



Principal's Address

Welcome to the Christmas 2025 edition of our newsletter! As we pause to reflect at the end of another busy and rewarding term, I am delighted to share with you the many reasons we have to feel proud of our college community. Term One has been full of energy, enthusiasm, academic engagement, progress, and moments that remind us why Carrigtwohill Community College is more than just a school: it is a community, a place of learning, growth, belonging, and hope.

Our students have approached this term with commitment and resilience, prioritising their learning and engaging fully in their studies. In the classroom, they have explored new concepts, collaborated on challenging projects, and shown curiosity, creativity, and perseverance. Examples of this dedication are plentiful in this edition of our newsletter where we see junior students bringing enthusiasm and inquisitiveness to their work, Transition Year students showcasing initiative and real-world thinking, and senior students applying maturity, research skills, and teamwork of an exceptionally high standard.

Outside the classroom, our students have contributed with energy and purpose in clubs, sports, and cultural activities. Many have discovered or deepened their passions — excelling in the arts and music, stepping forward in sport, or embracing languages, science, and coding. Their willingness to engage, take risks, and give of themselves for the benefit of others has filled our corridors, classrooms, and common areas with vibrancy, leadership, and a true sense of community.

One of the greatest strengths of Carrigtwohill Community College remains the sense of community — support, respect, friendship, and kindness. This term, I have been struck by how often older students supported our younger students, how many reached out to peers, and how empathy, inclusion, and leadership have been demonstrated consistently across the college.

Our staff — teaching, support, administrative, and ancillary — continue to show steadfast commitment to highly effective learning and teaching, as well as to the wellbeing of every student. Their commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, and encouraging environment, where every student feels valued, seen, and supported, remains the cornerstone of our success.



Principals address

I also wish to recognise and sincerely thank our parents, guardians, wider families, our Parents' Association, our Board of Management, and the broader community. Your belief in CCC, your partnership in supporting our students' learning and personal growth, and your ongoing trust mean more than words can convey. The commitment, leadership, and generosity shown by both the Parents' Association and the Board of Management continue to strengthen our college and enrich the experiences of all our students.

As we head into the Christmas break and look forward to the new year, we carry with us a strong sense of pride, purpose, and optimism. There is much work ahead, much opportunity, and much potential — and I am confident that together we will continue to prioritise high-quality learning and teaching, grow stronger as a community, nurture each student's talents, and guide everyone in our college community towards success and fulfilment.

May this festive season bring peace, rest, and joy, and may our entire college community return in the new year rejuvenated, motivated, and ready to embrace the opportunities to come — with curiosity, kindness, purpose, and courage.

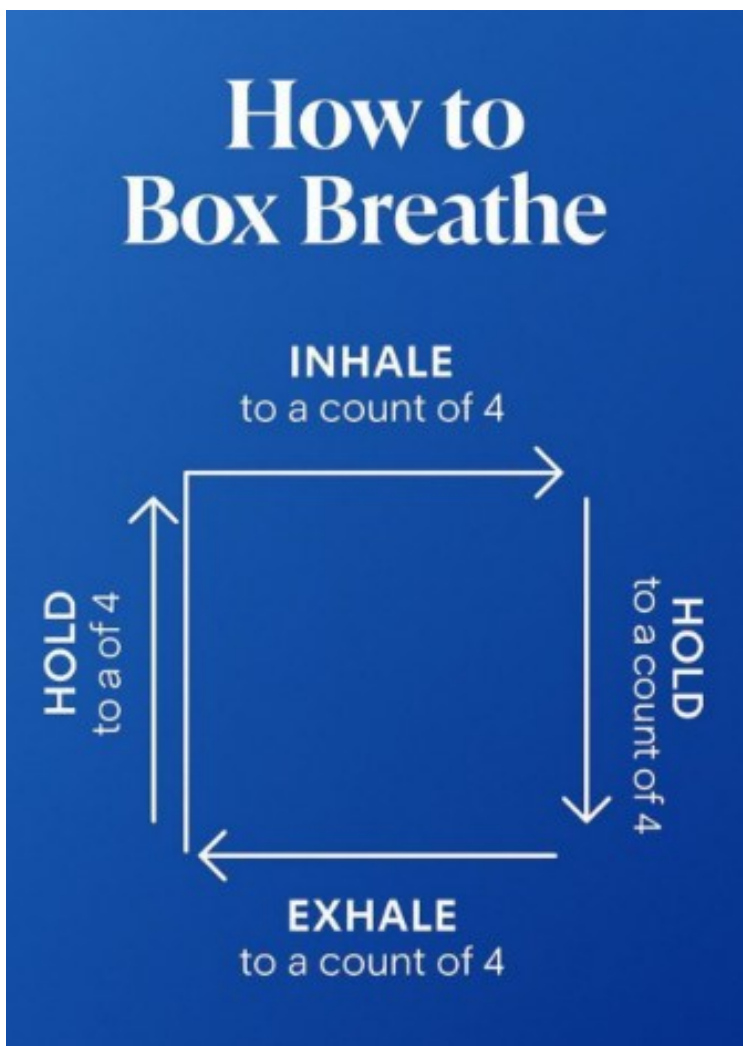
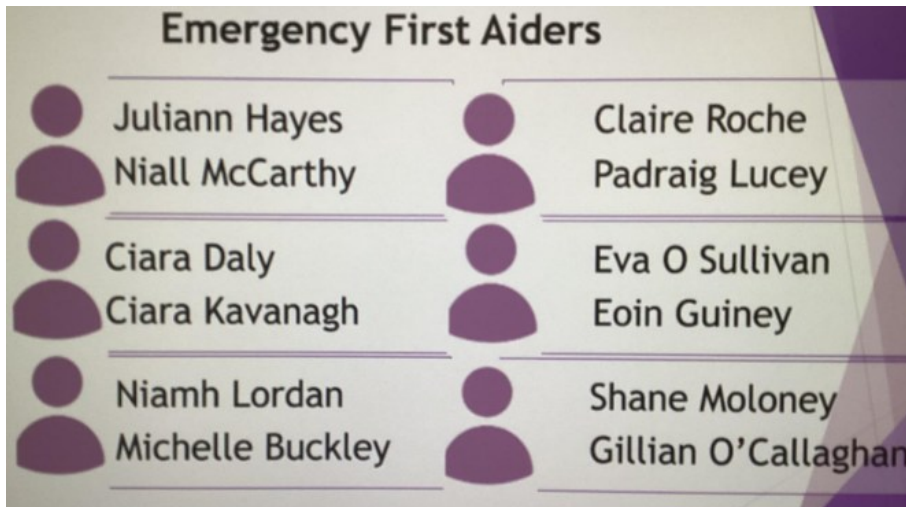
Nollaig shona agus áthbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!

Ms. Lorna Dundon





Thank you, to our great Emergency First Aiders. Working away in the back-ground and there to help if the need arises.



Box breathing is a simple way to stop and rest your thinking. Focusing on the breath is a perfect way to destress and settle down your thought process. A great tool to have in your resilience tool box.





Staff achievements

A massive congratulations is in order for two of our special needs assistants Amanda Lynch and Tina O' Halloran who were both awarded their Level 6 Diploma in SNA inclusion support last Saturday. The ladies are pictured below, following their graduation in University College Dublin.

Congratulations to you both on your fantastic achievement!





Hi! My name is Rebekah and I started first year this year. It is different from primary school, but I think it's better. I am really enjoying it so far and I love the system here. It's also really nice to have a half day every Wednesday! I love meeting new people and making new friends, and all the people here are very nice and helpful. There is a lovely atmosphere in the school! The subjects are fun, and I love being able to pick ones that I am interested in. I especially like learning new languages. I am really enjoying it so far and I can't wait for the next years in school!

- Rebekah Lewis





Student Council Address

A Chairde,

This year the Student Council has begun its work back in October. We have since been steadily getting up to more and more as the weeks go on. Our council structure now consists of the Head Committee and several Sub-Committees, each focusing on their own goals while still working closely together. This has helped us stay organised, productive, and open to everyone's ideas.

Most recently, some of our members attended the Comhairle na nÓg conference in County Hall. CCC has many students involved in Comhairle outside of school, and it is great to build those interconnections to strengthen our student voice both inside and beyond the school community.

We hope to continue representing the student voice in CCC and supporting the development of passionate, productive projects — always working together to push progress in our school.





One of our biggest plans for the next term is to introduce the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) to CCC. These cards offer a wide range of benefits, including discounts in sports shops, bookshops, food stores, and much more — all while featuring CCC branding. We are currently communicating with the ISIC and working out the details to bring this opportunity to our students.

One of our Sub-Committees is also organising a Christmas Bake Sale on Thursday, 18th December. Students and staff are warmly invited to support the cause and enjoy something lovingly baked by our wonderful volunteers.

