



Principal's Address

As we reach the end of another school year, we do so at a significant moment in the story of Carrigtwohill Community College as we approach the completion of our tenth year as a college community. Milestones naturally invite reflection, and looking back over the past decade, there is much for all of us to be proud of. From our first days in 2016 to the thriving, vibrant and ambitious school we are today, CCC has grown enormously, not only in size and facilities, but in identity, character, and spirit.

Over ten years, CCC has developed into a school culture built on positive relationships, high expectations, kindness, opportunity, and care for one another. What continues to define our school most strongly is the sense of belonging experienced by our students and the commitment shown daily by staff, families and the wider community in supporting young people to grow in confidence, independence, and self-belief.

This school year has reflected those values. Across classrooms, laboratories, workshops, performance spaces, sports halls, and corridors, our students have engaged positively in their learning with enthusiasm, resilience, and maturity. They have challenged themselves academically while developing confidence, creativity, and independence. The pages of this newsletter reflect only a snapshot of a rich and varied year, but they capture the energy and enthusiasm that define life in CCC.

Students have represented the college with distinction across academic, cultural, creative, and extracurricular life. Highlights include science and STEM initiatives, coding projects, student leadership, wellbeing activities, performances, concerts, and community engagement. Our Erasmus+ programme has continued to flourish through exchanges, long-term mobility, and visits from partner schools, broadening perspectives and building lasting friendships beyond the classroom.

Sport has also brought great pride to our school community this year. Our girls' soccer team achieved historic All-Ireland success, while our girls' basketball team enjoyed an outstanding season, reaching an All-Ireland final. These achievements reflect talent and dedication, as well as teamwork, commitment, and a strong culture of participation.

However, the true measure of a school community is not found solely in awards, results, or achievements. It is seen in the quieter everyday moments: students supporting one another, older students looking out for younger students, and everyday acts of kindness and inclusion that shape school life. These qualities remain central to who we are.

This year also reminded us of the importance of empathy, care and community. In difficult moments, the support shown across our school reflected the strength of the relationships between students, staff and families.

Lorna Dundon



Principals address

As our Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate students begin their state examinations, we wish them every success. They have worked diligently throughout the year, supported by their teachers and families, and we are confident they will approach this stage with maturity and self-belief.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, and the continued support of our parents, guardians, Parents' Association, Board of Management, Cork ETB, and wider community. The partnership between home and school remains one of CCC's greatest strengths.

As we close this school year and mark ten years of Carrigtwohill Community College, we do so with pride in how far we have come, and optimism for the future. While much has changed since 2016, our core values remain constant: community, respect, opportunity, ambition, and care for one another. Above all, the strength of this school has always been – and will always be – its people.

Guím samhradh sona sábháilte daoibh go léir.

Ms. Lorna Dundon
Principal







A Sixth Year's Advice to Incoming First Years

Dear incoming 1st Years,

I hope you're looking forward to your time here in CCC. The first few months are crazy, hectic but also very exciting.

Here are just a few tips that might make those first few weeks a bit easier.

1. Take the time to settle in, don't put any pressure on yourself - it'll come with time.
2. Don't be scared of your teachers. They are there to help (just try to get your homework done ;)).
3. My final piece of advice is to be yourself and trust your gut. It will never do you wrong.

All in all, secondary school is a massive step and such an enjoyable era. Make the most of it, take every opportunity, and have fun!

Juliette Creedon
Head Girl 2026



The bell rang out on mornings bright,
Through winter rain and springtime light.
From first-day nerves to laughs we shared,
New friendships formed, new goals prepared.
In classrooms, labs and on the field,
We learned much more than books can yield.
Through busy days and challenges too,
We found out what we're able to do.
Trips and matches, clubs and fun,
Projects finished, races run.
Now summer waits beyond the gate,
With brighter skies and days to celebrate.
As one school year now reaches its end,
Take memories made and lessons gained.
Enjoy the break, make moments last,
And look back proudly on the year that's passed.



Images from sports day May
2026



The past 6 years here in C.C.C

As my final year here at CCC comes to a close, it is the perfect moment to look back and reflect on all the special moments and memories which didn't exist just 6 years ago.

The school premises and environment has definitely housed an ample amount of laughter, fun, joy and of course learning, without which we wouldn't be the people we are today.

It all began with just four classes Dearbhla, Domhnall, Darragh and Doireann -ready to take on the journey ahead of us. We quickly became very familiar with the walls of F08,F10,G09 and G10 as well as the many new faces around us. That daunting building now appears minuscule in comparison to the concrete jungle which we find ourselves in today. Face masks and online classes weren't our favourite however our many famous mask breaks may or may not have been used to our advantage....

Breaks began with resorting to a tinfoil ball for some. This was then upgraded to a tennis ball which was then finally replaced by an adequate basketball. Second Year was full of many basketball matches where we all contributed, taking our many shots. Our favourite guest player was Mr. McCarthy after he had been fuelled on his bowl of weetabix. Although our accuracy rates mightn't have been 100% in the real competition, we still maintained our winning streak, managing to come home successful with silverware. The hurling, camogie, football and soccer teams also excelled in their various categories.

Third Year brought our first state exams. Starting with our preps and followed by the pres, we were certainly ecstatic when we had finally reached the summer. October storms and floods provided us with challenges to reach the results, but eventually we all managed to make it to the school in one piece!

TY provided us with the opportunity to create many more memories, many of which are the highlights of my time here at CCC. We all took to the stage for our production of 'Back to the 80s'. 'Footloose' & 'Girls Just Want To Have Fun' will always be associated with those fun times. Our neon attire was certainly a new look for us all. Our trip to Ballyhass was characterised by chaos as both students and teachers took to the inflatables (no one lasted on the dome for long before being launched into the water). Sauna like conditions on the way home meant we were happy to read the sign for Carrigtwohill!

We also all took to the greenway, cycling in the basking sun. Lets just say that cuts, scrapes and scratches were definitely acquired along the way! This day then ended with an overnight stay in a hostel for Gaisce students. We spent our evening eating pizza, playing ping pong, card games and basketball. This jam packed day was then topped off with an incredible sleepover in a room full of a never ending amount of bunk beds.





Unfortunately for some however, the excitement had lead to suncream being thrown to the back of our minds, resulting in tender faces the next morning. The best year came to a fitting end in Barcelona, where even the cloud cover and rain couldn't dampen our mood. The nerves were high due to the sight of the Shambhala and Dragon Khan and the aftermath wasn't pretty for some. Failed balcony crossings and repeated knocks on the door lead to one hot headed security guard but unforgettable moments for many.

Our fun quickly started to fizzle out as our books came out of hibernation for 5th year. However it came back in abundance when I and many more of my classmates took the train to Dingle Gaeltacht. Everyone filed off the bus in groups, until it finally came to our stop outside 'Teach Bríd', where my friends and I would be staying for the duration of the trip. Zumba with DJ Nat and sea swims in baltic conditions resulted in a lot of laughter. The addition of a packed toastie maker meant Mr. Ryan grew even closer to his new housemates. Our school tour to West Cork Secrets was one permeated in mud. The huge slide was certainly a fan favourite as we clung to each other, flying down its steep course within seconds.

6th year marked our final year in CCC and the words 'Leaving Cert' have certainly been lingering in the air. Although, despite this, our fun hasn't been completely hindered. Our final few weeks have brought moments of creativity and fun. The annual 'Anything but a bag day' saw our mundane bags being replaced by wheelbarrows, a fridge, buggies and much more. The lads have battled it out all year in their PE soccer matches, which recently came to an exciting final close with the red team taking the win. Preparations for the annual sports day soccer tournament have been unfolding all year, with customised jerseys making an early appearance. Pitch Perfect vs Council FC is quickly approaching, and you can be sure that there will be only one winner (girls for the win!!). Although our six years are now coming to an end, it is clear that every opportunity was seized through the abundance of memories and positive moments that were created together (with the help of our teachers of course).

Although we all now begin our own separate journeys, the path which we walked together will forever be one of my favourites.



Abbie Ahern
6A





Class of 2026



6A photo-graphed with year head Ms. O'Reilly and class tutor Ms. Collins



6B photo-graphed with year head Ms. O'Reilly and class tutor Mr. Feeney



6C photo-graphed with year head Ms. O'Reilly and class tutor Ms. Healy





6D photo-graphed with year head Ms. O'Reilly and class tutor Ms. Hegarty



Full class of 2025/2026





Student Council Address—student council

A chairde,

This year, the student council have had a very eventful year. In September, we sent out an expression of interest form to the student body about the council and asking if they would like to join. After that, we held a meeting with these students about elections for positions such as PR Officer, ISSU Officer, Secretary and more. We spoke about the responsibilities each role on the council would have, as well as the guidelines for any council member and the council's overall goals for the year.

In November, three of our council members travelled to the Cork City Hall for the ISSU (Irish Second-Level Students' Union) event, as an opportunity for them to engage with other school councils and learn a thing or two to help shape our future as a council. Speaking of engaging with other councils, we have also met with St. Colman's student council in Fermoy to discuss a survey on school lunch providers.

We also helped to hold a variety of events throughout the year, such as a December bake sale in aid of Irish Red Cross Gaza, Pie the Teacher on Sports Day and numerous other fundraisers for our U19 Girls' Basketball team to make their trip next year. They will compete in the nationals in Valencia for Ireland, and we wish them the very best of luck!

The council also had many meetings with senior management to discuss raised concerns or ideas students have. One example is the incoming student discount cards, arriving next year in September-October time.

Overall, we've had a very successful year as a council and we will continue to work just as hard next year!





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)

Deputy Chairperson: Adrian Corzo (6th)

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

Secretary: Alexander Bursztynski (TY)

ISSU Officer: Adam Reilly (2nd)





School tours 2026



First Years went to West Cork Secret Adventure Park

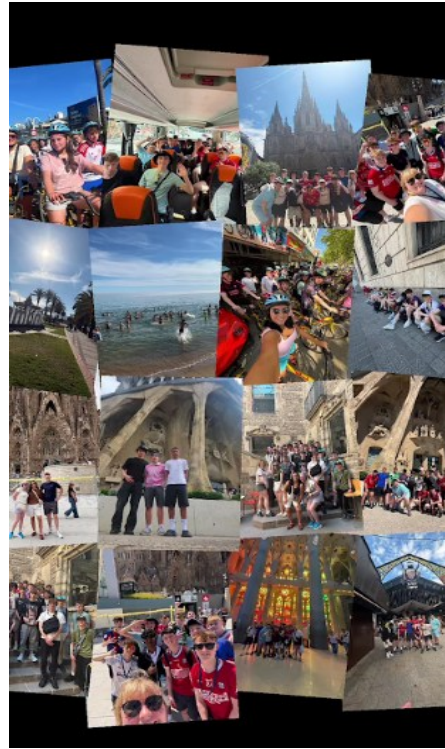


Second Years went to Ballyhass Lakes Adventure Centre.



3rd Years went to Ballyhass Lakes Adventure Centre.





Fourth Years went to Barcelona, Spain.



