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## Coláiste Éanna Newsletter

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### **Nóta ón bPríomhoide:**

A Cháirde,

Fáilte chuig nuachtlitir na seachtaine seo. Our First Year Basketball team brought prestigious honour to Coláiste Éanna in winning the minor All-Ireland "A" Championships last weekend in the University of Limerick (*report below*). Well done to all the team, and their coach, Mr. O'Sullivan, assisted by Mr. Loughney.

Congratulations to our U16 Gaelic Football team and their coaches, Mr. McManus, Ms. Scanlon and Mr. McCaffery on their victory over Skerries Community School in the U16 Dublin "A" final last Friday. We wish them every success in tomorrow's Leinster Final against Ashbourne Community School in Blanchardstown.

Last Tuesday evening at our Awards Night, we had a wonderful celebration of excellence and achievement in all areas of school life, academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular. We were delighted to welcome our guest speaker and past pupil, Mr. Brian Gartland (Dundalk F.C.) who gave a heartfelt inspiring speech. We thank Brian and Ms. Helen O'Brien (ERST) who presented awards to our students.

Best wishes to all our students in their studies for the coming week.

Le gach dea-ghuí,  
S. Ó Murchú  
Principal

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### **An tSeachtain Seo Chugainn (Next Week ...)**

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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May    |      |   |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May   |      | TY Beckett & Yeats Paintballing   |
|                                | 7pm  | Transition Year Graduation  |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May |      | 6 <sup>th</sup> Year Fun Day  |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May  | 7pm  | 6 <sup>th</sup> Year Graduation<br><br>Mass in Ballyroan Church<br>followed by Reception in the<br>school |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May    | 10am | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Mass – Ballyroan Church  |

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## Careers' Corner

### **SIXTH YEARS:**

**Blackrock Further Education Institute (BFEI)** will hold an Open Afternoon (for Sixth Years) next Wednesday, May 22nd, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. They sent the school the following information which they have asked us to circulate to parents:

- *Trinity College have opened up access to holders of QQI Awards to some courses. These include the Bachelor in Business Studies (Global Business), Business, Economics & Social Studies (BESS) and Bachelor of Laws (LLB). The BFEI Courses in Business Studies and Pre-University Law satisfy the requirements for entry to these courses. This is a significant development, and hopeful will mean in the future that more courses are included.*
- *Also, just to bring to your attention that there has been a change in the progression route for BFEI Psychology graduates to University of Wales Trinity St David & Swansea Metropolitan. While we have maintained the progression link, due to changes in the UK, students are now required to start in first year, rather than heretofore, where they got advanced entry to second year. While this is disappointing, on the positive side, UCD have now opened up their Psychology Degree - DN720 to QQI Award holders.*

*There's a number of events next week in BFEI that may be of interest to your students and their parents.*

*Our **Design Exhibition** opens on Tuesday next (invite attached), and we have our **Open Day** on Wednesday.*

*Also, something new this year - **Brian Mooney**, Guidance Counsellor and Irish Times Columnist will do a session for parents here in the Institute on **Tuesday evening next at 7.30pm on Progression Options from PLC Courses**. As well as looking at alternative progression routes to degree courses, the session will also look at progression routes directly to emp*

**Bray Institute of Further Education** will hold an Open Evening on Thursday, May 23rd, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

A reminder to all students that the **SUSI Grant** scheme is now open online for applications.

Students interested in **apprenticeships** are reminded again of the service offered by SOLAS. Vacancies will be advertised as they arise on the site at this link -

<https://www.apprenticeshipjobs.ie/>

### **FIFTH YEARS:**

Fifth Years who are considering studying abroad when they complete their Leaving Certificate are asked that they look at online guides on [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) (For British Universities - including Northern Ireland) and [www.eunicas.ie](http://www.eunicas.ie) (for an overview of many European Universities). Students who wish to study abroad should make a Careers' Appointment within the first two weeks of their return to school in August.

### **THIRD AND SIXTH YEARS:**

The Irish Times have re-released an article aimed at offering advice to those completing state-exams this year. It offers some good tips to both students and their parents/guardians and can be accessed here -

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/the-final-countdown-how-to-maximise-success-in-the-junior-and-leaving-cert-1.660794>

*[Ms. Ruane]*

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### **Camino de Santiago**

This year as part of our TY programme we undertook to walk 100km of the Camino de Santiago in Northern Spain. This was a first for Coláiste Éanna and everyone involved was looking forward to a great adventure. Serious preparation commenced about 6 weeks prior to our departure in April. Some of us prepared by meeting other classmates and going on walks or walking on our own to break in our boots and get ready for walking that distance. Most people didn't know what to expect but were very excited to go on a trip abroad with their friends. We were told that the weather was going to be bad everyday but fortunately, it was actually very nice except for the last day, where it felt like we were back in Ireland with a typical Irish 'soft day'. Our accommodation was excellent throughout the trip and thankfully we found lots of pizzerias to cater for the Irish palate!

