

The busy Spring Term has concluded and students and staff have moved on to a well-earned break. Thanks are extended to everyone, students, families, staff members for all that has been given to the daily life of Kilkenny College this past term to make it one filled with teaching, learning and personal growth and development. This Newsletter summarises many of the examples of activity and learning beyond the classroom which mark life at the College.

Mock Examinations have been completed by all members of Forms 6 and 3. Reports have been issued to all students in Form 6 and 3. I congratulate each member of both years on the mature and even-tempered manner in which they undertook the Mock Examinations. These are precious opportunities to experience the pressures and challenge of the State Exams. The Mocks were followed by the Practical and Oral components of the State Exam process.

For 6th Form in particular, the final term is one where calm and balance in school and life in general are of great benefit in the lead up to and the duration of the State Exams. I take this opportunity to extend best wishes to each member of 6th Form 2017. The remaining six weeks of school are crucially important to you and to your peers. Regular attendance each day and a calm routine for all will serve you well through until the conclusion of the exams. Please be assured of the support of all who work in the College, in addition to your families and friends in this important phase of your life. Working together in a mutually supportive way, you will come through this challenge with success.

Enrolments 2017/18

Enrolments for entry to all years in the College are fully booked. The College enrolment stands at 846, of which 425 are Boarders and 421 are Day pupils. For September 2017 the enrolment will be 880 students of which 441 will be boarders and 439 will be Day pupils. There will be 448 boys enrolled and 432 girls, the largest total of girls enrolled in the College history. A Waiting List is in operation for entry into all Years.

The demand for places at Kilkenny College occurs in the context of government proposals to re-structure admissions policies to schools in a manner that, if implemented, would undermine the ability of the College to prioritise applicants from a Protestant family faith background and siblings of existing students. A strong campaign of opposition to the government proposals has been led by the Church of Ireland Board of Education. **Submissions setting out the reasons for opposing the government draft proposals have been sent directly to the Minister for Education and Skills from the Board of Directors, the Board of Management and the Parents Association. I thank Ms. Linda Rainsberry, Mr. Richard Codd and Mr. Nick Bennett for their leadership on behalf of the College community in this regard.**



Scholarship Examinations

The Incorporated Society and Kilkenny College Scholarship Examinations were held for entrants into 1st Form 2017 on the 9th March. It was a pleasure to meet 105 of the entrants to next year's 1st Form who participated in the Scholarships.

Gaeilgeoirí

Ó thús mhí na Nollag gach Máirt buaileann an Club Gaeilgele chéile do dhaltaí Sinsearachacha i ndiaidh na scoile. Bíonn 'Tae agus Plé' againn ag plé topaicí éagsúla le cúpan tae nó seacláid te inár lámha. Plétear topaic éagsúil chuile sheachtain atá i mbéal an phobail. An aidhm leis an gclub ná go mbeidh feabhas ag teacht ar Ghaeilge na mball in atmaisféar sóisialta nádúrtha agus cabhrach.

Tá deichniúr ball sa ghrúpa a thagann go rialta agus is í Alice Ní Spealáin cathaoirleach an chlub.

Since the start of December every Tuesday the Club Gaeilge for senior students meet after school. We call it 'Tae agus Plé' (Tea and chat) because we discuss varying topics with a cupán tae or seacláid te in our hand. A different topic that is in the news or on social media is discussed. The aim of the club is that members will improve their Irish in a sociable natural and helpful atmosphere.

Ten students are in regular attendance and Alice Spencer was chosen as the Chairperson of the group. Some students are past pupils of Gaelcholáistí but all levels are welcome. Some students who find Irish difficult have gained confidence from attending the sessions.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl go náisiúnta ón 1-17ú de Mhárta. Is tógra é chun an Ghaeilge a spreagadh i ngach bliain. I gcomhair SnaG sa choláiste d'eagraíomar feachtas chun níos mó Gaeilge a fheiceáil timpeall na scoile. Ghreamaíomar postaeirí greannmhara suas ó bhun go barr na scoile. Chomh maith leis sin mhaisíomar príomh halla na scoile le bratacha agus maisiúcháin eile.

D'eagraigh Iníon Ní Riain turas do na Gaeilgeoirí chun dul ag babhláil agus chun greim le n-ithe in Eddie Rockets. Bhain gach duine taitneamh is tairbhe as an turas iontach.

I rith na seachtaine tugadh deis do scoláirí an t-agallamh a dhéanamh chun **an Fáinne** a fháil. Is siombal é an Fáinne don chumas sa Ghaeilge. Má bhíonn Gaeilge d'ard chaighdeán bronnfar Fáinne ór ort. Má bhíonn Gaeilge maith agat bronnfar an fáinne airgid ort.

