

# SEMINAL EARDINANTS SWEETER 2025





#### Dear Students, Parents/Guardians, Staff and Members of the School Community,

Welcome to our latest edition of the school newsletter! Inside, you'll find a wide range of articles celebrating the many achievements and activities that have taken place across our school since January. From sporting successes and academic highlights to memorable trips and student initiatives, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We hope you take some time to read and reflect on all that's been accomplished this year. It's a wonderful reminder of the energy, talent and spirit that make our school such a special place.

To stay up to date with the latest news, events and updates, be sure to keep an eye on our social media pages and <u>school website</u>.

Wishing you all a happy, safe and healthy summer break.

Warm regards,

Conor Byrne, Newsletter Coordinator.

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As the 2024-25 school year draws to a close in Coláiste Éamonn Rís, it is time to reflect on what was another busy year. It was a very positive year on the whole. However, the school community was deeply saddened by the untimely death of Sixth Year student Diarmuid Murtagh on 24<sup>th</sup> October. We remember Diarmuid and his family as we approach exam time. This academic year saw the introduction of devices for another cohort of First Year student with plan to continue the initiative for next year's First Years. This initiative is timely given the roll out of Additional Assessment Components for all LC Subjects going forward.

This year saw the introduction of the LCA programme, offering an alternative pathway for Senior Cycle students. I am delighted to say that it has been a resounding success. Our students excelled yet again on the the academic and sporting fronts. Many students across all year groups got a chance to represent the school given that we enter teams across a broad range of sports. Among the sporting highlights were the Under 17 soccer team winning the All Ireland, Luke Furlong (TY) winning the All Ireland Schools Golf title and Jamie Barnes winning the All-Ireland Handball title. The TY musical, a joint collaboration between Coláiste Éamonn Rís and the Presentation Secondary School was a great success yet again. The performance of 'The Little Mermaid' was a credit to all involved. Various cohorts travelled across the country and abroad to Spain, France and Germany.

I would like to thank our two Deputy Principals, Mr. Hegarty and Mr. Nolan for their hard work, help and support in the running of the school. I would also like to thank all the teaching staff for all their hard work in guiding, instructing and inspiring our students during this school year. Special thanks to the many teachers who gave of their free time to undertake class tutor, assistant year head or year head duties or who volunteered for the various staff committees. It would also be remiss of me not to mention the various teachers who facilitate the provision of an array of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities on offer in the school. These activities add significantly to the educational experience of all our students and greatly enhance and embellish school life. I would like also to record my thanks to Bernie, Edel and Melanie, our SNAs, our chaplain Fr Paddy Browne and our caretaker Derek for their work and support during the last year. A big thank you to Mr Allen, Mr Deegan and Ms Korzh who are leaving us and we wish them well in their future careers. Best wishes also to SNA Páraic MacLochlainn who is leaving us.

We look forward to the 2025-26 school year which will see the introduction of free books for all Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle classes, the introduction of the new senior cycle programmes in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Business in a number of subjects in 2025, the introduction of the LCA programme and the progression of plans for the additional accommodation on our campus through Stage 2 with the Department.

Michael McMahon, Principal.



#### **Best Wishes**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Leaving Certificate class of 2025 the best of luck in the Leaving Certificate. 95 students are sitting the Leaving Certificate here this year. Many hours of study and homework have been spent over the last five or six years in preparation for this exam. I hope it bears fruit over the next few weeks.

The school's mission is to develop responsible individuals in a Christian environment, who will participate fully in a changing society. I trust that our Leaving Certificate students' future lives will bear witness to our success in this regard.

I would also like to extend best wishes to all our Junior Cycle students. 134 students are sitting the Junior Cycle exams here this year. This is an important milestone in their educational journey.

#### **Board of Management**

The Board of Management has had another busy year in guiding the fortunes of the school. I would like to thank Mr. Gerry Forde (Chairperson) and the other Board of Management members for their support and ongoing commitment to the school. The current board's term of office ends in October 2026.

#### **Parents' Council**

The Parents' Council has also been very supportive of the school in the past year. I would like to thank the members of the Council for their efforts. This year, once again, the council cosponsored the Gaeltacht bursaries in conjunction with the board of management. A number of Gaeltacht bursaries were awarded this year, with students enrolling in various Gaeltacht colleges. The Council has an important role to play in the

running of the school. Active participation in the Council's affairs by even more parents would be welcome. I would particularly like to thank the parents involved in preparing for and working at this year's Graduation reception in the school gym.

#### Bí Cineálta

Consultation took place with parents, staff, students and the wider community as part of the review process on the school's anti-bullying policy and practice. A new policy, the Bí Cineálta Policy has been formulated following this consultation. This policy fully complies with the requirements of Bí Cineálta: Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2024. The policy was approved by the Board of Management on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025. A copy of the policy is available from reception and can be accessed on the school website. A student friendly version of the policy has also been formulated

#### **Voluntary Contributions**

The school would like to thank those who have given generously this year and would appeal to all parent(s)/guardian(s) to contribute to the voluntary contribution at the beginning of the new school year. Your financial contributions are greatly appreciated and are needed to help defray school running costs such as heating and lighting, cleaning etc. It is becoming increasingly difficulty to balance the books and meet all the financial commitments and costs incurred in keeping the school running. I wish to advise of a number of changes regarding fees being introduced by the board of management to further defray costs.

All students will be required to pay €10 to cover the cost of their personal accident insurance (school activities only). Locker rental will be



increased from €15 to €20. The bus fee for trips/matches within the county will remain at €5 but trips/matches outside the county will incur a €10 charge. The new Astro is up and running but still has to be fully paid for and maintained so we are also asking for contributions to the pitch fund (€30 per student or €50 per family).

#### **CASHLESS PAYMENTS**

We are endeavouring to eliminate the handling of cash in the school for security and efficiency reasons. Consequently, parents/guardians are requested to make payments on line via the Payzone Payments tab on the website <a href="https://www.wexfordcbs.ie">www.wexfordcbs.ie</a> for all school contributions. You are requested to pay all return to school fees for voluntary contribution, pitch levy, locker fee etc. in this way before the beginning of term on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Should you have any difficulties using this method, please contact the school office.

#### **TEXT MESSAGING**

As you are aware, a text message is sent out to parents of students who do not present at 8.50am or for afternoon classes. Text messages are also sent to alert parents about staff meetings, parent-teacher meetings, late detentions, report card detentions etc. Please ensure that if you change your mobile contact number that you let us know. Similarly, if you change address, please let us know in order to change your contact details on the school administration system.

#### **GERMAN EXCHANGE**

Our German Exchange first took place in February 2014 and it is run in conjunction with the Loreto Wexford. A group of students from both schools will travel to "Sankt Ursulas", a mixed Catholic school, in the twin towns of Villingen-

Schwenningen, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany. The German students are coming to Wexford from 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 with the students from Loreto and Coláiste Éamonn Rís going to Germany from 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Thank you to Mrs Sinnott for her work on the school's behalf in organising the exchange.

#### **LUNCHTIME/SIGNING OUT**

A reminder to all parents of Junior Cycle students that they are forbidden from leaving the school grounds at lunchtime unless accompanied by a parent or a teacher. No exceptions will be made. Junior Cycle students who leave the school premises without permission will face severe sanction. Junior Cycle students must be collected if they need to leave the school premises during the school day for appointments etc. *All pupils must get permission from the Principal/Deputy Principal or Year Head and have their journal stamped before leaving the school premises*.

#### BOOKLISTS, EXAM TIMETABLES and CALENDARS

The 2025-26 booklists for the various years are available on the school website. Copies are also available from the office. The 2025-26 school calendar is now also available on the school website.

#### JUNIOR CYCLE, TY, SENIOR CYCLE BOOKS AND STATIONERY

All Years will receive books and stationery for the 2025-26 academic year. All books supplied under the free book scheme remain the property of the school and must be replaced if damaged or lost by the student. Books and stationery for First AND Fifth Years will be supplied in advance of their return to school during the week of 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Parents/guardians will be contacted with further details on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Second,



Third Year, TY and Sixth Year students will be supplied with books and stationery required on their return to school.

#### **FIRST YEAR 2025-26 STUDENT DEVICES**

Student Devices for the First Year 2025-26 cohort will be distributed on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

#### UNIFORM COLLECTION

As part of our sustainability drive, we welcome donations of items of uniform no longer needed or outgrown for Junior Cycle (shirts, jumpers, ties, trousers, jacket) and Senior Cycle (fleece, trousers, T-shirt, jacket) that we can pass on to other students. Donations of uniforms will be accepted from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June and all items can be left at reception in the school.

