

*School Improvement Plan/DEIS
Spring Newsletter*



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Welcome Note

Our aim is
“To cultivate what is native to the soul”

Our approach
“Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí”

A Chairde,

We wish to celebrate the achievements of our school community and congratulate our students and staff on grasping all opportunities made available to them this term. It has been so refreshing witnessing school life return to its vibrant normalcy. We are, as always, so proud of how our students navigated through the last two years.

Our newsletter illustrates the lengths our students and staff go to improve our day to day experiences at the RCS. We are continually looking for ways to progress and grow as a school community.

We could not be more proud of our students and staff for their resilience and perseverance over the last few years. This term has been particularly busy with fantastic achievements by our students. We would like to pay particular gratitude to our teams, groups and individuals who excelled in competitions, tournaments etc. and who excelled in promoting our school and our values.

Our newsletter this year outlines our DEIS targets for the coming years and our progress so far. We would like to thank our committees for continuously working towards these targets.

We, as a team and a community, look forward to brighter days ahead in a spirit of partnership and respect.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

John Gorman
Principal

Dáire Gillen
Deputy Principal



John Gorman
PRINCIPAL



Dáire Gillen
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



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Core Values



Our Core Values

RESPECT

TEAM

KINDNESS

RESPONSIBILITY

CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENT CENTERED

BEST PRACTICE

SELF ACCEPTANCE

The Rosses Community School

**Operates
reflective
practice**

**Solutions
based
approach**

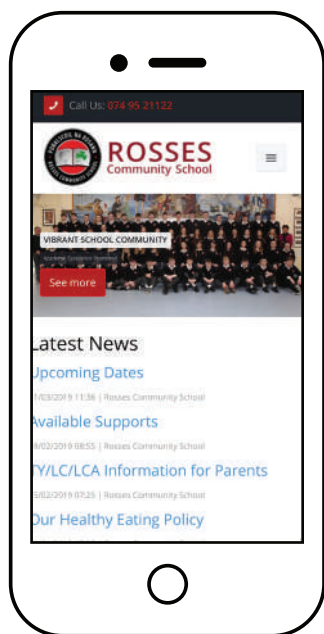
**Strives
for best
practice**



