



# The Gravel

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# Student Culture - Omar Abdi



My name is Omar, and I am Somalian. I am one of many Muslim students in North Mon. I came to Ireland nearly two years ago. There are many differences between the culture here in Ireland compared to my home country and I am constantly learning new and interesting things about Ireland. I have really enjoyed learning about my new home, and I would like to share some information about the culture and way of life in Somalia with the school community.

I completed a few weeks ago along with many other students here in our school. Ramadan lasts for thirty days. In those thirty days Muslims fast from dawn until sunset. This means we must abstain from eating food, drinking and activities like smoking. The fast is broken at sunset when we have a meal known as Iftar.



Our predawn meal is called Suhoor. The end of Ramadan is marked by a festival known as Eid al-Fitr. During this celebration Muslims gather for prayers at the mosque, visit family and friends and exchange gifts. They also give Zakat al-Fity which is a form of charity. I have found Irish food a little bit different to what I was used to in Somalia. Traditional Somalian food includes sambusa which is fried dumplings filled with meat or vegetables. Bariis is a rice dish that is often served with lamb, beef or chicken. Tea is also very popular in Somalia like it is here in Ireland, but traditional Somalian tea is made with carrots and spices like ginger and cinnamon and is quite tasty!

Somalia's population is currently 18.36 million and it is the 42nd largest country in the world. Even though Ireland is much smaller in comparison it was a daunting experience to move to the other side of the world and start my life here. As a student in North Mon it is great to see that there is so many different cultures in our school and that these cultures are celebrated. The diversity in our school community made me feel more comfortable and at ease.

Furthermore, the school community has accommodated both myself and my brother when it is time for prayer. We along with other Muslim students have been given the facilities to pray in the sacred space without disruption. The inclusion of culture in our school community has made the transition to life in Ireland much easier.



# Symptoms of ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)

Article written by Evan Bridgeman



ADHD affects 5% of people in Ireland. This works out as 60,000 kids in secondary school. How Can ADHD Affect Kids at School? ADHD can affect a student's ability to focus, pay attention, listen, or put effort into schoolwork. ADHD also can make a student fidgety, restless, talkative, or disruptive. Kids with ADHD might also have learning disabilities that cause them to have problems in school.

## **A child may show inattentiveness with the following signs;**

- 1) Being easily distracted
- 2) Finding it difficult to listen and follow instruction
- 3) Forgetting everyday tasks like brushing teeth
- 4) Signs of hyperactivity and impulsivity
- 5) Restlessness. Struggling to sit still and not interrupt



# What is dyspraxia? Here's what you need to know about dyspraxia.

Article written by Sean French O'Connor

It's estimated that around **6%** of the population have dyspraxia

An illustration consisting of four stylized hands and feet arranged in a circle. The top-left and bottom-right elements are hands, colored in a dark reddish-brown. The top-right and bottom-left elements are feet, colored in a bright orange. The hands and feet are connected by thin, light-colored lines that form a circular path around the central text.

- 1) Dyspraxia is a neurodevelopmental condition that affects physical coordination and motor skills
- 2) It was first identified in the early 1900s and was known as congenital maladroitness
- 3) Dyspraxia can be managed with the use of therapy to improve motor skills and develop coping strategies
- 4) Those with dyspraxia often can have other conditions such as ADHD, dyslexia and anxiety disorders
- 5) Dyspraxia does not affect someone's IQ but can make academic and social activities more challenging at times

# What Is Life Like With Dyslexia?

Article written by Luke O'Sullivan

- 1) Experts say that approximately 10% of people have dyslexia in Ireland
- 2) Dyslexia is a learning difference that makes reading and writing difficult
- 3) Dyslexia is often referred to as 'word blindness'





4) Everyone with dyslexia is different but there are some commonalities such as difficulty with reading, spelling, writing and processing information

5) People with dyslexia can work on these skills with the right support

6) People with dyslexia can experience poor self esteem and lack of confidence and emotional support is crucial

