



Principal's Address

A chairde, súil agam go bhfuil gach éinne go brea agus ag súil le Nollaig. I hope you are all very well and you and your families are looking forward to Christmas. It has been a very busy, productive and enjoyable first term. All staff and students are really looking forward to finishing out the first term and our first Christmas in our new school building. It is impossible to capture everything that has taken place since our return at the end of August but please see below for a flavour of CCC so far this year.

Student and Staff Highlights

There have been many highlights for staff and students since the beginning of this academic year. We congratulated our teacher, Ms. Lordan on winning a silver medal in the European Coastal Rowing Championships in Gdansk during the summer. Ms. Lordan also finished seventh in the World Coastal Rowing Championships in Genoa at the beginning of September. Later in the year Ms. Fouhy collected the prestigious John O'Connor Award for excellence in Business Studies Teaching from the Business Studies Teachers Association of Ireland. In October, Cork County Council Méihua Cup Chinese Language Competition winners, Dearbhail Deane, Eva McCabe and Lily O'Brien Sarrazin travelled to Nanjing China with Ms. Browne. This was a fantastic experience for all and just rewards for winning the competition in May of this year. A big thank you to Ms. Browne for accompanying the girls.

It is impossible to capture all that goes on in the school but please see below some of the many other highlights from the past few months. Students' participation in Ghaelbhratach. The TY Collection for Mercy Hospital Foundation in October. Student and staff participation in Wellness Week and Stand Up Week in October. The many careers talks organised by Ms. Kelleher for student. The variety of co-curricular clubs organised and run by staff and students at lunchtimes and after school. The TY student's participation in Students Model UN Workshop in Davis College Mallow. Also, in November the TY's engagement in the Think Languages Day organised by Ms. Collins. We all celebrated a purple day to mark International Day for persons with a disability, organised by Ms. Howard, on 3rd December while our TY Enterprise/Business programme Bank of Ireland School Initiative picked up their cheque for €500 around this time too. Finally, our SNA's completed very worthwhile and enjoyable Autism Regulation Training with the Rainbow Club in December led by one of our past pupils Dean Frank O'Brien.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities as always play a huge role in school life at CCC. I would like to thank all students and staff who give their time and effort to represent the school with such pride across the many sports and activities enjoyed in CCC. From hurling, football, camogie and ladies football to soccer, basketball and chess there is always so much activity from week to week for our CCC students. We were so proud of our U19 girls for reaching the U19 Camogie County Final only to narrowly miss out on winning after a fantastic display. Again, a narrow defeat didn't diminish the pride we had in the U19 girls' basketball team losing out in the All Ireland semi-final. Both of these young teams have bright futures ahead in CCC jerseys. With many of our teams across various sports still in action we look forward to 2025 with a lot of excitement.

Martin Coleman
Acting Principal



Principals address

Student Achievements

We have had some fantastic achievements in our school community over the past few months. The class of 2024 were all very happy with their LC results. All at CCC are so proud of all the student's achievements. They performed extremely well and are currently pursuing a variety of college courses across a huge range of third level institutions, FET Courses as well as many different apprenticeships and much more. A special mention must go to Alex Bell who achieved an amazing 625 points as well as later securing a Quercus Entrance Scholarship to UCC. Both these feats are a first for CCC and we would like to congratulate Alex once more on these fantastic achievements.

Please see below some of the key observations from the results. Something again that bears testament to the hard work of our students, staff and parents:

Approx. 25% of our students scored over 500 points

33% of our students scored between 400 - 500 points

58% of our students scored over 400 points

Our Junior Cycle students also showed the fruits of their hard work with their fantastic results in October. Again, I would like to acknowledge the work put in by the student, staff and parents of the school in supporting the students to achieve these results.

Community Support

CCC is truly a community college. We are so thankful of the support we get from the many community organisations around us. Central to this support are our Parents Association. I would like to thank them on behalf of the school community for all they do to support the school. They are an ever present helping at all our events, fundraising as well as providing valuable feedback to the school. I would like to thank Garda Lorraine Mannix for her many helpful visits to the school and her supportive nature shown towards the staff and students of the school. As mentioned previously extra-curricular activities play a huge role in the school. The support of Carrigtwohill GAA, the Community Astro Turf and Carrigtwohill United A.F.C. are vital to ensure our players have somewhere to train and play games. We thank them all for their continued help and support. I would like to thank the Family Resource Centre also for their help and support of our school community. Finally, I would like to thank all primary schools in the surrounding areas and in particular our three local primary schools, Carrigtwohill Community NS, Scoil Mhuire Naofa NS and Scoil Chlochair Mhuire NS for their support of CCC.





Upcoming Events

There are many things to look forward over the coming days, weeks and months in CCC. At the time of writing this the Musical Theatre Club are busy putting the finishing touches to their show, Arabian Nights. It promises to be a fantastic production and huge credit goes to all the students and teachers, notably Ms. Kelly, Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Hayes and Ms. Whelton, for the huge amount of time and effort they have put into it. A thank you also to the Parents Association for supporting this event. We look forward also to the Transition Year musical in the spring, 'The School of Rock'. Also planned at the time of writing is a Christmas Day in CCC organised by Ms. Kearney and the Enterprise Club. This promises to be a festive day of fun for all on campus.

"The Impact on STEM Promotion Events on Secondary School Students' Interest in STEM Subjects and Careers" is the title of 2nd Year student Margo Zaslavska BT Young Scientist project. Margo will represent the school at the competition in the new year. We wish Margo the best of luck with all the school behind her.

To finish, I would like to thank all who have supported the school this year and previously. Our Board of Management play a vital role in the governance of the school. As we move to a new board in the new year, I would like to thank outgoing Chairperson, Seán Barrett, and all of the board for their service to the school over the past number of years. They have been a central support that has helped the school grow and prosper during this time. Thank you to our patrons Cork ETB and the Diocese of Cloyne, and particularly our Parish Priest Fr. Winkle, for their support. Thank you again to the Parents Association. Thank you to the parents and guardians of our students for trusting us with your child's education and for your help and support to deliver that education. Míle míle buíochas to all the staff of the school for your enthusiasm, energy, collaboration, professionalism, kindness, respectful nature, effort, warmth, passion and compassion to help deliver the very best educational experience for our fantastic students. To our students. Respect, effort and kindness and three very important words to all in CCC. You embody these every day and make CCC the fantastic school it is. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Finally a chairde, I would like to wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas. I am really looking forward to continuing our educational journey together in 2025.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Martin Coleman
Acting Principal





Student Council Address

A Chairde,

So far this year, I am pleased to say, the student council has been incredibly proactive. Within our first term back to school we have raised €270 for Trick or Treat for Temple Street, rolled out our 'Make a Club Booklet' and secured StudyClux for Junior Cycle students as well as 6th years.

Members of the Student Council also attended an ISSU regional event- giving our student body a voice in a national level.

