



Newsletter Summer 2023

Retirements



This summer we bid a fond farewell to our Deputy Principal Carmel O'Neill and LCA Co-ordinator Cathy Bass who are retiring after many years of loyal service to Castleknock Community College. Ms O'Neill and Ms Bass were respected by all in the school community. They have been steadfast in their commitment to the core values of the College and showed great capacity to care for all in their charge. We wish them health and happiness in the years ahead



EU 50 Day – May 8th

We were delighted to welcome Roderic O'Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; Jack Chambers Minister of State for Transport and Environment, Climate & Communications; & Greek Ambassador, Mrs Magdalini Nicolaou. To celebrate the occasion our school choir performed the European Anthem, "Ode to Joy".



Drama Club

The CCC Drama Club welcomed students of all year groups on Mondays during lunchtime to rehearse and perform a variety of scenes and rap poetry. This term, students performed a short fable. We look forward to welcoming back our budding actors and actresses in September.

Kevin Bell Repatriation Fundraiser

Our Second Year Students were proud to present a cheque for €1989.40 to Colin Bell of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust during their Summer Award Ceremony. The proceeds came from a non-uniform day organised by Rang Lismore. All Second Year Students collectively walked the length of Ireland in Tír na nÓg to raise awareness for the Trust.

Localise Award



Students from Rang Lismore received the Localise National Youth Volunteering Award recently in DCU for their fundraising initiative for the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust.



One Good School Initiative

We are delighted to announce that Castleknock Community College has been awarded the “One Good School Gold Award” from Jigsaw. This has been achieved through the partnership between students, staff and parents sharing the responsibility for promoting and supporting youth mental health across the whole-school community.

The One Good School group here in CCC, with the support of Jigsaw, will continue to enable our whole-school community to promote- and support youth mental health. We want to thank all involved for their hard work, dedication and commitment to this project and we hope that the impact of this initiative continues to benefit our school community into the future. Congratulations and well done to all involved!

Parents Association

The Parents Association celebrated the success of their Annual Plant Sale with a dinner for volunteers who assisted with the Plant Sale in May. The dinner, which was attended by over fifty volunteers, was held in the College on Friday 9th June. A cheque for €32,000 was presented to the Principal, John Cronin. Proceeds from the Plant Sale will be used to improve student facilities and upgrade the courtyard area. The PA also made a presentation to Carmel O’Neill, as a mark of appreciation for twenty-seven years’ service to the College. We thank the Parents Association for their loyalty & support throughout the school year and all who contributed to the wonderful atmosphere at this year’s Plant Sale.



Sporting Success Stories

There were many memorable moments to celebrate during the last term. We thank all students who represented the College in sport and the teachers who coached them over the past year:

Dublin Champions: The U14 hurlers were crowned Dublin champions in a very impressive display against Salesians, Celbridge in Abbotstown on 23rd May.



First Year Hurling: We congratulate the First-Year boys who defeated Lucan CBS to win the First Year Plate.



Basketball: Our Junior Girls capped off an amazing year by competing in the All Ireland competition in Tullamore. The girls gave their best effort and although they were unsuccessful, they represented the college brilliantly.

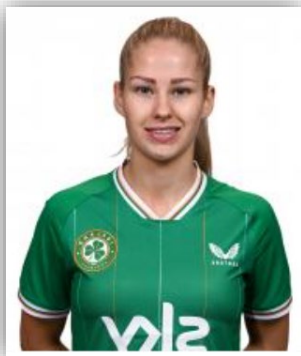
Leinster Athletics Championships: Our Athletics Team represented the College very well at the recent Leinster Championships. Congratulations to Mia Brett (Rang Durrow) who finished third in the 100m & 200m finals. Congratulations also to Catherine Dempsey (Rang Guerin) who finished 2nd in the 1,200m walk. Senior students, Louie Woodger (Rang Tory) & Aoife Brown (Rang Ratlin) came third in their races at the Leinster Finals.



Climbing: Our Talented Team of Climbers scaled the heights to achieve second place in the All Ireland Climbing Competition.



Man of the Match: Transition Year student Lennie Cahill (Rang Crean) was named Man of the Match in the recent Minor Leinster Football Championship.



