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EDITORIAL

We wish good luck to all our Third and Sixth Years in their Exams in June and we look forward to welcoming the two hundred and three students who have enrolled to come into First Year in September. We wish everybody a very happy summer holiday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tues., 22nd May TY Presentations in The Aras at 7.30p.m.
- Wed., 23rd Gaisce Adventure Journey for two days.
- Friday, 25th Annual School Leavers Service in The Aras at 7.30p.m.
- Monday, 28th Fifth Year L.C.V.P. Work Experience this week.
- Friday, 1st June School closes for Summer Holidays.
- Saturday, 2nd Gala Concert to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of C.C.S. at 7.30p.m.
- Wednesday, 6th Junior & Leaving Certificate Exams begin.

Friday, 22 nd	School Bookshop open for Incoming First Years and Second Years.
Saturday, 23 rd	School Bookshop open until 1.00p.m. First and Second Years.
Fri., 17 th August	School Bookshop open.
Saturday, 18 th	School Bookshop open until 1.00p.m.
Monday, 27 th	School re-opens for Staff.
Tuesday, 28 th	School re-opens for First Year Students.
Wed., 29 th	School re-opens for Sixth Years and First Years.
Thursday, 30 th	School re-opens for First, Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Years.
Friday, 31 st	School re-opens for All Year Groups and Transition Year and L.C.A.
Fri., 26 th Oct.	School closes for Mid-Term Break.
Mon., 5 th Nov.	School re-opens.

Six CCS Students Chosen to Write for the Irish Times in June 2018

During the Leaving Cert exams **Examwatch** at The Irish Times is up and running every day. This year six students from CCS have been chosen to write exam diaries which will be published in the Irish Times. The six students are: Sarah Monagle, Tara Kelly, Jade Simpson, EJ Gibbons, Dylan Donegan, Callum Doherty. This is a tremendous honour for the school and we look forward to hearing their opinions. There will also be daily updates on the exam papers and advice from Brian Mooney. Check in daily [online](#) or on [Facebook](#) or follow on Twitter @Examwatch.



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Institiúid Teicneolaíochta
Leitir Ceanáin
Letterkenny Institute
of Technology

LYIT Summer Computing Camps

Try out computing for a few days in June before making your mind up ... LYIT's Department of Computing will host three weeks of Computing Summer Camps

this June 2018 for TY and Fifth Year students. The camps will be fun and engaging and will introduce secondary school students to Computer Games Development, App Inventor, Networking and Programming. The camp will run from 10am to 3.30pm and costs €20 per week, **with lunch provided** in the camp cost. For details of dates see the link below.

To secure your place on one of the LYIT Summer Computing Camps download the application form on <https://www.lyit.ie/News-Events/Article/lyit-computing-summer-camps> Completed application forms should be emailed to martina.quinn@lyit.ie no later than 12 noon Wednesday 30 May, 2018.

The Foyle Coaches bus service from Inishowen will get you there on time in the morning and back again by 5pm in the evenings, see timetable at <http://www.foylecoaches.com/inishowen-letterkenny.htm>



Maynooth University
National University
of Ireland Maynooth

Maynooth University Summer School

Maynooth University is holding a Summer School from 11-15 June 2018 for Fifth Years and TY students. It costs €30 per day/€120 for all five days. See <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/undergraduate-studies/summer-school> for more details and to book.

There are no youth hostels in Maynooth, so you will need to book somewhere in Dublin and get the train out to Maynooth in the morning. See www.hostelworld.com

Guidance News for TY and Fifth Years



NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh

NUI Galway Summer Schools

Attend NUI Galway as a student for a full day ... or two ... or three ...

NUI Galway is holding a series of Summer Schools for students interested in studying at university. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective students to get a real taste of the courses they are interested in and enjoy a wide range of hands-on practical activities.

Computing/IT - 22nd June

Business - 26th June

Engineering - 28th June

Law - 7th or 8th June

Science - 20th June

Book places for the summer schools on <http://www.nuigalway.ie/summer-schools/> As the summer schools start early in the morning, students will have to stay overnight in Galway the night before. There are lots of youth hostels in Galway. Large groups of students can book rooms together. You can book a bed in a youth hostel for as little as €20 a night on www.hostelworld.com



UCD Summer School

From 5-8 June, see www.ucdsummerschool.ie/ for more information, videos and to book.

