



# TULLAMORE COLLEGE

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## NEWSLETTER

### Scifest 2017 Prize List Tullamore College

#### Category awards:

##### 1st Senior Group Physical Sciences

Dylan Cuskelly & Jack Harvey –  
'Sustaining habitats on Mars'

##### 2nd Senior Group Physical Sciences

Conor Heallon & Andrew Meehan –  
'Going straight for it, isn't always the fastest way'

##### 2nd Senior Group Life Science

Kayla Malapit, Daria Bartuzel, Roberta Gabalyte –  
'The simplicity in vitamin c'

##### 1st Individual Junior Physical Science

Ellen O'Brien –  
Effectiveness of an oxygen barrier in water pipes

##### 2nd Individual Junior Physical Science

Jean Carson – 'To change and test the design of a gum shield to make it more comfortable'

##### 3rd Group Junior Physical Science

Liadhan Murray, Aoife Mollen – Investigation of the oxidation occurring in e-cigarette liquid

##### 1st Individual Intermediate Physical Science

Cillian Fogarty –  
'The answer is blowing in the wind'

#### Special awards

##### Sustainable Energy Award

Cillian Fogarty – 'The answer is blowing in the wind'

##### 1st Sports Award

Jean Carson – 'To change and test the design of a gumshield to make it more comfortable'

##### 2nd Sports Award

Jack Saunders, Cian Baniassadi –  
'Boot for your goals'

##### Discover Space Award

Dylan Cuskelly & Jack Harvey –  
'Sustaining habitats on Mars'

##### Discover Space Teacher Award

Noreen Flynn

Miss Flynn (Science Department)

### 'Seactain na Gaelige'

"D'éirigh linn Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh le stíl i gColáiste Thulach Mhór i mbliana. Míle buíochas do na daltaí agus na múinteoirí a ghlac páirt sna heachtraí agus sna himeachtaí difriúla trí mheán na Gaeilge. Míle buíochas d'fhoireann na leabharlainne áitiúla chomh maith, don fháilte a chuir siad roimh múinteoirí Gaeilge agus na daltaí a bhí páirteach sa cheolchoirm."

Miss Tandy (Gaelige)



### Double Success at Irish Junior Maths Competition



On Friday 12th May the Final of the Irish Junior Maths Competition was held in the Tullamore Court Hotel. Tullamore College had two First year students competing – **Jean Carson** and **Kian Baniassadi**. The competition is run by the IMTA and there were over 20 schools competing in the Midlands Final. The organisers commented on how the standard was extremely high this year. Our students performed extremely well taking home 2 out of the 3 prizes – First place for Jean and 3rd for Kian. Well done to these students on their success and for all their hard work leading up to the Final.

Ms. Kelly (Maths Department)

### National Scratch final 2017

Overall Winners of the National Scratch final 2017, Cian O' Mahoney and Hannah Davis with their teachers, Ms. Douglas and Ms. Graham. Scratch is a visual programming language that Cian and Hannah used to create their own interactive animation called 'The Cricketbawn'. Their coding project was selected from over 500 nationwide entries and scooped the top prize as the best overall project in the national competition.

From Left to Right  
Ms Douglas,  
Hannah Davis TY,  
Cian O Mahoney TY,  
Ms. Graham.



# Awards Night 2017

## Senior Science Award

Alannah Dillon

## Junior Science Award

Luke Carson

Ms E Howlin  
(Teacher)



## Junior Maths Award

Jayne Henry

## Senior Maths Award

Conor Dunne

Mr R Dalton  
(Teacher)

## Senior English Award

Annie Brown

## Junior English Award

Katie Mangan

Ms R Gallagher  
(Teacher)



## JCSP Student of the Year

Jordon Daly

Ms M O'Connor  
(teacher)



## Senior German Award

Simona Kryzeviciute

## Euro Languages Scholarship

Lydia Coyne

Ms A Stack  
(Teacher)

Tullamore College recently celebrated its 'Annual Awards Night'.

This year's Awards Ceremony took place in the Court Hotel on Tuesday 23rd May.

The evening was a celebration of the great work and achievements of our students and teachers. Our students were recognised for their personal and academic achievements, co-operation and participation. Awards night is an opportunity to reflect on the successes of the past school year.

It was a most enjoyable night for the whole school community.

