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Former DCFE student wins cooking competition

BY JEAN HARRINGTON

Former Professional Cookery student, Adam Coakley, won a prestigious cooking competition run by Manor Park Chicken in March 2017.

The company asked students of all culinary-based courses in DIT to create a chicken dish that could be made within 21 minutes. The reason for this time span is because, according to research, that is the length of time an average person spends making dinner when they get home from work.

To meet the challenge of what to cook for dinner students were asked to create a unique dish at home using chicken, and to write up a report detailing the reasons behind the creation.

Coakley, who studied Professional Cookery in Dunboyne College last year, was shortlisted from 25 candidates and, as part of the competition, had to recreate four portions of the dish in front of a judging panel within the 21-minute timeframe.

His dish of chicken breast with parmesan



cheese, prosciutto ham, crushed peas with tarra-gon, crumbled black pudding and fried rosemary

sprigs wowed the judges. The standard was very high and they declared a tie for first place. Coakley

and a fourth year DIT student won joint first place, winning €1000 each.



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Corkscrew internships

BY MARIA MCDONNELL

Business and computer students went to Exeter and Barcelona to do an internship with the Cork Screw Project for two weeks.

This is a unique internship experience that delivers a blend of project based work experience with training in launching students' own startups. A highly rated internship format that is spreading throughout Europe, IEP's Corkscrew leads the way in innovative internship experiences.

Everyday during the

programme, students met with entrepreneurs and leading industry speakers in a digital hub in the city centre. They were given ample opportunities to practice their presentation, communication and interpersonal skills through group presentations, pitches of their own company ideas and Q&A sessions.

They also explored their creative sides and had opportunities to put their marketing skills into practice through the use of brainstorming sessions.

The ultimate aim for the students was to come



up with possible business ideas and explore the ways in which their product/service idea could be marketed.

Art Competition

The college ran a 'Thank you' card competition this term, in which all students were invited to design a card to be distributed to all employers of work placement students from the college.

The 'Thank you' card will also be used as a general card for other events which will take place in DCFE over the year. There was a lot of interest with many wonderful entries. A vote was held by the Networking and Work Experience Committee, and Elena Maximuic from Pre-University Science was selected as the winner.

Elena's painting demonstrated great talent and she was presented with a tablet from the college as a prize for her efforts.

Thank you to all who entered and well done to Elena!



Elena Maximuic with her winning card design.

2017 Student Art Exhibition

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A wonderful 2017 Student Exhibition took place on 3rd May in the Art Studio of DCFE. It was fabulous to see so many family and friends support the students, and view the outstanding artworks.

Students from this year's course have been offered provisional places in DIT, IADT, and Athlone IT. Congratulations to all!

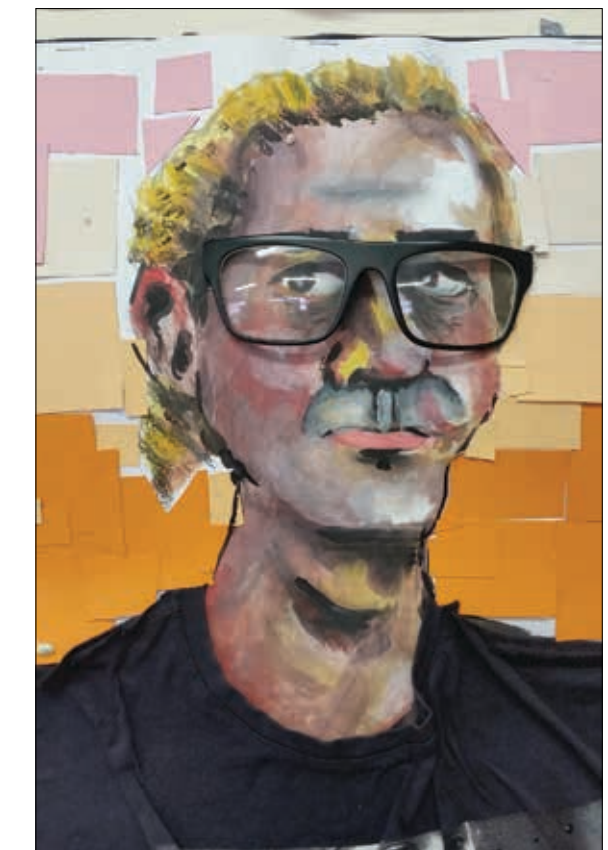
If you have any enquiries about Art Portfolio, please email BLEahy.dbc@lmetb.ie.