### INFORMATION ON NATIONAL NETWORK OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE (CLICK HERE)

In 2021, under the national drugs strategy, 'Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery 2017-2025' the Department of Education, in conjunction with the national network of drug and alcohol taskforces, developed and circulated an information resource for schools, providing information on the support's taskforces can provide to schools, students and parents to prevent and respond to drug and alcohol use.

The purpose of the leaflet was to raise awareness among schools on the supports and expertise task forces can share and to encourage schools to engage with, and avail of this expertise, as part of the overall effort to respond to and prevent drug and alcohol abuse by young people.

#### **Updated Resource**

Working with the task forces, we have now reviewed and updated the leaflet - click here.

As well as information on the range of supports taskforces can provide to schools, it also includes the contact details for all of the taskforces throughout the country. It includes information on a number of programmes and online resources relating to drug and alcohol use that may be helpful for schools and parents.

#### **Equestrian**

Well done to first years Ollie Walsh and Donnacha Cousins who represented the school during the year in the National Interschool's Show jumping Competition. Donnacha was 3rd in the 80cm Individual Competition at Wexford Equestrian in their Interschools Final on his horse Rose's Lane. Any student who would like to represent the school in show jumping, please see Mrs Barry.



#### TY Ski Trip 2026

Nearly 80 of our Transition Year students will travel to Marilleva 1400, Italy, for a week of skiing in January 2026. Mr Byrne and Mrs Scallan are preparing for what promises to be another highly successful ski trip for this lucky group of students.



#### Coláiste Éamonn Rís

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School Holidays/closed	School closed/Child Protection Training 2025/2026
State Exams.	School closed/Subject cluster day
Parent/Teacher Meeting.	School closed/Planning for Senior Cycle Redevelopment 2025/2025

#### Parent/Teacher Meetings:

6 <sup>th</sup> Year – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025.	4.15pm to 6.30pm. Classes end at 3.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year - Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2025.	4.15pm to 6.30pm. Classes end at 3.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Year - Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025.	4.15pm to 6.30pm. Classes end at 3.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year - Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026.	4.15pm to 6.30pm. Classes end at 3.30pm
1st Year - Wednesday 21st January 2026.	4.15pm to 6.30pm. Classes end at 3.30pm

16/05/2025



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The Sixth Year Graduation Mass and Awards was held in the school gym room on Thursday 22rd May. Fr. Paddy Browne, school chaplain celebrated Mass and this was followed by our Sixth Year Awards ceremony. I would like to thank all associated with this year's Sixth Year award ceremony for all the hard work in making the night such a success.



Edmund Rice Award - JP Fielding



Kathleen Fahy Award - Rían Doyle



Edmund Rice Award Nominees



Kathleen Fahy Award Nominees



## OLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS END OF YEAR **CELEBRATIONS**



Subject Award Winners



Senior Hurling Ciarán Doyle



Senior Football Colin Carley



Handball Jamie Barnes



Senior Soccer Filip Wasilewski



Senior Basketball George Lucut



Int. Recognition Philip Wiercinski



Zambia Immersion Project



Meitheal Leaders



#### **Sixth Year Academic Award Winners**

Accounting: Callum Pierce and Seán Denton Agricultural Science: Malachi Asgharian Applied Maths: Chris Biju Nadackal

**Art:** Seán Óg Sheppard **Biology:** Callum Pierce **Business:** John Dwyer

**Chemistry:** Chris Biju Nadackal **Classics:** Thomas Francis

**Construction Studies:** IP Fielding

**DCG:** Ciarán Doyle

Economics: Callum Pierce
English: Callum Pierce
French: Joshua Cullen
German: Ciarán Kelly
Geography: Jack Conneely
History: Callum Pierce

Irish: Jack Conneely and Harry Condon

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LCVP: Danny Mann Maths: Thomas Francis Music: Kieran Dooley

**Physical Education:** Robert Casey

**Physics:** |P Fielding

#### The Edmund Rice Award:

The premier award the school bestows on any one of the graduating students is the Edmund Rice Award, named after the school's founder. The nominees for this award are those students who are judged to best embody the spirit of the school. Young men who that use their academic abilities but more importantly demonstrate throughout their school careers the qualities of integrity, leadership, co-operation and commitment to the school ethos.

The 2024-25 Edmund Rice Award winner is **JP Fielding** 

#### **Edmund Rice Award Nominees:**

Callum Pierce, Thomas Francis, James Browne, Chris Biju Nadactal, Patrick Shanto, Rian Doyle, Seán Denton, Darragh Browne, Kieran Dooley, Jack Conneely, Ciarán Doyle.

#### **The Kathleen Fahy Award**

The school has a proud tradition of community involvement and charitable work and encourages the students to extend their life experiences and to be of benefit to the community within which they live. This aspect of school life is recognised by the Kathleen Fahy Award. The winner of this award was **Rían Doyle** for his work in this sphere both in and outside school. Fellow Sixth Years, , Rory Clancy, JP Fielding and David MacDonagh, were also nominated for the award.

#### **Exemplary Work Ethic Awards**

Colin Boby John, Patrick Shanto, Matthew Lawlor, Charles Chen, Joshua Cullen, Darragh Byrne, James Carty, Ciaran Byrne, Joshua Higginbotham, Darragh Kelly, Aleksander Dynak, Rian Doyle and Aaron O'Farrell.

#### Meitheal Leaders 2024/25

Assam Ali Bhatti, Luke Brophy, Rian Doyle, Aleksander Dynak, Joshua Higginbotham, Peter Hirst, Joshua Kidd, Harry Kehoe, Kajetan Kuczek, George Lucut, James Scallan & Oisín Weldon.

#### **Sports Awards**

Senior Hurler of the Year - Ciarán Doyle Senior Football - Colin Carley Senior Soccer - Filip Wasilewski Handball - Jamie Barnes Senior Basketball - George Lucut Int. Recognition Award - Philip Wiercinski

#### **Preforming Arts Award**

Joshua Higginbotham



#### **Transition Year Awards**

The Transition Year Awards ceremony was held in the school's gym room on Friday 23rd May. Mrs Scallan commended the students on their efforts over the past year and wishes them well on the rest of their educational journey.

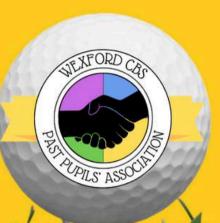
The Sinead Breen Spirit of Transition Year Award went to Jack Dwyer. Sinead's family were in attendance to make the presentation. Well done to Jack who was a worthy winner. Well done also to the other nominees.



#### **School Awards Night**

Our Annual Awards Night to celebrate the academic and sporting achievements of our 2024-25 First, Second and Fifth Year cohorts will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## Wexford CBS PPA GOLF CLASSIC



IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE NOEL MORRIS
MEMORIAL CUP

SCRAMBLE FORMAT GUI & NON-GUI WELCOME

#### WEXFORD GOLF CLUB FRIDAY JUNE 27TH

TEAM OF 4 ADULTS €200 TEAM OF 4 STUDENTS (SECONDARY) €140

**FOOD INCLUDED @ SLICE** 

TO SIGN UP, EMAIL PASTPUPILS@WEXFORDCBS.IE

OR TEXT 087 4035474 WITH YOUR NAME, NAMES OF PLAYERS

& PREFERRED TEE OFF TIME (08:00-11:00 & 13:00-18:00).



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS A MESSAGE TO OUR SIXTH YEARS FROM MRS. HAYES



It's hard to believe that our journey together began in the uncertainty of 2020, when the world paused and your classrooms 1, 2, 12, and 13 became little islands of resilience in the storm of COVID. You were only in 2nd year then, and I was just beginning to get to know the hearts behind the classes: McAleese, Robinson, Childers, and Higgins. Over the years, I've watched you grow from uncertain teens into young adults ready to face the world. It has been a great privilege to walk beside you through these formative years not just as a yearhead, but, I hope, as a steady presence and a caring support when you needed one.

As you stand on the edge of this next chapter whether it's college, work, or something still taking shape I want to remind you of some of the wealth that can't be bought: growth, wellness, family, community, adventure and service. Viktor Frankl once wrote, "Those who have a 'why' to live, can bear almost any 'how'." Whatever your 'why' may be, pursue it with open hearts and brave steps. And when the road ahead seems unclear, remember Robert Frost's words: "I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." May you always take the road that's yours, with strength, curiosity, and hope. You are ready and I am so proud of you.

