



Confey College

Annual Report

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INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to introduce the *Confey College Annual Report 2009-2010*.

The year began particularly well with the wonderful achievements of our Leaving Certificate students, very high numbers of whom went on to the main third level colleges. For the second year in succession Confey College had the highest number of Entrance Scholarships to NUI Maynooth of any school in Ireland. Our students also enjoyed notable successes in winning scholarships to University College Dublin.

In terms of student welfare, this year we set ourselves the goal of reviewing all aspects of school life with a view to fostering a climate of positive mental health among our students. Members of the teaching staff received training and a number of new initiatives were undertaken. This important work will continue next year.

Work to improve the school premises included the insulation of the walls and attic in the A Building and the installation of energy efficient lighting. We also plan to have all the single-glaze windows in the A Building replaced before school reopens at the end of August. We anticipate significant savings on our gas and electricity bills as a result of this work. We have also taken steps to disguise the ugly perimeter fence with the planting of some 750 plants. It will take a couple of years but the appearance of the school will eventually be considerably enhanced.

The Green-schools committee was launched this year and has already done a lot of the ground work required to earn the school's first flag. Another initiative that will bear fruit in the short term was the school's participation in a pilot scheme to explore the use of team teaching.

Again this year Confey College students were involved in raising substantial funds for a range of good causes and charitable organisations, including, Haiti, the Melanoma Trust, St Vincent de Paul, Build for Bosnia, Concern, Goal, Operation Christmas Child, Enable Ireland, St. Brigid's Hospice, Maforga Christian Mission Primary School, Mozambique, and Autism Ireland.

As the year progressed, our students continued to participate in a wide range of academic, sporting and cultural activities. We enjoyed significant success at the Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2009. Our sixth school production *Sinbad the Sailor* was bigger and brighter than ever. Confey students achieved success in Camogie, Futsal and the Leinster final of *Stars in their Eyes* and Confey's Jake Carroll lined out for the Ireland Schools Soccer team. I wish to thank all of the teachers who gave so generously of their time this year to provide our students with so many outlets for their talents and creativity.

In terms of policy development this year saw the completion of a review of the Code of Discipline. The review led to the production of a *Policy on Suspension*. We also completed work on a new *Transition Year Policy*. Both of these documents have been ratified by the Board of Management. I am grateful for the input of the Parents' Association, the teaching staff and the Student Council in the formulation of these policies.

The school continued this year to offer an extensive programme of trips and outdoor education activities both in Ireland and abroad. I am happy to report that this year all of the trips were successful and our students were highly commended for their excellent behaviour both by our own teachers and staff of the centres they visited. Again, I am very grateful to all of the teachers who make these trips possible. A full programme of trips is planned already for next year including a skiing trip to Austria.

The coming year is the 25th anniversary of the opening of the school in 1986 and so I would like to take this opportunity to invite all members of the wider school community - parents, past pupils and former members of staff to join current students and staff in marking this very special occasion. The anniversary will be formally marked when The President of Ireland, Mary McAleese visits the school on Monday February 7th 2011. In addition, the anniversary committee has a number of events in mind that will afford all members of the extended school community opportunities to come together to celebrate.

I would like to conclude the Report for 2009-2010 by paying particular tribute to Cathal Travers who retired from the school after 22 years' service, first as Deputy Principal and then as Principal from 1997-2009. During this time Cathal played a central role in the countless good things that have happened in the school. Cathal guided the school through the many challenges that it has faced from the early days when efforts to launch the new school met with considerable official opposition, through the campaign to replace the infamous H-block prefabs and provide the school with modern buildings and facilities. Cathal leaves behind a considerable

legacy of an excellent school that blends high standards in the classroom with a safe and caring school environment.

Niall Hare

Principal

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Confey College is a co-educational Community College in Leixlip, Co. Kildare. It opened to 36 students in September 1986 and now has approximately 630 students and has an increasing enrolment. The college has a Board of Management, which is a sub-committee of Co. Kildare VEC. The Board has representatives of Co. Kildare VEC, Church of Ireland, Archbishop's House, Educate Together Schools in Lucan, teachers and parents. The college offers a comprehensive curriculum and students prepare for Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. The college also offers Transition Year programmes and the Leaving Certificate Applied. There is also an extensive co-curricular programme for both boys and girls. The school provides post-primary education for approximately 95% of the local children. In recent years we have many students from Lucan and Celbridge.

The college maintains close contact with local industries such as Intel (Ireland) and Hewlett-Packard. Confey College enjoys the support of an excellent Parents' Association. Home-school links are enhanced by our Chaplaincy and we have an excellent relationship with our local primary school, San Carlo and our new feeder schools. Our indoor facilities are made available to local community groups and we also facilitate, by arrangement, the local soccer club.

DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES 2010-2011

Our overriding aim in Confey College is to balance academic excellence with social and personal development and to help each student reach his or her potential. The specific areas for development in the year to come include:

- 2011 is our 25th Anniversary and we plan a series of events to enable all sections of the school community to join us in celebrating this milestone in the school's history.
- In the coming year we also plan to change the school administration system to the E-Portal system. This represents a significant investment on the part of the school and parents and students will see very real benefits over the course of the year.
- We are anticipating the provision of substantial funds from the Department of Education for upgrading our IT provision over the course of 2010-2011.
- We plan to continue with the work started this year designed to foster a climate of positive mental health among our students
- We plan to continue to review and evaluate our practices and outcomes to ensure that we offer the highest standards of teaching and learning to our students,
- We plan to maintain our current provision of extra-curricular activities, sports and school trips and to seek out new opportunities to enable our students to develop their talents.
- We aim to secure our first Green Flag.
- We plan to fund raise for the provision of an Astro Turf pitch on the school yard. This has been priced and substantial fund-raising will be required.
- We plan to replace the single-glaze windows in Building A with double glazing
- We are introducing a new school jacket.
- We plan to continue the updating of our policies and codification of our best practices.