Collage Still Life by Renee Austin.



A selection of artwork created by the 2016/2017 Art Portfolio students.



Mixed media portrait by Seán Keogh.

DCFE celebrates Seachtain na Gaeilge

BY JEAN HARRINGTON

Cheiliúradh Coláiste Breisoideachas Dun Búinne Seachtain na Gaeilge le cheoil, cluichí agus craic! A series of events took place throughout the college to celebrate the Irish language. Here is a selection of some of the activities.



Music Performance and Sound Engineering students embraced the spirit of SnG and performed an Ed Sheeran song bi-lingually, *Thinking Out Loud/Ag Smaoineamh Os Ard*.



Nicole Boyle enjoying a game of Monopoly in Irish.

College Awareness Week Award



Dunboyne College was delighted to be invited to the College Awareness Week (CAW) Supporters Awards in Trinity College in May. The college was amongst a select few further education colleges who were commended for their college awareness initiatives and events at the award ceremony. Pictured above is Denis Leonard (Principal) and Danielle Kerins (Guidance Counsellor) with representatives from the Higher Education Authority, Perrigo and the Trinity Access Programme (TAP).

Day trips for Arts and Legal Studies



BY TESS GAFFNEY

On the 21st March, Arts 1 & 2 enjoyed a guided tour of the historic medieval castle in Trim. During the same field trip, they also visited the Neolithic passage tomb at Brú na Boinne. The bracing breeze at the tomb made us appreciate the comforts of 21st century heating. Here is the group sheltering in the hollow!

The law students visited Bangor University in Wales on 28th March. Bangor has a long-standing link with DCFE and many past students have studied successfully there. This year's students enjoyed a tailored trip with lunch and tours around the college. Current Bangor University students showed them around and gave them a flavour of the life of a student there, and they met some members of the academic staff. While there, law tutor, Irene Togher, featured as a guest lecturer in Bangor University's International Guest Lecture Lunchtime Series, giving a lecture on the Complexities of Irish Abortion Law.

Awards & Accolades!

BY ROSE CALLAN

We are very proud that Alina Collins from our Applied Social Studies 1 class has been accepted as a mature student onto the four-year Bachelor in Social Studies (BSS) social work degree programme in Trinity College.

This degree combines an academic social science programme with professional social work training. At the end of the course the graduate

is eligible to apply for registration with the Irish Social Work Registration Board (CORU).

It is very difficult to gain entry onto this course as there are only 10 mature student places available nationwide. Alina should be very proud that she made it through the selection process.

She follows in the footsteps of a previous DCFE graduate, Jeannie Flynn, who is currently a student on the same degree in Trinity.



Alina Collins, Applied Social Studies



Dunboyne College is proud to see last year's law student, Yazmeen MacDonnell, receive the award for Best Speaker at the Inter-varsity Moot Court Competition.



Students Corkscrew through Exeter

Business students Karl Price (front), and Liam Shorthall (back), with Keith Michael Gregg from Ballsbridge College.

BY KARL PRICE,
Business Student

Exeter, a beautifully clean, cathedral city in Devon, with a university buzz in the air was home to DCFE students for two weeks this semester.

Twelve people from the business course took part in a 'corkscrew programme', which tested our knowledge and our 'corkscrew thinking' ability, which is the value of unconventional ideas

and creative problem-solving.

During the first week, we broke into groups and analysed other company's websites to try to gain an understanding of what made a strong website, as well as looking at using social media to develop a strong online presence.

The first week was crucial for teaching us how to appropriately handle and improve a company's website and social media, so we could

apply the knowledge to our business. The lesson I personally took from the first week is, with a laptop and a strong awareness of social media marketing, you could work for any company, from anywhere in the world. At the end of the first week we were expected to give a five-minute presentation in front of our mentor and classmates, based on our findings and recommendations.

The second week we

learned how to develop our own business ideas and turn them into a fully-fledged business plan, in which we had to present a 5-minute PowerPoint presentation again, but this time in front of 16 people in the appropriately named 'Bear Pit', a play on television's famous 'Dragon's Den' and 'Shark Tank'.

It wasn't all just work hard, no play, there was always at least a small

group of us gallivanting in the local pubs and clubs at any given time.