Fifth Years went to West Cork Secret Adventure Park





Amber Flag Committee

Amber Flag & Wellbeing at CCC

At Carrigtwohill Community College, promoting positive mental and physical health is a high priority. Our Amber Flag committee—made up of students and staff—works to raise awareness of mental health and to encourage kindness, respect, and support throughout our school community. The Amber Flag is a national initiative run in partnership with Pieta.

A positive feature of school life at CCC is our daily assemblies, where class tutors meet with their class group each morning. This regular check-in allows tutors to support students, build connections, and promote wellbeing.

As we head into the summer break, we encourage everyone to take time to rest, stay active, and mind their mental health. Remember, support is always available if needed.

For additional support, Pieta offers free, confidential services:

www.pieta.ie/contact or call Pieta's 24-Hour helpline on 1800 247 247 or text 'HELP' to 51444. You are not alone.

— Amber Flag and Wellness Team



Second Year Visual Studies Students CBA1s Design

Second Year Visual Art students have been busy developing their creativity and design skills as part of their CBA1 projects, producing a diverse range of stamp, album cover, and book cover designs. Throughout the process, students engaged in a structured design process using exemplars and success criteria that encouraged research, experimentation, and reflection.

Beginning with mind-mapping and the investigation of primary sources, students explored themes such as Ruin, Toolkit and “Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky” - Kahill Gabran. They developed ideas through sketches and drafts, carefully selecting the strongest elements to refine into final designs. Each project required students to apply key art elements such as line, colour, shape, and texture, alongside design principles including balance, contrast, and emphasis to create visually engaging compositions.

Typography played an important role, as students designed titles, artist names, or stamp details that complemented their imagery. Their work demonstrated thoughtful use of colour theory and watercolour practices and composition, ensuring clarity and visual impact. In the book cover project, students also incorporated additional design features such as blurbs, barcodes, and publisher logos, further enhancing the realism of their work.

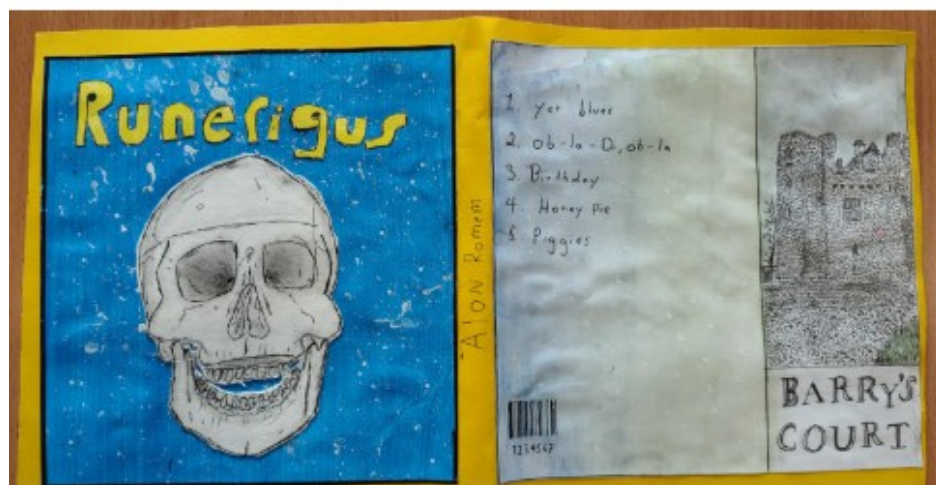
A key part of the process was reflection and peer feedback using the TAG (Tell, Ask, Give) method. Students evaluated their own work, identified strengths and areas for improvement, and confidently presented their final pieces to the class. Overall, the projects highlighted students’ growing ability to think critically, apply artistic knowledge, and communicate ideas through graphic design. Student samples from: Sophie Brennan, Sophie Fitzgibbon, Kevin O Sullivan, Lilamai Tavolieri, Chloe O Connor, Crystal Osoego, Alon Romen, Conor Hurley, Inés Kelly Candil, Jay Johnston.

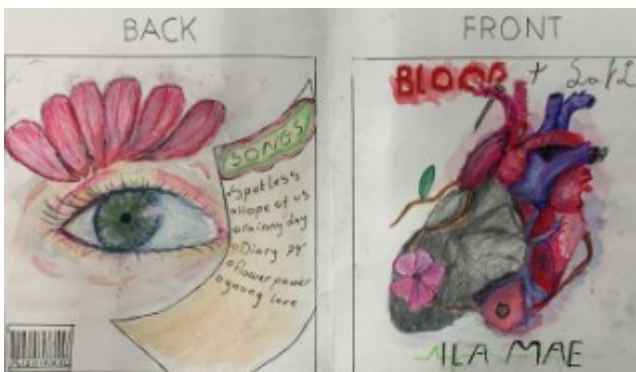
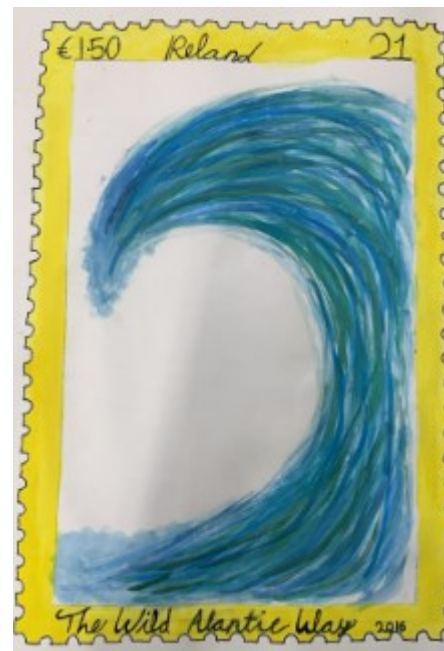
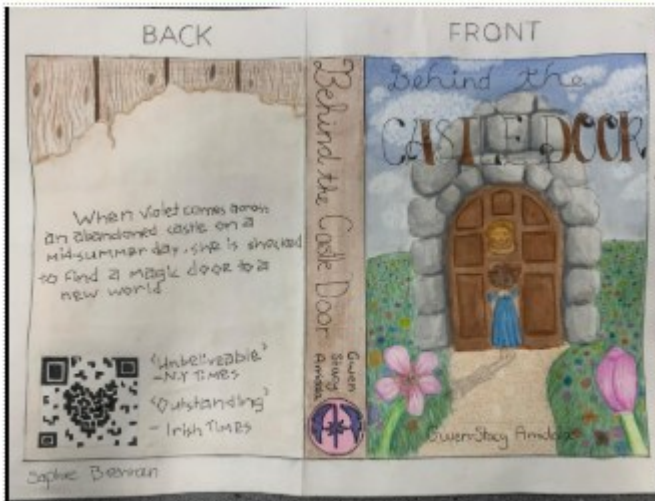
The Visual Art Department.





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







Méihuā Cup Chinese Learning Competition - Winners!

Going into TY, I didn't have a word of Chinese, and wasn't expecting to spend my time learning it. But when my friends needed a third person in order to enter the competition, and the prize was a possible trip to China, I decided to try my best and see if we had a chance at winning.



My two teammates had been learning Chinese as a short course option, so had much more experience when compared to me. So, it was a lot of work trying to learn Chinese from scratch. I found it very intimidating at first, as it's very different compared to English, but I spent a lot of my time learning. Before I could start learning my pieces for the actual competition, I needed that basic foundation of the language. But my work did pay off, and thanks to the help of my two teammates and a friend who spoke Mandarin, I finally felt confident in my pronunciation and foundation of the language.

Then together, we spent a lot of time, both in school and out of class, learning off our material for the competition. The first thing we had to do was learn to introduce ourselves in Chinese, talking about ourselves, our interests and our families. This bit was the easiest, as it mainly utilised the Chinese we had already learned. Then we had to learn a little about Chinese poetry, and discuss it in Chinese. This was a bit difficult, as the Chinese we had to use was a little more advanced, and required much more learning off. Then we had to practice our talent. I said a poem, one of my teammates did a dance, the other one did Chinese calligraphy, and then together we all did another dance together based off the Meihua blossom, which the competition gets its name from. This was by far the trickiest part. The poem was composed of very tricky words, and we had to ensure that, with the dance, we were all synchronised





Then, in March, it was time for the first round. Going in, we were all extremely nervous, as we didn't have any idea of the level of our competition. It was super nerve wracking all that day, from the trip up, to waiting for the competition to begin, we were all dreading it. But, when the time came, we got up on stage and did what we had practiced. I think we did it really well! We had some people come to us and say we did quite well, so going into the second competition, we were feeling a lot more confident about our chances of winning, but we were still a little nervous about everything. In April, it was time for the second round, and were very happy with the practice we had put into it. So we went up on stage and did everything we did the first time, but even better this time around. Afterwards, honestly, we were pretty confident about what we had done, and were sure we would win something, at least.

Third prize was a Garmin watch, second was an iPad, and first was the trip to China, which we ended up winning! We're all looking forward to going to China together, and are over the moon that we won! I think that winning the competition made all of the stress leading up to the competition all worth it. I'm so glad I took the chance and decided to take part in the competition, and would recommend that other people try it too.

- Conor Ryan 4th Year





Bród Club Update



As the end of another school year is upon us, we are reflecting on what it means to be part of CCC's Bród Club.

Our aim in Bród Club is simple: to create an inclusive space where members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies can gather to express themselves freely and openly. Bród Club is built on community, friendship, and support. It is a safe space to be who you are. And most importantly, Bród Club is a place where all are welcome.

Here's what some of our members have to say:

Bród Club means a place to relax and chat and most of all, have a laugh for half an hour or so in the middle of the school day. It's fun and friendly!

Bród Club is a place that I look forward to every week, and I've built many memories inside that classroom.

I always know I can 100% be myself when I'm at Bród Club and I really look forward to going each week!

The existence of this club is very important for LGBTQ+ representation in the school and I'm so happy to be able to go every week.

No matter what kind of day I'm having, I know that once I walk through the doors and into Bród Club I am going to smile. It brings me joy.

The support and kindness that I feel in this room is unlike anything else. So many different people coming together to just be themselves; no judgement, no fear, just friendship.





The club continues to meet every week at lunchtime in Room 112, providing a safe, supportive, and fun space for students of all identities, as well as allies who want to stand up for inclusion and equality. We're already looking forward to expanding our club next year, with new ideas, events, and even more opportunities for students to get involved.

As we head into summer, we want to wish everyone a Happy Pride Month this June! Pride is a time to celebrate diversity, love, and acceptance – values we strive to uphold all year round.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Bród Club this year. Here's to an even brighter and prouder future ahead!

Ms. Howard





Planting trees—GAA green club

In March, we were delighted to win 100 native trees for our school as part of a native tree planting initiative. Students got the chance to be hands-on, planting trees around the school grounds and donating trees to the local community. It was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved, and a great way to spend time outdoors while doing something positive for our environment and creating a greener space for the future.