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## Awards Night

### LCVP Student of the Year

Aoife Purcell

### Senior Business Award

Amy Rosney

### Junior Business Award

Michelle Mann

Mr R Dalton  
(Teacher)



### Senior Art Award

Kotryna Kozlovskyte

### Junior Art Award

Gabriele Krzeviciute

Ms J Mooney  
(Teacher)

### Junior Excellence Award

Assia De Sousa

### Junior Excellence Award

Cian Walsh

Mr M Doolan  
(Acting V.P.)  
Ms B Quirke (V. P)



### Senior Construction Studies Award

Liam Lynch

### Junior Materials Technology Wood Award

Artur Stopka

Mr A Hurley  
(Teacher)

### Senior Home Economics Award

Ciannait Goulding

### Junior Home Economics Award

Tara Joyce

Ms M Dunstan  
(Teacher)



### Senior Irish Award

Katie Rabbittie

### Junior Irish Award

Lucy Leonard

### An scolaire is fearr sa chead bhliain

Mia O'Mahoney

Ms A Martyn  
(Teacher)



### Euro Languages Scholarship

Back L to R

Kathia Dimitruka

Lauren Gorry

### Senior French Award

Front L to R

Kotryna Kozlovskyte

### Junior History Award

Clodagh Gallagher

Ms M Rougorie (Teacher)

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## Awards Night

### Senior Geography Award

Katie Rabbitte

### Junior Geography Award

Tomas Griffin

Ms R Gallagher  
(Teacher)



### Junior Technical Graphics Award

Boris Stefanor

### Senior Design & Comm Graphics

Liam Lynch

Mr D Campbell  
(Teacher)



### Senior History Award

Annie Brown

### Junior History Award

Jade Grennan

Ms O Underwood  
(Teacher)



### LCA Student of the Year Award

Aoife Gallagher

Ms F Graham  
(Teacher)



### TY Student of the Year Award

Caitlyn Guinan

Mr JP Meehan  
(Teacher)



### Senior Engineering Award

Victor Muojeke

### Junior Metalwork Award

Diarmuid Mangan

Mr J Mooney  
(Teacher)



### College Medal Winners

Back L to R

Mr M Doolan

Kotryna Kozlowskyte

Emily Deverell

Gavin Murphy

Front L to R

Alannah Dillon

Ms B Quirke

Ciannait Goulding







**YEOITY**  
YOUNG ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR

**National Award  
Winners 2017**



**Cian O'Mahoney, Mia O'Mahoney, Liadhan Murray, Katie Hayes, Siobhan Greene, Rebekah Egan, Cillian Fogarty, Deimante Kozmekinaite, Enda Healion and Jakob Stanley**



## Construction Studies and Materials Technology (Wood)

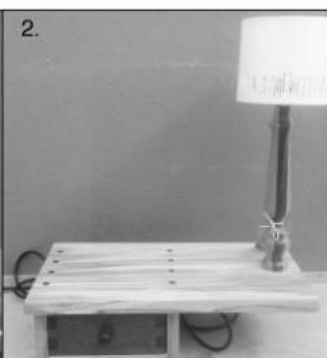
Once again there has been some exemplary Construction Studies and Materials Technology (Wood) projects produced by the students of Tullamore College. An array of craft skills and innovative designs have created some fantastic projects. A sample of these can be seen below.

Mr Hurley (Woodwork Department)

Photograph 1 below: A model of the solar panels on a local GAA clubhouse - by Adam Kelly (6th Year).

Photograph 2 below: A decorative bedside unit and lamp - by Conor Dunne (3rd Year).

Photograph 3 below: A lamp by Liam Lynch (6th Year) and a clock by Conor Dunne (6th Year).



## 'Not Gone Yet'

A Short Story by **Ella Conneff**

**Runner up in the RTE Guide Short Story Competition 2017**

Excerpt from story

*To read Ella's full story please see Tullamore College Facebook page.*

Sticks and stones may break your bones but words can never hurt you.

That is terrible advice.

Who came up with that phrase?

It has been disproved time and time again. Words are just as bad, no, worse than sticks and stones.

I push a stray hair out of my face. My foot taps in a tedious rhythm against the linoleum hospital floors. If Jake was here he'd tell me to stop.

I stop.

Mum is beside me. I feel her shaking. She's crying.

I should comfort her. Jake would.

I do.

I whisper meaningless words of comfort. As I do this, a selfish thought surfaces. She's the mother. She should be comforting me. That thought would never even cross Jake's mind.

But Jake's not here. He's lying on hospital bed, oblivious to everything.

I pull away from her, and leave her to cry on her own. He's not gone yet.

I catch sight of my reflection in a sheet of glass separating an empty operating room from the waiting room. My dark hair is tied back into a hurried ponytail. My features are blank.

I feel nothing.

