St. Josephs C.B.S. Fairview

1994 Yearbook
The Transition Year Programme has been a distinctive feature of the St Joseph’s CBS curriculum for the past five years.

The overall mission of the Transition Year Programme is to promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as participative and responsible members of society.

Taking personal responsibility in learning and activity—based learning would be among the major characteristics of the programme. The existence of Mini-Companies in our programme is evidence of this pupil centred approach.

The production of this magazine is the personal responsibility of a St Joseph’s Mini-Company. The planning, editing, financing and marketing of this magazine is their project and the business and other experience acquired in this project will be of benefit not alone to this Mini-Company but also to future Companies in St Joseph’s.

I congratulate the Company on producing an extremely interesting magazine which describes many facets of life, not all fictional, in St Joseph’s. May their efforts firstly, be financially rewarding—an essential for Mini-Companies—and also educationally beneficial.

M. Foster
Principal
Transition Year Religion

Deo Duce, our school motto is never more sincerely prayed than when the three Transition Year Religion teachers, Mr McGann, Mr Quinlan and Ms Furey meet in Room 7 to finalise plans for the triple sessions of R.E. on Thursday afternoons.

Our main aim for the Transition Year R.E. Programme is to promote a Christian response to life. At times this seems like a daunting task, especially when one considers all the negative influences in the world around us. We change our minds several times, discussing, disagreeing, compromising and finally deciding on what is to be done. The one image always before us is a room filled with eighty or so, sixteen year olds waiting to hear something which is relevant to themselves at their stage of life.

The refreshing thing about the R.E. Programme is that it is dynamic. It is certainly not a case of simply rehashing 'the same old think' every year. (After all we would need a filing system for that!) Each year a new programme is devised, compiled of lessons which are relevant and interesting to the students. This programme is facilitated by the time-tableing of a triple R.E. session each week. This arrangement lends itself to trips, visiting speakers, relevant videos, etc.

The R.E. Programme encompasses an extensive range of relevant issues such as Injustice; Human Rights; Substance Abuse; Sexuality; AIDS; Prayer/Meditation; Charity and Vocations.

In order to deliver such an all-embracing programme successfully, it is necessary to vary our teaching methods. These range from lectures, visiting speakers from all walks of life, videos, occasional trips, work sheets, quizzes, questionnaires, to questions and answers.

Group work and leadership are central to the R.E. Programme. We strive to promote communication between the students and to further develop their organisational skills. Group work plays a major role in the set-up and clean-up of our place of work, be that a classroom, a hall or our local Parish Church. Students must co-operate with each other, support their own group, listen to their leaders and carry out the routine duties given to them by their Class Co-ordinator. The Leaders and Co-ordinators learn how to accept responsibility and they prove to be a wonderful support to their Teachers.

Scripture, Prayer and Liturgies are extremely important and the Church Calendar of Celebrations is always given first consideration in our schedule. On these special occasions and throughout the year we are joined by our School Chaplin, Fr. David Young.

Student reviews each session are valuable, as they are an important means of 'feedback' for teachers. These reviews are part of the assessment of students work during the year together with two written exams. The philosophy of the Transition Year is adhered to as the reviews are marked on effort rather than on ability.

The T.Y. students have the privilege of enjoying a fifteen minute break during the triple session. At this time they are welcome to refreshments on sale at the Mini Company Shop.

Our students are given the opportunity to make suggestions or changes for the R.E. Programme. Their suggestions are always listened to (attentively!) and they are sometimes taken on board!

A further development for next years' T.Y. Religion Programme is more activity bases sessions which will allow far more practical participation of students in the community.

As a new teacher to the school, I certainly enjoyed the R.E. Programme this year and I have to say that it is a credit to the teachers who have put years of hard work into it. I hope that at the end of the year, T.Y. students will have learned more about what it takes to respond to the challenge of life in a Christian way.

I wish continued success to the T.Y. Religion Programme for next years' students.

B. FUREY

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Games in Joeys

When the past pupils and outsiders talk about sport in Joeys, they tend to focus on our performances in competition in Gaelic Football, Hurling and to a lesser extent on Soccer. This is understandable because at one time Gaelic games were the only sports emphasised in the school. However, since our introduction of the Transition Year, we have improved our sporting options and in our opinion, the school is now a better place.