Ms. S McAndrews





Maths department update

It has been an extremely productive year for the maths department. TY's took part in probability games involving distribution and investigated the fairness of some classic games. Our 1st years were busy discovering pi, and how to prove it with a real-world example. Both 2nd and 5th years have been brushing up on their financial skills and will soon be taking on clients as financial advisors, so book in soon to avoid disappointment. Our Junior and Senior maths teams gained valuable experience in the All-Ireland IMTA competition in March, and we now have our sights set on a win in the competition next year. Wishing the best of luck to our 3rd and 6th years alike, who have worked hard for the last 2 years in the build-up to the commencement of their state exams.

Mr. O'Sullivan

My favourite activity in maths class this year was when we conducted an experiment using probability to predict the outcome of a dice. This was my favourite class because it was engaging and we could apply our maths skills in the real world.

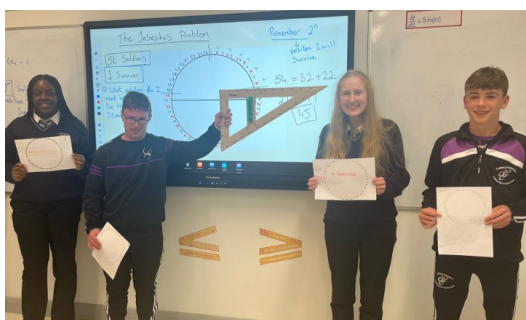
Alon Romen 2nd Year

My favourite topic in class this year was my CBA. For the math's CBA we had to propose a question for example "How many grains of rice could I fit into my mouth?" and then use the maths that we have learned in class to solve our question. I enjoyed this the most this year because it lets us pursue our own interest and complete our own research.

Josh Vijay 2nd Year

Recently in class I did the chapter of financial maths and learned about topics such as mortgages, tax, compound interest, and depreciation. This chapter proved remarkably interesting and interactive as in class I had the opportunity to research my dream jobs salary and calculate its net income after tax; I also got to research real life properties and choose one that I could purchase based on my dream job's salary. This experience was practical, relevant and a notable example of the application of maths in real life.

Kyle Kidney 5th Year





A group of TY students took part in the annual Davis College Model United Nations conference in January. They represented countries from New Zealand to Yemen in three different committees. Students debated a variety of topics and world issues from their appointed country's point of view. The students found this very enjoyable and engaging. A quote from a student- "DCMUN was a fabulous experience for me. I think it made me a better public speaker and improved my general confidence." The conference also acted as a great bonding experience for the students, who feel that they are now closer as a class group.

Following the great success of the conference, including receiving one Honourable Mention award and having four student articles published in the conference newsletter, The United Times, and due to the enthusiasm of the students to continue participating, we held our own Model UN conference here in CCC in February 2026.





Students submitted resolutions, debated a range of world issues, and awards were presented on the day. Due to the continued interest and success of the programmed, a Model UN club for 5th Year students will be established next year to help prepare students for the Davis College Model United Nations conference in 2027, which we are already looking forward to.

Amy Byrne, 4th Year and Ms. Ring





Whole-School Bí Cineálta

Whole-School Bí Cineálta Workshops

At the start of 2026 our school community came together to take part in whole-school Bí Cineálta workshops, promoting the core values of kindness, effort, and respect.

Our First Years participated in three interactive Bí Cineálta workshops, giving them meaningful opportunities to explore what kindness looks like in action, how respectful relationships are built, and how everyone plays a role in creating a positive school environment.

Students from Second to Sixth Year took part in a Bí Cineálta recap workshop, allowing them to revisit key messages and reflect on how kindness and respect can be shown in everyday school life.

Earlier in 2026, we were also delighted to celebrate some of the winners of our Bí Cineálta poster competitions, which showcased students' creativity and their strong understanding of what it means to live out the values of kindness, effort, and respect.

These workshops help bring our Anti-Bullying Policy to life and reinforce our commitment to a caring, inclusive school community. Sincere thanks to the Religion Department for their continued support and dedication in facilitating these important sessions.

Posters by First Years: Molly Dennis, Victoria Kelly, Liam O'Donovan, Emma Crowley, Rina Turkalj, Rebecca Ulicka, Rebekah Lewis, Sophia Walsh, Shivani Sunil and Letizia Messina.

By the Wellness Team



CCC Coders Shine at FIRST LEGO League Competition

The CCC Coders recently took part in the regional finals of the FIRST LEGO League Challenge 2026 in January. This global STEM competition celebrates innovation, creativity and teamwork, and took place in the Hub in UCC, with 14 teams from across Cork city and county competing.



The team — Naoise Verling, Ciaran Carty Blake, Jacob Murphy and Conor Hurley — began the day by setting up their table and testing their robot on the practice boards. After making some final adjustments, they were ready for their first robot game. Showing excellent teamwork and coordination, they completed several challenges and achieved a strong score.

The students then presented their project, “Exploring the Role of Mining in Technological Development and its Environmental Impact”, followed by a question and answer session with the judges. They spoke confidently and demonstrated a strong understanding of their work.

In their final robot game, the team once again performed very well, successfully completing many of the tasks. They were justifiably proud of their efforts.

One of the highlights of the day was Conor Hurley being interviewed by UCC 98.3FM, where he shared his experience of the competition.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience for the team, and they are already looking forward to next year’s challenge.



A special thank you to Ms J Hayes, Mr Cremin and Mr O'Neill for their support in preparing the team and accompanying them on the day.





Geography Club—GeoZoom

This year saw the launch of GeoZoom, a new lunchtime geography club which gave students the opportunity to explore the world beyond the classroom in a fun, interactive, and engaging way. Throughout the year, students took part in a variety of activities and discussions linked to current events, sustainability, natural disasters, geopolitics, and some of the world's most fascinating places.

Popular sessions included Weird and Wonderful Places on Earth, Extreme Earth, and a special collaboration with the History Club exploring the 2010 Haiti Earthquake sixteen years on. Students also engaged with satellite imagery, mystery maps, geography quizzes, and discussions on global issues. Thank you to all the students who attended over the year.

Ms. E Smyth





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!





Platinum Award for CCC Dream Space Ambassadors

Huge congratulations to TY students Dawid Matusik, Michael Smotrycki, Maksymilian Bukowski, Alex Meehan, Daniel Owusu, Alexander Bursztynski, Darragh O'Regan, William Hawkes and Wiktor Lowas, who recently travelled to Dublin to graduate from the Microsoft Dream Space Ambassador Programme.

On graduation day, the students enjoyed a tour of Microsoft Ireland, followed by a range of fun and interactive activities. The day finished with an awards ceremony, where they received the highest possible grade – Platinum certificates – in recognition of their hard work throughout the year.

To achieve this, the group completed an impressive seven training sessions, developed their digital skills, and made a big contribution to school life. They organised an excellent Safer Internet Day campaign in collaboration with the SID Ambassadors, delivered a first-year workshop, and even hosted a Microsoft LIVE event.

The programme has been a very positive experience for all involved, and we are extremely proud of their dedication and achievements.

Well done to all of the students on this fantastic success!







History Department

History Week

The History Department celebrated another successful History Week this term. Our theme was 'The Past in Our Place'. All activities were centred around local themes and personalities. Students in all year groups participated in History week quizzes, scavenger hunts and our Carrigtwohill Gallery Walk of this History of our locality.



History Fest

Second Year students had the opportunity to showcase their Junior Cycle classroom-based assessments for staff and students in our first History Fest Event as part of History Week. Students carried out research linked to the CBA brief of 'The Past in my Place'. Projects ranged from family trees to Austrian castles and WWII. Students in 5C created a fantastic poster wall for our event. Well done to all involved.





History Club

In our weekly lunch time sessions History Club students explored the world of Ancient Egypt, the great soccer event that was 'Italia 90' and the importance of artefacts and time capsules. Students also received their certificates for their project on the Midleton War Memorial as part of the All-Island History Competition. Well done to all involved.



Senior Cycle History

Transition Year and Fifth Year students visited Midleton Library to develop their research skills in preparation for their Research Study Report (RSR). Thank you to the Midleton Library staff for their help during our trips.



Transition Year students presented their RSR projects in class as part of their TY assessments this term.





Home Economics Department

It has been another busy and exciting year in the Home Economics Department, filled with creativity, practical learning, and memorable experiences for our students across all year groups.

Our TY students enjoyed a fantastic educational trip to Clonakilty Black Pudding and Macroom Buffalo, where they explored food production, sustainability, and local enterprise. Students also had the opportunity to hear from Matthew Collins of Sibly Food Co., gaining valuable insight into the food industry and entrepreneurship.

Cookery Club continued to be a highlight throughout the year, with students showcasing their baking talents through festive Christmas Tree Cupcakes and delicious Easter Caramel Cupcakes. Across all year groups, students embraced thematic cookery activities including Halloween Cupcakes, Toffee Apples, Christmas Chocolate Fudge, Gingerbread, Profiteroles, Easter Cheesecakes, and Cookies.

Students also worked hard preparing for and completing their practical cookery exams, including Junior Cycle, 2nd Year, and TY assessments.

Creativity extended beyond the kitchen as our 1st Year students designed and created homemade keyrings as part of their textiles project, developing sewing and design skills. Meanwhile, 2nd Year students demonstrated innovation and sustainability through their upcycling projects completed for their Classroom-Based Assessment (CBA).

The Home Economics Department is incredibly proud of all students for their enthusiasm, creativity, and hard work throughout the year.

By Ms. C Ahearne







Scifest @ school

On Tuesday, 28th April, our second-year STEAM students took part in the school's SciFest competition. Students had been working on their projects since November in preparation for presenting them to a SciFest representative, along with representatives from EirGrid and AbbVie.

The judges were extremely impressed by both the high standard of the projects and the enthusiasm and professionalism shown by the students. Topics explored included the benefits of grey water systems, testing the pH levels in energy drinks, comparing cheap versus expensive hair protectants, investigating bacteria growth on disinfected surfaces, and improving the safe monitoring of toilet access in schools, along with many other creative and innovative ideas.

The variety, creativity, and innovation on display were outstanding and are a real credit to both the students and their teachers. Well done to everyone involved on such a successful and inspiring event.

Ms. C Fenton



Science department update

It has been another busy year in the Science Department in CCC, with students across all year groups getting involved in plenty of practical work and hands-on activities.

First Years really enjoyed getting into the lab for the first time and learning new skills through experiments and investigations.

Second Year students were busy in February completing their CBAs, carrying out lots of experiments and practical activities while learning more about the nature of science through hands-on work. They also took part in heart dissections as part of their Biology studies.

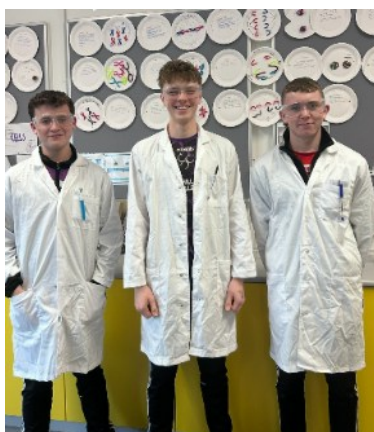
Third Years headed outside to complete their Ecology Habitat Study and investigate local ecosystems and biodiversity. Senior students also had opportunities to explore science outside the classroom, with Senior Ag Science students visiting Macroom Buffalo Farm to learn about sustainable farming, while Senior Biology students carried out field-work in Fota Wildlife Park.