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Keeping You Informed

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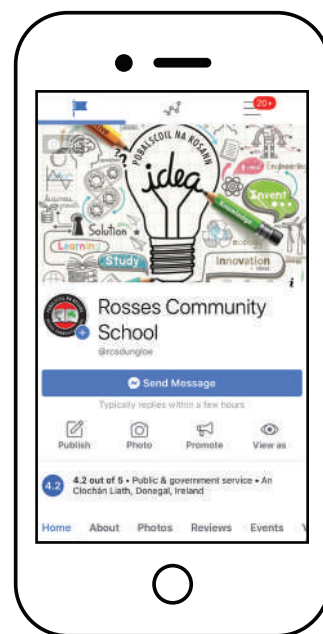
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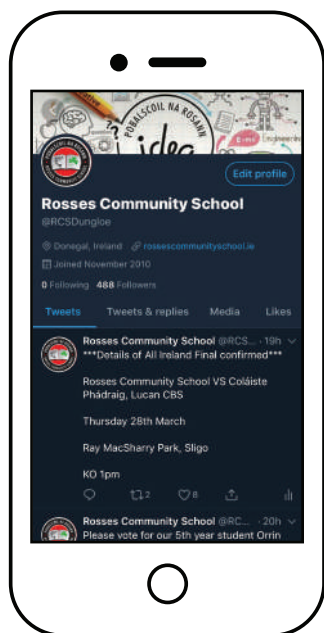
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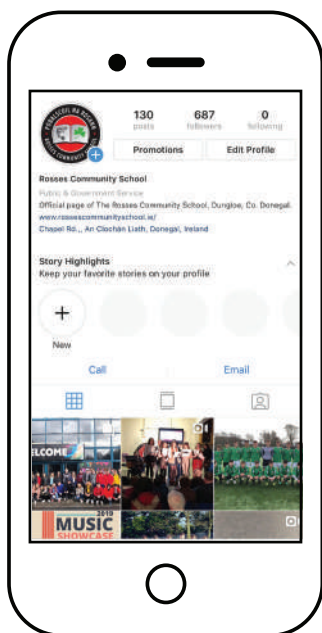
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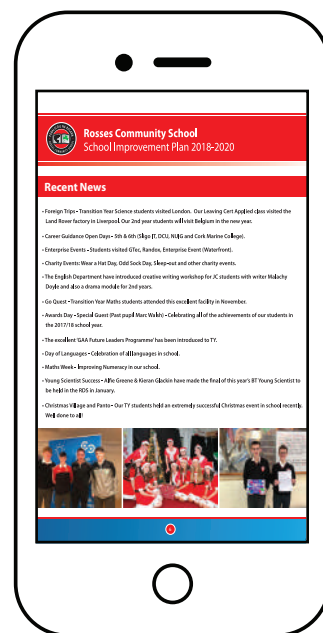
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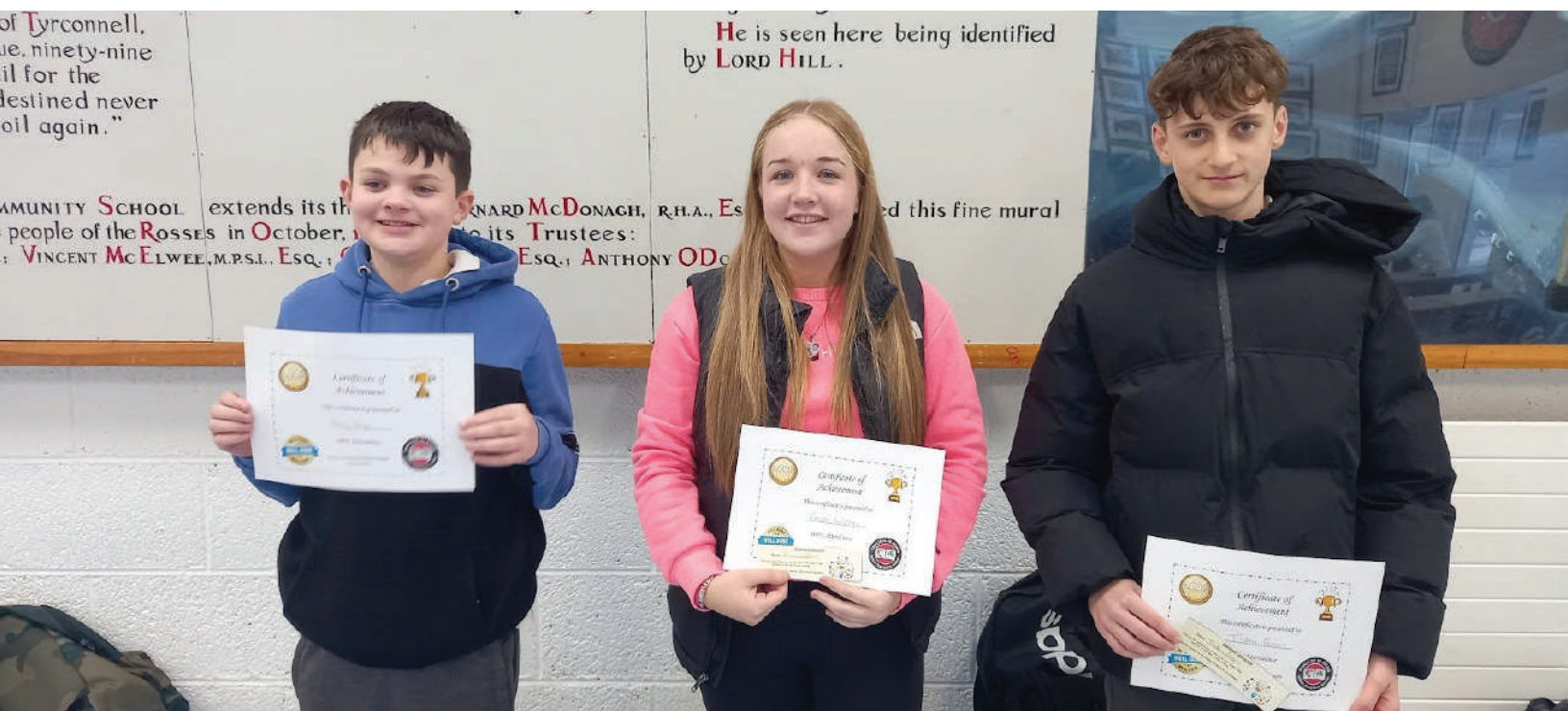


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School Attendance



The January 'Attendance Drive' winners from Week One. Well done to Finlay, Oisín, Joe, Breegeen, Una and Emma!
This new initiative has aimed to reward students for strong attendance across a variety of areas.



More Attendance Drive winners from Week Two. Well done to Henry, Emma and Tristan.
This strategy has been targeted at all students in the RCS.



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School Attendance



The lunchtime Chess competition, held in the main assembly and organised by TY and 5th Year students. It has been open to all students and proving very popular once again this year.



1st Year student Finlay Anderson is one of over 30 students at present who work with Joe Rodgers throughout the week in music production and technology.



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School Participation



7 LCA students travelled to Anfield in December to see Liverpool taking on West Ham in the Premier League. A magical experience for all involved.



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School Participation



Over 30 TY students enjoyed a trip to Glenveagh National Park in early February, exploring the natural beauty and history of the county!



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School Participation



13 LCPE students from 5th and 6th Year enjoyed a trip to Belfast during December.



In December, 20 students from 5th and 6th Year Art visited the Hugh Lane Art Gallery in Dublin and saw the Andy Warhol exhibition.



