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Welcome!

Youare

welcome to the

twelfth edition

of our college

newsletter, the

DCFE Tribune,

which brings

highlights of

the college

year 2021-

2022. Primarily,

I want to thank

you some



Denis Leonard Principal

our graduating class of 2022 for their great contribution to the college academically, culturally socially and in terms of sports and extracurricular. I particularly want to mention the Green Campus committee responsible for the College achieving Green Campus Status with the flag being raised over the college on the 27th April 2022.

We are delighted that through the diligence of our staff and students and the demanding work of our Covid team, Dunboyne College has always been a safe place to attend each day. Special thanks to everyone that has contributed to this edition especially our tutors and journalism students and special thanks to our editor, Orla O'Dea, who is producing and editing this publication. Our main highlight this year was the visit of Ministers Simon Harris, Helen McEntee and Damien English in December. During the visit Minister Simon Harris announced that his department have set aside funding for a new campus building on a green field site for Dunboyne College. It will be a FET College of the Future design and will be the first of its kind in the country. We are delighted by this announcement giving us state of the art, purpose-built facilities. Work is now ongoing procuring a site and finalising the business case for the size and scale of the development. This investment is a testament to our staff, students, and the schools and communities we serve, who have put their trust in us for so many years to help us grow to 1000 students, and become a centre of excellence for teaching and learning in this region.

Dunboyne College is a college with a family atmosphere which gives students a wealth of learning, enabling, communicating, collaborating, and inspiring each day. It is a comfortable and supportive place to learn. We are proud of our staff, our students and their achievements.

This year has seen record numbers progressing from our college to third level courses and directly to industry. Three

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Flying the Flag at DCFE By Orla O'Dea

A momentous day at Dunboyne College of Further Education, Wednesday 27th April 2022 we were awarded An Taisce's Green Campus Flag. This achievement has been the cumulative effect of over three years hard work by DCFE's Green Campus Committee, management and support staff. We are proud to reach this landmark occasion as it highlights so many changes brought into effect on campus, some more visible than others. We increased recycling with the ordering of three-way bins across campus, swapped out our takeaway coffee cups to travel mugs and incorporated education and the environment into our teaching and learning across various modules. Events weeks have included Instagram photo competitions, litter picks and SDG workshops really focusing on student involvement alongside staff. This active participation has been at the heart of achieving the green flag. Our students have shown creativity and energy for environmental action that surpassed all expectation, from Graphic Design, Art and Journalism students designing writing and creating content for the Committee. Since 2019 we have combined their efforts alongside our own to work towards

hundred and seventy-four (374) students received honours degree, Level 8 offers and two hundred and forty-eight (248) received a Level 7, ordinary degree offer. These figures do not include the many mature students who received early offers and those who took up offers in the UK for Nursing, Law or Sports degrees. In addition to these students, the majority of the students who studied on the vocational skills courses obtained employment, this is particularly relevant in the service and leisure courses.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and share in the many activities and events of recent weeks. Please keep an eye on our website, www.dunboynecollege.ie, and our Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter pages, which will keep you informed of events as they happen. We will be taking applications right through the year until next September, given the year that is in it, and we hope many students will continue to join in the experiences of Dunboyne College, some of which you will find recorded here.

If you are thinking of coming to us next year, feel free to call in at any stage for more information on our courses and activities. You can always phone us on, **01 802 6577** or email; **dunboynecollege@Imetb.ie**; we are delighted to hear from you.

a more eco-friendly environment for everyone. For us this is just the beginning of our journey towards a greener, more sustainable campus.



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Students Win Scholarships in Second Year of Scholarships

Programme

by Irene Togher Deputy Principal

Twenty-one DCFE students are the happy recipients of scholarships sponsored by local businesses.

The scholarships programme matches up a current Dunboyne College student with a company or organisation as that student's sponsor. The sponsor commits to, usually, reimbursing the college fees to the student upon successful completion of the academic year. Basically, each student gets a cheque at the graduation!

Fifteen companies are taking part in the programme this year offering twenty two scholarships for which students competed to win. The successful students so far are: Shane McDonnell, Abbey Brannigan, Sophie Kelly, Caoimhe O'Moore, Kimberly Balingit (all from the Healthcare Department), Craig Kelly Dowling (Law), Brenda Mullins (Office Legal and Medical), Jack O'Sullivan (Software Development), Grainne MCDonagh (Office Accounting), Abbie Foley, Aodhan Tomkins, Oisin McCourt (all from Journalism), Peng Lu (Professional Cookery), Luc Garcia Louro, Caitlin Ryan (both from Animal Science), Oliwis Stasiuk (Airline), Ellen Connors (Beauty Therapy), Zilvinas Albrikas (Physiotherapy).

The fifteen companies involved are Alltec Ireland, Dunboyne; Lyons Financial Services, Dunboyne; Bluebird Care, Navan; Marymount Care Centre, Lucan, Headway Security, Dunboyne, Joseph Hickey and Sons Ltd., Dunboyne, EMR, Dunboyne, Kelly O'Reilly Accounting, Enfield; Coffee Perfection, Dunboyne; Shannonside Aviation, Dunboyne; Synoptix, Celbridge; Sidewalk Café, Dunboyne, Horse Racing Ireland, Tara Mines, Navan, Enterprise Freight, Dunboyne.

Hose Racing Ireland has committed to a €3,000 bursary for two students in the Equine area and this will be awarded at the end of the academic year.

The programme offers so many advantages to students like the opportunity to have their fees reimbursed for the academic year; the opportunity to form a relationship with a company or organisation in their vocational area and this may also translate into an opportunity for work experience or an internship and/ or a reference for their CV.

For companies it is an opportunity to give a chance at education to a deserving student; to build relationships with perspective employees; to raise the profile of their business; and to become part of a community project with Dunboyne College.