If you have any initiatives you would like to see brought to life, please speak to your class representative or email us at ctwstudentcouncil@corketb.ie We are always delighted to hear new ideas.

You can follow all our updates on Instagram at [@ccc_student.council](https://www.instagram.com/ccc_student.council)

Chairperson: Margo Zaslavska (3rd)

Deputy Chairperson: Adrian Corzo (6th)

PR Officers: Mia Finn (5th) and Maksymilian Bukowski (TY)

Secretary: Alexander Bursztynski (TY)

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1st years 2025

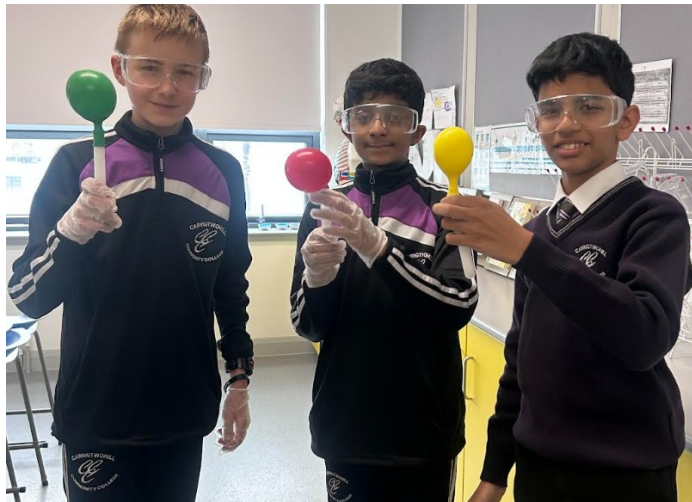
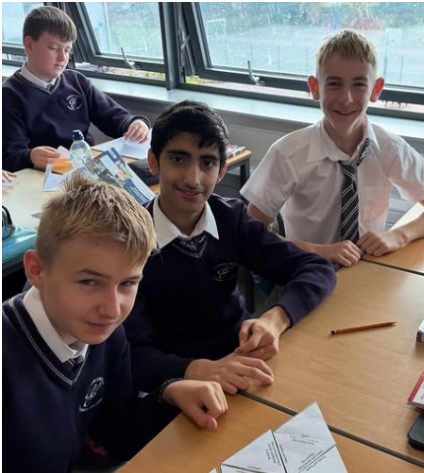
Our first years are settling in well!

Carrigwohill Community College



December 2025







Amber Flag Committee

The Amber Flag is an initiative run by Pieta House, recognised schools that actively work to support the wellbeing of students and staff. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our amazing community, CCC has proudly earned another Amber Flag in recognition for all the work. Together our team created a space where mental health is prioritised, spoken about openly, and supported through real action. Highlights are: A Well-being Noticeboard in the 1st Year social area, sharing positive messages and mental health resources. Each class tutor got a chocolate bar during well-being week for all the amazing work they do. A well-being poster competition and there were many winners. We are working with BÍ Cineálta to promote kindness and positive mental health within CCC.

Mental health matters. Let's continue to spread kindness, respect, and effort – and keep CCC a caring, supportive space for everyone.

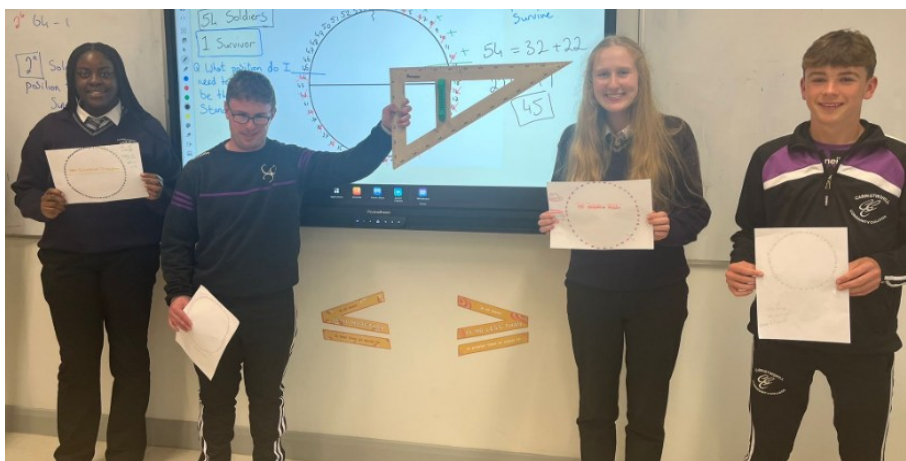
By Isla Taft



Maths department update

This year, Maths Week took place from the 13th-17th of October. Our Junior and Senior Cycle students alike took part in the Maths Olympiad, with the best entries receiving an invitation to attend classes in UCC! Our first and second years took part in a maths orienteering event, and there were class challenges for all junior and senior classes throughout the week. Our TY's coordinated a live reenactment of the Josephus problem on the basketball courts, and finally there were daily challenges and quizzes to test the logic and problem solving of both staff and students. There was a tremendous increase in participation across the week, and the maths department would like to extend their thanks to all who took part.

Mr. L O' Sullivan





Bród Club Update – Celebrating Inclusion This Christmas!

This term has been an incredible one for our Bród Club (LGBTQ+ and Allies) and the entire school community. Stand Up Awareness Week 2025 was a huge success, filled with vibrant activities that celebrated diversity and promoted acceptance. Highlights included a poster competition, an inspiring guest speaker talk from LINC on the importance of being an upstander, and our unforgettable Rainbow Colours Day, where the whole school came together in a dazzling display of support.

Gay Project's Out & Outstanding in Cork Awards is a celebration recognising the exceptional contributions of volunteers, allies, and community champions who bring pride, unity, and positive change to the LGBTI+ community in Cork. We are thrilled to announce that our school has been shortlisted for the "Outstanding Ally (Educational Organisation)" award! The ceremony takes place on 14th December, and this recognition is a true testament to the outstanding work and commitment shown by every member of our school community.

The spirit of inclusion and acceptance is alive and well here, and we want to thank each and every one of you for being such wonderful allies. Together, we are making a difference - one act of kindness and allyship at a time.

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with pride and positivity!

CCC Bród Club and Bród Student Support Team







First Lego League Competition

CCC have taken on the FIRST LEGO League Challenge 2026 in Coding Club this year and it looks to be an exciting one!! The theme is Unearthed and there is a lot to prepare for as the Regional Competition takes place in January.



Naoise and Jacob started working on the LEGO models as soon as they arrived and will have our robot board up and running in no time!! In the meantime, Aaron and his club mates can start programming the robots. To do this they are using LEGO technology, coding, and teamwork to identify problems, develop innovations, and build a robot to complete specific missions.

The regional tournament takes place in UCC in January. Here the students get to compete against other schools in a robot game and present an innovation project to the judges. Best of luck to everyone involved... watch this space to hear how the tournament goes.

Ms. J Hayes





Third Year Student Publishes First Novel

We are delighted to congratulate Alan Godoj, a Third Year student (age 14) in Rang Gearóid, on the publication of his first novel, an impressive achievement at such a young age.

Alan's debut book, *The Caver: Infused by the Shadows*, is now available worldwide on a range of platforms including Amazon, Waterstones, and more. The novel follows the story of Adrian as he begins his transformation into a Caver, embarking on a dangerous journey to defeat BRESH, a secret military organisation responsible for attacking his home.

This is a remarkable milestone and a testament to Alan's creativity, dedication, and imagination. We are incredibly proud of his accomplishment and look forward to seeing what the future holds for this talented young author.

Congratulations, Alan!



TY Students Excel in the Microsoft Dream Space Ambassador Programme

A team of Transition Year students from CCC have been selected to take part in the prestigious Microsoft Dream Space Ambassador Programme, a national initiative that empowers young people to develop essential digital, creative, and problem-solving skills. The programme encourages students not only to build their own technical confidence, but also to become leaders of learning within their school community.



Our ambassadors this year are Dawid Matusik, Michael Smotrycki, Maksymilian Bukowski, Alex Meehan, Daniel Owusu, Alexander Bursztynski, Darragh O'Regan, William Hawkes and Wiktor Lowas.

Training Completed So Far

Since joining the programme, the ambassadors have completed a series of engaging and hands-on training sessions facilitated by Microsoft Dream Space:

In October the program began with an introductory session & looking at micro:bit. During the session students explored the fundamentals of physical computing using the BBC micro:bit, learning how to create simple programs and experiment with sensors, inputs, and LED displays.

The 2nd session continued on the programming theme, involving working on MakeCode Arcade. This session introduced students to game design principles, allowing them to build their own retro-style video games while developing key programming concepts such as loops, events, and variables.