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School Participation



TY Cultural Studies students visited Maghery, Burtonport and the lower Rosses in late February, learning about the history and culture of their locality.



34 students from 6th Year English saw a performance of 'Hamlet' in the Hawk's Well Theatre in Sligo in February.



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Retention



The Science Foundation Ireland held a talk on sexual health with all TY students in December titled 'Debunking the Myths'.



Guest Speaker Dermot McGranaghan from Athletics Ireland delivered a coaching course with 17 students in January.



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Retention



In December, all 6th Year students engaged in the 'WeMind' programme with guest speakers from Jigsaw, which assists in the development of strategies around positive mental health.



In December, the Cyclone Theatre Company put on a performance of 'The Merchant of Venice' for all 3rd Year students, over 70 in attendance.



In January, all TY students enjoyed an afternoon of Jiu Jitsu with guest speaker and coach, Ed from Riijon Gracie Jiu Jitsu team.



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Educational Transitions



30 students visited ATU Donegal, Killybegs Campus in February to explore the culinary and hospitality courses available there for third-level study.

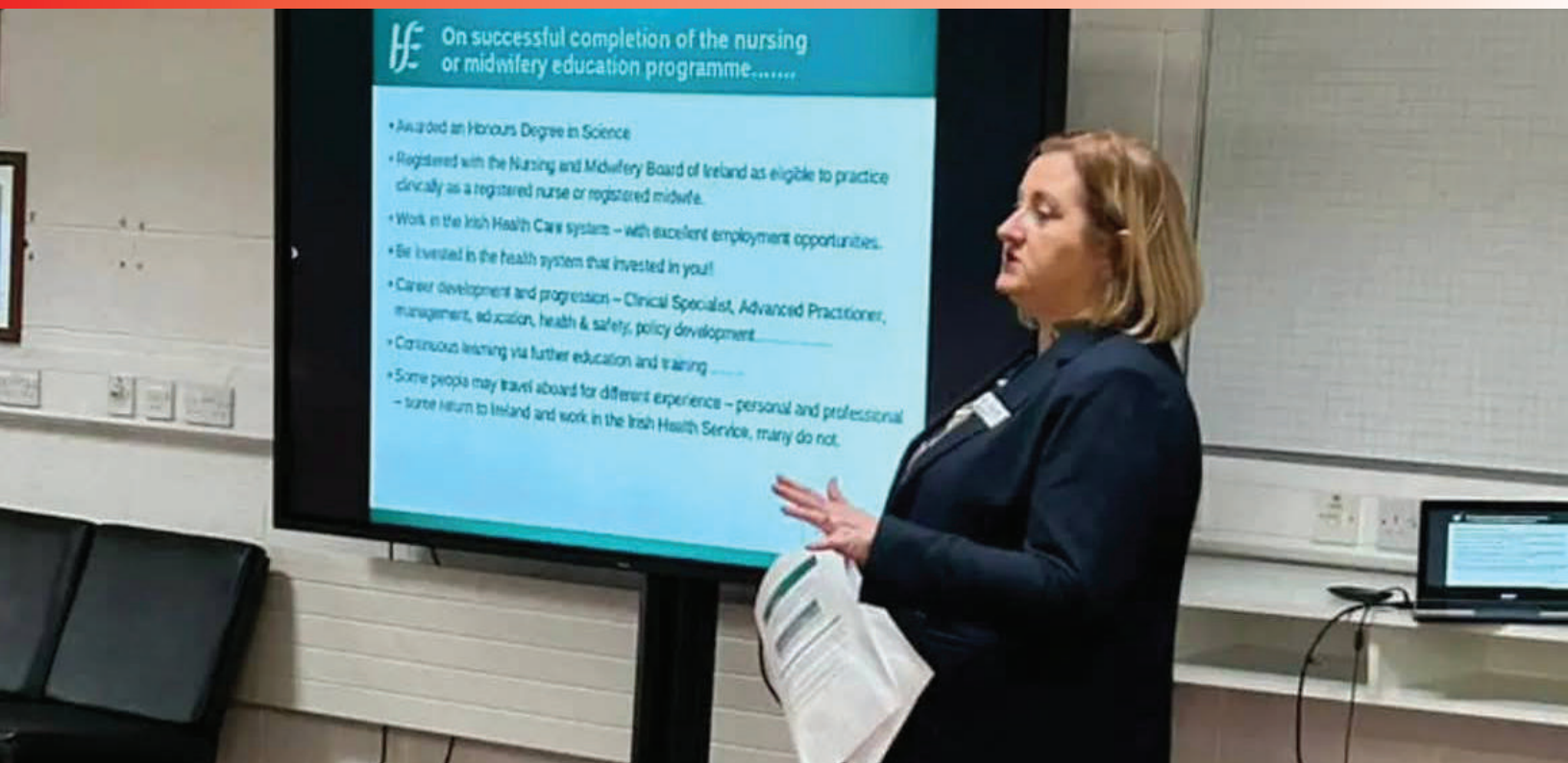


In March, 16 of our 5th and 6th Year students visited ProAmpac and Irish Pressings to investigate the manufacturing processes and learn more about careers in industry.



