

JERSEY DAY



By Kirsty Gough

Friday the 13th October marked GOAL's National Jersey Day.

Students were encouraged to take part in this yearly fundraiser by wearing their favourite jersey into college. They could wear any jersey from any sport. As it is a fundraiser for GOAL, donations were collected throughout the day and a total of €159.74 was raised for the very worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



We had two Christmas jumper days in the college this year to raise funds for two very deserving causes. Staff and students of the college donned their Christmas jumpers for the first time this week on 12th December to raise funds for the inner city homeless.

A big thank you to the animal care group who sold baked goods and created hampers to raffle off in the college as part of their Christmas Jumper day which was held on 13th December to raise money for the DSPCA.

BREWERY VISIT

Our marketing students visited McGargle's Craft Brewery, this semester, to learn how their unique beer is brewed & marketed. Thanks to Simon from McGargle's for the wonderful tours.



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TRIP TO CROKE PARK



By Kirsty Gough and Cliona Murphy

Sports Management and Sports Science students enjoyed a trip to Croke Park earlier this year with their tutors Cliona and Kirsty. They enjoyed a tour of the stadium and even got to visit the dressing rooms and hold up the Sam McGuire cup itself!



SPEAKER FROM BANGOR UNIVERSITY



By Irene Togher

On the 17th November 2017, Dr Tara Smith, law lecturer from Bangor University in Wales, visited the law class to introduce progression to Bangor University. She also gave an interesting lecture on International Criminal Justice, with particular focus on the crime of genocide.

'FRANK PIG SAYS HELLO'



By Eilish Lavin

Students studying the Arts in Dunboyne College of Further Education, attended a play in our local theatre, Draofacht, which is located in Blanchardstown. The play was based on Pat McCabe's, 'The Butcher Boy.' Students were exposed to a minimalist play with only two actors performing on the stage along with approximately twelve props in total. The play made quite an impression on the students, leaving them with a lot to think about in terms of the excellent acting skills by both actors, Darragh Byrne and John Ruddy and the story of a young boy's dissent into psychosis.

DCU VISIT

By Irene Togher

Law students took a trip to DCU where they enjoyed a private tour of the campus on the 07th December 2017. Their guide for the day was Yazmeen McDonnell, an ex-student of DCFE. Yazmeen has excelled since getting to DCU, with moot courting wins and heavy involvement in the Law Society. She thanks her year in DCFE for putting her on the path to this success.

They were also joined by faculty member Dr Aisling de Paor, who showed them the moot court (some students grew very fond of sitting in the judges' chairs!) and told them about academic life in DCU.

An interesting day all round.



DUNBOYNE COLLEGE SOCCER TEAM

By Kirsty Gough

Dunboyne soccer team had a great start to the year, winning their first friendly against the Royal College of Surgeons

The success of this match was followed, on 24th October with the team's first league game against DCU. Unfortunately, the team were not as successful on this occasion, losing 5-3. Our goal scorers that day were Cian Power, Frank Carty and Fortune Marquez. We had many chances but just couldn't hit the back of the net!



It continued into extra time and still no-one could hit the back of the net despite numerous chances. It then went into penalties. After 10 goals from penalties, DIT missed their 11th and an injured Jordan Bradshaw stepped up to take the 11th for DCFE....and.....hit the back of the net!

It was a great win which meant we got to continue through to the next round.

The winning streak continued for the soccer team on 22nd November 2017 with a win against DBC. The final score was 5-3 in what was our final league game. We finished 3rd in the league which a great result for the college.

It was another nail

biting game with our players pulling out all the stops towards the end of the game!

Goal scorers were Emmanuel Nchenko who scored 2 of the goals, Cian Power, James Keane and Ishmael.

Our hopes were dashed on 27th November with a very tense games against NCI. Unfortunately, we lost and we are now out of the cup! That's our season over.

The game was neck on neck finishing 1-1 after 90 minutes. We then entered extra time. A penalty was given to NCI in the last 30 seconds of extra time which they scored. Finishing 2-1

The team did a great job of representing the college this year in what was a rollercoaster of intense games. Well done lads!



Thursday, 09th November brought better news with a nail biting game against DIT which finished at 2-2. Scorers were Neil Byrne and Emmanuel Nchenko.