Rest in peace, Diarmuid. Though your time with us was far too brief, the impression you made will stay with us forever. You are missed and will always be remembered.

Mr. Byrne and I are happy to say YOU CAN NOW LEAVE THE BUILDING WITHOUT PERMISSION!

Colleen Hayes, 6<sup>th</sup> Year Year Head.

## Best Wishes

## TO THE CLASS OF 2025

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#### Make Sure to Keep in Touch!

As you are now a past pupil of Wexford CBS, why not signup to be a member of the PPA to keep connected with the 'Bokerboy' community.

By signing up, you can:

- Keep up to date on what is happening at the school
- Reconnect with old class mates and make new connections
- Share in our collective sense of pride in the achievements of the school

Maybe someday you will want to give back in some small way to the school that helped you on your path.

We look forward to keeping in contact with you to help keep the 'Bokerboy' tradition alive.

Interested? Register as a member through the link on our social media pages or by scanning the QR code.







## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS ALL- IRELAND GOLF CHAMPION LUKE FURLONG



Congratulations to TY Luke Furlong who won the All-Ireland Schools Golf Senior Boys title after 38 stableford points at Milltown!

Just two days after his 16th birthday the TY student bounced back from a T30 finish in the Flogas Irish Boys' Amateur Open Championship, to seal this crown.

Well done Luke!!



#### Under 17s celebrate the schools second national title:

It has once again been an incredible year on the football field for the Bokerboys. No doubt the highlight of which came on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March in the storied grounds of Home Farm FC in Dublin when our under 17 team staged a dramatic second half comeback to win the national title, defeating Pres College Athenry 3-2, having been 2-0 down at half time. Goals came from Captain Alex Norval in the 44th minute and Charlie Mullan scored twice in the 77th and 80th minute to clinch the game and spark euphoric scenes in the stands and on the field. It was a rousing performance from the lads and we witnessed incredible scenes on the field and afterwards when returning to school as hundreds came out to support the lads and celebrate with them. An amazing achievement for them and just rewards for an incredible season where the foundations were always playing with serious style. We are very proud of the lads. They have now been invited to a World Schools championship next year. Watch this space.

#### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Filip Wasilewski and Kaylem Harnett who represented the school as part of the Leinster Squad in the annual interprovincial competition where they finished as runners up. The two lads have also become first team regulars with Wexford FC this season. We look forward to watching their careers in the coming years. Two incredibly talented players. Congratulations also to Darragh Buttle who won this years school golden boot award with 18 goals.

#### **Senior Soccer:**

Our senior team suffered a defeat against an impressive early in the cup and also in league semi-final. Indeed, this year we say goodbye to some genuine CBS legends as they complete their leaving cert exams in June. Brandon Stafford, Oscar Ramsey, Ben Harpur and Filip Wasilewski were all members of our All-Ireland senior winning team two years ago. They and their classmates have enjoyed incredible success in the school through the years.





## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS ALL- IRELAND HANDBALL CHAMPION JAMIE BARNES



A huge well done to Jamie Barnes, who has achieved outstanding success by winning the All-Ireland Handball title. This is a tremendous accomplishment and a testament to Jamie's dedication, skill, and hard work. Competing at such a high level requires great discipline and determination, and we are incredibly proud of his achievement.

Congratulations once again to Jamie on this remarkable success!



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS AN UPDATE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

#### The Little Mermaid

This year's Transition Year musical marked a milestone in our school's performing arts calendar. In an exciting collaboration with the Presentation Secondary school, students brought Disney's The Little Mermaid to life with extraordinary talent, energy, and enthusiasm.

From the opening night to the final curtain call, every performance played to a full house—a testament to the dedication of the cast, crew, and production team. The show's success was not only measured in ticket sales but in the unforgettable experience it offered to everyone involved.

Our students embraced their roles with professionalism and creativity, from the dazzling under the sea choreography to the heart-warming musical numbers that had audiences singing along. Just as important as the performance itself were the friendships that blossomed throughout the rehearsal process. This collaboration gave students the chance to form lasting connections across schools, making it a truly enriching experience both on and off stage.

This year's musical was more than a performance—it was a celebration of teamwork, creativity, and community spirit. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and look forward to even more spectacular productions in the future.





## WEXFORD CBS & LORETO WEXFORD PRESENTS...



#### **CAREERS FAIR 2025**

WHEN:

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20TH



WEXFORD CBS

WHO:

TY, 5TH & 6TH YEAR STUDENTS

TIME:

18:30 - 20:30

WEXFORD CBS & LORETO WEXFORD GUIDANCE DEPARTMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH:











#### Striking the Right Note: Music Students Build Recording Studio Through Creative Clusters Programme.

Innovation and creativity took centre stage this year as our music students transformed a standard store room into a fully functioning recording studio. This exciting project was part of the Creative Clusters Initiative, a national programme that encourages schools to explore new ways of integrating creativity into learning.

The project was made possible through a combination of funding from the Creative Clusters Initiative, our Christmas Concert and the generous support from our Past Pupils Association. Their combined contributions allowed the students to equip the space with high-quality recording equipment, soundproofing, and production software—turning a simple idea into a professional-grade facility.

Driven by student vision and supported by staff, the initiative empowered our young musicians to take ownership of the space—from planning and design to installation and soundproofing. The result is a professional-standard studio that will serve as a hub for music production, songwriting, and audio recording for years to come.

The recording studio is already being put to good use. Students are now able to record their own compositions, experiment with sound engineering, and collaborate on musical projects in a space designed to inspire. The studio also opens up exciting new possibilities for music technology as part of the school's curriculum. We are planning to open the studio up to the whole school in September. Speak to Ms. Power for more information.

This achievement stands as a proud example of what student-led creativity can accomplish when given the tools and support to thrive. Congratulations to all involved for turning an idea into a lasting legacy for our school community.

#### Michelle Power, Music Teacher.









As part of 5th Year LCVP studies, our group recently engaged in a series of enterprise-focused learning experiences — including two educational visits and an inspiring talk from a local entrepreneur. These experiences provided us with valuable insights into the world of business, entrepreneurship, and career development.

#### **The Chocolate Garden - A Taste of Entrepreneurship**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> January we visited The Chocolate Garden of Ireland in Carlow — a family-run artisan chocolate business that combines production, tourism, and education.

During our visit, we participated in a chocolate-making workshop and learned how the business has grown through innovation and customer engagement.

The owners shared their journey of starting the business, building a brand, and developing additional revenue streams through tourism and workshops. It was a great real-world example of entrepreneurship, product development, and customer focus in action.

#### **Celtic Linen - Large-Scale Operations in Action**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March we visited Celtic Linen in Wexford, a leading provider of linen and laundry services to the hospitality and healthcare industries. We were given a full tour of their large, industrial facility and learned about the daily operations involved in managing thousands of pieces of linen.

We saw how technology, logistics, and teamwork all play a role in keeping the business running efficiently. The visit helped us understand large-scale business operations and gave us a new appreciation for roles across different departments — from production and quality control to customer service and transport.

It was particularly interesting to learn about the logistics involved in handling such high volumes of linen daily, the use of industrial machinery, and the focus on sustainability and hygiene. The visit linked well with our LCVP modules on enterprise and the world of work, helping us understand what it's like to be part of a large, fast-paced organisation.

#### **Entrepreneur Visit - In: Ben Brosnan & Bodibro**

In addition to our visits out, we were delighted to welcome Ben Brosnan, founder of Bodibro, to our school for a talk on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. Bodibro is a successful Irish sportswear company that designs custom gear for GAA clubs and teams across Ireland and beyond.

Ben shared his personal story — from being a GAA player to becoming a business owner. He spoke about spotting a gap in the market, taking the leap into entrepreneurship, and the importance of branding, digital marketing, and customer service. His talk was both engaging and relatable, offering a realistic look at the challenges and rewards of running your own business.

These three experiences all offered different but equally valuable insights into the world of work and enterprise. The trips reinforced many of the key concepts we study in LCVP, especially in relation to enterprise, business structure, and career opportunities.

A big thank you to all the businesses and individuals who shared their time and knowledge with us!! **Ms. Shannon Roche, LCVP Teacher.** 







#### Supporting Student Wellbeing at Every Step... "Who Can I Talk to?" Campaign

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe, inclusive and caring school environment, the SSE team were delighted to launch the "Who Can I Talk to?" campaign this year. This initiative was developed through feedback from our student wellbeing surveys and is especially important for junior students, many of whom told us they were unsure who to approach if they needed help.