7) Those with dyslexia are often very creative people



# Staff Spotlight - The Life and Times of Mr. Cronin in The Mon

Article written by Jake Dennehy O'Shea



Mr. Cronin kindly let us into his classroom to interview him about his life and his time here in the Mon, both as a student and as a teacher. He warmly welcomed us in on a Friday afternoon in March and gave us an abundance of information on his own experience in the Mon. He began his tale by telling us that he used to live on Dublin Hill. He remembered fondly how he used sprint all the way back up Dublin Hill on his one-hour lunch break. We were shocked! Shocked that they used to have an hour for lunch and that he could sprint up Dublin Hill. However, he was always rewarded with a piping hot dinner at home for his efforts.



You might think a teacher never would have gotten in trouble when they were a student, but Mr. Cronin remembers fondly the time he and his good friend Brian Jones decided to skip science class. They found an empty classroom and seized their opportunity! This was all going well until they saw teachers coming so they hid in the press hoping that the teachers would pass by without noticing. Inside the press Mr. Cronin had his friend Brian sitting on his lap to not draw attention to themselves. To Mr. Cronin's horror a class walked in. He quickly realised it was in fact a double class. They were stuck there for another forty-five minutes! Their hiding spot was nearly revealed when one of the students in the class saw the two boys hiding in the press. This student shouted out that there were people in the press. Mr. Cronin breathed a sigh of relief when the teacher told this student to shut up. Finally, after ninety minutes the class ended, and the pair burst out of the press into freedom.

Mr. Cronin was also a talented hurler back in his day and played with the Mon school team. He told us how those who played G.A.A often got special treatment of soup and bread. Often Mr. Cronin and his friends used to be late to class because they were busy eating the “delectables”. Returning late to class didn’t go down well even back then and it would make those who played sport a target with some teachers as they were told they could write in their Leaving Cert “Sorry I don’t know that answer because I was having my soup”

Mr. Cronin reflected warmly on his time as a teacher here in The Mon and explained he loved the idea of teaching people who adored history equally as much as him, however the reality was quite different, and he soon realised not everyone was fan of the subject

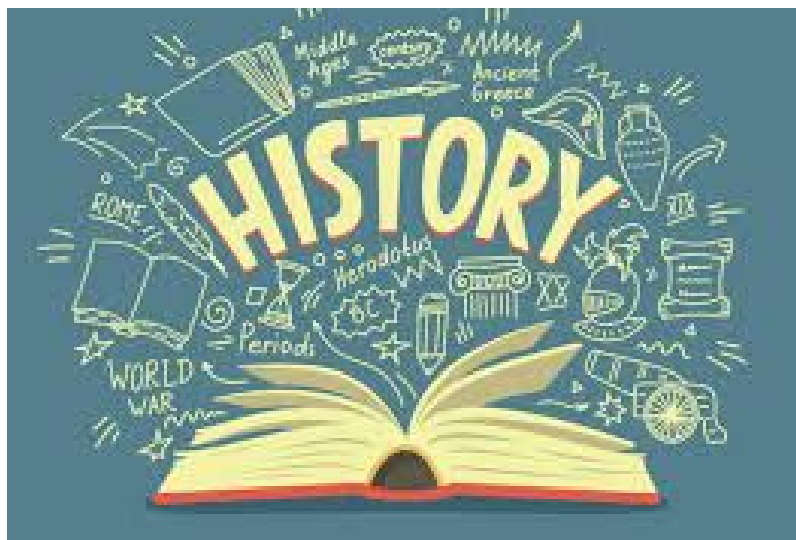
. The idea of talking about history and getting paid for it was very appealing after experiencing many other jobs in his early life. Without hesitation Mr. Cronin explained that his favorite thing about teaching was seeing his efforts from the classroom reflected in his students' exam results and hearing from past students who loved his history classes.

One of his favorite memories as a teacher here was when a student years ago asked him “what the black and white things that lived in a field were?”. A confused Mr. Cronin hadn't a clue what this boy was talking about until another student was able to figure out that his classmate was in fact talking about cows.



