

Davitt News



Excellent Results for Davitt College Students in Junior Certificate 2017

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“We are delighted today with all of our Junior Certificate students’ results and I want to congratulate each and every one of them and their teachers. All of the hard work has paid off and there is great excitement here in Davitt College today!!”, said a very happy school principal Bernie Rowland. “There were 125 students sitting the Junior Certificate in Davitt College this year, an increase on last year of just over 20%. This year we have the dual presentation of marks. English is the first subject to be rolled out under the new Junior Cycle reforms and the results being presented for English this year are based on the new assessment and grading system. So instead of the traditional grades, such as As, Bs, Cs, and so forth, students were graded using terms such as “distinction”, “higher merit”, “merit”, “achievement”, in English. For example almost 80% of our students received results between Distinction, Higher Merit and Merit this year, with the remainder achieving their full potential.” All other subjects then, except English, were graded in the traditional way, As, Bs, Cs, etc. “Congratulations to all students receiving their Junior Certificate results today”, said Bernie Rowland. “I would urge all boys and girls celebrating their results to celebrate carefully and sensibly, enjoy your success and refrain from drinking alcohol and above all get home safely,”



Pictured (from Left) Nikola Cedrowska, Saoirse Gallagher and Natalia Magdziorz of Davitt College, Castlebar are ecstatic after receiving their Junior Certificate results 2017.

Pictured (from Left) Eoghan Brogan, Michael Fleming and Thomas Talbot of Davitt College, Castlebar congratulate each other after receiving their Junior Certificate results 2017.



Coming Soon!

Science Week

Lots of Experiments, talks and advice!



DAVITT COLLEGE STUDENT HONoured FOR JUNIOR CERTIFICATE BUSINESS MARKS



Davitt College student Martha Scanlon celebrated academic success when she was presented with a certificate of achievement from NUI Galway based on her Junior Certificate results. Martha recorded an 'A' in her Higher Level Business Studies Examination 2017, and was among a group of students from throughout Connacht to receive awards. The presentations, in association with the Business Studies Teachers Association of Ireland (BSTAI), were made at a special ceremony at the university, to which teachers and parents were invited.

Pictured are: (from left): Prof. John McHale, Dean of the College of Business, Public Policy and Law, NUI Galway; Martha Scanlon, Davitt College

Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland visits Davitt College

Mr. Philip Lane, Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland, presents the Davitt College Business Department with a commemorative ten euro coin to mark the visit of the Central Bank to Davitt College.



The Davitt College Business Department offers **Business**, **Economics**, **Accounting** and **Link Modules** to all Senior Cycle Leaving Certificate students.



Link
Modules

Economics

Business

Accounting



Davitt College Graduates Celebrate Success As They Begin University



Leaving Certificate students of 2017 at Davitt College, Castlebar. Pictured: Back Row (from Left) Paula McDonagh (BNS in Psychiatric Nursing, NUIG), Meabh Murray (BAFS in Actuarial and Financial Studies, UCD), Ethan Carey (BA in International Business with German, University of Limerick), Enda Fitzpatrick (Business Studies, CCFE), Josh Geraghty (BEng in Engineering with Electronics and Computer Engineering, University of Limerick), Jordan Keighley (BBS in Business with Entrepreneurship, GMIT), Noel Langan (BSc in Science, NUIG). Middle Row (from Left) Ms. Bernie Rowland, Principal, Davitt College, Grace McNicholas (BSc in Maths and Physics, UCD), Molly McHale (BEd in Primary Education, Mary Immaculate College), Laurice Van Den Oosten (Art and Design, Waterford College of Further Education), Andrea Gavin (Pharmacy Worker), Niamh Mullins (BA in History and Political Science, Trinity College Dublin), Nicole Corcoran (BA in Home Economics and Biology Education, St. Angela's College, Sligo), Sinead Price (BA in Arts, NUIG), Ashling Hughes (BSc. in Science, UCD). Front Row (from Left) Ray Htoo (BA in Art and Design, GMIT), Aiden Ruane (BA in International Business with French, UL), Ryan Walshe (BSc in Science, GMIT), Patrick Just (Computer Systems and Networks, CCFE), Adil Rouibet (Applied Social Science with Psychology, CCFE).

A number of Leaving Certificate students of 2017 at Davitt College, Castlebar dropped in to their school recently to say goodbye and thank 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 2017/2018. They are spreading their wings to all four provinces of Ireland – from Trinity College Dublin to University of Limerick to N.U.I. Galway.

“There is definitely a trend towards the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) 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. Another popular choice has been in the Business Courses. “Davitt College offers Business, Economics and Accounting to Leaving Certificate level which definitely gives our students a broad business knowledge”.

CSI Comes to Davitt College!



Pictured at the Forensic Science Workshop are Ms. Fiona O'Connor, Biology Teacher; Mr. Aaron Tonry, Physics, Science and Maths Teacher; Ms. Alison Leck, Forensic Scientist; Mrs. Caitriona O'Donnell, Chemistry Teacher and Transition Year students participating in the workshop.