Breakfast meeting for DCFE's 5 Year Strategy Plan

By Kathleen Murphy (Assistant Principal I) and Orla O'Dea

DCFE is currently in the process of developing our next 5-year strategic plan (2022-27). Since last year, our committee have been consulting with key stakeholders; staff, students, industry and community partners to identify what is important to them and determine our strategic priorities. The plan will allow us to achieve our goals and realise our vision for DCFE as a FET college of the future. The next five years will be a time of major growth and expansion for the college as we see the development of our new purpose-built campus and prepare for the opportunities this will bring.

Thursday 5th May DCFE hosted an early morning breakfast meeting with key stakeholders to discuss this 5 year Strategy Plan. This informal setting involved college management and staff facilitating round table discussion reviewing the college's key areas of focus for the college from 2022-27. Stakeholders included local politicians, local small business owners, educators and CEO of LMETB Martin O'Brien.

Between 7.30 and 10am lively discussion amongst these varied groups took place with suggestions for student pathways,

learner experiences and infrastructure recorded. Such dialogue between the college and industry is a pivotal part of the aims of Dunboyne College's Strategy Plan. Engaging and working with local employers across a myriad of sectors is essential to how the college develops future courses and caters to the needs of a wide variety of students. For the first time after two years of Covid restrictions this was a significant occasion where face to face conversations and mingling could take place in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Positive feedback on the college and past students was hugely welcomed. Notes were taken of constructive suggestions for our future FET campus, its construction and also the demand for courses to match the skill sets required by employers in an ever changing and dynamic environment. DCFE looks forward to our official launch of the plan this coming Autumn and working alongside employers and industry to maximise the opportunities we can provide to our students in the future.

Smarter Travel Media Awards

By Clare Blackwell

Great news for DCFF in the Smarter Travel Media Awards 2022 Dáire McAuliffe CDM was named overall winner for Animation at The Smarter Travel Media Awards 2022 held yesterday at The Lighthouse Cinema Smithfield.

Jerren Oluwakemi Olanorin, CDM was also named as one of three runners up in this category. With 20 colleges taking part across the country, this is a huge achievement for Dáire and Jerren.

The standard of work from both students was exceptionally high this year-and tutor Richard Kelly's work with them in their Animation module was of huge benefit.

New Initiative to Boost Skills and Boost Business Launched by Dunboyne College

By Catherine Fox Deputy Principal

A new initiative by Dunboyne College that will support employers to recruit, retain and upskill their employees was launched recently by Damien English TD, Minister for Business, Employment and Retail.

Skills to Advance funding is provides highly subsidized courses to employed people and employers. All courses are accredited at QQI Level 5 or 6 with most participants receiving 100% funding, meaning that there are no course fees. Classes are organized by Dunboyne College to be flexible to fit around business hours and work schedules.

The Minister also presented the first cohort of business people who took part in the pilot programme with their QQI certificates at an event in the Johnstown Estate Hotel and Spa. Employees from companies including Johnstown Estate, Trim Castle, The Hamlet Court Hotel, Bluebird Care, Home Instead, as well as individual employees from businesses across Meath completed courses with Dunboyne College in Training Needs, Training Delivery, Care Skills, Care of the Older Person, Excel, Front Office and Reception with Customer Service skills.

Acknowledging the commitment of LMETB and Dunboyne College to offering local businesses quality training Minister English said that more and more business owners and operators understand the additional impact that investing in their workforce has on their ability to grow and unlock new opportunities for their business.

Martin O'Brien. Chief Executive of Louth and Meath Education and Training Board (LMETB) said that LMETB was eager to support businesses to meet the challenges that they are facing. This view was echoed by Deis Leonard, Principal, Dunboyne College. "Our aim in delivering these programmes is to support local and

in turn will boost business."

Anthony Smiddy, General Manager,

outcome was exceptional, by completing

the QQI level 6 Special Purpose Award in

on the skills development of our staff. The

experience embedded a culture of training

across the hotel and the management team

in turn have worked with their teams to

identify additional training requirements.

All this has had an impact on the quality of

the service delivered to guests and on the

RESPA Bedding in Oldcastle also engaged

with Skills to Advance funding. Deirdre

business."

Training and Development we have focused

regional employers by boosting skills which Kelly, Operations Manager says its engagement brought a culture of learning and development to Respa Beds. As an employer it has allowed us to close skills Johnstown Estate says that the hotel used gaps in the company, but more importantly it the training very effectively to upskill and has opened doors for employees to engage train their senior management team. "The in funded further education. LMETB funded

> courses have upskilled our employees in Lean Manufacturing, Safety and Health, Customs Training and Microsoft office skills. In addition to this, courses in English as a second language were provided onsite via the Skills for Work funding."

> Further information on Skills to Advance courses can be obtained from Catherine Fox, Deputy Principal, Dunboyne College or via sta.dbc@lmetb.ie



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Guidance Counselling

By Meabh Nimmo Assistant Principal II

As the teaching year at DCFE nears the end a lot has been happening within the Guidance Department with many students seeking advice, information, guidance and counselling.

A major part of the career guidance service is the application process for progression to other universities and colleges both in Ireland and abroad. CAO time was extremely busy this year at DCFE from the time the application process opened on November 5th right through to February 1st with many hundreds of students seeking assistance on many levels of the application process. The QQI qualification gained at further education is a new route to progression for students providing huge opportunities alongside any other qualifications that they might have, such as a Leaving Certificate. The Higher Education Links Scheme is a system where students with a QQI qualification can apply through the CAO for a place from a quota of places set aside for the further education route. This year, Meabh and Derek in the Guidance Department assisted well over 600 students in this process.

Many students, particularity in the area of Nursing will apply to the UK universities through the UCAS system. This is a lengthier application process involving a personal statement to be written by the applicant. This year the Guidance Department saw a large increase in applications to UCAS and assisted students through the process from application to offer stage. Mature student applications also kept the Guidance Department busy this year with an increase seen in this type of application.

The Guidance Department ran very successful information events for current students such as progression talks from different universities including Maynooth University, TU Dublin, UCD and DCU covering different types of degree options as well as apprenticeships. Students are continually updated through their DCFE email accounts of news and events such as university talks and open days.