Summer Open Days

In the week after the end of the Leaving Cert, some universities have organised a Final Open Day for Leaving Cert students who are thinking about changing their mind:

DCU Summer Open Day

The DCU Open Day on June 26th is a fantastic opportunity to find out all you need to know to make a more informed decision about DCU before the CAO Change of Mind deadline on July 1st. The Open Day will provide you with the opportunity to speak with DCU staff and current students from all five faculties on the DCU Glasnevin Campus from 11.00am to 2.00pm. DCU students will also be present to give guided tours of the Glasnevin campus, to view on-campus accommodation, lecture rooms, laboratories and sports facilities so that you will gain a sense of the DCU campus. For a full schedule and to register click

<https://www.dcu.ie/studentrecruitment/juneopenday.shtml>

Maynooth University Summer Open Day

There will a Maynooth Open Day on Saturday 23rd June from 10.30am until 3pm. For more information and to register go

to <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/undergraduate-studies/open-days>

Guidance News for Sixth Years

Help for Students with Career and College Decisions in August

It might be useful to keep this section somewhere safe until August. As usual the guidance counsellors will be available in August to help you with any problems, difficulties or misunderstandings you may have in making your final decisions before going to college. It is expected that the Leaving Certificate results will be available on **Wed 15th August**. The results will be available in the school from 10.00am and also online from midday at www.examinations.ie using your Leaving Cert exam number. One Guidance Counsellor will be available in the school that day from 10am until 1pm, no appointment necessary. Parents are also welcome.

UCAS offers should begin to appear on the UCAS Track service from Thursday 16th August onwards.

Round One Offers from CAO will appear on the CAO website (www.cao.ie) from 6.00am on Monday 20th August, they will also be sent by post, e-mail and SMS text. Applicants who have not received an offer will receive a Statement of Application Record. Your reply to your Round One Offer has to reach CAO on or before Monday 27th August by 5.15pm. Second Round Offers will appear on www.cao.ie on Thursday, August 30th.

One Guidance Counsellor will be available in the school on **Wednesday 22nd August** from 10am until 1pm if any students needs last-minute advice or information. Just turn up, no appointment necessary. Parents are also welcome.

Newspaper Supplements with Advice in August

There will be special supplements published in both the Irish Times and the Irish Independent on Leaving Cert Results Day with information on what

students can do as they wait for their offers. The Irish Times will also run the Results Online Helpdesk which will be operated by qualified guidance counsellors on www.irishtimes.com where students can post questions anonymously and they will be answered online.

On Monday, August 20th, there will be two further useful newspaper supplements in both the Irish Times and the Irish Independent with information and guidance on the options available to students, plus advice on heading off to college and getting the best start to that experience. **One guidance counsellor will be available in the school from 10.00am until 1pm on CAO**

National Helplines with Advice in August

If you are unavailable to come into the school on these dates, there will be two FREEPHONE National Helplines available to you in August. These helplines will be staffed by fully qualified members of the Institute of Guidance Counsellors. Both helplines provide a similar service. The exact times of the service will be shown on the Irish Times website (www.irishtimes.com) and the Irish Independent website (www.independent.ie) and also on www.igc.ie THESE WERE THE FREEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS SO SAVE THESE NUMBERS TO YOUR PHONE NOW. IF THE NUMBERS ARE NOT WORKING, CHECK THE WEBSITES ABOVE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION

IGC HELPLINE 1 (IRISH INDEPENDENT) 1800 265
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IGC HELPLINE 2 (IRISH TIMES) 1800 923 429

TY Future Leaders - First Year Blitz

Our thirteen Future Leaders put all their new knowledge & skills to good use as they very successfully ran a First Year Super Game Centre on Friday, 20th April. The Future Leaders planned,

co-orientated & ran the event all day with the teachers there only for support.

The competition itself ran very smoothly & professionally with the weather staying mainly dry and bright which didn't throw any spanners in the works. In the middle day 1A, 1B, 1C & 1D played a round robin league with great excitement - 1B coming out on top over their rivals. In the afternoon the students from 1E, 1F, 1G & 1H gave it all they got, with 1E being unmatched.

