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NEWSLETTER

The phoenix has risen....

Over 600 students and staff of made history on Monday the 27th February 2017. Upon stepping foot into our new school we were met by beaming faces, a warm school building and an extremely proud Mr. McEvoy. The transition from the old school building to our brand new school was like a journey from the third world to a five star hotel in a bustling city. Following years of belligerent effort, wondering and anticipation our new school is finally here. The new school building provides state of the art facilities and a much improved learning environment for our students to grow and flourish. Interwoven with the good memories in the old school is the hope for continued excellence, fun and laughter in our new surroundings. Having spent many years in the old school we all appreciate our chance to go to school in a building that finally reflects such a high standard of education available to us in Tullamore College.

Caoimhe Griffin (5th Year)

French Table Quiz for 1st Year Students

On Wednesday night, in collaboration with the French Embassy and the French Teachers' Association, Tullamore College hosted a Table Quiz for fifty-six First Year students from all around the Midlands to celebrate the "Francophonie" festival in Ireland. Teams had to answer questions on different aspects of French culture and language. Ms Rougerie would like to thank the parents and teachers of all participating students for taking part and supporting the event. Tullamore College and Loreto College (Mullingar) were the top teams on the night and received prizes from the French Embassy. Well done to all involved! Ms. Rougerie

Pictured below from left to right first year students John Larkin, Sinead O Carra, Ms Rougerie (French Teacher), Jean Carson and Stephen Hackett overall winners of the French Quiz.



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Thank You from
Tullamore College Parent's Association.

'I wish' Science Conference

On Tuesday February 14th, a group of TY girls and 5th year girls attended the 'I wish' conference in the RDS, Dublin. 'I wish' is an initiative to inspire, encourage and motivate secondary school female students to pursue a career in STEM. From food to fashion, sport to social media, hospitals to homes and cars to cities, STEM is changing the very way we live, laugh and learn. 'I wish' explored an exciting and smarter world through STEM. The conference consisted of workshops, daily keynotes and engaging talks. Guest speakers included Niamh Hegarty, an advanced Quality Engineering Manager with Stryker and Alina Amir Qureshi, a Process Excellence Specialist with Symantec. There were also female role models with interactive exhibitions where small and large companies engaged directly with the students showing some very interesting experiments and demonstrations of what they do. Ms Flynn (Science Department)

'Trinity College Chemistry Week'

When I applied for TY, I knew I wanted to make the most of the year. During the Summer I started to research different programs you could do in TY. I came across "Trinity College TY programs". All of these courses are Science related. I decided I would apply for the "Chemistry Course" as I was not sure if I will pick Chemistry for my Leaving cert. To apply I had to send off my junior cert results and they pick 60 applicants out of everyone who applied.

I was very shocked when I received an email outlining that I was selected. I was very nervous but really excited and wanted to get started straight away. I commuted on the train every day. During the week we got to experience different areas of chemistry. My favorite part was working in the labs. We made aspirin and learnt how it is formed. We also got to do different techniques to test hard water. Working in the labs was a great experience as they are so advanced. Throughout the week we listened to talks from different students about their experience of chemistry in college and the influence it has on our everyday lives.

I would highly recommend students to apply. You really learn a lot from them and they give you a real insight into what college life is like. You also get to meet so many people from different counties. It was an amazing experience. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity.

Ava Dunne

Young Social Innovators Speakout

On Wednesday March 8th, our Young Social Innovators (YSI) teams travelled to the Lyrath Estate Hotel in Kilkenny for the YSI Speakout competition. The teams performed their Speakouts on the topics of Farm Safety, Bike Safety, Water Safety and Diabetes. The team members were very happy with how this went and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The YSI teams would like to thank all those who contributed to the project and the staff and fellow students who helped them. The results of the competition will be released in April.

Ms Bradley and Mr Quirke

GLASNEVIN Cemetery Museum



Transition Year students recently enjoyed a trip to Glasnevin cemetery and museum. They enthusiastically stepped into the role of the tour guide and delivered a short presentation at the graveside of their chosen figure in Irish History. Students were commended for their informative and engaging presentations on the day. All students who participated in both days of the project will be awarded a certificate of completion. Well done to everyone for partaking and congratulations to Jacob Stanley and Eabha Joyce who were selected to progress to the National final which will be held on Saturday 22nd April.

Miss Sheerin/Ms McArdle

Young Social Innovators Dragons Den

Congratulations and well done to our YSI team 'Think Safety, Farm Safety' on their great success on being awarded funds at the Young Social Innovators Dragon's Den. These funds will be used to develop their Passenger Seat Sensor device designed to help reduce farm fatalities.



'Think Safety, Farm Safety' Team: Tony Moran, Ava Dunne, Mark Gorman, Ronan Swords, Caitlin Guinan, Barry Mangan, Laura Cuskelly, Clare Daly, Aidan Bracken.
Mr P. Quirke

JCSP

Well done to the MJB group who are working away on the MAKE A BOOK project. Our theme this year is 'Transition' and the books will be exhibited in the Heritage hotel on the 30th March.

Thanks to Mr. Moran for his work on the project. Teachers and students are continuing to work on statements keeping in mind that final profiling of third year students is imminent.