Connecting with the schools in our catchment area has continued strongly right throughout the year with many schools inviting us back in on campus. This has been a welcomed change as meeting the prospective students face to face rather than online is so much more informative and interactive. This year, DFCE Guidance Department held for the first time a parent's information evening for prospective students which saw large numbers attend on campus for a great night. Meabh and Derek have also hosted information stands at the



many career expos in the region.

The other side of the Guidance Department is that of personal support and counselling. With the mix of the past few years of Covid and with other factors, many students feel the strain. Meabh and Derek have been crucial in supporting these students throughout the year both in getting back on track academically and in personal matters. Jigsaw delivered a DCFE college wide talk where all classes logged on for the invaluable information on the service and work provided for by Jigsaw. Thank you, Jigsaw.

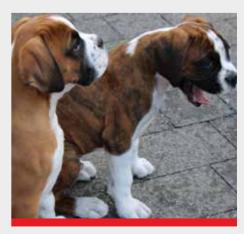
Stop Press!

By Jean Young

Term 2 saw a much-needed return to an impressive range on campus activity and events. In addition to terrific student participation, lots of media coverage and social media activity was generated too. We were delighted to welcome guest speakers and groups back on campus for faceto-face sessions as well as participating in field trips and visits to businesses and venues of special interest to many courses. Throughout the year we are very proud of the work done by students and teachers acknowledged through participating in and winning several high-profile competitions and awards. [This bit can be left out if the word count is over or considered not so relevant] There is a very long list so just a few highlights from a public relations point of view this term, include Green Week

and achievement of our Green Campus Flag awarded by An Taisce. In early March, to coincide with International Women's Day, a series of collaborative events were supported with a three-day celebration to mark International Women's Day 2022, and to raise funds and awareness of Women's Aid. This included an incredible music performance at The Grand Social, guest speakers, podcasts, student information stands and awareness raising activities. Hot on the heels was Health Week, which also gained lots of traction especially on the DCFE social media channels. The week incorporated health checks and eating tips to relaxation, exercise and a cyclathon and raising vital funds for BODYWHYS, Pieta and Breast Cancer Ireland. Open Day was a hit, showcasing everything Dunboyne College has to offer prospective students in the coming academic year. LMFM brought their road caster onsite to broadcast live

to our core audiences and to interview Denis and students Abbie Foley and Sarah Coman. Well done to everyone involved in organizing events and building on the profile and reputation of the College and the opportunities a PLC can offer.



Bertie and Freddy – Just another day in Dunboyne

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Learning in Action



The NAPD Creative Engagement fund

By Geraldine Lane

We received funding this year from the NAPD Creative Engagement fund and have been working with professional photographer Aoife Herrity to create a series of portraits of students.

Students from CDM, Graphic Design, Animation and Film and Media are all involved and we undertook a field trip to Dublin Castle to see the exhibition 'In Our Own Image' in preparation for this.

Students visited Tyrrelstown House on four separate occasions to shoot in a variety of contexts, and also had the opportunity to take photographs of the Music and Sound students rehearsing.

We'll be displaying the students work in the canteen in April and hope everyone will come and enjoy the outcome of all their hard work.

We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ava Quinn and Luke Cray from Film and Media who both won Merit Awards in this years LMETB



Robert Ballagh Art and Photography competition for their photography work.

The exhibition of winners for this year's competition will take place at the Droichead Arts Centre, Stockwell St., Drogheda. The exhibition will run from 11am on Thursday 3rd to 5pm on Saturday 12th of March. Last year's Photography winners will be included in this year's show. They are; Nicole Preece (Graphic Design) who won first prize in the Photography category, Dylan Kirwan (Animation) and Eoin Havern (Animation) who both won Merit awards.



NCAD Portfolios

NCAD portfolios, lots of amazing pieces on display showing students together in the studio with a selection of their finished pieces.

Sound Recording and Video Event

By Terry Devine

Susan Clarke and Matt Bashford were running an event today in Tyrellstown House – Camelot Recording Studios (D15). It is called a "Sound Recording and Video Event".

A few of the students from Pre-Paramedic Fire and Ambulance - Class 1 attended as First Aid/Health And Safety for the event.

Jason, Daniel and Jonathan also provided demonstrations in CPR on adults and babies for the sound, film and music students taking part in the event.

Valentine's Day

Honorata Butt made a book display based on the concept of 'not judging a book by its cover'.

Teresa and Honorata parcelled up books, putting a small summary on each envelope and students can chose one to take and loan for two weeks.

Beauty students visit Johnstown House Estate

By Sarah Frawley-Carroll

Beauty students were invited to visit Johnstown Estate in February.

As part of the visit, they got to use the newly renovated spa that includes a sauna, steam, and salt room. They were provided with lunch and refreshments. Johnstown estate provided students with information regarding jobs that are available to beauty graduates and some talks from therapists that have worked around the world.

Beauty Students – Learning in Action By Zara Sheridan

Demonstrating the skills below they've learned over the last few months in the salon to complete the final of their

- practical exams.
 - Shampooing
 - Cutting
 - Blow-drying
 - Setting
 - Finger waving
- Pin curling

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Class Trips Kilmainham Jail

Students from Pre-Culture and Heritage visit Kilmainham Jail as part of their studies with tutors Enda Daly and Orla O'Dea.



Barcelona 11th-25th February

By Maria McDonnell

32 DCFE students across many courses; Criminology, Liberal Arts and Computer Systems, to name but a few, took part in a 14-day internship in Girona, near Barcelona in Spain. Two staff members at DCFE; Adele McDermott (Healthcare Dept.) and Maria McDonnell (Business Dept.) accompanied the students on the second week to observe their progress. This Erasmus was funded by IEP and Corkscrew (innovative providers of internships and business start-up programs) - and facilitated by the staff and students here at Dunboyne college.

This international experience which took place from the 11th - 25th of February, focused on soft skills applied to



entrepreneurship and business startup. Every day, there were workshops and group work for the students to get involved in. Extensive mentor support was available for idea development throughout the program by IEP and Corkscrew staff. In the evenings and weekends, students enjoyed exploring the wider Barcelona area and the sunny beaches just beside the hotel.