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Educational Transitions



In December, Deirdre Diver, Nursing and Midwifery Planning and Development Officer gave a nursing talk to 42 students in senior cycle.



In February, Further Education and Training Recruitment Officer Tara and Senior Apprenticeship Advisor Lorraine from Donegal ETB spoke to senior cycle students about the wide range of options available to them in the county.

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ROSES COMMUNITY SCHOOL

SENIOR CYCLE SUBJECT INFORMATION EVENING

TY, LC & LCA Subject Information Evening for parents and students in 3rd Year and TY

TUESDAY 12TH MARCH
FROM 2-4PM

A Senior Cycle Subject Information evening is to be held during March for parents and students in 3rd Year and Transition Year.



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Educational Attainment



Congratulations to our U20 Ladies Gaelic Football Ulster Champions! A fantastic achievement, well done to students and staff involved.



THE YSi DEN

GET TO KNOW YOUR ENDO
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Well done to TY students Maggie, Zoe and Connlaith who comprised the 'Get to Know Your Endo' YSI team from the RCS. They presented to the Den Panel in February on the impact of Endometriosis and won 500 Euro for their work. Great work girls!



THE YSi DEN

MOVEMENT MATTERS
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#YSIDen2024

Congratulations to the 'Movement Matters' YSI team from the RCS; Owen, Elliot and Ross who won 400 Euro for their pitch to the Den in March on the negative impact of gaming on young boys in relation to mental and physical health. Fantastic lads!



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Educational Attainment



5th Year Students receiving their Safe Food certificates in February. Congratulations to all involved in this initiative.



RCS student Ryan Grannell represented the Donegal U17 hurling team against Cavan in February. Well done Ryan!



Well done to 6th Year student Ulitah Boyle who received an Ulster All-Star PPS award in February. Fantastic achievement!



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Educational Attainment



Congratulations to the 'Seanúr' group who progressed to the next stage of the 'Siansa' competition in February. The group have represented the school so well in traditional music, well done to all and Mr McRuairí and other staff who have supported the group.



Congratulations to Tristan, Aoife and Toni who competed at the Ulster Cross Country Championships in Mallusk in February.