Soccer: Peamount United's, Tara O'Hanlon (Rang Burke) traveled to the USA in April having been called up to the International Team. Defender Tara returned to the College after Easter with two International Caps. All in the College are proud of her achievements.



Judo: Well done to Fintan Dooley (Rang Tory) who came second in the Adaptive Judo Competition in Bologna.

Rowing: Congratulations to Ms Eileen Kelly who came 1st ahead of 22 participants in the Liffey descent on Saturday 6th May.

School Uniform

J. Grants Uniforms will be selling the full range of new uniform items online at www.grantsuniforms.ie and at both branches of Grants as per the school uniform list. Grants will organise a pop-up shop in CCC on **Wednesday 28th June from 12pm -4pm.**

Parents/Guardians who wish to purchase second-hand uniform items, please email ccc.uniform.sale@gmail.com to request an order form. All proceeds will be donated to Pieta House, Lucan. Collection date for uniform orders will be Saturday 24th June between 11.30am and 12.30pm at the school reception area.

Uniform Standards

We appeal to parents & guardians to support the College in ensuring that the highest standard of uniform is maintained during the next academic year. The Uniform Policy clearly outlines the standard of uniform expected. The visual below is a guide to the type of footwear that complies with the College Uniform Policy:

Acceptable



Not acceptable



HPV Vaccinations: Information for Parents and Students

The Laura Brennan HPV vaccine catch-up programme is underway. The Laura Brennan HPV vaccine catch-up programme is for some people who did not get the vaccine when it was offered to them in school. The HPV vaccine protects against the HPV virus which can cause cancer.

Who can get a vaccine?

The catch-up programme offers a HPV vaccine to:

- females in 2nd to 6th year of secondary school
- females under the age of 25
- males in 2nd to 4th year of secondary school
- males in 5th year who skipped Transition Year

If you are 16 or older and eligible for the catch-up programme, you can [book an appointment online](#).

Vaccination clinics are being held across Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County, including on Wednesday 19th July from 9:30-16:30 at Corduff Health Centre, D15 T9NH and on Tuesday 13th June, 9:30-16:30 at North Strand Health Centre, D01 CC81. More information about eligibility and the catch-up programme is available [at this link](#). Appointments for these and other clinics can be made [at this link](#)

End of Year Award Ceremonies

End of Year Summer Award Ceremonies for all Year Groups were held in the final week of the term. The LC2 Graduation Ceremony was held on Wednesday 24th May. These ceremonies are an important opportunity for the College to recognise and affirm those students who embody the College's core values of Courtesy, Respect and Responsibility in their day-to-day encounters with their teachers and peers. We are delighted to salute these students and pass on our congratulations to them and their families. The list of the Summer 2023 Award recipients:

First Year		
Merit Awards		
Binchy	Sophie Rigney	Samuel Flood
Blackmore	Lucy Murrin	Dominik Hradilek
Buckley	Ines Pereira	Conor Lynott
Corless	Rachel McGarr	Lucas MacCláimha
Guerin	Sinead Walsh	Yohannes McCann
Finucane	Ellie Doyle	Oisin Nulty
Harrington	Isla O'Dwyer	Donnacha Carr
Robinson	Sophia Hannigan	Zac Coyne
Spirit of the College		
Binchy	Clodagh Sheehan	Michael Conway
Blackmore	Carrie Keenan	Ramadan Botic
Buckley	Hannah McCarthy	Padraig Timony