The program, in essence, is designed to leave students with a broad working knowledge of several key business areas: business, technical, professional and team working skills. This, in turn, enables students to focus on some very important and lifelong skills which will enhance, not only their career prospects, but indeed their ability to integrate better, and perform well in teams as well as solve problems."

IBM By Maria McDonnell

CDM, Csoft1&2 as well as CSN1&2 went to IBM - Mulhuddart campus today for a half day event. It was DCFE's first time to embark on a group visit to IBM and it was well worth the wait. The itinerary included; tour of the software labs, IBM guest speakers, cyber security, their work with the HSE and a Q&A session. We also hope to continue working more closely with IBM in the coming years on a new initiative (project) called PTECH targeted at schools and colleges and created by IBM." In short, PTECH is the practical learning of skills that can by used within some of our courses in Dunboyne College and as such cuts the theoretical workload.



Criminal Courts

Students from Business Law, Journalism and Media Film visited Dublin Criminal Courts as part of course assignments with tutors Johanna Dawe, Jean Young and Orla O'Dea.



Maynooth Fire station By Terry Devine

Today both Paramedic classes visited the Maynooth Fire Station. We received a very warm welcome from the Station Officer (Robbie) and 2 of the 10 staff who work in the station, Clare and David.

The students were given a very informative tour of the station, and Dave who has been working as a Fire Fighter in Maynooth for 5 years gave the students a detailed run through of all the equipment and vehicles the Fire Crews use. The students were given demonstrations on how the Fire Crews use the "Jaws of Life" at a Road Traffic Collision by Dave and Clare. Clare who is a recent recruit to Maynooth Fire Service discussed how she became a Fire Fighter and what it entails.

The students had a great trip and left with a much greater knowledge of how Fire Crews work and what the career entails.

We had an excellent Q&A at the end of the visit, and the students will take away a greater sense of what the Fire Fighter career entails

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Class Trips



National Museum of Archaeology and Castletown House

Pre-culture and Heritage students visit the National museum of Archaeology and Castletown house as part of their core modules.



Students visit NUIM

By Aoife O'Dwyer Assistant Principal II

A group of students from our Pre-Teaching, Liberal Arts and Journalism courses visited the School of Education at Maynooth University in March, hosted by Dr. Jerry O'Neill and Dr. Gareth Burns.

Students participated in a workshop examining the potential challenges of making the transition into university life, learned about the Maynooth Access Programme. They had the opportunity to meet support staff who outlined the Academic, Personal and Financial supports available to students at the university and how they can be accessed.

A tour of the campus, the student support offices, the library, and lunch in the beautiful Pugin Hall were followed by a combined session with students from the Turn to Teaching programme where pathways into teaching were discussed. The Dunboyne College students had the opportunity to chat with the Maynooth University students and find out more about university life and studies.

This trip also supported the exciting developments to our Pre-Teaching course in the new academic year which will see our students have a dual campus experience, attending lectures and tutorials on both Dunboyne College and Maynooth University campuses and availing of a variety of academic and student supports across the two campuses.

Visit to Swords Ambulance Station By Terry Devine

Students from Pre-Paramedic 1 and 2 received a warm welcome from the Management and Staff at Swords Ambulance Station (HSE NAS). Those students who were able to travel were treated to a full tour of the Swords Ambulance station and many different Emergency vehicles.

The students were greeted by Frank Rafferty (Advanced Paramedic Supervisor) and Gregg Lyons (Paramedic). Greg gave the students a full and instructive tour of a number of Ambulance vehicles. From the latest 2022 vehicles to some of the older vehicles still operational. He went through the vehicles explaining what each piece of equipment was used for. The students had plenty of questions and Greg was happy to answer them. Greg then demonstrated how different Ambulance equipment is used and tested. He explained what is involved in the Vehicle Pre Shift check which is mandatory before every shift

Frank then took the students into the station for a tour of the station to give the students an overview of the building and its operation. Swords is one of the Jewels in the HSE NAS Ambulance Service.

Both Frank and Greg then explained how calls are responded to, with instructive demonstrations on the handheld radio and the MDT in the Ambulance.

Frank gave a very informative talk to the students on the different Medications Paramedics can administer.



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Spring Events 2022

Green Week 2022 By Orla O'Dea

Staff and student survey distributed to get thoughts and opinions on the environment and proactive steps we can take as campus to be more eco-friendly.

Cookery Demo

Gillian Duff Professional Cookery tutor gave students recipes for a wonderful array of tasty snacks completing a cookery demo on site encouraging healthy eating that's quick and simple!

A Sustainable Development Goals Workshop was hosted by Nick Doran and Mark Kearns, including staff and students raising awareness of key issues in society and our environment.

Litter Pick

A **litter pick was** organised around the grounds of the campus for both staff and students.

Coynes Bikes

We were delighted to have **Coyne Cycles** set up on campus today with their **Bike to Work** scheme for staff to avail of amazing discounts on a variety of bikes.

Winners of our Green Week Instagram photo competition Nature on your doorstep: 1st prize to Rionn Cahill, 2nd prize to Daniel Rogers and 3rd prize to Eoin Havern.



Tree Planting

Over 400 trees were planted following our student vote last autumn. Shared between Dunboyne College, Dunboyne Tidy Towns, St Peter's College and Meath Dunboyne Scouts group.

The First Meath Dunboyne Scout groups planted trees with sincere thanks for the trees they received from the college for National Tree Week. The Beavers, Cubs and their Leaders were absolutely delighted with them, they were planted in homes and gardens all around Dunboyne and their efforts also helped them achieve their Environmental Badge.



International Women's Week

By Leah Doherty Journalism Student

The fantastic and hard-working students and staff of Dunboyne College of Further Education have arranged a week full of fun and inspiring activities for International women's day. International Women's Day takes place this year on the 8th of March 2022. It is not just one day of the year that we get to celebrate Internationals Women's Day, it is a whole week of celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political events of women.