Our 5th Year students also got started on the new AACs as part of the updated Leaving Cert Science courses and have really enjoyed the practical side of the new courses.

Science Week was another highlight of the year, with science orienteering, riddles, “Guess the Scientist” competitions, colouring competitions and chemistry demonstrations all taking place throughout the week. TY students ran science demos for younger students, and we were delighted to welcome visitors from MSD and Wendy House Montessori during the week as well.

Well done to all students and staff who helped make it another great year for Science in CCC.

Ms. A Ring





Transition year reflections

Transition Year Reflection – Aoibhinn Hayes

Personal Growth

TY has been a fantastic year, I experienced a lot of personal growth. Especially in my independence after my 2-month exchange in Málaga where I needed to live without my family and learn a new culture. I also improved my Spanish skills, becoming more confident in speaking and understanding the language. Organisation was very important in GAA future leaders and e.g. the charity walk + TY sleepover mixed with DIL. A challenge I faced this year was pushing myself out of my comfort zone and being the MC for the TY play. I really enjoyed that role. Another highlight of TY was the TY holiday. I was so grateful to get the opportunity to travel abroad with the school and my friends. We got the chance to do so many activities, including visiting the House of Illusions, which was one of the best things I have ever seen, and going to Port Aventura. Overall, TY has helped me improve my ability to face new challenges and make the most of new opportunities.

Being a Learner

My attitude towards learning has changed a lot this year. We didn't have the usual classes and in our core subjects we were doing mostly project-based work. I preferred this way of learning.

My favourite subject this year was Life Skills. It's so practical for real life and the modules were very enjoyable e.g. self defence, Chinese. I really liked first-aid training, the lady was very good and she answered all our questions.

My communication improved because of all the exchanges because I had to talk to people I didn't know and talk to them in a different language.

Career Exploration

During TY, I explored multiple careers. I spent a lot of time in hospitals where I had the opportunity to observe different areas of healthcare and learn about aortic surgery. As part of my TY programme, I also completed a 3-day physiotherapy work experience placement in UCC. I found psychology extremely interesting and enjoyed learning about how the mind works.

A career in psychology really appeals to me because it requires good listening skills, and I would like to help people develop a more positive mindset in life. TY has helped me figure out what I am interested in and what I am not interested in, and it has made me think more about my future.



Civic and Community Engagement

I got involved in so many activities during TY both in school and outside. I volunteered to help my friend in St. Als raise money for the Hope Foundation so she could go to India. I also organized the TY ball, which was stressful at times because I had to collect money from students and communicate with the event manager, but it was very rewarding and helped me improve my teamwork and organisational skills.

I was also captain for our last Junior Camogie match and, even though we lost, we put up a great fight. I hosted a Spanish student as well and helped them settle in and feel comfortable.

Another important part of TY was completing activities for my Gaisce Bronze Award. As part of this, I walked my neighbour's dog, cooked meals for my family and went to my camogie trainings. Helping my neighbour was also a good example of giving back to my community. One of my favourite parts of Gaisce was staying in a hostel with my friends. We went swimming, made smores, played 30 seconds and got to know our teachers better outside of school. It was a really enjoyable experience and we created lots of great memories. I would definitely recommend taking part in Gaisce to other students.

Goals for Senior cycle

For 5th and 6th year I want to keep improving myself personally and academically. I want to focus on the subjects I'm interested in e.g. Biology and I want to stay organized and motivated in my overall life to keep building my confidence and continue developing my communication skills.

Overall TY has been such an amazing experience, it has helped me so much. I would recommend everyone to do TY. I'm so thankful to everyone who helped make my year memorable.





Transition year reflections

Transition Year Reflection – Leah O’Farrell

During TY, I feel I have grown as a person, become more mature and more confident within myself. Throughout the year, I have had many opportunities to take part in, a big range of activities, including work experience, team projects, trips and workshops which allowed me to develop important life skills outside the classroom.

TY gave me the chance to explore new interests, different subjects and opportunities. I have been able to improve my communication skills and teamwork skills.

I feel that this year, I have become more responsible and organised. It was a valuable break from the pressure of exams and studying. The less stress and pressure of having no exams this year made me feel more calm and prepared for next year. This was because TY made learning and school more positive and I now have a better attitude towards learning.

During TY, I did two work experiences, which both were childcare related. I really enjoyed my placement in Toddle in Glounthaune and Wendy's Montessori. Doing work experience in childcare showed me the responsibility that I need to have in order to work in this field. I learned how important patience, communication, creativity, imagination and teamwork are when working with children. Through my placements, talks from guest speakers and school activities, I have learned that it is important to try workplaces to find a job you are interested in and always surround yourself with the right people.

Throughout TY, I did many activities. For example, for the open night I worked in the Engineering room, explaining to the soon to be first years about projects they will be doing, the theory behind them and the importance of safety while being in the Engineering room. I enjoyed doing the TY play with all my friends, classmates and teachers and although this was very enjoyable, my favourite part about TY was the trip to Barcelona, as we did so much, e.g. The theme park, Port Aventura and the magic show at house of illusions.

My goals for 5th and 6th year are:

- ★ Do not stress over everything.
- ★ Try to enjoy it.
- ★ Do well.







Transition Year Sleepover

On Friday, the 8th of May our TYs stayed over night in the school. This was organised and ran by our Gaa Future Leaders classes. It started with tournaments of dodgeball and volleyball in the Pe Hall. Our sports tournament ended with a heated game of girls' vs boys' volleyball. We moved back into An Croí to get dinner. We had pizzas, chips and chicken nuggets. After a while we all headed up to the library to watch the amazing Spider-Man. After a good film, a couple snacks and a lot of talking, half the group decided it was time for bed. The other half did not. We woke then again at 3.15am to prepare for the community to come in for darkness into light. Special thanks to Ms. Lordan, Ms. McAndrews, Ms. Ahearne, Mr. Casey, Ms. O'Sullivan, Mr. Long, Mr. O'Sullivan and Ms. White for taking time out of their weekend to supervise us, making the whole night possible.

Emily Bernard
TY







Transition Gaisce Trip

Our Transition year trip to the Dungarvan greenway- Kilmacthomas.

This trip was one of the highlights of the year, as all our hard work put in to get there was worth it. With some coaching school football teams or learning new talents like guitar, lots of effort was made by everyone. To start our trip, we landed in Dungarvan greenway all bracing for the huge cycle ahead of us. Overcoming the slight complication of a popped tire, we were back in no time. As we reached Kilmacthomas, we cheered as we saw our teachers and the rest of our year. We all sat down in the cafe for a bit recharging before the last 7km of our cycle.

We packed our bags in Ms. Roche's car and set off. Straight away we were cycling up a huge hill but with everyone motivating each other and Ms. Kavanagh showing us all up being first, we got to our hostel safely. As we pulled in the gates with relief, we all jumped off our bikes to go and check out our rooms and the game's room where many games of pool and chess were played.

After food, we headed down to the beach boogie boards and with hurleys in hand, we were ready for the beach. As we plunged into the ice cold water getting pummelled by waves, we knew the hard work with our 13 weeks of activities was worth it. After being in the water for ages, we dried off and played a game of soccer where Mr. O' Sullivan showed off his skills by being a lead goal scorer.

Back at the hostel we started making our S'mores and all went into the games room to play a game of 30 seconds that barley lasted the 30 seconds before moving onto a deadly game of blind man's buff where a couple of knock outs nearly occurred, but all ended well as we went to bed to rest for our 10km walk the next morning.

We woke up the next morning for breakfast before getting ready to head back to the beach. We started our walk to a different beach but it didn't take us long to realise that the beach we were at before was much better so we packed up and headed back there. We ran back into the water, which was even colder than the day before, causing us to get out a bit faster!

We got our lunch and headed back to the bus to sadly return home.

I am so glad I participated in Gaisce as it was my favourite trip of the whole year.

By Claire Crowley
TY







Transition year back stage art team

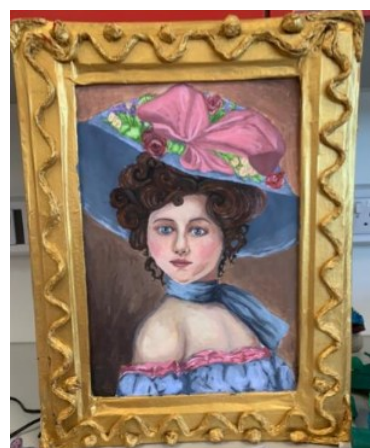
The Transition Year backstage teams have been, yet again, very busy this past year. The students have prepared for not one, but two musicals. Their own production of the Musical 'Oliver' in Art, and the production of Musical Theatre Club's production of 'The Addams Family'.

As always, once the Musicals had been decided, students immediately started making props. We still have a lot of cardboard collected around the school building due to the installation of large interactive screens in each classroom, so students put this cardboard to good use and applied their cardboard construction skills and cardboard attachment techniques to many of the props, which turned out spectacularly well and enhanced the drama on stage.

The students needed to develop ideas for backdrops for each of the scenes that were to be acted on stage. A lot of planning and deliberating was required until final designs were agreed and as you can see from the photographs, the students truly rose to the challenge.

Thank you to our amazing Transition Year backstage art teams for all their hard work.

A special thank you must be given to our talented Spanish exchange students Elsa Bartolome Martin, Alba Garcia Lapenja and Africa Gomez Rodriguez, who painted the street scenes and who's attention to detail, incredible dedication and commitment to their craft made the backstage art such a great success.







Club de español

Spanish Club has continued to be one of the most enjoyable parts of school life this year, with great enthusiasm and participation from students across all year groups. The club provides a positive and welcoming environment where students can practise Spanish in an informal and supportive way.

Open to everyone from First Year to Leaving Cert students, the club helps students to build confidence in speaking Spanish through regular practice and interaction.

The club took place each Thursday at lunchtime in Room 124 and was supported by Ms. Collins, Ms. Cronin, Ms. Kiernan, Ms. Smyth, and our Foreign Language Assistant, Victor, who has since returned to Spain.

Throughout the year, students took part in a variety of fun activities including memory games, Spanish bingo, charades, tongue twisters, and speed-chatting sessions. As summer approaches and many students prepare for holidays abroad, there was also a focus on practical conversational Spanish and useful everyday expressions for travelling in Spanish-speaking countries.

The club also supported students preparing for the Leaving Certificate Oral examinations by focusing on common oral topics and conversational practice, helping students to improve fluency and confidence.

“La práctica hace al maestro” — practice makes perfect — and students showed throughout the year how regular use of the language helps confidence and ability to grow.

We look forward to welcoming students back in September 2026 for another exciting year of Spanish Club. ¡No te lo pierdas!

