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## EDITORIAL

**Good luck to all students in their Mock Exams!**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>School closes at 3.20 for Mid-Term Break.</b>
<b>Friday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ski Trip to Italy.</b>
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Junior Cert. French and Spanish Orals.</b>
<b>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Leaving Cert “Mock” Orals in Irish, French &amp; Spanish.</b>
<b>Monday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Re-Opens.</b>
<b>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Incoming First Year Transfer Day 9a.m. to 12.30p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, 1st March</b>	<b>Fund Raising Ceili in The Aras. Everybody welcome.</b>
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TY on Work Experience all week.</b>
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Year LCA on Work Experience for two weeks.</b>
<b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mock Exams for First, Second, Third, Fifth &amp; Sixth Years.</b>

# Céilí Mór in The Áras - Friday, 1st March

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The Annual Fund-raising Céilí will take place in The Aras on Friday, 1st March. Music by "Céilí Time". Admission (including supper) is €5. Everybody welcome.

## Rewind to the 80's

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Last Thursday the 7th of February, 'Rewind to the 80's' took place in the Aras. Curtains opened at 7.30 and Act I began. With over 400 of an audience, each of the 26 unique acts shone in every way. Each of the 165 students that stepped onto the stage, deserved to be there. They were all fantastic, they worked so hard and were full of confidence thanks to the teachers in our Music Department. From the locomotion to Queen to Michael Jackson all the classics were there, but with a wonderful 'Finale' to end it, we are all heading for 'FAME'...(by 5th Year music class).

## Guidance

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### Third Year / Transition Year Guidance Activities, Spring 2019

The **6-week guidance module** in Transition Year continues on a rotation basis, with a focus on choosing subjects for the Leaving Certificate.

**Subject Choice classes** will commence in February for Third Year Students on choosing their senior cycle options for September 2019.

There will be a **half-day subject choice workshop for Third Years** going directly into Fifth Year. Date to be confirmed.

There will be a **half-day subject choice workshop for all Transition Year students** on choosing their Leaving Certificate subjects. Date to be confirmed.

There will be **three information nights for parents / guardians** on choosing senior cycle options for September 2019, as follows:

Tuesday, 12th March      Information night for parents/guardians/students on **choosing Leaving Cert. Applied**

Thursday, 14th March      Information night for parents/guardians/students on **choosing Transition Year**

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March      Information night for parents/guardians only on **choosing subjects for Leaving Cert 2021** (students will get this information in class)

## **Fifth Year Career Guidance Activities, Spring 2019**

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> February      **QUB Interactive STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) Day** - Foyle Arena Derry

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> February      **UCAS Exhibition, Belfast**

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> February      **Donegal Careers Day** - followed by a visit to **LYIT**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March      **Career Focus Session 1** will take place during the Fifth Year Exams (Aras)

1.15pm - 3.00pm	<p>Presentation by Kay Mitchell, Admissions Office, Maynooth University on <b><i>"Planning Ahead - how to maximise your senior cycle experience in school"</i></b> in ARAS.</p> <p><i>"A very interesting and informative afternoon, I learnt so much about the decisions I need to make about my future"</i>, Ciarán, 5<sup>th</sup> year student in Coláiste Magh Ene, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.</p>
3.00 - 3.15pm	Fifteen-minute break
3.15pm - 4.00pm	Filling out the <b>Guidance Profile form</b> for senior cycle in CCS (Aras)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>Career Focus Session 2 - Career Testing Day</b> (Aras and Library) - last day of exams.</p> <p>Students will complete four written tests to help you choose your future career and will attend a presentation and a workshop. <u>You must bring a ruler, a pencil and colouring pencils/highlighters to school for these tests.</u></p>
9.00am	Two career interest tests (in Aras)
11.00am	Morning Break
11.20am	<b><i>"Life as a student in your nearest third-level college, LYIT"</i></b> - Fiona Kelly (Aras)
12.00pm	<p><b><i>"How to write the best possible CV and cover letter to help you grab a great summer job, part-time job or full-time job"</i></b></p> <p>- Grainne McCool, 'The Write Stuff' (Library)</p>

*"I definitely recommend The Write Stuff. Grainne did a fantastic job on my CV" (Kathleen).*

*"Helped me with an application letter. Very talented woman and always very helpful" (Michael).*

