

Curragh Community College

Summer Newsletter 2026





We hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of the wonderful classwork and school activities that have taken place during our last term of the 2025-2026 school year.

We offer a broad curriculum here in CCC which includes many subjects and activities both inside and outside the classroom. This newsletter highlights some of those experiences.

Thank you to all the students and teachers for their hard work, adaptability and dedication.

A special thank you to all the staff, parents and guardians who support the students of CCC.

Best wishes to all our students doing exams this May/June. We know your hard work will pay off.

*We wish you and yours
a lovely summer.*

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Student Achievements

Congratulations and well done to all our students who have achieved in many different areas outside of school. Here are a few highlights:



Ali McGannon

Ali is a 6th year student and was a finalist in the Miss Ireland Teen 2026 competition. This is the junior version of Miss Ireland and contestants took part in social media training, community awareness and interview skills. Well done Ali!

Lexi King

Lexi is a 2nd year student and a member of Setanta Boxing Club in Newbridge. She has had a successful year so far becoming a Leinster Champion and competing in the Irish National

Championships Quarter Finals. Next she will be heading to Portugal later this month for a boxing event.

Well done Lexi!

Sophie Evans

Sophie is a 2nd year student and plays camogie with Round Towers. She is part of the Kildare's U16 camogie team that secured the county's first All-Ireland B Championship title in May.



Diamuid O Hanlon

Diamuid is a 5th year student who took part in Comhairle na nÓg. He was selected to attend Dáil na nÓg in Leinster House and voted on issues relevant to young people.



Scott Doyle

Scott is a 5th year student and plays for Suncroft AFC. He was recently selected as part of the Leinster Squad for the FAI Youth Interprovincial Tournament held in Galway. Well done Scott!



April & May

- We hosted online Safety Talks in April and got involved in a Cyber Security programme with SETU Carlow.
- We welcomed Dr. Niamh Shaw to share her experience with us of being at the launch of Artemis II at Cape Canaveral, NASA. She also spoke about some of the space content on the Junior Cycle science curriculum. Niamh inspired the students to aim high!
- Our 5th year students travelled to Kippure to complete the fieldwork aspect of their Leaving Cert Geography coursework.
- End of Year trips took place to Emerald Park where 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th years got to try Ireland's highest roller coaster - the Cú Chulainn.
- Second Year students took part in the World of Work experience with Horse Racing Ireland and benefitted from a trip to the National Stud.
- A group of 4th, 5th and 6th year students took part in a Design Hackathon with Maynooth University and Glenveagh Homes. This involved creatively designing a solution for the student population in Maynooth.
- Girls in every year group took part in a workshop on menstrual health and nutrition with Blossom Therapy. A boys workshop will follow next year.



April & May



- We held a lunchtime Minecraft Education Club for 2nd year students to develop coding and problem-solving skills.

- We welcomed Katelyn Cummins, the current Rose of Tralee and winner of Dancing with the Stars. She shared her journey as an Electrical Apprentice with our 5th and 6th year students, encouraging them to take every opportunity.



- TY students travelled The IMMA Art Museum in Dublin. They also went to Redhills, Causey Farm and to Galway where they hiked out to Salthill and took a dip in the sea! They also visited the Atlantaquarium and Galway City Museum. The girls in TY got to take part in a Ladies in Sport programme too. 18 students also earned their Bronze Gaisce President's Award.



- LCA students visited Portlaoise Further Education and Training centre to learn about the Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses they have on offer

- 5th and 6th year students held a speed dating subject information workshop, sharing their insights to enable 3rd and TY students to decide on which subject to choose for their Leaving Cert.

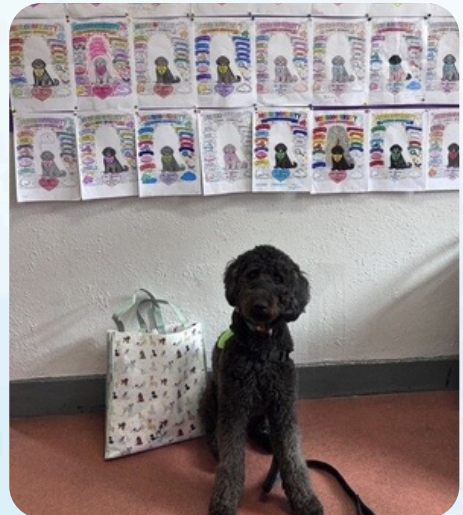
- Students in 5th year travelled to the Chocolate Gardens in Tullow, Carlow as part of their Enterprise (LCVP) task.

- A group of 3rd years completed a trip to Kildare as part of their Numeracy project.

- Our boys soccer team took part in the Leinster Soccer U19 Senior Shield Quarter Final v Clondalkin on 16 April .



Neurodiversity Awareness Week



Mind Body and Soul Week

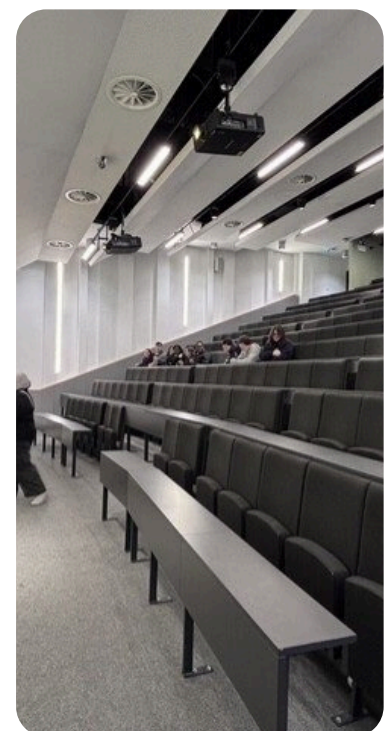
Sports Day Winners of the annual Students v Staff Soccer Game





University of Galway Taster Day was held on 15th April and 32 students from 5th year travelled by train to visit Galway

A group of 23 students from 5th year travelled to Dublin City University for a Virtual Reality Workshop



Congratulations



The Yellow Flag Award is designed to promote inclusivity and diversity in schools. It supports schools in implementing practical steps to create a positive environment that values all cultures and ethnicities. As participants our school had to undergo an evaluation process, which included workshops on intercultural awareness, setting up a diversity committee, and conducting intercultural reviews to address cultural issues within the school community.



- a Yellow Flag Award -



WORLD OF WORK SESSIONS - HORSE RACING IRELAND



In April we continued our partnership with HRI when 41 students from 2nd year visited the National Stud. This partnership also included mentoring, interview preparation and work-related workshops for 6 students from 5th year.



Cooking



Together





Chess Workshop

International Chess Master, Mark Quinn completed a 3 hour workshop with 20 students from 1st to 3rd year who are members of the school chess club.



Students completed a number of practical exams this term also. This included language oral exams over the Easter holidays, Home Economics practical exams, musical performance, task interviews, art, construction and enterprise exams. This busy period in school also involved the completion of classwork such as Classroom Based Assessments (CBA) and project work.





Congratulations 6th Years

CLASS OF 2026



You're off to great places. Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting. Up, up and away!
You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes,
you can steer yourself any direction you choose.

Dr. Seuss, Oh, the Places You'll Go!