Ms. N Cronin



Creative writing club

This year, the Creative Writing Club has provided students with a welcoming and inspiring space to explore their love of writing. Meeting every Tuesday at lunchtime in Room 132, students came together to share ideas, develop their skills, and work on a wide variety of creative projects.

Throughout the year, club members worked independently on individual creative writing tasks, producing poems, reflections, short stories, and descriptive pieces. Some students even began writing their own novels, showing impressive creativity, dedication, and imagination.

The club welcomed writers of all experience levels and encouraged students to experiment with different styles and techniques in a supportive environment. It has been wonderful to see students grow in confidence, develop their unique voices, and connect with others through a shared passion for storytelling and creativity.

The Creative Writing Club has been a fantastic addition to student life this year, and we look forward to seeing even more creative ideas flourish next year.

Ms. L O’Keeffe



Being in Musical Theatre club is definitely my favourite memory from this year. I always enjoyed performance and being able to do that in school is amazing. This year we did The Addams Family, and I played Grandma Addams. I always enjoy making people laugh so to be able to do that on stage as a comedic relief role was so much fun.

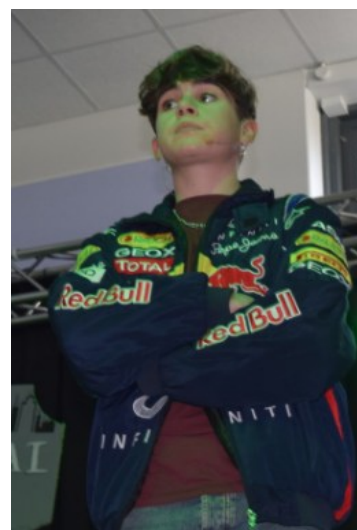
I would recommend Musical Theatre club to anyone who wants to branch out and step out of their comfort zone. I remember being really shy back in 1st and 2nd year and after joining the club in 3rd, I was feeling much more confident not only in myself and my acting skills, but also with how others perceive me. If you told 1st year me that I'd be dancing around acting the fool in a dress and a wig in 5th, I would have laughed in your face. Every part of being in this club was so much fun; the auditions, rehearsals, learning dances, costuming, it was probably the most fun I've had in a while.

How the club works is after school, typically on Tuesdays, members of the club meet and are told what the musical for that year is. Then the next week there would be auditions, and the week after that the directors will announce the cast list and then after some celebration, everyone locks in to making a great show. The memories you make while the show is developing will stick with you for a long time, and I think it becomes more memorable when the show turns out to be as amazing as The Addams Family was. Everyone involved in the show did a phenomenal job. Our directors, Ms. Murnane and Ms. Hughes were fantastic, the rest of the Addams and the Beinekes were outstanding and the ancestors were amazing. The TYs and LCA's that helped out on the day were a great help. Everyone was just so good and showed the passion they have for musical theatre.

I loved every second of performing and rehearsing and I can't wait to do it all over again next year, and hopefully after graduation!



Alex O' Halloran
5th year





Chess Club



The chess club, hosted by Ms Kardkovács on Tuesdays and Thursdays during break, has had a very eventful year. We have been delighted to welcome many new enthusiastic students of all ages and abilities this past year. The chess club has been a great way to make new friends whether you want to play casually or competitively.

The chess club has also joined and hosted a few competitions throughout the year. This includes team and individual competitions. These tournaments have been a great way of meeting new people and improving chess skills. This past year we have attended tournaments in places such as hotels and other secondary schools.

We are looking forward to seeing more people join in the future as well, in the many more competitions we will take part in!

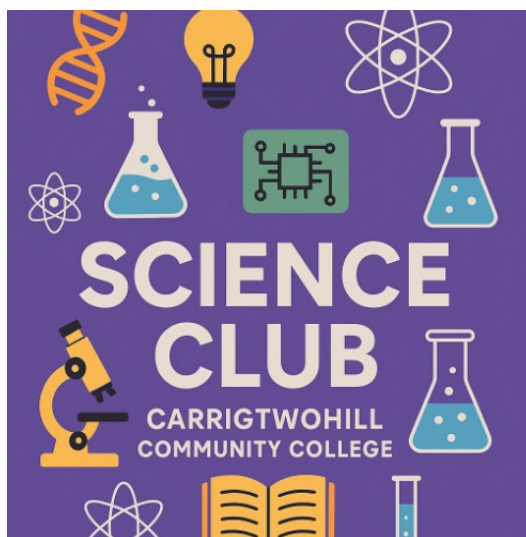
Millie Chen

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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 and 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. A. Ring





CCC Careers Fair 2026

CCC students had a fantastic experience at this year's Careers Fair, where they explored a wide range of study and career options. An Croí was full of activity as students visited different stands and learned about future pathways available to them after school.

Representatives from many sectors attended, including UL, UCC, and other further-education colleges, as well as the pharmaceutical and food industries, the Navy, the Gardaí, the Credit Union, AIB, AFTA, and several other organisations. Students made the most of the day by asking questions, gathering information, and getting a clearer sense of the opportunities open to them.

A sincere thank you to all the exhibitors who joined us on the day. Their support helped create a positive and engaging atmosphere for our students. It was especially encouraging to see students taking the lead, exploring their interests and beginning to think about the many opportunities ahead of them. We are excited to see how what they learned in An Croí will help shape their next steps.

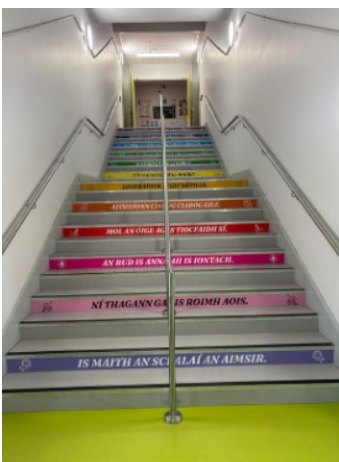
Ms. A Healy



Roinn na Gaeilge

Bhí Roinn na Gaeilge gnóthach i mbliana ag cur na Gaeilge chun cinn timpeall na scoile. Tá sár-iarracht déanta ag múinteoirí agus scoláirí an Ghaeilge a spreagadh i saol laethúil na scoile agus chun atmaisféar dearfach taitneamhach a chruthú timpeall na teanga. Bhíomar gnóthach i mbliana ar cur imeachtaí ar fáil do phobail na scoile. Thug Conradh na Gaeilge cuairt orainn lena seó bóthair, bhí roinnt aisteoireachta ar siúl ag an eagraíocht ‘Caith amach é’, bhí an chéad bhliain i mbun scríbhneoireachta lena gcairde pinn i GCC, eagraíodh roinnt imeachtaí leis an bhfoireann Gaelbhratach agus cuireadh maisiúcháin nua ar staighre na scoile. Bígí cinnte seanfhocail nó dhó a úsáid agus sibh ag dul ó rang go rang. Dar ndóigh, bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar cheann de bhuaicphointí na bliana, agus ghlac scoláirí ó gach bliain páirt ghníomhach sna himeachtaí éagsúla. Reáchtáladh tráth na gceist, comórtais éagsúla, céilí, agus ceol chun scoláirí a spreagadh an Ghaeilge a labhairt laistigh agus lasmuigh den seomra ranga. Tá súil againn gur bhain sibh sult as! Ba mhaith le Roinn na Gaeilge buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil leis na scoláirí agus leis an bhfoireann go léir as a dtacaíocht agus a rannpháirtíocht i rith na bliana. Tá súil againn gur bhain sibh sult as na himeachtaí go léir agus go leanfaidh sibh ar aghaidh ag labhairt na teanga. Ná déanaigí dearmad “Beatha teanga í a labhairt”.

Roinn na Gaeilge.





Athletics Club

South Munster Schools Athletics Success

Our students recently took part in the South Munster Schools Athletics events held on April 28th and 30th, enjoying two fantastic days of competition and achievement. The standard across all events was extremely high, and our athletes represented the school with great determination, sportsmanship, and pride.

We are delighted to highlight some outstanding individual performances. Jack Forde (2nd Year) delivered an excellent performance to secure 1st place in the Mile. Denis Igboanusi (6th Year) showed impressive speed and strength, taking 1st place in the Senior 100m Sprint. Ula Sokolowska (2nd Year) achieved a well-earned 3rd place in the 800m, while Rapheal (4th Year) impressed in the field events, claiming 2nd place in the High Jump.

In addition to these podium finishes, all of our students competed admirably across a wide range of events. Their commitment, enthusiasm, and support for one another contributed to a very enjoyable and successful outing for the school.

Earlier in the year, twenty-eight of our students also travelled to Tramore Valley Park to compete in the South Munster Cross Country race on January 28th. Despite extremely challenging conditions, with the course turning into a mud bath, our students showed great resilience and determination throughout. A special mention goes to Jack Forde (2nd Year), who finished an impressive 6th place overall in the Intermediate category. This outstanding performance earned him qualification for the Munster Championships — a fantastic achievement.

Well done to all involved for representing the school so positively in athletics this year.

Ms. E Murphy & Ms. O'Keeffe.





Fire safety team

Fire Safety – Stay Calm

If the fire alarm sounds, stay calm and leave the building quietly and in an orderly manner. Follow the fire procedures on the back of each door and use the nearest safe exit. Do not use the lift during a fire or drill. If you need assistance on the stairs, go to Centre Stairs 7 and wait for help.

Close and lock doors of classrooms to assist fire safety sweepers. Line up with your class group at your designated assembly point and remain there quietly.

In an emergency, ring 999 or 112 and give the school’s Eircode: T45 YY22. Do not return to the building until the Chief Fire Wardens give the all clear.

Fire Safety Team





Enterprise Club/Enterprise week

Enterprise Club

Our Enterprise Club, led by business teachers, meets every Friday at lunchtime to support and inspire young entrepreneurs. Students Chloe O'Connor (Y2) and Becca Norton (Y1) created a keychain business in Enterprise Club called B&C Iconic Keyrings. The girls hope to launch their business in September 2026. We wish them the best of luck with their Enterprise.



Enterprise week:

The department hosted another successful Enterprise Week this term. Activities for all year groups ranged from scavenger hunts to quizzes, poster competitions and our new Enterprise Week Logo Competition. Congratulations to our winner First Year student Maksymilian Drewnicki with his winning design. This design will be our Enterprise Week Logo for 2026/2027.



Haven enterprise class



Throughout this school year, seven students from The Haven took part in an engaging Enterprise Module. The students learned key enterprise terminology and developed important teamwork, communication, and customer service skills through a range of hands-on activities.

As part of the module, the students successfully organised and completed two enterprise workshops. They began with a bake sale, where they prepared and sold a variety of treats to staff and students. Following this, they organised a teddy bear drive, selling teddies to pupils in the neighbouring primary school, which proved to be a great success.

To finish the module, the students enjoyed a visit to Tory Top Chocolate, where they got a behind-the-scenes look at how a real enterprise operates. It was a fantastic learning experience and the students should be very proud of all they achieved throughout the year.





Business department update

Year Group Updates

Business students across all year groups had a fantastic term.