Thanks to input from our Students, Year Heads, Tutors and Pastoral Care Team, we created eye-catching posters that highlight key staff members who have taken on pastoral support roles within our school. While all staff members are here to support students, these posters raise awareness of those who are the visible points of contact for students seeking guidance or someone to talk to.

#### The posters include:

- Senior Leadership Team
- Designated Liaison Person (DLP) & Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLP)
- Year Heads & Assistant Year Heads, for each year group
- School Counsellors
- Class Tutors

The posters have been placed in visible areas across the school - places students pass every day. It's a simple reminder that help is always available, and no problem is too small.

#### **Whole-School & Community Effort**

This campaign was a team effort, with contributions from staff, students, and support from Crosbie Brothers, who kindly sponsored the cost of producing the posters – Thank you to Eugene Crosbie and Team. We're proud of how this reflects our school's values of community, kindness, respect and inclusion. Looking Ahead

The "Who Can I Talk to?" posters will now be part of 1st Year induction and school assemblies, making sure every student knows the support structures from day one.

We look forward to continuing to build a culture where every student feels seen, supported, and connected. "It makes such a difference knowing exactly who you can go to. The posters are clear and help us feel more confident reaching out." – 2nd Year Student.

I would like to say a special thanks to the SSE team members Mr Byrne, Mr Kehoe and the Senior Leadership Team for their effort and collaboration this year.

Best wishes to you all in the summer months ahead,

Mrs. Hanna Turner, SSE Co-ordinator.



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS THIRD LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Coláiste Éamonn Rís scholarship scheme is in place to enable a student to avail of the opportunity of 3rd level education who might otherwise not be in a position to attend 3rd level due to financial and or social circumstances.

The scheme is open to 6th year students who have been accepted on a CAO Level 7 or Level 8 course for the 2025/26 academic year.

The scholarship will amount to the value of €5,000 in the 2025/26 academic year and each subsequent undergraduate year. The scholarship is payable towards the tuition fees of the successful candidate and tuition fees will be paid directly to the college. The balance if any will be paid in three instalments in the first year towards accommodation etc. and will be paid directly to the successful candidate.

Those wishing to apply for the scholarship must submit the application form by email to the school principal (principal@wexfordcbs.ie) by 4pm on Friday 22nd August 2025.

Written evidence of acceptance of a CAO Level 7 or a Level 8-degree course or equivalent must be provided with the application. If an applicant decides to defer a degree offer for the 2024/25 academic year, he may also apply in August 2025 and if successful he will be awarded the scholarship once he commences his degree in the 2025/26 academic year. An offer may only be deferred for one year.

#### **Student Obligations:**

By accepting the Coláiste Éamonn Rís Scholarship, the successful candidate commits to contributing to at least one of any of the following platforms, as reasonably directed by Coláiste Éamonn Rís:

- a) Coláiste Éamonn Rís social media content
- b) Coláiste Éamonn Rís website content
- c) Coláiste Éamonn Rís Newsletter
- d) Coláiste Éamonn Rís Support PPA activities

The successful candidate must also undertake one week of community work to be agreed with the Scholarship Committee for each academic year for which he receives the grant.

A student who withdraws, cancels, becomes inactive, from the college will lose their scholarship eligibility to any outstanding scholarship payments that arise after such an occurrence.

If a student's enrolment status is changed due to medical reasons (or other approved extenuating circumstances), they may appeal in writing to the Scholarship Committee to have their scholarship reinstated upon return to normal, full-time enrolment at the college. The appeal and supporting documentation, such as a letter from a doctor, should be emailed to the school principal. The scholarship is subject to availability of funds, and details given here are subject to change at any time. Potential applicants are urged to check information regularly to ensure they are aware of current procedures, deadlines, and other information.



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS THIRD LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP

## Calum Cullen **Academic Scholarship Award Winner 2022**

Most people in college and secondary school are coming to the end of their school year and semesters. As for me, I'm currently a third-year Computer Science student, and my second semester is an open semester, which offers a lot of options during that period, while most people still have their normal schedules, modules, and classes. We get the chance to go on Erasmus, start a business, earn industry-standard certificates or, like I'm currently doing, complete an internship.

For me personally, it was always going to be an internship, for several reasons. With a Computer Science degree, it's very hard to land a job or graduate role with little to no experience, so the internship really provides a gateway into the industry. Also, school and I never really got along. I've always struggled to do well on tests and assignments, no matter how much I studied or how long I spent on the work. I always felt like I put a lot of time into my assignments, but it never seemed to be reflected in my grades. So, for me, getting a job was an absolute no-brainer.

I started third year expecting to throw myself into whatever job I could get, so I applied to several positions and received a few offers. One was from think-cell, a German software company, which would have required me to move to Berlin for a software development role. That felt like a bit too much of a leap, and since I'm quite a home bird, I decided to pass on the opportunity. I had two other offers: one from Amazon's AWS cloud computing service, and another from a company called Trend Micro, which is a cybersecurity company. I decided to accept the offer from Trend Micro, as they are one of the leaders in the cybersecurity space and are known for fostering a really good work-life balance down in Cork.

The role I applied for was as a Security Incident Analyst on an MDR team. MDR stands for Monitoring, Detection, and Response. In a nutshell, Trend Micro sells its security software to large entities such as corporations and even governments. When those entities are targeted by potential cyberattacks, our team is alerted to the situation and we begin an investigation. Our job is to determine what's really happening: Is it a real attack? Is it a false alarm? What type of attack is it? What are the attackers after? These are the fundamental questions we start with. But the role goes much deeper – it involves analysing malware, conducting damage control, and working to fix any systems or data that may have been compromised.

Trend Micro as a company is truly incredible to work for. They offer a hybrid work model, which means I split my time between working in the office and working from home – this provides a healthy work-life balance. What's also encouraging is that a large portion of their staff have come through the internship programme, which gives me high hopes that I could secure a full-time position when my internship ends in August.

I'm so thankful for all the opportunities that have been presented to me by Trend and SETU, but most importantly, Wexford CBS. I didn't see myself starting college three – almost four – years ago, and now, because of the scholarship I've received and the teachers who pushed and dragged me through school, I can confidently say I'm doing something I really enjoy and believe I have a good future ahead of me.

Calum Cullen.



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS THIRD LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP

### Ethan Beakey Academic Scholarship Award Winner 2023

Hello again, readers!

I've been asked back to give a bit of an update on this silly little adventure I find myself on.

Well, for starters, I'm glad to say that I'm becoming all the more confident in my abilities, and that I have well and truly settled into college life in a positive way!

The past year of this course has given me some very valuable experience in the studio with regards to client work. I've had the privilege of co-engineering for three different preproduction projects, and one of which wasn't even college related! These experiences have been helping to prepare me for the wider world of sound engineering, which I could see being a career path going forward.

Just an aside, a huge congrats to CBS for the new studio mixing room! I'm sure students can't wait to take advantage of it, as I for one would've jumped at the opportunity when I was attending.

Otherwise, I'm finding much joy in our production and post-production modules! One such module saw us voice act and sound design a scene from The Incredibles, and it was such a blast. This all happened on the IADT campus, which has been another great development this year; we are based on campus far more often than before and I've loved every minute of it!

I won't keep you much longer, as I'm sure you've got places to be. However, I do want to send out a thank you to all the staff and hard workers of Coláiste Éamonn Rís. I wouldn't be where I am right now without all of the wondrous support over the years.

Anyway, that's all from me.

Slán!

**Ethan Beakey** 



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS THIRD LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP

### Jamie Clancy Academic Scholarship Award Winner 2024

Hi everyone,

I've just finished up my first year at Carlow College, St. Patrick's, where I'm studying English and History – and I can honestly say it's been the best academic year I've ever had. School wasn't always the easiest time for me, and I'm sure a few teachers reading this won't be surprised to hear that. I was always able to keep up with the work, but I just never really felt like I fit into the school system. It took me a while to find my rhythm.

Carlow College is small – and that's actually one of its biggest strengths. You're not sitting in massive lecture halls with hundreds of students; you're in a room with 40-odd classmates where you're actually able to get involved and be heard. The lecturers are genuinely passionate about their subjects and even more importantly, they care about the students. The head of my course knows every one of us personally, and one of my lecturers is also involved with the college's football team, so there's a real sense of community.

Outside the classroom, I've made a real effort to get involved. I started my own society earlier this year – it's still in the early stages, but it's great to be building something from scratch. I've also taken on the role (unofficial as it is) of being the college's photographer, especially for the football team. I've always loved photography, so getting to contribute to college life in that way has been really rewarding. It's also helped me meet people I probably wouldn't have crossed paths with otherwise.