The Mon has certainly changed a lot in the last forty years or so and there is no better man to discuss this with than Mr. Cronin.

Thank you Mr. Cronin for allowing us into your classroom and sharing your life here in The Mon with us!



# Ms. Carson Our Soccer Superstar!

## Interview by Charlie Kelly



**Q1) Why is soccer your favourite sport?**

“I joined at a really young age and fell in love with it. I continued playing as I got older and I never lost my love for it.”

**Q2) how long have you been playing soccer?**

“Roughly fourteen years!”

**Q3) Could you describe your major highlights and achievements in the sport?**

“There’s been many highlights over the years but I’m really proud that I played for Ireland for under 17s and 19s in the European Championships.”

**Q4) what team were you apart of?**

“I've played with a few different teams! These include Rockmount Boys, Wilton Girls and also Riverstown.

**Q5) Have you ever served as team captain? If so, what was that like?**

“I did; I was a captain for five years with Riverstown F.C. I loved it and it taught me a lot about responsibility and leadership.”

**Q6) What team do you follow?**

“I’m a proud Man United fan, I always have been, and I always will be!”

**Q7) How would your coaches and teammates describe you as a player?**

“Oh, that's a difficult question! But I think they would describe me as an encouraging and a motivating player.”

**Q8) You recently had a baby; did you return to playing after some time off?**

“Yes, for a year. It’s definitely harder now to find the time with a small baby at home but your priorities change after having a baby!”

**Q9) Why do you think a lot of girls drop out of sport? How can we encourage girls to keep up with sport as they get older?**

“Personally, I think a lot of girls will drop out of sports like soccer because its often considered a ‘man’s game’ and there’s this idea girls shouldn’t be playing soccer. People might think girls won’t be as talented as boys in soccer but that’s just not true. Some of the best players I’ve seen are girls I’ve played with over the years.”

**Q10) What can sport teach young people?**

“I think sport is great to teach skills like discipline, leadership, accountability, communication but I also think it’s great to develop confidence and good self-esteem in young people.”

**Q11) Are you still playing today?**

I have gone back playing for the summer. I’m really enjoying it, its great craic. I also can’t wait until my son is old enough to enjoy playing with me and hopefully, he’ll love it as much as I do!

# Mr. Doyle: The Cork GAA Star Inspiring Young Minds On and Off the Field

Interview by Jason Miller



**Q1) When did you first start playing GAA?**

My first memories of playing GAA is in my garden with my dad and then with the Knocknagree school leagues.

**Q2) What position do you play?**

I'm a goalkeeper, sometimes it switches up but I love playing in goals.

**Q3) What's the best score you've gotten in a game?**

As a goalkeeper your main priority is to make sure the other team don't score but I did manage to score a point in an All Ireland Final in 2018 for my club Knocknagree.

**Q4) Who is your favorite teammate and why?**

I'd have to say my two clubmates from home, Daniel O'Mahoney and Eoghan McSweeney. It's nice to not be the only Knocknagree lad on the Cork team.

**Q5) Who is your sports star inspiration?**

I've always admired Frank Lampard.

**Q6) Who do you think is going to be your toughest competition this year?**

I'd have to say Kerry. The noisy neighbours are always tough to beat!

**Q7) What are your own personal goals for this year?**

I'd hope to win the county final with Knockagree club.  
I'd also love to make my first championship appearance for Cork.

**Q8) Is GAA a big commitment? Have you had to make any sacrifices because of it?**

It is a massive commitment but I don't see it as making sacrifices and I love it so much.

**Q9) What do you bring to the team?**

I think I bring my sense of commitment and my work ethic to training and to matches. Its important that we encourage each other!

**Q10) What have you learned from playing GAA?**

It's definitely taught me what commitment really means, to work hard and never give up.

# Mr. Hynes: North Mon's Waterford GAA Wonder

Interview by Lawrence Burke and Stan Krysik



### **Q1) What club did you start with?**

I started with Shamrocks, my home club in Waterford. But I also played soccer and rugby with Brideview at home as well.

