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Davitt College Graduates Celebrate Success As They Begin University Programmes

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teachers and staff for their six years of post-primary education. These young men and women are embarking on Third Level courses in universities and training colleges throughout Ireland for the academic year 2013/2014. "I will certainly miss Davitt College," said Hazel Lawless. "We have had some unforgettable times and we have definitely made friends for life." "The Transition Year Programme was one of the highlights for me," she said.

"Davitt College is student centred and has a very broad range of subjects," said Hannah Mulchrone. "There is a wonderful relationship between students and teachers and a great support system for everyone. Teachers are enormously generous with their time and talents. I will miss that," she said. Ever the sports man, Diarmuid O'Connor was quick to reflect on the great sports teams and football training he experienced at Davitt College. "The Joe Langan Sports Hall and Gym is a huge asset to Davitt College," he said. Diarmuid is a member of the victorious Mayo All-Ireland Minor Champions 2013 team. And it is no surprise at all that Diarmuid is pursuing a B.Sc. Degree in Sports Science at Dublin City University. "There is definitely a trend towards the sciences this year," said Bernie Rowland, Davitt College principal. "We offer all four science subjects at senior level, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Agricultural Science." "There has been a steady increase in the uptake of these subjects over the past two/three years and this is evident when you consider the degree programmes students are choosing at Third Level," she said.



Leaving Certificate students of 2013 at Davitt College, Castlebar. Pictured (from Left) Hannah McEllin (B. Sc. in General Nursing), Noel Conlon (B. Sc. in Mathematical Science, NUIG), Rachel Farragher (B. Sc. in Environmental Science, NUIG), Robbie Fadden (B. A. in Accounting & Finance, DCU), Sarah Roache (B. Sc. in General Science, Trinity College Dublin), Darren Flannery (B. Sc. in Athletic Therapy & Training, DCU), Hazel Lawless (B. Ed. Home Economics with Biology, St. Angela's College, Sligo), Diarmuid O'Connor (B. Sc. in Sports Science, DCU), Hannah Mulchrone (B. Education - Primary Teaching, St. Patrick's College, Dublin) and William Conlon (B. Sc. in Agricultural Science, UCD) –Missing from photo; Aiman Elhilali (B. Sc. Pharmaceutical Science, DCU) and Eadaoin Donnelly-White (B. A. with Human Rights, NUIG)

Well done to all!

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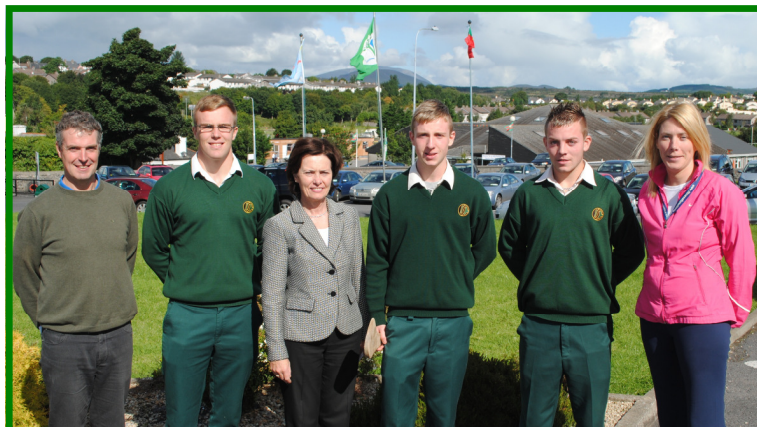


Davitt College All-Ireland Hurler

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Congratulations to Davitt College, Castlebar student Shane Nugent who was part of the winning Mayo Hurling Team that played Monaghan in the All-Ireland Minor C Final on Saturday 7th September in Leitrim. Congratulations and well done to all the players and coaches involved. Shane is congratulated by (from left) Mr. Danny Buckley, teacher and hurling coach; Fintan Murphy; Ms. Bernie Rowland, Principal; Shane Nugent; Keith Mulchrone; Ms. Sinead Flynn, PE teacher.



Scifest Success!