EXAMINATIONS

There were excellent results across all subjects at Leaving Certificate Higher Level where students achieved A grades in 13 different subjects at Higher Level.. The core subjects of English and Irish were outstanding while subjects such as History, Business Geography, Physics, Biology, Business, Home Economics and Engineering achieved brilliant results. The results in LCVP were also extremely strong with 17 students achieving Distinction grades. Almost one in four students achieved 450 points or above while almost one in seven achieved 500 points or above. Six students received University Entrance Awards.

There were also excellent results at Leaving Certificate Applied level where all students were successful and three students achieved Distinctions.

There were excellent results at Junior Certificate Level where there was a 99% success rate. There were outstanding results English, Geography and Art. Altogether there were Grade As in 16 different subjects at Higher Level. There were many fine achievements among the students including one student who picked up nine As.

These results indicate the commitment of teachers, students and parents to excellence and to the wide range of subjects and courses available to students in Confey College.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Confey College students from the Class of 2009 were among the students honoured by NUI Maynooth at a ceremony in the university. Scholarships are awarded to all students entering with 500 points or more in the Leaving Certificate. Confey College was delighted to have **four** of its students awarded the entrance scholarship worth €1,000. The high achieving students attending NUI Maynooth this year are, Bethany Clarke, (Arts); Davina Clune (Psychology and Irish); Kevin Dardis (Law and Business) and Devon O'Connor (Science). For the second year in succession Confey topped the list in terms of number of scholarships awarded.

Stephen Doyle was presented with a UCD scholarship on Friday 20th November. The scholarship includes free on-campus accommodation for the duration of Stephen's undergraduate course.

Edel Bhandal has been awarded the Brendan Ardiffe Bursary by Leixlip Credit Union. This award is presented annually to the student achieving the best Leaving Cert.

Past pupil Asi Kaikov was the recipient of the UCD high Achiever Award 2009. This award is presented to first year students who achieve 540 points or better in their Leaving Cert exams in recognition of their academic accomplishment to date.

TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY

Confey College featured in a prominent position on the Irish Times Third Level Feeder School list for 2009. While acknowledging that such lists provide only a crude measure of the educational work of a school, we are delighted that so many of our students went on to pursue third level studies this year.

In Confey College we remain committed to an inclusive admissions policy welcoming all students regardless of academic ability. We aim to offer all of our students a rounded, holistic education based on high standards of teaching and learning, a caring and respectful environment and a varied programme of extra-curricular sports and activities.

SUBJECT INSPECTIONS

A subject inspection in Science and Biology took place during the year. A DES Inspector assessed the teaching of these subjects in Confey College. The Inspector visited seven classrooms and met with Science teachers and with school management. The feedback was extremely positive from the Inspector and the teachers involved were affirmed by the initial report. The Report will be put on the Department of Education and Science website in the new school year.

YOUNG SCIENTIST EXHIBITION

5th year student Connor Hynes won two prizes in the BT Young Scientist competition. He was awarded second prize in his category – Biological & Ecological Sciences at Senior Level and

also a project display award. This was an excellent achievement considering that over 1700 projects were entered and only approx 510 projects were accepted.

His project entitled **Exotic pets – Could they be a threat?** examined the possibility of exotic pets adapting to the Irish environment. He carried out a series of investigations to see if Stick-insects could adapt to our Irish climate and our native food sources. .

Connor worked under the guidance of Ms Virginia O'Hehir.

RETIREMENTS

This year the school experienced a major 'talent drain' with the departure of three key members of staff: Mr Tom Malone, our caretaker for 23 years; Ms Gertie Coyle, our Office Manager for the last 18 years, and Mr Cathal Travers our Deputy Principal and Principal for the last 22 years. The contribution of these three people has been immense and we wish them long and happy retirements.

THE CLASS OF 1999 CONFHEY COLLEGE TEN YEAR REUNION

A reception was held in the Ryevale Tavern, Leixlip to celebrate The Class of 1999, Confey College Ten Year Reunion. The reception was organised by Anita Watkins who flew in from London where she works for Lloyds Bank. Many teachers including their Year Head Mary Boyd turned up and were very pleased to hear of the many success stories of their past pupils. This year group are very resilient, many have set up their own companies, others have continued with their education, two completing P.h.d's (Eamon Linehan and Noel Farrell). A talented artist Jenny O'Brien completed a degree in Communications followed by a Diploma in Animation. Among the group were two nurses, several teachers and a star of Riverdance. Yvonne Mahady spent five years travelling the world with Riverdance and has now returned to teaching. Many of these young people have spent time abroad including Warren Lenihan who went to college in Edinburgh and now works as a physiotherapist there

SCHOOL CLOSURES

In line with all schools in Co. Kildare VEC, the school closed for four days as a result of adverse weather conditions. The problems experienced included difficulty in reaching the school by car and on foot; ice in school grounds; burst water mains; a succession of problems in relation to the heating system.

We are particularly indebted to Fergus King for his work in dealing with these problems and for avoiding other potential damage to the school by coming in every day during the holidays, including Christmas Day, to turn on the heat and check for burst pipes.

TEXT ALERTS

A positive outcome of the bad weather was that the school has put a text alert system in place. Each text costs 6c and all parents and staff can be contacted in a matter of seconds.

ANTI-BULYING WEEK

This year the particular focus of anti-bullying week was on homophobic bullying. We are grateful to Ms G Clarke and the Students Council for organising the week which aimed to raise awareness in relation to what students need to know and do when bullying occurs..

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK

This year, Substance Abuse Awareness Week focused on raising awareness of the dangers associated with the use of products from 'Headshops'.

POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

In response to tragic events in the North Kildare area in the last year or so, it was decided to focus on the task of creating a climate of positive mental health among our students.

An extra inservice was organised for staff in relation to this important initiative on the morning of December 16th. Niamh Digan of the SPHE support service gave a presentation on 'The Caring School'. This is a precursor to staff training that will focus specifically on the issues of mental health and suicide.

Mr Tony O'Neill, a personal counsellor, joined the staff on a part-time basis in the third term.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

The school organised staff training in this area in the month of March. The training took place after school and teachers participated will in their own time.