We have begun planning our multicultural day to take place next term and arranged to meet with local primary schools student councils. Our forms-specific to years and general ones- have also been consistently sent to the student body and helped us tackle issues that have been brought up. The Student Council is also pleased to say our Class Captains System for First years is now in its 3rd year and has had significant improvements made. Overall we on the Student Council hope you feel heard. If you have any questions, queries or concerns feel free to contact us at ctwstudentcouncil@corketb.ie.

We look forward to seeing you in the new year and wish you a wonderful Christmas!

Eliana Moroney: Chairperson 24/25



Your Student Council



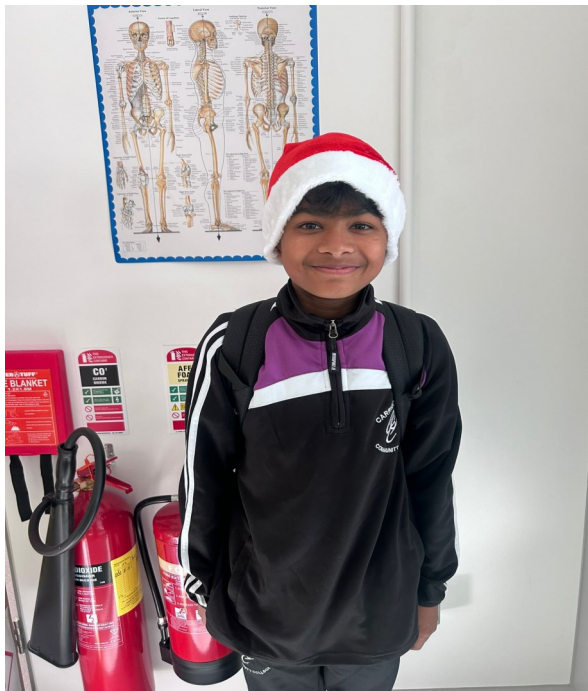
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Life in CCC as a First Year Student:

My first term in secondary school has been a mix of excitement and nerves. At first, I was really anxious about finding my way around and meeting new people, but now I'm starting to feel more comfortable. The subjects are much more difficult than primary school, but I like how they're more interesting, especially Science and English. We also got to do tasters for 6 weeks when we got the opportunity to try out all the subjects in CCC which was really good fun! The teachers are friendly, though they have high expectations, and I'm still getting used to all the homework. Lunchtimes are a bit overwhelming with so many students, but I've made a few friends. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year! We had our first school tour on the 18th of October. We went to Zip-It and it was so fun but the heights were really scary too. It was lots and lots of fun.

Written by: Josh Vijay Thenepackal 1st year





Our First Year Classes of 2024:







Anti-bullying Week

Here in CCC we ran an *Anti-Bullying* week from Mon 9th to Fri 13th December with the theme of *Choose Respect* - Bí Cineálta. This Department of Education initiative ran in conjunction with our SSE focus of Respect identified as a domain of focus under Ethos & Wellbeing. Each class group from 1st to 6th year participated in three 1-hour workshops throughout the week. These workshops aimed to help students think more about the effect of bullying, online or of-line & to choose to Bí Cineálta [Be Kind]. They looked at types of bullying; bullying behaviour; bullying v's banter, outcomes of bullying; being an *upstander* v's being a *bystander*, how to deal with bullying; what to do if being bullied & strategies to prevent bullying. The workshops included group activities, discussions and a poster design for the Junior students.

Thanks to Akram Mahadi & Praise Tamardoe for their original music & lyrics in conjunction with the week and theme and also to Tymek Piwowarek for his piano accompaniment to our online photo montage.

Each student and staff member received a wristband with the words "Meas - Cineáltas - Iarracht - Respect - Kindness - Effort. This respect poem, kindly illustrated by Alex Daly, 6th year, is visible in every classroom. The campaign will continue to run throughout the new year - promoting respect across all areas of school life & looking at how we see respect in our school community.

Míle buíochas le gach duine as bhur dtacaíocht leis an tionscnamh seo!





Remember to treat others the way you want to be treated.

Everyone's voice matters; listen and learn from each other.

Show kindness even when it's hard - it makes a big difference.

Practice understanding; try to see things from someone else's point of view.

Empathy means putting yourself in someone else's shoes; try to understand how they feel and be there for them.

Care for your surroundings; respect your school and community.

Trust is built through honesty and doing what's right.





Bród Update

Bród Club is a club that meets up once a week and it is a club for students that identify as LGBTQ+ and allies of the community! We promote acceptance and inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Every year, we organise Stand Up Awareness Week for the whole school to participate in. It's a safe space for students to be themselves with like-minded people. Feel free to drop by if you have the time! We usually meet during the second lunch break on Tuesdays one week and then Fridays on the next in R112. You can email Ms. Howard for more details if you are interested: Sarah.howard@corketb.ie.

Alex O'Halloran TY

The first term of 2024 has been very exciting for our Bród Team & Club! We are nearing the end of our Belong To LGBTQ+ Quality Mark Programme after an intensive 18 months. On 6th November we had our Accreditation Visit, which fittingly fell during our annual Stand Up Awareness Week. The visit was a resounding success and that is a testament to the incredible work of our entire school community. The structures that have been put in place to support our LGBTQ+ students, their families, and allies highlight the wonderfully inclusive and respectful school community here in CCC. After Christmas we will submit our Accreditation Documents and evidence of the amazing work being done in CCC, and fingers crossed we will be celebrating with other schools from across the country at the Accreditation Ceremony in Dublin in March.

Stand Up Awareness Week ran from 4th – 8th November and the theme this year was "Standing Up in our Communities". The CCC community did themselves proud across a host of activities including a door wars challenge, daily morning in music from LGBTQ+ artists, a rainbow colours day, poster competitions, and a whole-school rainbow flag photograph (although the weather wasn't our friend that day!). Huge credit goes to our Bród Club who played a tremendous role in organising and implementing the week's activities. As always, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for their positive participation in Stand Up Awareness Week.

Ms Howard







History Department Update

It has been another exciting term in the History department as we welcomed the new first years not only to History classes at CCC but also to the legendary History Club!

First years got to grips with chronology and timelines, working together to order world events correctly. Second years looked at the causes, course and consequences of the American Revolution, with a little help from Hamilton. Some of our TYs and fifth years had the opportunity to collaborate with the History and Politics Department to engage their debating skills over the outcome of the recent US Presidential election. History students in third and sixth years have had a busy term of revision, prep exams and learning new material, ready to face the next challenges in the form of the pres and the state

Students across the school celebrated Black History Month in October, researching inspiring figures from Black History and sharing their learning by creating posters that were displayed around the school. History Club also took the opportunity to look at topics such as Henrietta Lacks and the HeLa Cells, Jim Crow laws in the USA and the sporting achievements and historical significance of Black athletes such as Simone Biles and Arthur Ashe.