Corless	Sara Dushaj	Krishna Ellanti
Guerin	Sophie Hill	Catherine Dempsey
Finucane	Sarah Mazilescu	Daniel Sulyma
Harrington	Vaibhavi Hadke	Joshua O'Brien
Robinson	Callum Gavin	Emma Plunkett
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Finucane	Sarah Mazilescu	Daniel Sulyma
Harrington	Vaibhavi Hadke	Joshua O'Brien
Robinson	Callum Gavin	Emma Plunkett
Category Awards		
Music	Lucy Stack	Alan Glennane
Art	Gabriella Dementaviciute	Charlie Hyland
Cultural Award	Wiktorija Bogudzinska	Senan Boyle
Sports	Emma Plunkett	Conor Bredin
Student of the Year	Bea O'Brien	Luke Costello
Second Year		
Merit Awards		
Ardagh	Joshika Angadu Kannan	Colm Honan
Broighter	Abigail Tolan	Dominic O'Sullivan
Cathach	Mia-Rose Healy	Harry Foley
Durrow	Vicky Zhang	Conor Laidler
Kells	Robyn Connolly	Killian O'Hea
Lismore	Hasini Amba	Muhammad Rauf
Newgrange	Emma Cooling	Matthew Ryan
Tara	Fia McGrath	Jamie Brogan
Spirit of the College		
Ardagh	Aimee Browne	Rian Giltrap
Broighter	Zoe O'Grady	Alex Kearney
Cathach	Shambhavi Varanasi	Eabha de Bhulbh
Durrow	Rose Leyden	Jack Hayden
Kells	Abdullah Bhadmus	Sophia Shehur
Lismore	Megan Scott	Oscar Sweeney
Newgrange	Isobel Scully	Toby McCarthy
Tara	Sebastian Kennan Bates	Shahad Mohamed
Category Awards		
Cultural Award	Aimee Dunne	Alan Silin
Art	Juliet O'Connor	Sarah Lynch
Music	Kayla O'Gorman	Oluwadara Fajaiyeyomi
Debating	Aoife Marron	Darragh Cullinan
Sports	Caoimhe Brady	Glenn Barker
Student of the Year	Ava Moffatt Geary	Cillian Breen

Third Year		
Merit Awards		
Cormac	Romaysa Hamza	Lochlann Byrne
Dáire	Megan Stacey	Ruairi McGovern
Deirdre	Erin McDonagh	Fionn Moore
Ferdia	Anamaria Diaconescu	Ferdea Ward
Fergus	Paulina Koricinova	Fionn Casey
Meabh	Jessica Regan	Eoghan Dunne
Neasa	Sarah Cooray	Cathal Bruen
Spirit of the College		
Cormac	Sean Friel	Siddharth Agrawal
Dáire	James McDermott	Anfaal Ather
Deirdre	Eoin O'Brien	Anastasia Gorobinski
Ferdia	Dexter Velcu	Cleopatra Cucos
Fergus	Naoise Carr	Jake O'Neill
Meabh	Carol Healy O'Sullivan	Lilly Manicle
Neasa	Arham Sheikh	Victoria Good
Category Awards		
Cultural Award	Lola Duff	Maanas Vemulapalli
Art	Ava Song	James Brennan
Music	Rachel Marshall	Adam Joyce
Debating	Aditi Kadam & Ruby Murray	-
Sports	Aoife McElduff	Rei Mulligan
Student of the Year	Nicole Li	Peter Brennan
Transition Year		
Merit Awards		
Crean	Lily Murray	Christopher O'Leary
Forde	Shubhangi Mukherjee	Neo Rosandic
Hillary	Mya Bolt	Lewis Thompson
Irvine	Kate O'Shea	Morgan Boyle
Mallory	Grace Hanna	Felix Mordaunt
Scott	Caoilinn Fallon	Ryan Moss
Spirit of the College		
Crean	Eoin Behan, Emmet Rogers Grace McCann	Keren Nsole, Mya McElhenny
Forde	Aoife Gleeson, Clodagh Hayes, Isobelle Meaghar	Mark Hynes, Ketsia Nisole
Hillary	Oisín Dunne, Elliot O'Sullivan, Amelia Higgins	Orla White, Katelyn Van Vuuren
Irvine	Joshua Masango, Danielle Gear, Saoirse Nic Sheoin	Laura Power, Aoife Sheridan
Mallory	Ryan Sigurdsson, Michael Kelly, Ella Fink.	Sophie Lynch, Fiona Brazil
Scott	Charlotte Kennedy, Roisin Finnerty, John Powell	Danielle Zohra-Bensaadi, Cian McGrath
Category Awards		