The final session on the year continued on the theme of coding using Hour of Code. This was a creative, challenge-based workshop where students strengthened their computational thinking skills and worked collaboratively to solve coding tasks using block-based programming.





The next training session, entitled Older Wiser Learning, will take place shortly and is designed to broaden students’ understanding of how technology can be used to support learning, communication, and intergenerational connections.

Becoming Leaders of Learning

A central goal of the Dream Space Ambassador Programme is to empower students to teach and inspire others. Throughout the year, our TY ambassadors will take an active role in sharing their newly acquired skills with their fellow students across the school.

By taking on these leadership responsibilities, the ambassadors are developing communication, teamwork, and presentation skills—attributes that will benefit them far beyond the TY programme.

Looking Ahead

We are incredibly proud of the commitment and enthusiasm our Dream Space Ambassadors have shown so far. As they continue through the programme, they will deepen their knowledge of coding, AI, and digital creativity, while also becoming positive role models within the school community.

We look forward to the innovative projects and exciting learning opportunities they will help bring to life in the months ahead.

Ms. J Hayes





History Department

As always, it has been an exciting term in the History department as we welcomed the new first years not only to History classes at CCC but also to the legendary History Club! First years got to grips with chronology and timelines, working together to order world events correctly. Second years looked at the causes, course and consequences of the American Revolution, with a little help from Hamilton. History students in third and sixth years have had a busy term of revision, prep exams and learning new material, ready to face the next challenges in the form of the pres and the state exams in June. Open Night in September was once again a great opportunity to share the work of the History department which was well represented by third year students who took time to explain various aspects of the History curriculum to parents and visitors such as the CBAs (Classroom Based Assessments), investigating the use of propaganda and of course, Kahoot!

Students across the school celebrated Black History Month in October, researching inspiring figures from Black History and sharing their learning by creating posters that were displayed around the school. The History Club looked at activists such as Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass and discussed their important contributions to human rights and the fight for equality. The Club also explored the contributions of Black athletes like Jesse Owens and Alice Coachman, who broke down barriers in sport and beyond.

In November, the whole school celebrated Science Week and students had the opportunity to explore the history of science and technology, researching key inventions and discoveries that have helped to shape the world we live in. Students created timelines and mini biographies of key scientists and STEAM figures.

Also in November, students commemorated the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I. Inspired by this and by a presentation by one of their own members, History Club chose to investigate the contribution of Irish soldiers to the First World War and visit the memorial that is local to us in Middleton to see if we could find out more about soldiers with a connection to our history here in Carrigtwohill.





This research further inspired us to enter the All-Island History Competition 2025, with our video essay that explores the community of soldiers who fought in World War One and connects them to current issues surrounding commemoration and controversies around the wearing or not wearing of the poppy. At the time of writing we eagerly await the results of the competition. However, regardless of the outcome, we thoroughly enjoyed our trip and our research – learning more about our local history and important cultural contexts.

If you are interested in getting involved with history, History Club takes place weekly in R247. Keep an eye on your emails for upcoming topics. We welcome everyone from our school community to join us for lively debate and discussions on all things historical.—Ms. R. Browne





Home Economics Department

Festive Fun at Cookery Club!

This week, our after-school Cookery Club got into the Christmas spirit by baking and decorating some amazing Christmas tree chocolate cupcakes. A brilliant group of students stayed after school to take part, and their creativity really shone through.

Using green icing, and plenty of colourful sweets, everyone set to work turning their cupcakes into mini Christmas trees. There were different styles everywhere you looked—swirly trees, extra-sparkly trees, and some packed with “baubles”! Students helped each other out, shared ideas, and had plenty of laughs along the way.

The room was full of festive energy (and delicious smells!), and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves while learning new baking skills.

Well done to all the students who took part—their cupcakes looked fantastic and were the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season!

Ms. C Ahearne



Cookery in home economics



It's been a busy, and very colourful few months in the Home Economics kitchens! Our students have been getting stuck into lots of themed cookery activities that tied in with events happening around the school.

Our fabulous 3rd year students completed cookery exams for their Prep Exams in October.

To mark Halloween, our 2nd Years made tasty toffee apples, which were a big hit and brought plenty of spooky-season fun.

Our Transition Years also got creative with their Halloween cupcakes, showing off their decorating skills with pumpkins, ghosts, and all things festive.

For Stand Up Week, our 1st Years took part in a bright and cheerful cooking activity, making rainbow fruit skewers. These were not only delicious but also a great way to celebrate inclusion and positivity within our school.

As we moved into December, the kitchen filled with Christmas cheer. Our 5th Year students baked gingerbread men and made profiteroles, showing fantastic skill and attention to detail in their festive creations. Our 1st Years were just as busy, making apple crumbles, chocolate muffins, and Christmas shortbread cookies — filling the room with amazing smells and plenty of excitement.

It's been fantastic to see the students trying new recipes, learning new skills, and bringing so much energy to the kitchen. We can't wait to see what they cook up next in the new year!





Science department update

It's been a busy and exciting time in the Science Department! We've been getting stuck into the new Leaving Cert science courses, and both teachers and students are really enjoying the fresh approach, especially the hands-on practical work and new topics.

Our senior classes have also been out exploring science in the real world. Senior Ag Science students took a trip to Macroom Buffalo Farm to learn about buffalo farming and sustainable practices. Senior Biology students headed off to Fota Wildlife Park in September for their ecology field study, where they collected data and checked out the wide range of species living there.

Science Week at CCC

Science Week was full of activity and fun around the school! Students took part in daily competitions like riddles and "Guess the Scientist," and SPHE classes tried out a science-themed colouring competition. TYs ran chemistry demos for 1st years, and loads of classes got involved in science orienteering.

A big highlight was our visitor from MSD, who spoke to 2nd and 3rd years about what scientists actually do in industry—great inspiration for anyone thinking about a future in science. We also had a lovely visit from Wendy House Montessori, whose preschoolers joined our TYs for some cool science demonstrations.

Thanks to everyone for getting involved and keeping the spirit of science alive in CCC!

Ms. A Ring



Davis College Model UN



Model United Nations 2025/2026

Model United Nations (MUN) is an educational simulation of the United Nations where students represent different countries, debate global issues, and work together to create resolutions. This is Carrigtwohill Community College's second year participating in Model UN, and the programme is run by Ms Ring. We have 27 students in the module, 18 of those have been assigned delegations. On December 3rd, our TY students attended a training and induction day in the Springfort Hall Hotel, Mallow. This was a very valuable experience, as students learned key debating and research skills and had the chance to meet other delegates from different schools.

This year, our TY students are representing a wide range of countries, from Uruguay and Singapore to New Zealand and Mauritania. They have been spending several hours each week preparing for the conference by researching their delegations and debating important global topics.

The Model UN conference will take place in City Hall from Tuesday the 20th of January to Friday the 23rd of January. Students are really looking forward to the experience and putting all their hard work into practice.





Art Department—Ms. L Hayes and Ms. C Roche



Well done to Scott Lomasney 6th year winner our CCC Inktober Art competition 2025.



Well done to Huda Shareef on her 2nd place win in the Midleton Art Competition. In the future was the theme and Huda created an amazing imaginative composition in pencil. CCC are very proud of our talented art students.



K1 and the 6th years





Art Trip to Dublin and Newgrange 2025.

November the 7th the 5th and 6th year students alongside Ms. Roche, Ms. Hayes & Erna went on an unforgettable two-day trip as a part of their leaving certificate course. After leaving bright and early on Friday morning the first stop was National Museum Collins Barracks, where exploring and exhibition of Eileen Gray's work gave students a unique example of the overlap of traditional and contemporary art.

Following this, students paid a visit to the National Museum of Ireland on Kildare Street where they saw Bronze and Iron Age artefacts from their studied Leaving Cert Art course. Seeing these artefacts in person helped students truly grasp the intricacies of Pre-Christian art in Ireland.

After an enjoyable stay in Slane Farm Hostel another early morning was had to get a Bus to Brú na Boinne for an incredible guided tour of Newgrange the Megalithic Passage Tomb from the Art History Course. Newgrange is almost infamous both Junior and Leaving Certificate students, and for some of our 6th year students it was a full circle moment, to go from studying the tomb in 1st year to seeing it in person 6 years later.

The trip was truly one to remember and gave students a chance to develop their critical understanding of their Leaving Certificate course. A great time was had by all.

By Juliette Creedon



Group shot outside Newgrange



Fibula and Ellen Cashman





TYs have been busy in 2025

Macroom Buffalo Farm trip

Macroom’s Buffalo Cheese Farm was one of the best places of my trip. When I arrived, the first thing I noticed was the buffalos , lush green fields . I got to walk right up to the herd of water buffalo, and learned how their milk goes from the farm to becoming that unbelievably creamy mozzarella. Inside the dairy, the air smelled a bit bad , and I watched the cheesemakers stretch and shape the mozzarella by hand. Tasting it fresh still slightly warm was a completely different experience from anything store-bought. The whole visit felt genuine and it gave me a new appreciation for how much care goes into every ball of cheese they make.