In November, students commemorated the anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in History Club, exploring the variety of conspiracy theories that still exist and highlighting the importance of accurate historical research and of learning the skills of history at school.

If you are interested in getting involved with history, History Club takes place weekly in R247. Keep an eye on your emails for upcoming topics. We welcome everyone from our school community to join us for lively debate and discussions on all things historical.

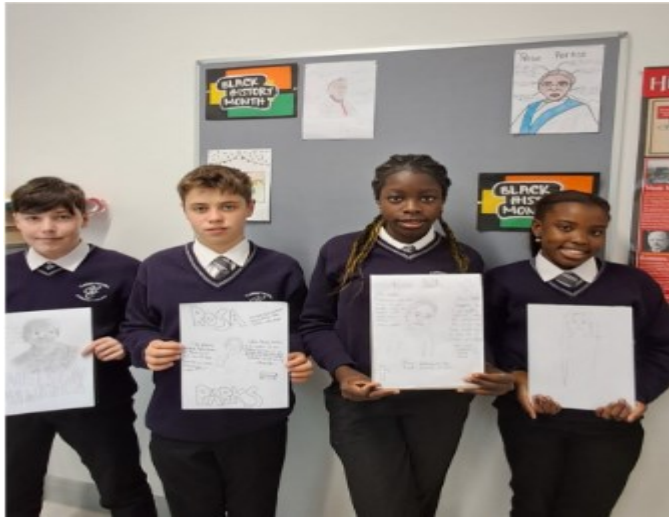


History Club on the Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall





Mr. Coleman shares his unique insights into the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks with History Club.



1st Year students celebrating Black History Month.



Rang Ivan creating a timeline of World History.





TY 2024 Recap

Our Transition Year students had their first block of Work Experience from Monday 21st to Friday 25th of October. This week gave them a good insight into what life is like in the working world. Here are some of our students' accounts of their week.

For my first block of work experience I went to the CSPCA in Mahon. I did many different activities throughout the week, including cleaning the cages and feeding of rabbits, guinea pigs and hedgehogs. I did the same for the cats, and also played with them in order for them to exercise. I played with the dogs a couple of times in the dog run area too. I also replaced the hay in the horses and goats' stables. It was a lot of hard work, but I had a great week and loved the opportunity to care for all the animals.



By Sonia Balanzin

For my work experience, I had the opportunity to visit my dad's workplace in Stornoway, Scotland, where he works with OMV Petrom, an oil and gas company. They are currently working on three oil pump manifolds that will be shipped to the Black Sea. During my time with OMV Petrom, I had the chance to meet many professionals from various departments, including health and safety, quality control, fabrication (the team responsible for assembling and working on equipment), and project management. This experience was invaluable and gave me a clear understanding of subsea engineering.

By Ruairí Cotter

TY Musical Prep: School of Rock

This year's TY musical is *School of Rock*. It's based on the movie *The School of Rock* and tells the story of Dewey Finn, a man who gets kicked out of his band and fired from his job. With no way to compete in the Battle of the Bands, things are looking pretty bad for Dewey.

One day, Dewey gets a call from a principal looking for Ned Schneebly. Desperate for money, Dewey pretends to be Ned and takes the job. He shows up late and even makes fun of the students at first. But then he discovers them playing music in another classroom and realizes they could be his chance to compete in the Battle of the Bands.

Dewey starts teaching the kids his music and style, and they get ready to perform in just a week. On the day of the competition, he sneaks the kids out of school and brings them to the championship. The kids' parents show up and aren't happy at first, but when they see their children perform, everything changes.

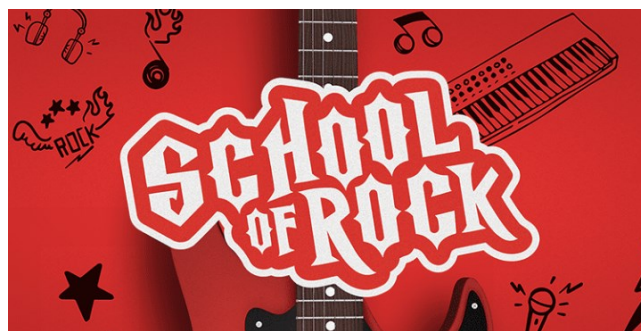
Behind the Scenes

The backstage crew has been working hard all year on the props and backgrounds for the show. They've made so much progress, and the play wouldn't be the same without them!

On Stage

On stage, the students are doing a great job rehearsing their parts. Some have big roles, and others have smaller ones, but every role is important to the story. Everyone is working hard, and it looks like they'll be ready to perform in March.

By Peter Warren Perry



Ballyhass Lakes TY Trip

On August 30th, the third day of Transition Year, we went to Ballyhass Lakes for our first TY trip.

We got to pick our own groups and meet our instructor. Our group started on the high nets, where there were loads of fun things to do, like bouncing, playing basketball, swinging, and playing with yoga balls.

After the high nets, we put on wetsuits and made our way to the inflatable aqua park. We all jumped in the water, which was so refreshing because it was really hot outside. It was so much fun! Everyone was throwing each other in—even the teachers.

After getting into dry clothes, it was lunchtime. Once lunch was over, we tried archery. It was difficult at first, but our group ended up winning!

The final activity was team bonding. One of the challenges was jumping over a high wall, which was great fun.

I really enjoyed this trip—it was so much fun! I felt it really brought our year together.

By Abigail Cronin



Driving Education for Transition Year Students

All Transition Year students took part in a day full of driving education run by the School of Excellence.

The day included different parts such as car maintenance, driving, and doing a theory test. Students learned how to change a tyre, which is a very important skill. They also learned where everything is in an engine.

TY students then met a driving instructor, and each student got to drive around the school with two friends in the back seat. Everyone really enjoyed this part!

Students then moved on to a session about how dangerous it is to drive under the influence and the consequences of doing it. To show how hard and risky it is, they wore “drunk goggles.” This made it difficult not only to drive but even to walk in a straight line.

The final part of the day was doing a practice theory test and learning how to get car insurance. All TY students really enjoyed this activity and learned so much.

By Emily Walsh

Transition Year Trip to Leahy's Open Farm

On October 15th, Transition Year students went to Leahy's Open Farm.

Half of the day was spent learning about chocolate making. We made chocolate lollipops and decorated chocolate figures with colorful cocoa buttons.

The second half of the day was spent touring the farm. Despite the bad weather, we had a great time. Everyone got the chance to ride the mud train, which left us covered in mud—we were destroyed! We also looked at snakes, rabbits, and mice, visited an old-style schoolhouse, and saw vintage farm vehicles and machinery.

It was a great day out and an enjoyable bonding experience for everyone.

By Kate Gilley



Ice Skating

On the 6th of December, My TY year went to Pairc Caoimh to go ice skating. At first we went to our first 2 classes, then after, we got split into 2 groups and watched the first group skate first. We seen lots of people fall and throw snowballs at their friends who were watching.