TRIP TO ZEMINAR

By Rose Callan

The Social Studies classes went to Zeminar in the RDS on the 13th of October. It was an opportunity for students from the Young People and Society module to gather information about issues relating to young people. There were a variety of speakers talking about issues relating to Young People. On the day we attended Emily Duffy a young social entrepreneur spoke about designed a sleeping bag for the homeless and Sr Stan who has set up charities such as Focus Ireland and The Immigrant council of Ireland talked about her life works so far. Donal O'Shea talked about the scourge of sugar (especially high sugar energy drinks) which can lead to obesity and diabetes. He stressed the need to re-engineer regular physical activity into everyday life. There were stands with Youth Organisations and Support organisations where students could collect information for their documentary project.



MIND YOURSELF WEEK

By Rose Callan

The Applied Social Studies 3 class held a Mind Yourself Morning on the 8th of November during Mind Yourself week. They split into three groups. One group looked at the importance of sleep. They conducted a survey on the use of mobile phones at bedtime and came up with some shocking data!!

The second group conducted a vox pop on pre-drinking and drinking and were told some interesting stories.

The third group help a coffee and cupcake (supported by Rose in the Canteen) where they held a mental health awareness session and conducted a Kahoot Quiz on attitudes to Mental Health. There was an open discussion on the changing attitudes to talking around mental health.



VISITING GARDA SPEAKER

By Eilish Lavin

Garda Mark Walsh from Community Policing in Pearse Street garda station, visited the Law students on 23/11/2017. Garda Walsh gave a very interesting talk on the structure of the Gardaí, different units within the gardaí that people can work in, specialist training for certain areas, such as drugs and child protection, rank, garda reserves and what happens in Templemore. The students gained a huge insight into the life of a Garda and had many questions answered.

THE SCIENCE OF HORROR

By Eilish Lavin

Members of the student council and students studying Creative Media attended a live event hosted by TV3 in Dundrum on 15th November 2017.

The Science of Horror Movies was an event where film reviewer, Gordon Hayden (TV3) was joined by film critics, film historians and cognitive psychologists to explore the science behind the scares. The event explored horror tropes, the cognitive science that makes them work and the psychological tools and tricks that filmmakers use to take fear to a new level. With a panel discussion and live experiments on the night, The Science of Horror movies delivered a unique look at what makes a horror movie tick.



TRIP TO TAYTO PARK

By Annaliese Durant

The animal care level 5 students go to Tayto Park Zoo as part of the animal welfare module. They go to learn about captive animal welfare and enclosure design. They receive a lecture and a tour of the zoo after which they design and enclosure for a captive animal of their choice. this design is then submitted for assessment as part of the animal welfare module.



HAIR AND BEAUTY SHOW

By Deborah Ryan

The Beauty and Hairdressing group attended the Irish Hair and Beauty trade show in the RDS September this year with their teachers Deborah Ryan and Zara Sheridan. This offered the students a great opportunity to see the newest products and treatment innovations. They also got to see the latest trends for 2017/2018 with over 350 exhibitors present. The students got to see live demonstrations in Makeup, Nails, Spray tan, and Hairdressing. They could also see 1st hand the Irish Beauty Nail and Makeup competitions.



OLDBRIDGE AND GLENROYAL HOTEL VISIT



Students of tourism and front office skills enjoyed two trips earlier this year.

The first was to Oldbridge which is located in Co. Meath. Students toured the beautiful grounds and experienced the Battle of the Boyne visitor's centre.

The second trip was to the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth where students gained a valuable insight into the running of a hotel and all the behind the scenes aspects they may not have previously considered.

ANNUAL SHOE BOX APPEAL



By Bernie Leahy

The art department held their annual shoe box appeal in aid of inner city homeless. The gifts compiled can make a huge difference to homeless people in Dublin during the festive season. We hope the generosity of our students will help to bring a smile to the face of those less fortunate than us at a difficult time of the year for many.

SCULPTURE IN CONTEXT

By Bernie Leahy

Art students enjoyed a trip to sculpture in context in our stunning National Botanic Gardens in Dublin. This was a great opportunity for students to research and to work on their sketchbook development.



BOOTLEG REJECTS GIG

Our very own Music and Sound students, A.K.A. The Bootleg Rejects, are set to take to the stage in the Grasshopper Inn, Clonee on Friday, 19th of January.

The band, pictured below, gave our lucky students a taste of what to expect at the upcoming gig. They performed a snippet from their set list in the college canteen during break time on 11th January.