Second year Business Studies

Second year Business Studies students in Ms. Whelton and Mr. Cremins' class have recently completed their first Junior Cycle Classroom-Based Assessment, CBA 1: Business in Action, selecting the Enterprise in Action option. This exciting project gave students the opportunity to think like real entrepreneurs, and by all accounts they had a fantastic time doing it.

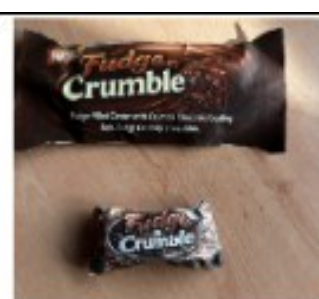
Working in small groups, students investigated the feasibility of their own enterprise ideas. The project challenged them to conduct market research, develop a business plan, and think carefully about how they would bring a product or service to market. The energy and creativity on display throughout the process was a credit to the students and to their teachers.

What students learned:

Students also developed communication and presentation skills through explaining and showcasing their business ideas to others. Overall, the CBA gave students a valuable insight into how businesses operate in the real world and helped them build confidence in applying business concepts in a practical and engaging way.

"They approached this CBA with real enthusiasm and showed genuine business thinking. We are very proud of what they produced."

Ms. Whelton & Mr. Cremins, Business Studies Department





Transition year students

Entrepreneurs in the Making

As part of the Student Enterprise Competition, we had the opportunity to develop and run our own mini-companies, gaining real-world business experience along the way. Throughout the process, we learned how to work effectively as a team, manage responsibilities, and think creatively when solving problems. From designing and developing our product to marketing and selling it, each stage helped us understand what is involved in running a business. We were also fortunate to take part in events such as the competition day in MTU and the Christmas market in Macroom, where we showcased our work and gained valuable experience engaging with the public.



Transition Year Business, Accounting and Economics

Students participated in the 'Be the Boss' Chartered Accountants challenge in MTU. Students were given a tour of the campus, completed the challenge and listened to talks from professionals in the world of business. Congratulations to students Lucy McCarthy and Michael Smotrycki who placed 2nd and 3rd in the Be the Boss Challenge.



Guest Speaker:

We were delighted to welcome Marlene Griffen, owner of SBG Cork City, who visited our Enterprise students today for an inspiring and insightful talk and welcomes students to her business. Marlene shared her journey of setting up and running her own business, giving us a real behind-the-scenes look at both the rewards and the challenges of entrepreneurship and managing business finances. Her honesty, passion and practical advice made the experience incredibly engaging, and it was brilliant for students to gain real-world insight from someone working at the top of their field. A hugely enjoyable and motivating visit that left us all inspired.





Geography Department Update

This year saw many exciting activities within the Geography Department here in CCC.

In October, our Leaving Certificate Geography students swapped the classroom for the great outdoors on a field trip to Glenbower Woods and the River Dissour. Students carried out their fieldwork project tasks along the river, including a detailed investigation of a meander, putting the skills and theory they have developed in class to the ultimate real-world test. Through careful observation, data collection, and hands-on skill development, students experienced first-hand how the concepts they study on the page come alive in the landscape around them.

In second year, Geography students engaged with their Classroom Based Assessments centred on Geography in the News. Through this, they explored a diverse mix of real-world topics, from the global urgency of climate change and the dynamics of local land use here in Carrigtwohill, to the dramatic forces of volcanic eruptions and the hazards of mass movement around the world. The assessments encouraged students to connect classroom learning with current events, developing their ability to analyse geographical issues as they unfold in the world around them.

This year marked the introduction of our Geography Club, Geo Zoom, which proved to be a fantastic hub of curiosity and discussion every Monday at lunchtime.

One of the most exciting events of the year was the introduction of Geography Awareness Week to Carrigtwohill Community College in March. Each day of the week carried its own unique theme. Map Monday set the tone with an exploration of the world through cartography, while Careers Tuesday opened students' eyes to the vast range of professional pathways that a love of geography can lead to. Local Wednesday brought things closer to home, encouraging students to look at the beautiful landscape and heritage here on our doorstep in East Cork. Travel Thursday took imaginations further afield through Cork airport. The week ended on a high note with Fun Fact Friday, which left students genuinely surprised by what our world has to offer.



A particular highlight of Geography week was the visit of two outstanding guest speakers. Marcella Smyth, Ambassador of Ireland to Latvia. She gave a fascinating and thought-provoking talk on life as a diplomat, offering a rare insight into the realities of representing a country abroad and the complex issues that arise in the day-to-day work of an Ambassador. We were also delighted to also welcome Dr. Kieran Hickey, Head of the Geography Department at University College Cork, who delivered an engaging presentation on the threat of climate change to local areas. Dr. Hickey also outlined the exciting range of courses and career pathways available through the UCC Geography Department, giving our students a valuable window into what third-level study in geography can look like and where it can take them.

This year we also saw the introduction of the school's very own weather station, generously donated to the Geography Department by ESB Weather Watch. The station, installed on the school roof terrace, is now recording live data on wind speed, temperature along with atmospheric pressure. The information is beamed directly back to our classrooms in real time. Geography is very much alive and thriving at CCC and we look forward to 2026/2027!

Ms. D. O' Sullivan





TY Spanish exchange to Málaga

This is our third year hosting a group from Platero Green School, Málaga and it might have been the best yet!

This year twelve of our TY students travelled to Málaga for a week in February and in-turn we hosted eighteen students in late April. For this to work, we also have five additional families that joined the hosting experience, and we are very grateful for their contribution!

In Málaga, our students got a taste of what school life is like in Spain, participated in a scavenger hunt in Málaga City and visited the complex of 'La Alhambra' gardens, palace and fortress. They were even lucky enough to visit a rather wet and windy 'Cueva del Tesoro'. Our students made a wonderful effort to get to know each other and to use each other's languages to communicate while also learning about Spanish life and culture.





The students from Málaga visited participated in numerous classes and workshops in CCC. They had cultural visits to Cork City, Cobh, Blarney and Kinsale. They also enjoyed a trip to Zip it and watched a match in Páirc Uí Chaoimh where the Under 20's claimed victory on the night.

All the students were really looking forward to meeting again after their amazing experience in February in Málaga. The students have not only improved their language skills in this exchange, but also made new friends, memories for life, learnt about showcasing their heritage, participated in organising the week of hosting and managing activities. Some students have shown outstanding leadership skills throughout



We are looking forward to continuing this amazing work next year with our partners in Platero Green School!

Ms. S Kardkovács





5th Year Spanish exchange to Bilbao



2026 marked the first Spanish exchange between CCC and Colegio Azkorri in Bilbao.

Having previously hosted twenty-one students and their three teachers in early April, thirteen of our Fifth-Year students and their two teachers travelled to Bilbao on 26 April. They spent six days immersing themselves in Spanish language and culture.

Upon arrival at Bilbao Airport, we took a bus to the school, where we were greeted by our host families. Each student spent Sunday afternoon enjoying family time with their new hosts.

The students were officially welcomed to Colegio Azkorri on Monday morning and taken on a tour of the school. That afternoon, we visited Puente Colgante and Portugalete, guided by our lead host teacher, Aloha. We also attended the local town hall of Getxo, where we were greeted and officially welcomed to the area by the local Director of Youth and Education.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, our students experienced Spanish school life, participating in Spanish, English, Physics, and Chemistry classes. They also enjoyed an afternoon in Bilbao city, visiting the Guggenheim Museum, the stadium of Athletic Bilbao, and exploring the streets of the Old Town.

A highlight of the trip was an afternoon at Sputnik, where our students and teachers took part in indoor rock climbing—some even putting their fear of heights aside to reach the top of the wall.

Our students joined their new Basque partners for a tortilla and pintxos party, where they had the opportunity to sample some local cuisine.



‘Día del Trabajador’ fell on our final day in Bilbao, which meant no school. This allowed our students to spend the day fully immersed in Spanish family life. They enjoyed a group dinner together on the final night before returning home to Ireland exhausted but full of new vocabulary and unforgettable experiences.

When in Ireland, the Bilbao group attended a variety of classes in CCC, took part in a hurling workshop organised by Mr. McCarthy, enjoyed a Cork City scavenger hunt and tour of UCC, and travelled to Killarney, Blarney, Kinsale and Cobh.



Our group joined their partners for some zip lining in Farran Wood and visited Fota Wildlife, before enjoying time together in the Marina Market. On the last night, we had a final group dinner in the Mill Wheel, Midelton

We thank the students for their participation and everyone who helped to make this exchange possible! It was wonderful to see you take on Spanish life and build some lovely friendships along the way. We look forward to seeing you bring both your language and cultural learnings into your study of Sixth Year Spanish next year!

Ms. S Collins





French exchange

From January 11th to January 16th, 18 TY and 5th year students took part in the French exchange to Paris with École Massillon. On the Sunday when we arrived, we met our correspondents and their families in the airport. For me, most of the day was spent being shown around Paris itself. I was shown around the local area and taken to various places. The city was absolutely gorgeous, and I found myself amazed by beauty of the historical buildings. I was also taken to a café and got to try authentic French pastries, which were delicious! The rest of the day was spent at home getting to know the family. It was a brilliant first day.

On Monday we started our activities with the school. We had a welcome breakfast with all of the correspondents, and then we went to class. I was sent to French and English. Being in French class in Paris was a very interesting opportunity and allowed me to gain an immersive experience with the language and how it is learned. After lunch with the correspondents, we then walked to the Notre Dame with our teachers, Ms. Cowman and Ms. Casey. The cathedral was breathtaking, and the guided tour gave us lots of information about the building and what all of the intricate details symbolised. After Notre Dame, we headed to the Musée du Chocolat, and we were able to taste a variety of different chocolate. After the trip, I spent the evening hanging around Paris with my correspondent and friends on the exchange. We all had a wonderful time together.

We spent the week visiting a variety of amazing monuments and gorgeous landmarks all around Paris. We went to places such as Notre Dame, la Tour Eiffel, l'Arc De Triomphe and le musée du Louvre, all of which I found to be fascinating and stunning. The guided tours, some of which were given by our correspondents themselves, provided us with a lot of information about these areas. This was information that we would not have learned without the exchange. As well as going to these more historical landmarks, we also took some time to go to more recreational areas, such as trying chocolate in the Musée du Chocolat and having time to go shopping in Les Halles.

Going to Paris was an experience that felt like no other. It was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. The exchange was a great chance to improve our French oral and listening skills, as we were fully immersed within the language and the culture. I truly felt my French has improved since going on exchange. Not only was it a great chance to improve my French, but it was also a brilliant opportunity to get to know people from other countries. The correspondents were all so sweet and welcoming to us. The highlight of the exchange was, without a doubt, getting to know and spending time with them. I loved each moment that we had together, and I really got to know them as the exchange went on.



Then, in April, the correspondents came to Cork and stayed with us for the week. During the week, we took them all around Cork. On Monday and Tuesday, they went into town to have a guided tour of UCC and went to Cobh to visit

the Titanic Museum. We joined them on Wednesday and Thursday, where we visited Charles Fort and the town of Kinsale, and Blarney Castle and town. My personal favourite trip was the trip to Blarney and the Castle. I had never been before, so it was great being able to visit such a well-known destination in Cork. The gardens were absolutely gorgeous, and I would like to revisit them sometime.