This year, Dunboyne College are making incredible ways to spread the awareness of the day. Dunboyne College have organised a music night be filled with students' talent in the Grand Social in Dublin on the 9th of March 2022 at 7pm. Johanna Dawe, the events manager of this event says, "it is a night where students get to show case their beautiful and tremendous talent". The proceeds of this event going towards Women's Aid.

That is not all that Dunboyne College are offering. There is a book that has been contributed by Joe Duffy, the Broadcaster, Mary Lou Mc Donald, the Sinn Fein politician, and Michelle O'Neil, head of Sinn Fein. The book will include inspirational poems and pieces about the importance of International Women's Day alongside some gifted artwork from our talented students here in Dunboyne, with the proceeds going towards Women's Aid.

The time and the hard work that the amazing students and staff of Dunboyne College have shown how important International Women's Day means to Dunboyne.



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Human Trafficking Talk

Guest Speaker Carmel Somers (Human Capital Strategist) speaking with students about the complexities of Human Trafficking. During the presentation Carmel discussed what human trafficking is, the scale of the issue and types of Exploitation.

The students also got to hear about STOP THE TRAFFIK who are a global network working to prevent human trafficking through an innovative intelligence led approach



Cake Sale in aid of Drogheda Women's Refuge

Organised by Fiona Hoey (Assistant Principal II)

A whopping **€401.50** for the Women's Refuge in Drogheda was raised for a fantastic and worthy cause.

Nutritional Health Guest Speaker:

Edel Owens is a nutritional health coach who also specializes in Irish handmade artisan products. She will have an information stand and products on display outside the canteen.

Students Abbie and Kym from Youth and Community host an informative stand for Too Into You. Highlighting the following: Intimate relationship abuse against young women as a prominent issue in Ireland.

- 3 in 5 young people have experienced, or know someone who has experienced, intimate relationship abuse
- 1 in 5 young women have suffered intimate relationship abuse
- 1 in 6 young women have suffered coercive control
- 51% of young women affected experienced the abuse under the age of 18
- Of the young women who had suffered abuse, 1 in 2 experienced online abuse
- 1 in 3 young women never spoke to anyone about the abuse they experienced.



Too Into You

Is a campaign which helps young people to spot the 10 key danger signs of intimate relationship abuse. Students had the opportunity to discover the red flags of intimate partner abuse. Literature, information, and badges were given to students to help them spot the warning signs.

#TooIntoYou #WomensAid

The Grand Social

A night to remember!



Music Performance:

Cian Bartley, Sarah Diggin, Cassandra Gillick, Evin Greene, Andy Marshall, Ciara Philip, Hannah Roddy, Kyle Tighe and Conor Waters

Sound Production:

Callum Curran, Ryan Gibney, Jamie Kelly, Rachel Leonard, Callum Lynch, Ben Moriarty, Alex Murphy and Kyle Prunty Doyle.

Health Week

By Paddy Sullivan Assistant Principal II

DCFE Health Week took place on March 14th -16th. There was a jam-packed week of events, talks and activities focusing on student wellbeing and various forms of health; physical, mental, social and healthy eating. A big thank you to all our guest speakers, especially Olympic silver medallist Kenneth Egan, who discussed his journey from the Olympic podium and sporting success to personal despair. Over



300 euro was raised during the week for Breast Cancer Ireland and Bodywhys - the eating disorder charity in Ireland.



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Student Voice Local Authority Home Loan Scheme Welcomed with Open

Arms

By Oisin McCourt

The new Local Authority Home Loan scheme has been welcomed in Meath, with many councillors hoping for locals to relish the opportunity to get their name out there onto the property ladder.

The Government-backed mortgage scheme is aimed at first-time buyers, and it will be open to 'fresh start' applicants – divorced or separated people who have no financial interests in the family home, or who have gone through the personal insolvency or bankruptcy route.

The scheme mainly puts itself forward for the purchase of new or second-hand residential properties and for self-builds under the Tenant Purchase Scheme and Affordable Housing Schemes.

'The expansion of the council mortgage scheme to allow for a wider range of single people to purchase their own home is very welcome in Meath,' said Cathaoirleach of Meath County Council, Cllr Sean Drew.

'The scheme's fresh start component will open new opportunities for the eligible to move on with their own lives, and this gives them the ability to invest in a new or second-hand home.

'The increase of the single applicant income limit to €65,000 will let houseowners to be approved of a low interest mortgage under the scheme,' ClIr Drew added.

Cllr Nick Killian said the scheme would be one of solidarity and hope for single people and young people who want to buy a place they can call their own.

The new loan comes in the form of a normal capital and interest-gaining mortgage, which is repaid monthly via direct debit and

90% of the property's market value can be borrowed.

The maximum market values of properties that can be purchased or self-built account for: \leq 320,000 in Meath and \leq 250,000 in the rest of the country.

To qualify for the eligibility, a first-time buyer must be between the 18-70 age bracket, have a two-year continuous employment history as a primary earner or be in continuous employment for one year as a secondary earner.

A single applicant can have an annual gross income of not more than €65,000 in Meath or be under the earning of €50,000 in other counties.

Joint applicants must be in the possession of an annual gross income of not more than €75,000 in all counties.

Afghanistan: Inside Prison

By Abbie Foley

Inside a prison in Afghanistan children as young as 12 are held and a female governor has vanished. Sky News exposes the insides of a Taliban jail in Herat where it is claimed to hold inmates without evidence, proof, or trials to their cases. As reporters were given exclusive access to this prison, staggering secrets were revealed throughout their escort by the Taliban governor and his armed guards during their visit. The cells of Herat's main prison were discovered to be crammed full, confining an average of forty men to a small space with no room to move. This results in prisoners living in unhealthy, detrimental conditions as they are jammed up against one another on the floor, or some restricted to bunk beds. The Herat prison chief, Mohammed Nabi Khali, admitted to the undercover prison he ran before the Taliban came to power last August. During that time, prisoners were continuously relocated in order to avoid the coalition raids. However, they've been locked up for five months

since. Those that were spoken to unveiled the truth about their lack of trials and judicial process. The governor himself stated that the launch of the city's Sharia court system had only been introduced a month ago. A prisoner in particular with a fresh injury on his arm explained how many are jailed are former government employees. The female head of Herat's woman prison, Alia Azizi, has also been reported missing for four months.

