



Royal School, Armagh Headmaster (Mr Paul Crute), Mr Kenny Hooks (Head of Pastoral Care), Mr Gareth Beggs (Head of Boys Physical Education and Director of Rugby), Mrs Gemma Todd Acting Head of Girls' Physical Education and head of hockey) receiving a defibrillator from Cormac McAnallen's father Brendan. SG39100

Cormac Trust delivers defibrillators to Royal

THE late Cormac McAnallen's father Brendan delivered defibrillators donated to the The Royal School last week on behalf of the Cormac Trust. Cormac - who helped lead Tyrone to the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship in 2003 and played for English St Patrick's - died in 2004 from an undetected heart condition.

A year after his death, The Cormac Trust was set up and the charity have very kindly gave the school defibrillators which Headmaster Mr Paul Crute was delighted with.

"As is well known the school was marked by a similar tragedy to that of Cormac with the tragic loss of John McCall whilst representing Ireland U19s in Durban in March 2004," said Mr Crute. Cormac's death came as a shock to people not

only in his local area, but also to people all over Ulster and Ireland, as he was a well-known sportsman of exceptional fitness and of ostensibly perfect health.

It was largely due to the death of Cormac, Irish youth rugby international John McCall and other subsequent cases that the Irish public became aware of the issue of sudden cardiac death among young people.

From the time of Cormac's death, the McAnallen family was keen to direct public attention to these cardiac conditions that cause such sudden deaths.

Hence the family, with the assistance of the Tyrone County Board of the GAA, set up the Cormac Trust.

The following are its four objects:

To raise awareness of sudden cardiac deaths among young people, and its causes;

To promote cardiac screening for young people, especially for athletes;

To provide education and information to raise awareness at government level and among other authorities as to the value of providing facilities for the screening of young people;

To provide automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for sports clubs in the local region, the use of the entire local community, and train people in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of defibrillators.