

The Malachian

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Year 8 Newsletter

Open Night speech (By Finn from Year 8)



A SMART MOVE

Tráthnóna maith daoibh a dhaoine uaisle agus scoláirí rang a sé agus a seacht go háirithe. Cuirim fearradh na fáilte romhaibh uilig go Coláiste Mhaolmhaodhóg.

My name is Finn. I am a past pupil of Gaelscoil Éanna on the Hightown Road. This time last year I was wondering, will I fit in? Will I make friends? And will I get the grade to actually get a place at St. Malachy's College?

Even before the Open Night I knew this school was right for me, but the Open Night really confirmed that! A year later I am so happy I chose this school.

One of the things that really helped me settle in was the amazing sports camp where we took part in a range of sports to suit all abilities, but most importantly it helped in making friends with my future classmates. It takes place around the end of August before the school year starts. Already in the short period

of time here I feel part of a big family. Everyone is very helpful right up to the older boys in Year 14. There is a good support network for us as first years, as well as an anti-bullying team.

The thing I really like about St. Malachy's is that the day doesn't end at 3.30pm. There is a wide range of after-school activities, as well as lots of clubs at lunchtime to cater for all interests.

My main piece of advice to any Year 8s is to try as many activities as possible because you will meet so many new friends this way- no matter what you like there is a club for you.

I was the only one from my primary school who came to St. Malachy's, and this made me a little nervous at first. But I was also very excited to make new friends. There are lots of boys in this position and Mr McVey always says we are the lucky ones because we get to meet so many new people! So no matter how



Finn at the podium de dum de dum de dum

many people come from your Primary School, you will make great friends here.

My best memory so far this year is the annual Year 8 Martin McMullan race. Martin McMullan was a keen runner, but sadly while he was in Year 8 here in St. Malachy's, he passed away. This race has been run by every first-year pupil since. I am proud to say I won the race this year which was a special moment for me. Also another great moment I had was when I won "Man

of the Month" in September for 8E. This award is given out every month in Year 8 during Assembly.

I have loved every second of my time here so far and I'm sure if you decide to come here also, you will too. I know exactly how you all feel from last year, but all I can say is that all the hard work is worth it in the end.

Go raibh maith agaibh as teacht anocht agus bainigí sult agus tairbhe as an oíche anocht.

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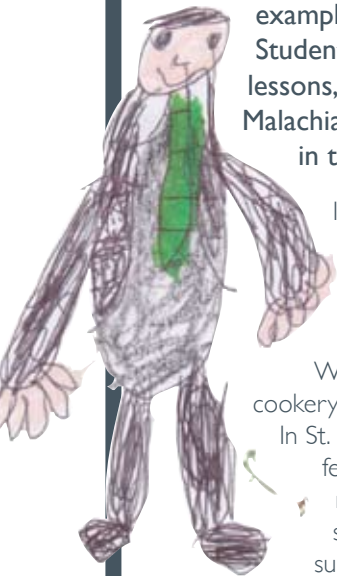
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It's Great in Year 8!



by Gabriel Rooney

I have been attending St. Malachy's College for just over seven months and I have never been happier. The College has provided me with so many amazing opportunities, for example: being on the Student Council, Music lessons, writing for The Malachian, and taking part in the College choir.



In school I take part in two extra-curricular activities, Junior Choir on a Wednesday and a cookery class on a Thursday. In St. Malachy's I have felt so welcome and my teachers are so kind and are so supportive of my dreams and aspirations!

I have made so many friends since coming to the College and have a nice little circle of friends. When I first joined the College I was so scared that I would go to the wrong class, get lost, or not understand my timetable. On the many occasions that I did get lost in my first few weeks, there were always teachers around to tell me where my next class was and were always happy to help; soon it became so easy!

One of the things that was hard for



Members of the Ukulele Club

me to get used to was all of my new subjects. In primary school we didn't have a wide variety of subjects, but since joining St. Malachy's College my school life have been so much more enjoyable. I just love taking part in Home Economics practical lessons; I always feel so accomplished after cooking something and tasting the final outcome, I feel so proud that I made something tasty!

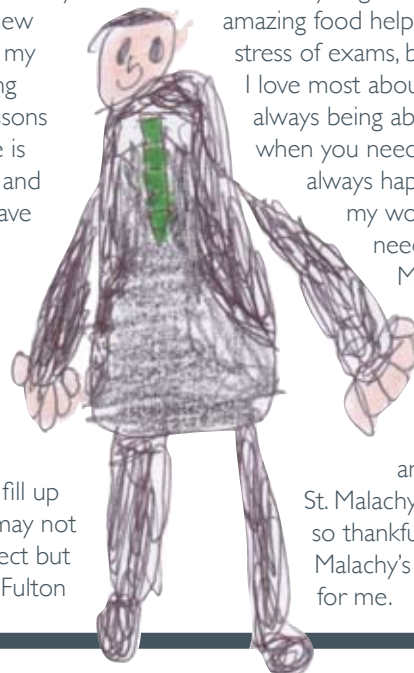
As I am quite musical, I really love music lessons and am always so excited to learn new things. Drama is also my forte, and I love taking part in my drama lessons with Miss Keelan, she is such a great teacher and we are so lucky to have her!