With only a week to go before they get Clonee rocking, in aid of Diabetes Ireland, we wish them all the best for an amazing gig.

Don't miss out on a great night. Doors open at 7pm and it's just €5 on the door!



EUROPEAN STUDIES

By Tess Gaffney

The Pre-university Arts groups made a presentation to Olga Bonet Pallares, who visited Dunboyne College of Further Education this semester.

Olga was given the presentation to thank her for her insight on Spain and Spanish culture during her visit. The information gathered by the students will be used for their European studies project.

Gracias, Olga!



THE BARGE

Professional Cookery students enjoyed a trip to The Barge today to meet Padraic Kavanagh. Students were shown the cold room, how to change kegs, how to weigh kegs, how to clean the lines and taught all about stock control, stock taking, menu planning and costings.



ERASMUS MOBILITY PROJECT



By Siobhán Leavy

DCFE were delighted to host Olga Bonet Pallares over the past two weeks as part of an Erasmus mobility project. Olga had an opportunity to explore the college campus, our facilities and learn about the Irish education system in relation to the further education sector. During the week, Olga made a number of presentations to our Pre-University Arts students about Spain and Spanish culture. The information from Olga's presentation will be used by the students as research for their European Studies Project.

NIGHT CLASSES

DCFE offer a wide range of night classes. With courses running from hobby courses and fitness and health to IT/Computer courses and QQI accredited programmes, there is something to suit everyone.

Our night classes have proven to be very popular and with classes beginning again on the 23rd January 2018, you will need to sign up soon to ensure you get a place.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for our new Spring brochure and enrolment details. Autumn classes will also run from September, 2018.

Pictured below: Tutor Cianan Courtney-Early with his students from the night class in Microsoft office skills.



PROGRESSION STORIES

By Denis Leonard

The 2017 Dunboyne College graduates reached great heights with 216 getting honours degree Level 8 offers and 218 receiving Level 7 ordinary degree offers. Many received third level offers at both levels with a total of 274 achieving at least one offer. This does not include the many mature students who received early offers and those who took up offers in the UK for Nursing, Law or Sports. This year our students are in nearly every third level college in the country from Dublin to Dundalk, Athlone to Galway, Waterford to Limerick. As usual some of our local universities had the bulk of the offers. Forty four students were offered First Arts in Maynooth, while seven Social Science, five Science and eight business offers were also made. Nearly all the eighty Maynooth University offers were taken up. There were also 19 offers to DCU, 10 to UCD and for DIT there were 20 offers at level 8 and 49 offers at levels 6 or 7. It was similar story for our local I.T. college in Blanchardstown, where there were 40 offers at Level 8 and a whopping 86 offers at Level 7 with the bulk being in Social Care, Business, Creative Media, Sports Management and Coaching, or Early Childhood Care and Education. Other IT colleges include 23 offers for Dundalk I.T., 10 for Athlone I.T., 9 for Tallaght I.T., 7 to IT Sligo and 6 for I.T. Carlow.

Distance proved no barrier to Dunboyne College students as from P.E. teaching in the University of Limerick, Pharmacy in Carlow, Veterinary Nursing in Athlone, to Sports Management in Waterford, Science in Galway, Arts in Cork or Psychology in Sligo, students travelled to access the exact course they wanted. Traditionally in Dunboyne many shop local with Maynooth University, IT Blanchardstown, DCU and D.I.T. still the most popular. Some do venture to the south side of the city with ten going to UCD to study Arts, Science, Agricultural Science, Food Science and Social Science. Some of our students opt for private colleges with 14 offers for Dublin Business School in 2017 and ten for Griffith College. Many students went to the UK this year to study nursing and many other graduates attained immediate employment in areas like Childcare, Sports, Health Care, Business, Tourism and Professional Cookery.



Dunboyne College of Further Education has now grown to over 670 students doing QQI level 5 and 6 courses at our campus in Dunboyne Business Park. As well as being the only dedicated PLC further education college in County Meath and the surrounding areas, over 90% of the students who have achieved a full QQI level 5 award with Dunboyne College in recent years received third level offers. Many also proceed directly to employment as the skills achieved at QQI level 5 and 6 are much sought after by industries in this region. The feedback on the courses from students has been excellent in terms of the new skills and confidence they felt they received to go on to future learning and to access job opportunities. 96% of students rate the college as either excellent or very good in a 2017 student survey.