Overall it wasn't about the winner but about being involved. Of course there were bragging rights to be had but it really was a great day for all.

Special thanks must be given to the team managers who motivated & coached their respective classes. But the most thanks must be given to all the First Years who got involved & played their part, whether it was by playing, helping a friend with the skills involved, or making posters to support classmates. They all contributed to a great day.

Ski Tour 2019

The 2019 ski tour will bring us to Folgaria, Italy. We have 73 students going this year. The places have been booked since March and the second instalment is due before the 25th May. Please bring this to Mr Havlin before 8.55 am. Check out the following website to have a look at our resort.

www.skiresort.info/ski-resort/folgariafiorentini

Maths Department – IMTA First Year Competition

In February, all of our first years took part in the first round of the IMTA First Year Maths Competition. Four of our students qualified for the Regional Final which was held in St. Columba's Stranorlar on Friday, 27th April. Ms. Shannon Doherty accompanied Ciara Gilmore 1D, Alisha O'Connor 1B, Patrick McGonagle 1F & Roisin Harkin 1A to the Final.

On the night, the students completed a one-hour problem solving test. There was great excitement when it was announced that CCS had joint winners. Congratulations to Ciara Gilmore and Alisha O'Connor on winning joint-first in the Regional Final of the IMTA First Year Maths Competition. This is a fantastic accomplishment. Ciara is a past pupil of Rashenev NS and Alisha is a past pupil of Craigtown NS. The Maths Department are delighted with their success.

ECO UNESCO / SciFest Update

Congratulations and Best of luck to Joseph Farren, Paul Shields & Fionn Bowyer who are through to the ECO UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards Final on the 22nd of May in Dublin. Their project entitled "Bee Good". "Flower Power" made it to the ECO UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards Semi-final

CCS also had success to celebrate at SciFest 2018 in LYIT. Holly McLaughlin & Molly Gorman won the "Junior Life Science

Award" with a project entitled "Is Sharing Really Caring?" Aine Monagle, Grainne Monagle & Amy McGonigle won the "Intel Award" for their project "Fruit of the Future."

Junior Science Pupils Visit the Ulster Museum

On Tuesday, 17th April Ms. Byrne's third year science class set off to the Ulster Museum in Belfast. Having completed their three-year junior science course, it was now time to get up close and explore and engage with science in action.

The Natural Sciences Department holds over 495,000 specimens of plants, animals, fossils, minerals and rocks from Northern Ireland and beyond.

Highlights included 'Peter' the Polar Bear, a Minke Whale skeleton, Edmontosaurus dinosaur, as well as numerous exotic butterflies and insects. Another 'treasure' and a firm favourite was Takabuti, an Egyptian mummy from the 7th century BC.

The Elements exploration began with a stunning 3D display of the Periodic Table. Many of the items on display link directly to our everyday lives - and it was interesting to see how many of the different elements, sometimes strange and unfamiliar, we rely on. There were examples of familiar elements that have been put to bizarre uses, such as lead, mercury and arsenic used in cosmetics or medicines, and exotic elements like titanium, and zirconium turned into beautiful jewellery.

And finally, we got to see and touch a real meteorite, before taking some time out for lunch and heading home!

Olá!

A group of second years and staff members travelled to sunny Spain over the Easter Holidays. Flying from Belfast meant no early start, and we left CCS full of energy and excitement for our four-day trip. What a ball we had! We stayed in Salou, and although it wasn't too warm, the students availed of the outdoor pool, which was as warm as Culdaff beach, on a good day!

We spent a day in Barcelona, taking in the main sights and visiting the home of Barcelona FC. A further day was in Port Aventura, which is a large amusement park. With numerous rollercoasters, and slow train rides, there was something for everyone! We walked to the town centre in the evenings and developed great haggling skills, as we negotiated prices everywhere we went. The following day we travelled to Montserrat, taking a cable car to the top of a very steep hill. We then travelled on to Girona Airport for our flight back, arriving back to CCS at 9.15pm.

On behalf of the staff members who travelled, a huge thanks goes to all the students, whose behaviour was excellent...say nothing about pyjamas and balconies! What happens in Barcelona, stays in Barcelona!

