

## News Update #15

# Coláiste Bríde

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A Chairde,

The 2017/18 school year has come to an end and our Junior and Leaving Cert students have just finished their exams.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students for their commitment to the academic programme and their full engagement in the many opportunities available at Coláiste Bríde this year. This would not be possible without the constant support of parents and unstinting commitment of the staff to ensuring that all students achieve their potential and beyond. The experience of school community was very evident in our end-of-year events including the school tours & Healthy Active Week and continued in a more formal manner at our Awards Ceremony, our TY Graduation and the Graduation Mass for the Class of 2018.

On behalf of our whole school community I would like to thank Mrs Eileen Acheson, Mrs Mynie Leech and Mrs Marian Dowling for their valuable contribution to the education of our students and wish each every happiness in their retirements. We are also bidding farewell to Miss O'Herlihy as she moves back to Dublin. Each will very much be missed by us all. Finally, I wish all our staff, students and their families a safe and happy summer.

Kiera O'Sullivan, Principal



## Upcoming Events

**June 29**

Office closed at 3:30 pm for the summer.

**August 7**

Office reopens at 8:30 am for the 2017/2018 school year.

**August 15**

Expected date for Leaving Cert Results

**August 24**

Start of school year: 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Years only.

**August 28**

Start of school year: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Years only.

**August 29**

Start of school year: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Years only.

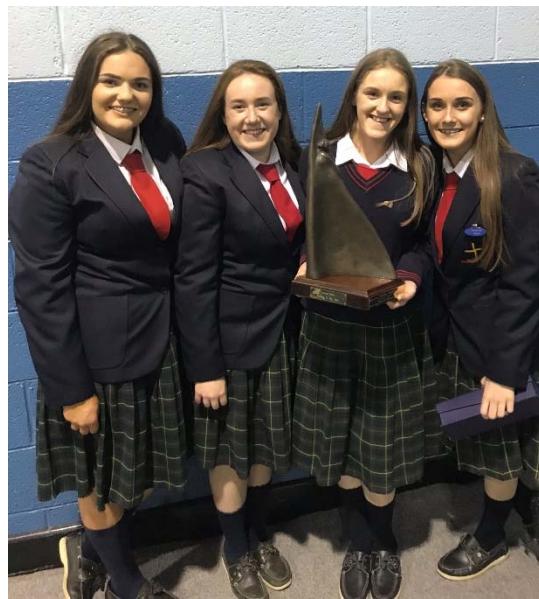
**August 30**

All year groups in school.

## News

### Awards Night

The Coláiste Bríde Awards Ceremony is one of the most important events in our school calendar. Each year students from all year groups are awarded for extracurricular and academic excellence. We also present people of the year awards to many of the students who have helped to make our school the wonderful place that it is. This year we were honoured by the presence of Helen Hall, a past pupil of Coláiste Bríde and the Chief Executive of the Policing Authority. Helen spoke to the students about her time in



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Coláiste Bríde and offered the girls some advice for their future studies. Congratulations to all our award recipients.

## Intercultural Day



A day to unite everyone where friendships were formed and others were strengthened!! Our students and staff celebrated Intercultural Day in May. It was a resounding success with a huge sense of fun and an electric atmosphere on the day. Students from 29 different nationalities took the opportunity to share the diversity of their different cultures. There were stalls to appeal to all the senses as students showcased beautiful displays of artefacts, personal belongings, posters and flags. Students and teachers alike took the opportunity to taste new foods and to learn from engaging with enthusiastic representatives from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. Well done to all students and teachers involved in this really wonderful event. [Click on this link to see more photos from the day.](#)

## Wellread



As part of our promotion of literacy, Coláiste Bríde is part of the Wellread initiative which we hope will culminate in our receiving a Wellread flag. As a Wellread school we encourage reading for enjoyment throughout the school community. There have been many events that have taken place in which both students and teachers have got involved including Reading Challenges, teachers sharing their favourite books, our Junior Book Club, visits by authors, Drop and Read and One Book One School for which the whole school community read The Breadwinner together. In Coláiste Bríde we believe that developing a habit of reading is beneficial in so many ways to all of our students. [Click on this link to open a presentation submitted to the PDST as part of our application for a Wellread flag.](#)

## Awards Night



Recipient of the Overall Student of the Year Award Aoife Dunne.



Ava Kelly, Laura and Louise Butler, members of our senior soccer team who received their medals at our Awards Night.

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## Gaisce: The President's Award

This year we had another successful group of Gaisce participants take part in and complete

the President's Award.

A large number of Transition Year and 5<sup>th</sup> Year students completed their challenge which for the Bronze Award participants (Transition Year students) was 13 hours (1 hour a week) of learning a new Skill, 13 hours of learning a new Sport and 13 hours of Community Involvement. One of these sections had to be doubled - meaning one of these activities took 26 weeks to complete.

Silver Award participants, the 5<sup>th</sup>

Years, had to complete 26 hours of each of the above-mentioned sections. In addition to this, all participants had to complete a 30km (Bronze Award) or 50 km (Silver Award) hike in the Wicklow Mountains. While challenging and tough at times, all participants completed their task and received awards at our Awards Ceremony from the President in recognition of their achievement.

If any 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year students are interested in taking part in Gaisce next year, please check out the website Gaisce.ie, or contact Ms. Duggan with any queries on niamh.duggan@colaistebride.ie.

