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'Meal Only' places available @ €50
Sponsor a Tee Box @ €200
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SOLD OUT

Castle Golf Club Rathfarnham
Thursday, May 9th
*Tee Off Times 1pm to 4pm

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Our Golf Classic takes place in Castle Golf Club Rathfarnham on Thursday, May 9th. Whilst the Golf is sold out you can still join us for the meal, for just €50. Please make contact by email to book your place.

We are seeking Tee Box Sponsorship for just €200 so if you or your company are interested please get in touch.

If you are in a position to donate a prize or a voucher please make contact.

A big thank you to Colm Gleeson (Class of 1990) & Paul Sutton (Class of 1986) for all their work so far on this event.

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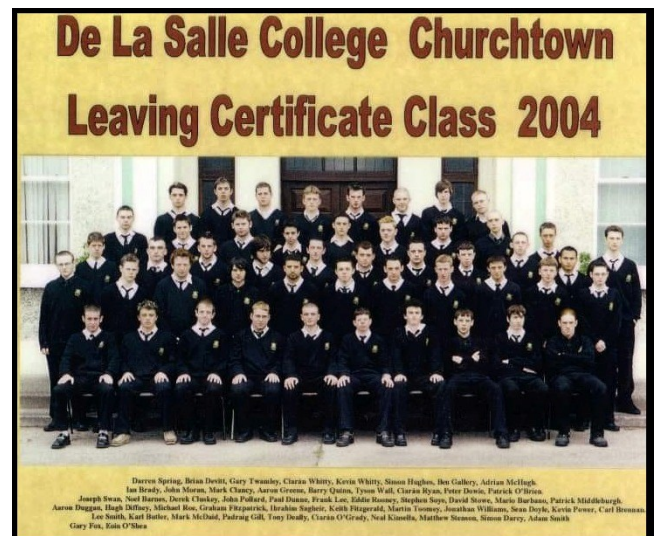
Past Pupil Reunions

Class of 2004 Reunion

The Class of 2004 are holding a 20 Year Reunion on Friday, May 3rd. The event will take place in the Glenside Pub, any Past Pupils from this Year Group who wish to do a brief tour of the College are welcome to the College at 6pm.

For further details please contact Kevin Whitty on 0876740592.

Have a great evening Gentlemen and please send on some photos.



Class of 1994 Reunion - August 2024

The Class of 1994 will hold a Reunion on August 10th 2024 in The Glenside pub. Please spread the word.

If you are interested in organising a Reunion for your Year Group please get in touch mkirwan@delasallecollege.com

Careers Fair 2024

Thank you!

We would like to thank the DLS Past Pupil community for their ongoing support, in particular we would like to thank the many Past Pupils who attended our recent Career's Fair, it really is greatly appreciated.

Our next Career's Fair will take place in early 2026, we look forward to welcoming lots of Past Pupils to this excellent event.



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Aaron Devitt

Class of 2021

Student Entrepreneur Awards 2024

Winner

Congratulations to Aaron Devitt who recently won 1st place in the finals of the Irish Student Entrepreneur Awards for 2024 ran by ISEF.

Aaron made it to the final for a software he is developing called **MARC**.

MARC is a residential maintenance software that acts as the first point of contact for all maintenance related questions a tenant have.

Powered by AI, MARC interacts with tenants for all queries related to maintenance issues & leases, available to tenants 24/7.

MARC generates step by step tutorials, scrapes the web for user manuals and generates YouTube videos for whatever maintenance issue a tenant may have.

This saves the letting agent 30+ hours per week in back and forth repetitive communication tasks with tenants and contractors.

When **MARC** must escalate an issue, **MARC** then creates a summary of the issue for the landlord and contractor involved so that the agent doesn't have to.

MARC can instantly diagnose issues like a tradesman would. Being able to instantly diagnose a tenants issue, will reduce the number of expensive out of hours calls for estate agents by 20%.

By offering instant solutions for every maintenance issue, **MARC** is also able to reduce the volume of tickets landing on agents desks by up to 50%.