We are very happy at the efforts made within the school to provide real choice for our students. Our major emphasis is still on Gaelic games and on soccer. This year has been a very successful one in that for the first time in over fifteen years we have won the Juvenile ‘A’ Gaelic Football competition. Furthermore, we won the competition in style, generally playing skillful, attacking football and relying on good teamwork and overall determination, in beating old rivals like Gormanston College, Ard Scoil Ris and St. David’s. While we lost in Leinster, and lost heavily, it is our hope that this team will continue to work hard to maintain our tradition, and to enhance it in the future. Our senior Gaelic Football team performed well and our Senior Hurling team lost their semi-final in unfortunate circumstances. So on the Gaelic games front it was a good year. Our soccer teams were also solid, if not spectacular. Our senior team enjoyed a revival in the Leinster League and reached the semi-final, only to lose to a good Tullamore team. Our under 14 team also lost to Tullamore in a quarter final, while our under 16 were caught on a bad second half performance by St. Declans.

However, to focus only on these sports would be a grave mistake. Our Basketballers continue to work hard and with the effort constantly invested in this sport it is inevitable that a breakthrough is around the corner. Our Squash section is numerically very strong and the school is happy to invest a good deal of money in this sport as our boys enjoy excellent facilities at Squash Ireland and the arrival of Jimmy Caulfield, as coach, will inevitably lead to greater interest and more enjoyment for those involved. Pitch and Putt is now also proving very popular and this year we were fortunate to be guests of Fairview CYMS. Our swimming class is less well attended but perhaps next year this will change and snooker and bowling continue to be popular during bad weather. Next year we intend to introduce Badminton and we believe that this will be another attractive option for some students. Many sports do not get the publicity given to our school football teams and this is particularly true of our Golf team. Perhaps it is time that more students supported our Golf team, particularly now that the game has become so popular.

As most of you will know, we now are fortunate to have Dublin County Board coaches available to us during school games. Again, we were very glad to avail of their services as it is genuinely felt that the presence of Colin, and Paul, and Esther improved school games for our students.

Finally, it is necessary firstly to thank our students, who generally speaking are very glad to participate in sport and are always pleasant and cooperative. We also need to thank the parents who subsidise school sports, particularly squash, and swimming, and a special thanks to those parents who support school teams. Next, our teachers make great efforts to ensure sporting activities are well run in the school and of course finally the school Principal and Board subsidise all our activities generously.

We are all equally anxious to continue to develop sport in the school. We welcome new ideas from any quarter and in particular we welcome initiative like that taken by one of our 5th year students who organised athletic competitions this year. Naturally, we hope that we will continue to be successful at team sports, if only to point out to the older generations of Joeys men that the new generation is equally talented and determined and will not be overshadowed by distant memories and old glories.
Soccer U-18

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2nd Year

For me second year was completely different to first year. In some ways it became less a joke and more about preparing for the Junior Cert.

But in other ways it had a more relaxed atmosphere about it, as the teachers got to know you. Also you become aware of the fact that there is only 16 months before the Junior Cert and that if you do badly in it you will get knocked around by your parents.

Some teachers have become friendly, but some have turned into that horribly green dragon on the listenne advertisement. Correct me if I’m wrong, but in first year the teachers were nice and now they are completely different people—if you ever saw the film “Invasion of the Body Snatchers”—well then you know what I mean. For me the most memorable event in second year was meeting Mr Teeling, I have never met a man who can tell a story like him. Another memorable event was meeting Mr O’Dwyer. Do you ever notice the way a class does not go by without him throwing a person out of a chair. You know what else annoys me? I hate the way Mr O’Dwyer tells you to look the other way and for a split second you fall for it, and as you turn around, you feast your eyes on a hideous disfigured person in the corner.

Since entering 2nd year, I have not stopped meeting the biggest wafflers, they never stop. If it’s not one person speaking “Klingon” to me, it’s someone trying to tell me he’s great at football. What annoys me about these people is that they have never seen a football in their lives, and would not know a football if it was to jump up and start smacking them around. If you think 2nd year is hard, wait until 3rd year.
I.S.T.A. Bayer Science Quiz

Back Row: (Left to Right): Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Carolan; Front Row: (Left to Right): Paul Hession, Andrew Gaffney, Donald Salisbury, Gavin Rush, Gregory Nolan, James Duffy

On the evening of the 12th November, we met in the lobby of the Edmund Burke Theatre in Trinity College—to do “battle” with 90 other teams from Leinster, from Kilcullen and Wicklow up to Balbriggan and westwards too, in the Annual Quiz. We had two teams entered.