On October 11th 2017, Transition Year students of Davitt College participated in the fourth annual Forensic Science Workshop at Davitt College. The aim of these workshops is to bring classroom science into real-life situations and get more students interested in continuing to study science for Third Level education. The activities 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, and are used to solve crimes in the real world.

As part of the workshop, students were presented with a real crime and given all the appropriate information to solve it, such as suspect information; where they were and what they were doing at the time of the crime, their occupations and evidence such as fingerprints. Students then went from station to station trying to match pieces of evidence to each suspect to help solve the crime. Each station had a different topic such as ballistics, where students had to study the amount of GSR (Gun Shot Residue) left on the clothing of each suspect.

The students of Davitt College thoroughly enjoyed being put through the analytical stages and having to actively bring their learning to life. This is just a sample of the showcases that the Science Department do each year, with the BT Young Scientist Competition being a pivotal part of the Transition Year Programme.

This day was facilitated by Forensic Scientist, Ms. Alison Leck from Education Interactive, Sydney, Australia.



Transition Year Students examine crime scene evidence during the Forensic Science Workshop at Davitt College. This was just one in a range of Science and Computer experiments which took place during the event.

Fantastic Turnout for the Davitt College Career Options Event 2017

To meet specific needs of Post Primary students in Co. Mayo, Davitt College, Castlebar in partnership with the Education Working Group of Mayo County Council, MSLETB, Mayo North East LEADER Partnership Company and South West Mayo Development Company held its fifth very successful Career Options Event on Saturday 14th October 2017. There was certainly something for everyone on the day at the Davitt College Joe Langan Sports Hall. The exhibition provided an opportunity for second level students and their parents to access information regarding the wide range of education and training courses that are available in Third Level Education. Over 1,600 people were present at this event and admission was free.

Career Options 2017 was a great example of partnership and collaboration in action. Over thirty Universities and Colleges throughout Ireland, UK and Europe were represented and there were presentations on the day from CAO, SUSI Grants, UCAS, HEAR and DARE. There was also information available on Third Level Scholarships, Bursaries and Grants and developments in Apprenticeship and Training Programs.

Davitt College was delighted to welcome the addition to the schedule; of guest speaker Mr. Brian Mooney, a Guidance Counsellor and educational expert. As an educational analyst with a regular column in the Irish Times, he delivered a most comprehensive presentation with the most relevant, current and strategic information useful in researching and preparing for career pathways.

Ms. Bernie Rowland, Davitt College Principal, was delighted with the big turnout to the event. "There was a wealth of information available on the day to accommodate every interest – academic, creative and technical." "I feel students experience has been enriched and I hope parents and their sons and daughters are now better able to make informed decisions about future careers," she said. Strengthening existing partnerships with Third Level providers is a vision Davitt College has for the future and a spirit of collaboration was certainly evident on the day. Sincere thanks is extended to the organising committee at Davitt College for their hard work and attention to detail. Many thanks are also extended to the Education Working Group of Mayo County Council for their support and assistance.



Pictured are Ms. Bernie Lennon, Career Guidance Counsellor, Davitt College; Mr. Ger King, Deputy Principal, Davitt College; Mr. James Gallagher, Career Guidance Counsellor, Davitt College; Ms. Anita Gallagher, Deputy Principal, Davitt College; Mr. Sean Rowland, Hibernia College; Mr. Brian Mooney, Career Guidance Counsellor and Guest Speaker ; Ms. Bernie Rowland, Principal, Davitt College; Mr. Peter Hynes, Chief Executive, Mayo County Council; Ms. Anne-Marie Carroll, South West Mayo Development Company; Mr. Jimmy Nolan, Davitt College Parents Council; Ms. Barbara Ronayne, Chairperson, Mayo Co. Council Education Working Group; Mr. Donal Hoban, Mayo Co. Council Education Working Group attending the Career Options Event in Davitt College, Castlebar.

Welcome to the First Years of Davitt College

There is a certain buzz around Davitt College as First Year students begin their Post-Primary education. Positive feedback from parents and staff suggests that the transition from Primary to Post-Primary school has been very smooth indeed. Wishing all First Year students the very best over the course of their time in Post-Primary School and hope they have some unforgettable times as well. The Year Heads for First Year are Ms. Joan Walsh and Mr. Ger Munnely.