Our time in Exeter was undoubtedly the best two weeks of our lives and I would need a novel and the revocation of a few confidentiality agreements to talk about everything that had happened.

Joking aside, I would highly recommend any student presented with this opportunity to grasp it with both hands.

Enterprise partnerships in Action

DAVID SHERIDAN,
Computer Systems Student

The Computer Systems and Networks class was invited to an exhibition day in Microsoft, where we were provided with much information about the company.

The talk focused on the employees currently at the top of their fields and how they got into Microsoft.

The speakers were very motivational, and gave a great amount of useful information, much of which was around believing in yourself and your abilities.

All of the speakers were extremely friendly; they created an ambient atmosphere which, to me, seemed like the perfect workspace.

We were introduced to Tara O' Shea, Philanthropy Manager,

Joanne Morrissey, Human Resources Director, and Simon Daly, Solution Specialist; all great individuals with fantastic experiences.

The experience was absolutely magnificent; we were given the opportunity to make our own connections and ask professionals for their opinion and advice on where to go in our chosen career.

Should we choose to



attempt to pursue a career with Microsoft we now have a connection to

the individuals involved. It was an incredible opportunity.

Dr TK Whitaker 1916-2017

BY DENIS LEONARD

One of Ireland's premier statesmen, visionaries and citizens recently died, aged 100. He is credited with our economic development from a struggling nation ravaged by immigration, to a thriving economy.

Many of us in Dunboyne College were struck by his death as he was our guest of honour at our very first graduation ceremony in 2004; he presented all the certs, and gave a very inspirational talk.

What struck me most about him that evening was his humility and incredible interest in the college and the journey we were starting out on. He was most encouraging at a time when we had very little. I am sure it's a memory those students and certainly those of us on the staff at the time will always take with us.

What amazed us that evening was how generous he was with his time and how a man heading for 90 (at the time) had the energy and interest to continue to inspire Irish young people.

It also struck me that many of our graduates may not have been in the room that night if their grandparents and parents had to emigrate from Ireland, like so many of their family before them. And those from other countries may not have had the modern Ireland to come to for a better life. The main reason for



TK Whitaker (centre) presented the certificates at the first graduation ceremony for Dunboyne College.

this was because in 1956, aged 39, Dr. Whitaker became secretary of the Department of Finance. Against a background of economic stagnation, rampant emigration and an atmosphere of national despondency, in 1958 he devised Economic Development, a blueprint for the economic regeneration of the country.

In paying tribute to Dr. Whitaker on his death, Taoiseach Enda Kenny said, 'TK Whitaker was in every sense a national treasure. TK Whitaker changed life, lives and generations in Ireland. In the last decades he, more than any other person, was responsible for transforming our economy and public life. In modern Irish history, TK Whitaker is both incomparable and irreplaceable.'

President Michael D. Higgins also paid

tribute to Dr. Whitaker in a statement which read: 'Born in 1916, TK Whitaker's life's work stands as the embodiment of the finest qualities and aspirations of the Irish people. As an economist and as a public servant he contributed enormously to the building of an independent Ireland. He was recognised for this in the popular vote of him as the most influential Irish person of the last

century. He understood Ireland and its people at a profound level, but what is more, he loved Ireland deeply. He was as inspiring as he was impressive, and as fine an Irishman as there has been.'

Dr. Whitaker's later achievements included his Governorship of the Central Bank, his service as head of the ESRI and the National University of Ireland, his appointment

to both Seanad Éireann and the Council of State, as well as his contribution to improving relations with Northern Ireland. Described by several Taoisigh as the State's finest public servant, he was named Irish Man of the 20th Century in a public vote in 2001.

For us his visit to Dunboyne College of Further Education in 2004, when we were only getting off the ground as a college, was inspirational. It was wonderful to have the 'Irishman of the 20th Century' in our midst for one evening.

Just as in the 1950s when Ireland's modern economy was only getting off the ground, he encouraged us to have hope, to believe in ourselves and to build towards what was possible.

Is féidir a anam chuid eile i síocháin go deo.



Beauty is more than skin deep

BY JEAN HARRINGTON

The Beauty Therapy students had an active year under the tutelage of their tutor, Deborah Ryan.

To start the year they visited the Irish Beauty trade show in the RDS during the month of October. The students got to see the wide variety of new products that are coming to the beauty industry.