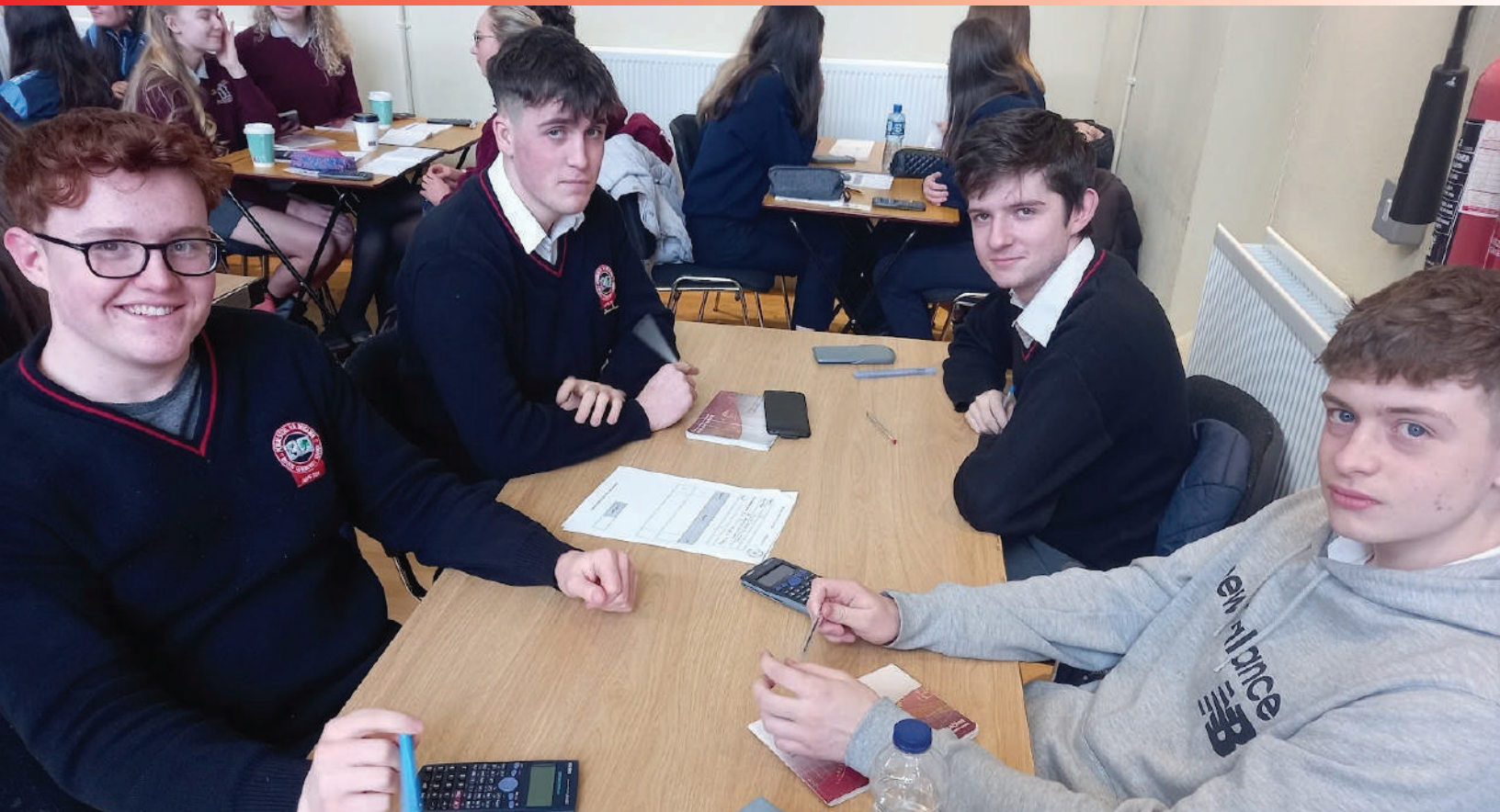


Congratulations to Oisín Gillespie who won 2 Gold Medals at the Ulster Indoor Championships in Athletics during March. Other Gold Medal winners include Odhrán Rodgers, Michael Logue, Niamh Doogan, Aileen Logue, Caoimhe McGonagle and Silver Medalist Aoife McGonagle. Outstanding achievements each and every one!



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Literacy and Numeracy



Riaghain, Aidan, Neil and Fionn who competed in the IMTA Team Maths Competition in Donegal Town in February.



Well done to senior students who competed in the IMTA Team Maths Competition in Donegal Town in February.



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Literacy and Numeracy



Students availing of the Academic Enrichment Programme in March. Currently, 32 students are involved in this programme.



Well done to our 3rd Year students who competed in the IMTA PI quiz in Letterkenny in March.



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Partnership with Parents and Others



INCOMING 1ST YEAR INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS

WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2:00 - 3:30PM

Please drop in if you have any questions around school life or want to gather any information.

An information session was held before Christmas for parents of incoming 1st Year students to the RCS for September 2024.



Rosces Community School Parents Activities

Yoga

Starts Friday 12th January

9:30am - 10:30am

RCS Sports Hall

Instructor - Noreen Boyle - 6 week block



Yoga classes were offered to all parents in January by Home School Liaison Coordinator Gavin Ward in January.



The Primary Schools Regional Sports Hall Athletics Competition took place in the RCS gym in late February with eight local schools taking part. Well done to all students who participated.

RCS HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM



SHOWCASING A NETWORK OF GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE AREA WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PROMOTING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY THROUGH SUPPORTING, PROTECTING & IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF ALL PEOPLE

RCS GYM
25th JANUARY

The RCS Health and Wellbeing Forum was held in January for parents, students and members of the wider community. A huge effort was made by local clubs and groups to showcase the wide range of health and wellbeing opportunities available on doorstep.



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Partnership with Parents and Others



Claire O'Donnell and Jenny Sweeney with some international colleagues during an Erasmus trip to Parma, Italy in December.



SNAs Keelan and Anna-Marie with some treats brought back from their Erasmus course in Florence in late January.



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Management and Leadership



Mr Gorman and staff with Club 200 Winner for December, SNA Ryan Gallagher who won 2000 Euro! Congratulations to Ryan and all winners through January and February also. Many more prizes to be won until the summer.



The finishing touches to the first phase of the new buildings are in completion with windows, plastering, lighting and soffit in place now.



The new front entrance to the RCS and new classrooms to the right of it are now gathering pace in their development.



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Management and Leadership



Mr Gorman and Mr Gillen at Feis Chultúrtha na Rosann in March, a fantastic success enjoyed by young and old alike.



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Teaching and Learning



Nine students completed the Garage Project after a 5 week course, where they learned about changing brake pads, basic servicing and maintaining a safe road vehicle. Great work!



1st and 2 Year girls learning the skills of Gymnastics in PE during February. Well done girls!

1 AGRICULTURAL CHALLENGE
Can you design something to help on the farm?
Design something that will help a farmer a farm to do with one of the following heading:
A machine / vehicle that can do the work of a tractor and a quad

3 Project Assembly Competition
Putting an Engineering piece together within a certain time
This will be done in pairs
This event will be timed by TY's outside room 19
Sign up on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th

★ PRIZES FOR QUICKEST ★

2 Laser Cutting & 3D Printing Demonstrations
Tuesday and Wednesday Lunchtime for staff and students to get familiar with CAD and CAM

Keep an eye on the screens in the assembly areas for more information throughout the week!