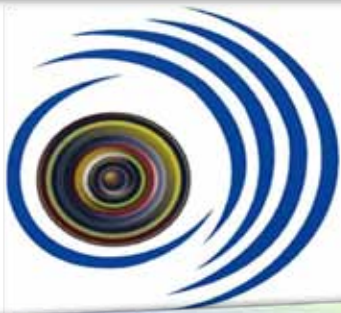
One year QQI level 5 Programmes like the majority run in Dunboyne are an ideal way to pursue a course in an area of interest and access a third level option. By having a day a week in a work experience setting, it allows students to see if they are pursuing the correct option before embarking on a four year degree course or entering a career. The flexible options in Dunboyne allow students to sample various modules in September to make sure they are pursuing the correct course choice. Students often do far better at further education level as they are now studying in an area of their passion and aptitude like Nursing, Sports, Childcare, Science or Cookery rather than in the Leaving cert where Irish English, Maths, etc. were compulsory. As students also learn referencing, research and self-

directed learning they tend to stay the full third level course afterwards, unlike many who go straight from Leaving Cert who are often not very sure of their options. Dropout rates for students who do a level 5 QQI course are less than 5% on progression compared to up to 33% on some courses for Leaving Cert entrants. Dunboyne courses are increasing in popularity with this year over 1,950 students applying for 600 places for 2017 entry.

This year the college introduces Applied Psychology, Sports Injury Prevention and Pre University Arts English (Liberal Arts) to add to the Equine Business, Airline Studies, Hairdressing,

Pharmacy Assistant, Beauty Therapy, Office Administration, Retail Studies, Computer Systems and Networks, and Creative Media introduced in the last two years. Dunboyne College since its inception in 2003 has run courses in Nursing, Social Studies, Art, Pre University Business and Pre University Arts programmes which have been added to over the years by students studying Childcare/ Special Needs Assistant, Health Service Skills, Pre-University Science, Food Science, Animal Care, Multimedia, Computer Information Systems, Sound Engineering, Sports Science, and Sports Management. The college continues to run its professional Cookery Course in conjunction with DIT and a wide range of level 6 second year programmes are also available.

Dunboyne College Open Evening this year runs from 6 pm until 8:30 pm on Thursday the 18th January where students and parents can visit each faculty and get first-hand information on each course and view the facilities. There is an on-line enrolment on-going with interviews on the 22nd January, 6th March and the 2nd of May. Late interviews are held in May, June and September. In fact, late applications will be taken until the end of September, depending on availability on the courses. School leavers, mature students, lifelong learners and those who want further opportunities to progress in their jobs will all benefit from these QQI programmes in nearby Dunboyne. It should never be thought about as an extra year, but rather as a year to explore what you really want to do, and a passport to make sure that it is possible.



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Post Leaving Cert Courses at QQI Level 5 & 6

Healthcare and Community Care

- Applied Social Studies
- Applied Psychology*^{New}
- Childcare/Special Needs Assistant
- Nursing Studies
- Health Service Skills
- Pharmacy Assistant*^{New}

Pre-University General Courses

- Pre-University Arts
- Pre University Liberal Arts*^{New} or Language & European Studies
- Pre-University Law
- Pre-University Business

Pre-University Science Courses

- Pre-University Science/ Agricultural Science
- Animal Care
- Equine Business & Horsemanship*^{New}
- Garden Design & Horticulture*^{New}

General Business

- Business, Tourism & Public Relations
- Airline Studies & Tourism*^{New}
- Legal and Medical Secretary/Office Administration
- Beauty Therapy
- Hairdressing

Advanced Certificates (QQI level 6)

- Advanced Certificate in Healthcare Supervision
- Advanced Certificate in Art
- Advanced Certificate in Early Childhood Care & Education
- Advanced Certificate in Community Development
- Advanced Certificate in Multimedia & Web Development
- Advanced Certificate in Sports & Recreation
- Advanced Certificate in Professional Cookery

Food

- Professional Cookery
- Food Science

Sport

- Sports Management & Coaching
- Sports Injury Prevention and Massage Therapy*^{New}
- Sports Coaching / Sports Science

Multimedia and Computers

- Computer Systems and Networks
- Multimedia and Computers
- Creative Media
- Sound Production

The Arts

- Music Performance
- Art Portfolio

OPEN NIGHT
18th Jan 2018
6pm – 9pm



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