Home School Community Liaison

Just a word of thanks to everyone who helped me in any way in my role as HSCL over the last five years. A special thanks to all the parents who made my job a lot easier. Best wishes to my replacement also! - *Mary Lafferty*

Photography Club News

Well done to all the entrants in the various photo competitions during the year! Looking forward to even more next year, both student and staff. Remember, you don't have to come along to meetings to enter the competitions - simply check out the current theme on the posters and email your entries along with your name and a title to cameraclub@carndonaghcs.ie. The current theme is WATER; closing date 21st May 2018.

Patrycja Dudek's Artwork Selected for MHI Calendar

Congratulations to Patrycja Dudek, 2nd year, on being shortlisted for the Mental Health Ireland's Art & Photography Competition. Patrycja was shortlisted from over 15,000 entries and her artwork will be featured in Mental Health Ireland's annual calendar. Patrycja attended the awards ceremony on Thursday 15th March in the Atrium in Dublin City Council Office.

First Year Girls Have the Final Word in Ulster Soccer

Ulster Final

Carndonagh CS 2-1 Loreto Letterkenny

Goalscorers for Carndonagh - Chloe Lacey, Sophie Murphy

Goalscorer for Letterkenny - Hannah Hopkins

Thursday, 12th April - The first year girls had a fantastic win in the Ulster football final at Aileach FC, the second Ulster title this year having picked up the Futsal title against Loreto in November.

CCS started very strongly and created a host of chances with Sophie Murphy, Emma Devlin, Chloe Lacey and Alaina Keogh all unlucky not to find the net. They finally broke the deadlock after 15 minutes when Chloe Lacey volleyed home after an excellent corner from Katherine Doherty. Loreto really came back into the game after this and were unlucky to hit the post just before the half-time whistle.

The Carn girls started the second half well but couldn't add to their lead and Loreto made them pay with 15 minutes remaining. After a scramble in the Carn box, the talented Hannah Hopkins fired an unstoppable drive into the top corner. This spurred the CCS girls into life and the game was flying from end to end at a ferocious pace. Sophie Murphy and Emma Devlin did well to put pressure on the Loreto defence after a short kickout and the ball was worked to Sophie on the edge of the box. She swivelled and placed an excellent shot in the corner of the net. The girls were a goal up with 5 minutes to play. The Loreto girls to their credit didn't give up and laid siege to the Carndonagh goal.

There was some epic defending by the entire Carn backline with Roseanna McConalogue, in particular, a colossus in defence. The final whistle went and the Carn girls were delighted. Captain Emma Devlin lifted the trophy to wild scenes of celebration. In what was a fantastic team performance, Sophie Murphy took her goal well, Chloe Lacey was a constant threat on the left and finished her chance well and Katherine Doherty battled ferociously in midfield. Our backline were excellent throughout

and really gave Loreto Letterkenny very little time on the ball. However, Roseanna McConalogue stood out, constantly breaking up Loreto attacks and getting out in front of her marker every time; she was a deserving 'player of the game'.

The girls have done themselves, their families and their school proud and we now look forward to an All Ireland Semi Final vs Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny, due to be played on Tuesday 17th April (venue still to be decided).

Team and Squad:

1 Ciara Gilmore; 2 Katie Harkin; 3 Ella McGonigle; 4 Lorinne Green; 5 Roseanna McConalogue; 6 Katherine Doherty; 7 Caitlin Kelly; 8 Alaina Keogh; 9 Emma Devlin; 10 Sophie Murphy; 11 Chloe Lacey; 12 Dacia Crumlish Hawes; 13 Kate Doherty; 14 Caoimhe McCallion; 15 Yasmin Crumlish Henderson; 16 Mairead Farren

Miss Ireland Meets Maebh Brennan!

Lucky Maebh Brennan 3E got to spend a day in the life of current Miss Ireland winner Lauren McDonagh. Maebh, accompanied by Miss Ireland, had her hair and make-up professionally done (Glamour- Breige Porter). She then got a beautiful dress from none other than Sequin Cinderella owner Nicola McLaughlin. Tired from all that hard work, Maebh and Miss Ireland lunched in Oscars restaurant, followed by a quick stop at Callaghans Jewellers for a bit of bling to match her beautiful outfit; of course a girl needs to have her nails done (DK Beauty)! Maebh also received a make-up bag filled with goodies from Inish Pharmacy. That was Maebh all ready for her

big photoshoot with none other than talented photographer and past pupil John Doherty (John Arthur Photography, who kindly gave us permission to use a few beautiful pictures from the day). After all that tedious posing, Maebh and Miss Ireland had high tea (if you don't mind) in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel.