1A Class (Class Tutor Mr. Paul Kelly)



1B Class (Class Tutor Mr. Aaron Tonry)

After School Supervised Study for all students in Davitt College takes place

Monday & Tuesday: 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 4.15pm to 6.15pm

Please contact Ms. Belinda O'Neill for details





1C Class (Class Tutor Ms. Linda Monaghan)



1D Class (Class Tutor Ms. Michelle Hession)



1E Class (Class Tutor Mr. Fintan Murphy)



Davitt College, Castlebar, Welcomes Visiting



Davitt College, Castlebar, is committed to supporting and encouraging International Education. An increased number of international students are attending the school for the academic year 2017/2018. The Secondary School Programme in Ireland is open to International students between the ages of 15 and 17 years who already have a reasonable level of English. Students gain a thorough understanding of Irish culture through living with a host family and attending Davitt College for one year. The benefits for Davitt College students are that their education is enriched by interacting and learning with students from other countries and cultures

Pictured are: (Back row, from left) Irene Aimetti (Italy), Victor Byhre (Norway), Alejandro De La Flor Briz (Spain), Alexander Esnal (Spain). (Front row, from left) Gaia Franceshini (Italy), Olivia Hauns (Germany), Nanako Iwai (Japan), Paula Volkmer (Germany), Lilo Andres (Spain)



Green-Schools

GREEN SCHOOLS UPDATE

to join the Davitt College Green Schools Committee. For this year, the committee is hoping to reduce water use and be more efficient with water consumption. The committee also hopes to ensure our clean school policy continues. The final element of the Green Schools mission is to reduce electricity use. There are three representatives from every first, second and third year class. A large number of Transition Year students will form the main committee and are proving to be a very enthusiastic group! There are over sixty members in this year's committee which is the largest Green Schools Committee to date.

Congratulations to the students who have been selected



BORD GAIS MUSIC TRIP

On Thursday October 19th 2017, over 30 Music students of Davitt College were treated to a scintillating show at the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre, where they attended the hit West End Musical “Miss Saigon”. A special word of thanks to Mr. Mulderrig and Ms. O’Toole for accompanying the students to Dublin.



Geography Field Trip to Co. Fermanagh 2017



Pictured are Leaving Certificate Geography students who participated in a field trip to Co. Fermanagh on October 9th 2017. Field Studies is an integral part of the Leaving Certificate Geography course and the excursion involved a detailed study of river features and practical experiments. The students were accompanied by their Geography teachers Mr. Brian Murphy and Mr. Paul Kelly.



Transition Year Students attend ST VINCENT DE PAUL Conference in Knock



Homeless campaigner Fr Peter McVerry, disability advocate Joanne O'Riordan and former Governor of Mountjoy Prison John Lonergan were among the speakers at a conference in Knock Shrine on Thursday 14th September 2017. The conference, which was hosted by the Society of St Vincent de Paul West Region, gave the students a chance to hear more about the

work of the society, as well as using their voices and power to tackle social justice issues. The students found the conference a very enjoyable experience and will be very beneficial for students who decide to select the new Leaving Certificate subject Politics and Society. This is an optional Leaving Certificate subject in Davitt College, just like other exam subjects. It has been introduced on a phased basis, starting with a small number of schools in September 2016. Davitt College in Castlebar is one of these schools. Students will sit the first Leaving Certificate Politics and Society examination in June 2018.

DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING

Davitt College has always been aware of how important it is for students to be able to stand up and speak for themselves. For this reason, Debating has always been an integral part of our school culture. Liam Egan has put an enormous amount of time and effort into coaching students down through the years. Their successes in competitions have been phenomenal. Our students participate in the following public speaking/ debates:



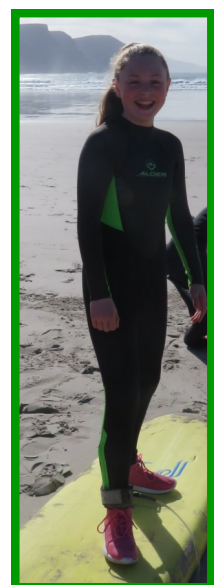
- Mental Health & Concern Debates
- The Irish Business and Professional Women's Organisation (B.P.W.)
- Literary and Debating Society Schools Debate.
- Soroptomist public speaking competition

Year after year, Davitt College has advanced to the finals of these competitions.



FIRST YEAR TRIP TO ACHILL ADVENTURE CENTRE

Over 100 first year students took part in the annual outdoor adventure activities day held as part of the first year Physical Education program in Achill outdoor adventure centre on Thursday October 5th 2017. This is traditionally a very successful outing and this year was no exception with every student experiencing a very enjoyable and exciting day. It allows students to mix and get to know each in a social atmosphere. All students took part in surfing, kayaking, climbing and archery. The weather was lovely and a great day was had by all.





Davitt Sport

The Davitt College Sports Department has been a hive of activity during the first term. All teams are busy training during lunch time and after school. We have an extensive extra-curricular programme which caters for the sporting and leisure needs of the students in Davitt College. The provision of a wide range of extra-curricular activities makes an enormous contribution to the life of the school. The involvement in such activities complements the work that takes place in the classroom and gives the students an opportunity to develop their talents, social skills, and self-confidence and leadership qualities.



Davitt College Transition Year students enjoying the Spikeball Coaching Course in October 2017. The students will coach Spikeball in local Primary Schools throughout the coming months. Well done girls.



Davitt College Junior Boys Gaelic Team



Davitt College wished Amy Dowling and Saoirse Walshe the best before the Senior Ladies All-Ireland Final 2017



Davitt College Junior Girls Gaelic Team



Davitt College Senior Girls Gaelic Team



Davitt College U16 Boys Basketball Team



Davitt College U19 Boys Basketball Team