*"There's nothing this girl doesn't know about the English language. Just brilliant with words" (Teresa).*

1.20pm

Lunch

2.00pm

Two more career interest tests

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Choice between TWO different trips - **Maynooth University Open Day** or **NUI Galway Open Day**. Based on previous years, there will probably only be enough interest to run one of these trips. **We will take a vote in March on which trip is more popular.** We will then book a bus to the other open day in October. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit a college for a day with your friends. Bus is shared with Moville Community College. CCS has 35 seats on the bus. Booking will open for this in March. No teachers travel to this event. Special permission form needed to be signed by parents/guardians. Bus will depart from the Diamond Carndonagh at 5.30am. Students will be home by 8.30pm approx. The costs of the buses are subsidised by the universities and will only cost €5 return for Maynooth and €10 return for Galway.

Week of 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April

**UCAS Personal Statement Writing Workshops**

During this week (week before Easter holidays), there will be two UCAS personal statement

writing workshops for Fifth Years who want to apply to UK universities. The workshops will show you how to write the best possible 500-word personal statement (essay) about yourself. The deadline for submitting this is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, while the deadline for applying to UCAS is either 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 or 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - depending on what you are applying for.

29<sup>th</sup> April - 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Career Guidance Classes** instead of one of your SPHE or RE classes each week for the whole of the last term.

You will be informed closer to the time what class periods are changing. You will stay in the same classrooms.

Week of 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June

**Maynooth University Summer School**

Live like a third level student for a week.

Students can attend for one day, two days or all five days at €30 a day. These days always are booked out well in advance, so book early if interested. Full information available at

[www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/undergraduate-studies/summer-school](http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/undergraduate-studies/summer-school)

See reverse for more info.

## Sixth Year Career Guidance Activities Spring 2019

There are four upcoming trips for Sixth Years, covering six different training and education centres. The numbers going will be restricted to those students who are genuinely interested in exploring their options in these six places. The cost for these four trips is subsidised by DEIS, so students only need to pay a small contribution of €5 for each trip.

Thurs. 14th Feb

**Youthreach Buncrana and NWRC Derry**

(Springtown and Strand Road). Leave school at 9.05am, back for the buses at 3.20pm. Generally, five O6 grades needed for most courses in NWRC. Five Junior Cert passes needed for trade apprenticeships. No formal educational requirements needed for Youthreach.

- Youth Reach 9.30am- 10.40am
- NWRC 11.30am- 2pm Group will be split in two, between Springtown trade apprenticeships and other courses in the Strand Road.

Wed. 27th Feb

**Ballyhaise Agricultural College.** Leave school at 9.05am, not back for the buses until after 5.00pm. Entry requirement: flexible, but of "Leaving Certificate standard".

Arrival 11.30am/12 noon: tour and meeting with Principal John Kelly

- Lunch available to purchase 1.30
- Not back in school till after 5.00

Wed. 6th March

**Donegal Training Centre and Errigal College PLC.**

Leave school at 9.05am, back for the buses at 3.20pm.

5 X O6 grades needed for Errigal College. No formal educational requirements needed for Donegal Training Centre.

- Donegal Training Centre 10am
- Errigal College 11.30am approx.

Wed. 20th March **Monaghan Institute.** Leave school at 9.05am, back for the buses at 3.20pm. Cost €5. Five O6 grades needed.

- Tour and presentation for our group 11.30am
- Time for lunch in the college.
- Leave MI at 1.00pm.

April 2019 There will be a presentation on **applying for a third level grant through SUSI** in the school for parents / guardians. Date to be confirmed.

## TY NEWS

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### **Zero waste (of time!!)**

The TYs have not been wasting their time in the past two weeks when it comes to all matters regarding waste management. Mr Seamus Mc Laughlin (a community activist from Buncrana) gave a very interesting, albeit rather frightening, talk on "zero waste" to all TYs recently. He presented some startling facts regarding the damage we humans are causing to our environment (and to ourselves) e.g. "every species of animal on our planet has traces of plastic ("microplastics") in their bodily systems. It's quite possible that every human has plastics ("nanoplastics") in their bloodstream". Seamus is sponsoring a trophy (made from re-cycled metal) and a cash prize of €100 to the pupil with the best essay whose theme is any aspect of waste reduction, re-cycling, composting, etc. The competition is open to all TY pupils. Entry is free. So, why not enter and you'll be in with a chance of "earning" €100 (and you'll be raising an awareness of the need to protect our environment, both for your generation and for future generations!!)