These came into being when we—Messrs. Kelly, Sheahan and Carolan—asked the 6th year classes for “volunteers” to enter the Quiz. Some of those who volunteered had taken part when they were in 5th year and knew what to expect, as that year’s questions had been very difficult. Seven lads came forward and we made two balanced teams between the sciences. Team #1 comprised of 1. Gavin Rush, who was elected Captain to adjudicate on split decisions, 2. Gregory Nolan and 3. Donal Salisbury. Team #2 was 1. Paul Hession, 2. James Duffy and 3. Martin Treacy, with Andrew Gaffney electing for substitute to the teams. Having done this we, Mr. Sheahan and I, tried to fill in any gaps in their knowledge and look up information anywhere we could.

We went in and found our places—the teachers all in the back row—and the Quiz started with both teams doing well, with the first team in the top ten and the second team in attendance. Going into the break we were happy they were there, but we had a long way to go, and knowing what the questions could be like in each round, we didn’t want to get too hopeful. At the end of the normal rounds—8 rounds with 6 questions—we were in a four way tie with Loreto College, St. Stephen’s Green and St. Gerards’ Bray 1 + 2.

Tie break questions came and went and teams dropped out and on the 10th question we came out victorious. To say we were delighted was to understate it—we were for all seven of the lads as the 2nd team also finished well up. We won the trophy and plaque that is downstairs in the cabinet and a money prize to the lads and the school and entrance to the All Ireland Final, which was on later in November.

One team among 50 others from all over the country, who like us had come through their regional finals. The questions were more difficult and as we started with a bit of a hiccup we finished in about 8th position, with the winners Clonkeen College, Deansgrange with two convents from Galway Dominican and Mercy, second and third, respectively.

Certainly the lads enjoyed themselves and did themselves, the school and us proud. There is another quiz next year, so again we will be looking for volunteers to enter two teams and you could be on one of them. Give it a try.

Thanks for the memory.

B. Carolan
MARK THORNBURY 6-3
Fancies himself as a boxer in the future, so watch out Michael Carruth. Who?

COLBERT LYNCH 6-1
Sees himself as an entrepreneur maybe in Ireland

CONOR MORAN 6-3
Wants to stop the crime in Ireland. So here comes Garda Moran

CONNOR BARRET 6-2
Wants to be a doctor in Beaumont Hospital

AIDAN TANSY 6-3
Hopes to be a successful stockbroker in Ireland

JAMES DUFFY 6-1
Wants to manage a top company, maybe in Ireland or England

JOHN McCRUDDEN 6-3
Fancies himself as a social worker

GERARD McCARTHY 6-3
Wants to work with cars when he leaves school

DAVID MAHER 6-2
Wants to travel the world, sunbathing in Spain
MARK LINDSEY 6-3
Intends to join the army

KEITH SCULLY 6-3
Ambition: To manage his own business

DONALD SALISBURY 6-1
Ambition: Wants to be an actuary in Ireland

GREGORY NOLAN 6-3
Knows a lot about space, wants to work in a European Space Agency

RORY SERGISON 6-1
Says, if Keith Scully can own his own business, so can he

DESMOND O'NEILL 6-2
Would like to be a nurse in Crumlin—female nurses watch out!

PETER RYAN 6-3
Ambition: To win the Lotto and not spend a penny

GAVIN RUSH 6-2
Wants to be a doctor—a GP might do

MICHAEL MEADE 6-2
Another man who wants to wear the blue uniform—Crimebuster Meade
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ROSS KANE 6-3
Wants to be rich, married and working in advertising.