SCHOOL AWARD CEREMONIES

A number of successful School Award Ceremonies for each year group took place from Thursday, 13th May until Tuesday, 18th May. The awards are very much part of the positive ethos of the school and are an integral part of positive discipline in the school. The awards affirm the work of the teaching staff for their dedication and commitment to the students. The process begins in February where teachers nominate students in the various categories and discussions continue through the monitoring period until May. The awards celebrate the achievements of students across academic, cultural, social and sporting areas. The Award Ceremonies take place in the school PE Hall which each year is transformed by Ms. Fahy, and Mr. Kelly. The 2009 awards are co-ordinated by Ms. Fox with the assistance of Ms. Sweeney and Ms. Power (Transition Year).

GRADUATION 2010 AND LEAVING CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONY 2010

Confey College 6th year Graduation Day took place on Friday May 21st and proved to be a fun filled event for staff and students alike! The 6th years put a huge effort into dressing up and not to be outdone many teachers decided to join in with the fun. A T-shirt with the school crest and names of the students and staff of the Confey College class of 2010 was given to each staff member and 6th year student as a special memento by Principal Niall Hare.

On Monday, 24th May the official Graduation Ceremony took place in the main school Hall. Rev. Scott Peoples and Father Peter Clancy officiated at the ceremony. Ms. Barry and Ms. McCormack prepared the service with the students. The themes of the service were memories and the process of moving on to the next stage of their journey in life. The many talents of the 2010 students were evident in the beautiful singing of the choir and the delivery of the readings throughout the service.

The Graduation and Awards Ceremony followed. The winners of the main awards were:

Students of the Year: Barry Dowd, Kelley Gissane, Niamh McDonnell, Connor Forde

LCA Student of the Year: Carol Molloy

Hewlett Packard Academic Excellence Award: David McDonnell, Maire Concannon

Hewlett Packard Student Munificence Award: Barry Dowd

Hewlett Packard LCVP Awards: Luke Bray, Denis Grigorenko

Sportsperson of the Year: Jake Carroll

OPEN NIGHT

Confey College held an Open Evening in mid-November so that parents and prospective students could see the facilities at first hand and meet with students and teachers. The Open Night was held on Thursday, 19th November, from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Over sixty students acted as ambassadors and did a wonderful job in representing the school on the night. Most classrooms were open. There was a variety of student work on display in corridors and classrooms. Also, practical demonstrations, experiments and activities took place in the specialist rooms. There was an extremely positive reaction to the Open Night as indicated by the enthusiastic comments made by parents and students in person to management and staff. It is estimated that over 450 attended. Many of the visitor comments were also included in the 125 returned comment sheets. The contribution of each staff member was excellent on the night and I am also grateful to those students who assisted their teachers on the night. It was noteworthy that many of the parents and students who attended were from outside the Confey area.

SINBAD THE SAILOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

The sixth major musical production, *Sinbad the Sailor*, took place in the school over four nights in early December 2009. It followed on the success of our previous productions. We are especially grateful to Ms Grainne McCormack for her initiative and vision in promoting these production, We are also indebted to Ms. Yvonne Ramsey, Director, and Ms. Sinead McLoughlin, Choreography, for allowing us to avail of their expertise and many talents. The professional quality of the performances owes much to their work and their high expectations of our students.

We are grateful for the support of the Parents' Council, members of Confey College teaching staff and all our patrons for their support.

The musical production afforded our students (and even up to twelve of our teachers) the opportunity to showcase their many talents. Over one hundred students were involved either on the stage, behind the stage or in front of the stage. They were a credit to everyone concerned with the production. Congratulations to all.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Thanks to Ms. Clarke for her work with the Students' Council.

Two representatives from every class were elected in early September to represent their class at the weekly student council meetings every Wednesday in room A8. A president, vice-president and committee were also elected. At these meetings many issues were discussed of concern to students including: the new school jacket, PE uniforms, lunchtime activities, and supervision of students, the weight of schoolbags, the number and position of lockers, the air temperature in block A, recycling, fire-exits, student identity cards, sporting facilities, the creation of a memorial garden for deceased staff and students, the participation of students in Comhairle na nÓg, anti-bullying initiatives and fundraising activities for both overseas and local charities.

The fundraising activities this year raised over 3000 euro for charities including the Melanoma Trust, Goal, and Haiti..

The student council spent a morning cleaning up the area at the steps at the back of the school. This work greatly improved the look of this area.

The students also made a valuable contribution to the development of both the Transition Year Policy and the Suspension Policy.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child took place in the school again this year. Students were asked to bring in a shoebox with toys, sweets, etc. These are then sent to orphanages and needy children around the world. Ms. McCormack co-ordinated this wonderful initiative.

HEDGE PLANTING

Over 700 evergreen plants were planted around the perimeter of the school grounds during the Christmas holidays. In a couple of years it is hoped that these will disguise our particularly ugly fence. Thanks to parent, Mr Terry Healy, for his advice and for sourcing the plants.

HAITI

Confey College students have made a contribution to efforts to relieve the plight of the victims of the earthquake. A variety of fund-raising events were held including Fifth Year Home Economics students organised cake sales for parents on Tuesday 19th January and for students on Wednesday 20th. Students' Council held a 'No Uniform Day'; Third Year students organised 'Rose Day'.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIPS

There were three very successful outdoor education trips during the month of October. On successive weekends the Sixth and Second Years went to Killary and the Third Years to Delphi. In all, 150 students got to experience a variety of adventure activities such as kayaking, gorge walking and bungee jumping. We are grateful to Mr A Kelly for organising the trips and to all the

teachers who accompanied the students: Mr. Gurrin, Ms. Kenny, Mr. McLoughlin, Mr Devereux, Ms O'Carolan, Ms B Gahan, Ms Barry, Ms Fox, Mr O'Byrne and Mr Hare. The behaviour of the students on all three trips was exemplary and attracted strong praise from the staffs of the two centres.