According to telephone records the last call she received was from the Herat prison governor. When he was interviewed, he insisted he had no idea what had happened to her, however he went on to say that he believed she was corrupt and stole the possessions of prisoners. He claimed she had run away to seek asylum in another country, stating that "If she was here, I would definitely know about it. The idea we are somehow responsible for her disappearance is fake." The Sky News team also witnessed children as young as twelve inside these prisons and were informed the shocking truths about their crimes—some being as trivial as 'stealing bicycles' and remaining locked up whilst Taliban critics continue to disappear inside these jails, thus leaving critics in serious concern for those who hold the power over the country

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Student Voice

Work/Life Balance

By Daniel Rogers

Trying to get that fine balance of work and college down to a tee? Well, here is a few ways to make your life and lifestyle better and healthier! Number 1, do out a timetable for your week. A survey in America from PRNewswire shows that 2/3rds of Americans don't plan out their daily/weekly lives. With the help of a planner this can give you the balance of college work, socializing and exercising you need to keep happy. Number 2 of course is try fix your sleep schedule. If you are like me you struggle to sleep at night and are up till all hours, the best thing for you to do is put the phone in your wardrobe and have a wind down time. I recently started doing this and by God did it save my sleep and make sure to go at a reasonable time. Humans are recommended to get 7-8 hours of sleep a night this is vital if you want to wake up fresh and ready for your day of work and life. Dunboyne College of Further Education Page 6 of 10 Number 3 is to make room for personal time. when

New Homes Coming to Ashbourne

By Aodhan Tomkins Journalism Student

In Ashbourne, County Meath, a readyto-go site seeking €1.65 million has come with a full planning permission for eighteen homes. The site is located at Castle Street in the Meath Town and it is being brought to market by Hooke and MacDonald which is guiding in excess of €1.65 million which is €91.500 per house.

It has full planning permission for eighteen

three/four/five/ bedroom semi-detached and detached houses. Development site of the property is about 1.73 acres and contains two derelict houses. It is located 250m southwest of Ashbourne Town Centre and is 22km southeast of Dublin City Centre.

Ratoath is 6.5km west of the site and it is near Lidl. The surrounding area of the housing site is made mainly developed land, undeveloped land and lands under construction. Ashbourne has had a good level of redevelopment over recent years with it being close to Dublin. planning this new schedule make sure there is time for you to do your own things like watching a show or going for a walk, personal time is vital for personal wellbeing and development. Number 4 is to leave your work and its problems at work. The worst thing you can do is bring work and its problems home as your mood and even the whole homes mood will be affected by the stress brought in. If your boss has annoyed, you or overloaded you with tasks be sure to leave that stress in the office.

Services near the estate include the Ashbourne Retail Park, Ashbourne Gold Club and the Ashbourne GAA Club. It is also located near the Ashbourne Educate National School. Development of new houses would be beneficial to people working in Ashbourne and live far away as they will be able to live nearer to their job.

It will also give more population to the area of Ashbourne and will allow businesses to own more land when the area is built as well as developers who are looking for sites in sought after residential areas.

Fans jump out of their seats with Liverpool's new signing

By Leah Doherty Journalism Student

Liverpool is upping their game yet again as they sign the Colombian international, Luis Diaz, with a five-and-a-half-year deal. The fans have already got excited about the £50 million signing as he came off the bench in the 58th minute against Cardiff City in the FA Cup which created the second goal for Takumi Minamino.

According to former Liverpool player Alexander-Arnold, the 25-year-old has settled in really well receiving help from his new Spanish and Brazilian colleagues in terms of language difficulties.

Spurs wanted to sign Diaz and were offering to pay up to £47 million, but Diaz decided the move to Liverpool was the right choice. Liverpool is boosting in the attacking ranks as it is the second signing of the season, following the arrival from Ibrahima Konate.

The new left winger for Liverpool had previously scored 16 goals and laid on six assists in 26 games from his previous team Porto. This brought his total to 41 goals and 19 assists in 125 appearances for Porto.

The former manager of Liverpool, Jurgen Klopp says "I could not be happier that we've been able to get this deal done and bring Luis to Liverpool". Klopp also states that he has been tracking Diaz for a very long time.

Diaz also had an eye-catching performance with a 2-0 victory against Leicester City on Thursday. It was only the wingers second match with Liverpool and already fans are leaping out of their seats with excitement for Liverpool's season ahead. Liverpool have yet again proved themselves to be ahead of the curve.

Luis Diaz has certainly made his mark on the Liverpool playing field with a bright and successful future ahead of him.



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Student Reviews

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Review: Mr. Robot

By Azan Bari Media and Film student



Mr. Robot tells a rich, mind-bending story that takes you on a journey that one day, may become our reality. Sam Esmail shares this beautiful story about Elliot (played by Rami Malek) and his journey as a cyber security engineer and a vigilante hacker. We join Eliots journey on taking down those who make the world around him miserable to live in and discovering who really is Mr. Robot (played by Christian

Slater).

What makes storytelling so unique in Mr. Robot is its cinematography. Tod Campbell, the Cinematographer for show takes a different spin on creating unique shots, angles and going as far creating these illusive shots that helps the story come alive. There are memorable episodes throughout each season, the bold choice of awkward shots with the avoidance of seeing the characters so up close, it's certainly an odd yet courageous in a way where we're able to visualize those subtle details. Each season has a vastly different contrast to each of them, taking full advantage of their creativity of telling Eliots story is many ways whether it's through narration or visually demonstrating the actions to twist this story around.

What I appreciate the most about Mr. Robot is the use of using realistic interfaces and tools to portray the realism in hacking. Kor Adana, (Writer and Producer) goes above and beyond with these superrealistic visual elements. Everything that you see throughout show from social engineering (one that pretends in order to gather vulnerable information) to breaching data centers, it's all visually demonstrated realistically and that it can very much so occur in real life. All the interfaces, command lines, the planning etc. is all based on real-life hacking that has been carried out before.

