



Left to right: Julie Kilmartin, principal of Bruce College Limerick; Liam O'Hora, director; Michael Hogan, principal of Bruce College Cork discussing the new Bruce College Scholarship Scheme.

# BRUCE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

BRUCE COLLEGE is offering a full scholarship for the coming year. The scholarship will pay one year's full-time tuition, and is open to 5th Year, 6th Year and Repeat Leaving Cert students. The scholarship includes the cost of books, and a travel supplement, and the overall value of the scholarship is two thousand pounds.

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of an essay, entitled "Why I deserve a scholarship to Bruce College". This essay will be written, under exam conditions, in Bruce College, 65 O'Connell Street, on Friday, August 28 at 2 o'clock.

There is no need to contact the College prior to this date, students should arrive at the College at 1.30 p.m. on that date. We would like to wish all students who are applying for this great opportunity the very best of luck.

## Bruce College: A Winning Team!

SCIENCE . . . Arts . . . CAO . . . CAS . . . Applications . . . dates . . . re-checks . . . points . . . these are the buzz words that become very important around the middle of August each year, as the education debate takes shape. Students who face the ordeal of repeating the Leaving Cert, or of sitting the exam for the first time, know that the end result is all important. For the vast majority of students, the Leaving Cert is their chance to gain a coveted third-level place, and all the hard work is worthwhile if the CAO number comes up beside the first preference course.

As the first time, and repeat students, ponder their options, their thoughts will probably turn to Bruce College, the fastest growing, and largest, private college in Ireland.

With thriving second level colleges in Limerick and Cork and another one just opened in Dublin, the Bruce College formula is obviously a very successful one. A further chapter in this ongoing educational success story is the opening of Bruce College in Cork. This business college will offer an honours degree in Business Studies from the University of London, as well as other Business Diploma courses, with internationally recognised qualifications.

Staff in all four colleges are working at full-stretch to keep up with the huge demand for places. College director, Liam O'Hora is clearly delighted with the nationwide success of the "Bruce" concept, and, on being asked to explain the reasons behind this success, he had this to say:

"Each of our colleges is successful for two simple reasons: excellent teachers and a disciplined working environment. We pride ourselves, both at second and third level, on our

recruitment of top quality people for "Team Bruce". A gifted teacher makes a subject both interesting and enjoyable and our ongoing recruitment policy ensures that we have excellent teaching staff in place every year.

However, the best results if the students in front of them are prepared to work hard, and that is where our highly disciplined working environment pays dividends. An unmotivated student, or one who causes any discipline problems, is immediately suspended. If substantial improvement is not forthcoming, then they are asked to leave the college".

Given the nationwide expansion of Bruce, this system clearly works, but the question that a Limerick parent or student might well ask is whether the level of personal attention will be the same, now that the college has grown bigger. Will Bruce College Limerick suffer because of the new colleges in Dublin and Cork?

Liam O'Hora is quite emphatic on this point. "I will be in overall control of all four colleges, but on the ground, each college is run by a principal who has full

responsibility for the smooth running of that college. I can guarantee that there will be no diminution of interest in any student in Limerick.

College Principal, Julie Kilmartin, a first-class honours graduate of Thomond College, is equally adamant on this point. "I have no interest in what is going on in Cork or Dublin", she told me. "My job is to run Bruce College in Limerick and my sole focus of interest at the moment is the planning out of the year, and in ensuring that the teaching team in Bruce College Limerick is the best that it can be. I genuinely feel that "Team Bruce '92 - '93" is our best ever group of teachers.

Liam O'Hora himself will take some of the Maths classes, and considering that Bruce began with Liam giving maths grinds, his level of expertise is self-evident. He is a highly enthusiastic teacher, who conducts his classes in a lively spirit.

Julie Kilmartin has a citywide reputation as a Science teacher, and she is justifiably famous in Limerick for the number of A's her students obtain in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Julie's high-energy style of teaching helps to make these highly difficult subjects more accessible to students of varying abilities.

Irish and French will be taught again by Deirdre Ambrose. Students last year were full of praise for the manner in which Deirdre prepared them for their oral exams in both subjects, and such was her ability that she was asked to give some guest lectures to students of Bruce College Cork last Easter. Deirdre has the reputation of being extremely pleasant to her students, but she has little time for those who do not put in the

necessary work.

English will be taught, as it has been for the last six years, by Eugene O'Brien. Eugene has an enviable reputation as a brilliant English teacher and indeed he is widely regarded as one of the best Honours English teachers in the country. Students are full of praise for his ability to hold their attention, and for his encyclopaedic knowledge of his subject. His sense of humour is a valued asset in a pressurised year!

Pat O'Dwyer is a new addition to "Team Bruce". He is renowned as a Geography teacher par excellence, and Bruce are delighted to have him on board. He has vast experience of the course, and of the examination system, and it is felt that he will make the Geography course both interesting and relevant to his students. John O'Connell, who will teach the Business

Subjects, has a first class honours degree, and he brings a boundless enthusiasm to his subjects. John has contributed to a number of magazines and he has a great deal of experience in teaching these subjects at Leaving Cert level.

It is clear, then, that "Team Bruce" in Limerick will certainly be in a position to give students of Bruce College the best possible preparation for the Leaving Cert subjects.

All of the above teachers have already got their year's work planned out (even the October, Christmas and Pre-Leaving papers are made out at this stage), and if the standard of organisation and ability is as high in the other Bruce Colleges as it is in Limerick, then students all over Ireland will be saying, this time next year that Bruce is Best!!

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