Just before Christmas the students organised a charity salon event in aid of Aoibheann's Pink Tie and it was a great success. They performed treatments such as facials and manicures and they raised €600 on the day.

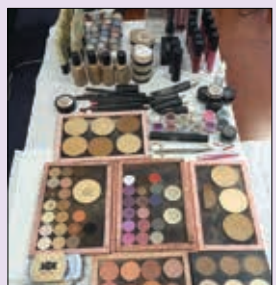
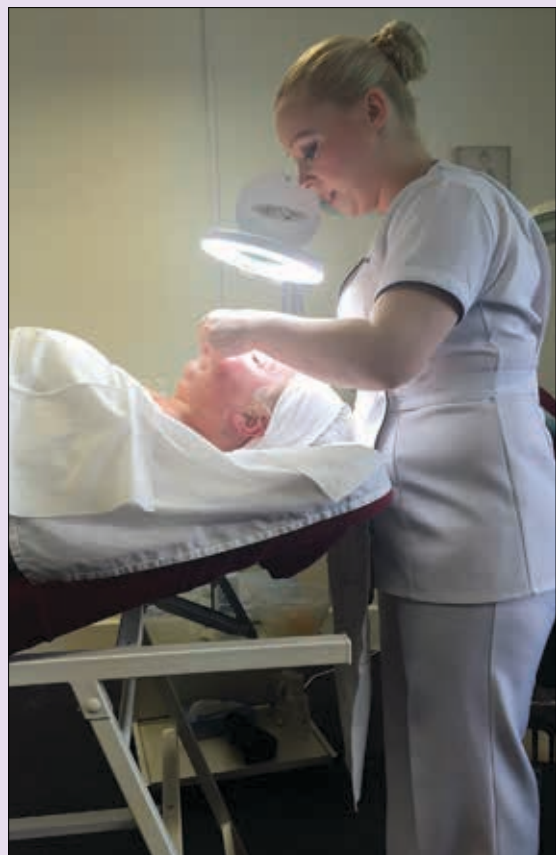
To help with their make-up practical they had two masterclasses, one

with Fuschia Makeup, the other when they visited Inglot in Blanchardstown Shopping Centre. In March they returned to the RDS to see the Professional Beauty Trade show for more inspiration and learning.

Dermalogica visited the college salon twice, giving workshops on skincare and retailing, which the students found invaluable. The visit to the Real Bodies exhibition in the Academy helped bring the extremely difficult subject of Anatomy and Physiology to life. All of these sessions were a great help in preparation for the QQI and ITEC Exams.



Beauty students practise what they learned during their beauty masterclass.



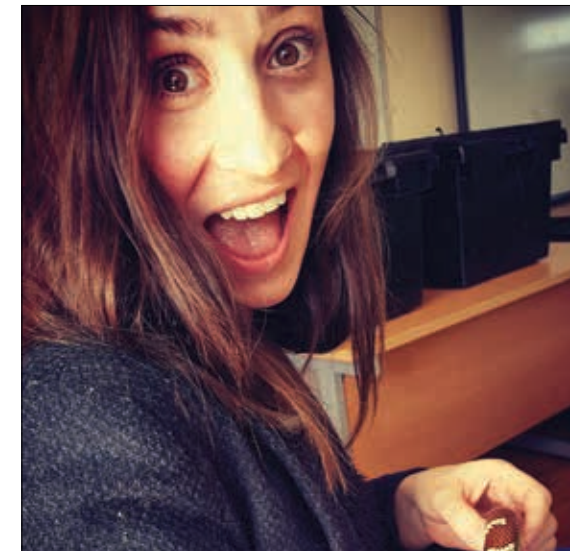
Cold-blooded creatures in the classroom

BY ANNELISE DURANT

The National Reptile Zoo from Co. Kilkenny came to visit the college in March and brought a selection of exotic species with them for the day, including a 13ft Burmese Python, an Alligator Snapping Turtle, an Asian Water Dragon, a Chilean Rose Tarantula, a Leopard Tortoise, a Californian King Snake, and a Fire Salamander.

Jonny from the zoo gave a talk on exotic species, how to handle them, signs of fear and distress, correct husbandry practices, ethical breeding, and Irish legislation on the exotic species per trade industry. There is currently no legislation on exotic species in Ireland which means anyone can own any type of exotic animal species that they wish to, so it is vital that students are educated in how to

handle these species. It is also important that they understand the ethics behind keeping them as pets. The Animal Care and Pre-University Science students enjoyed a day of exotic animal handling and education. Even a few staff members got involved and a great day was had by all.