The founder of Wayflyer Jack Pierse presented Aaron with the 1st place prize of €10,000.

Aaron is currently trialing the product with some big household names in the space. Great work Aaron!



Past Pupil Acknowledgements

Congratulations to Josiah Mahady (Class of 2023) who was recognised at the Trinity College Entrance Exhibition Awards for his outstanding Leaving Certificate results, Josiah is currently studying Chemical Sciences. Congratulations also to Jack Campbell and Elliot Looney, also from the Class of 2023, who received the UCD Entrance Award for their outstanding Leaving Certificate Results



Congratulations to Cameron Stewart (Class of 2019) and the St Mary's College RFC who recently won the All Ireland League 1B title. They are now promoted to Division 1A. Cameron was an ever present on the squad playing at Prop Forward. Well done Cameron on a fantastic achievement.



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Brian Manning named 'Irishman of the Year'

Brian Manning (Class of 1983), who now lives in the USA has been named their "Irishman of the Year". Many Congratulations Brian.

Great to see from the attached photo that he gives the school a mention in the accompanying article.



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From left, Parade Grand Marshall Steve Carroll, Mayor Janice Kovach and Irishman of the Year Brian Manning were all smiles during the 10th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade held on Sunday, March 10 and presented by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Friendly Sons turn Clinton green with St. Patrick's parade

By MARIN RESNICK
STAFF WRITER
CLINTON — The blustery winds of a cool, gray March afternoon brought out the emerald green shimmer of shamrocks and white wooden sweaters as thousands lined the streets of Downtown Clinton for the 10th annual Friendly Sons of St. Patrick (FSSP) Day Parade on Sunday, March 10.
Leading the parade was Irishman of the Year and Irish Weekend Chairman Brian Manning of Tewksbury Township.

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For video and more photos, please visit HunterdonReview.com.
Manning, who was joined by his children Andrew Manning and David Manning, also of Tewksbury Township, fired his Elizabethan-style kelly green neckerchief and walked about cheerfully chatting with parade participants as they got ready to march.

The idea for a parade began with a lunch in the Towne Restaurant organized by then FSSP President Mike Darcy who wanted to have a St. Patrick's Day Parade in Hunterdon County. Manning said, "His vision was that it would positively promote Irish Culture through music, dance and march. The first parade was modest in size with less than 30 marching groups. It has more than doubled in size over the years with six pipe & drum bands in 2024 and over 70 marching units. The FSSP have been able to use the parade and Irish Festival Weekend as a great opportunity for raising funds for the organization that allow the FSSP to fulfill its mission to help the needy and sick of Hunterdon County."
The FSSP is a nonprofit which has raised and distributed more than \$500,000 since 2008. The brothers of the FSSP provide physical help and monetary aid from families struggling with medical bills to aid-

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MARSHAL: Irishman named

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immigrated to the US in 1926.

Carroll was a member of the National Guard as a combat engineer. Carroll and his wife Cindy, married for 41 years, moved to Glen Gardner in 1986. There, they raised their son Christopher and daughter Aisling. Carroll had a long career in retail management and sales. Both Carroll and his wife retired in 2023 and both are parishioners of St. John Neumann in Califon where Carroll has served as a lector and his wife in music ministry and as a eucharistic minister.

Brian Manning

The 2024 Irishman of the Year, Manning has the distinction of being the third native born son of Ireland to be so honored after Bill Healy in 2011 and 2018 and Willie Lynch in 2018. Manning joined the Friendly Sons in 2014 after meeting Healy in his Clinton crystal showroom. Manning immediately found his purpose running the FSSP St. Patrick's Day Parade and has served as co-chair of the Parade Committee for 10 years. He took on the role of secretary in 2015 and was named the sixth President of the Friendly

Sons in 2018. He currently is Chair of the FSSP Clinton Irish Festival Committee and serves on the Executive Board and Board of Directors of the FSSP.