SCHOOL TRIPS ABROAD

There were three trips abroad during the month of February. All three proved very successful. All students and teachers returned safely. We are grateful to all teachers involved in the trips to Paris: S Mc Loughlin, C Kennedy, K Moriarty, R Gurrin, N Ní Fhlatharta, C Greed, A Greene, B Hanley; Berlin: G Mc Cormack, E Brangan & C Coburn; and Austria: P Devereux, E Barry, B Kenny, and P O'Connor.

SKIING TRIP TO AUSTRIA

This year's ski trip to Villach, Austria was comprised of thirty three students and four teaching staff. (Ms. Brid Kenny, Mrs. Elizabeth Barry, Mr. Patrick O'Connor and Mr. Philip Devereux)

Lessons began promptly each morning at 10.00am until 12.00pm followed by a one hour lunch break. Lessons restarted at 1.00pm and continued until 3.00pm. Our group was initially divided into three manageable sections which later became the advanced, intermediate and improver groups. We had a scheduled Ebner coach return to our hotel each day at 4.00pm. Dinner was served at 5.30pm daily.

A varied range of evening activities were arranged in advance of our arrival in Villach. Each proved to be entertaining and was well enjoyed by our students. Activities included were:

- Swimming at a thermal spa
- Outdoor ice skating
- Corinthian Bowling
- Tobogganing
- Pizza night in Italy

The teachers commended the students for their wonderful commitment and participation in the activities throughout the week. Each student behaved in a manner which echoed our school's motto of '*Respect for All*'. Instructions, where given, were followed without the necessity for repetition or explanation. The conduct of the students was exemplary throughout the week.

ENERGY SAVING INITIATIVES

The school has benefited from a grant from Sustainable Energy Ireland which has allowed us to replace all light fittings and bulbs. Motion sensors have been installed in all classrooms and corridors.

Timers have been fitted to dispensing machines.

A lot of insulation work was done on the A-Building during the February midterm break. The ceilings and walls were completely insulated. Insulation work on A-Building was completed over Easter

Efforts to improve the functioning of the heating system in terms of economy and reliability are continuing.

Windows in the A Building will be replaced in August under the Summer Works Scheme.

INTEL GRANT

The school benefited from a grant of more than 3000 euro from the Intel Foundation. Intel employees volunteer their services to their communities and Intel match this with a cash donation for every hour worked. Last year Intel staff spent nearly 500 hours in Confey College painting and planting.

GAISCE AWARDS

Thirteen Fifth year students from Confey College received bronze medal awards at a special presentation ceremony in the Mullingar Park Hotel on Thursday 22nd of October. Students were accompanied by their teachers and PAL (President Awards Leaders) organisers, Ms. Lily Barry, Ms. Grainne O' Connor and Ms. Liz Duffy. The Gaisce or President's Award encourages students to develop their skills in a variety of areas, community skills, recreation or physical skills and new skills which students undertake. Students worked with those with disabilities, helped coach junior teams, learnt new instruments and became involved in drama groups. Over three hundred people attended the Regional Award Presentation Ceremony in the Mullingar Park Hotel, and the presenter on the night was Gareth O' Connor from RTE. Students received bronze medals and pins and a certificate signed by the President, Mary Mc Aleese.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In October, 21 6th years attended a leadership training course with Lucan Youth Services organised by Ms Barry. This training was to help the 6th years learn skills which would enable them to become effective Buddies for the 1st year students.

LOG-ON, LEARN PROGRAMME

On Thursday 22nd April certificates were presented to participants on the "Log on, Learn" programme.

Eight senior citizens from the locality took part in an 8-week course on computers, with our Transition Year students acting as tutors. Course materials were supplied by Intel.

Most of the students have passed ECDL so they were able to respond to particular participants queries like, how to send and receive wedding photos as an email attachment, making travel arrangements and checking out Tesco online.

The students learned from the social interaction and were happy to, as one said "pass on their skills to an older generation" and they will get credit for this in the Gaisce program.

Thanks to K Clancy for organising the programme.

FIRST YEAR VISIT TO MOUNTJOY PRISON

Mrs. A. Casey brought her tutorial group, class 1A5, to Mountjoy Prison on Monday 5th October 2009 as part of S.P.H.E. While in Mountjoy Prison, the students were given a talk by a member of prison staff with regard to the dangers of drugs, alcohol etc. and were also given a guided tour of the prison. Students were then asked to write a report on their visit.

STORMONT VISIT

2A3 spent a day at the Stormont Parliament in Belfast on Tuesday May 11th. The trip was beneficial for both their CSPE and History studies and included a full tour of the building and an educational lesson on its history from one of the government official.

MATHS WEEK

A number of events were organised to promote Maths Week 09.

- Ms. Cullen accompanied TYs on a visit to NUI Maynooth for a talk on maths
- Ms. Selkirk organized a competition on famous mathematicians. The winners of this competition were Stephen Omitogun, 5th year and Katie Nolan from 3rd year
- Ms. Gahan organized a problem solving competition for 1st and 2nd years. There were a huge number of correct entries. The overall winner was Jessica Brady from 2a5.
- Teachers were also put to the test with a set of tricky questions. The winner of the teacher test was Rita Reynolds.

RE DEPT.

1. In December over 20 very substantial food hampers were prepared by junior students and donated to St.Vincent de Paul. All the food was donated by the students and parents.
2. In December 3rd Year students undertook various activities, such as a car wash day and bake sale, in order to raise money for a charity called 'Build for Bosnia'. A Kildare woman is very involved in the charity and is coming to the school soon to talk to students about on-going work in this area. The students hope to raise 500 euro.
3. Over 20 students have now successfully completed 2 or more of the challenges for the Gaisce awards and 6 5th year students are undertaking the adventure challenge in April in order to fulfil the criteria for the silver medal. An award ceremony is planned before Easter to mark students achievements and encourage them over the last hurdle!.
4. As part of the RE syllabus 2nd Year students recently attended the Mosque in Clonskeagh where they learned about the Muslim faith and way of life. All 2nd Yrs also attended mass in the local parish church as part of the syllabus requirements. The mass was celebrated by the new parish priest Fr. Tony O'Shaughnessy.
5. A very successful ecumenical liturgy was held by 5th Yr LCA students. The liturgy was celebrated by Rev. Scott Peoples from the Church of Ireland church in Leixlip.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

A very successful Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated in the school March 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th. During the week Irish teachers conducted a number of activities to celebrate the event.

