

The Brother Reynolds
STUDENT OF THE YEAR
 2007-2008

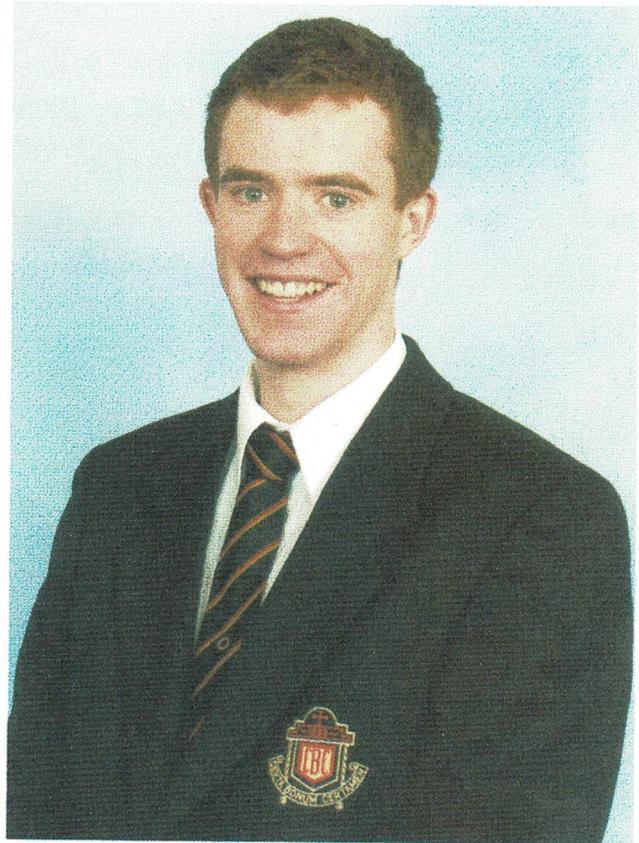
The Br Reynolds Student of the Year Award is presented each year to the pupil who best embodies the spirit and philosophy of Christians. The award does not depend on academic ability, sporting success or pre-eminence in any particular area. It is not presented to a high achiever, in the narrow sense of the term.

The Student of the Year is a young man who serves as a role model for others in the school; who met the challenges of secondary school with courage, resilience and dignity; who took advantage of the opportunities afforded to him by CBC; and who possesses the traits that we seek to foster in all our pupils.

This year's recipient of the Br Reynolds Student of the Year Award is Mark Moriarty. By any standards, Mark's achievements during his time in secondary school are remarkable. He is the ultimate all-rounder. He first came to prominence in First Year when he attained first place in Ireland in the Junior Maths Competition and was still representing the college in Maths competitions last year. In Transition Year he was selected to travel to Singapore as a member of the Irish team for the Physics Olympiad. In the following years, having twice won the gold medal in the Irish Olympiad, he travelled to Iran and Vietnam, where he won the bronze medal.

Given his obvious ability in Maths and Science, Mark was likely to do well in the Leaving Cert. In the event he was awarded 8 A1 grades at higher level, a feat only thirteen students in Ireland achieved.

Mark is also a talented musician. On piano and guitar, he has gone through all eight grades and is now studying for the diploma in both. He has also been very active in Drama with the School of Music and is currently playing the lead in a UCC Dramat production. In sixth year he won the Rotary Youth Leadership competition and travelled to Strasbourg to take part in the European Youth Parliament. A witty and engaging speaker, Mark impressed as recently as September when he spoke impressively at the college's Open Evening.



Mark also excelled at Tennis. He represented Christians on many occasions and has, amongst his many other awards, a Munster Schools Cup winners medal. Just to rub our noses in it, he used to cycle up the hill to school; as he passed he would cheerfully salute those of us who find it difficult on foot.

Achievement alone however did not earn Mark this award. This award is about character too. Mark was popular with pupils and teachers alike. He approaches life with enthusiasm, energy and humour. He has the world at his feet and there seems no limit to what he can achieve. We wish this extraordinary young man well as he leaves Christians and sets off on a journey that could hardly have begun more auspiciously.

Mark is a credit to his family, his college and himself. He is a worthy recipient of the Br Reynolds Student of the Year award and someone we will always be proud to call 'a Christians boy'.