

# MEÁN SCOIL MHUIRE NEWSLETTER

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## DCU SCHOLARSHIP FOR RÍONAGH

We would like to congratulate Ríonagh Mc Cormack, Leaving Certificate Class of 2025, who was awarded the prestigious Dublin City University Scholars Award 2025/26 on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

Ríonagh is currently studying in the area of Actuarial Mathematics. This DCU Award is a testament to Ríonagh's outstanding Leaving Certificate results. We wish Ríonagh every success in her studies.

Ríonagh is pictured with Mr MacAodha, Deputy Principal, at the awards ceremony.



## TRINITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR DANIELLE KANYINSOLA

Congratulations to Danielle Kanyinsola Richard-Akinyemi, Leaving Certificate Class of 2025 who received the prestigious Trinity College Entrance Exhibition Award, 2026 on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

Danielle Kanyinsola is currently studying Engineering in Trinity College, Dublin. This award recognises her outstanding Leaving Certificate results. We would like to wish her the very best as she pursues her undergraduate studies.

Danielle-Kanyinsola is pictured with Ms Kearney, Deputy Principal, at the ceremony.

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## ALL IRELAND CROSS COUNTRY FINALISTS

Congratulations to Jessica Neary and Georgina Brady who qualified for the All Ireland Cross Country Finals on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026.

Georgia placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Minor Girls and Jessica placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Girls Connacht Finals held in Loughrea.

The final will take place in March. This is an outstanding achievement and we commend their commitment, dedication and diligence. Go n-éirí libh!!!



## SECOND YEAR TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The competition is fierce, the rivalry immense and the excitement levels increasing weekly as the coveted title of Second Year Table Tennis Champion is up for grabs.

Table Tennis is one of many clubs and societies that are available to our students during lunchtime. Students relish the opportunity to hone their skills and talents in a relaxed and sometimes competitive environment.

Emily and Sophie, Second Year are pictured competing in the Second Year Mini Tournament on February 10<sup>th</sup>.



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## BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Our Junior Basketball teams thoroughly enjoyed their match against Mercy Secondary School, Ballymahon, on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our First Year team controlled the game throughout and won in what was a confident, assured and impressive performance.

Our Second Year team showed immense grit and determination, finishing within a few points of their rivals, in what was a challenging game. Finally our “wings” team had a chance to show the progress they have made over the last few weeks and played out a very competitive game with some great score! Maith sibh!



## RUGBY

Our First Year Rugby Team participated in a rugby blitz on February 10<sup>th</sup>, in Tullamore RFC against Coláiste Phobal Ros Cré and St Mary's Edenderry, organised by Leinster Rugby.

Conditions were wet and challenging, but that didn't dampen the spirit or quality of play. The girls showed great improvement in their skills and teamwork since the last blitz, with confident performances and excellent effort across all matches.

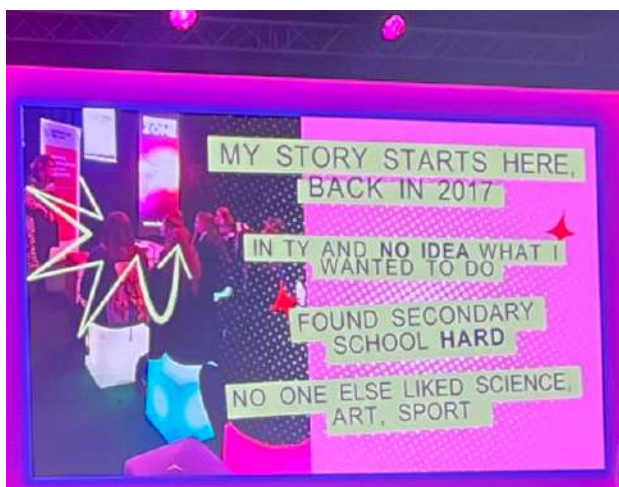
It's fantastic to see how quickly they are developing and growing in the game. We are so grateful to Leinster Rugby for their continued support! Maith sibh!

## TY YOUNG SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR COUNTY WINNERS

Congratulations to our TY students Olivia Johnstone, Emily Quinn, Aoibhinn O'Brien, Emma Darby and Aoife Smith who were awarded the TY Young Social Entrepreneur Award at the County Final in January. The students came up with the business Teen Threads. Teen Threads is a sustainable youth-led enterprise selling pre-loved clothing for teenagers. Teen Threads aims to reduce textile waste, promoting sustainability, circular fashion and environmental awareness. Thank you to Ms O'Brien their mentor!



## TYS ATTEND IWISH EVENT



Our Transition Year students were delighted to attend the IWISH event in Dublin in February. The students attended insightful and inspiring talks from Mary O'Donnell, Aeronautical Engineer and I Wish alumna, Gráinne Walsh- Irish Olympian Boxer, Louise Shanahan- Irish Olympian Athlete and Software Engineer with a PhD in Physics from the University of Cambridge and Eva Donnelly- Director of Process Science, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. This was an amazing opportunity to meet the speakers and discuss the many pathways and opportunities available to them in STEM.

# VEX ROBOTICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Anne-Maria, Eva, Patrycja and Weronika on winning two awards at the Regional Final of the VEX Robotics Competition. The girls showed serious skill and determination to win the Teamwork Champion Award and the Overall Excellence Award. Thank you to Ms McGoey for all her dedication to the promotion of robotics in the school to date!





# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week offered all members of our school community an opportunity to reflect on the rich Catholic heritage of Meán Scoil Mhuire and the values that epitomise our school today. As part of our reflections and celebrations, our John Paul II students attended mass. Throughout the week there were prayers on the intercom reminding us that holiness is for everyone. There were random acts of kindness. Staff were treated to some goodies in the staff room, whilst Second Years and TYs created a "Stay Positive Box" where they wrote down positive affirmations and put them into an envelope for anyone to read one when needing an extra boost of positivity. On Wednesday Fr. Michael visited with the First Year students. They learned all about our newest Saint - Carlos Acutis. Dolores from Mary's Meals also spoke to students about the wonderful work that Mary Meals do and the services that they provide. And finally on Friday, some of our students had the privilege of visiting the Sisters Of Mercy in the Convent. The girls met and chatted with the sisters and also visited the Convent Chapel. It was a lovely way to round off Catholic Schools Week





# HIGHLIGHTS

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