Table quizzes and art competitions were held. Intercom announcements were made 'as Gaeilge' during the week.

A non uniform day was organised with the assistance of the Student Council. Money raised will be donated to the National Council for the Blind. The theme was 'Bí glas, bí green, bí faiseanta, bí seen".

A 'green' fashion show took place for 1st years. Students made a great effort to get into the spirit of the fashion show with many leprechauns, dancers and soccer players making an appearance on the day!

Some 6th yr students took part in a traditional brush dance. Irish language films were shown throughout the week.

Staff also got the opportunity to take part in the festivities with a competition being held for teachers and the annual 'Maidin Chaife' was well received.

Students were encouraged to make an extra effort to speak Irish during the week and pupils were rewarded with tokens by teachers for making a genuine effort to use Gaeilge around the school. As students were unaware which teachers had these tokens they engaged in Irish conversations with many different teachers and Gaeilge could be heard around the school and most importantly it was not confined to the Irish classrooms. Students with the most tokens received a prize.

To conclude Seachtain na Gaeilge an awards ceremony was held on Friday 19th March.

Winning students were presented with their prizes which included: Easter eggs, school pens, school usb wristbands, keyrings and vouchers. All winners received certificates.

Thanks to Ms Greene, Ms Ní Fhlatharta, Ms Ní Dhufaigh and Mr Egan for a very lively and enjoyable week. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir!

GUIDANCE ACTIVITIES

Study Skills

3rd year students took part in Study Skills Seminars on 15th September 2009.

6th Year students took part in Study Skills Seminars on 16th September 2009.

The seminars were led by representatives of Student Enrichment Services. The seminars are practical workshops, not lectures, with students getting the opportunity to experience the success of being able to learn quickly and efficiently. By learning more efficiently the students increase their confidence in their own ability to achieve. Amongst the topics covered are Goal Setting, Self Esteem, Time Management, Note taking and a proven method of study. Each Student received a booklet after the seminar to assist them in putting what they have learned into action.

As 6th year students had participated in study skills in 3rd year, their work was directed at reviewing that learning and building on it towards assisting them in reaching their potential in their leaving cert.

Higher Options

Students of 6A1, 6A2, 6A3 & 6A4 attended the Higher Options conference in the RDS in Dublin on Thursday 17th September 2009. This Conference provides them with opportunities to learn more about courses on offer and the 3rd level and Post Leaving Cert (PLC) colleges available to them after their Leaving Cert. Some colleges from the UK were also in attendance for students who wish to study abroad. Other organisations who have important information about careers open to students were also present. Students could choose to attend some of the career-oriented talks held at the conference to get detailed up to date information on careers they are considering.

This important event is a vital opportunity for students to continue their research into options open to them after school and to assist them in making the choice of course/ college/career.

Careers Night

Guidance Counsellors from 10 schools in the North Kildare and West Dublin area organised a Careers Night for students of 5th and 6th year in the relevant schools. This event is organised every two years and affords students the opportunity to meet and hear speakers from a range of careers talk about their day to day work, promotion opportunities and other related topics. Approximately 100 Confey College students from 5th and 6th years attended the event which was held in NUI Maynooth. In recent years the NUI Maynooth has provided the premises for this major event attended by up to 1,000 students from the local schools. In addition staff members from NUI Maynooth attend to assist the local Guidance Counsellors in the managing of the event. A range of speakers on 29 different careers were in attendance and each student had the opportunity to attend 2 talks of their choice. Staff members from Confey who attended were Máirín Nic Sheanlaoich, Guidance Counsellor and Gráinne O'Connor.

Lunch Time Careers talks.

This year's series of lunch time talks for senior students commenced on Thursday 22nd October when a representative of Dublin City University(DCU) attended Confey College to speak with Senior students who are considering courses available in that college. Approximately 25 students attended the talk.

Blanchardstown Area Partnership (BAP) Careers Day

The BAP Careers Day took place on Tuesday 10th November 2009. This event is organised to encourage young people from the area to seriously consider 3rd level or further education after leaving school. Colleges from the 3rd and Further Education sectors in the greater Dublin area are present at this event to provide information to students on courses available to them. Students from the 5th year LCVP, and 5th and 6th year Leaving Cert Applied attended the careers day. The BAP subsidised the transport cost for the school.

TRANSITION YEAR

Achill Trip

Fifty one transition year students took part in Achill Wave outdoor adventure programme from September 5th to September 9th. The students undertook a varied programme which included orienteering, map reading, surfing, kayaking and archery. The programme was designed to help students in their induction into transition year. The outdoor pursuits programme provides an informal environment for students to bond and get to know each other better. It also provided an excellent opportunity for students to work as part of a team. Team efforts were encouraged at all levels and students undertook the daily tasks of preparation and clean up after meals.

Evenings were spent walking to local beach, telling ghost stories, playing cards, football and a variety of puzzle solving exercises.

The students will receive certs for their participation in the programme and the adventure programme will hopefully form part of their Gaisce awards.

An enjoyable few days was had by all despite the persistent rain. Thanks to the teachers who accompanied the students Ms Rosaleen Power, Mr. Stephen Mc Laughlin, Mr Kevin Moriarty and Mr. Paddy O' Connor.

Funds for Hospice

On Thursday 17th of September, Confey College Transition year students organised a coffee morning for 1st years in their school. The students are anxious to raise awareness about the hospice movement in their area. All proceeds from the morning will go to St. Brigids Hospice, The Curragh, Co. Kildare. According to the students, cancer is a disease which affects one in three people in this country. They hope to follow up this morning with an information talk from Dr. Ena O' Hanlon. The morning also helped to build links and bonds between the first year students and transition year students.