I think you will all agree that Maebh is looking fantastic and was more than happy to share all the details of her big day with all the SNAs and all her teachers. Maebh may have been Miss Ireland for a day but she is Miss CCS every day. Well done Maebh!

Home Based Programme 2018

The Department of Education and Skills is pleased to announce the details of the 2018 Home Based July Provision Programme. Parents/Legal Guardians are requested to read the Information Note before they complete the Application Form. (Both can be found on the Parents / Services page at www.education.ie)

Parents should note that:

Priority will be given to applications received on or before 04 May 2018. The closing date for receipt of applications to avail of the Home Based July Provision Grant Scheme is 18 May 2018.

Fáinne Awards 2018

Over the last few weeks, our current first years have been taking part in the Fáinne Awards. Wearing a Fáinne symbolises your link to the Irish language. An Fáinne is worn to show that you are able to and are willing to speak Irish. The Silver Fáinne is suitable for those who have a basic ability in Irish. The Gold Fáinne indicates that you are a fluent Irish speaker. The 'Cúpla Focal' badge is available to those with a small amount of Irish who are proud of the cúpla focal they have. We had a great uptake in the Fáinne Awards with approximately 90 Fáinne Airgids and Cúpla Focals handed out. That's nearly 10% of the school! We also had 4 talented senior students awarded the Fáinne Óir. Overall it was a great success. Maith sibh go léir! As the old saying goes 'Beatha teanga í a labhairt!'

A Celebration of Reading in CCS

On Friday 27th April, when the clock struck noon, students and staff of CCS stopped what they were doing and took time to read between 12-12:20pm. The main focus of this National D.E.A.R Challenge was to draw attention to the importance of reading for pleasure. The photographs captured on the day show lots of smiling faces indicating that the students thoroughly enjoyed this reading experience. Well done to all involved. A special word of thanks goes to The Art Department, Eadaoin Doherty (TYA) and Sinead Diver (TYC) for creating the lovely photo frame. Remember "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss.

Senior Boys Soccer – National Champions AGAIN! The Callum Report

Massive Deflections 'n' Sweet Connections

"no shoulda's, no coulda's and no woulda's"

Wednesday, 25th April 2018

5.00am - The alarm bell rings. I feel I'm only after getting into the bed. I am as mad as a box of frogs. Usually the only time I'm up this early is if I'm falling in the door from Tul Na Ri or up to use the toilet. It's too early for me. Head's busting.

6.30am - A 15 minute run in the road listening to Seamus Fildara reminiscing about the time he met Big Tom in Culdaff Arms. The boys all gather in the Coffee Dock to we get a head count, a drop of tea and a scratch. For the second time this year we have no Wee Corey McBride. Nobody can understand where he went as Lorcan Bradley swore he saw him earlier on. It turns out he was trapped in a cubicle and couldn't reach the door handle.

7.00am - Kevin Bradley twists the key of the bus and rallies out the gate. A bus packed with nervous men and a horrible smell of Old Spice deodorant coming from Brendan Doherty. Every traffic light on the Glentogher road is red. A horrible start to the day and to make the morning even worse I have Oisín Hession in one ear talking about all the trophies Clonmany FC won in the 90s and in my other ear is Daniel McCallion snoring.

8.00am - Our stop in Centra, Muff. Due to the possibility of Ciaran Jimmyroe starting in midfield, we ratchet strapped him down in the back seat in order to keep him from emptying the

deli. This however is no good as he breaks free, tossing everything in his path to he gets to the deli counter. "2 bacon, 2 egg, 2 sausage, 2 rasher, 2 pudding - 1 black, 1 white, all stalked like a tower on top of each other and rolled up good n' tight. If you're having some tae, the milks over there, you'll find sugar in the bowl. Says she "do you want some sauce on that?" Says I "I do in my...roll".