On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, TY A, B and E were given a talk on waste management and composting by Mrs. Suzie Bogan, environmental officer with Donegal C.C. It was striking how much waste, particularly food waste, we are producing. We hope to organise more guest speakers in the near future. So remember the three R's ; reduce, re-use, re-cycle.

A big thank you to all those TYs who behaved impeccably and showed due respect to our guest speakers.

### **TY I'm a Celebrity**

TYD took part in a fun tasting activity mimicking the popular reality show 'I'M A CELEBRITY - Bush Tucker Trial'. All 8 contestants embraced the challenge wholeheartedly, sampling some NOT so tasty foods. The sampling session included foods such as Marmite (love it or hate it!), Fish brains (prawns), Rodent skin (kiwi skin), Dingo dogfood (Tinned spam). And to tickle their taste buds a little bit of tanginess was provided by Jungle fruits (grapefruit and lemons). Other foods included moulded cheese (blue veined), goats cheese and finally some snail slime (green jelly) and all of this was washed down with a selection of cool but NOT so refreshing drinks (buttermilk and apple cider vinegar). Enough to turn your stomach!!!

### **National Awards Ceremony 2019 for our NFTE Young Entrepreneurs**

The planning is well underway for the very exciting National Awards Ceremony 2019 for the NFTE Young Entrepreneurs. This year we will have 4 groups representing TY in the regional finals in Letterkenny week beginning Monday 11th March. As with any business there is a lot of work to do before the students reach the regional finals, but no doubt they will succeed.

## **Lifford Courthouse**

TYD visited Lifford Courthouse and got to experience life in a cell. Set in real Dungeon Cells beneath the Old Courthouse, the group were all sentenced to death for a crime they didn't commit and locked in a jail cell. With only 60 minutes to escape, the group had to work together to find clues in the room and solve a series of puzzles to save the team.

Teamwork was the key on the day. The students were also given a tour of the cells and Patrick gave an insight into what life was like for the prisoners over 200 years ago. There were some tasty treats on offer and was surprised that no students sampled the treats.

Pressure on for the next group as TYD (no names mentioned) were the fastest to escape from jail - in a record 35 mins.

## **TY Self Defence - An Introductory Class**

Learning how to protect yourself is an important life skill. Some TY classes have been given an introductory class in self-defence with a qualified instructor, Daniel Hegarty. It is important to have the skills and confidence needed to keep safe. Self-defence is very similar to martial arts, where the importance of respecting differences, honouring your elders and showing respect and tolerance of others is stressed.

## **Henry Cunningham Essay**

Congratulations to Katelyn McDaid who came Highly Commended in the Henry Cunningham Essay Competition "Is the World a Better Place Thanks to Social Media?"

## **TY Work Experience**

On 4<sup>th</sup> March the TY students will undertake five days' work experience as part of their programme. During this time, it is hoped that the students will put their course theory into practice in an actual workplace, gaining knowledge of the daily routine of a place of employment. Students complete a detailed diary of activities and tasks undertaken during placement. They must also evaluate their own performance in the workplace.

## **Future Leaders Programme**

The "Future Leaders Transition Year Programme" is a joint initiative from the GAA and the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). It is a cross-curricular programme comprising of a series of modules designed to encourage maturity, initiative, responsibility and leadership skills in pupils. The Programme gives pupils the knowledge and skills to support all roles required in the effective staging of Gaelic Games. As part of the programme pupils are challenged to organise and run a GAA Super Games Blitz or set up a Super Games Centre for younger students and/or support coaching of younger players in their school or community. All students participating in this programme are all gaining valuable skills and will receive a certificate on completion.

## **TY Literacy Programme**

TYD have just completed the literacy programme with St. Patrick's Boys School. The TY students were working with the 4th class boys. The 4th class students were extremely enthusiastic and both groups learned something from each other. Mr. Stephen Farren proved that he has the skills for teaching.

## **TY Community Care**

TYD have continued their community care link with Clonmany Day Care Centre and Carn Hospital every Thursday. The students have participated in many activities, from playing games, weeding to having a sing-along. The students have loved listening to the stories of bygone years and were intrigued to find out some very interesting stories. Thanks to all in Clonmany who have entertained us with their singing and wonderful stories.