Nothing but time.

The clock on the wall hangs lopsided. All of a sudden, I get the overwhelming urge to fix it.

But I don't. I can't. So I sit here. Helpless.

Why didn't he tell anyone?

The question enters my mind. I hadn't thought about it before. I hadn't let myself.

It's not like he'd have been alone. It's so clichéd. People are bullied all the time. He should have known all he had to do was tell someone. It would have solved everything. There are so many books and movies about situations like this, that tell us that if you let people know you're hurting, they'll help you get better.



## German Essay Competition

Ellen O'Brien is presented with the St Feargal trophy by Austrian Ambassador Freudenschuss at his residence on May 11th. Ellen was the Junior winner in the Austrian Society German essay competition. She has won a two week scholarship to Salzburg this summer. Congratulations to her from her classmates and her proud teacher Ms. Stack.

Ms Stack (German Department)

Photo R to L:

Ms Stack (German Teacher), Ellen O'Brien, Austrian Ambassador Freudenschuss

## Young Social Innovators Bronze Award

The Young Social Innovators team 'Think Safety, Farm

Safely' won the bronze award at the National Finals of the Young Social Innovators competition which was held at the National Convention Centre in Dublin. The team of nine students qualified for the National Finals by winning their category 'Make Our World Safer' earning their place to compete against the best 10 Young Social Innovators groups from across the country. A total of 7,353 students across 456 teams and 220 schools participated in this year's Young Social Innovators competition so this was a massive achievement for the group to progress to the National Final and finish third to collect a prestigious bronze award. Caitlin Guinan represented the group on Saturday AM on TV3. We take this opportunity to thank our fellow students, staff and all who helped us in any way. Mr. P. Quirke



Team: Aidan Bracken, Laura Cuskelly, Clare Daly, Ava Dunne, Mark Gorman, Caitlin Guinan, Barry Mangan, Tony Moran, Ronan Swords.

## HCSSL News

It has been an eventful year for the HCSSL programme this year with numerous parents availing of our FREE classes. We would encourage more parents to avail of the FREE classes that we provide commencing next September. A sample of this year's classes included Flower Bouquet Arranging evenings - Halloween, Christmas & Easter, Christmas Cookery on a Budget, fitness classes in Yoga, Pilates, Zumba & Aqua Aerobics, English Language classes for non-national parents and parent information talks given by TUSLA professionals on "Parenting a Child through Dangers of Social Media" & "Positive Parenting with Teenagers".

For issues concerning your child, information and help may be sought during the Summer from Barnardos, Tullamore (family support issues) and JIGSAW Offaly (Youth Mental Health). Contact details are available online. We hope you have a pleasant summer and look forward to meeting you in September. If you have any questions regarding any further provision of external services do not hesitate to call **Keith Begley (Home School Liaison) on 086 3537456.**

## JCSP News

Congratulations to class MJB on their recent MAKE A BOOK success at the Heritage Hotel Portlaoise. The theme of the project was "Tullamore College in Transition". The students had to speak about the project as well as host a display of their work. They acquitted themselves very well on the day. Thanks to Mr. Moran for his help with the project.

Class 3PM have been presented with their final profile folders. This presentation celebrates their hard work and success over the past 3 years.

Thanks to Ms. Aine Brady for organising the outdoor education initiative. Class 2JC and MJB went to Birr Outdoor Education Centre to do orienteering and other activities. A great day was had by all. Thanks to Ms. Woods, Ms. Meleady and Mr. Lowndes who accompanied us. M O Connor JCSP Co-Ordinator

Photo: Third Year Profile Celebration from left to right: K. McRedmond, N. Walsh, C. McCarthy, K. Tierney, C. Minnock, J. Daly.

## Basketball Success



Our 1st year girls enjoyed great success on the basketball court this season. After winning their midlands regional final in March the team qualified for the All-Ireland playoffs. Their hard work and dedication was rewarded with 3 excellent wins against Ballyhaunis CS, Colaiste Mhuire Ennis and a tense 3 point overtime win against Loreto Cavan. As a result Tullamore College earned a much coveted All-Ireland semi-final spot. On May 5th the team travelled to the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght for the semi-final. Unfortunately this was not to be our day and the girls lost out to the eventual competition winners Pobalscoil Inbhear Sceine Kenmare. Despite the result the girls put in a great performance and can be extremely proud of their effort and attitude throughout the competition. The team were presented with All-Ireland bronze medals. Thanks to all the parents and supporters who travelled to support the team. We look forward to more great days out with this group in the future! Ms. K. Brady