OTHER ACTIVITES INCLUDE:

- Guest speakers from Ward&Burke Microtunnelling Canada, PODTRAK in the UK and past students who work with Chevron.
- Tour of the R&D department of RANDOX for senior cycle students



Engineers Week took place in February which allowed students to learn about CAM and CAD in laser-cutting and 3D printing, as well as hear from guest speakers in various companies.



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Teaching and Learning



Mr Mangan's 1st Year History class engaged in some active learning in their study of the Renaissance in March!



TY and 5th Year Enterprise, Economics and YSI students attended the launch of the Interreg Atlantic Area Programme at the Waterfront Hotel. The students will give students the opportunity to learn about innovation and entrepreneurship.

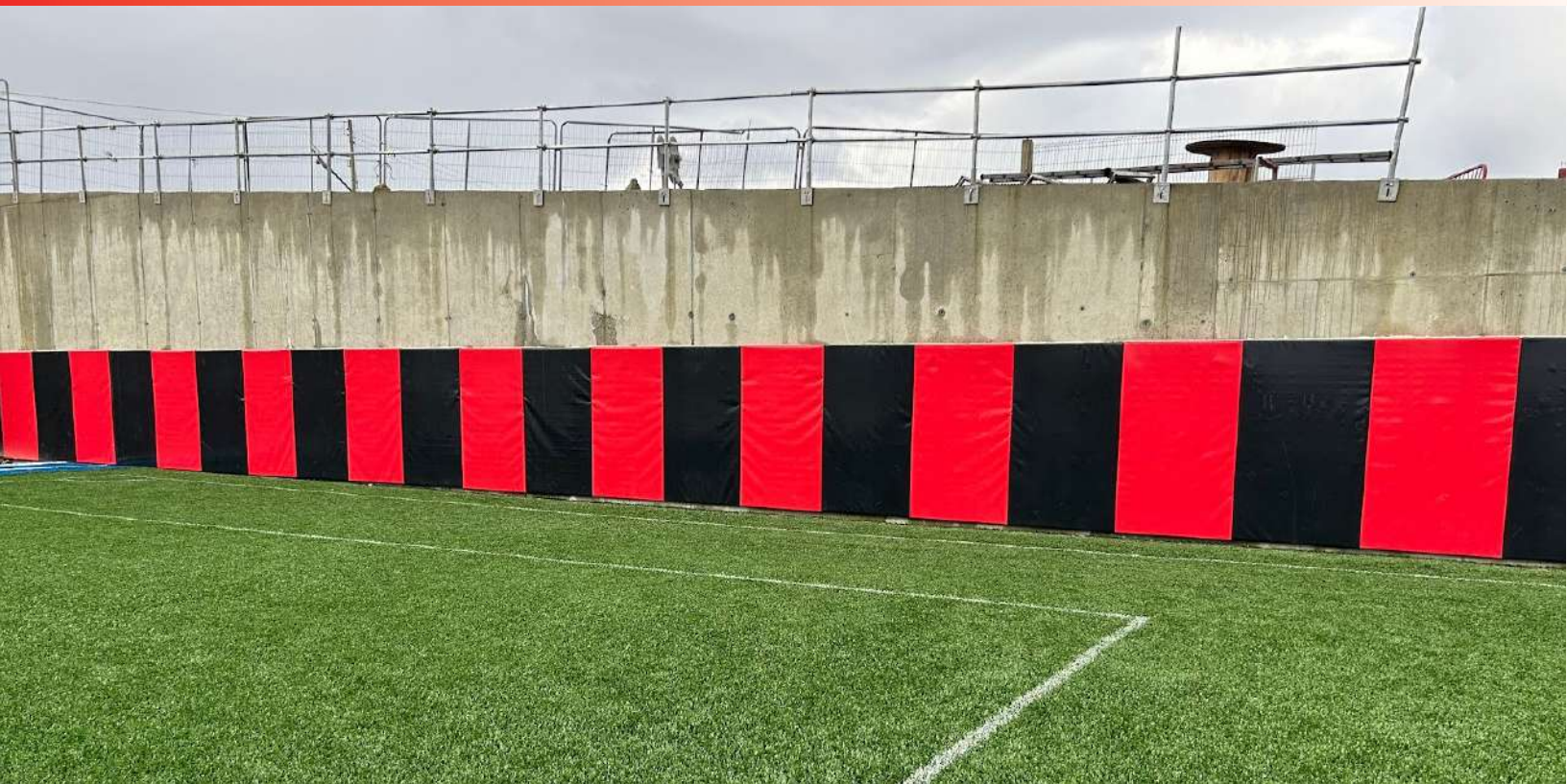


Second year Engineering student Rohan Boyle getting used to the digital read out display on the lathes in the workshop.