12.30pm (half hour to kick off) - The changing room is as tense as a game of cards. Cade Cooke sets his bag under the number 9 shirt. Cade's confident. Martin Cavanagh names the team. "Cade Cooke number 19". Cade's regretting his actions, he slowly slides his bag away in the hope nobody notices. It's too late, he has been spotted. After 2 minutes of laughter and a further 3 minutes laughing at the fact that Ciaran Jimmyroe and Conor O'Donnell are starting center-midfield in an All Ireland Final, the boys are ready!

1.00pm (kick-off) - I am stood beside Kieran Farren during the National Anthem, who makes an attempt to sing it. "Sinne Fianna Fail, ata faoi gheall ag Eirinn.." and he is humming us home to the end as he has "forgot" the lyrics. Hands shaken, hair combed, game-on!

1st Half - Carn stick to tradition and start poorly. Miss-placing passes, slipping 'n' sliding and wasteful shooting from Carn pave the way towards their first goal. A great bit of skill from Mikey Friel, slips Wee Corey through who takes a shot that first looks like it's on its way for the River Liffey but manages to take a late dip and find its way into the net. 1-0

2nd Half - This half started great as Carn must of drank holy water at half time. Wee Corey was like Red Rum on the right side, but it's a pity Jack Lackin was acting like Shergar on the left and seemed to go missing for a lot of the 2nd half. The rock solid partnership of Kieran Farren and Jake Harkin started a lot of the attacks from the back and this solidness allowed Daniel Houghton to grab a quick sleep, he didn't waken up to the 3rd minute in injury time. Fionn McClure was playing his Alberto Moreno role very well. However, on the other side, Lee McLaughlin was doing everything he shouldn't have been doing - instead of playing like Tony Cascarino, he was playing like Tony Hibbert. Due to a sudden hail shower I missed Conor O'Donnel's goal, but a few boys mentioned that it was another massive deflection that guided it into the net. It goes down as an own-goal.

Full Time - For the second time in three years Carn are All Ireland champions. A formidable force of frightening footballers. Once we got the autographs signed and the RTÉ News team off our back, we headed back up the road.

8.30pm - Arrival back in Carndonagh. At this stage the best part of us are ready for our beds, and some just ready for a cuddle from their mothers (Lee). The hordes of people gathered from Glentogher school right up until we got to the school doors...The next time you're likely to see this many people is when the Irish Open comes to Ballyliffen or when the Pope comes to Moville. Taste of India supplied a van full of pizzas, 6 for us and 6 for Ciaran Jimmyroe. We met with family, friends and pets. Standing for photos. Finally for me and the majority of the boys, away to the town to wet our whistles - for I am drier than the gums of a camell!

Transition Year News

TY Dance Show 2018 (17th & 18th May)

It's almost Show Time! TY 2018 will be putting on an end of year Dance Show - RANDOM DANCE ACTS - to mark the end of their TY year. This promises to be a fun, energetic night, with some random dance moves thrown in. The Dance Show takes place on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th May at 8.00pm in the Áras. Tickets will be on sale every lunchtime in Room 312.

"When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It's to enjoy each step along the way" - Wayne Dyer

Something fishy going on in the Criminal Courts of Justice!

A much pared down team of only nine pupils represented CCS in the qualifying heats of the 2018 National Mock Trial competition in the Criminal Courts of Justice on Sat 21st April. Every team had to prepare for three trials. CCS had to argue both sides of a case called the People v Pat Plaiice, about an aptly named fast food restaurant and shop owner called Gabriel Codd who was allegedly robbed by the equally aptly named defendant, Pat Plaiice. We were the defence team in our other case, the People v Francis Cara, the defendant being accused of petrol-bombing the home of his girlfriend's parents. All in a day's work for the CCS legal eagles!

Barristers were Odhrán Cavanagh, Éadaoin Doherty, Leah McEleney and Alysia Brattin-Loftus. All our barristers gave very good performances but there can be no objections to Odhrán

Cavanagh being singled out, not alone for working all three trials but also for his superb aptitude in the art of rebuttal. Siofra Keane was Court Registrar and Tony Keyes and Ciara Houghton both played the role of Tipstaff. All were excellent! Dessie's lucky Boston Marathon bell enjoyed pride of place in front of the judge!