New 2017 Courses

BY DENIS LEONARD

Do you like to travel, design a garden, take care of horses, or would you like to work in a busy pharmacy, hairdressers, or even a legal or medical office?

If so, then Dunboyne College just might have the course for you. We are delighted to let you know we are starting five new courses for next September 2017: Equine Business, Pharmacy Assistant, Airline Studies, Hairdressing and Horticulture.

This current academic year we also started six new Level 5 programmes (all of which are continuing to run) in: Beauty Therapy, Animal Care, Creative Media, Retail Studies, Computer Systems and Networks, Office Administration, as well as Workplace Preparation Skills Course (Level 4).

The Level 4 will run next year in the afternoons and evenings and can prepare students with literacy, numeracy or IT issues for a Level 5. Our Office Administration course now has a new dimension for legal and medical secretaries.

There is still a large range of courses in the healthcare, pre-university, science, business, computers, cookery and the arts operating in Dunboyne College since it first opened its doors in 2003. Situated in Dunboyne Business Park these Level 5 and 6 courses lead straight to


careers or places in third level colleges.

In September 2017 Dunboyne College will also introduce a whole range of night classes in certified and non-certified areas. So if you want to take up a hobby, learn self-defence, manual handling or first aid, take part in an SNA course or do a level 6 in childcare, healthcare or cookery this might be a great option for you. All information will be available from May 2017 on the college website and from brochures at our main office.

Prospective students can register for any of our courses on www.dunboyncollege.ie by just clicking the 'Apply now' button; a PPS number is all that is needed. Interviews are held on the 31st May with late interviews in September. If offered a place, paying your fee by the end of June guarantees your place.

Our aim is to get as many students as possible facilitated on the course that is right for them. Over 90% of those who finish in Dunboyne College with a full award get a third level offer. Many others go straight to work in, for example, childcare, healthcare, cookery, or coaching.

Dunboyne College is the further education campus for Meath, West Dublin and North Kildare and we are always developing new courses to meet the skills needs of the region.





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DCFE Students in Shadowing Programme

BY DANIELLE KERINS

As part of a pilot programme, Maynooth University opened their Shadowing Programme to students from colleges of further education this year.

As our neighbouring university, it was no surprise that DCFE students jumped at the chance to participate. The Shadowing Programme is a Maynooth University Access Programme (MAP) initiative aimed at creating a real-life campus experience for students who are considering applying to Maynooth via the CAO in the following academic year.

The shadow days took place in early

February 2017. Selected participants attended at least one lecture in his/her chosen subject(s). Participants also had the chance to attend lectures in subjects and courses that they had not considered before. This provided a broad-range of third level educational experiences to base their future career decisions on. Dunboyne CFE student Marco Alphonse from Pre-University Business was selected to take part. Reflecting on the experience Marco said, 'We attended lectures in the big lecture theatres. They had tiered seats and a sound system. The facilities were amazing. We also visited the library



where we met with the Librarian and had plenty of opportunities to ask practical questions.'

Dunboyne CFE is delighted to continue

their partnership work with the Maynooth University Access Programme office and their team. With such positive feedback this

year, we look forward to promoting next year's Shadowing Programme to our incoming students for the academic year 2017/18.

Graduate Career Options within the NHS & HSE



With the announcement of the Nursing Associate NHS Apprenticeship Scheme in January this year, Hilda Coughlan, Dunboyne College's Head of Nursing, and Career Guidance Counsellor, Danielle Kerins, embarked on a mission to build links within the NHS for our QQI Levels 5 and 6 Nursing and Healthcare Support Skills programme graduates.

They made a connection within the NHS and

visited a partner training site for the Nursing Associate Programme in the University of West England in Bristol. DCFE graduates who are open to working and studying abroad can apply for Career Assistant roles within the NHS. There is also an option for a HSE Nursing Degree Sponsorship Programme in Ireland.

Once employed in a care role for a minimum of two years within the

HSE, QQI Level 5 and 6 graduates can apply for sponsorship to study for a full-time Nursing degree via the CAO.

DCFE Health Science students now have current and relevant career progression information to help them navigate a path to employment and certification in the ever-fluctuating healthcare career sectors both at home and abroad.



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