Then it was my groups turn to skate. We got on our skating boots and waited to get on the ice. It took a while to get used to skating but then I got the hang of it after a few laps on the rink. In my opinion it was really fun racing my friends and trying to do tricks. Overall I had a really fun day ice skating in Pairc Caoimh!

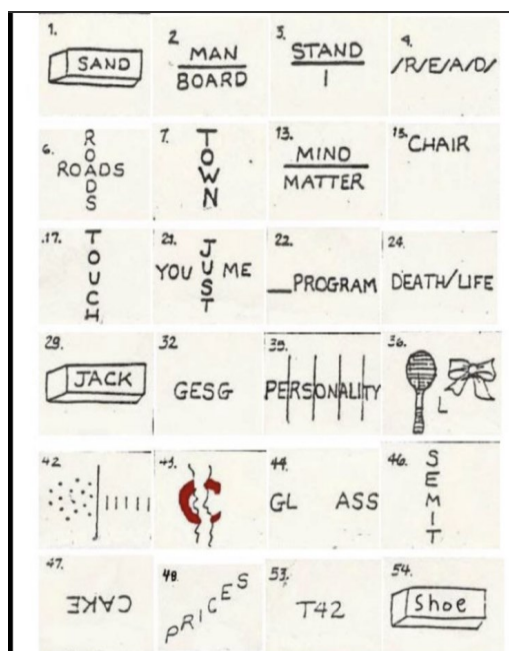
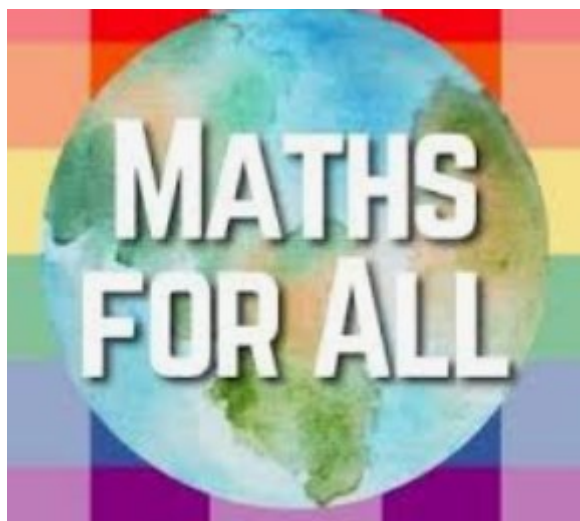
By Lauren Gray





Maths Week 2024

This year, Maths Week took place from the 12th-20th of October. Our Junior and Senior Cycle students alike took part in the Maths Olympiad, with the best entries receiving an invitation to attend classes in UCC. Our TY students helped to coordinate the Maths Eyes competition, where students were tasked with submitting a photo of where maths can be seen outside of the classroom. Finally, there were daily challenges and quizzes to test the logic and problem solving of both staff and students. Participation and engagement was excellent across all years, particularly in 1st and 3rd years. Thanks to all who took part across the week.



Christmas Cookery Fun at CCC

This year's Christmas Cookery Club was a huge hit! Ms. Ahearne welcomed students to the Red Kitchen, where they got stuck into making Chocolate Biscuit Cake Christmas Puddings. Everyone had a blast decorating and wrapping their creations, with plenty of laughs and festive fun along the way. Whether they kept their puddings as a treat or gifted them to someone special, it was clear everyone left with full hearts (and probably a few crumbs!). A big thanks to Ms. Ahearne for making it all happen – what a great way to kick off the Christmas spirit!





Video Games Club by Ms. C Daly

Our wonderful Video Games Club takes place every Wednesday after school. Students from all year groups come together to play multiplayer video games, such as Mario Kart and Duck Game. The sound of laughter, chat and excitement around the room makes it such a special place to be. We cannot wait to continue these fierce battles in the new year.

Ms C. Daly



Chess Club

by Margo Zaslavska

CCC Chess Club takes place every Monday and Thursday at lunch break in R106, and is led by Ms Kardkovacs.

Since the club's establishment last year, it has provided CCC chess players with a cozy and friendly atmosphere.

As of the club's members, we are a diverse group of chess enthusiasts, from all Junior Cycle years, and some from Senior Cycle. There are both advanced and intermediate players, as well as beginners, so everyone is welcome!

In CCC Chess Club, you can make friends who share your interests and enjoy a good game of chess with fellow members. We also represent our school in various chess tournaments, gaining new experiences each time. This year we held an in-school competition, with the main prize being the title of CCC Chess Champion.

In October, we took part in School Team Competition in Blarney, securing 5th place (out of 18 school teams), and set an attitude for future wins.

Most recently, our members competed in East Cork Post Primary Individual Competition, held in the Community Centre in Carrigtwohill, where CCC's Millie Chen and Mattie Hoft won 1st Prizes in Intermediate and Junior categories, respectively.

The winners and two other students with superior results from the last competition will also compete in the Final of this tournament – Cork