Alex Kimak

Ballyhass Outdoor Activity Centre

Ballyhass Lakes in Mallow, Co. Cork is an amazing outdoor adventure spot, and when I went there on a school trip three months ago it was one of the best trips to open TY. The place is surrounded by beautiful scenery, with clear lakes that make it feel like a real adventure park in the middle of nature. We got to try activities like the aquapark, ziplining, and archery, and the instructors were really friendly and encouraging. The whole day was full of fun and plenty of laughs. If you love the outdoors or just want a day full of excitement, Ballyhass is definitely worth a visit.

Ben Kelly



Leahy’s Open Farm

Leahy’s Open Farm is such a fun and welcoming place to visit, and when I went there two months ago it turned out to be one of the highlights of my school trip. I got to ride the go-karts, which were fast and exciting, and I loved racing my friends around the track. We also spent time petting the animals. One of the best parts of the day was doing orienteering around the farm, working together to find all the markers while exploring the different areas. The whole visit was a great mix of adventure, animals, and it made for a really memorable day out.

Ben Kelly



Work experience

Every TY student participates in two different placements for work experience during TY. This allows us to learn first-hand about how life in different areas of work is like - learning skills and valuable lessons throughout these placements. We had a very wide variety of different jobs in different sectors, such as charities, construction sites, primary schools, factories, various jobs in childcare and many more. The students got to show their communication and teamwork skills in many of these, and hopefully got some ideas for the careers they want to pursue in the future!

Alexander Bursztynski

Spanish Exchange

In September, I was one of six students who travelled to Spain for 2 months. This was an experience to push us out of our comfort zone by being in a different country, away from friends and family for a long period of time. It allowed us to experience life in a different culture. During our stay, we went to regular classes, did a lot of projects with our fellow Spanish class mates, participated in school events and lots of exams!

Outside of schools the 6 students were paired with 6 lovely families of our exchange partners, we got to know these people well, they brought us on lots of trips which really made our experience better. We were taken to local towns, visited local landmarks, learned Spanish traditions, and enjoyed weekly activities with the host families.

In conclusion, the experience opened our minds, it made us more independent and evidently helped with everyone's Spanish, which will be very helpful in upcoming years. We all really enjoyed and benefited from this experience and would definitely recommend it.

Megan Walker



Teen Talks 2025

On the 18th of November I travelled with 40 others from TY to “Teen Talks “. This was a live streamed event discussing current and future topics relevant to teenagers. Topics such as mental health and common teenage struggles were discussed. Guest speaker Aisling Thompson, known for her GAA career, discussed topics such as confidence and wellbeing, she told us stories about her childhood and how they impacted her adult life. Gerry Duffy known for running 32 marathons in 32 consecutive days, gave a motivational speech, telling us how he stayed motivated in all his athletic accomplishments. Dr Richard Murphy was my favourite guest speaker of all as he got everyone involved and made his talk funny. With his psychotherapy background, he discussed topics such as family resilience and described his own experience of his father not always being there for him. Finally, Jen Bowler, a cork musician talked about her past mental health struggles and friends she has lost to depression before closing the event with renditions of popular songs on her guitar.

Darragh O’ Regan



Barista course

In the barista course I went through many different techniques of making coffee, these techniques included freighting milk, using a steamer, loading coffee beans and making different type of coffee. We also learned the history of where the coffee bean originated, which was Ethiopia in the 15th century. The main supplier of coffee bean is Brazil.

We started making the Americano first which consisted in 2:1 water and coffee. We then advanced to making an expresso which was 1:1 water and coffee. Finally, we made a latte. At the end, when we had made the coffees, we had the opportunity to give them out to teachers, who were very thankful for our kindness.

Oisin O’Shea



A Spanish Student Studying in Ireland

I have already been in Ireland for 3 months and I am so happy with the experience. It is very different studying here than in Spain because in Spain, it is a very difficult year. Here, there are many more things to do than just study. The subjects are amazing, and I love having these types of subjects like yoga, self-defense, etc. These are things that I will never get to do in Spain. I am also happy with the country, the only bad thing is the weather, it is freezing!!

At the start, I was scared to come here and leave my life behind in Spain, but at the same time I was really excited. When I arrived here, everything went perfectly, the people were amazing, especially my host family. I feel that my English has improved a lot and I am so happy because, before coming I was struggling to understand the language and now I can speak fluently and have a conversation.

In conclusion I am very happy with my experience so far and I think that when I leave, I am going to have a great level of English.

Alba Garcia Lapenja

Street Collections

I did a collection for Mercy Heroes outside of Mace on the 10th October. I enjoyed doing this collection as I had to step out of my comfort zone, it was cool to be able to converse with many different people. I learned that I was able to hold conversation quite well which is a useful skill for careers. One thing I will try to do after this is donate to people who are out fundraising as I now know that it can be quite difficult. In total, my classmates and I raised over €1000, we were very happy to hear this.

Hugh Crowley

DreamSpace Ambassador Program

During TY, a group of 10 students are undertaking the Microsoft DreamSpace Ambassador Program. We undergo virtual training sessions to develop leadership, technical and cooperation skills. We also organise events relating to IT subjects throughout the school. My favourite part of the program is gathering with my friends and learning about various IT skills and organising events.

Dawid Matusik





Spanish Club

Our Spanish Club has been a highlight of the school week and continues to grow in enthusiasm and attendance.

The club takes place every Thursday at lunchtime in Room 124, Ms. Collins' classroom, and is supported by Ms. Collins, Ms. Cronin, Ms. Kiernan Ms. Smyth, and our new Foreign Language Assistant, Victor.

Spanish club is a welcoming, inclusive and encouraging space where students can enjoy learning Spanish in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Spanish Club is open to everyone - whether you are confident in Spanish or just starting out, all are welcome. The focus is on practising real Spanish in a fun, pressure-free environment, where mistakes are part of learning and confidence grows week by week.

So far, the club has been a fantastic success. Students have taken part in a wide range of enjoyable activities, such as bingo en español, Spanish tongue twisters, speed chatting, and riddles en español.

“La práctica hace al maestro” (Practice makes perfect) — and the more we use the language, the more confident we become.

We are already looking forward to 2026, when we'll be back with even more exciting activities, games, and opportunities to practise Spanish.

If you enjoy languages, meeting new people, or simply having fun while learning, Spanish Club is the place to be. ¡No te lo pierdas!

Ms. N Cronin



Creative writing club

We have had a busy term this year in Creative Writing Club. We have welcomed back old members from last year and had the pleasure of gaining some new members also! We have been busy producing work each Tuesday at lunchtime and letting our creative juices flow. We have written short stories, poems and even a Limerick or two. As always, Creative Writing Club takes place every Tuesday in R132 and new members are always welcome!

Ms. D O' Sullivan





Musical Theatre Club

Musical theatre club has been very busy this term! Following the announcement that “When You’re an Addams” would be our 2025/26 production, students have been hard at work running lines, working on harmonies, and breaking out into some impressive dance routines. We meet every Tuesday after school, which shows the true dedication of our talented members! Our Addams Family will be played by Anthony Frtus (6th Year), Isabelle Creedon (3rd Year), Sophie Purcell (2nd Year), Jack Collins (3rd Year), Alex O’Halloran (5th year), Sofia Mazzotta (5th year) and Sam Donoghue (5th year). The rest of the cast come from all year groups, which has led to some great friendships and fun on Tuesday afternoons!

“When You’re An Addams” follows the story of Wednesday Addams (Purcell), who must break the news to her spooky family members that she has found love with the sunny and positive Lucas Beineke (Kevin O’Sullivan), who is the complete opposite to everything she and her family know. What ensues can only be described as hectic and complicated, yet the most entertaining, engaging story! The cast has shown great enthusiasm and commitment, growing in confidence each week as the music and choreography begin to come together. Our musical will be taking place in March, where we will be performing a matinee show. We have such a talented club, and we are looking forward to the opportunity to display the vast talents of our CCC students! Thank you to Ms. Hughes, Ms. Murnane and the fourth years (Niall Óg, Mia and Laura) for running Musical theatre club!

Ms. Hughes and Laura Kavanagh.





Chess Club

The chess club is run by Ms. Kardkovács on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:50-13:20 in R106. This year, we've had more students than ever participating in the club, and anyone is further welcome to join regardless of age or ability.

This year we have taken part in and hosted many chess competitions:

On 24th September, the club hosted an in-school competition, with Gavin O'Sullivan taking the trophy. Following that, a Team of the best scoring students travelled to Clayton Hotel in Cork City to take part in a county tournament on 3rd October. Congratulations to Millie Chen, who won the bronze medal in the 3rd Year/TY category.