Bronnadh 15 fáinní óra agus 9 gcinn airgid. Comhghairdeas do gach duine a bhí páirteach.

Seachtain na Gaeilge in KCK

Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week) took place from 10-17th March. It is a National initiative to help to motivate speaking Irish every year. For SnaG we organised a campaign to make Irish more visible around the school. We put up funny posters all around the school to get people thinking about the Irish that they have and know. Also we decorated the main hall with flags and other decorations. During the week students were given an opportunity to complete the interview to achieve the 'Fáinne' The gold and silver rings represent the candidate's level of proficiency in Irish. 15 students were presented with Gold and 9 students achieved the silver. Congratulations to all who participated.

Ms. Regina Ryan organised a trip for the Gaeilgeoirí to go bowling and to Eddie Rockets. Everyone had a brilliant time on a super trip.





Agricultural Science Quiz Winners

Well done to Evan Stephenson, Stephen Gray, Andrew Hanbidge and Clive Booth who won the National Agricultural Science Table Quiz.

This was 'two in a row' as Kilkenny College were also winners in 2016. The College were also represented by Chloe Bagnall, Katie Phair, Katie Helen and Emma Roe who finished in fourth place overall.

Green Schools

This year the Green School committee are working towards achieving their Water flag. On the 16th of March, the Green School committee organised a "Blue Day" for the students to emphasise the importance of water wastage and water conservation. Students and teachers alike wore an item of blue clothing on the day. The committee co-ordinated presentations for the students in First, Second and Forth Form to demonstrate how much water is used when the tap is left running while brushing their teeth. At lunch time, the committee ran a raffle which was a great success and enough money was raised to purchase a water butt. The committee members have been recording the amount of water used in the school in the last two years by taking a reading at the water metre every week. It is evident from the figures that the amount of water used per student per week has reduced over the past two years. The committee were been assessed by the local County Council representative on our progress in highlighting the water wastage and water conservation in the College. Fingers crossed we have done enough to get our third Green Flag by the end of May. Thank you to Ms. Gannon for the Green Schools committee for all their hard work.

'Blue Day'



Music

Wesley Inter-Schools Music Festival 2017

A large group of students participated at the Annual Wesley Inter-Schools Music Festival. All gave very creditable performances and are to be congratulated.

- **1st Prize Winners;** Joshua Ola (U16 Pop Singing and Byrne Cup for Pop Singing), Meghan O'Sullivan (O15 Unaccompanied Irish Song)
- **2nd Prize Winners;** Jordan Feighery (U16 Pop Singing), Sophie Smyth (U16 Classical Singing) and Sophia Peschke (U17 Pop Singing).
- **1st Class Honours;** Senior Choir (4 Part Choirs), Amy Cahill (U14 Pop Singing), Molly Parmeter and Nicola Roe (U16 Popular Singing), Molly Parmeter (U16 Classical Singing), Sarah Stafford (U17 Pop Singing), Meghan O'Sullivan (O17 Pop Singing and O17 Classical Singing), Amy Cahill and Ruth Lawlor (U15 Vocal Duet), Grace Ola and Sara Molloy (O15 Vocal Duet).
- **Highly Commended;** Jim Parmeter (U14 Pop Singing and U14 Classical Singing), Richard Quirke (U16 Pop Singing), Nyika Empey and Nicola Roe (U16 Classical Singing), Ellie Fogarty (O16 Piano Solo), Adam Holmes (U17 Pop Singing), Jim Parmeter (U14 Piano), Joshua Ola (U15 Drumming), Alanna Starnes and Alannah Kennedy (O15 Vocal Duet).

Kilkenny Music Festival

The Choirs, solo musicians and solo performers who represented the College at the Kilkenny Music Festival did themselves and the College great credit through their performances and achievements in this event. Congratulations to Meghan O'Sullivan who was the most outstanding performer of the Kilkenny Music Festival and winner of the Bank of Ireland Bursary.