Arabian Nights Tuesday, 17th of December

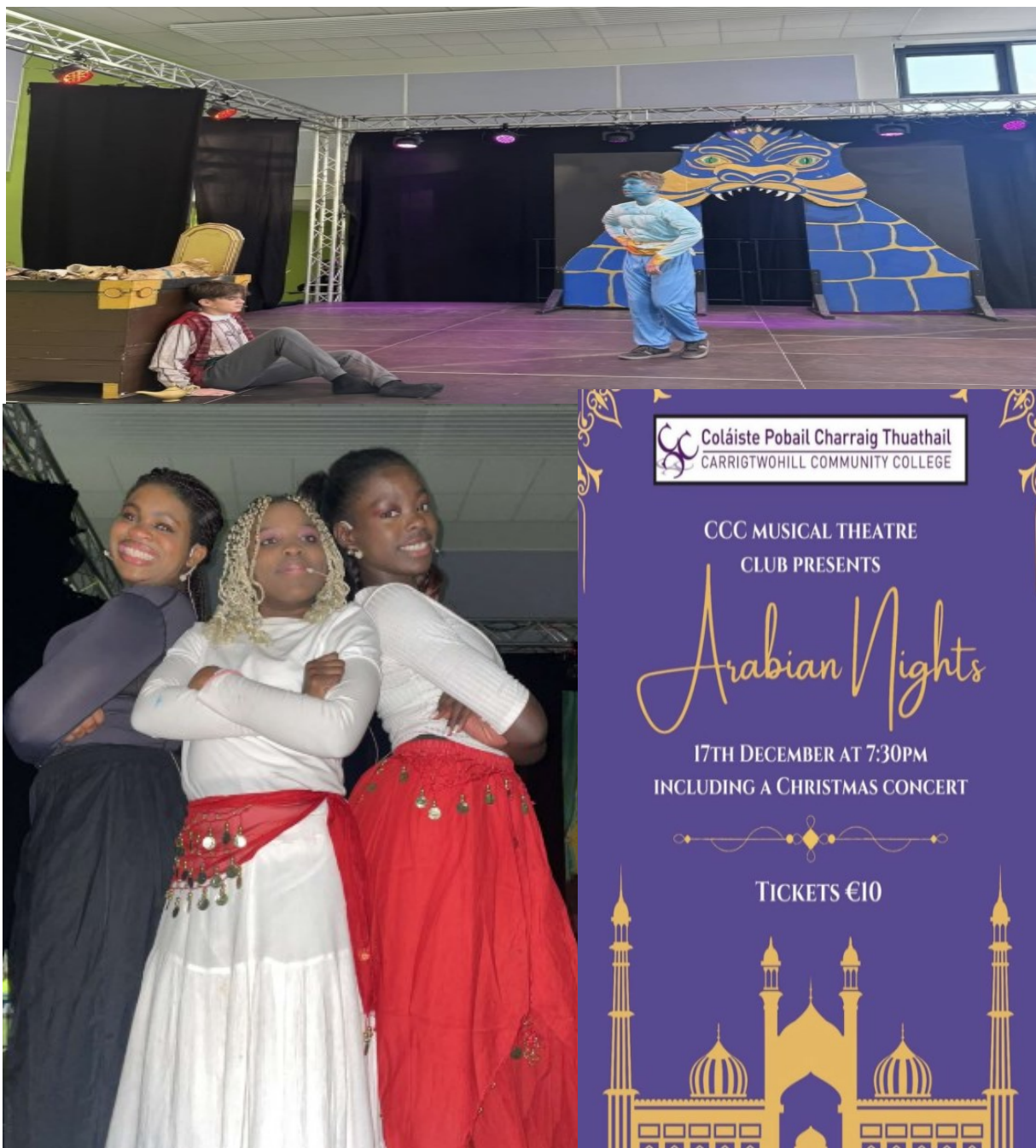
Hi, my name is Eseosa, and I played as a villager in the *Arabian Nights* show. It was a special and interesting experience for me. There were over 30 people involved in the play, which was a great number of participants. All the students from different year groups took part, making it a truly school-wide event.

The show was amazing, and we had a fantastic turnout. In the morning, kids from two different primary schools joined us, and in the evening, we were joined by parents and family members. The support was overwhelming!

We had a lot of preparation for the show, practicing every Monday and Tuesday after school. As the performance date approached, we began rehearsing on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the school day. The hard work and dedication from everyone really paid off.

This was a lovely experience for me, and I'm excited to say that I will be taking part again next year. Thank you!

Eseosa Uyi Irabor (1st year)





BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition (BTYSTE)



The BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition (BTYSTE) is an annual science and technology competition in Ireland where students showcase innovative projects across various STEM fields, held annually in January. Each year, 550 projects qualify for the exhibition, with entries divided into five categories: Biological and Ecological; Chemical, Physical & Mathematical Sciences; Health and Wellbeing; Social and Behavioural Sciences; and Technology.

The entry portal usually opens in late May or early summer. To enter, you need to establish an idea for a project. It can be as simple as asking yourself a question and conducting one or a series of experiments. For those interested in technology, you could build a functional app, robot, or machine, or research an innovative concept. Your project can be on anything you're curious about!

Once you have your idea, the next step is to outline your proposal, explaining your aims, methodology, and the potential impact of your research.

Don't forget that you can also do an individual or group (2 or 3 people) project. So, you can invite your friends to help you out too.

There are 45 category prizes, over 50 sponsor prizes, and about a hundred highly commended project awards, so taking part in the competition can even turn out profitable.





My participation in the BTYSTE

This year, my passion for STEM and a concern about the lack of STEM professionals in Ireland, especially women, inspired me to develop my project: A statistical analysis and case study on the impact of various STEM promotion events on secondary school students' interest in STEM subjects and careers.

I'm proud to share that it qualified for the exhibition, and I will represent our school from January 8th to 11th in the Individual Junior Social & Behavioural Sciences category.

My study focused on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-year students and was carried out in three main stages: an initial survey, a series of STEM promotion events, and a final survey.

1. Initial Survey In September, I ran a survey to understand the baseline interest in STEM subjects and careers among students. I received 245 responses, which formed the foundation of my research.

2. STEM Promotion Events I organised three major events to encourage interest and engagement with STEM:

- o STEM Showcase: Professionals from Enviroguide, the National Space Centre, and ASUS Aerospace spoke to over 155 students, sharing their career journeys and the benefits of STEM careers.

- o Site Visit to GE HealthCare: A group of students visited this pharmaceutical company in our local area. I conducted interviews with attendees to gather deeper insights into their experience.

- o STEM Careers Workshop: I involved 19 Transition Year students, who each researched a specific STEM profession and presented their findings in a career fair format. Over 420 students participated, learning about a wide range of STEM opportunities.

Final Survey and Results After each event, I conducted follow-up surveys to measure the impact and gather feedback. Then I checked my data for statistical significance to determine if the changes are significant. The results showed that my events were successful: students reported an increased interest in STEM, both subjects and careers.

By Margo Zaslavska





Model United Nations

By Mia Finn and Mia Clifford

What is Model UN?

The Model United Nations Conference (MUN) simulates the United Nations General Assembly, Special Conference, and Security Council. Students represent countries and speak on behalf of those countries in relation to pre-decided issues e.g. Climate change.

Students write clauses and resolutions that will tackle, resolve or minimise problems in that area, they can speak publicly to delegates and may need to cooperate with other delegates to gather support for their outlook on the issues.

Induction Day – 28th November

On the 28th of November eight TY students took part in an induction and training day in Mallow in preparation for the conference in January. The induction day covered important preparation ahead of MUN. We are really looking forward to the week in January and are working hard in anticipation!



Stitch and Craic Club

It's been another busy and exciting term at Stitch and Craic as we undertook our first major project together – creating colourful bunting to help decorate the school for Stand-Up Awareness Week (SUAW) and to support our very own CCC Bród Club. After a shaky start and a lot of help from Ms. Browne's mother and her crafty friends, the Kitchen Quilters, we were up and running! We managed to create several strands of rainbow bunting as well as lots more colourful bunting. This was then hung strategically around the school to help support SUAW



Since then, we have been working hard on Christmas present projects and sharing ideas and patterns for the future.

Stitch and Craic Club meets once a fortnight on a Tuesday after school in R247. All are welcome – from novices to experts! So be sure to come along in the new year as we look forward to our next projects and to more time engaging in mindful craft.