## **SHARE Trip**

Anyone in the vicinity of Sainsbury's on Monday morning BEWARE as the TYs embark on their annual trip to SHARE. On Monday 11th Feb TY students are off to Fermanagh for their 3-day residential to the SHARE village. The compulsory stop in Sainsburys has now become part of the Share trip. Trollies galore and orange grocery bags will be in abundance in the car park on Monday. Three days of fun filled activities ahead. Will report back in the next Zodiac.

## Disability Awareness Talk

Frank Larkin from the Donegal Centre for Independent Living gave TYs a talk on Disability Awareness. He also highlighted the work of the Donegal Centre.

## Careers Talk Day

On 25th January the TY students attended a Careers Talk Day in the Aras organised by 5A LCVP. Twenty-one people from all different backgrounds gave the students an insight into their World of Work. It was a very informative, productive morning and the feedback from both the students and the invited guests was extremely positive.

## Cycle Against Suicide

Many TY students will help promote the "Schools Go Orange" Day" on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. The Camino De Santiago Cycle route (800kms) was an easy target for all the students last year on the spin bikes so we will have to wait and see what route Mr. Bogan is thinking of this year.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Over 60 TY students will be attending the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin on 17<sup>th</sup> March. The theme this year "Children of the Sun" promises to be a spectacular display of colours, flags, props and of course our enthusiastic bunch of TYs. Keep an eye on the TV as the TY students are guaranteed to show up at some stage.

## TY Dance Show

It's almost SHOW TIME - The TY students will be putting on a Dance Show "Dancing to the Musicals" on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. This show promises to be the *pièce de*

*résistance* of TY. All TY students are participating and with a variety of dance styles, moves and an array of bright costumes. This is a Dance Show not to be missed. Tickets on sale End of April.

### **Love is in the Air**

Some TYC girls will be selling loveheart key rings with a "romantic message" for your loved one on Thursday. Pay €1 and the girls will deliver them to your sweetheart. There will also be hot chocolate on sale from the AIB Build a Bank Team.

Have a great mid-term break TYs and be ready to rock when you return!!!!

## **First Year Girls Soccer**

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Well done to our 1st year girls who defeated Crana College 1-0 recently. In a hard-fought game, Ellie Long opened the scoring in the 2nd minute. Despite having long periods of possession, CCS struggled to break down a resolute Crana College defence. The girls played very well; the defence were excellent but need to work on their final ball and finishing a little bit. Overall a good win but some improvement needed with a game coming up versus Merville on Thursday, 14th February and a game vs Scoil Mhuire after midterm break.

# Under 17s Girls Soccer

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## **Ulster Semi-final CCS 4-3 Scoil Mhuire**

Having qualified for the semi-final by beating Deelee College 8-1 with goals from Erin McLaughlin (3), Sophie Murphy (3) and Sinead Farren (2), CCS came up against a much tougher opponent in the semi-final.

CCS were pinned back in the first 15 minutes and were kept in the game by a great one-on-one save by Megan McDaid in the CCS goal before taking the lead through Sophie Murphy, put through by a fantastic pass from Erin McLaughlin. CCS were happy to keep playing on the counter attack but found themselves level when a long shot through the crowd beat McDaid in the CCS goal.

As half time approached, Scoil Mhuire took the lead when a mix-up in then CCS defence allowed a tap-in from the penalty spot. Chaylee Green's first-time cross on the stroke of half-time caused panic in the Scoil Mhuire defence, but an equaliser could not be found before the break.

A half time technical change freed up some space in the midfield and CCS came out rejuvenated in the second half. Chaylee Green found an equaliser with a fantastic 30-yard shot that caught the keeper off the line. Five minutes later CCS were 3-2 up when Erin McLaughlin rounded the keeper to finish. Scoil Mhuire chased an equaliser; their best efforts came from corners. But

the CCS defence was more than capable of picking up the first and second ball inside the box.

However, a quick break in midfield 15 minutes from time saw Scoil Mhuire equalise again. But the CCS substitutes bench allowed an injection of fresh legs which ultimately paid-off as the girls' unwillingness to stop working for each other saw Erin McLaughlin hit the crossbar with a quick snap shot before the team were rewarded with a last-minute winner. Erin McLaughlin was played through and having beaten the keeper she confidently slotted home past the defenders on the line.