Although sports isn't quite my cup of tea (as the PE men can attest!), there are so many extra-curricular sporting activities to fill up your week with. PE may not be my favourite subject but Mr McKillop and Mr Fulton

always go the extra mile to make it an enjoyable experience for the less sporty among us!

St. Malachy's College is such an amazing school and I am so lucky to be here and have so many amazing support networks. We have so many beautiful facilities here including our brand new art rooms and our immaculate College Restaurant. The canteen staff always try to make our lives as easy as possible by having an extremely organized system. Having amazing food helps a lot with the stress of exams, but the one thing I love most about the College is always being able to ask for help when you need it. Teachers are

always happy to help me with my work or maybe if I just need to have a chat. Mr McVey is always there for Year 8s no matter how busy he is. I always know that he is there to help me. I am so lucky to be in St. Malachy's College and I am so thankful for everything St. Malachy's College has done for me.



TEACHER PROFILE



Name: Ms Maguire

Role: Class Tutor 8C

Subject: Art

Likes: Long walks and spending time with my family

What the pupils say...

'Ms Maguire is a brilliant form teacher. She is always nice and encouraging. She never lets anyone go home sad or disappointed and she always cheers everyone up no matter what.'

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'Ms Maguire is kind and always offering help. She acts almost like a second mum.'

Stephen O'Neill



The Adventures of

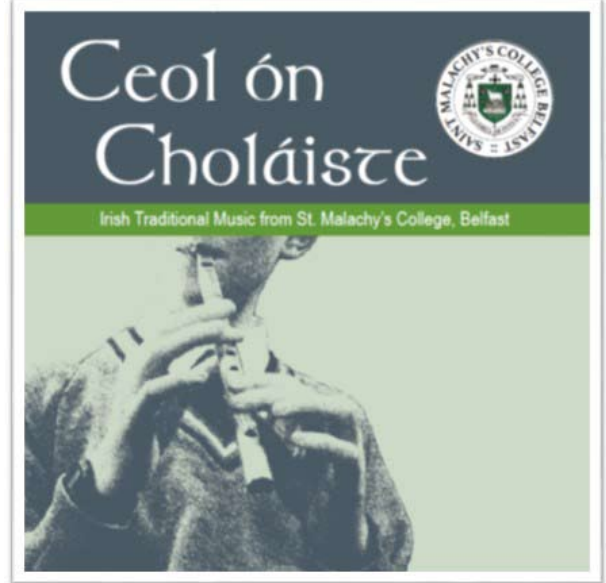
Wee Mal

TOP TRAD TUNES CD LAUNCH

By Mr Strange

Recorded in June 2018, *Ceol Ón Choláiste* (Music From The College) is an album of well-known Irish songs and melodies, which our magnificent Irish Traditional Group performed on the Philadelphia Music Tour, March 2018.

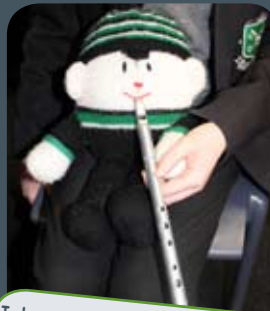
This particular group of musicians had incredible success in the States, entertaining audiences in schools, church halls, restaurants, and in two national St. Patrick's parades. Their music making was not only engaging and enjoyable, but of an extremely high standard, and it was decided that their sound should be captured for posterity: *Ceol Ón Choláiste* is the result!



St. Malachy's Trad group CD will be available soon.

There are 12 tracks in total include Molly Malone, Ag Críost as Siol, The Swallow's Tail, She Moved Through the Fair, and many other toe-tapping favourites.

CDs are available to purchase from the College's main reception – watch our website/Twitter for more information!



I love music! Here in the College you get the chance to try lots of instruments.



Today I'm practising with the boys in the Trad Group. We are recording a CD - it's very exciting!



The banjo is quite tricky...



...and I need help to play the flute.



When everyone plays together it sounds amazing!



SPORTS

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME Year 8 Fun with Fitness Freddy

FUN WITH FITNESS

by Luke McCourt

During the first couple of weeks of becoming a Malachian, I found out that the last 2 periods (1 hour 40 minutes) every Friday would be spent taking part in an Enrichment Programme. This is a time where all the Year 8s can do a wide range of different activities like football, basketball, baseball, rugby, hill-walking and one of my favourites, dodgeball. Some of the Enrichment sessions will involve the whole Year coming together for talks on issues like anti bullying and E-safety.

One very memorable week, all the year 8s took part in a fitness programme in the Sports Hall. We didn't know what to expect at first. We were all together in the big hall with loud music.



Fitness Freddy

A man came out in a bright t-shirt. He was called Fitness Freddy. He played a wide range of songs and he did easy movements and actions that we all followed. It was amazing that everyone

was able to dance all together and do the movements all at the same time. The top 3 dancers got a prize. Unfortunately it wasn't me. It was great fun and I am sure he will be back!



Hello my name is Finn. There are many sports on offer here at St. Malachy's College and I've been lucky enough to get involved with some, including football and running, which I love.

I am the District & Ulster running Champion, and this year I ran in the All-Ireland's in County Kildare and was also a member of the College football team who took part in the NI Cup.

The coaches are all great here and I really enjoy the sporting opportunities we have at the College.

Here I am with some of my friends (left).