Born and raised in the southside Dublin suburb of Rathfarnham to Jim and Joy Manning, nee Flood, Manning grew up with three siblings, older brother Garry, younger brother Dermot and sister Joyanne. He can trace his lineage back many generations in Ireland where his father's side was all from a banking background and his mother's family in the automobile trade. Manning's great aunt, Kathleen McKenna, fought for Ireland's freedom in the Irish War of Independence and was secretary to the Treaty Delegation that secured Ireland's independence from Britain in 1922.

Manning was educated at De La Salle College, Churchtown, and entered University College Dublin where he completed his bachelor's degree in pharmacology and doctorate in pharmacology and molecular genetics. In 1992 Manning left Ireland to pursue his career as a scientist, first to Paris where he did his fellowship at the Cochin Institute at the University of Paris studying the genetics of human obe-

sity. He then moved to Imperial College London before taking a position at Duke University Medical Center in 1996. In 1999, Manning was recruited by Pfizer to work in their new Cardiovascular & Metabolic Disease group in Groton, Conn. where he spent a 10-year career in drug discovery while also completing his masters degree at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Manning left Pfizer in 2009 and now works as a business development executive for overseas biotechnology companies.

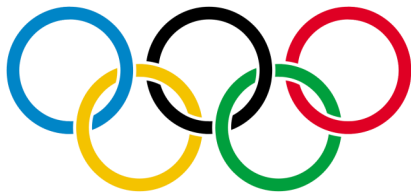
The Mannings made their home in East Lyme, Conn., and their first child Andrea was born in 2006, followed by their son David in 2008. Manning became an American citizen in 2009. His wife's career in corporate human resources brought the family to New Jersey in 2012 when she took a position at Pfizer in Peapack, and the family settled in Califon. Both children now attend Voorhees High School. The Mannings have made several visits to Ireland to visit Brian's family, most recently for his mother Joy's 80th birthday celebrations.

For more information, visit <https://fssp.hunterdon.com>.

Past Pupil Acknowledgements

Look out for Past Pupil Sean Mari in the coming months as he continues his quest to box for Ireland in the Paris 2024 Olympics.

The very best of luck Sean, we are all rooting for you.



There seems to be a bit of a trend developing here, lots of Wine & Gold being spotted in and around Ireland Six Nations games, home and abroad, even on Netflix



Past Pupil Announcements



We were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Brian Looby (Class of 1981) in February, we express our sincere condolences to Brian's family and friends. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam



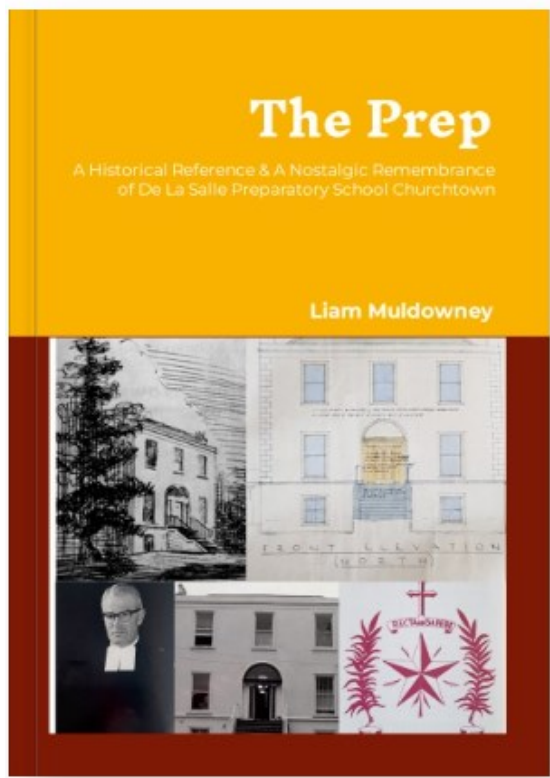
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Use the code LULUBOOKS15 at the checkout.

<https://www.lulu.com/.../paperback/product-z2pdm7.html>

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DE LA SALLE COLLEGE COMMUNITY TEA PARTY

Wednesday, May 15th
12.30pm to 2pm in our school Assembly Hall

All Members of the
Community are welcome