The classes themselves are something I look forward to. I never thought I'd say that about education, but I do. Whether it's unpacking literature, analysing historical sources, or just having open discussions, it's engaging in a way that school never quite managed to be for me. I think a lot of that comes down to the freedom and responsibility you get in college – it's up to you to show up, to do the work, and to make the most of it. And when you're studying something you care about, that's actually a good feeling.

Carlow as a town has surprised me too. It's compact and easy to get around, but still has a bit of a buzz about it. Between the students and the locals, you quickly feel part of it. There's always something happening on campus or in town if you go looking for it.

Now, I honestly didn't expect to be in the position I'm in — settled into a course I enjoy, doing well, and genuinely looking forward to what's next. Getting the scholarship from CBS made starting college that bit more manageable, and it was a solid reminder that people believed I could do something with it. For anyone still figuring things out in school, it's worth knowing that a change of environment and the right course can make a huge difference.

You don't need to have a big plan or know exactly where you're going — I didn't. But with the right setup, things start to fall into place quicker than you'd think.

**Jamie Clancy** 



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS FIRST YEAR BARCELONA SCHOOL TOUR 2025

In May, 40 First Year students set off on an unforgettable school tour to Barcelona, accompanied by Ms E. Whelan, Ms E. Goff, Mr P. Furlong, and Mr G. Forde. The trip was packed with culture, fun, and sunshine, and the group made the most of every moment.

They had an action-packed itinerary each day - they explored the colourful mosaics and winding paths of Parc Güell, took in the breathtaking architecture of La Sagrada Família, and visited Camp Nou, home of FC Barcelona. A scenic boat trip gave them the chance to see the city from the water, while a walking tour provided a closer look at Barcelona's streets, stories, and hidden corners.

A day trip to Tarragona brought ancient Roman ruins and amphitheatres to life, and the high-speed rollercoasters at PortAventura delivered plenty of thrills and laughs. The group also enjoyed a relaxing evening at the beach in Salou, taking in the sea air and sunset, and made the most of some downtime at the hotel pool and arcade.

From start to finish, the group were a credit to the school, showing great behaviour, curiosity, and energy throughout. A fantastic experience for all involved - one we're sure they'll remember for years to come.





## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR

We are thrilled to announce that Mir Hasibullah Zia, our 5th Year student, has been awarded the prestigious Young Economist of the Year title at the 2025 national awards ceremony held at Atlantic Technological University Sligo. This remarkable achievement highlights Hasib's exceptional talent and dedication to the field of economics.

Hasib's award-winning project, titled 'The Dependency Trap: How Ireland's Reliance on Multinationals Deepens Economic Imbalances' explored the increasing over-reliance of the Irish economy on foreign direct investment, demonstrating a profound understanding of economic principles and their real-world applications. The project stood out among numerous entries for its originality, depth of research, and clarity of presentation.

The Young Economist of the Year competition, organised by Oide, is a national initiative that encourages secondary school students across Ireland to engage with economics in innovative ways. This year's awards ceremony featured over a hundred entries from students nationwide, showcasing the growing interest and talent in the field of economics among young people.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Hasib and Daniel Fiodorov Dillion who helped Hassib to edit his project, for this outstanding accomplishment. Your hard work and passion for economics are truly inspiring. This achievement not only brings pride to Wexford CBS, but also sets a shining example for fellow students to explore and excel in the field of economics.

We look forward to seeing Hasib present his project next year in Croke Park for the CSO, as he also won the best use of data award. We wish both lads continued success in future academic endeavours and thank them for representing Wexford CBS with such distinction.





It has been very busy on the football front since school reopened in September.

Our first years played 7 competitive matches and improved in each game. The squad of 50 footballers trained every Monday after school.

We entered 3 teams in the first-year football blitz in Ferns COE before October midterm where all players impressed and saw plenty of game time.

The South Leinster B championship kicked off in early December with opening round defeats to Gorey Community School and Ardscoil na Trionóide, Athy before the Christmas break. We played a St. Kierans side in the Plate semi-final and after a slow start, we battled back well in the second half but unfortunately fell short at the end. The Wexford County Championship began with competitive group matches against St Peter's College and Good Counsel Counsel. We played Gorey Community school in the quarter final and feel agonisingly short in what could be described as the team's performance of the year.

Our second years suffered an agonising one-point defeat to St Mary's, Portlaoise in the South Leinster B semi-final in November. This defeat concluded the second years involvement for the year. In the group, the lads were beaten by a strong St. Kieran's College side but recorded good win's against St. Peters College and Ardscoil na Trionoide, Athy. These victories meant a 2nd place finish in the group and qualification for the semi-final. However, it wasn't to be in the semi-final after a great second half fightback.

The junior footballers began their preparations for their B championship campaign in early October. The lads recorded a draw away to Gorey CS, a home win V St Peters College and an away defeat to FCJ Bunclody in the group stages. The lads came up against a strong Colaiste Iosagain, Portarlington in the quarter final and fell to a 5-15 to 2-11 defeat. This concluded their involvement in the championship for the year.

Our Senior Football season started with a league game vs Enniscorthy CBS in 'The Rocks' where we defeated by three points.

Our B championship adventure began with another game against Enniscorthy CBS, who were highly fancied to compete for the Leinster title. The Bokerboys were resolute in defence and composed in attack winning on a score line of 1-9 to 1-7.

Next up was a game vs Carlow CBS. Our lads were ruthless throughout and won on a score line of 11-7 to 3-5. The game highlighted the talents of the squad as scores came from all over the park.



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS FOOTBALL UPDATE

Our impressive group phase rewarded us with a South Leinster semi-final vs FCJ Bunclody. Our boys were confident and were relishing the challenge but fell short to a seven-point defeat. The team showed great character and continued pushing right until the final minute.

Colin Carley was awarded Senior footballer of the year after some impressive displays this year and indeed throughout his six years in the school. Congratulations Colin.

All the coaches would like to thank all the players and their parents for their commitment this year. We wish all our players an enjoyable summer with their clubs and development squads.

We wish the players who are leaving us this school year all their best with their football careers, and we look forward to working with the incoming first years next year.

Roll on season 25/26!





#### Pi Quiz

Congratulations to Cillian Hunt, Odhran Crotty, Jack Rossister and Ruadhan Devereux-Kielthy who won the Wexford section of the Irish Maths Teachers Association annual Pi Quiz in March. The four lads went on to compete in the national final in Portlaoise.



#### **Team Maths Quiz**

Congratulations to Callum Pierce, Kieran Dooley, JP Fielding and Tiernan Crotty who finished 3rd in the Senior Team Maths quiz organised by the IMTA in Enniscorthy. The students are pictured with their Sinéad Breen memorial trophies presented by Padraig Leacy (IMTA) and Con Cosgrave (Sinead Breen's Father).





Another year of hurling comes to a close in Wexford CBS! The seniors, captained by Ciaran Doyle, topped their group in the Leinster SH 'B' championship for the fourth year in a row after big wins against Borris VC and Colaiste na Abhainn Ri (Callan). Next was a last 16 victory versus FCJ Bunclody which led into a quarter-final v Castlecomer CS. CBS lost the toss and had to travel to Castlecomer. After a titanic struggle, it appeared CBS were going to get over the line but some late scores and some questionable decisions resulted in a draw at full time and the home side won after twenty minutes of extra-time.

It felt like the one that got away at the time back in January and nothing has changed in the meantime. Reaching a Leinster final was certainly within this squad's range and maybe even winning it. However, we'll never know now.

Thanks to past pupils Frank Meagher (training tops) and Paul Corrigan (training shorts and socks) for sponsoring the seniors. It is very appreciated and encouraging to see former Bokerboys willing to support the current teams.

Thanks to Mr Redmond for his work in preparing the team and also to the guest coaches who come in to help at various times.

The junior championship always gets underway in September and there are many distractions for the boys as the clubs are coming to the end of their championships. However, the games must go on and CBS travelled to Ferrybank in Waterford to play Abbey CC. They returned to the Boker with the points after a five-point win (1-20 to 0-18).

Colaiste Abhainn Ri Callan visited the Rocks in Maudlintown for round two to see who topped the group and it was the Kilkenny students who seized a home semi-final with a 1-13 to 2-8 win.

This resulted in CBS travelling to Bunclody to take on a strong FCJ Bunclody team who won comfortably by 3-23 to 1-17. The boys never gave up and competed until the end but were overpowered by a physically stronger and older team.