Cultural Award	Kaitlyn Morgan	Daire Glennane
Art	Ekaterina Andreeva & Áine Lalor	-
Music	Orla Noone	Constantine Elworthy
Debating	Emma Spratt	Elliot O'Sullivan
Sports	Niamh Andrews	Joe Barker
Student of the Year	Emma Hayes McCann	Cian Denner
LC1		
Merit Awards		
Achill	Shahd Ahmed	Issac Brennan
Basket	Isabella Noble	Finley Cameron
Clare	Heather Mahon	Adri Sreelal Pillai
Lambay	Leyla Mrkonja	Harry Lewis
Rathlin	Miriam Sellitto	James O'Neill
Tory	Roisin Brady	Maxim Gamorak
Valentia	Roisin Murray	Marcus Clinton
Spirit of College		
Achill	Lara Tate	Ellen Woods, Clara Mahon O'Connell
Basket	Ben O'Neill	Lidgiah Moniz
Clare	Aisling Brady	Alison Kearney
Lambay	Jenna Hoban	
Rathlin	Lara Kearney	
Tory	Sheila Sun	Matthew Coffey
Valentia	Niamh Downes	
Category Awards		
Cultural Award	Rachel Hoey	Ryan Bensaadi
Art	Christina Murphy	Nathan O'Donoghue
Music	Oscar McMahon	Vanessa Gillespie
Sports	Katie O'Sullivan	Rowan Ovenden
Student of the Year	Aoibhinn McGuinness	Sean Hosford

LC2 Graduation Awards

Class	Spirit of the College
Beckett	Omar Aglan, Aaron Good, Robyn O'Brien
Behan	Sadaf Azizi, Jacob Lee, Aine Wylie
Burke	Grace Collins, Ava Dulson, Emre Erdem, Adam Quinlan, David McDonagh
Friel	Shaha Ariff, Eimear Feeney, Charlotte Meagher, Pearse Mooney
Keane	Michelle Lam, Ellen McLoughlin, Kevin Murphy, Aoife Reilly, Olivia Spring
Murphy	Aoife Battigan Warnock, Joshua Hanley, Niamh Hillick, Caoimhe Lobont, Caoimhe McCabe, Katie O'Neill
Shaw	Mark Dromey, Anya Leatham, James Murgatroyd, Emma Nevin, Kaci O'Neill, Harry Whelan
Synge	Mia Healy, Caoimhe Howard, Aoise Murphy, Aidan Thom, Abby Tiernan

Leaving Certificate 2 – Category Awards

	Female	Male
Art	Ana Postarnakova	Colin Whelan
Music	Sonia Tully	Conor Coughlan
Debating	Soha Malik	-
John Hopkins Perpetual Trophy	Lynne Sherlock	-
Cultural Award	Caoimhe Deehan	Fiachra Barry
Sports	Alannah Farrell	Joshua Anderson & Dylan Clark
Student of the Year	Saoirse Stears	Joshua Sherlock
Gradam Gaeilge	Ciara Sawyer	-
Excellence in Sport	Ana Postarnakova Tara O’Hanlon Fiachra Pagel	
DDL ETB Ethos Award	Adam Brennan	

Back to School Return Dates

First Years

- Wednesday 23rd August 9.30am – 11.30am: Ranganna Bowler, Casey, Doherty & Duffy
- Wednesday 23rd August 12.00pm – 2.00pm: Ranganna Flynn, Kerr, Quinn & Ryan All

First Year students will be required to attend their first official morning on Monday 28th August at 9.30a.m. On this morning you will meet with your Class Tutor and you will also be issued with your timetable. The morning will conclude at 11.30a.m. Formal classes commence on Wednesday 30th August at 8.45a.m. Please note that this will be a full school day.

- **Second Year:** Tuesday 29th August from 9.30am – 11.30am.
- **Third Year :** Thursday 24th August 1.30pm – 3.30pm.
- **Transition Year:** Tuesday 29th August 10.30am – 12.00pm.
- **Fifth Year:** Friday 25th August 1:30pm – 3:30pm.
- **Sixth Year Students:** Friday 25th August 9.30am-11.30am.

Formal classes for all students will commence on Wednesday 30th at 8:45am.

*Wishing our all staff, students, and their families a very safe, relaxing
and well-deserved Summer Break*