On Wednesday, 17th December, we will have had another in-school event, the results of which will determine the team that will represent CCC in Post-primary Cork County tournament in January.

CCC Chess Club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and victories to come in the New Year!

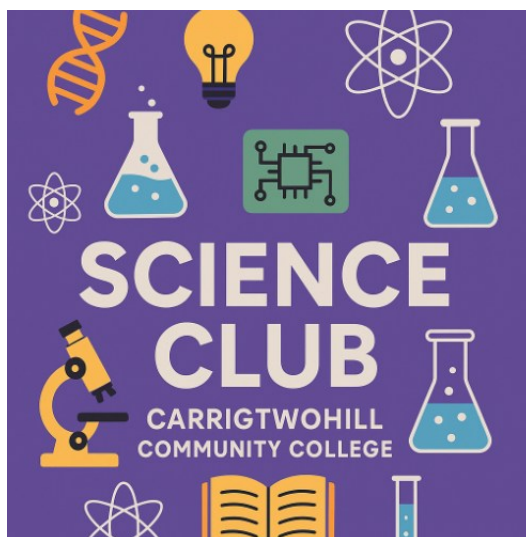
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Science club has started again this year and takes place every Friday at lunch time from 12.50 - 13.10pm in R146/R149. It gives students an opportunity to explore new topics and conduct exciting experiments beyond the curriculum. So far this year students have engaged in many different experiments like dissecting a sheep heart, making a lava lamp, exploring static electricity, making oxygen and testing for it and exploring the activity of enzymes in potatoes. Each week the club is run by Ms Ring or Ms Casey. Everyone is welcome to take part in an experiment, observe or make suggestions for future activities. We look forward to welcoming new students to join the science club!

Ms. E Casey





The CSPE Department staff and students have had a fantastic first term. Students have been learning about many different topics.

1st Year students have been learning about how to be Active Citizens and about Human Rights.

2nd Year Students have engaged with topics such as Sustainability, Development, and the Environment.

3rd Year students have been looking at as to spread awareness of issues affecting those with disabilities as part of International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Students concluded that we can all make a difference such a not parking on a kerb, making sure your bins are not blocking pavements or always walking on the left-hand side of the corridor in school.

All students had the exciting opportunity this year to learn all about the Presidential Election in Ireland. Students learned about past presidents, the role of the President of Ireland and students even engaged in mock elections to determine who they would vote for if they had the opportunity.

Ms. G Fouhy







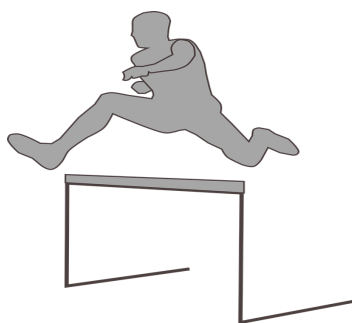
Athletics Club

Our athletics team continues to grow, with a fantastic number of enthusiastic students getting involved this year. We train every second Thursday after school, and the cross-country season is now in full swing, bringing plenty of mud, hills and rain!

On the 25th November, 29 students proudly represented CCC at the annual Introductory Cross Country Event in Riverstick. They were an absolute credit to themselves and to the school, demonstrating determination, teamwork and impressive resilience throughout every race. Special congratulations to our medal winners: Éabha Murphy, Kinga Prajsnar, Amelia Sheehan, Lucy O'Connor and Jayden Ngwa.

We now look forward to the South Munster Cross Country event at the end of January. New members are always welcome, and no experience is required, just a willingness to give it a go! We encourage all interested students to come along to training and get involved.

Ms. L O' Keeffe





Coding Club

It's been a lively and creative term in Coding Club!

Students have honed their skills in Scratch, building interactive stories, animations, and games while learning key coding concepts like loops, events and conditionals.

We've also begun preparing for the First Lego League competition in January. Teams are busy designing, building, and programming their LEGO robots, testing solutions and refining their ideas each week. The energy and teamwork have been fantastic to see.

A special thank you to Ms. Hayes, Mr. Cremin and Mr. O'Neill for guiding and supporting our coders and robotics teams throughout the term.

Wishing everyone a joyful and restful Christmas. We're excited to see what our young programmers and engineers achieve in the New Year!

Mr. G Cremin





Enterprise Club

Our Enterprise Club, led by business teachers, meets every Friday at lunchtime to support and inspire young entrepreneurs. This year, our student entrepreneurs won funding from the CCPC to help bring their innovative ideas to life, marking a huge achievement for the group. We are also looking forward to an exciting trip later in the year to an enterprise centre to see real-world business in action. In the new year, enterprise club will host a Students' Dragon's Den event, giving students the opportunity to pitch their innovative ideas.

Ms. S McAndrews



Haven Jingle and Mingle



On Friday 12th December students from the Haven held their annual "Jingle and Mingle" event for their parents where they showcased some projects they have been working on and baked some delicious treats for their family and friends. The sausage rolls and chocolate biscuit cake were delicious! It was a lovely chance to get into the festive spirit and spend some time chatting and singing Christmas songs (courtesy of Sofia and Mr McSweeney), and everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon.



Business department update

The Business Department staff and students have had a fantastic beginning to the 2025/2026 school year. All 1st Year students as part of the Taster Programme had the opportunity to sample Business Studies as a Junior Cycle Subject learning about the world of business, marketing, and advertising during the 6-week rotation. 3rd and 6th Year students are currently preparing for their Pre-Examinations in February having successfully completed their Prep examinations in October. 5th Year Business students are the first group to engage with the new Senior Cycle course. Students are looking forward to learning about their Business Alive Investigative Study topic which will be released after Christmas. TY Business students this term have been learning about the world of Enterprise. They visited the Macroom Buffalo farm alongside Agricultural Science students. Students saw first-hand how a local business operates, toured the farm, sampled some fantastic cheese and made some new four-legged friends in the form of some very friendly buffalo. Finally TY Enterprise students are working extremely hard on their projects for the Student Enterprise Programme competition. Wishing all of Business students the best of luck in the new year.

The Business Department







Think languages

Transition Years Celebrate Language and Culture at CCC

On Friday, 21st November, our Transition Year students enjoyed a full day celebrating language and culture at CCC. Throughout the day, students attended a wide variety of talks and workshops, experiencing the diverse cultures represented within our school community.

This special event was made possible thanks to the hard work and dedication of this year's Champion Team who, alongside their teachers, planned every detail with great care. The 2025 committee comprised of:

NiallÓg McCarthy (Festival Scheduling Manager),
Maja Szpotowicz (Activities Manager),
Emily Bernard (Production Manager),
Leah O'Farrell (Marketing and Social Media Manager),
Zach Flynn (Research Manager), and
Maedhbh Carroll (Team Captain).



The students took part in a wide range of activities, including Irish dance workshops delivered by our talented dancers Robyn O'Shea and Anna Verdonschot, Capoeira (Brazilian martial arts), Japanese TonTon Sumo, Flamenco dance, Portuguese language, Spanish culture, Hungarian song and dance, Zumba with Gerda Pa, a talk from Seán O'Riain (Multilingualism Officer for the Department of Foreign Affairs), and a Chinese lunch.

A particular highlight for many was the Cultural Stalls event in the Haven, where students from all year groups set up displays showcasing cultures that they have a connection to.

Thank you to all who contributed—your creativity, hard work, and enthusiasm for language and culture were wonderful to see and added to the overall vibrant atmosphere of the day.

Ms S Collins



Ms. S Collins





Language exchanges

CCC's French Exchange to Paris

The 2026 French exchange will see eighteen students from Transition Year and 5th year embark on a one week exchange from the 11th to the 16th of January. Our exchange partners from École Massillon will make their return visit to CCC from the 12th to the 18th of April. Bon voyage!

Spanish Exchange Opportunities Expand for 2025–2026

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Following the success of last year's Fifth Year Spanish exchange to Málaga, the 2025–2026 school year brings even more exciting international opportunities for our students.

In early September, six Transition Year students travelled to Málaga, where they exchanged lives and school routines with six students from Platero Green School as part of a two-month immersion programme. Below are some of their personal accounts of this unique experience.

From September- November, six students went to Spain for 2 months. This was an experience to push us students out of our comfort zone by being in a different country, away from friends and family for a long period of time and allowed us to experience life in a different culture. During our stay we went to regular classes, did a lot of projects with their fellow Spanish class mates, participated in school events and lots of exams!

Outside of schools us 6 students were paired with 6 lovely families of our exchange partners, we got to know these people well, they brought us on lots of trips which really made our experience better. We were taken to local towns, visited local landmarks, learned Spanish traditions, and enjoyed weekly activities with the host families.