Outside of school, I tried to spend as much time with my correspondents and do as much different things with them as possible. I took them out into the village to hang out, into Cork City to go shopping, bowling, and to see a match in a pub. My correspondents were enthralled by Ireland and told me they loved everything we did. It felt like I got to know them even better when they came to Ireland, they really became such good friends to me. Seeing them leave was such a sad feeling. We really got so close during our time together, and I hope to keep in touch!

The exchange was such a fantastic experience for everyone. It obviously helped me to develop my French language skills and build upon my knowledge about the language and the culture. Not only that, but it was also an amazing opportunity to get to know a whole group of new people and is something I would highly recommend that anybody do should they get the opportunity to do so.

Conor Ryan, 4th year.





Sporting Round-Up

CCC boy's football:

It was a year of highs and lows for the CCC Boys Gaelic football team, but from the very beginning, this squad showed heart, grit, and determination. The journey began deep in the trenches of the GAA pitch on dark Thursday evenings, where players trained like warriors under the watchful eyes of Mr. Guiney and Mr. Prenderville. Every dropped ball was punished with relentless laps, while every wild “Hail Mary” shot was met with roaring demands for more discipline and sharper focus. Sweat poured, legs burned, and standards never slipped as the team battled through gruelling sessions in pursuit of glory.

As the weeks progressed, CCC's campaign kicked off with an U19 showdown against Deerpark on the famous Barrs GAA pitch. Expectations were high, but the match proved to be a real wake-up call for the team. Deerpark came out firing and capitalised on key moments, while CCC struggled to find their rhythm throughout the game. Despite efforts from the sideline and a number of tactical changes from Mr. Guiney, CCC couldn't turn the tide. Deerpark eventually walked away with the win, leaving CCC disappointed but more determined than ever to bounce back stronger.



Team photo on the day from CCC vs Deerpark.





After that opening defeat, the team returned to the hard grind of training, back down the dark tunnel and onto the astroturf at the community centre in Carrigtwohill. Conditions were far from ideal, but the squad kept battling on. The weather seemed determined to derail CCC's season at every turn — flooded pitches forced cancellations, frozen grounds brought training to a standstill, and even red wind warnings swept across the county. Week after week, the players faced challenge after challenge, but through the chaos and setbacks, the determination within the camp only grew stronger.

With the season hanging in the balance, attention soon turned to strengthening the management team alongside Ms. O'Reilly, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Prenderville, and Mr. Guiney. The question on everyone's lips was simple, who could bring fresh energy and inspiration to the squad? Then came the answer that lifted spirits across the camp: the arrival of the legendary Ms. Brennan. Her introduction brought a new sense of belief, determination, and fire to CCC, as players sensed that the tide of the season could finally be about to turn

Next up came the 1st year boys' clash in Mayfield, a hugely important outing for the young squad. It gave the management team a first real look at the talent coming through the ranks, as players battled to prove themselves and stake their claim for positions on the team. Every tackle, kick, and score mattered as the lads showed flashes of skill, determination, and potential, giving supporters plenty of reasons to be excited for the future of CCC Gaelic football. There are some serious footballers in that squad, and the future of CCC Gaelic football is looking incredibly bright.





Sporting Round-Up

The next major test came in Carrigtwohill as the U17 footballers lined out against Deerpark in a fiercely contested battle. From the first whistle, the intensity was electric, with both sides throwing everything into every tackle and attack. Carrig dug deep when it mattered most, and just when the game hung in the balance, substitute Alan O'Brien produced a moment of pure magic. Rising to the occasion, he fired home a sensational bicycle kick that sent the sideline into chaos and sealed a famous victory for Carrig. It was the type of finish that will be talked about around the school for years to come.

Building on their momentum, CCC next faced a demanding trip to Dungarvan to take on Comeragh College. The opposition proved to be well-drilled and strong throughout the contest, but CCC entered the game already stretched to the limit, carrying a serious list of injuries that left the panel depleted.

Despite these setbacks, the lads showed tremendous resilience and character from start to finish. Players dug deep, covering unfamiliar positions and refusing to let heads drop, even as the game became increasingly difficult. While Comeragh held the upper hand on the day, CCC's fierce determination and spirit stood out, earning them respect for the way they battled through adversity right to the final whistle.

Next up were the U14s, who took to the field against Douglas Community College in a lively and competitive encounter. CCC found themselves under pressure at times, but they dug deep and managed to stay in the contest right to the end. In the closing stages, CCC were fortunate to come away with a draw, but it was a hard-earned result that reflected their persistence and refusal to give in. Despite the intensity of the game, the lads clearly enjoyed the occasion and gained valuable experience from a closely fought battle.



Across the season, CCC Gaelic football endured a packed schedule at every age level, with countless matches played and plenty of moments that didn't go their way. Results were mixed throughout, but the effort and commitment never dipped, as every squad continued to represent the school with pride in tough conditions.

The U17 Lord Mayor's Cup, the big one everyone had been waiting for. The pinnacle of the campaign, it marked the final challenge after a long year of training, set-backs, and battles on the pitch, bringing the CCC football journey to a dramatic and highly anticipated conclusion.

Over the course of the day, CCC faced three intense clashes against Douglas, Bandon Grammar School, and Presentation Brothers College. Each game demanded everything from the lads, with no shortage of hard hits, skill, and determination on display throughout. By the end of a demanding competition, CCC secured a respectable 3rd place overall — a strong finish in a fiercely competitive tournament.

Most importantly, the squad enjoyed the experience, representing the school with pride and giving everything right to the final whistle. Below are some pictures from the day.



That concludes the season from the management of the CCC Gaelic football team. I would like to sincerely thank my colleagues for their constant support, commitment, and effort both on and off the pitch throughout the year. A special mention must also go to the students — they have been excellent to work with, showing great attitude, improvement, and real progress throughout the season, which made the entire journey very rewarding.

Mr. C Prenderville.



Sporting Round-Up

CCC Girl's soccer:

U17 & U19 Girls' Soccer Success

It has been a historic and hugely successful year for girls' soccer in CCC. Our U19 girls made history in September by lining out for the very first time at this age level and began their campaign in style with an emphatic victory in the opening round of the Munster Cup. Throughout the year both our U17 and U19 teams showed tremendous commitment, teamwork and skill, representing the school brilliantly in every match.



The U17 girls enjoyed an incredible season, progressing from the Munster Quarter Finals all the way to All-Ireland glory. Along the journey they produced some outstanding performances, including victories in the Munster Semi-Final, Munster Final and All-Ireland Semi-Final before being crowned All-Ireland Champions in Ballingarry, Limerick in March.

Many players starred throughout the campaign, with Lily O'Connell and Molly Dennis producing some exceptional attacking displays and contributing crucial goals at key moments. Defensively, Emily Bernard, Teagan O'Sullivan, Clodagh Dorgan, Maedhbh Carroll and Ellie O'Shea were outstanding throughout the year, helping the team remain composed under pressure in some very tight encounters.

The All-Ireland Final saw CCC defeat Salerno Secondary School, Salthill 4-1 in a fantastic team performance. Molly Dennis scored a hat-trick while Lily O'Connell also found the net as CCC sealed a memorable victory. Every member of the squad played their part throughout the campaign and represented the school with pride, determination and sportsmanship.

A huge congratulations to all players and coaches involved on an unforgettable year for girls' soccer in Carrigtwohill Community College.



CCC Boy's Soccer:

It has been another fantastic year for boys' soccer in CCC, with teams across all age groups enjoying success in both the Munster and Cork Cups. From First Year through to Senior level, students showed tremendous determination, resilience and teamwork while proudly representing the school throughout the season.

Our U15 side began their campaign in excellent fashion with a brilliant comeback victory against Pobalscoil na Tríonóide in the Munster Cup. After trailing 2-0 at half time, the team showed incredible character to battle back and secure a memorable 4-2 win. The First Year team also enjoyed a dramatic start to their season, defeating Ballincollig Community School 4-3 after extra time in the Munster Cup before following it up with another thrilling extra-time victory against Douglas Community School in the Cork Cup. Goals from Kevin Davis, Zayd Hazeema and Lee Cotter helped seal a 5-2 victory after a hugely competitive contest.

The U17 boys also had an impressive year, recording a strong 4-2 win against CBC in the Cork Cup. Goals from Patrik Adedokun, Jamie O'Shea and Eoin Garvey helped the team secure victory, while Owen Aghedo earned man of the match for an outstanding performance. At Senior level, CCC produced a commanding display in Waterford with a 3-1 Munster Cup victory over De La Salle. Sean Óg Madden scored twice while Noah Nsengiyumva added a third with a powerful header. Strong defensive performances from Colm Harte, Bryan Wiecek, Evan O'Connor and Roan O'Keeffe ensured CCC saw out the result in style.

A huge congratulations to all players and coaches involved across the different teams this year. Their commitment, sportsmanship and teamwork have been a credit to Carrigtwohill Community College throughout the season.





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Camogie:

1st & 2nd Year:

Our 1st and 2nd Year camogie team enjoyed a fantastic season this year, taking part in the Minor League and representing the school with great pride and determination throughout.

The girls competed in a series of very competitive matches, showcasing their developing skills and teamwork against strong opposition, including Coláiste An Chroí Naofa and Coláiste Fionnchua. Each game brought new challenges, but the team rose to the occasion every time, demonstrating resilience, commitment, and a positive attitude.

Their efforts saw them progress all the way to the semi-final, where they faced Carrigaline Community School. Despite a tough and closely contested battle, the girls were unfortunate to lose out on the day. However, their performance was a true reflection of the hard work and dedication they have shown all season.

Great credit is due to the entire panel for their consistent effort at training and in matches throughout the year. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship have been outstanding, and they should be very proud of their achievements. The future of camogie in the school is certainly bright!

Ms. E.Murphy & Ms. O'Keeffe.



Junior Camogie:

It has been another successful year for CCC's Junior Camogie team.

Their campaign began away to CCN, Carrignavar in September. Despite missing several key players, the girls made a strong statement in the opening round, producing an excellent performance to secure a 6-5 to 2-9 win.

Our second group game was at home to Coláiste an Chraoibhín, Fermoy. With some of our older players away on the Spanish Exchange, younger members of the panel stepped up brilliantly and grabbed their opportunity. A superb team display saw CCC come away with another win on a scoreline of 4-5 to 2-4.

These results meant that CCC topped the group and earned a home county semi-final against Edmund Rice, Carrigaline. The game took place at the Cork Colleges Pitch in Mahon in November. In difficult winter conditions, the girls showed tremendous determination and teamwork throughout. The backs worked tirelessly, delivering quality ball into the midfield and forwards, who took some excellent scores. Their hard work paid off with a deserved 4-4 to 1-2 victory in a fiercely contested game.