Enable Ireland visit TY

Two physiotherapists came to speak to transition years students on Tuesday 22nd of September about their work with Enable Ireland, an organisation which works with the disabled. The physiotherapists provided the students with an excellent talk on the variety of disabilities that people suffer from within our communities. They showed the pupils the range of services on offer with Enable Ireland. They also gave some practical guidelines on how the work and school environments can be adapted to ensure better access for the disabled. The students hope to follow up this talk with a fund raiser for Enable Ireland. The talk also proved valuable from a careers perspective as students were interested in the work of the physiotherapist.

Personal Development Day for TY Students

Transition year students took part in a full day workshop on personal development given by Austin Dunne from 'Stay Focused' Learning and Development. The day involved an overview of the various types of personality analysis and how to work as part of a group. The personal development day is used as part of the induction programme into Transition year.

Film Animation Project

A number of TY students were involved in the Impact Film Animation Project sponsored by Kildare County Council Arts Services and Leixlip Library with artist/film maker Lisa Fingleton. Fifteen students attended the first day of the workshop and then six students were selected on the basis of their proposals to make a short animated film based on a book of their choice. The successful students were Sean Maher, Maitiu Costello and Ciaran Crowe (TY1) and Rachel O'Toole, Iara Harris, (TY1) and Susanne Dalen (Ty2). The boys' animated short feature is based on Ross O'Carroll Kelly's "How to Get By on €10,000 a day" while the girls' animation was based on "Oscar and the Lady in Pink". Ms O'Byrne co-ordinated the project with Lisa Fingleton and Brenda Brady of the Arts Service. The two animations are available for viewing on www.youtube.com.f Congratulations to our budding animators!

Maths Lecture St. Patricks College Maynooth

All TY students attended a Maths demonstration in St Patrick's College, Maynooth on Wednesday 14th of October. They were accompanied by their teachers Ms. Mary Cullen and Ms. Ciara Kennedy. The title of the lecture was 'maths magic' and it explored the wonder of maths and how it can be used to explain such simple tasks as juggling.

WEE Recycling Project

Transition year students are taking part in the WEE Recycling Project as part of their Environmental Studies with Mr. O' Connor. Following a very informative talk from the WEE Project they have undertaken to collect old cartridges and other electrical equipment. The school received a free pc in return for taking part in the project.

Moat Theatre

Transition year students attended a theatre workshop in the Moat Theatre Naas with their teachers Colette O'Byrne and Mr Brendan Hanley. The one man comedy show was called 'Psycho-spaghetti' by Gerald Carey. The students really enjoyed the comedy show which was

specifically directed at teenagers. The outing to the Moat Theatre is an annual event and forms part of the Transition Year programme in English and Media Studies.

Arch Clubs.

Michael Kane (a past pupil of Confey College) gave two very interesting talks to Transition Year students on the work of the Arch clubs in their area. Arch clubs work with children with mental disabilities. One club is involved in swimming and the other club provides games and other activities in Scoil Eoin Pol once a week. Transition Year students are hoping to get involved with the club and will be using this activity as part of their community work for the Gaisce Presidents Awards.

Jack and Jill Foundation

Mr Jonathon Irwin gave a most informative talk to Transition Year students on Monday 12th October. Mr Irwin is the founder of the Jack and Jill Foundation which helps babies who are born with severe brain injuries. Mr Irwin's own son Jack died at 22 months following brain trauma after birth. The state provides very little support to such children and so Mr Irwin founded the Jack and Jill foundation in the hope of raising much needed funds for additional nursing care.

Goal

Confey Students raised 689 euro with a no uniform/jersey day on Friday 9th October. The no uniform day was organised by the students council assisted by transition year students. Ms Karen O' Shea a speaker from Goal followed up this fundraiser with a very informative talk on the work of Goal on Monday 19th of October. This talk was attended by Transition Year students and representatives of the student council.

Geography Trip Transition Year One

Transition Year 1 students went on a Geography field trip with their teacher Ms. Mary Fox on Tuesday 6th of October. They visited Clonmacnoise and The Boora Parkland Bog, which is a fine example of a cut away bog in the midlands.

Mount St. Annes Retreat

Transition Year1 attended a retreat in Mount St. Anne's on Thursday 22nd of October accompanied by their teacher Ms. R Power. Mount St. Anne's is located near Portarlington, and students enjoyed their day of reflection with the retreat team there. Transition Year students will be taking part in a new online religion programme from Veritas in the coming months. The programme is called **Faithconnect** and it has proven to be a great success in other schools where it is running. It is hoped that this initiative will bring religion to life in the classroom.

TY History Trips

Transition year students visited No27 Fitzwilliam Square a restored Georgian house on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of February with their teacher Linda Farrell. Transition years are studying Georgian Art and Architecture as part of their programme. The trip included a guided tour around the house and its grounds and students were given an opportunity to appreciate Georgian architecture at first hand. The programme of study which the students have undertaken is being supported by the Irish Georgian Society.

Kairos Media Workshops

Transition year students took part in a one day workshop in Kairos Studios in Maynooth on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of January. Along with their teachers Mr. B Hanly and Ms. C O'Byrne, students were taught how to prepare, script, produce and edit their own videos. The transition year students were also given shown how to direct and produce a video. The students gained some valuable insights into the world of media as Kairos supports the degree course of Media and Arts which NUIM are currently running.

Aware Talks

Mr. John Willis of Aware gave a series of talks to transition and 5th year students during February. The talk consisted of raising awareness about depression. Mr Willis covered the various types of depression and how students might become more aware of the symptoms of

depression. Students were given valuable contacts about how they might look for help if they themselves were depressed or if they were dealing with someone suffering from depression. It is hoped that Mr Willis will return in April to give a similar talk to 6th year students.

Tennis Exhibition

Transition year students took part in a tennis exhibition given by Jamie Stafford Tennis Academy. The object of the exhibition was to introduce tennis to the group as a sport..