Ms. Browne and Ms. Fitzharris





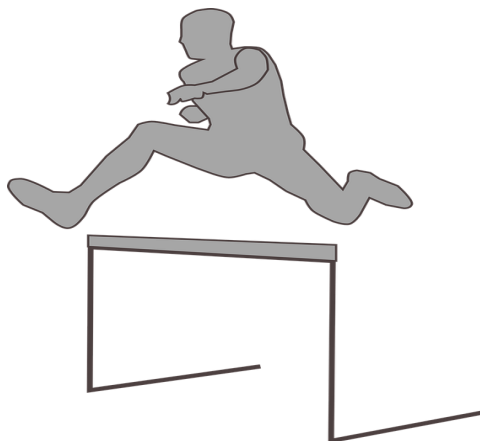
Athletics Club

Hi, my name is Hannah, and I'm a proud member of the Athletics Club at CCC. Although the club is small, we're always excited to welcome new members! Throughout the year, we participate in around 2-3 competitions, including two cross-country events and one major track and field competition.

Training is incredibly enjoyable, and we meet every Monday from 3:20 to 4:00. The sessions are well-structured, with effective warm-ups and cool-downs to help prevent injuries. It's a fun and rewarding way to improve speed, whether you're an athlete or participate in other sports.

We'd love for you to join us and be a part of this great team!

Hannah O' Farrell (2nd Year)



Christian Union

The Christian Union is a welcoming group where students can come together to explore and deepen their faith in a supportive environment. Open to everyone, regardless of background or level of belief, the group offers weekly gatherings filled with talks and prayers for everybody regardless of faith, Jesus teaches to love everybody and forgive everyone and everybody is welcome to join as Jesus also accepts everyone, Talks are held every Tuesday on big break, and you don't need to sign up you are allowed to show up whenever you please.



Science Week at CCC – A Huge Success!

Science Week at CCC was a fantastic success, filled with “science-sational” activities that engaged and excited students throughout the week. From daily science riddles and “Guess Who?” competitions to science quizzes, orienteering challenges, and paper aeroplane contests, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Highlights included the 1st Year science demonstrations, the TY AbbVie talk, and fun-filled quizzes for 1st and 2nd Years. Students showcased their creativity in the colouring competition and tested their problem-solving skills during the orienteering challenges and riddles.

The Science Department would like to thank all staff and students for their participation and enthusiasm. It was a week of discovery, learning, and fun, and we are already looking forward to making next year’s Science Week even better!

The Science Department



Science Club Update

The Science Club meets every Tuesday from 13:00-13:20 in R149 and is run by Ms Ring, Ms Casey, Ms Lordan, and Ms Cotter.

This year, we’re aiming to make the club better than ever, combining hands-on experiments with research projects. Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 7th**, where students can brainstorm ideas and help shape the club’s activities.

Key goals for this term include preparing projects for **SciFest** and the **BT Young Scientist Exhibition** and supporting students in entering other science competitions and Olympiads. These activities are a great way to explore STEM, develop new skills, and build a strong CV for college applications.

Further details about the January 7th meeting will be shared via email. If you’re excited to experiment, explore, and innovate, **the Science Club is the place for you.**

See you there!

By Margo Zaslavska



Visit to China—Méihuā Cup Chinese Learning Competition

After winning the Méihuā Cup Chinese Learning Competition last year, 5th year students Dearbhail Deane, Eva McCabe, and Lily O'Brien-Sarrazin were lucky enough to travel to China over the midterm break to experience a whole new culture. It was my privilege to accompany them and engage in this cultural exchange. Through visiting tourist sites, being welcomed into secondary and primary schools, as well as meeting and conversing with students and teachers, we had the trip of a lifetime representing Carrigtwohill Community College. While it is difficult to articulate the full depth of our experiences, we have tried to summarise some of our trip to share with you all.

Ms. Browne



The China trip was unlike anything I had experienced before. Nanjing alone has a larger population than Ireland, and its buildings surpass our tallest.

We first visited two massive secondary schools, one resembling a college campus. Both schools take great pride in their image, showcasing student achievements, including one who went to Harvard. The students' English was excellent; they were friendly and gave us lovely gifts. I was amazed by how advanced and well-structured the schools were, especially considering they were public. Education in China is highly valued, and students face immense pressure, studying for hours daily. It made me grateful for Ireland's less intense system.

At the Nanjing Wall, I was fascinated to learn that prisoners who built the wall carved their names and addresses into bricks to avoid punishment if their work was subpar. The views of the large lake, trees, and plants were stunning beyond words.

We also visited a primary school, which had its own farm, greenhouse, and historical artefacts to teach students about their history. I sat in on a lesson where the children were incredibly engaged and well-behaved.

The tour of a park, also a historical site of an emperor's tomb, was beautiful. Statues tied to Chinese mythology were carved from stone, and each had its own story, explained by our helpful guide.

Meeting Nanjing representatives was another highlight, as we enjoyed learning more about the culture and tasting the delicious food. Visiting a temple where people pray for exam success and the Nanjing Massacre Museum were unforgettable. The museum was deeply educational and heart-wrenching. The horrific events showed the importance of learning about history beyond the West to prevent similar tragedies.

This trip opened my eyes to a different culture and its deep history. I am forever grateful for this opportunity and hope to return one day.

Eva McCabe – 5th Year



Nanjing Visit

My experience at Nanjing Foreign Language School (NFLS) was truly eye-opening. On the smaller campus, I spoke with 12-year-old students who amazed me with their fluency in English. We had great conversations about cultural differences, Chinese traditions, and played word games together. Afterward, we attended a Chinese calligraphy lesson, which was both educational and challenging. The students' intricate artwork displayed in the classroom was remarkable. I was surprised to learn this was a "smaller" campus, as it seemed gigantic compared to Irish schools.

On the larger campus, I was struck by the students' coordination and discipline during their morning exercise dance. Touring the campus, I was amazed by its sheer size and impressive facilities, including gyms, dance studios, libraries, laboratories, and bookshops—more like a university than a school! Our guide shared insights into the rigorous education system, including foreign language immersion and cultural exchange. NFLS offers a greater variety and intensity of language learning compared to Irish schools, alongside longer days packed with academics and extracurricular activities.

Seeing students' work displayed in the corridors, I understood why so many NFLS graduates attend prestigious universities like Cornell, Yale, Oxford, and Cambridge. I truly admire the dedication and discipline of Chinese students.

Dearbhail Deane – 5th Year





Modern Foreign Languages

French Exchange

From Sunday the 12th of January until Friday the 17th of January 2025, 19 Transition Years and Fifth Years will be going to Paris. They will be accompanied by vice principal Ms. Casey, and French teacher Ms. Cowman. Here, they will live with host families and pupils of **École Massillon**. The school is located in the heart of Paris, only 5 minutes from the famous Notre Dame de Paris. Its architecture is the complete opposite to our school, as it was built by famous French architect, who also built the . Students will not only see what the classes are like, but will also visit the **Cathedral Notre Dame de Paris, The Centre Pompidou, The Eiffel Tower, Les Halles, Montmartre, Sacre Cœur Basilica, Champs Elysées, Arc de** We are going to Paris as the best way to learn a language is to immerse yourself in it completely. Our hope is that the French exchange will become an annual event between École Massillon and CCC. Students from both schools have the opportunity to create long lasting friendships with their correspondents and host families.