Other winners were:-

- **1st Prize** – Forms 1V and 1W – Unison Choral Competition
- **1st Prize** – Junior Choir – Junior Choir Sacred Music
- **1st Prize** – Jim Parmeter – Junior Boys Vocal
- **2nd Prize** – Harry Steacy – Senior Boys Vocal
- **2nd Prize** – Nicola Roe – Junior Girls Vocal Pop
- **2nd Prize** – Sophie Smyth – Junior Girls Vocal Classical
- **Highly Commended** – Amy Cahill – Junior Girls Vocal Classical
- **2nd Prize** – Sophia Peschke – Senior Girls Vocal Pop
- **3rd Prize** – Meghan O'Sullivan – Senior Girls Vocal Pop
- **1st Prize** – Meghan O'Sullivan – Senior Girls Vocal Classical
- **2nd Prize** – Molly Parmeter – Senior Girls Vocal Classical
- **Highly Commended** – Cara Gulde – Senior Girls Vocal Classical
- **2nd Prize** – Adrienne King – Senior Strings
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Kilkenny College Chamber Choir also took 1st Place in the U19 Choirs – Sacred Music in the Feis Maitiu in Cork.

Congratulations to Cara Gulde on winning the Best Song category for the Kilkenny heat of the Irish Youth Music Awards with her song 'Float and Falter'. This song will be performed at the Irish Music Awards in The Aviva Stadium at the end of April. Best wishes also to Cara in her Concert in Bosco's at the Watergate on May 5th.

As a College we are very proud each year of the participation of each and every student who represented us. Thanks to teachers Mr. Sexton and Mrs. Harding and accompanists Ms. McCann and Ms O'Grady. Thank you to all who spend long hours in practice with our dedicated music and choral staff led by Mr. Sexton.

Kilkenny College Jazz Band performing at the Wesley Music Festival



Iveagh Scholars

We are delighted to have 6 talented young students from Kilkenny College accepted to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the 2017 Iveagh Scholars programme. Well done to Harry Fennell, Joseph Quirke, Matthew McRedmond, Molly Parmeter, Rioghan Brennan and Sarah Darker.

Young Filmmaker Awards

Congratulations to Juliet Green who was Highly Recommended for her Production Design at Ireland's Young Filmmaker Awards as part of the Fresh Film Festival 2017. Cara Gulde, David Hull and Maeve Moran starred in the movie.



Happy times in Geography class!

Sports

Girls Hockey

Congratulations to all the Girls Hockey Teams and their coaches on their outstanding sporting achievements this season. Thank you to all their parents and guardians for supporting them all year.



**Senior 1st Hockey Team - South-East Senior A League and Cup winners
Runners-Up in the All-Ireland Schoolgirls' Kate Russell Championships
The Senior Girls have had an extraordinary year with an unbeaten record for all matches played this season.**

The achievements of the senior girls squad stand as the pinnacle in girls hockey in what has been an outstanding year for all the teams in the College. 17 girls teams have represented the College in Leagues and / or Cup competition. The enthusiasm, dedication and ability shown by squads in all years, at all levels, is testament to the quality of coaching provided by all coaches and the desire of our players to give of their best while enjoying playing.

Congratulations to the following Girls Hockey Teams and their coaches on their outstanding sporting achievements this season. Thank you to all their parents and guardians for supporting them all year:

Senior 2nd team won the South-East Senior B League and Cup

Senior 3rd team were runners-up in the Senior B League and got to the Semi-Final in the South-East Cup

Senior 4th team were runners-up in the South-East Inter A league and in the South-East Inter A Cup

Junior A team were runners-up in South-East Junior A League and got to the Quarter Finals of South-East Junior A Cup

Junior B1 team got to the Semi-Final of the South-East Junior A Cup

Minor A team won the South-East Minor A League and were runners-up in the Cup

Form 1 A team were runners-up in South-East First Year A League

Form 1 B team were runners-up in South-East First Year B League

Form 1 C1 team won silver medals in South-East First Year C Blitz

Form 1 C2 team won bronze medals in South-East First Year C Blitz





The Senior 2nds Girls Hockey squad: Cup Winners 2017

Boys Rugby

Congratulations to the following Rugby Teams for their participation and achievements this year. Thank you to all the Coaches for their dedication throughout the season, including weekends and holidays. Mr Duncan for the meticulous planning and administration of coaches, fixtures, referee's, food, leagues and buses etc. To Mr. Thompson and Mr Dukelow and the rest of the school management and admin team for ensuring buses are booked and pitches are kept in such excellent condition. To the parents for their support and encouragement throughout the season. Finally, and most importantly, to the players for their hard work, dedication and their willingness to represent their College and community so well in all the fixtures and competitions throughout the year.