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Infrastructure



Safety-padding was recently installed on the new astro-turf pitch for students and clubs in the community.



New sets of Soccer and Gaelic Football goals have recently been purchased to compliment the new astro-turf pitch.



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The proposed new Basketball pitch is coming to fruition. Exciting times for our young people in the community.



JCSP funding recently allowed for the purchase of a further 8 mini Robotics which facilitates computational thinking and coding for students.



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Bealach straitséiseach na Gaelige



Baicle scoláirí ar éirigh leo sa bhealtriail Ghaelige do 'Fáinne Airgid na Gaelige.' Tá súil acu anois ar, 'An Fáinne Ór.'



Grúpa traidisiúnta na scoile i ndiaidh teacht ón ardán ag comórtas, Siansa. Iontach sásta leo féin.



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Bealach straitséiseach na Gaelige



Blaiseadh beag go díreach don mhéid a bhí ag dul ar aghaidh sa scoil ag 'Féile Drámaíochta na Rosann'.
Buíochas mór daoibh uilig.



Tá lúchair orainn cuireadh a thabhairt d'achan bunscoil inár gceantair Ghaeltachta chuig ár n-ocáid bliantiúil 'Feis Chultúrtha na Rosann.' Is ceiliúradh é dár n-oidhreacht agus dár gcultúr trí amhráin, filíocht agus dramaíocht.

Bunrang GAEILGE

Ar mhaith leat gaeilge a fhoghlaim? Bí inár bunrang gaeilge spráilúla gach Máirt i Ionad Theampaill Cróine

Cómhra
Craic
Bolgan Tae

Déan teagmháil le Mary ar 087 1034782

12-1 Dé Máirt
Ionad Teampaill Cróine

Tá an tógra seo a fheidhmiú ag Forbairt Na Rosann, CDP Na Rosann agus Ionad an Mhachaire

Deis iontach do fhoghlaimoirí sa teanga!



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Bealach straitséiseach na Gaelige



'Feis Chultúrtha na Rosann.' Bhí lá iontach ag óg agus aosta!



Comhghairdeas mór dár scoláirí Aiden, Fionn agus Joe i gClár na gComhlachtaí i nGaoth Dobhair. Beidh siad ag dul ar aghaidh go dtí an chrobh náisiúnta i nGaillimh i mí Aibreáin anois.



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Student Council/Student Voice

SUBJECT AMBASSADOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

Sarah O'Donnell 6th year



Why do I enjoy the subject?	I have a great interest in sports both in and outside of school. Because of this I love learning all about sports and exercise and how the body works.
What is the best thing about the subject?	For me the best thing about this subject is learning about training. As I train often outside of school with Dungloe GAA, learning about proper recovery, nutrition, and pre game planning has all highly benefited me while playing sports.
Did you do the subject from 1st - 3rd year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes - did it help you in 5th and 6th year? No - Did you find it difficult to catch up with work in 5th year 	Yes and No, from first to third year I did regular P.E in the gym once a week but leaving cert PE is very different. Leaving cert P.E is all about learning how the body works, the benefits of exercise and staying healthy, how to train efficiently and many more. Although PE is very different in the Leaving cert, I feel doing science from 1st to 3rd year really helped me to already have a basic understanding of the subject.
After school, is pursuing a career in the subject area something that you would be interested in? If yes,	Yes, I would love to pursue a career in physical education teaching. I would love to do the Sports and Exercise course in ATU Donegal for 4 years and then go onto doing my teaching for 1 year in Limerick, Liverpool or Scotland to become a qualified Physical education teacher.

Our student ambassadors across all subject areas play an important role in providing guidance and support to younger students in their studies as they embody successful practice.



The Student Council's 'Suggestion Box' now resides outside Ms Conlon's room, a facility which all students can use to speak their mind in relation to improving the school experience for all.