### **Q2) How long have you been playing for Waterford?**

This is my third year playing with Waterford senior team. I also played minor when I was younger. Hopefully I'll have a few more years playing with them.

### **Q3) What position do you play?**

I play wing forward with the Waterford team but with a club I play more center forward or midfield position.

### **Q4) Who's your favorite teammate?**

My favorite teammate is Adam Crawford. He's a clubman and an incredible player and teammate.

### **Q5) Who has the most goals on your team?**

Dylan Guiry. He plays full forward; he's a fantastic player and has had four or five goals this year already..

**Q6) What's the greatest number of points you scored in one game?**

I've scored two goals, fifteen points against Old Parish in a club championship last year.

**Q7) Who did you look up to when you were younger?**

There would be a lot of sports people I would look up to but with GAA it's important to look at role models in your own county. I'd look up to the likes of Ken McGrath, John Mullane and Dan Shanahan, lads you'd see wearing the Waterford jersey when you're younger.

**Q8) If you had to pick between teaching and GAA, which would you pick?**

Teaching the likes of ye or GAA? I'd probably pick GAA instead of putting up with the likes of Lawrence and Stan. Ah no, I love teaching as well but sport s is a big part of my life and teaching P.E allows for a good mix.

**Q9) Do you find it difficult to balance GAA with the rest of your life?**

Sometimes. There's a lot of travelling back and forth for matches and training so there's a lot of time spent in the car. It's a lot of work keeping up with gym programs and nutritional plans, having to miss out on nights out and occasions because of matches and training, it can be tough. But it's all worth it when you're winning games and you're getting the benefit of what you're putting in to it.

**Q10) Have you gotten more opportunities from playing GAA?**

Yeah definitely. You get to travel to a lot of different places and meet different people. You also get the benefit of gym programs and nutritional plans for free. You can also get financial help with college fees or starting up a business and there's a lot of support there with different grants and providing for different expenses.



# A Day in The Life On Work Experience in Jansen

Article written by Joel Igwe Abusomwan

My name is Joel, and I completed my TY work experience in Jansen. The first morning of my work placement I woke up early and got ready. I had to take the bus to Little Island but luckily my friend Ysmael was also doing his placement in Jansen. The first day we got our security badges, and we waited in the entrance for the rest of students from different schools to arrive.

We then went up to a conference room where we played some ice breaker games and had the opportunity to listen to H.R employees and engineers talk about their experience working in Jansen for an hour or two. After this we had our fifteen-minute break.

A few others and I got lost as the building is unbelievably massive. Thankfully we were able to find our way back just in time!





One of the most interesting things we did was go on a tour and we were shown where they made medication for schizophrenia. I found this incredibly interesting as our tour guide explained the process of making the medication and how they worked. One thing I really liked was that those working in Jansen all spoke about it in a very positive way regardless of what department they were in, and they spoke about how rewarding it is to work on something that is helping people. One of the highlights was being given free merchandise to bring home, I went home with a new mug, notebook and plenty of pens! Reflecting on my work experience this year, I truly think that Jansen offers an invaluable experience to students that broadens your outlook on a variety of careers. It was also an excellent opportunity to socialise and meet people from different schools and backgrounds. I couldn't recommend this experience enough and if you get the chance in TY, you should consider it!

# All You Need to Know About Work Experience In TY.

Article written by Aaron Neville

My name is Aaron and I did my work experience at a butchers called Tobins' Block.

It is a butcher shop really close to my house which was very convenient for me as I didn't have to travel far. I had created a CV and went over potential interview questions in school

before starting, however in my personal experience it wasn't a very formal process with a sit down interview. I explained I was looking for work experience and they agreed I could start next week, I was delighted! This made me feel relaxed immediately as it took some of the pressure I was feeling off of me.