The 100km walk was broken up into a series of different kilometers per day. Having arrived on Thursday evening, we walked 9km on the first night. This was followed by 24km- 2<sup>nd</sup> day; 30km-3<sup>rd</sup> day; 19km -4<sup>th</sup> day and 19km – 5<sup>th</sup> and final day. Each walker is encouraged to have their walking passport stamped on at least 2 occasions per day to confirm the total distance walked. This proved to be quite a competition between us to see who could fill the passport first!

There were lots of people that had bad blisters and felt very sore but their determination and the help of their friends helped them pull through. There was a great sense of achievement for everyone when they reached the finish line in front of the Cathedral. I am very happy to say that every student and teacher completed the walk, 72 of us in total. We are a very close group and everyone feels comfortable talking with each other but I think this trip has brought us all closer.

I also want to mention all the teachers that were very good to bring us on such a big trip, without their input, the trip wouldn't have been such a success.

Thank you to Mr. Conway, Mr. Hayden, Ms. McDonnell, Mr. Nunn, Ms. McCabe Ms. Cremin and Mr. Quinn.



[Thomas Culleton TY]

### **U16 Gaelic Football**

The U16 Gaelic football team played Skerries Community School on Friday in the U16 Dublin "A" final.

After having a slow start and being four points down, Coláiste Éanna fought back with some well taken points. It was a very tight first half with both teams trading points finishing up at half time 2-10 to 2-7 in Coláiste Éanna's favour.

The second half was a completely different story with Eanna dominating the half completely. David Keane finishing the game with 4-8, was outstanding throughout the

game. A special mention must go to Eoin Donne who had to step into goal-keeping duties at short notice and had a great game, dealing with the many high balls in the second half with confidence. The mid-field pairing of Captain Hugh O' Sullivan and Vice-Captain Eoghan Gannon dominated and worked tirelessly throughout the game. Ben Wolfe did an amazing defensive job on the Skerries danger man and leading the defence.

The entire team put in a remarkable performance winning out on a score line of 5-15 to 2-10. Eanna now look forward to a Leinster final on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> May against Ashbourne Community School in Blanchardstown at 1pm.

*[Ms. Scanlon & Mr. McManus]*

## **All Ireland Basketball**

### **Coláiste Éanna Dominate in All Irelands:**

Coláiste Éanna First Year team won the highly prodigious minor All Ireland "A" Championships hosted in the University of Limerick this past weekend. The group games threw up tricky games against Castleisland, Castleblayney and Tullamore. Their effort was not helped by key injuries before the tournament to Seán Finn and Charlie Neilsen. Team captain Aleksandar Cvijic turned his ankle in the first minute of the first game but the team rallied and progressed comfortably through the group.

The quarter-finals pitted the team against many people's favourites in the "Bish" from Galway. Coláiste Éanna frustrated their opponents and ended up winning 37-29. They progressed to the semis against the powerhouse in Castleisland. A superb defensive display led to a 22-12 victory. Notable performances at this stage of the tournament were from Adam Walsh, Viktor Lovic, Nathan Comerford and Peter Whelan. The final pitted Coláiste Éanna against St. Malachy's from Belfast. Step forward injured team captain Aleksandar Cvijic who turned in a massive display. Coláiste Éanna trailed by 6 in the second quarter but dominated the last two quarters to come out on top 32-24. Mass celebrations were to follow as the school basked in the glory of being the first Dublin school in 14 years to capture this trophy. Huge congratulations to parents, players and coaches (Mr.O'Sullivan, Ms. Conroy and Mr. Loughney).



*[Mr. O'Sullivan]*

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Year CSPE**

Niall Mellon visited the school on Wed May 8<sup>th</sup>. He met with Mr. O'Gormans 2<sup>nd</sup> year CSPE class and spoke with them on the work of Mellon Educate in Africa and also how to maximise your potential and look after yourself.

Mr. Ó Murchú made a presentation to Mr. Mellon at the end of the class recognizing the massive achievements of his home and school building programme in Africa.

*[Mr. O'Gorman]*

## **Parents' Association**

The Limited Draw winners for this month are as follows:

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|-----------|--------|-------------------------|
| 1st prize | (€250) | Benzo Simonetto Berteno |
| 2nd prize | (€100) | Paul Owens              |
| 3rd prize | (€50)  | Des & Donna Riordan     |

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd September @ 7:30pm in Room 37/38. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 10th September.

*[Parents' Association]*

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