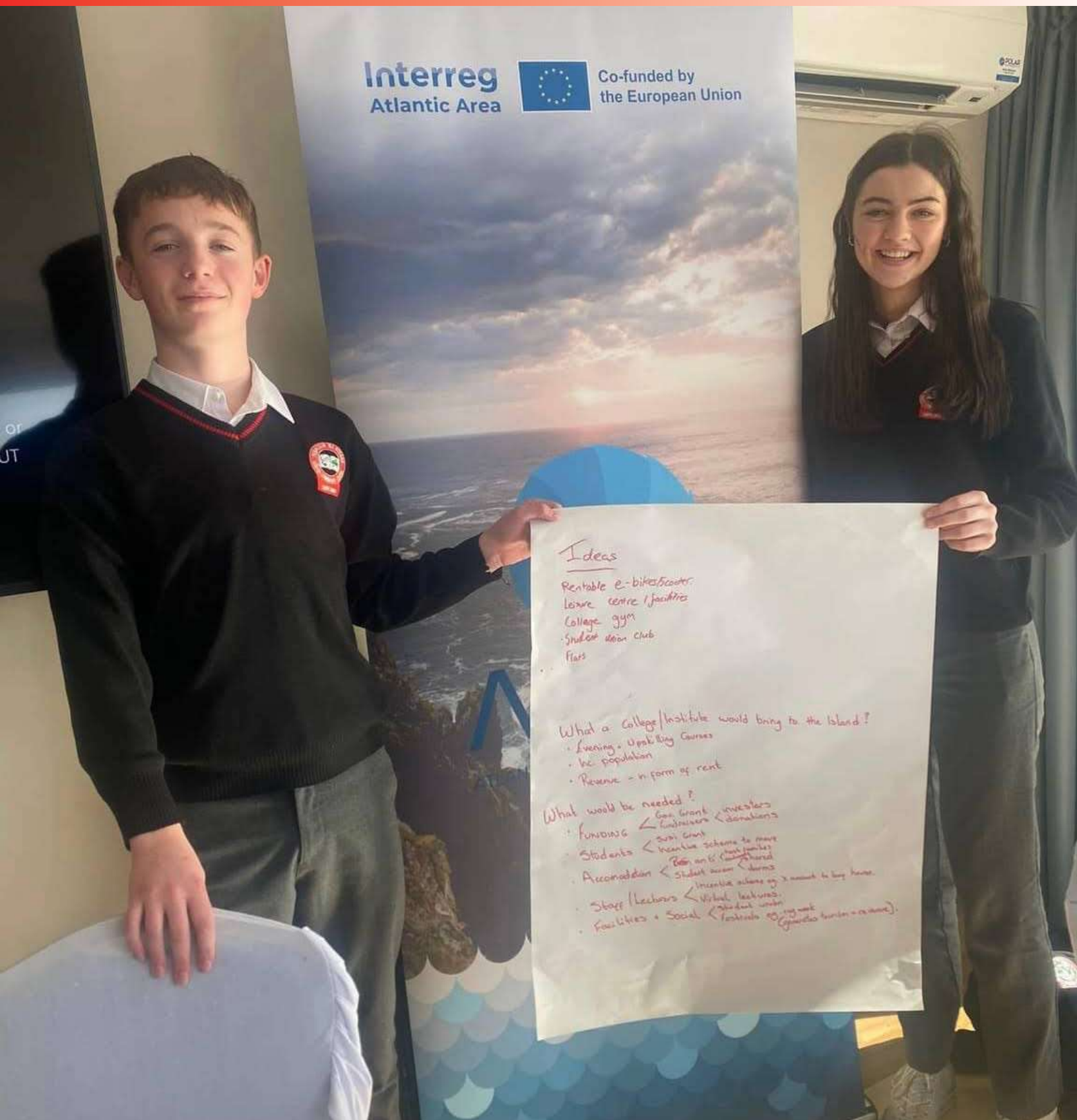


This beautiful collaboration by students in 1D epitomises 'student voice' in an active learning process. Students gave voice to their hopes and dreams as well as recognising their talents and skills. Well done to all



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Student Council/Student Voice



Ideas

- Rentable e-bikes/scooter
- Leisure centre / facilities
- College gym
- Student dean club
- Flats

What a College/Institute would bring to the Island?

- Evening / Upstaying Courses
- Inc. population
- Revenue - in form of rent

What would be needed?

- Funding
 - Gov Grant
 - Investors
 - Endorsers
 - Donations
- Students
 - Gov Grant
 - Incentive scheme to move
 - from families
- Accommodation
 - Gov Grant
 - Gov Grant
 - Student union
 - Gov Grant
- Staff (teachers)
 - Incentive scheme eg. 3 month to buy home
 - Virtual lectures
- Facilities + Social
 - Student union
 - Gov Grant
 - Gov Grant
 - Gov Grant

3rd Year, TY and 5th Year Students voiced their ideas and opinions on the blue economy in a collaboration with students from ATU, hosted by Donegal Youth Services in March. Well done to all students for their innovative ideas!



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Wellbeing



The U16 Girls Basketball team who played St. Columba's Stranorlar in the North West Quarter Final in January.



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Wellbeing



The 1st Year Girls Soccer team who beat PCC Falcarragh in early March. There are now over 100 girls involved with teams across sporting life in the RCS.



Players from the U15 Boys Soccer Squad who beat St. Aidan's Cavan in February, well done gents!



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Wellbeing



More Ulster Finalists! The U16 Ladies Gaelic Football team who reached the provincial decider after defeating Sacred Heart College, Omagh in Aghyaran in late February. Well done!



Our Basketball students took part in two hours of skills, drills and games coached by Basketball Ireland, hosted by ATU in February.



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