By Marta Szpotowciz



Spanish Exchange

Starting in January 2025, 15 CCC students, along with Ms. Kardkovacs and Ms. Collins, will be travelling to Málaga in the Andalusia region of southern Spain. This exchange is the first of its kind in CCC history, and we are looking forward to many more programmes like this to come. We hope to make this exchange a yearly occurrence, which will be beneficial to the students of CCC, immersing them in the beauty of the Spanish culture and language. Our enthusiastic school partner Platero Green School is situated in the heart of Malaga, and has several years of experience with Erasmus programmes. Platero Green School is a bilingual school, with an emphasis on teaching English to its students. The main objective of our trip is to not only to learn Spanish as a language but experience the country itself, which I think is what the exchange is all about! It has been really exciting so far chatting and messaging our exchange partners, getting a glimpse of what they are like before we meet them in person in January.

Not only will we gain the knowledge of the Spanish language, we hope to gain valuable, lifelong friendships from this experience with our exchange partners, who are individually picked for us based on our Spanish ability, hobbies and interests. I'm really excited for all of the scheduled trips after we arrive in Spain, which will include day trips to Granada and Frigiliana y Nerja.

Emma Clarke—5th Year



TY Think Languages Event 2024

On the 22nd of November, the fourth years had a Think Languages event. This happened thanks to six students, with the help of Ms. Collins and Ms. White. Shannon Williams was the Champion Team Captain, Marta Szpotowicz the Activities manager, John Rubillon the Production manager, Amelia Szeniak the Research manager, Sara Moynihan the Festival scheduling manager, and Alex O' Halloran the Social media manager.

The event started in An Croí at 8:30am. The students were given a speech about the importance of languages and the opportunities that they provide, as well as the role everyone played in organising the day. Beginning at 9, everyone split into 4 groups and were involved in the following activities:

- A poster competition based on languages and cultures
- A scavenger hunt based on famous landmarks around the world
- Just dance to songs from different countries
- A talk from Pedro Fernandez about the Catalan language
- A talk from Ms. Casey about the French exchange
- A talk from Bei Bei Su about the Chinese language
- A talk from Ms. Kardkovacs about language families and Hungary
- A talk from Julia Collins about what it looks like to study languages in college
- Stalls where 1st, 2nd and 4th year students represented various world-wide languages and cultures

This ended at 11:52. After this, the students headed back to An Croí to enjoy Chinese food, handed out by teachers and the Think Languages Committee. Everyone enjoyed their free lunch. At 2:18, past pupil Liam Casey came in to talk about studying international business in UCC. Then, the Spanish exchange students Leon García, David Perez and Ixe Lopez Rey in 4th year gave a presentation about Spain. Once this was over, the students filled in an evaluation form of the day. Before they went home, they were given a short thank you speech by Marta Szpotowicz. We got positive feedback from the students. In conclusion, this was a very successful event that couldn't have happened without the help of everyone involved.

Amelia Szeniak– TY





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Girl's Football:

Gaelic Football in CCC is fun, enjoyable, whilst also very competitive! With the junior team this year in 2024, we played CTI Clonmel in our first match. They put up a strong fight, but with all our coaching, teamwork, and skills, we came away with an impressive win.

This win gave us confidence heading into our second match of the year against Carrick-on-Suir College in Tipperary, where we again came away with another impressive win.

We soon hope to progress onto further stages of this Munster competition to showcase all our hard work we have been putting in this year!



Meg Allen (2nd Year)

CCC Girl's Soccer:

Under 15 soccer this year has been very competitive and challenging. We have played 3 matches this year so far. Our first match was against St Colmans, Midleton, where we drew 1-1 and our goalscorer was Kayla Kidney-Swart.

Our second match was against Le Chéile Ballincollig, which was a great win away in Lakewood, winning 13-0. The goals came from Niamh Seymour (4), Kayla Kidney-Swart (3), Taylor Harris (2), Sarah Kelleher, Anna Burke, Kara Fitzgerald, and Teagan O'Sullivan.

Our most recent match was the Munster last 32, also away in Douglas, playing Christ King SS. We were a very strong team, but in the end, we lost on penalties. In the first half, we were leading 1-0 with a goal from Kayla Kidney-Swart. With just a few minutes left in the second half, Christ King equalised. The game went to extra time, where Kara Fitzgerald scored a brilliant goal to make it 2-1. Christ King equalised once again from a corner. The match went on to penalties, where we lost 5-4.

We hope to have a good rest of the season!

Anna Burke (2nd year)





CCC Camogie:

CCC's Camogie teams had a great start to the year so far. Our Senior team reached the County Final on their first year up in a higher grade. They narrowly missed out by 2 points. We're looking forward to giving that competition another go next year. After Christmas we look forward to our Semi Final in the Munster Colleges competition.

Our Junior team were unlucky losing out to very strong teams in both the Cork and Munster competitions but the girls showed a great effort in all games.

Our 1st and 2nd years have really impressed this year, having an excellent game and win v St Aloysius' College. Their competition will start up after Christmas and we super excited to see how they perform in that. The future for camogie in CCC is looking very bright.

Ms C Daly





Sporting Round-Up

CCC Boy's Soccer:



Boys soccer for first year students has gotten off to a great start in CCC this year. Under the shrewd guidance of TY students Lewis Kelleher, Charlie Cambridge, Osas Aghedo, Noah Nsengiyumva and Patrik Adedokun, the team has been out training hard on Mondays after school, which has led to two great wins for the team.



Our first game was away against St. Colman's of Midleton. It was a great day out with the team coming away victorious under the watchful eye of captain Filip Klimka. A 12-0 victory was helped along by a hat trick from none other than Jack O'Keeffe. Well done to all involved!

We then followed this up with another win against C laiste  amonn R s, coming away with an 8-0 victory this time. Another shout out needed here for Jack O'Keeffe, who managed to come away from this game with another hat trick. Goalkeeper Chris O'Reilly is still going strong with his clean sheet! Well done to all involved! A huge thank you to Ms O'Sullivan and Ms Browne for facilitating training and games!



U19 TEAM

Carrigtwohill Community College are very proud of how the lads performed in their second year competing in the U19 B Cork PPS Championship. It was very evident from the start that this was a massive step up in standard, but our lads adapted quickly, matching the opposition in nearly every department of the game. Any mistake was punished on the scoreboard by both sides. While the game did not go according to plan against an excellent Glanmire CC side, the lads “never say die attitude” was admirable. Throughout the field all players gave it everything and it certainly was not from the lack of effort that they did not win this game. The match finished 3.19(28) to 4.11(20). Everyone involved was clearly hurting after the game, but the learnings had to be taken and put into action straight away as up next was the U19 Munster PPS Championship. This game was an away fixture against Ballincollig. This turned out to be a fantastic game with only a puck of the ball separating the teams in the end. It would be unfair to single out any individual performances here, as all players from both teams showed off their many skills and determination in this cracking game. Another epic game, heart attack material. Final score CCC 2.18(24) Ballincollig CC 2.14(20). Fast forwarding on up next were St Brogan’s Bandon. This was a home fixture. Unfortunately, this proved a step too far which exited CCC from the championship. The lads were bitterly disappointed but were humble enough to accept they were beaten by the better team.