Well done to Ms Redmond and Mr Bennett for their work with these boys since first year.

The second years were defeated by FCJ Bunclody, had a big win v Gorey CS but a controversial draw away to Abbey CC (Ferrybank) ruined their chances of qualifying from the group. Thanks to Ms Goff, Mr Deegan and Mr Furlong for their work with the lads.

The first years had a hectic year with blitzes, internal leagues, Super 11s, Wexford championship and of course the Leinster championship. The lads had plenty of games and the panel of 41 players got lots of opportunity to develop. Thanks to Transkon Logistics for sponsoring training tops for the lads and also to Tommy Ryan PVC Ltd for sponsoring the prizes for the internal league won by Tadhg Clifford's team. Thanks



to Ms Martin and Mr Howlin who had great help from past pupil Paidi Doyle in training the squad. Next year's seniors have been tested in the new school gym ahead of September. The gym was refitted under the Capital Sports Grant during the summer of 2024 and is a huge benefit for the boys. They are kindly provided with Protein Milk, toast, bananas and other snacks by local supermarket Pettitt's SuperValu after each gym session.

Some new initiatives this year saw a Wall Ball tournament in May. Luke Driscoll won the 1st year event, Tadhg Furlong won the 2nd /3rd year event while victory went to Conor Reardon in the senior event. Each winner received a prize of a €30 hurl voucher.

We hosted St. Peter's 3rd years for two Super 11s exhibition matches in March which is something we hope to build on in the coming years.

Roll on 2025/26!





## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS TY GAELTACHT TRIP 2025







Transition Year and 5th Year LCA students recently enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the Gaeltacht, attending Coláiste Acla on the beautiful Achill Island. With sunshine and clear skies for most of the week, the stunning weather made the whole experience even more enjoyable.

The students immersed themselves in the Irish language and culture while taking part in a wide range of exciting activities. Each day was packed with adventure and fun. They explored Achill on scenic hikes and tested their bravery with cliff diving. Surfing sessions in the Atlantic were a highlight for many, with perfect waves and plenty of laughter.

The group also took part in bog snorkelling – an activity that brought everyone closer together (and meant the queue for Bean an Tí Maureen's shower was quite long!). Kayaking on the clear coastal waters gave students a chance to relax and take in the breath-taking views.

The trip wasn't just about adventure; students gained valuable exposure to conversational Irish, helping to build their confidence in using the language. Friendships were strengthened, memories were made, and a real sense of connection to the Gaeltacht was formed. Everyone returned home tired but smiling – it was a week they'll never forget.

Go raibh maith agat to Ms Henneberry for organising such an amazing trip, and to Ms Martin, Mr M. Kehoe, and SNA Ciarán for accompanying her.



### COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS NORTHERN IRELAND SENIOR HISTORY TRIP



In March, 5th and 6th year History students set off on an unforgettable three-day history trip to Northern Ireland. The journey offered students a chance to explore key locations tied to Irish history and politics, gaining valuable insights into the past and present of the region.

To break up the long bus ride on the first day, the group made a reflective stop at Glasnevin Cemetery where the visited the graves of historical Irish figures such as O'Connell, Parnell, De Valera and Collins, before continuing to Derry. Upon arrival, they explored the historic Walls of Derry, immersing themselves in the centuries-old story of the walled city. That evening, a stroll across the iconic Peace Bridge gave students a chance to take in the city's modern spirit of reconciliation.

Day two was packed with powerful experiences. The students visited the Museum of Free Derry, where they learned about the Civil Rights movement and the events of Bloody Sunday. A tour of the Bogside murals led by an eyewitness to the Troubles and the Battle of the Bogside added emotional depth to their understanding. The visit to the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall offered a perspective from the Protestant community, providing a balanced view of the city's complex past. A spot of retail therapy and a visit to the famous *Derry Girls* mural rounded off the day.

The final day took the group to Belfast, starting at the impressive Stormont Parliament Buildings. A guided bus tour with Máire, a former Queen's University lecturer, brought the city's history to life. Highlights included a walk along the Falls Road murals, signing the Peace Walls, and a drive through the Shankill Road. A quick bite at Chick-Fil-A added a modern twist to their historic journey.

The 27 gentlemen who went on the trip were a testament to their school and the way they conducted themselves throughout was exemplary. Thanks to Mr M Kehoe for organising the trip, to Mrs Hayes and Mr Howlin for accompanying him, and of course to Colmán, their fantastic bus driver!



### COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS FIRST YEAR SOCCER UPDATE 2024/25



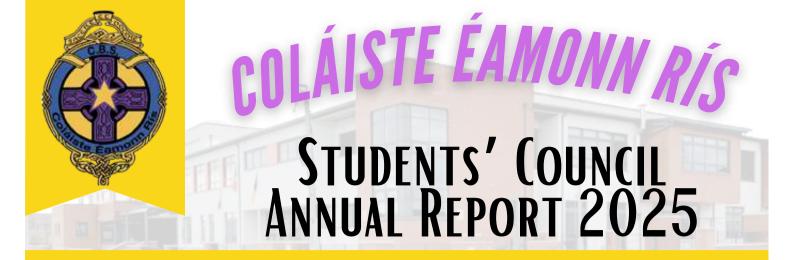
The 1st Year soccer team enjoyed an outstanding debut season, going undefeated in all their matches leading up to the Wexford/Wicklow League final. Their campaign was marked by determination, skill, and a strong team spirit that saw them overcome tough opposition – including two teams who went on to become league champions in their respective districts.

In a tense league final, they faced a strong challenge from St David's, Greystones. Despite a spirited performance and plenty of chances, they were narrowly edged out 1–0 in what was their first loss of the season.

The team also made an impressive run in the Leinster Cup, advancing all the way to the quarter-finals. Once again, they delivered a dominant performance – this time against Coláiste Mhuire, Mullingar. However, they were unlucky to suffer another narrow 1–0 defeat in a match where the result didn't reflect the effort or quality on display.

It's a remarkable achievement that their only two defeats came in such high-stakes matches, both by the narrowest of margins. The future is undoubtedly bright for this immensely talented group.

A huge well done to all players for their commitment and performances this season. Many thanks to coaches Mr Fanning and Mr M. Kehoe. Focus now turns to next season, with plenty of promise and potential waiting to be fulfilled.



### What have we done this year?

### 1.Praise and Raise Initiative:

We set up a praise and raise initiative to appreciate the work students do around the school. Each year groups were asked to nominate someone they thought had a huge impact on the school community. For example, someone who showed strong leadership.

### 2. Easter Egg Drive:

We set up an Easter egg drive to collect Easter eggs and donate them to St. Vincent de Paul.

### 3.Equipment:

We ordered new toasters for the students.

### 4. Talks with the assemblies:

We talked with the students, directly addressing the issues around the school. We asked for their feedback and listened to their opinions.

### 5.Events and Clubs:

We started setting up a separate board called "Events and Clubs". It is designed to include everyone in school. Students can become members of the existing clubs or set up their own.

### 6. Student Forum in the Presentation:

Members of the Student Council took part in a students' forum in Presentation Secondary School, sharing ideas and meeting students from other schools.

### 7. Presentation to the school's Board of Management:

We made a presentation to the school's Board of Management to appraise them of our work and to raise issues that we felt needed attention.



### COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION UPDATE

As the school year draws to a close, we reflect on an eventful and productive period for the Wexford CBS Past Pupils' Association (PPA). This year has been particularly busy, with our ongoing support for the school remaining at the forefront of our efforts.

We are delighted to announce that Dr Kieran Donohoe has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the PPA following our recent AGM. We extend our deepest gratitude to the outgoing Chairperson, Pat Murphy, for his unwavering dedication and exemplary leadership over the past several years.

This year also saw the launch of our new PPA merchandise. A selection of jackets is now available on the school's O'Neills page, with a percentage of each purchase going back to support the school. You can browse the range <u>click here</u>.

We are pleased to highlight the success of the school's recent Fun Run on 25th May, which was organised in aid of the school's ASD suite. We were proud to support the event once again. A fantastic day was had by all who attended, bringing the community together and raising funds for a very worthy cause.

Our 7-a-side soccer tournament at Christmas was another highlight, offering past pupils and friends of the school a great opportunity to reconnect and stay active over the festive period. The event further strengthened our community bonds and provided plenty of enjoyment.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for the upcoming PPA Golf Classic on 27th June. This eagerly anticipated event promises to be another fantastic day of sport and camaraderie.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the PPA and to all who have contributed throughout the year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. To keep up to date or sign up to our Golf Classic, <u>click here</u>.