## Achill Trip



In May some of our Transition Years went to Achill Island to improve their Irish, to see a new place, meet new people and learn new things, both educational and practical. The trip was packed with activities including kayaking in the Atlantic Ocean, cliff jumping, hiking, orienteering, surfing, rock climbing, a bog run, team building exercises and Céilís.

## Parent's Survey



We are seeking parent's opinions on our policies & procedures in relation to uniforms, mobile phones, homework and teaching & learning. If you have not done so already please complete our online survey by clicking on this link.

## Head Girls



Congratulations to the newly elected Head Girls of 2018/2019 Patrycja Mazurczak, Ashley Bolger, Lystus Ebosele, Beth Murphy (chief Head Girl) Rachel Greene, Sarah O'Dowd and Caitlin Stamp. We wish them the very best of luck in their new roles in September.

## Art Trip



Sixth Year Art students at the Monet Exhibition at the National Gallery.

## U14 Camogie



Our U14/minor camogie team qualified from their group to get to the Leinster Semi-final. In that match they had a great win over Rochfortbridge on a score of 3-11 to 4-5. Unfortunately, they were beaten in the Leinster Final by Banagher CS on a score of 5.8 to 4.5. The team and their mentors can nonetheless be very proud of themselves for both getting to the final and on how they played on the day. We will hopefully see them play in more finals over the next few years.

## Athletics

Congratulations to all the members of our athletics team who competed in the

schools South Leinster track and field competition in early May. This was one of the most successful athletics teams who competed for the school. Our athletes won 5 medals on the day, 2 gold for



Lystus Ebosele in shot and discus with a PB in the discus of 36.95m, Eadaoin Stafford came 2nd in the discus and 1st in her shot put. Karyn Murphy was 2nd in hurdles. This was followed by more success at the Leinster track and field where Lystus won gold in the Senior Girls Shot Put and Eadaoin won silver in the Intermediate Girls Shot Put. Lystus Ebosele then went on to win the gold medal at the All Ireland Schools Championships. This is the first All Ireland athletics gold for the school since 2014.

## TY Graduation

The Transition Year Graduation Ceremony was held in the Sports Hall on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The night began with a welcoming message from students in multiple languages. A number of students gave a summary of the year, month by month, highlighting the busy but fun life of a Coláiste Bríde Transition Year Student. Stories of first days, team building opportunities, mini-companies, fashion shows, kayaking, plays, trips, bus journeys and deadlines reminded us of just how busy these girls have been this past year! Beautiful music, singing, dance and crafts were proudly on display and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. One of the highlights of the night was Enniscorthy Guardian journalist (and father of Alice!) David Medcalf's reading of his newspaper article about Alice's Transition Year Italian trip. The great

## LCVP Tour



Some of our LCVP students at Clearstream.

## Meitheal



The final activity of our Meitheal leaders was to organise the First Year end of year tour to Dublin Zoo. They provide an invaluable service to the school in helping make the transition to secondary school as smooth as possible for our first years. Thank you to our Meitheal leaders of 2017/2018 and to Mrs Furlong for all of your hard work throughout the year. Congratulations and best wishes to the students who have been selected as Meitheal leaders for next year.

## Sixth Year Graduation



success of our Transition Year is testament to the hard work of Mrs Whelan, Ms Duggan, Ms. Kavanagh Osborne and Ms. McConville.

## Sixth Year Tour & Graduation

Our sixth years had a very wet end of school tour to the IOAC adventure centre in Tagoat. Despite the really terrible weather on the day the girls enjoyed their last school outing together. At the end of May the Sixth Year Graduation took place. The theme of the night was "time to fly" and much credit must go to the art and religion departments for the beautiful display. This was an occasion of mixed emotions, a sadness as we said goodbye to a wonderful group of students but also a night of great joy as we celebrated their time in Coláiste Bríde. A new chapter in their lives is opening and we wish them the very best in everything they do.

## 2C CSPE Project

The following article was written by Aoife Codd, 2C. On Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Class 2C were delighted to welcome guest speakers and past pupils, Stacey and Shelley Kehoe, from the Irish Army, for our CSPE Junior Certificate Action Project. We learned about many different factors of the Irish Army, such as, the training they undertake, what work they carry out in different countries, and how they are recruited into the army. Our guests showed and explained to us using a PowerPoint presentation about what the Irish Defence Forces does. Shelly and Stacey also brought in the Irish Army's mascot, Fionn, an Irish wolfhound. At the end of their presentation we took a group photograph and we gave them some thank you presents. We are very thankful to our visitors. Shelley and Stacey Kehoe are very interesting, and made some of the girls in our class want to join the army.

## Healthy Active Week



In April we held our first Healthy Lifestyle Week as part of the Healthy Active Schools Week national campaign. A wide range of events and activities were held in school across the week to promote a balanced healthy lifestyle. Throughout the week students participated in lunchtime activities which included boxercise, rounders, just dance, orienteering, basketball and much more. Students also had the opportunity to try out new and healthy recipes every day such as flap jacks, energy balls, healthy take aways and smoothies. All students received a Healthy Lifestyle Week booklet which was full of healthy simple recipes, home workouts, yoga routines and much more. During the week the whole school also completed our yearly school walk and participated in the 10 at 10 which consisted of an announcement being made across the school and the whole school getting up and moving at 10 o'clock. The week was a great success with the students thoroughly enjoying the events and activities while also learning more about the importance and benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

## Sixth Year Class Photo



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## Class 2C CSPE Project



## Intercultural Day



The Nigerian stall at our Intercultural Day.