On my first day I didn't have to get up too early, I woke up at 11am as I didn't start work until 1:30 pm. When I arrived I was met by one of my new co-workers and they gave me my first job of the day which was to break up boxes and bring out the rubbish.

Some of the other jobs I was given included sweeping the floors and keeping the place clean. This was very repetitive but I liked knowing what I was going to be doing each day.

My work experience was an invaluable experience because it was my first real experience with the world of work outside of school. In my opinion even if you don't like the line of work you do in TY it allows you to figure out what careers would or would not be right for you.

It also gave me insight into the responsibility of having a job and the importance of turning up on time and doing the job assigned to you to the best of your ability. This was one of my favorite aspects of TY and would be one of the main reasons I would recommend doing TY to students.



# 'Newsies Jr.' Takes The North Mon

Article written by Cillian Coleman and Stan Krysik





After a two-year hiatus Ms. Collins was back with a new highly anticipated show! She and her cast made history in The North Mon with the first ever cast coming from across all year groups. Additionally, it was the first show since going co-ed.

How 'Newsies Jr.' came about started with Ms. Collins' own love for the original musical. She told us how she always loved it and when she had the opportunity to see it herself in London two years ago it made her adore it even more. Once she was able to buy the rights to the musical she realised she had just the right cast that would be able to bring her vision to life. With the support from her right hand- woman Ms. Kelleher things were soon underway! They worked tirelessly for months working on ideas with the set, the choreography, music and supporting the cast with their roles. Soon it was time to start recruiting more people to help.

With the expertise of our art teacher Mr. Ruby the set began to take shape. In addition to the talented Mr. Ruby, many other staff members and some TY students lent a hand in the building of the set, the creation of props, costumes and creating just the right look with the stage makeup. Who knew our teachers had so many other skills?!

North Mon's very own Jack Kelly, played by Josh Sexton in 3<sup>rd</sup> year spoke to us about his experience in the show. Josh told us how he had some experience, with a background in music both in and outside of school which helped him a lot. Surprisingly he wasn't expecting the main part but was ecstatic to play Jack Kelly. His highlight of the whole experience was the opening night and the friendships he made along the way. He told us if there was the possibility of another musical he would jump at the chance! Hopefully we will get to see Josh on stage again soon with another outstanding performance!

Ms. Collins delightedly shared some of the best moments from this year's show but what stood out was how proud she was of her cast. One of her favourite things about this show was working with a "extremely talented and friendly group of students".

She tells us how fantastic it was to watch their confidence grow and then to enjoy the final product on stage. When asked if there were downsides to the show she shared with us that it's disappointing that only three shows are put on after so much work and she would have hoped to have seen more students attend. We don't doubt that after the roaring success of 'Newsies' that more people will be eager to buy tickets for her next production.

She is currently researching possible shows and hopes there will be enough students to participate in the next musical but otherwise she was tight lipped on her ideas. Any budding actors, singers or dancers get practicing for next year, it could be your moment!



Ms. Collins and her fabulous 'Newsies' staff and cast



# TY Takes Ballyhass!

Article written by Corey O'Sullivan

On the 11th of October 2024, the TY students went up to Ballyhass Lakes in Mallow. We were joined by our super year head, Ms. Harold as well as Ms. Carson and Ms. Kelleher. We left the school and took a bus at the end of the lodge at 9:00 AM. We arrived at Ballyhass Lakes at 9:45 AM and were greeted by Ballyhass staff..



The first thing on the agenda was archery. The staff were extremely helpful teaching the students how to properly hold and shoot the bow. We then played tournaments and had great fun. Next, we went to the inflatable waterpark for an hour and had the time of our lives jumping and flipping off the inflatables.

Once we were finished on the inflatables, we were treated to pizza by Ms. Harold and Ms. Kelleher. After lunch we went ziplining. Nobody admitted it but there were a few nervous faces while getting strapped into harnesses! Next was team building activities.