Squad: Megan McDaid, Chaylee Green, Lauren Collins, Brianna Duffy, Aimee Porter, Chloe Doherty, Kaitlyn McDaid, Jade Doherty, Erin McLaughlin, Katherine Doherty, Sinead Diver, Ciara Harkin, Elaine McLaughlin, Sophie Murphy, Jenna Harkin, Caoimhe Doherty.

## Bake-off Technical Challenge

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Congratulations to Hannah Lynch, Niamh Mc Laughlin 3B and Daríona Gillen for progressing to the next stage of the Donegal Schools Bake-off within CCS. The contestants prepared flawless profiteroles that the judges graded highly in terms of taste, texture and presentation.

They will now progress to the next stage of the competition - 'The Showstopper' based on the theme of the 'Wild Atlantic Way', the winner will then compete against other finalists in May.



# Photography News

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TYs are making good inroads into the art of photography. They play an active role both in class and in recording events linked to the life of the school. There is so much going on in this school and we are grateful for the great cameras that enable us to record and showcase as much as possible. The module ties in well with the Tourism module and we are grateful to Ms McGoldrick for organizing the trips! Getting involved with a new hobby, taking more notice of the world around us and being active all contribute to our overall wellbeing!

The photo competitions are on the website each month and are open to CCS pupils and staff. More entries welcome - if you're not in you can't win! See the notices on the Photoboard near 306A for more details.

## Wellbeing Week: 11th - 15th February

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Carndonagh Community School's Wellbeing Week is taking place this week - Monday, 11th until Friday, 15th February. Numerous events and activities have been ongoing throughout the week, culminating in the "School Goes Orange" event on Friday.



# WEEK

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Pure Savage Entrepreneur Visit CCS

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Carndonagh based entrepreneur, Mr Niall McLaughlin recently spoke with 5H about his print, design and embroidery business, Pure Savage. Mr McLaughlin explained what it was like to work for yourself and the pros and cons of being an entrepreneur. Students were given an opportunity to ask questions and see how a real business actually works. Mr McLaughlin was very open and informative and will hopefully have inspired Inishowen's next great business start-up. Now that would be Pure Savage!

## Pope John Paul II Awards - Monday, 4th February

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The 12th Annual Pope John Paul II Award Ceremony took place on Monday, 4th February. Eight CCS pupils received their awards, presented by Archbishop Grzegorz Ryś, Archbishop of Łódź, Poland, along with Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry. The pupils were accompanied by Ms. Irene Brennan. The Pope John Paul II Award is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary.

## Donegal Sports Star Awards - Wins for CCS & Erin McLaughlin

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On Friday, 25th January, Carndonagh CS and soccer starlet Erin McLaughlin both won their respective categories at the 2018 Donegal Sports Star Awards. Erin, considered one of the most talented young footballers in Donegal, won Best Secondary School Sports Girl while CCS won Best Secondary Sports School for the second time in three years. Congratulations to ALL pupils and staff involved in sporting activities in CCS.

## Day of Action Raises €3000 for Local Causes

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Carndonagh Community School's Annual Day of Action Fundraiser took place in November 2018. The fundraiser is a school-wide initiative involving pupils, staff and the wider Inishowen community. €3000 was raised in total, which was distributed among local causes. Cheques for €1000 were presented to Jim Neary (Donegal Hospice), Maggie White (Carndonagh Hospice) and Eileen Cooke (Donegal Alzheimer Unit). Also pictured are Principal Paul Fiorentini, Mr. Danny O'Donnell and members of Class 1E.

## Past-pupil Deaglan Farren Receives TCD Entrance Award

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Congratulations to past-pupil, Deaglan Farren who recently received an Entrance Exhibition Award from Trinity College Dublin in recognition of his excellent Leaving Cert results in 2018.

## Category Third for Ciara at Young Scientist Exhibition

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Congratulations to Second Year pupil Ciara Gilmore who achieved third place in her category at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in Dublin. Ciara's project - Will White Wine Remove Red Wine Stains From Clothing? - made the top three in the individual

Chemical, Physical & Mathematical section. Her proposal to investigate the reaction which occurs when white wine is rubbed into a red wine stain clearly impressed the judges, who had 550 projects to choose from on the day. It takes great dedication and commitment to achieve such a result and we hope that Ciara's success will encourage future young scientists in CCS. Well done Ciara!