U16 Team

U16 C Cork PPS Championship CCC Beat St Brogans Bandon 3.13 to 5.5 This was a titanic battle from start to finish. It is no surprise that CCC came out on top as these students are excellent to train. Mr Power, Mr O Regan, and Mr Hogan are doing a fantastic job, they set high standards, and the players have responded to this approach. When the going got tough during this match all players stood up to be counted. Sam Dolan was the hero of the day, scoring a great goal with the last puck of the ball. This team are back onto the training ground preparing for a massive battle against the winners of Millstreet and Macroom. This game will take place after Christmas and the lads are really looking forward to it. Hail, rain or snow these lads will turn up with the right attitude, give it everything and hopefully process onto the semifinal. Hon CCC!!!

By Mr. N McCarthy



U15 D Munster First round V Patrician Academy Mallow Jan 17th



Sporting Round Up



Fixtures for 2025

U14s are due to play Douglas in their first round in the new year. Preparations has been going really well. They have played numerous challenge games (Midleton CBS, Christian Brothers Cork and Mon Ag) so far this year and are very competitive. The lads are improving game by game so this can only be of benefit with championship only around the corner.

CONGRATS

Well done to Matthew Barrett/Adam Lee who are on the extended Cork U20/U18 hurling panels respectively for 2025. Keep up the hard training lads.





Two big wins for our U16 and U19 basketball teams on November 4th. Both teams beat Kinsale Community College, the U16s winning on a scoreline of 44-38 and the U19s on a scoreline of 80-39. Well done to all involved.





Art Department—Ms. L Hayes and Ms. C Roche

Art Club

In Art Club this past term students made two themed pieces, before mid-term break we worked on our Halloween 'Muslin Ghost' sculptures which needed a battery operated tealight to bring it to life for Halloween and after mid-term break we worked on making a Christmas 'Clay Village' clay decoration, which can use tealight candles.



Well done to all the Art Club members for completing their Halloween 'Muslin Ghost' Sculptures just in time for Halloween. We have been working on these sculpture for the past 6 weeks at lunchtime in Art club. The finishing touches were added at home by adding placing a battery operated tea light inside the sculpture to illuminate their Ghosts for Halloween.

Students learned to make an under structure out of readily available materials, cut and fray muslin, soak muslin in PVA or Modge Podge, drape the fabric over the under structure. Lots of skills that will come in useful for future



Well done to all the Art Club members that completed the Christmas 'Clay Village' decoration in time for Christmas. Students learned how to prepare the village template, roll clay out to a consistent thickness, cut and remove clay using clay cutting tools and finally how to attach clay slab pieces together. This was a tricky project, with problems to solve but it was great to see the finished pieces finally coming together. Lots of skills to be applied for future projects at school and at home. e projects.



Fifth Year Visual Studies Class:

Amazing work by our 5th year Visual Studies class. Developing their drawing skills and manipulation facial features into air dry clay creations. Stand up awareness week the students completed work inspired by Keith Haring and Jean Micheal Basquiat. Very impressive and interesting pieces created.

CCC Art Department.



Winner of this year's Inktober:



Winner of this year's Inktober Scott Lomasney 5th year.

Inktober is a month-long drawing challenge created by Jake Parker that focuses on improving drawing skills and positive creative drawing habits.



Enterprise Club—When Santa came to town!



The magic of Christmas came alive as CCC transformed into a winter wonderland for this year's Christmas Market and festive celebrations planned and organised by Enterprise Club! There was something for everyone, and the holiday fun did not disappoint. Students also showcased their incredible creativity through the market stalls. From handmade crafts and delicious treats to unique gifts, there was plenty to see, eat, and buy. Friends and classmates supported each other while finding the perfect festive treasures!

Creativity was in full swing as students showed off their best Christmas-themed outfits, Christmas jumpers and Santa Hats. Santa himself with Mrs Clause (Angie) made an appearance.

The sounds of the season filled the air during the Christmas-themed music display in an Croí. Talented CCC musicians took to the stage to perform some favourite festive tunes, spreading joy and bringing everyone into the Christmas spirit.

The halls of CCC were decked like never before as classrooms competed to design the most festive and creative door decorations. From twinkling lights to magical winter wonderlands, the friendly competition brought out some truly impressive designs, with one door taking the crown!

The fun didn't stop there! Throughout the day, students enjoyed plenty of Christmas activities and surprises that kept everyone entertained and in high spirits like guess the teacher Christmas picture and quiz.

The day was full of festive fun, creativity, and community spirit. Whether students were shopping in the Christmas Market, competing in quizzes, or simply enjoying the celebrations, CCC's Christmas event was truly the highlight of the season!

The Enterprise Club team







Christmas Poem:

A CCC Christmas

In Carrigtwohill, where dreams take flight,
Our halls are filled with joy and light.
Through every class, through every cheer,
We've grown together another year.

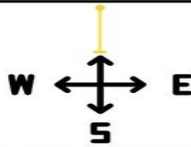

From bustling mornings to twilight's calm,
Each voice, each story, a cherished psalm.
Teachers guide with wisdom and care,
Students thrive in the bond we share.

Now Christmas nears, with laughter and song,
A season of love where we all belong.
May peace and warmth in our hearts reside,
At CCC, with joy as our guide.



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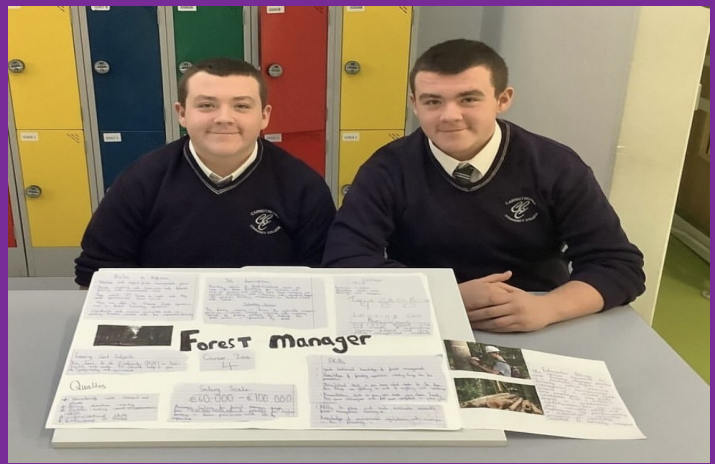


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