Congratulations to all the Davitt College students who participated in the SciFest 2013 Science Fair in GMIT, Galway. The aim of the Scifest is to encourage a love of science, technology and maths through active, collaborative, inquiry-based learning and to provide a forum for students to present and display their scientific investigations. Over thirty Davitt College students took part in the 2013 Scifest event in GMIT.

Well done to all!



TOP PHOTO: Chloe Hawe, Darina Davitt and Sarah Horkan receiving Special Award of Commendation from Scifest Co-ordinator Ms. Carina Ginty

BOTTOM PHOTO: Andrey Connolly receiving Special Award of Commendation from Scifest co-ordinator Ms. Carina Ginty



Top Marks for Davitt College Students in Junior Certificate

It was screams of excitement and delight following the Junior Certificate results at Davitt College, Castlebar on Wednesday 11th September. Results were excellent with a number of students getting A's across the board. Ellen Murphy achieved an impressive Eleven A's in Higher Level Subjects; Norah Conlon achieved Nine A's in Higher Level Subjects and Una Parkinson scored Eight A's in Higher Level Subjects. A number of students achieved Seven A's, with the vast majority achieving honours in all subjects. "I am delighted with all of our students' excellent results in the Junior Certificate," said Ms. Bernie Rowland, Davitt College Principal. "Our students worked very hard throughout the three years leading up to the Junior Certificate Examination and today they reap the rewards of that hard work. It is a wonderful day and we are very proud of



Pictured (from Left) Helen Murphy and Ellen Murphy of Davitt College, Castlebar are ecstatic after receiving their Junior Certificate results 2013



Pictured (from Left) Norah Conlon, Sam Belton and Meaghan Coen of Davitt College, Castlebar celebrate their excellent Junior Certificate results 2013.

each and every one of them. A special word of thanks to all of their dedicated teachers and supportive parents who, collectively, helped today happen," she said. Clearly a very happy principal as well!



Pictured (from Left) Emily Barrett, Clíodhna Barrett and Freya Bartels of Davitt College, Castlebar are joyous after receiving their Junior Certificate results 2013.

Úna is top of the class

Davitt College Transition Year student, Úna Parkinson, has been identified by the State Examinations Commission as a very high achiever in Mathematics and Science in the Junior Certificate 2013. Una will participate in The National Olympiads in Dublin City University in October 2013 where six students will be selected to represent Ireland in the International Junior Science Olympiad in India and a further six students will be selected to represent Ireland in the European Union Science Olympiad in Athens. Pictured (L to R) Ms. Bernie Rowland, Principal, Una Parkinson, Ms. Martina Kelly, Science Teacher and Mr. Niall O'Connor, Maths Teacher.



Oireachtas CSPE Workshop with Mr. John O'Mahony, T.D.



On September 11th 2013, Davitt College 3rd year students took part in a CSPE workshop delivered and facilitated by Mr. John O'Mahony, T.D. The main aim of the workshop was to give a better understanding of the workings of the Houses of the Oireachtas. The workshops also covered many areas including the Government, the Taoiseach, the Oireachtas, the President, Dáil Eireann, the Seanad, the Constitution and the Supreme Court. Students really enjoyed the workshop and were required to write up their reports as part of their action projects which will account for 60% of their final marks in their Junior Cert. C.S.P.E examinations. Sincere thanks to Mr John O'Mahony, for making the workshop such a success.

Pictured is Mr. John O'Mahony, TD, Ms. Siobhan Lynch and Davitt College 3rd year students

Davitt College Students US-Trip After Win At BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition



At the BT Young Scientist competition in January 2013, Davitt College Transition Year students Jack McEllin, Sean Murphy and Conor Reilly won The Analog Devices Travel Award 2013. The students also picked up Third Prize in the Technology Intermediate Group category. Their impressive project involved the design and construction of a Robotic Glove which can be used instead of a mouse on a computer. The students believe that their invention has great potential to be further developed and has commercial possibilities in the Music and Physiotherapy sectors. Their awards included an all expenses paid 10-day trip to the United States and Silicon Valley where the students presented their project to researchers for Analog Devices at their Headquarters in Silicon Valley. Congratulations to all students involved – the future looks very bright indeed with such clever and creative young people.

