

All-Ireland Senior Boys' Basketball Champions 2024

This year, our Senior boys' basketball team has made us all immensely proud with their remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication. Their hard work and team spirit culminated in winning the All-Ireland U19A Final against St. Malachy's Belfast, an extraordinary accomplishment that has brought great honour to our school.

From the very beginning of the season, the boys demonstrated exceptional commitment, with rigorous training sessions and strategic preparation. Under the expert guidance of Coaches John Dowling, Lyndsey Moriarty and Jimmy Diggins, the team honed their skills, developed cohesive strategies, and built a strong sense of camaraderie. Their journey was marked by perseverance, resilience, and an unyielding desire to excel.

The path to the All-Ireland U19A Final was paved with numerous challenges and intense matches. Each game tested our skills and resolve, but the team rose to every occasion with determination. Our victory in the final against St. Malachy's Belfast was a testament to the hard work, teamwork, and resilience of each of the boys involved.



Winning the All-Ireland U19A Final is a historic achievement for our school. It not only highlights the talent and hard work of our Senior boys but also sets a benchmark for future teams. This victory has brought the school community together in celebration, inspiring younger students and fostering a sense of pride and unity.

Runners-Up in the U19A League

In addition to their All-Ireland success, the team also finished up as runners-up in the All-Ireland league.

Competing at such a high level and securing a top position is a reflection of their dedication and the robust training they have committed to all year.

As we celebrate, we look forward to the future with great anticipation. The success of the Senior Boys' Basketball team is a beacon of inspiration for all students, demonstrating what can be achieved through hard work, teamwork, and perseverance. We are confident that this victory will pave the way for more successes in the years to come.



Mercy Mounthawk Team: Ryne Ybanez, Tomás Kennedy, David Lucid, Ryan Sheehy, Oisín McGibney, Evan Boyle, Roan Grattan, Johnny Dawson, Conor Galvin, Seán Heaslip, Olaf Michalczyk, Joshua Osayanrhion.

Top scorers: Joshua Osayanrhion (22), Olaf Michalczyk (17), Tomás Kennedy (17).

MVP: Joshua Osayanrhion (Mercy Mounthawk)



U14 BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Our U14 Boys Basketball team finished in 3rd place in the playoffs of the Minor A All-Ireland League held at UL, where Rory Bowler was one of the top scorers of the tournament. In their first year, the boys have come together as a team and delivered some outstanding performances against some of the top teams in the country.



Our U15 Boys' Basketball Team had a great year this year, after a fantastic start, the team qualified for the U15A Boys School Cup Semi-Final. This thrilling match was in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght, the same venue where they were crowned U14A All Ireland champions last year.

Despite the fact that we encountered some unfortunate injuries, the team showcased exceptional basketball skills in the semi-final. The game was fiercely competitive and was only decided in the very last minute where we lost out narrowly.

We are incredibly proud of our boys for their hard work and sportsmanship throughout the season and we look forward to seeing them again next year. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to their dedicated coaches for their unwavering commitment and guidance, which has been instrumental in the team's achievements this season.

Junior Girls' Basketball

Our 1st and 2nd year girls' basketball teams had a great start to their League campaign with two big wins. Unfortunately, they did not qualify for the Regional Finals on this occasion. They show great talent, with members of all our Junior teams representing their county and playing in the All-Ireland Club Championships this year.

Our U16s had a great season of basketball, reaching the All-Ireland "A" Cup Semi-Final as well as the League quarter final, unfortunately losing by a single basket in overtime. This team has shown brilliant talent and progress each year, showing that girls' basketball in Mounthawk continues to shine bright.



1st year girls basketball team



2nd year girls basketball team



U16 girls basketball team

National Girls' School Coach of the Year

Massive congratulations to our very own Mr. Liam Culloty on being named National Girls' School Coach of the Year. Liam had success in the school this year with two Senior teams reaching All-Ireland 'A' and 'B' finals.



Girls' Senior Basketball

This year was the first year we had two teams competing at Under 19 level. We had incredible success, with both teams reaching their respective All-Ireland finals played in Tallaght in February.

A Team

Most of this group were members of the first-year team that won the 2019 Regional Finals and had to wait until this year to win the Under 19 equivalent. In fact, as a school, it is the first year since 2012 that we have won the Under 19 A Regional Final – and a member of that winning squad was our own Ms. Rogers! We had great victories in the All-Ireland series against Castleblaney and Castletroy to qualify for our first ever All-Ireland A final, falling just short against Virginia Cavan on the day. These players have set the bar as high as possible for all future basketballers to aspire to. Thanks especially to 6th years: Mary Moore, Niamh Collins, Rachel Griffin, Doireann O'Shea and Captain Lucy O'Donnell.

B Team

These 6th years have had a very memorable year on the court. It was the first time we had enough players to make two Under 19 teams. While starting out, this team looked like it would be a developmental team with an eye to the future, but quickly, these 6th year players began to impose themselves on the project and pushed the team all the way to the All-Ireland final following victories over St. Andrew's Blackrock and Letterkenny. They lost out to a better side on the day in the final but have absolutely been one of the most enjoyable teams ever to coach. Thanks to 6th year students: Cara Gannon, Róisín Rahilly, Grace Reidy and Laura Reilly.



Team photo in Tallaght All Ireland Semi final



Senior A team who got to the A All Ireland final this year - 6th years include Lucy O'Donnell, Niamh Collins, Rachel Griffin, Doireann O'Shea and Mary Moore



Senior B team who played in the B All Ireland Final this year - 6th years include Roisin Rahilly, Cara Gannon, Grace Reidy and Laura Reilly

Congratulations

Congratulations to Holly O'Brien on making the Irish U18 basketball team for the 2023/2024 season!