In conclusion, the experience opened our minds, it made us more independent and very evidently helped with everyone's Spanish which will be very helpful in upcoming years. We all really enjoyed and benefited from this experience and would definitely recommended it.

Megan Walker & Kinga Prajsnar





In exchange for our students going to Málaga, we hosted six students from Platero Green School in CCC. It was a pleasure to have Manuela, Noa, Simón, Daniel, Tahiel and Nahuel in our school. We learned so much from them and hope that they benefitted from their stay.



Later in the year, at the end of January 2026, another group of Transition Year students will travel to Málaga for a week-long visit to our partner school, accompanied by their teachers. Now in its second year, this exchange offers students the chance to experience daily school life in Spain and to build lasting friendships with their Spanish partners. In turn, our students will welcome their exchange partners to Cork towards the end of the school year.

In addition, a new partnership will allow some of our Fifth-Year students to travel to Bilbao for a one-week exchange in April. Through these programmes, students will not only develop their Spanish language skills, but also gain independence, confidence, and cultural awareness—skills that will serve them well long after their school years.

The Modern Foreign Languages Department





Sporting Round-Up

CCC boy's football:

Carrigtwohill Community College's boys' football teams have been busy in recent weeks, with encouraging performances across multiple age groups.

Both the U14 and U15 Boys' Football teams were in action, gaining valuable match experience. The U15s took part in a blitz held in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, while the U14s travelled to Midleton to take on local rivals CBS. These outings provided excellent opportunities for development, teamwork, and competitive play.

The U17 Football team recorded an impressive victory at home against Deerpark, finishing with an emphatic 11–8 to 4–13 scoreline. Carrigtwohill made excellent use of the wind advantage in the first half, scoring several early goals to build momentum and establish a strong lead at halftime. Despite a spirited response from Deerpark after the break, Carrigtwohill maintained control through effective substitutions and strong finishing, adding further scores to secure a well-deserved win.

Well done to all players and coaches for their commitment, teamwork, and positive representation of Carrigtwohill Community College. CCC abú!



Gaelic Football







Sporting Round-Up

CCC Girl's soccer:

Girls' Soccer Update – Impressive Wins and Munster Progress

Carrigtwohill Community College's girls' soccer teams have enjoyed a very successful run of fixtures, with strong performances across multiple age groups.

The First Year Girls' Soccer team were in action against Coláiste Choilm, producing a confident and disciplined display to secure an excellent 2–0 victory. The team showed great teamwork and determination throughout the match, earning a well-deserved win.

At U17 level, the girls delivered a standout performance away to Laurel Hill FCJ, Limerick, recording an emphatic 6–0 victory to advance to the Munster Quarter Finals, where a home draw now awaits. Carrigtwohill started strongly, playing attractive football and dominating possession. Lily O'Connell opened the scoring with a superb strike and went on to complete a hat-trick before halftime.

The second half saw Carrigtwohill maintain control, with Maedhbh Carroll adding a powerful header from a corner before Olivia O'Sullivan showed great composure to score twice and complete the scoring. Excellent contributions from Ellie O'Shea and Molly Dennis down the left flank added to an outstanding team performance.

Well done to all players and coaches on a fantastic series of results. We wish the U17s the very best as they prepare for their Munster Quarter Final. CCC abú!





CCC Boys Soccer:

Boys' Soccer Update – A Strong Series of Performances

Carrigtwohill Community College's boys' soccer teams have enjoyed a very positive period, with excellent performances across all age groups in Munster and Cork Cup competitions.

The U15 Boys' Soccer team showed tremendous character in their Munster Cup clash against Pobalscoil na Tríonóide. After going 2–0 down in the first half, the team responded with outstanding resilience and teamwork, producing a superb second-half comeback to win the match 4–2.

The First Year Boys' team were also in action in the Munster Cup, where they edged past Ballincollig Community School in a thrilling encounter, winning 4–3 after extra time. They followed this up with another dramatic victory in the Cork Cup, defeating Douglas Community School 5–2 after extra time. Late goals from Lee Cotter forced extra time, where CCC took control with goals from Kevin Davis (2) and Zayd Hazeema, showing great determination to secure the win.

At senior level, the Senior Boys' Soccer team delivered a commanding 3–1 victory over De La Salle, Waterford, in the Munster Cup. Sean Óg Madden struck twice, with excellent build-up play involving Patrik Adedokun and Evan O'Connor, before Noah Nsengiyumva sealed the win with a powerful header from a corner. The defensive unit of Colm Harte, Bryan Wiecek, Evan O'Connor, and Roan O'Keeffe stood firm to see out the result.

Well done to all players and coaches for their commitment, teamwork, and resilience. CCC abú!





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Camogie:

1st & Second Year Camogie

At the start of the year, the First Year Camogie team took part in a blitz in Mallow GAA, where they faced Millstreet, Blarney and Crosshaven. The girls put in fantastic performances throughout the day, securing a great win against Millstreet, narrowly losing to Blarney by just one point, and again falling short to Crosshaven by only two. It was an excellent day of camogie, and we were incredibly proud of the effort, teamwork and positivity shown by all the players.

Following the blitz, the First and Second Year league began, and the team has continued to show tremendous commitment. Training hard every week since September, the girls have remained focused despite several matches being called off due to weather conditions. They played a strong game against Carrignavar, battling hard for the full match and only narrowly missing out on a result.

The team is now looking forward to their games after Christmas, hopeful that their hard work will pay off and that success is on the horizon. With their determination and team spirit, the future looks bright for this talented group of players.

Ms. E Murphy





The Junior County Camogie Final Awaits!

It has been a fantastic start to the year for our Junior Camogie team. Playing a grade above last year's level following their impressive win in the 1st/2nd Year competition last year, our girls have powered their way to the County Final!

Their campaign began on Friday, 12th September, with an away match against CCN Carrignavar. Despite missing several players, the team showed great determination and came away with a well-earned victory on a scoreline of 6–5 to 2–9.

Knowing that two wins were needed to progress from the group, the pressure was on for the home fixture against Coláiste an Chraoibhín, Fermoy on Tuesday, 4th November. Rising to the challenge, the girls delivered a superb team performance, topping the group with a 4–5 to 2–4 win.

The county semi-final took place at the Cork Colleges Pitch in Mahon on Thursday, 27th November. In tough winter conditions, the team's resilience shone through. The backs cleared ball after ball to the midfielders and forwards, who in turn worked some excellent scores. Their hard work paid off with a 4–4 to 1–2 victory in a low-scoring but fiercely contested match.

The County Final is scheduled for Saturday, 10th January, with the venue and opponents to be confirmed. We look forward to a strong show of support for this outstanding group of players, who continue to make us incredibly proud every time they wear the CCC jersey.

Ms S. Collins





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Camogie:

Senior Camogie

Playing up a grade from last year, our Senior Camogie team had a successful year in the CCC colours, playing some physical games in tough conditions, their enthusiasm and strong team work skills always shone through. It has been a year in which girls have been extremely unlucky with injuries, however all players who put on the CCC jersey did the school very proud.

The Cork Colleges competition began for our girls with a home game against St. Brogan's Bandon on the 8th of September in which we fell short on a score line of CCC 4-3 St. Brogan's 5-5, despite some great team play and some super scores. This saw St. Brogan's progress in this competition.

Our Munster Colleges campaign began with an away game to CCN Carrignavar on the 16th of September. Despite being down a number of players, our girls gave a spirited performance and were unlucky not to get a couple of more scores on the board. Final score CCC 0-7 CCN 2-2.

In a must win game, our girls put in a fine team performance in their home fixture to Coachford College. Playing their best camogie of the year, they were deserving of their 6-9 to 2-7 victory on the 7th of October.





Boosted by their superb performance in the previous game, the girls had to dig deep in their final group game of the campaign. Knowing that a win would see them top their group, they fought hard for the whole game against a spirited Coláiste an Chraoibhín, Fermoy side. This 4-4 to 2-3 win places CCC first in their group and straight into a semi-final spot vs St. Anne's Tipperary.

Our girls and coaches travelled to Tipperary town on Monday, December 15th on a day in which a Munster Final place was up for grabs. With a number of girls back from injury and travel commitments, our squad was strengthened. Our young team started brightly in what was an extremely physical encounter. Some great team play led to some lovely scores and well worked frees in which Emma O'Shea kept us in the game. Unfortunately, our opponents strengths shone through as the game progressed. Despite our girl's best efforts, St. Anne's claimed the Munster Final spot on a score line of 6-4 to 2-4.

A special mention must go to Zoe Allen, Emma-Jane O'Sullivan, Sarah O'Shea and Hailey McAllen, who lined out in the CCC colours for the final time. We are so grateful for the time and dedication you have put into camogie during your time at CCC. You are wonderful examples of leaders for our younger players who we know you have inspired over the last number of years. Thank you also to Elia Deriu who was unable to line out this year with injury.