JONATHAN SMYTH 6-1
Fancies himself as a successful musician touring the world

JOHN O'LOUGHLIN 6-1
Ambition: To manage his own business in Ireland

ANDREW LYONS 6-1
Wants to be an accountant

PETER BROGAN 6-1
To own a hotel or be a successful chef

PAUL HESSON 6-3
Sees himself like Mr. Teeling, so future generations of students will suffer

CIARAN O'REILLY 6-3
Ambition: To work as a printer in Ireland

EMMET O'TOOLE 6-3
Fancies himself in the printing business

KEVIN BULGER 6-3
Hoping to succeed Mary Robinson as the next President of Ireland
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MICHAEL DEMPSEY 6-3
Keeping his options open

MARK BOYD 6-1
Doesn't want to say in case
Michael Dempsey finds out

JOHN McLoughlin 6-3
Hopes to see himself solving
the drugs problem in Ireland
as part of the Drugs Squad

ERNIE FRAZIER 6-1
Sees himself starring in
Baywatch as the main actor

THOMAS FERGUSON 6-2
Ambition: To be a millionaire

LIAM DONOGHUE 6-3
A future fire-fighter

KARL COSGRAVE 6-1
Hopes to be like Mr. Lynch,
an entrepreneur

GLEN FORBES 6-2
To be successful in Trinity
College

NIALL O'LOUGHLIN 6-3
Ambition: To own his own
business
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CARL CONROY 6-3
Sees himself in actuary after a couple of years

DANIEL McALEASEY 6-3
He sees himself unemployed and rich

ANDREW GAFFNEY 6-1
Ambition: To work in the biology field

PETER WALSH 6-2
Ambition: Wants to be rich and famous

PETER SLATTERY 6-3
Ambition: To be successful at anything

RICHARD WILSON 6-2
Sees himself as a head chef in a restaurant

MARTIN SHERIDAN 6-3
Wants to be successful in his own business

SEAN CREED 6-2
Hopes to be a big rock star

DESMOND MUNELLY 6-3
Ambition: To join the Drug Squad
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GORDON CORLEY 6-3
To own his own business somewhere

KEITH RYAN 6-3
Sees himself married with 10 kids. Must know something about the children’s allowance

ANDREW SHORTHALL 6-1
Wants to set up his own business and have a nice little earner

CIARAN BRYAN 6-2
Teacher—they can’t all work in Joeys—come to think of it they never did

STUART WOODS 6-3
Film star/soccer star/teacher, sure they’re all stars

ENDA O’DWYER 6-2
Another man for the blue uniform—it must be the strict discipline in Joeys

CIARAN GUINAN 6-3
Wants to be an occupational therapist. What!!!

PETER FITZSIMONS 6-2
Wants to have immense power and have 8 children—Join the Labour Party now

DEREK CARROLL 6-3
Wants to be a politician—Join any part except Labour—Peter Fitzsimons will control it
MICHAEL DOCKERY 6-2
Michael didn’t say what he’d like to be—keeping his options open

COLIN ROONEY 6-2
Journalist—Perhaps we will consider you for a position with this magazine

SIMON HEALY 6-2
Teacher—Looking at all the teachers big cars in Joeys car park convinced him

EOIN REDMOND 6-2
Would like to be like Robert Clarke

MARK WHelan 6-1
Entrepreneur—I’m not sure we know how to spell that one!!

JAMES LEECH 6-2
Wants to be rich, make money any way he can, watch out for your friends in blue uniform

GARY KEEGAN 6-2
Packing shelves—He didn’t say what he intends packing on the shelves—Money?

PATRICK ELLIS 6-1
Fireman—Certainly a man who likes danger

PHILIP HAMMIL 6-2
Wants to set up in business—have a word with James Leech
DEREK KEEGAN 6-3
Electronic Engineer, he can do a mixer fixing the TV videos and photocopier in Joeys

PETER GAUGHAN 6-3
Garda Peter Gaughran sounds okay, Supt. Peter Gaughran sounds better

PADRAIG GILES 6-3
Engineer, perhaps you could engineer an audience for us with Pope Robert King

ROBERT KING 6-1
Wants to be Pope, the only position left for someone, who has everything

DARREN BOLES 6-3
Fireman, another man for bucket and hose brigade

STEPHEN BRANNIGAN 6-2
Wants to join the navy, doesn’t like water so he’s joining the Irish Navy

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Blackboard Jungle—1993

On the 7th of August last year, Stuart Woods, Gregory Nolan and myself, along with Mr Oonan, and Michael Dempsey, our team substitute, headed for the R.T.E. studios in Donnybrook to represent Joey's on Blackboard Jungle. Out of the 300 plus schools that applied to appear on Blackboard Jungle, we were among the 96 chosen. By 12pm we were sitting in Studio 2 along with our opponents, Schull Community College from Skibbereen, Co. Cork. Initially it was very daunting as the studio was packed with supporters from Cork, while Joey's supporters barely numbered double figures! However Ray D'Arcy was very friendly and helped us to relax and just enjoy ourselves.