Emerge Workshop

Transition year students took part in a workshop with Ms. Jean Courtney of Emerge. The aim of the workshop was to review the students work experience and to prepare students for their upcoming work experience. Valuable tips were given with regard to approaching employers, preparing letters and evaluating their experiences. The workshop was run in conjunction with the career guidance teachers of transition year students.

Hunger Exhibition

Transition year students attended a Hunger Exhibition on Wednesday 10th of February. The exhibition is run by The Department of Foreign Affairs and it looks at the plight of Third World countries and how our government responds with aid and assistance. Transition year students have completed projects in religion class on a variety of charitable organisation and the exhibition was of great interest to them following on their own research. The workshop focused on one town in Malawi and how Irish aid has helped the development of this one area. An interactive game allowed the students to fully understand the key issues of harvest and food supplies in such a remote area. This was followed by a film on the area and an examination of the exhibition area.

German Film Trips

In October the transition year students attended an exhibition called 'Momentenaufatime' Moments in Time, which was organised by The Goethe Institute in European Union House. The theme of the exhibition was German Unification and it looked at the Fall of the Berlin Wall using photographs and actual video footage. In November the students attended the IFI to watch a film called Goodbye Lenin, and in January they saw the film Das Versprechen (The Promise). The films carried the similar themes and looked at the end of the Berlin Wall and the movement towards German Unification. Ms. G Darcy who organised these trips said they were of great benefit to the students in making them more aware of German history and also of immersing them in the German language for a day.

Geography Trip

On Tuesday 14th of April Transition year students went on a Geography field trip to Kippure, Co. Wicklow to improve their geographical skills. The tour was organised by their teacher Ms Mary Fox.

Zoo Trip

Transition year students went on a tour to Dublin Zoo on Monday 15th of March organised by their science teacher Mr Robert Clarke. The tour involved a talk on ecology and a guided tour of the zoo.

Irish Cancer Society Talk

Transition year students attended a talk given by The Irish Cancer Society on Tuesday 23rd of March and Thursday 25th of March. The talk focused on skin cancer and was given by

Rosemary Clarke and Bernie Rice. The students were made aware of the dangers of UVA exposure and how important sunscreen is in protecting them from the harmful rays of the sun. Students were also made aware of melanoma skin cancer and how to identify changes in moles. It was a most interesting and informative talk for the students. Students received a booklet on skin cancer and small samples of sunscreen.

Junior Achievement Ireland

Junior Achievement Ireland hosted a workshop for Transition year students on Friday 29th of March. The workshop focused on understanding Ireland's place within the European Union and the benefits of this for students. Students were made aware of the work of the European Union and the educational opportunities open to Irish Students. Rachel O' Riordan from Junior Achievement organised the event and facilitator's on the day came from INTEL Ireland and Hewlett Packard.

Causey Farm

Transition Year students went to Causey Farm on Tuesday 20th of April. This is an annual outing and the focus of the day is a study of environmental issues and the working life of the farm.

Niall Mellon Township Trust Talk

Transition Year students had an information talk on Wednesday 21st of April from the Niall Mellon Township Trust. The objective was to raise awareness of issues of poverty in South Africa and to explain the work of the Trust.

LEAVING CERT APPLIED REPORT

This year has been a busy year for the LCA students in Confey College.

In the first term the Fifth year students were getting to grips with their key assignments and the work load of the Leaving Certificate Applied. They completed their Leisure and Recreation Task with Mr Summerell, organising indoor football tournaments for the first year students in Confey College and the pupils in San Carlo Primary School. All agreed it was a very enjoyable experience and gave the Fifth year students a flavour of the type of work involved in the LCA.

Sixth year students had a busy session with three tasks to complete, Practical Achievement, Contemporary Issues and Graphics and Construction. For their Graphics/Construction Task the students with the help of their teacher Mr Boland produced a variety of models including a plumbing system, a draining system and an electrical circuit.

A wide range of tasks were attempted for the Practical Achievement Task under the guidance of Ms Coburn. These included attending night classes in First Aid, Childcare and Woodturning, completing a football coaching course, restoring furniture and completing a fitness programme in the gym.

Sixth year students conducted investigations and prepared presentations on a number of topical social issues for their Contemporary Issues Task with Ms Fahy. The issues explored included drink driving, world poverty, fire safety and alcohol and its effects on the body. All of these Tasks were examined by DES examiners in February and students received their excellent results in April.

As part of their Hotel Catering and Tourism Task the Fifth year LCA students along with their teacher Ms A Hargaden invited members of the newly formed local Seniors' club to a three course meal in the school. The students spent the morning preparing the food and decorating the Home Economics room for their invited guests. Among the guests were some of the students' grandparents, the chairperson of the Town Council and a reporter from the Liffey Champion, who wrote a very favorable review of the meal in the following week's edition of the paper. The tableware was provided by the Hannigan family.

Fifth year students displayed their entrepreneurial spirit in completing their Vocational Preparation Task. Under the guidance of their teacher Ms C. Greed, they set up a mini enterprise. The students carried out market research and decided to make and sell friendship bracelets, which they sold to staff and students. A handsome profit was made to the delight of all concerned.

On Thursday April 22nd the 5th yr students along with their Year Head Ms G. McCormack and the LCA Co ordinator Ms C. Coburn visited Dáil Eireann. The students found this fascinating and they observed a lively debate. They had their picture taken with Mary Hanafin, who recalled

visiting Confey College. The Minister complimented the students and wished them every success, remarking how fantastic the LCA Programme is for students.

Module 2 of the Leisure the Recreation programme for the 6th yrs was carried out through Leixlip Health and Fitness. Students along with their teacher Mr Summerell attended the gym every second Wednesday.

Work Experience forms a major part of the LCA with students going on four two week work placements over the course of the programme. Many students found placements with local businesses and a number worked with local tradesmen. We received excellent feedback from all employers and continue to build on our current pool of suitable work placements.