## LCA PE General Ed. Task - First Year Futsal

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*Report by Alysia Brattin Loftus*

On Monday 17th December 2018, our LCA class, 5H organised a first year futsal tournament. To do this we each had to play a number of roles such as a coach, referee, reporter, photographer, score keeper or equipment manager. We wanted to do an event with first years because they're an easier group of students to get out of class as they don't have as many exams. We also wanted the junior students to feel comfortable with senior students in a fun way.

Picking the sport would be hard, not knowing what the first years were interested in. We decided to do a survey. Each first year student participating in our tournament received a survey where they could vote for which sport they would like to take place. They also got to vote to see if they wanted prizes based on teams that won the most games, that scored the most goals or that showed the best sportsmanship and fair play.

We linked our tournament with Irish by having the teams names in Irish; Geography by running a World Cup format and every team was a country; Home Economics by learning about eating and cooking healthy recipes, doing this and presenting it to the first years; Maths by doing up tables, keeping scores, working out points etc.

Our way of making prizegiving fair was that we gave a medal to the players who showed the best sportsmanship in each team, and to the best LCA students who showed good leadership and sportsmanship as coaches/referees etc. We got the first years to vote for someone on each team who displayed fair play and to vote for their favourite LCA students who were kind, allowed them all to play and were good fun.

Our tournament began first thing on Monday morning when the first year pupils were split into six teams. The teams were in Irish - an Spáinn, Éire. Sasana, an Fhrainc, an Ghearmáin agus an Bhraisail. Then the equipment manager gave different coloured bibs to the teams, making it easier to identify them. Then the referee explained the rules of futsal and the score-takers wrote up the table in which each team would play. When the tournament had started the coaches had to be sure each player was on the field at some time. This was to be sure everyone was involved and having fun. We also had the photographer going around the pitch getting photos of the players and teams throughout the matches.

In the end-up everyone said it was an enjoyable experience. The score-takers counted-up the scores and went around each team and asked them to vote for the LCA student they would like to win a reward. Our PE teacher then thanked everyone for being

involved and announced the winners. It ended up there were three LCA students voted, a 1st year student from every team and the winning team to receive medals.

## LCA News

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A hectic few weeks for both LCA groups. They had to complete four tasks and were interviewed by an External Examiner as part of their final Leaving Cert marks...everyone did fantastic and the Examiners commented on how well prepared the pupils were, so WELL DONE!

6H also completed a successful 12-week Food & Nutrition module culminating in a Master Chef event...overall winners were Kyle Donaghy and Damien Doherty...Michelin Chefs in the making!

6H will sit their Mock Exams in March and also attend three Careers Days organised by Ms Angela McLaughlin. They will visit Youthreach, NWIT, LYIT and the Agricultural College in Cavan. Their last ever Work Experience begins March 25th for two weeks.

5H held a Coffee Morning as part of their HCT module, making and baking everything themselves...tasted great!

5H are continuing with Social Farming and they are having a ball, if the mud on their faces when they return is any kind of a sign of enjoyment. Work Experience number 2 begins March 4th and we wish them all the best...we'll miss you!

Future events include a Hair & Beauty workshop, a road trip to Road Safety Ireland in Monaghan, and 6H get to go on a bonding trip as part of their Empathy Workshop...It's all happening!

**IMP: PLEASE NOTE FOR INCOMING PUPILS & PARENTS OF LCA: INFORMATION EVENING, TUESDY, 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH @ 7pm IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.**

## Past Pupil Treasa Makes Team of the Year

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Belated congratulations to past pupil, Treasa Jenkins (Doherty) who scooped the right corner-back spot on the All-Ireland Team of the Year in early December. She was one of only two Ulster footballers to break into the team, no small challenge given that Dublin and Cork predictably dominated proceedings. Treasa was integral to Donegal's breakthrough season, helping guide the ladies to their first All-Ireland semi-final where they pushed Cork all the way to the bitter end, sadly losing out while looking the better team. Next year! Treasa was special guest at the CCS Sports Awards in May. CCS would like to wish her all the best in 2019.

## Past Pupil Caoilinn Diver Receives Optum Scholarship

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Congratulations to former CCS pupil, Caoilinn Diver who received the Optum Scholarship Award in November. The Optum Healthcare Scholarship is an annual award open to Leaving Cert pupils in Donegal. Caoilinn is currently studying Pharmacy at the Ulster University.