Mary O' Connor (JCSP Coordinator)

Junk Kouture.....The adventure!

Tullamore College entered the Junk Kouture competition for the first time this year. Much to our delight the 'Golden Fall' team warded off stiff competition to reach the Regional Finals. We were given the silver ticket by Joe Fennelly (Bank of Ireland) on the 14th of February.



Above: Model Nelly Markova representing the group 'Golden Fall' in the Regional Final

Our day at Regionals

We travelled to the Helix in DCU on the 13th of March. We had a busy day ahead of us, hair and make-up followed by a dress rehearsal before the main stage. It was wonderful to see all the effort and creativity everyone had put into their outfits.

Before long I was lining up to go on stage. I was number 29 and I was really nervous. The music started and all the stress and worry passed away. I concentrated on the music and perfecting my dance. I loved being on stage and having fun and making my teachers proud. Ms Dunstan, Ms Doolan and Ms Casey were a great support and helped calm my nerves.

Thanks to all the supporters that came on the day. A huge thank you to Cillian Fogarty for taking photographs in Charleville Castle. We would also like to extend our gratitude to both Rita Daly and Dorinda Cuskelly for all their assistance in preparing us for the regional final.

We would definitely do it again and we would advise future TYs to take part in Junk kouture and enjoy it as much as we did.

'Build a Bank'

Congratulations to our Build a Bank team consisting of Laura Cuskelly, Eabha Joyce, Caitlin Guinan, Eirinn O'Toole, Sarah Rosney, Cillian Fogarty and Mark Gorman on reaching the national final of the AIB Build a Bank challenge.

The team are eagerly anticipating the final on the 25th of April in the RDS.

'World Book Day' was celebrated in a fun and fictional way this year. Students dressed up as their favourite fictional character. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to our overall winners; Senior; The Gatsby Crew and our Junior winners- Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson.



Above: Students took inspiration from their favourite fictional characters to commemorate **World Book Day**.

Ski Trip 2017



Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

On Wednesday, 8th March a guest speaker, Joe Moran from Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind visited 2nd year students in Tullamore College as part of their Junior Certificate CSPE Action Project. He told the students a lot of interesting facts about his son's life with an assistance dog. The talk was very interesting and all of the students enjoyed it. During the talk the guest speaker showed the students all of the equipment used for the guide dog. The most exciting part of the talk was to meet the specially trained guide dog called poppy. A few weeks earlier the students in 2nd year collected money in the school. They also raised money by doing a sponsored blindfolded walk before Christmas. Altogether they raised a fantastic amount of money, €2,180 euro. The students presented Mr. Joe Moran, guest speaker with the cheque after the talk. Overall it was a very good day and the students learned a lot about the life of having an assistance dog and the great work of the IGDB. Thanks to our CSPE teachers Ms. Underwood, Mr. Moran, Ms. Stack and Mr. Quirke for their help with the project.

Morgan Tynan, Caitlin Tynan 2EH



Photo above: A group of students, representing our second years, present a cheque to Mr. Joe Moran, guest speaker from the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Scifest@schools 2017

Once again, the Science Department ran a very successful scifest@schools in the Tullamore Court Hotel on Monday March 6th. Students from 1st, 2nd, TY and 5th year submitted a wide range of projects. External judges worked hard to try to carefully select the top 20 projects from the 44 projects to take part in scifest@colleges in AIT in April. A huge thank you to our six judges who gave their free time and did such a thorough job. They were Mr Joe Gallagher, Dr Andy Fogarty, Ms Roisin Dowd Smith, Ms Sheila Porter, Ms Camille King and Mr Paul Fields. Well done to all 83 students who participated in scifest@schools and the very best of luck to the 20 projects going forward to AIT.

Ms. Flynn (Science Department)



SciFest@Schools in house competition.

Winners selected from each year group to go forward and represent us in AIT.

Sports Desk

Juvenile Hurling

Our Juvenile hurling team defeated Mercy Secondary School Kilbeggan. The team will now play St. Finians College Mullingar in the North Leinster Semi-Final

Basketball Success!

It has been a busy few months of basketball for the 1st and 2nd year girls' basketball teams in Tullamore College. Both teams topped their groups after wins against Moate CS, St Joseph's Rochfordbridge, Mullingar CC, Gallen CS and Borrisokane CC. They then qualified for the Midlands quarterfinals where the 2nd years defeated St Pauls Monasterevin on a score line of 35-20 and the 1st years defeated Heywood on a score line of 46-22.

The 1st years played Confey College in their semi-final and with a great team performance were worthy winners on a score line of 39-21 and thus qualified for the midlands regional final. This final was played on March 23rd in St Mary's Hall Portlaoise against St Pauls Monasterevin.

Tullamore College got a great start and were up 19-10 at half time. In the second half Tullamore College continued to exert their dominance but St Pauls weren't going to give up easily and it was a tough battle all the way. There was great joy and excitement amongst all players and supporters when the final whistle went and Tullamore College had scored 32 points to St Pauls 23 points. The girls gave a great performance and their teamwork and determination helped them to secure their win.

The team now qualify for the All Ireland play-offs and will be training hard over the next few weeks in the hopes of progressing further. Well done to the team and their coaches Ms K Brady and Ms Kelly and best of luck in the rest of the competition!