There was a lot of double-jobbing going on as is normal in this competition. Tony Keyes was in the witness box as Garda O'Reilly and in the main stuck to the script. Who knew that the Garda Training College has moved from Templemore to Donegal?! Deirdre Brennan is a formidable young lady with amazing stamina. Must be the cod liver oil capsules! Deirdre competed in the Junk Kouture competition the day before, got delayed for hours on the return journey and still got to court on time! Deirdre played the part of Billy Boyce, the intellectual type employee of Gabriel Codd. She also acted as solicitor, the eyes and ears of the barristers, as did Éadaoin and Leah. The not to be messed with Ciara Houghton very much held her own in the role of Pat Plaice. Marjorie Magoo aka the unflappable Siofra Keane had ice in her veins in the witness box and wriggled her way out of a tricky situation by telling the Court that she wears non-prescription spectacles! Francis Cara was played by the very credible Caitlin McGonigle who was unflinching in her testimony.

Well done to all the pupils who worked their socks off and won two out of their three cases! As always, a BIG thank you to Mr Dónal McGuinness BL for his time and advice on the eve of the competition.

SHARE Trip

the TYs finally made it to SHARE - First stop Sainsbury's and a monthly shop squeezed into almost every available trolley. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided at the centre but for some reason the students believed they were going to starve and never survive three days without food. Banana boating, gorge walking, canoeing, Combat Core were just some of the activities that the students participated in for the three days. Overall, a fantastic trip!

'Passport to Health' Initiative

The TY students attended a Community School Initiative - Passport to Health on Wednesday, 9th May. This was an interactive morning with some helpful advice, tips and information on the facts supporting healthy eating and well-being for teenagers and their families. Guest speakers included Kevin Mills - National Committee on Health and Well-being, and Ryan McLaughlin - LYIT graduate in Sports Science.

Iveagh Scholars

The Iveagh Scholars Programme is a way for secondary students to share their views on Ireland's role in the world, and to get involved in the discussion about how the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade promotes abroad the values, interests and economic well-being of Ireland and its people. The following TY students spent a week in Dublin - Odhrán Cavanagh TYD, Caitlin McGonigle TYC, Dara McLaughlin TYE, Shane Doherty TYD. They all had a very positive experience.

BOI School Bank

Well done to the Bank of Ireland School Bank team - they reached their target of 100 students.

Niall Kelly's Fashion Comeback (to CCS)...

Past-pupil, Niall Kelly, recently visited CCS Art Department to give students an insight into studying fashion design at University. He also discussed his recent success at being selected as Student Judge for Bank of Irelands Junk Kouture. The students were more than impressed with Niall's achievements and we hope to see his unique creations on the catwalks of London, Milan and Paris very soon!

Read DL - Aishling's Story Wins Top Award

Pictured is first year student Aishling Doherty Guy who was recently awarded top prize at this year's closing ceremony of Read DL. Read DL is a county-wide reading movement, designed to bring the people of Donegal together by collectively reading the same book.

The aims of the Read DL project are to:

- Improve literacy skills and foster a love of reading;
- Entice people, young and old, to read more and;
- Encourage the entire community to read the same book, share ideas and to broaden and expand their viewpoints.

Students in the participating secondary schools across Donegal were invited to write a short story on the theme "Stories are wild creatures," the monster said. "When you let them loose, who knows what havoc they might wreak?" Aishling's story was

placed first and her wonderful entry is here for you to read.
Enjoy!

A Pirate's Story

By Aishling Doherty Guy

I was standing at this very beach watching the not-so calm ocean crashing violently against the sharp pointed rocks of Glashedy Island. Walking cautiously across the wet sand clutching a handful of smooth pebbles.

I was always one for collecting brightly coloured stones and beautiful shells. I had learned that they made the most wonderful pieces of jewellery.

There I was, only ten at the time, walking along the sea shore, wading my way through the water when I wasn't quick enough to step out of the way.

I was wearing a pair of luminous pink boots just below my knee. I loved them dearly and wore them everywhere but at the beach they were always filled with water from the fast-moving tide, just like my jam sandwiches often had more sand in them than jam when we had a picnic at the beach.

It was about two o' clock, when the pockets of my grey coat were bulging at the seams and the attractive shells and stones were falling out, when I noticed my favourite pink shell, about the size of my fingernail had fallen out of my coat pocket. Frantic to find it, I retraced my steps along the beach. I must have spent quite a while searching because the tide had come in

towards me and the sun was reflecting an orange colour across the Atlantic.