We won the game, 49 points to 36 and were told that our second round opponents were Patrician Academy from Mallow, Co. Cork, who had scored a total of 55 points in their previous round, which was incidentally the highest in the series to date. We knew that it was going to be a difficult game to win, but we even surprised ourselves by winning 41 points to 37.

The third round we played in was the final of Group 5 and by this stage we were in the last 24. Our opponents were Mount St. Michael from Rosscarberry, Co. Cork and from the beginning luck was not with us. After a disastrous first round of 'Art and Literature', we did well in round two and the Specialist round. However, in round four Einstein (the computer) chose 'Science and Nature' for us. So we decided to go again and 'Science and Nature' came up a second time. Needless to say we did not do fantastic in that category, so it all depended on the buzzer round. Before the buzzer round we were leading 32 points to 28. At the end of the buzzer round the scores were level, 42 points a piece, so the result depended on a tie-break question. The game ended with Mount St. Michael's the victorious team.

Naturally we were all disappointed with the result but full credit is due to Mount St. Michael's for their hard-earned success. We had the consolation of winning eight Science encyclopedias together with two general encyclopedias for the school. Also the members of our team each received a Ghetto-Blaster for their performance. While it is nice to win, to participate is the more important thing.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Michael Dempsey, our substitute, everybody in 6th year who came to support us and both Miss Maguire and Mr Oonan, for their support. We would also like to thank Mr Oonan again for entering the school into Blackboard Jungle and picking us for the team. I only hope that Joey's can continue to be represented in Blackboard Jungle by each successive year.

PAUL HESSION

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The Early Years of St. Joseph’s C.B.S.

On the 3rd of August 1888 a small three-roomed school was opened by the Christian Brothers in Marino, a suburb of Dublin. The school, which had previously had its foundation stone blessed by the chaplain to the Christian Brothers, Father Scully, was known simply as “Christian Schools, Marino”, until the 1920s when it was renamed St. Joseph’s Marino. It was then to be replaced by St. Josephs, Fairview in the 1940s, to avoid confusion with the brothers missionary college of St. Josephs at Marino.

Back then the headmaster was J.M. Costen, the first of 24 principals at St. Josephs. He was also one of the 161 teachers St. Josephs has had, sixty-six of whom were Christian Brothers. Inspired by Edmund Ignatius Rice, Brother Costen’s original plan was for St. Josephs to be a training school for young brothers with himself as master of method. In 1890 he decided to draw up new regulations to use on of the three rooms as a secondary or intermediate section of the school. Shortly after this in 1893, students from St. Josephs were entered for the first time into public examinations with a group of them taking papers in English, French, Drawing, Maths, Geometry and Algebra. Five students passed as opposed to a hundred and forty-five in North Richmond Street.

It was 32 years later, however, until Gaelic Games were introduced into St. Josephs. Br O’Catháin led his team to win medals for both Junior and Intermediate football and hurling in the Christian Brothers schools competition. The tradition of wearing blue and gold which derived out of respect for a former principal who hailed from Tipperary has remained in the school to date.
3-1

Back Row: (Left to Right): James Moran, Rory McCormac, Michael Roddy, Rory O’Hanlon, Ciaran Moylan, Gary Broaders, David McGuigan, Stephen McLoughlin, Declan O’Connor, Anthony Norten, Barry Mahony, Kevin Murray, Gerard Larkin,

Middle Row: (Left to Right): Brian Clarke, Alan Collins, Otisin Ryan, Darragh Flynn, David Moran, Paul Jacques, Anthony Saorai, Ronan Brady, Enda Carty, Eoin Mahony, Ferdia Keogh, Fergal Bradshaw; Front Row: (Left to Right): Donal Fagan, Mark Rynne, Scott Bradshaw, Philip Boylan, Gary Cope, Kieran Tansy, Sean Walsh, Ian Boyd, Stephen O’Riordan, Gareth Pelly, Damien O’Donavon