Very rarely will you see this in other shows as it's extremely difficult to explain and use these different technical elements to an Audience who aren't very versatile on technology. However, Esmail understood that in order to reach to a wider Audience, it's best to educate and visually demonstrate different elements of hacking so the viewer can understand how it works and why it's being used in the show.

Mr. Robot is a severely underrated drama that anyone can watch whether your techsavvy or not, it tells a beautiful story that'll take you on an emotional rollercoaster and will make you question reality. Rami Malek's portrayal of Eliot and Christian Slater playing Mr. Robot; they bring out the upmost amazing energy and create a very iconic duo throughout the show.

Star Rating: 4/5

Bloodborne Review

By Joe Kramer Media and Film Student Developer: FromSoftware Inc. Release date: 2015



Bloodborne is a fantasy roleplaying game (RPG) that is a spinoff to the titular Souls

series by the same developers. A new game in the series is slated for release this year called Elden Ring which will make a visit to previous Souls like games including Bloodborne worth your while.

Bloodborne is brutal as it is beautiful. You play as a mute Hunter of the player's creation who must kill beasts that have taken over the dark, gothic streets of Yharnam, a fictional Victorian London. The game immediately drops you into the deep end when you must kill a werewolf creature only five minutes into the game. This is representative of how Bloodborne wants you to make mistakes and learn from them, since many people do not realize that you can find a weapon to fight the werewolf and die to this first creature many times.

Aside from the difficult learning curve of the game, the second thing that strikes you is the beautiful art style, which never gets boring as you continue to fight new Lovecraftian monsters and Bosses. Bosses are a highlight in the game. Dangerous, tough, and often several times your size, they will put you to the test. They will force you to put everything you have learned when killing smaller enemies into practice.

To some people, the thought of replaying sections over and over might sound tedious, but Bloodborne gives you an amazing feeling of accomplishment when you get past a particularly treacherous stage.

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"Last Night in Soho" Film Review:

By Ava Quinn Journalism Student



According to Rotten Tomatoes "In acclaimed director Edgar Wright's

Hades (PS5) Review

By Luke Kray Journalism Student



Escape Hell. One of the most acclaimed games of the decade has returned for a new generation of consoles, letting brand new players run, bludgeon, and disappoint their fathers in this epic single player game by independent studio Supergiant games. With some graphical enhancements and faster load times psychological thriller, Eloise, an aspiring fashion designer, is mysteriously able to enter the 1960s where she encounters a dazzling wannabe singer, Sandie. But the glamour is not all it appears to be and the dreams of the past start to crack and splinter into something far darker."

Going into this film I knew almost nothing about it; however, I left the cinema with a new outlook on life. Without a doubt, I would highly recommend anyone to watch this film.

Thanks to Wright's phenomenal taste in "old but gold" music and unexpected camera angles that spin you around like the characters, it felt like I was part of the film.

The well thought out use of songs from the 60s mixed into the modern world would easily engage older generations and have them glued to the screen in

escaping the underworld has never looked this good.

The story of Hades follows the playable protagonist of the story Zagreus. The son of the titular underworld God as he tries to leave the underworld to escape his overbearing father, encountering the hero's and monsters of Greek legend. Zagreus will have to contend with these challenges to uncover the truth of his lineage.

With six distinctive weapons from various parts of human history each with multiple variants, there is a style of gameplay for everyone whether that's keeping your enemies at a distance with a bow and getting up close and personal with a sword every style is viable and unique.

However even with the greatest weapons that humanity has ever created at your fingertips, battling the hordes of the underworld is no easy task so your untimely death is inevitable, but death is not the end but an obstacle for you the player to overcome. Each death is a seconds. The music gives each scene an individual aura that communicates to everyone differently.

The abnormal and unforeseen camera angles do not give you a chance to adjust and take in the background. They do the exact opposite and throw you in unaware like the characters. Wright's abstract camera angles most definitely show us the picturesque backgrounds of London in the 60s and how it has changed today.

It goes without saying that I thoroughly enjoyed Edgar Write's film "Last Night in Soho". In my opinion I believe that anyone, regardless of their age, would also fully enjoy this psychological thriller.

learning experience that the player must use to succeed in this grueling rogue like. Each death gives knowledge which the player can use to get further and further.

Hades boasts a colorful cast of characters whether it's the ever-jovial Sisyphus or the snarky cynical Megaera each character is an utter delight as you uncover their backstories and how their fates intertwine with each other's. The voice work is impeccable with Hades' voice actor Logan Cunningham giving a stellar performance to the titular god of the underworld, injecting humanity into the god of the dead.

If you have somehow not experienced this epic game, now is the perfect chance to pick it up and escape the underworld.

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Dying Light 2" Gaming Review By Dayna Matassa

Media and Film student



If you enjoyed 'Dying Light' chances are you'll love 'Dying Light 2'. The developers

Richie Rich: A day in the life of supposedly 'the world's youngest billionaire'



By Oisin McCourt

He may not be the Richie Rich from the 1980s Hanna-Barbera TV series or the 1994 film starring Macaulay Culkin, but Mompha Junior (who has claim to be the world's youngest billionaire) has ownership of his first mansion in at the age of six and travels the world via his own private jet.

The pint-sized pre-teen, whose real name is Muhammed Awal Mustapha, has 25,000

over at 'Techland' added the subtitle "Stay Human" this was a large hint from the developers show chasing that Techland want to rediscover the humanity that was once lost in 'Dying Light' developers has done so, by adding numerous NPC branch's allowing much more interaction; anyone who has played Dying Light knows how it feels coming against braindead zombies but I feel like I could have gotten a better conversation from a zombie than one of the NPC's. Throughout the majority of Dying Light is its action packed filled with fast paced brawls, dangerous parkour maneuvers and countless side quests. If you've ever booted up Dying Light, you'd be familiar with the side quests that shy away from the main story line and yet somehow develop the storyline further.