Best of luck with your clubs in the future!

Ms C Daly





Sporting Round-Up



It has been a very busy first term for our school teams. Before Christmas we completed our U19 and U17 Cork PPS and Munster PPS campaigns, while our U14, U15 and U16 championships will get underway in the new year.

U14 Hurling

Our U14s started the year very brightly with a blitz in MTU. They more recently also went on to play Chríost Rí and Midleton CBS in two very competitive challenge games. This group are very good to train and a pleasure for the mentors to work with. They are now preparing for knockout championship after Christmas.

U15 Hurling

Our U15s, who won the Cork U14 championship last year, will be hoping to be successful in the Munster competition this year. They were outclassed by a very strong North Mon team earlier in the year in a challenge game but have since put in a good performance against St Colman's, Fermoy and have been training very well each week.

U16 Hurling

While our U16s haven't played a game yet this year, all our players have been busy with other school teams and club action. Congratulations to Carrigtwohill GAA who picked up some silverware with this age group and commiserations to our Erin's Own and Midleton players who came up just short at their respective grades. This is a very talented group who we have great confidence in. They will kick off their championship action after Christmas also.





U17 Munster PPS Hurling Championship

Our U17 hurling team brought us on an incredible journey this year.

We travelled to Buttevant back in September for a challenge game and, truth be told, we were well beaten. But even on that day, there was something special about this group. They were a great bunch of lads with plenty of raw talent and a serious attitude. After a few solid training sessions under our belt, we felt we were in a great place by the time championship came around.

We were due to face Crescent College in Round 1, but they conceded, meaning our first game was Round 2 against Mungret College on the Banteer 4G.

With a few positional changes to the starting team and a phenomenal all-round display - featuring a superb hat-trick from Josh Hegarty - we came away with a convincing 3-18 to 0-16 win.

Next up was a daunting assignment: last year's U19 All-Ireland champions Scoil Phobal Roscrea, in very wet conditions in Fethard 4G. We knew it wouldn't be easy, but training had been excellent and belief in the group was growing.

The first half was a dogfight in the rain, with CCC leading 1-3 to 0-2 at the break. The lads showed heart, hunger and no shortage of skill, and powered through the second half to record an outstanding 3-4 to 0-3 victory.

Momentum was building, and so too was team spirit. Training numbers were fantastic and the atmosphere within the squad was something special.





Sporting Round-Up

Our semi-final opponents were last year's beaten finalists St Anne's, Killaloe, another enormous challenge. But the group travelled to Fethard 4G with real belief and focus.

From the throw-in it was clear we were in for a cracking contest. CCC started brilliantly, racing into a 1-3 to 0-1 lead thanks to a goal from Jack Hegarty and two fine points from Sam Dolan. Killaloe responded with 1-3 during a spell where we went 15 minutes without a score. Just before the break, Conor McSharry clipped over a 65 and a free to leave us trailing narrowly 1-6 to 1-5 at half-time.

The second half saw Killaloe push 1-10 to 1-5 ahead, but our lads refused to give up. Fouls on Jack Gilley, Fionn Morrissey and Patrick Ahern were punished by the accurate Sam Dolan, who kept the scoreboard ticking over.

Our defence stood strong throughout. Fernando Kelly Candil was immense in goal, his puck-outs finding their targets all evening. Oisín O'Shea, Oscar Verdonschot and Darragh Glavey were rock-solid in the full-back line. Oscar, our captain, put in a real leader's performance, marking a top-class forward and still driving forward late on. In the half-back line, Matthew Cashel, Darragh O'Sullivan and Conor McSharry battled fiercely, with Conor hitting vital scores. Darragh had the tough job of marking an exceptional Clare County Minor and did brilliantly throughout.

At midfield, Josh Hegarty and Scott Lavin ran themselves into the ground, winning key contests and setting the platform for our fightback.

Up front, Jack Gilley, Patrick Ahern and Fionn Morrissey caused havoc, with Fionn's never-say-die attitude especially crucial in the second half. Josh Quill, playing a sweeping role, was outstanding, and Liam Prendergast did well when introduced. Inside, Sam Dolan and Jack Hegarty kept the Killaloe defence under constant pressure, with Jack scoring 1-2 from play.

The closing stages were pure drama. We dominated much of the final quarter, but a few questionable frees from the referee went Killaloe's way. With just a point between the sides, we should have had a free in injury time, but it wasn't given. Killaloe added the insurance score, and the game finished 1-14 to 1-12.

It was an incredible game of hurling and a heart-breaking end to a brilliant run. The lads showed immense character, skill and commitment - training under lights, turning up in miserable weather, and pushing themselves every week.

This is a hugely talented group, but more importantly, they're a fantastic bunch of lads who represented the school with pride. The future of hurling in CCC is very bright if this group is anything to go by.





U19 Munster & Cork PPS Hurling Championship

Our U19s also enjoyed a busy and memorable term, beginning with the Munster PPS Championship on a lovely October day in Carrigtwohill GAA.

With many of our lads still tied up with club championship commitments, it was difficult to get consistent training sessions in, and we were missing a few key players.

However, the attitude of the group was outstanding from the outset.

Our first match was against St Brogan's, Bandon - a chance for payback after they knocked us out last year in a fiery encounter. The atmosphere was intense from the throw-in and the game remained tight throughout.

Adam Lee was outstanding between the posts. Captain Daniel McCarthy, returning from injury, was excellent. Kevin Jones put in a superb performance, while Oscar Verdonschot was rock solid in corner-back. When Chris Cashell had to come off due to injury, Rory Dolan picked up their main danger man and did a fantastic job. Roan O'Keeffe was very assured at full-back.

3rd year Patrick Ahern made his debut in midfield and did very well, as did Fionn Morrissey who came on and made a big impact.

After a fierce battle, we came out deserving winners on a high-scoring 2-23 to 3-17 scoreline.





Sporting Round-Up

U19 Munster & Cork PPS Hurling Championship (continued)

Next up was our first round of the Cork PPS Championship against Coláiste Chríost Rí.

Conditions were absolutely dreadful. Lashing rain, gale-force winds and a heavy, difficult pitch. To make matters worse, no referee turned up, and both schools were told the match had to be played or we would be thrown out of the competition.

Despite the circumstances, the lads worked incredibly hard and the game was intense from start to finish, but Chríost Rí edged the win. One can only wonder how the match might have gone with proper officiating and fairer weather. Unfortunately, that result ended our Cork PPS campaign.

Our next Munster outing was against Dunmanway in Erin's Own. Despite carrying a few injuries, the team produced a brilliant performance and ran out convincing 6-10 to 2-10 winners.

Every player on the panel got game time, and there were standout displays from Fionn Kelly and Patrick Ahern, who continued to impress at this level.

Our final Munster game was against a star-studded Mount Sion side featuring six inter-county Waterford players - a massive test for any school team.

Missing several senior players through injury and sickness, we made a few positional changes and strategic match-ups heading into the game.

CCC started very well and matched Mount Sion stride for stride in the opening quarter. We were still very much in it at half-time, but the third quarter proved crucial as Mount Sion began to pull away.

Still, the CCC never-say-die attitude shone through. The lads fought right to the end, but the game finished 4-14 to 2-7, bringing our U19 run to a close for the season.



A very special mention must go to our sixth-year students, who have been an exceptional group both on and off the pitch. Such is their commitment that many of them even travelled to Fethard on a school night to support our U17s - something that says everything about their character, friendship, and love of hurling.

They have been brilliant role models since first year, and both Ms O'Reilly and Mr McCarthy will genuinely miss training them.

Sixth Years:

Roan O'Keeffe, Oisín Roche, Rory Dolan, John O'Connor, Paddy Bennett, Daniel McCarthy, Fionn Kelly, Kevin Jones, John Crowley, Evan Maguire and Seán Óg Madden.

A huge thank you to both our U19 and U17 teams for a fantastic term. They worked hard, represented the school with pride, and have done themselves proud. But more importantly, off the field, they are simply a great bunch of lads - sound, supportive, and a credit to the school.

#CCCAbú

Mr Hogan, Mr McCarthy, Mr Power, Mr O'Regan and Ms O'Reilly





Sporting Round-Up

Boys rugby



Rugby made a fantastic return to CCC this year, in the form of both an U15 and U17 Boys' team, as the sport continues to grow. Both teams featured in their respective Emerging School Blitzes, which took place in Musgrave Park. This provided the players with a fantastic opportunity to play on the same pitch as Munster's own. Thus far it has been a wonderful, enjoyable experience for the newcomers to the sport, as well as the seasoned veterans. Both teams have been steadily improving with every outing, picking up a few wins along the way. The lads will have there next blitz in January, where hopefully they can continue to build on what has been a great year so far.