These were tricky but very enjoyable when we were all working together. After this it was time to pack up and go home. We said goodbye and thanked the incredibly helpful staff. We were exhausted on the bus home, and I had the best night's sleep of my life that evening! Our trip to Ballyhass Lakes was one of our TY highlights and will be one of my favourite memories from my time in school.



# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Surge: The Basketball Team To Watch!

Article written by Ysmael Garilao and Sultan Sabbir



Through hard work, dedication and immense effort put in by the whole team the second-year basketball squad went all the way to semi-finals in the championship this year. This success came after a few disappointing years of being knocked out in the early stages of the league. Under the management of Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Healy over the last two years the team made it to the quarter finals in 2024 and the semi-finals in 2025. Their impressive progression is a credit to the team's dedication and hard work.

The team were off to a flying start in their first match against Mitchelstown coming out on top with a 30 point win, leaving the opposition in their dust with their 20 points. Filled with confidence they faced into their next match against Colaiste in Fermoy and again came out on top with a 7 point advantage. Nerves started to kick in at the quarter-finals as this is where they were knocked out the year before.

However, the team pulled through and their hours spent training had paid off and saw them defeat Clonakilty bringing them to the semi-finals. The semi-final started well and the team were up by 8 points by the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. However, Carrigaline came back strong and unfortunately knocked North Mon before the final. While things didn't go their way this time there was a great sense of pride amongst the players and the coaches for progressing this far. Ms. Healy told us that she was "happy to make it to the semi-final and believes next year will be The Mon's year!". Mr. O'Connor echoed her statement and is hopeful that the team will "bring back some silverware to The Mon next year as they have gone from 41 strength to strength."

Assistant coaches Ysmael and Sultan were delighted to work so closely with the team and expressed how much of a pleasure it was to watch them go from strength to strength. Both assistant coaches are confident that next year the team could be champions!

The team's standout advantage is their ability to work as a team and communicate both in practice and on the court. This is something Mr. O'Connor has worked on over the last two years with the team. Taking his extensive experience from GAA training he has instilled the importance of effective communication, talking and listening to your team in practice and on the court in order to be successful. This has worked wonders for the team and has allowed each player to play to their strengths.

In addition to Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Healy's support, two senior cycle players, Ysmael and Sultan dedicated their free time to help guide the team.

This was an immense help to our players and the assistant coaches made it their mission to share their expertise and fill our younger players with confidence. Standout players like Eoin and Tyler helped pave the way to success with their impressive shooting skills while players like Jayden, Callum and Destiny used their defense skills to prevent the opposition from scoring.

Disaster struck in our first match when one of our key defenders, Jayden injured his finger which saw him out of action for the majority of the season. The coaches were confident the team could pull together to make up for this loss. Players like Kelvin, Jake, Corey M, Corey C.A, Alex, James, Ose and Nicholas all showed massive improvements in their skills and were essential in the team's success. The new addition of Noel also added some much-needed height to our team!

Watch this space because amazing things are coming for this team! 2026 will be our year!



# Our TY Trips and Highlights



**SBG-** For the first few months of TY we spent our PE classes in SBG where we learned about MMA, Jiu Jitsu, wrestling, boxing and kick-boxing!



## Bridge to Employment - Jansen Tour



## Taking Part In The 'Rubbish Film Festival'



**Wheelchair Basketball-** We went to the Mardyke to take part in a wheelchair basketball tournament. In the tournament we got to the finals although unfortunately we lost. Sultan won MVP of the tournament!



**Surfing-** TYs and 1<sup>st</sup> years went on a surfing trip to Tramore. On the surfing trip we got some safety lessons before going into the water. The surfing was kind of hard, but it was a great thing to experience!



# Visiting Spike Island and The Titanic Experience



**Emerald Park-** TYS and students that took part in the school musical went to Emerald Park where we got to go on any ride that we wanted. It was one of the best trips of the year!



# Celebrating Student Success: Outstanding Achievements of This Year

Written by Erikas Leonavicius



Kyle Healy winning silver at the boys  
110 meter hurdles  
Inigo Gorosabel winning bronze in the  
boys 110 meter hurdles ...