Should you decide to venture through the side quests you'd find yourself quickly becoming familiar with the open world

Instagram followers and is known for his posts of him living the high life.

One of the posts shows him posing on a Bentley Flying Spur's bonnet, and he has said that his dad bought him this as his first car. Another one sees a yellow Ferrari parked outside a sprawling luxury home in Dubai.

Muhammed is the offspring of multimillionaire Nigeria-born internet celebrity Ismailia 'Mompha' Mustapha, and like his son has expensive tastes, extravagant spending and a lifestyle that perfectly fits the A-list.

He splits his time between Lagos in Nigeria and the UAE and shares photos with his million Instagram followers.

Some of what he posts includes holding banknotes, staying at seven-star hotels and test-driving hypercars.

'Owning your own house is one of the best feelings ever. It cannot be described in words, it cannot be quantified in money,' he wrote after he bought Mompha Jr his first mansion as his sixth birthday present in 2019. 'Ownership of a home is a feeling that makes life's daily grindstone worth facing.

It reassures you that after all the ups and downs you have a place to go to... A place

play style and the story woes that follow it. Techland flexes their muscles once again, showcasing their first-person platform and improves on something that was already guite outstanding from the original 'Dying Light'. Not only does 'Dying light 2' showcase better gameplay, the new main hero 'Aiden Caldwell' is like the Rambo for the city of Villedor as Aiden is equipped with all the zombie bashing staples such as knuckle dusters and maces along with his grappling hook and glider to get across the beautiful city of Villedor in style. If you come for the heroic, endless survival and exhilarating gameplay that is 'Dying Light' be sure you stay for the cut scenes as the intense dialog and sequences really add that element of story building that lacked in 'Dying Light'. So, if you're looking for a zombie survival, mischievous activities and death-defying parkour stunts 'Dying Light 2' will deliver, this game will have you feeling like a true hero.

that will never judge you and always invite you with open arms...' 'Congrats My Son on your New Home. Ur (sic) birthday Gift from Daddy.'

Mustapha also claimed his son's lifechanging achievements should receive their own acknowledgements. 'The youngest landlord who wears Gucci and still owns a house,' he said in a post on Instagram. 'He deserves some accolades cos (sic) he has paid his full dues.'

Mompha made his fortune from a bureau de change business located within Lagos before he decided to move into investments.

But as of January 2022, he has been accused of laundering more than £10 million.

A court heard claims from Nigeria's anticorruption board that Mompha hid what he had earned in luxury designer watches.

He was held in custody to await a further trial hearing, and then he was released with the bail of £350,000.

As an African nation, Nigeria has had to put up with its own generation of Rich Kids of Instagram showing off their own private jets and possessions.

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Editorial

Is Animal Testing Ever Justified?

By By Abbie Foley

Is animal testing ever justified? The use of animal experimentation used in laboratories for medical procedures has been a topic of heated debate for decades-as despite the ultimate recognition of the breakthroughs they have introduced, including the developments of antibiotics like insulin therapy and modern anaesthesia, many people still object the use of animals in research environments as it denies their freedom and inflicts tremendous pain upon them. Unlike field research. which involves the observation of animals in their own natural habitats, animal experimentations are hosted in laboratories in universities, medical schools, government facilities and commercial facilities, and generally entail drug testing and other substances. They also include behavioural tests, such as those performed on dogs by Russian physiologist Ivan Pavlov in the early twentieth century.

According to data gathered by F. Barbara Orlans for her novel, In the Name of Science: Issues in Responsible Animal Experimentation, sixty percent of all animals used in testing are used for biomedical purposes and productsafety measures. The fact of this matter remains as is: the exploitation of innocent animals by research facilities. Right now, millions of rabbits, mice, rats, cats, dogs, primates, and other animals are kept locked away in barren cages all over the world, confined to a lifetime of sheer terror and the detrimental aches of loneliness. The lack of environmental enrichment they experience from suffering in these conditions influences these animals into developing neurotic behavioural issuessuch as rocking back and forth, relentlessly spinning in circles, pulling out their own fur and biting themselves. These actions are a clear outcome of their stressful, traumatic living situations and can inherently damage or manipulate the test results.

People have different feelings towards animals; whether that be you view them as companions, athletes, entertainment they are perceived doesn't change the fact that they are sentient beings with emotional and physical needs just like humans. And also just like humans, if these needs are not met accordingly, the results can be damaging to the point of causing negative side effects, such as the development of phobias, trust issues, separation anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and so on. Animals' rights are violated when they're used for research purposes, as they are reduced to being used as mere tools for the sake of human benefit. They are subjected to tests that are often painful or cause permanent damage or death, and they are never given the option of not participating in an experiment. As quoted by Tom Regan, a philosophy professor at North Carolina State University, he states the following: "animal experimentation is morally wrong no matter how much humans may benefit from it, because that animal's basic right has been infringed. Risks are not morally transferable to those who do not choose to take them "

shticks or even transportation-however

Animals can't speak our language, and therefore can't vocalise their own preferences or decisions to us. By choosing their fate in laboratories, their rights are taken away without any thought to the well-being of their health or quality of their lives. The suffering they endure isn't worth the advantage for human research, and especially considering the procedures they undergo in order for scientists to retract this information for their studies. "The American Veterinary Medial Association defines animal pain as an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience perceived as arising from a specific region of the body and associated with actual or potential tissue damage." (Orlans, 1993)

Animals and humans experience pain very similarly, and their reactions to it are virtually identical (both scream, for example). Whilst those in favour of animal testing may believe it is acceptable because animals are a lower species

and lack the capacity to understand or exercise their rights, it cannot be iustified on the terms that animals are lower on the evolutionary chart since they resemble human nature in so many ways. They possess internal systems and organs that are identical to the structures and functions of human organs, as well as feelings, thoughts, goals, needs and desires very similar to human functions and capacities. Tom Regan states that "animals are subjects to life just as human beings are, and a subject of life has inherent value." (Orlans, 1993) Thus, describing the impeccable fact that animals' lives should wholeheartedly be respected, and they should not be minimised because they're not considered to be 'human.'





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