Mr D Lucey





Golf at CCC

Carrigtwohill Community College continues to offer a wide range of sports and clubs to suit every student's interest, and we are always delighted to expand these opportunities. One of the most exciting additions this year has been golf, which was introduced to CCC by Mr Feeney.

This year, our golf team took to the fairways for their first school outings, competing in challenging conditions and representing the school with great commitment and sportsmanship. The junior golf team recently competed in the Golf Ireland Munster Schools Competition at Mallow Golf Club, where some excellent golf was played despite difficult weather conditions. A special mention goes to Luke Murphy, who delivered an outstanding performance and narrowly missed out on qualification for the All-Ireland competition.

Earlier in the term, CCC also held its first school golf outing of the year at Cobh Golf Club. Congratulations to the team winners on the day: Jack Beechinor, Matt Sweeney and Alex Stack, along with Conor McSharry, Sam Dolan and Roger O'Connor. We extend a sincere thank you to Cobh Golf Club for hosting a very enjoyable and well-run event.

The introduction of golf at CCC highlights our commitment to providing students with diverse extracurricular opportunities that promote teamwork, skill development, and lifelong participation in sport. We look forward to seeing the golf programme continue to grow in the years ahead.





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Boy's Basketball:



Carrigtwohill Community College is very proud of both the U16 and U19 Boys' Basketball teams, who enjoyed strong league campaigns and reached the league quarter finals this season.

While both teams bowed out at that stage against Douglas Community School, they can reflect on a year of commitment, teamwork, and excellent representation of the school. The players demonstrated great determination throughout the season and were a credit to Carrigtwohill Community College on and off the court.

A special mention goes to our Leaving Certificate students, Darragh Thornton and Chris Isaac, who wore the CCC jersey for the final time. Their contribution to the teams over the years is greatly appreciated.

We also wish to acknowledge Spanish exchange student Daniel Ruiz Mora, whose impact was felt in every game at both U16 and U19 levels. We wish Daniel a safe return to Spain and continued success in his basketball career.

Well done to all players and coaches Ms. White and Mr. P Lucey on a positive and memorable season.





CCC Girls basketball:

U19 Girls Basketball – A Season to Remember

Carrigtwohill Community College’s U19 Girls’ Basketball team have enjoyed an outstanding season, marked by hard work, resilience, and a series of impressive victories.

The girls got off to a fantastic start, securing strong wins early in the year and quickly building momentum. A dominant 62–33 victory over Scoil Mhuire in the Cup Quarter Final highlighted their attacking flair and excellent teamwork in defence, earning them a place in the All-Ireland Cup Semi Final.

Their South Region Schools League Cork Final success was another major milestone, as the team were crowned Cork Champions after a superb performance. The players’ dedication and determination were evident throughout the campaign, with their efforts truly paying off on the court.

In a thrilling All-Ireland Semi Final, the girls produced an unforgettable comeback. Trailing by 16 points with just five minutes remaining, they showed incredible heart and composure to fight back, eventually edging ahead by a single point to book their place in the All-Ireland Final this January.

Congratulations to all the players on a phenomenal season so far, and sincere thanks to coaches Ms. Murphy and Ms. Whelan for their guidance and

commitment. We wish the team the very best as they prepare to compete on the national stage.





Christmas Poem:

A Christmas at CCC

Within our halls, where busy days unfold,
Friendships are formed and stories told.
Through lessons shared and challenges met,
Another year of memories is set.

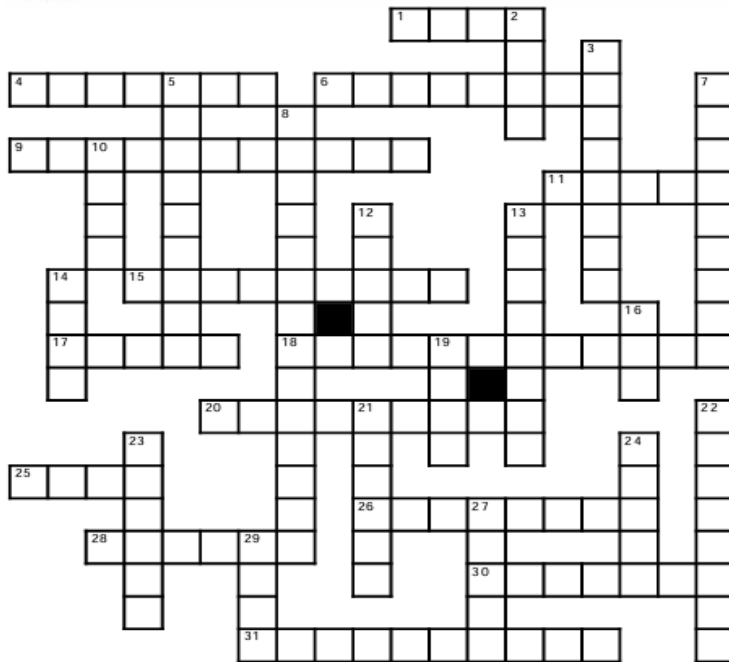
From early starts to evening's close,
Kindness and laughter steadily grows.
Guided by care, by patience and pride,
We learn together, side by side.

As Christmas comes with song and cheer,
We pause to reflect on the passing year.
May peace, hope, and joy light all we do,
At CCC, and beyond it too





Christmas Crossword



Merry Christmas!

Down

- 2. Something people decorate.
- 3. What people give each other.
- 5. Where Santa's workshop is located.
- 7. A striped Christmas treat.
- 8. Drink and food left for Santa.
- 10. Something people send to each other to say 'Merry Christmas'.
- 12. The presents are usually _____ the tree.
- 13. The month of Christmas.

- 14. Look at a present before you should.
- 16. The color of Santa's suit.
- 19. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
- 21. A famous snowman.
- 22. The place where Santa makes toys.
- 23. Santa's car?
- 24. A common decoration for the top of the tree.
- 27. A Christmas song.
- 29. What Santa gives to good girls and boys.

Across

- 1. Another word for present.
- 4. Santa's door?
- 6. Animals that pull Santa's sleigh.
- 9. What people put on their Christmas tree.
- 11. Something on Santa's face.
- 15. The day after Christmas.
- 17. Santa's helpers.
- 18. The day before Christmas.
- 20. A piece of snow.
- 25. What Santa gives to bad girls and boys.
- 26. A sock that hangs by the chimney.
- 28. People put these bright things on their house.
- 30. A reindeer with a red nose.
- 31. A jolly man in a red suit with a beard.



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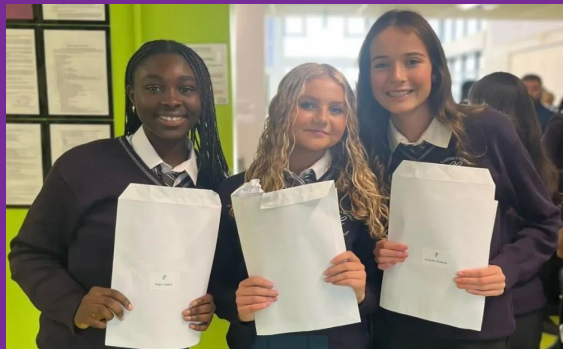
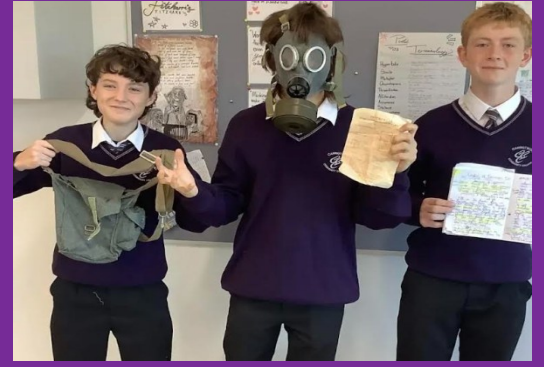
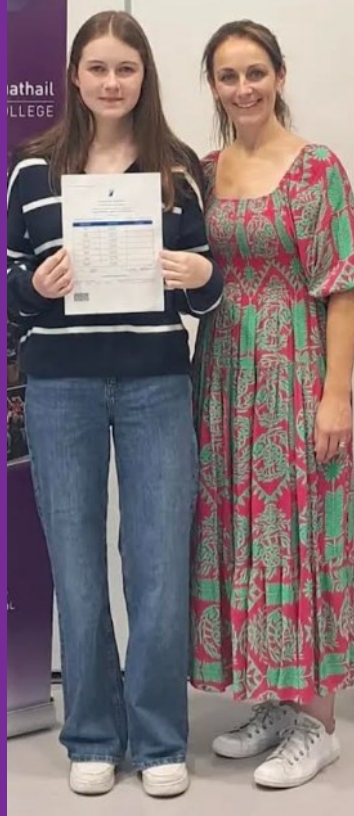


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