I thought I had seen something glinting in the sun. It was coming closer and closer until it was at my feet. Curiously I stooped down to pick it up and held it up to the light. An aged, battered glass bottle with a golden rim around the edge. It contained a letter written in large loopy handwriting scrawled across the parchment.

It told a story of sailing the seven seas and of climbing mountains that were yet to be discovered by anyone else. It was about life as a pirate and of days without computer games. But written at the bottom of the page was something that caught my eye:

*I have travelled a lot of places but don't know where to go next,
Reader if you read carefully there's no need to send a text.
I am magic, believe it or not, and I will meet you here,
This very place that you stand and certainly do not fear.
I will arrive in twenty years to this exact spot,
If you decide to show up we'll travel around in a huge pine yacht.
Finish this fine story and come and travel with me
For I will show you more out on the sea.*

So here I am, waiting patiently twenty years later for my magic boat to arrive so that I can finish that story but behold, stories are wild creatures, when you let them loose, who knows what havoc they might wreak.

Ahoy Sinbad!...Senior Boys Visit Greencastle Fishery College

Congratulations to a group of Senior Boys who recently spent three days in the National Fishery College in Greencastle, completing Certificates in Personal Survival Techniques, Safety Awareness & Fire Prevention and Elementary First Aid. This was an excellent opportunity for the boys to gain accreditation in courses they can use at any stage in their lives. Many thanks to the facilitators at Greencastle who were experts in their field and generous with their time...a life at sea may beckon for some of the boys...Well done!

Seniors Visit Inishowen Engineering

You've driven past it many times and I bet wondered "What happens in there?"...Well, 34 Senior Boys from CCS recently had the opportunity to glimpse inside the incredible INISHOWEN ENGINEERING MANUFACTURING business in Drumfries. Firstly, the boys were given a talk on the "Apprenticeship Programme" run by Donegal ETB and how it might suit them following on from the Leaving Certificate. Then on went the high-vis jackets and safety goggles and off the boys went on a tour of the facilities. The boys were lucky enough to see every machine in operation and the start-to-finish on the production line. We even met some past pupils who are working their way through the Apprenticeship scheme...It definitely proved a hit with the boys and gave them some food for thought!

Derryveagh Crystal Schools Golf Champions 2018

CCS secured their third title in four years in a well fought out final at Dunfanaghy Golf Club. Played in near perfect golfing conditions, the team, led by stalwarts DJ McGeoghan and Oisín McGonigle, played steady and consistent golf through the final round. Newcomer to the CCS team, Martin O'Connor, put together an impressive round on a course he had never played before. Ryan Collins again showed his class, scoring 35 points and ensuring the title for the CCS team.

CCS Golf Champions 2018; DJ McGeoghan, Oisín McGonigle, Cormac Monagle, Paddy Monagle, Martin O'Connor, Ryan Collins.

Annual Sports Awards 2018

On Friday, 11th May, the Áras welcomed the most successful group of athletes ever assembled in CCS for the Annual Sports Awards. With the stage weighed down by silverware, a conveyor belt of teams and individuals took to the stage for certificates, medals and mementos recognising their many and varied achievements. Treasa Doherty - past-pupil, Donegal Football star and Carn woman - was on hand to do the presenting. She outlined the values that are critical to achievement at the top level, highlighting 'dedication' as key to getting the best out of yourself, regardless of silverware. She did lament the lack of Saturday lie-ins. But such sacrifices must be made!

Members of the Senior Boys Soccer squad (once again National Champions) and the Mackey Cup winning Gaelic Football squad were each presented with a display photo for the mantelpiece. There were Ulster titles all over the place with First Year soccer and futsal (boys and girls) taking many of the plaudits. Some big futures there. (Remember, DEDICATION!)

The afternoon was rounded off with the 'Inishowen Tours Outstanding Prospect in Sport Award'. The worthy recipient of that prestigious accolade was Daniel Houghton, now a two-time National senior boys soccer champion and an International goalkeeper. We'll endeavour to publish the full list of titles secured throughout the year, if we can remember them all. Overall, 2017-18 will be remembered as the most successful year to date for sport in CCS.