The win set up a rematch of last year's Minor Final against St. Brogan's, Bandon on Friday, 16th January. There was a fantastic showing of support for CCC on the day, which gave the girls a huge lift. Although St. Brogan's proved the stronger side on the occasion, the team never gave up and played with the heart, commitment and spirit that they have shown all year.

Well done to all involved on a fantastic season. We wish the girls the very best with their clubs over the summer and look forward to seeing them back in the CCC colours again next year.

Ms. S Collins & Ms. C Daly





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Camogie:

Senior Camogie:

Our Senior Camogie team did us very proud this year in both the Munster and Cork Colleges competitions. They reached the semi final in the Munster comp, losing out to the eventual winners who were a super side. It is fantastic to see camogie continuing to grow in the school, with 32 girls named on our senior panel for 2025/2026, compared to just 10 players in 2020/2021



We would like to take this opportunity to thank every student who represented the CCC camogie team this year, especially those who are now leaving us; Zoe Allen, Emma-Jane O'Sullivan, Elia Deriu, Sarah O'Shea, Hailey McAllen, Lucie Fennelly, Abbie Ahern, Lucie Ahern, and Ellen Cashman.





Thank you, girls, for your commitment, dedication, and outstanding enthusiasm over the years. It has been a privilege to be part of your camogie journey over the past six years. We wish you all the very best in your Leaving Certificate examinations. Bring the same determination to your studies that you brought to the pitch, and there will be no doubt about your success.

We very much look forward to next year's camogie season, when we will do it all over again.

Go raibh maith agaibh a chailíní, agus go n-éirí libh.

Ms. C Daly and Gillian





Sporting Round-Up



Hurling:

U14

Our U14 players had lots of outings this year. We had many training sessions after school at the Community Astro and Carrigtwohill GAA. Our games started with a blitz in MTU where we played teams from Youghal, Buttevant and Críost Rí, picking up some wins and losses. We went on to play Críost Rí on two more occasions following this. We then took on Middleton CBS before playing Youghal once again in Youghal in preparation for championship. We were drawn against Bandon in the first round and were narrowly beaten following a strong finish from our side.

U15

Our U15s kicked off their year in the rain with a difficult challenge game against a strong Gaelcholáiste Mhuire, AG side which was played up in The North Mon. A few weeks later, we showed great signs of improvement in a home game v St. Colmans, Fermoy.

We were drawn against a very strong Blarney team in the first round of the Munster Championship in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. We raced into an early lead in what was a game of two halves. Blarney grew into the game with the wind now at their backs, and stole it at the death thanks to a late goal. We will take lots of learning from this game as we prepare for the U16 B County Championship next year.

Finally, we played Middleton CBS in the Thomas McDonough Shield at the start of May which gave all players a chance to get more game time before the end of the year.



U16

Our U16s began the year with an U16 County Championship first round clash in Ballincollig. We defeated Ballincollig Community School following extra time and penalties in what was a cracking game. Our lads then went on to win the quarter and semi final of the competition quite comfortably v Boherbue and Millstreet respectively. We returned to Páirc Uí Chaoimh for the final v Blarney in what was a thriller. Blarney raced in to an early 8 point lead. We overturned their early dominance and gained a real foothold in the game. Half way through the second half we lead by 8 points. Unfortunately a late Blarney surge saw us concede three late goals and lose the game in the end. Both teams served up a highly entertaining game where a great standard of hurling was on show. Mr Hogan, Mr Power and Mr O'Regan are incredibly proud of the efforts put in by this group.

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Sporting Round-Up

Boys rugby



As the school year draws to close, we would like to thank those who answered the call to bring rugby back to CCC. It was a fantastic year in which both U15 and U17 boy's teams had a few outings through Munster Rugby Developmental Blitzes. Many first-time players grew into the sport as the year went on, and they were well supported by those who play regularly outside of school. It was an excellent experience for all involved. We hope to build on this great foundation next year and grow the sport in CCC.

Mr. D Lucey



Golf at CCC

Our junior and senior golf teams competed in the golf Ireland Munster schools' competitions for the first time ever. Luke Murphy in third year came very close to winning the Munster qualifying individual event in Mallow GC.

Junior Team

Luke Murphy, Matthew Cashell, Conor McSharry and Jack Beechinor.

Senior Team

James Lambe, James Fennelly and Joshua Quill.

The CCC golf team enjoyed a school golf outing in Cobh Golf Club. Wonderful participation on the day with some tremendous golf being played.

Special mention to first year student James Fennelly who is representing the Munster golf team.

Next year the golf team will again compete in the Munster schools competitions along with our in house CCC golf outings

Mr. B Feeney





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Boy's Basketball:

We are super proud of our first and second year boys basketball teams for coming through two tough groups to make the league quarter finals. Their dedication to training was outstanding this year. We are looking forward to next year's campaign already

Ms. M White



CCC Girls basketball:

U19 Girls Basketball – A Season to Remember

It has been another fantastic season for girls' basketball in our school, with all teams showing tremendous commitment, skill, and determination throughout the year.

Our U19 team had an outstanding campaign, winning both the Munster League and the All-Ireland Cup Final after a series of excellent performances. Their teamwork, dedication, and hard work were evident all season, and these achievements are a testament to the effort put in by both players and coaches. The team now looks forward to representing the school at the World Student Games in Valencia this November. This is an incredible opportunity and a proud moment for the entire school community.

Our U16 team also had a very strong season, reaching the Cork semi-final. Although they narrowly missed out on progressing further, the girls displayed great determination and resilience throughout the competition and can be very proud of their achievements.

There was also great success for our First Year and Second Year teams, both of whom reached their respective Cork semi-finals. The girls faced very tough opposition throughout the season but continued to improve with every match, gaining valuable experience and showing excellent spirit and teamwork.

Congratulations to all players involved in girls' basketball this year. Your dedication and enthusiasm have made it a hugely successful season for the school, and we look forward to even more success progressing to the A division next year.

Ms. Whelan and Ms. L Murphy





Darkness into light

Carrigtwohill Community College, in partnership with Carrigtwohill GAA and Healthy Clubs, came together to support the important cause of Darkness Into Light. Although this was the first time our school hosted the event, it was made possible through the dedication and hard work of Ms. Lordan, Ms. McAndrews, and our GAA Future Leaders.

In the early hours of Saturday morning, at 4:15 a.m., our community gathered at CCC to walk from darkness into light. As the sun rose, families, students, teachers, and members of the wider community walked side by side in support of Pieta and one another.

The turnout was truly incredible, and there was something very special about seeing the entire community united for such a meaningful cause. After the walk, everyone enjoyed light refreshments and music, which provided a lovely conclusion to a memorable morning.

An outstanding €8,513 was raised for Pieta, showing what can be achieved when people come together with a shared purpose. This remarkable contribution will help Pieta continue its vital work supporting those in crisis and their families.

A sincere thank you goes to Ms Lordan, Ms McAndrews, the GAA Future Leaders, the Art Department, and Float Middleton for their support and generosity in helping to organise such a successful event.

Let us be a light for others when they are going through darkness. In a vast universe, you matter—
always

Lucy O' Connor

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In memory of Jonathan Gawlowski

The Constant Traveller

You never feared the dark.
While others saw only shadows,
You looked up and saw constellations.
Stories waiting to be mapped,
Stardust waiting to be understood.

They told us the universe is expanding,
But they didn't tell us how fast it fills with memories.
You loved the silent, cold expanse,
Yet you brought such warm light to our small corner of it.

Now, you remain the constant traveller.
Now, beyond time and gravity,
You are exploring the nebulae you once dreamed of,
Tracing orbits in the quiet between the stars.

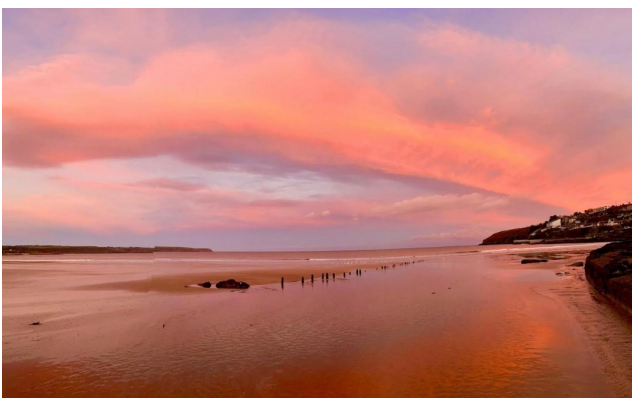
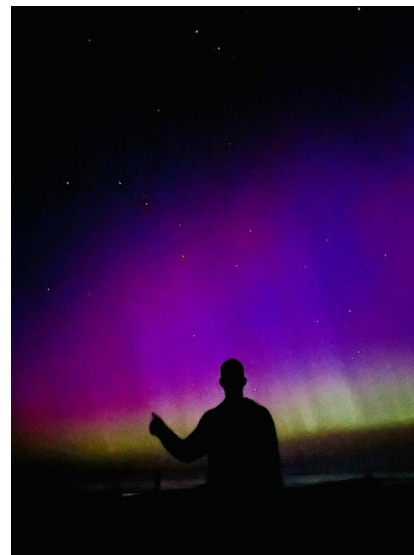
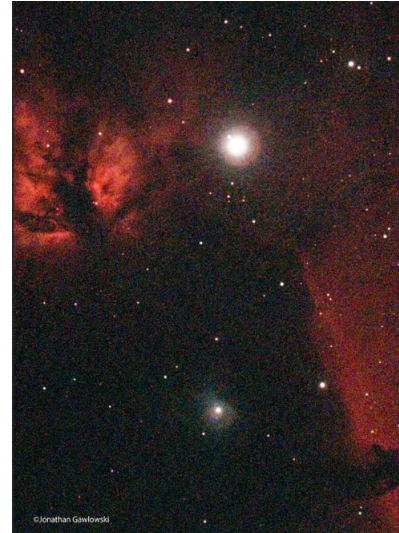
When the sky is heavy and the night feels too vast,
We will look up,
Not to find you far away,
But to find you everywhere.

You are stardust that lived.
And in our hearts,
Your light will never burn out.

Rest in peace, dear Jonathan.



Imagery captured by Jonathan





Story by creative writing club member

Kristof was still drawing in his bedroom as he was home alone. He was using his colouring pencils his father Hans gave him for his 10th birthday, when his mother, Merida, Was still here. She gifted him a teddy bear. Merida said the teddy bear already had a name. Mr. Cee-man. It was an odd name for a teddy bear; however, Kristof loved the name of the teddy bear.

Kristof heard a bang from the sheds window. He froze. Someone is in the cabin. He slowly picked up his sharpest pencil, and tip-toed out of his bedroom, to the back garden. He held his breath and tightened his other fist. When he opened the door... it was just a barrel which fell off the shelf. He took a sigh of relief. He walked back into the house; however, he heard a tune... a tune he has never heard before. "Where did you go? Where did you go? Where you have gone, I will never know" Kristof rolled his eyes. "Lisa did you ditch school again?" He rudely asked. He straddled into the forest with his arms moving back and forth. A twig snapped. Leaves were rustling. Kristof had a feeling it was not Lisa, Lisa would respond by now.





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