Emma Goff & Martin Kehoe, PPA PRO & Assistant PRO.





On Wednesday, May 12th, the PPA held their AGM.

We would like to thank outgoing chairman, Pat Murphy, for his hard work and dedication since the creation of the PPA in 2020.

After fulfilling the role as vice-chairman for the past year, Dr. Kieran Donohoe will now take on the role as chairman. We wish him luck for the year ahead.

Many thanks to the committee for their work over the past number of years.

### The committee for 2025/26 is as follows:

- Chairman: Kieran Donohoe
- Secretary: Conor Byrne
- Vice-Secretary: Erin Whelan
- PRO: Emma Goff
- Vice-PRO: Martin Kehoe
- Treasurer: Ger Forde
- Fundraising Officer: Peter Furlong

### **Extended committee:**

- Pat Murphy
- Colin Browne
- Rvan O'Rourke
- Michael McMahon
- John Nolan
- Evan Byrne
- Cillian White
- Danny Mann
- Seán Denton
- Rían Doyle
- Callum Pierce



If you are willing to be involved with the PPA committee or help out, you can email pastpupils@wexfordcbs.ie to organise a call with one of our current committee members.

To sign up as a member of the PPA, click here: <a href="https://linktr.ee/wexcbsppa">https://linktr.ee/wexcbsppa</a>

Golf Classic June 27th sign up: <a href="https://linktr.ee/wexcbsppa">https://linktr.ee/wexcbsppa</a>



The athletics season began in January with the County Schools Cross Country in Ferns on 15th January.

The first race of the day was the Minor Boys' race. Sean Power took the gold medal, with Darragh Hayes finishing 4th and Sam O'Sullivan close behind in 6th. The Minor team also took first place. The team was made up of Sean Power, Darragh Hayes, Sam O'Sullivan, and Elijah Browne.

The next age group proved similarly successful, with Fiachra Mehigan finishing 2nd, Tadhg Furlong 5th, and William O'Rourke 7th. The Junior team also placed first, consisting of Fiachra, Tadhg, William, and Alfie Canning.

The Intermediate Boys' team – Sean O'Connor, Eoghan Kehoe, Jon Negru, and Daniel Narbutas – won bronze in the team event.

Next up was the South Leinster Cross Country in Carlow town. Top performers on the day were Fiachra Mehigan (7th in the Junior race) and Sean Power (14th in the Minor race). Both Fiachra and Sean gualified for the Leinster Cross Country.

The Minor Boys' team finished 7th overall, with Sean Power, Sam O'Sullivan, Michael O'Donnell, Elijah Browne, and Freddie Tennant representing the school. The Junior Boys' team – Fiachra Mehigan, Tadhg Furlong, William O'Rourke, and Ahmed Kailani – finished 9th.

At the Leinster Cross Country in mid-February, Sean Power placed 31st out of 110 in the Under-14 race, while Fiachra Mehigan came 47th out of 109 competitors in the Under-15 race. This event marked the end of the cross country season for the boys.

In late April, the track and field season began with the South Leinster Championships, again held in Carlow town.

Top performers on the day for the school included:

- Sean Power, 4th in the Minor Boys' 1100m
- Fiachra Mehigan, 4th in the Junior Boys' 1500m and 6th in the High Jump
- Tadhg Furlong, who won his heat but was narrowly edged out in the final of the Junior Boys' 100m
- Josh Nolan, who finished 3rd in the Under-17 (Intermediate) Javelin, qualifying for the Leinster finals

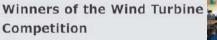
At the Leinster Schools Finals in Tullamore, Josh Nolan placed 7th in the Javelin.

Overall, it was a successful year for the school at both county and South Leinster level.





## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

































## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS 5K FUN RUN 2025

Sunday May 25th saw the return of our annual 5km fun run and raffle in aid of our Autism Suite in the school.

Over 100 runners and walkers, young and old, turned up on what was one of the warmest days of the year so far.

There were fantastic prizes donated for the winners and a monster raffle.

Whilst it is great to see the competitive runners we had lots of smiling faces jogging & walking over the line.

A sincere thank you to all the runners and walkers who took part raising funds that go directly towards our Autism Suite.

However the run simply could not happen without the support of all our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the morning of the event. We are very grateful!

See you all next year!!





## CAMBIA IMMERSION PROJECT - THANK YOU!



After 16 months of planning and preparation, I can hardly believe that in just a few weeks, myself and fifteen other students, along with Mr. Byrne, Ms. Goff, Ms. Martin & Mr. S McMahon, we will be setting off on the Zambia Immersion Project. On 14th June, we'll travel to Kabwe, Zambia, where we'll be spending over two weeks working with Sables Nua, a primary school supported by ZAMDA Ireland. The school is home to more than 350 students, including nearly 30 orphaned or vulnerable children, and we feel incredibly privileged to have the chance to be a part of their world – even for a short time.

While we're there, we'll be helping out with different school projects and supporting the local community in any way we can. We know we're going to learn a lot – not just about life in Zambia, but about ourselves and what it means to step out of our comfort zones and give back in a meaningful way.

Getting to this point has taken so much effort, but we honestly couldn't have done it without the amazing support from our school and the local community. The fundraising over the past few months has been full-on, but also so much fun. From Music Bingo at Sinnott's Bar, to the freezing cold St Stephen's Day Swim, to a brilliant Night at the Dogs – every event brought people together and reminded us of how lucky we are to have such a generous and supportive community behind us.

I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who's helped us get this far – whether you donated, came along to an event, sponsored someone or even just encouraged us along the way, it has meant the world. Every single bit of support has helped turn this trip from a dream into a reality.

This isn't just a school trip – it's something we'll carry with us for the rest of our lives. We're so excited (and a bit nervous!) to get started and we can't wait to share our stories and experiences with you all when we get back. Thank you again for everything – we'll do our best to make you proud.

On Behalf of the Zambia 2025 Crew, Rían Bracken.



Another very successful year of Enterprise Education was had in CBS. Yet again at Co-Level we scooped multiple awards. We are very proud of all our young entrepreneurs who represented the school at this level. Students were interviewed at County Council Buildings on February 13<sup>th</sup> by representatives from Wexford Local Enterprise Office and members of the Wexford business community.

Well done to our 2nd Year mini-companies who attended for interview as part of the Co Final of the Student Enterprise Awards in Wexford Co Council buildings:

Crispy Keyrings - Sam Mulvihill, Isaac Barry & Luke Kelly

Cubikulo - Arsen Hereta & Eoghan Rochford

Christmas Fitness- Tadhg Furlong

Record Times - Jake Reck, Eoin Brophy & Tyghe Crowe

Socks n' Sweets - Adam Donoghue & Matthew Perry.

Also a huge well done to our TY mini companies who attended for interview-

Bottle Art Frames - Geoffrey Barry, Alfie O'Leary, Liam Sinnott.

Boker Cards - Sean Hayes, Rory Lambert, Aidan Jansen, Myles O'Rourke, Ian Nolan-Brady.

Woodwise - Jack McCormack, Gabriel Nugent.

Seriously Groomed - Ian O'Reilly, Ollie Smith & Corey Dunne.

Festive Vases - Padraig Gair, Rian Hunt

Shake Hibatch- Alex Bialecki

Darragh's Pebble Art- Darragh Molloy

North Pole Enterprises - Joshua Curran

The Co-final took place in County Council Buildings on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Award winners on the night included-

Cubikulo- Arsen Hereta and Eoghan Rochford

Christmas Fitness- Tadhg Furlong

Sucks n' Sweets - Adam Donoghue and Matthew Perry

Woodwise- Jack Mc Cormack and Gabriel Nugent

Cubikulo went on to represent Wexford in the All-Ireland Final of the Student Enterprise Awards in Mullingar on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The boys have put in a huge amount of work throughout the school year and showcased their mini company Cubilko superbly!

Well done to all our young entrepreneurs throughout the year and thank you to our Enterprise teachers. We look forward to another year of Enterprise Education in the CBS where new product & service ideas will be tried and tested!



## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS STUDENT ENTERPRISE



### **CBS Christmas Fair**

The annual CBS Christmas Fair took place in the school Gym on Friday December 6th.

TY, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year enterprise students set up stalls selling Christmas gift ideas, smoothies, pancakes and more. There was lots of Christmas crafts on sale, mince pies, mulled wine, face painting and Santa Claus was there to say ho ho! What a day... there was a fantastic turnout. Well done to all boys who put in a great effort producing some wonderful Christmas crafts. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day so enjoyable!!





### COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING UPDATE 2024/25

Here is a round up of a very busy few months in the Career Guidance Department.

#### **FEBRUARY 2025**

In February a group of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year students visited UCD for a talk about college life and they also got a campus tour from current students. It was also lovely to bump into many of part students as we strolled around the campus too. The feedback from the students that attended was very positive, many now placing UCD as their number one preference for future options.

#### **MAY 2025**

#### CAO:

REMINDER TO ALL 6<sup>th</sup> YEARS THAT THE CAO CHANGE OF MIND FACILITY IS CURRENTLY OPEN TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO MAKE CHANGES TO THEIR APPLICATION. THIS WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY.

#### SUSI:

REMINDER TO ALL 6<sup>th</sup> YEARS THAT THE SUSI GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS IS CURRENTLY OPEN FOR NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AS IT IS BASED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS WILL BE AVAILABLE OVER THE COMING WEEKS FOR ANY STUDENTS THAT HAVE ANY CAREER GUIDANCE QUESTIONS OR QUERIES SO PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THEM VIA EMAIL - <a href="mailto:lgoff@wexfordcbs.ie">lgoff@wexfordcbs.ie</a> OR cmartin@wexfordcbs.ie.

#### Class of 2025

"This is your life, your journey, your story, your book. As one chapter ends, the next is just beginning. Do not let anyone else write it and do not apologize for the edits you make along the way. Just make sure it is one worth reading!"

REMEMBER – "Life is 10% what happens to you & 90% how you react to it".

Best of luck!

I hope that all students and their families and friends have a healthy & relaxing Summer and I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well at the beginning of the new school year.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" – Eleanor Roosevelt

Ms. Leanne Goff





### COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS GUIDANCE & COUNSELLING UPDATE 2024/25

January to May was an extremely busy time with lots of events taking place.

On Tuesday 25th February a group of 6th year students with an interesting in pursuing an apprenticeship next year had a tour of the WWETB Apprenticeship Training Centre in Waterford. The student's realised that there is a wider range of apprenticeships available than they realised. After the tour, they received goodie bags which they were greatly appreciative of!

We welcomed Parents/Guardians of students going into 5th year to our Subject Choice & LCA Information Evening on Monday March 3rd. We were delighted to have such a great turn out on the evening where Ms. Henneberry, Ms. Martin & Mr. Nolan presented on the students' options for Leaving Cert Cycle.

On Wednesday March 5th we were delighted to welcome representatives from SSE Renewables to speak to some of our 5th and 6th years about the apprenticeships they have on offer and the work that they do which some of our students may be interested in undertaking in the future. It was a very informative session and we look forward to welcoming them to our Career Fair next year.

Our LCA class visited the WWETB open day on their Whitemill campus on Tuesday March 25th. The students heard about the PLCs and Apprenticeships available to them here. It gave the students a great opportunity to learn about courses that are on their doorstep!

Our TYS were busy in their second last term as they undertook an investigation into a Career they would like to do in the future and presented this to the class. It looks like we are going to have students working in a wide range of sectors from trades such as plumbing and carpentry to jobs in engineering and science... And we might even have a pilot to fly us around the world! A group of TYs headed to the DCU open day on Thursday May 8th. There, they attended talks on courses such as Psychology, Sport Science, Music, Sustainability, Engineering and much more. They also learned about scholarships and internships that may be available to them in the future. The boys came home inspired and motivated for their future studies as they head into 5th year!

Best of luck to the class of 2025 as you undertake your Leaving Cert exams. Make sure to join the PPA and remember we are always here even after you leave!

### Ms. Christine Martin.





### Walk and Talk

All students and class tutors went on their wellbeing walk to the Quay when the weather was smashing in May. The lads enjoyed some fresh air, exercise and a tasty treat from The Pantry on the Quay or an ice-cream from Daybreak. Thanks to all the teachers, staff and the Wellbeing Committee for organising this well-earned rest and time out for the boys ahead of a busy time of exams!

### **CBS Get Active Days 2025**

In collaboration with the PE Dept, Wellbeing Committee organised CBS Get Active Days on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> May and the weather was glorious. The emphasis being on fun and activities for all. This including various activities e.g. gladiator, bungee run, foot and hurling darts, basketball shoot out, hang touch, reaction lights, giant cube and 'The Great CBS 400m Race' etc. A huge thank you to the Parents' Council for purchasing and distributing ice cream to the students. This was a fantastic couple of days in highlighting the promotion of wellbeing here in CBS. A huge well done to Darragh Browne who was crowned' CBS fastest man over 400m'! Students enjoyed the various activities on offer, there was an activity to suit all, sport and non-sporty!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year trip To Emerald Park

The first years enjoyed a trip to Emerald Park on May 6<sup>th</sup> organised by the Wellbeing Committee. A huge thank you to Ms Marchese and all the staff who accompanied the boys on the day and ensured they all had a great time! A wonderful day was had by all. They boys enjoyed roller coasters and seeing the animals in the zoo!

### **CBS Staff Wellbeing Evening**

The Wellbeing Committee organised the Staff Wellbeing Day in March for all staff members. The objective was the promotion of staff self-care. Staff were encouraged to sign up for various workshops and perhaps try something new. Staff were asked to volunteer to run the workshops including yoga, paint and nosecco, badminton, card games, table tennis and olympic handball. An ice-cream van was brought in at the interval between the workshops. This was a great success. Staff were delighted with the initiative and enjoyed it immensely.

### **Grandparents' Day**

Following on from an enjoyable Grandparents' Day last year, the Wellbeing Team welcomed grandparents of first year students into the school on Wednesday 11th of December. There was a great turn out. Grandparents told stories of their school days, enjoyed some refreshments and were given a tour of the school.





## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS TY SKI TRIP 2025

This January, the Transition Year students embarked on an exciting ski trip to the beautiful slopes of the Italian Alps. The trip was a resounding success. Thanks to organising teachers Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Scallan, and to the accompanying staff; Mr. Byrne, Ms. Argue, Mr. Whitty, Mr. Walsh, Cathy & Suanne.

Students enjoyed a week of thrilling skiing activities, suitable for all levels, from beginners to advanced skiers. In addition to perfecting their skiing techniques, they had the opportunity to immerse themselves in Andorran culture and savour the local cuisine.

A great time was had by all, with students making new friends and creating unforgettable memories. We are already looking forward to next year's ski trip, anticipating another fantastic adventure.







### COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

### **Painting the Sets for The Little Mermaid**

In the lead-up to this year's production of The Little Mermaid, students from Wexford CBS and the Presentation worked together to bring the stage to life. Under the guidance of Ms. Whelan and Ms. Kelly, the art teams collaborated to design and paint the vibrant sets that helped transform the stage into an underwater world. A huge well done to everyone involved!





## COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RIS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### SCHOOL SUMMER CLOSURE

The school office will close on Friday 20th June at 4pm and will re-open on Monday 11th August at 9am.

### DATES TO REMEMBER - Re-opening dates: Monday 25th August

Staff Day

### **Tuesday 26th August**

First Year Induction Day 1 (9.30am-3pm)
Second Year Induction (10am-11am)
Third Year Induction (1.45pm-2.45pm)
TY Induction (11.10am-12.10am)
LCA Sixth Year Induction (11.10am-12.10am)
Fifth Year Induction (1.45pm-2.45pm)
Sixth Year Induction (11.10am-12.10am)

### **Wednesday 27th August**

First Year Induction Day 2 (8.50am-3.45pm)

### **Thursday 28th August**

Classes for all years 8.50am-2.45pm

### **Friday 30th August**

Classes for all years 8.50am-2.45pm



### **Summer Exam Results on VSWare**

All parents/guardians have access to our VSWare system to access their son's summer exam school reports. Reports will be published on Wednesday 14th June.

Details of log in and password details for each current pupil have already been sent out to parent(s)/guardian(s). If you are having difficulties logging in, contact Mr Nolan - jnolan@wexfordcbs.ie.



We would like to wish all our staff, parents/guardians and students a safe and enjoyable summer.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Michael McMahon, Principal.



# COLÁISTE ÉAMONN RÍS

### ASTROTURF PITCH AVAILABLE TO RENT!!

Our fantastic new floodlit Astroturf pitch is now available to rent by sports clubs and members of the public.



Please click here for more information on how to book your slot.









To see more drone footage of our new Astro Pitch, click here.