GREEN SCHOOLS

Green school seminar: 2nd year students Owen Hickey and Aidan Kavanagh accompanied by Ms. B Gahan attended a seminar for Secondary schools on green schools on 6th October at the Red Cow Hotel. The evening consisted of:

- a presentation on green schools by An Taisce
- group work: where schools got to discuss problems facing schools trying to implement the programme and find solutions to these problems
- a presentation by Colaiste Bhríde in Clondalkin, a successful green school.

The evening was very informative and enjoyable.

Green schools:

- The school is currently working on stage 2 of the 7 steps to attain a green flag. TY students, under the instruction of Mr. O Connor, are currently carrying out environmental surveys. Paper recycling bins have been distributed to every classroom in the school and teachers and staff are being encouraged to use them. The committee is meeting every Monday at lunchtime to discuss issues and plan ahead.

Go Green on 18

The Green Schools committee and TY students hosted a non uniform day for wed. 18th Nov. The idea behind this was to heighten the awareness of the schools efforts to obtain a green flag as well as encouraging staff to get behind the Irish soccer team who ed against France that night. Students were asked to donate 2 euro. Funds raised were used to buy segregated bins for the main social areas.

Litter Surveys: Junior members of the committee survey the school grounds on a weekly basis to identify the problem areas in the school. Suggestions have been made as a result of the findings. The school shop has now replaced tin foil with paper on breakfast rolls and sandwiches. The committee are also working on a project to improve the "back steps" area in the school. This area is a very problematic in regards to litter. We hope to develop the area by introducing new plantlife and benches so that students may have an increased sense of pride in the area which will hopefully reduce litter problems. Local counsellor Shane Fitzgerald is assisting us with this project.

Students have also looked at paper and toner use in the school. They have carried out surveys of teachers on their use of paper and are currently compiling a list of ideas on how to reduce waste in this department. Students have also been present in the photocopying room and have assisted teachers in using functions on the copier to reduce paper and toner use. We hope to increase awareness amongst the staff and reduce paper use and therefore the costs incurred by the school. We are also currently working on increasing recycling in the staffroom and getting a brown bin for organic waste.

Biodiversity Project: On Monday the 26th April, committee members of the Green Schools programme in Confey College took part in National Spring Clean month 2010. There was an organised clean up around the school grounds using clean-up materials such as colour coded plastic bags provided for recyclable and non-recyclable waste by An Taisce.

Students then met with Mr. Shane Fitzgerald, Green Councillor to map out an area on the school grounds to designate as a biodiversity garden. Local wild flowers and plants were

identified and a discussion then on a book to be compiled with photos and interesting facts on each plant identified took place. It was also mentioned that as a future project a bench be built and some bird houses put into the area to encourage more animal life. Students were delighted with their day's work and look forward to watching the garden flourishing.

DARTS CLUB

Latest addition to extra-curricular provision within the school is the Darts Club organised by Ms C Greed and Ms N Ní Fhláthárta.

SOCCER REPORT

1st Year & 2nd Year Boys Futsal

The school was represented by two teams from both year groups in the annual Dublin Oak Academy futsal tournament in Kilcronee Co. Wicklow on May 12th. Futsal is an official FIFA version of indoor 5 a side soccer. Confey won the competition.

U-18 Girls Soccer

The team finished runners up in their league group. This meant they were into the quarter final stage of the league runners up competition. A comprehensive 6-1 win over St Dominics Ballyfermot saw them reach the semi final against Colaiste Bride from Clondalkin

Jake Carroll - Irish Schools Soccer Player

6th year student Jake Carroll has been playing for the Irish Schools Soccer Team in recent months. Jake was selected after being a member of the successful Leinster Schools team which won the Irish inter-provincial competition. So far, Jake has played in all games in the Home Nations tournament against Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland.

In addition, Jake has played in friendlies against Australia and New Zealand. Jake very kindly presented one of his first Ireland jerseys to the school.

ARCHERY

Confey College Archery Club, in a unique and unprecedented manner, hosted the Northern Irish Archery Association National Championships. This prestigious annual event was attended by archers from all over the Island of Ireland and further afield and was a huge success, with the majority of medals travelling South with the returning competitors. Confey is a centre of excellence for archery in Ireland, with National training for the Irish International Squads taking place here regularly.

CAMOGIE

Confey First and Second Year girls were victorious in their blitz competition.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The u19 and u16 girls played Colaiste Lorcaín, Castledermot, Athy Community School and Ard Scoil Trionoide Athy. The girls put up a great display but unfortunately they did not qualify for the next stage.

The 1st and 2nd year girls started training In December on Thursdays after school. The girls played Cross Passion Kilcullen in their first game where they were narrowly beaten. Their 2nd game was against Ard Scoil Trionoide Athy where they came away with a great win of 44 to 10. Their final game was against Colaiste Lorcaín Casteldermot where they were beaten by 4 points and regrettably did not qualify for the quarter finals.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Due to the dedication and generosity of a large number of teachers the school was in a position to offer students an extensive programme of extra-curricular sports and activities this year.

Archery	Mr Robert Clarke
Camogie	Ms Caroline Greed
Darts	Ms Caroline Greed

	Ms Nóirín Ní Fhláthárta
Tabletennis	Ms Máirín Nic Sheanlaoich
Hurling	Mr Tony Kelly
	Mr Brendan Hanley
Futsal	Mr Paddy O,Connor
Boys Football	Mr Karl O'Dwyer
	Mr.Tom McDonald
	Mr Kevin Moriarty
Girls Football	Ms Noirin Ni Fhlatharta
Boys soccer	Mr Paddy O'Connor
Girls soccer	Mr Paddy O'Connor
Basketball	Ms Ciara Kennedy
Athletics	Mr Kevin Moriarty
Rugby	Mr Mike Summerell
Indoor soccer	Mr Enda Power
Musical	Ms Grainne McCormack
Talent Show	Ms Aishling Casey
Magazine	Ms Brid Kenny
Outdoor Ed.	Mr Stephen McLoughlin
	Ms Rosie Power
	Mr Paddy O'Connor
	Ms Bridget Gahan
	Mr Rory Gurrin
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