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World School Cross Country Championships Paris, April 2018 - Fundraising

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

St Colman's College U17 Cross Country team qualified to represent Ireland at the World School Cross Country Championships in Paris in April 2018.

The six qualifying athletes, Jack O'Farrell, Tom Magee, Miceal McCaul, Coilean Connell, Cathal Farrelly and Aidan O'Hare will be wearing the Irish singlet with pride on Wednesday 4th April against countries including the USA, China, Australia, New Zealand, Japan along with a host of European Countries.

Since September these dedicated athletes have been training diligently often clocking up between 40 and 50 miles a week under the watchful eyes of Mr Mussen and Mr Friel! Training venues have included the College track and fields, Castlewellan, Tollymore and Gosford Forest Parks, Murlough Beach, and the Newry Towpath. The boys have put in a huge amount of effort to ensure that Ireland is well represented at these World Championships.


As I am sure you appreciate, the Irish Schools Athletics Association does not finance this trip and as such the College, supported by the wider College community has to provide funds. We will be in Paris from April 2nd to April 7th and as you can imagine this does not come cheap!

We have not been resting on our laurels having had a raffle for two tickets to the All-Ireland final between Dublin and Mayo and a sponsored cycle at the Milestone in Rathfriland which raised a considerable amount of money for which we are very grateful. However, there is still a substantial shortfall so we are proposing to have a raffle in the College to help meet this shortage. Tickets for the raffle will be £1 per strip/ £5 for six strips with the prizes including a signed Down or Armagh jersey.

We are grateful for your support and any individual donations will also be gratefully accepted. We are very appreciative of the individual donations and sponsorship received to date.

Mr Mussen will be co-ordinating the raffle and will provide more information about the availability of tickets and the range of prizes to be won.

Yours faithfully


Cormac McKinney
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Declan Mussen & Rory Friel
Coaches to the St Colman's Athletics Team
For the World School Cross Country Championships