Davitt College welcomes the Tom Markham Cup!



Diarmuid O'Connor & Liam Irwin



Declan McDonnell



Liam Irwin, Jonathon Hopkins & Diarmuid O'Connor



PROGRAMMING INTRODUCTION

The world of science, technology, engineering and maths continues to develop and with it the need for a skilled and talented workforce. The

role of any school is central to the development of key skills that our future generation will need. "There is no doubt that the education of our young people from Primary school to Third-level will play a very important role in Ireland's future prosperity and advancement," said Ms. Bernie Rowland, Principal of Davitt College, Castlebar. "So we are constantly enriching and enhancing the curriculum we provide here at Davitt College. Davitt College has introduced a new Computer Programming Module for First year and Transition Year students. Students will be equipped with a range of skills from using mathematics to fostering critical thinking and will become "digital creators" rather than just "digital users". "The new Junior Cycle Programme, which schools will begin to roll out next year, aims to ensure that our students develop key skills that are necessary for lifelong learning. It will give our students more opportunities to engage actively in their own learning and to use their clever and creative energies," said Bernie Rowland. "The new Junior Cycle Programme will include modules such as Programming/Coding and Digital Media", she said.



TOP MARKS FOR HANNAH!

Ms. Bernie Rowland, Principal and Mr. Ger King, Deputy Principal, congratulate Davitt College Leaving Certificate Student Hannah McEllin on achieving an impressive 615 points in her Leaving Certificate Exams 2013.

First Year Trip to Westport 2013

On September 20th 2013, a large group of First Year students set out for Westport Adventure Islands in Westport House. This was a very exciting day for our first years students with a great day of fun filled activities had by all.



C.S.I. comes to Davitt College!

Transition Year students at Davitt College, Castlebar, had the opportunity to become C.S.I. investigators and solve a real life crime on October 3rd 2013. Using a number of pieces of evidence gathered from a crime scene, students were required to solve the crime. Modern techniques such as D.N.A. profiling and blood sampling were used in conjunction with the more traditional methods of finger printing and microscopic analysis. Based on analysis of the evidence gathered, the students were able to positively identify the culprit. The Forensic Science presentation provided the students with an exciting opportunity to experience an everyday use of Science in a real world situation. It proved to be an exciting and interactive educational experience, where observation and deductive reasoning combined with the science that students are learning in Davitt College, were used to solve crimes in the real world. This day was facilitated by Forensic Scientist, Ms. Alison Leck from Education Interactive, an Australian-owned company based in Sydney.



Pictured at the Forensic Science Workshop are (from left) Mrs. Caitriona O'Donnell, Chemistry Teacher; Ms. Alison Leck, Forensic Scientist; Mr. Aaron Tonry, Physics Teacher; Ms. Andrea Silke, Agricultural Science Teacher and Transition Year students participating in the workshop.



After School Supervised Study was introduced this year for all students in Davitt College. It takes place Monday-Thursday, 4pm to 6pm in the school Library.

Please contact Principal for details

Variety Concert in Davitt College

Davitt College, Castlebar is holding a Variety Concert including music performances by award winning students, **Traditional Ensemble Gealóga** also **Vickers Vimy** with **Guest Artist Frank Forde (Comedian).** And an array of Artists & Musicians

Friday 18th October 2013 at 8p.m.
Tickets €10—Available from Davitt College

Proceeds to School Grounds Development



Congratulations Lads!



Davitt College, Castlebar congratulating Liam Irwin and Diarmuid O'Connor on winning the All-Ireland Minor Football Final against Tyrone on Sunday 22nd September 2013. Pictured Ger Munnelly, Bernie Rowland, Principal, Liam Irwin, Diarmuid O'Connor, Maria Carey and Ger King, Deputy Principal.

Well done lads!

Bartek Zalewski(Left) and Emil Samko(Right) attended trials in Summerhill College, Sligo and have been successful in making the North-West Under-15 Inter-Regional Basketball squad. The Inter-Regional competition takes place in Galway on 19th October 2013.

Congratulations to the boys and their coach Mr. McTavish

North West Under-15 Inter-Regional Squad

