey/39318289>



Schools Hockey

St. Andrew's College Senior Boys were victorious in an absolutely fantastic Leinster Senior Cup final. After ending the final all square vs Wesley College, St. Andrew's went on to win 6-5 on penalty strokes to take the title. You can watch the penalty strokes as well as an interview with their coach Ivan in this clip below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=_shUaucKLl0&app=desktop



Provincial and Irish Rugby

Peter Sullivan was selected on the wing for Ireland U-19's in their game against Japan. As international debuts go, Peter had a pretty decent one scoring a hatrick in Ireland U-19s win! You can see highlights of the game at the link below;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cK-t8woa42-U&app=desktop>

Since that game, the Ireland U19 rugby squad has been confirmed for the two games against France U19 in Bordeaux on 11th and 16th April and it includes Peter. Congrats Peter and best of luck!



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Provincial and Irish Rugby

Leinster Rugby and the IRFU announced that Andrew Porter (Class of 2014) has been awarded a senior player contract with Leinster. Andrew has impressed this year with the province and has earned this not just through exceptional talent but also through typically tenacious dedication to hard graft! Well done Andrew!



Both Andrew and Jordan were involved for Leinster A as they took on Ulster A recently. The Ulster team featured Andrew and Jordan's team mate and captain from school Greg Jones. Leinster A took the win in what was a great reunion of St. Andrew's pupils.



Last year's SCT captain, Jordan Larmour, played a pivotal role for Ireland in their U-20's 6 Nations championship this year. After an excellent display and win over Scotland, Jordan went on to score 2 tries in their hard fought 27-26 win over Italy. Jordan continued his fine form with strong performances in Ireland's win over France and their defeats to Wales and England. Here's a great piece on Jordan in the 42;

<http://www.the42.ie/ireland-england-u20s-three-players-3293935-Mar2017/>

Motorsport

Cameron Fenton is a 3rd year student in St. Andrew's College and also a championship class Ginetta Junior Ireland racing driver. Cameron started the racing season with a double podium finish. Well done Cameron.

<https://motorsport.ie/2017/03/26/fenton-steps-it-up-at-ginetta-junior-opener/>



SAVE THE DATES – MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!!

Friday 13 October 2017
SACA Annual Dinner

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