Noel Field winning a medal in  
the Cork Schools Cross  
Country in Riverstick.



Winners of Show Racism the Red Card competition who made poems, posters and an animated film to bring awareness to the issue of racism.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in the Math's Week Quiz in Terrence MacSwiney Community School



David Igwe Abusomwan and Leonard O'Mahony at CreativeIrl's Cruinniú na nÓg book launch at Cork City Library  
 Congratulations to both students whose artwork was featured **51**  
 at ComicCork 2024



Nathanael awarded DELF A2 diploma in the Alliance Française, Cork.

Ignas wins gold In Tae Kwon Do





Aiden Wins U16 National Matchplay Championship for Pitch & Putt



Eoin is selected to represent Cork City Council at the International Children's Games in Estonia this Summer

Jay's comic is published in Cork City Libraries Teen Graphic Novel



Ryan O'Sullivan and Aran Kelleher secure 2<sup>nd</sup> place City Heritage Awards





The North Mon is awarded a yellow flag in recognition of intercultural and anti-racism policies.



The North Mon is awarded ISPCC SHIELD Anti-Bullying Cert

# The North Mon WordSearch

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# DINO DAYDREAM

BY JAY O'DONOVAN



# Kicking Up a Storm: North Mon's Soccer Talent

Article written by Ryan Buttimer



With fresh new faces in The North Mon Mr. Kenny sought out a new team. It wasn't long after that the team had their first match against Crosshaven. While the match ended in defeat the boys were determined to work harder for their upcoming matches. Their determination was seen when they played Deerpark and came out with an exiting but controversial 5-4 loss. Mr. Lynch told us that there is “a lot of potential in the team” and that the “star player has to be Dominic.” We agree there's far more to come for this team



After a brilliant year in their first year, the U15s were faced with high expectations for the season ahead. After a rough start and two difficult losses they kept their spirits up and pushed through. They soon found themselves in the semi-finals! Soccer connoisseur Mr. Lynch praised the young talent and heaped praise on players like James, Alberto as well as the team captain, Callum.



The U17s faced some very difficult games against Crosshaven and Fermoy resulting in two disappointing losses and also ending their season early. The team relied heavily on talented younger players due to low numbers on the senior cycle team. One of those standout players was Kaleb in 3<sup>rd</sup> year who faced the challenging games head on and has showed a promising talent in the sport. Our pitch correspondent Mr. Lynch has hopes that Kaleb will lead North Mon teams for years to come!

# The Big North Mon History Quiz

Created by Donald Greene



**1. In what year was the North Monastery originally founded?**

- A. 1798
- B. 1811
- C. 1834
- D. 1850

**2. Why was the school temporarily turned into a hospital in 1816?**

- A. A war broke out in Cork
- B. A fire destroyed the local hospital
- C. An outbreak of typhus fever
- D. A famine crisis

**3. Who was the former pupil of the North Mon who invented the first modern submarine?**

- A. Jack Lynch
- B. Vincent Barry
- C. John Philip Holland
- D. Thomas McCurtain



**4. What is the name of Holland's first submarine prototype?**

- A. Sub 1
- B. Turtle
- C. Holland 1
- D. Nautilus

**5. Why does the original site of the North Mon no longer exist?**

- A. It was destroyed during WW1
- B. It collapsed in an earthquake
- C. It was replaced by a shopping center
- D. It was cleared to expand the North Cathedral after an arson attack

**6. What happened at the school during World War I under the Defense of the Realm Act?**

- A. The school was bombed
- B. Students were recruited
- C. Machinery was confiscated by the British Army
- D. The school became a military headquarters



**7. Who opened the second North Mon secondary school in 1967?**

- A. Éamon de Valera
- B. Vincent Barry
- C. Jack Lynch
- D. Michael Collins

**8. What was Vincent Barry trying to cure when he helped develop an anti-leprosy drug?**

- A. Influenza
- B. Tuberculosis (TB)
- C. Malaria
- D. Pneumonia





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