

SIAB Gold For McElhinney



7 Munster athletes were selected for Ireland for the SIAB Schools Cross Country International on Saturday 21st March in Santry Demesne, Dublin –

Junior Girls

- Jennifer Cotter, Coachford College

Junior Boys

- Darragh McElhinney, Colaiste Pobail Bheanntrai
- Fred Crowley, Thurles CBS

Intermediate Girls

- Avril Deegan, Presentation Thurles
- Caoimhe Harrington, Colaiste Pobail Bheanntrai
- Aisling Kelly, St. Joseph's, Spanish Point

Intermediate Boys

- Michael Power, St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan

Darragh McElhinney, Bantry A.C. had a stunning performance to lead the field home in the Junior Boys race winning individual gold & leading the Irish team to a silver medal in the team competition which included his fellow Munster athlete, **Fred Crowley, Thurles CBS** who finished 18th overall.



In the Junior Girls race, **Jennifer Cotter** acquitted herself well to finish 27th in the Junior Girls race & win a bronze medal with the Irish team.



Caoimhe Harrington (11th), Aisling Kelly (22nd) & Avril Deegan (27th) won a bronze team medal with the Irish team in the Intermediate competition. Harrington won gold last year in Bolton in the Junior Girls race & had an excellent race to finish 11th & still be the age to race this distance again in 2016.



Michael Power, St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan ran the Intermediate Boys race to finish 23rd & win a silver team medal with the Irish team. Congratulations & well done to all 7 athletes.



portsfile 21 March 2015: The Ireland Intermediate Boys 6,000m team, SIAB Schools International Cross Country, Santry Demense, Dublin. Picture credit: Páras O'Mulheath / SPORTSFILE

See Extract from AAI Website dated Monday, 24th March 2015 below:-

Schools Success for Darragh McElhinney

Darragh McElhinney (Colaiste Pobail Bheanntrai) was the big story of the SIAB schools international cross country held in Santry Demense on Saturday, 21st of March. The 32 strong Irish schools team competed against athletes from England, Scotland and Wales in the junior and intermediate age categories.

[Full Results](#)

Junior Races

McElhinney won the junior boy's race in emphatic fashion setting a testing pace from the start of the 3,500m contest. McElhinney was up against strong athletes from England and Wales as the leading pack headed out around the famous cross country loop in Santry Demesne. McElhinney proved the strongest as he romped to victory in a time of 12.52. Jack Moran (Colaiste Mhuire Mullingar) and Fathi Aden (Synge Street CBS) produced strong performance to finish ninth and tenth respectively. The top placings meant the junior boys' team finished second in the team event behind England.

Sarah Healy (Holy Child Killiney) was another impressing in the glorious sunshine in Santry. Healy the reigning All Ireland champion battled all the way to a fourth place finish with the top three spots filled by athletes from England. Olivia Nelson (Strathearn, Belfast) finished in tenth place with Ireland placing third overall in the team event won by England.

Intermediate

James Edgar (Friends School Lisburn) proved best of the Irish athletes in the intermediate boy's race as he finished in sixth place in a high class field. The Irish team packed well to finish second in the team category on 73 points behind the all-conquering English team on 22 points.

Reigning junior champion Caoimhe Harrington (Colaiste Pobail Bheanntraí) stepped up to the intermediate category to lead the Irish home with an eleventh place finish. It was an encouraging performance by Harrington when you consider she has another year in this category. The Irish team placed third in the team standing with a score of 109 points.