3-2

Back Row: (Left to Right): Darragh Reynolds, Sean O’Neill, Niall Murdoff, Darragh Tyrill, Joseph McDonagh, Colm McElory, Mark Foley, Keith Lynch, Alan Long, James McCabe, James McDermott, David P. Burke, David Burke, David Goven;

Middle Row: (Left to Right): Jim Hogan, Glen Convey, Bernard Kane, Peter Cowan, Philip Frane, Barry Purcell, Justin O’Driscoll, Neil McGarry, Anthony Cooke, Thomas Martin (headless); Front Row: (Left to Right): Patrick Kenny, Eamonn Kelly, Alan Healy, Niall McGuirk, Vincent Curley, John McGuirk, John Coleman, Daniel O’Connor, Liam Teeling, Carl Higgens, Shane Butler
3rd Year

Third year is an extremely hard year to cope with. Because of the Junior Certificate, we will have to work very hard. We have to study about 3 hours a night and we also get a lot of homework. Along with the Junior Certificate, we also have to do the Mock or Trial Junior Cert. The mocks are there to help us in two ways. Firstly, to see if we are good enough for the honours or stay with the pass paper, and secondly, to see if we need any improvements on our marks.

The Junior Cert. puts the same amount of pressure on us that any other important exam would have. Third years get hounded a lot by their parents and by the teachers. We are always being reminded of how much work we should do and of how we should be getting terrific grades. But this will all pay off because by studying more we will almost definitely improve our marks.

The real trouble with the Junior Cert., as with all exams, is that we do not know for definite what will be on the papers. We can only presume what is going to be on it and we have to study a lot of other material that will probably not come up. The reward gained by studying so much is that we will get a better result. The problem on the other hand with studying so much is that we will become tense and irritable. As the months go by, and the exam gets closer, we will become more tense as the pressure will increase, and we will have more and more to learn with very little time left. The exam itself is supposed to be quite easy, but only if you have studied. Because the exam covers all three years, we will have up to 3-4 books to revise.

In third year the teachers seem a lot more friendly, because we are used to them and because they know how much encouragement they must give us. If a teacher acts cruel or rude towards us normally we would do badly in his/her subject, but if a teacher acts kind or friendly towards us we tend not to want to let him/her down by getting a bad grade.

In conclusion, it is hoped that this years, third years, will improve on the standards set by previous Junior Certificate students.
The World Cup

Since FIFA recently made it possible for any international footballer with dual nationality to play for another country, even after playing a full representative game, (as long as that game was only a friendly), a crop of new players have been filling the sports pages with talk of them being possible members of the World Cup squad to go America. Players such as Andy Linighan, Pat McGinlay, Mark Beeley, Mike Phelan and Mark Stein, have become appetizing prospects, especially after the success of Alan McLoughlin and his famous strike in Belfast, which secured Ireland's place in America.

The recent withdrawal of Niall Quinn and various injury scares, which have been cropping up, have given these players an extra chance. However, introducing one of these could spell disaster for the group morale, which is the main strength of the Irish team. A prime example of this is Andy Linighan, who was approached by Maurice Setters to play for Ireland back in 1989. At that time he was a highly rated centre half with Norwich City. Linighan, however, decided to opt for England, where he made his debut for England B against Ireland B. Since then, a big money move to Arsenal has turned sour, with Linighan unable to gain a regular starting place. So now that his slim chances of becoming an England player have well and truly disintegrated, Linighan has suddenly become interested in playing for Ireland again.

Some may feel that Ireland would doubtfully not be in as good a position in international football were it not for their English/Scottish converts such as, Aldridge, Houghton, Townsend and Terry Phelan. This policy of "poaching" players, which it has become known as, is entirely justifiable for a country with an immigration record like ours. Players such as Andy Linighan’s brother, David, would be a worthy new addition to the Irish squad, which is running short of commanding centre halves the right side of thirty.

If the players that are filling the papers with quotes of their dreams to play for Ireland are really interested, they will stick around for the long haul Ireland will have for the European Qualifying Campaign ahead of them. Until then Jack, resist temptation and stick with what you have.

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