Senior 1st XV – The Senior 1st XV, coached by Mr. Gordon Rowe and Mr. Wesley Carter and captained by Josh Miller, had an extremely busy year competing in no fewer 4 different competitions. The Leinster Schools Division 1A campaign was a frustrating one with some inconsistent performance seeing the team narrowly miss out on the quarter finals. This disappointment was put behind them as they defeated Wilsons Hospital and CUS to reach the final of the Vinny Murray Cup and ensure qualification to the 1st round of the Senior Cup proper. On a wet and windy day in Clontarf it was Terenure who made the most of the rare scoring chances for both teams to progress through to the 2nd round of the Leinster Senior Cup on a score line of 12-3. Next up was the Vinny Murray Cup final against CBC Monkstown. Kilkenny started the brighter of the two teams but again it was the opposition who would again see out a close game. Defeat in the first round of the Senior Cup saw the team enter the Senior Plate and after a good Semi Final win against Newbridge College the boys found themselves 17-3 down at half time to St. Gerard's in the final. Determined to finish the season on a positive the boys showed excellent resolve to battle back and take home the Schools Senior plate on a score line of 23-22.



Senior 2nd XV and Senior 3rd XV – The Senior 2nd XV trained side by side with the 1st XV and generally played corresponding fixtures. It was a tough year for a young 2nd XV but they showed great

improvement throughout the season culminating in a good showing in their post-Christmas league campaign where they topped their group and qualified for the Semi Finals. Unfortunately after a strong showing they were defeated by powerhouses St. Michaels College.

Our Senior 3rd XV this year was coached by Mr. Stephen Gray and Mr. Wes Shirley and acted as a development team preparing players to step forward into 1st and 2nd XV squads next year and also offering a rugby outlet for those 6th years that wanted a more social level of rugby.

Junior Rugby – The Junior rugby squad was coached by Mr. Steve Ashmore, Mr. Kyle Hanbidge and Mr. Evan Dixon and captained by Darragh O'Reilly. With 4 back from last years team and a promising second year group coming through, hopes were high for this group. A slow and disruptive start saw the team well beaten in their first friendly of the year by over 40 points by Newbridge College, reality check and it was time to get down to work. Further pre-season wins over Rockwell College, Blackrock College and Terenure College showed that this team had real potential. An unbeaten group stage in the Leinster Schools Division 1A followed which saw the team score an amazing 317 points and only concede 8 points in 6 games. A quarter final win at home to St. Gerards saw the team travel to Donnybrook to face Castleknock College in the Semi Final. A nervy performance followed but Kilkenny prevailed thanks to an Adam Strong double and Kilkenny were through to their first Junior League Final since 2008. As in 2008 Newbridge College were to be the opposition. A slow start by Kilkenny saw them 17-3 down mid-way through the first half. A storming come back by Kilkenny saw them draw level before a break away try by Newbridge saw them emerge as winners on a score line of 22-20.

Qualification for the league knockout stages saw Kilkenny qualify for the Junior Cup 1st round and CBC Monkstown were to be the opposition. A comprehensive defensive display saw Kilkenny win 31-0 to qualify for the quarter finals of the Junior Cup for the first time in 15 years. The draw was not kind however when the firmest of favourites St. Michaels who were widely regarded as one of the strongest schools teams ever were drawn out as the opposition. A strong Kilkenny team though approached the game with real ambition, however on the day the team just never got going and combined with an astounding performance from St. Michaels saw Kilkenny crash out of the Cup after a heavy defeat.

The season though should be considered a success by the team who only lost to three teams throughout the year; Newbridge College, Clongowes and St. Michaels College to finish with a record of 16 wins and 4 defeats.

The Junior B team also had a strong season, topping their league section with wins over Newbridge College, Wesley College and St. Conleths 'A' team. This saw them host Newpark JCT 'A' in the league quarter final. In a very tight game, Newparks experience as an 'A' team saw them through on a score line of 27-19. Nearly all of the 'B' team played some part of the league campaign with the 'A' squad throughout the year.



**Winners of the Plate Cup Final
Kilkenny College Vs St. Gerard's**

U15 Rugby – The U15 rugby squad were coached by Mr. Liam Caddy, Mr. Brian Meredith and Mr. Richard Nicholls and also had a very productive year which saw them only lose one game post-Christmas in 2017 which culminated in the boys winning the inaugural Morrow Cup which will feature U15 teams from Roscrea, Kilkenny and Newbridge College. The boys also participated in the

Umbrella 7's tournament in Terenure in March. The U15's have large playing numbers and have progressed hugely this season into a very promising team for next years JCT.

U14 Rugby – 1st year rugby was coached this year by Mr. Jeff Carter, Mr. John Farrelly, Mr. Lar Foley, Mr. Matt Berry and Mr. Richard Nicholls. Again this was a very competitive year group who recorded wins over CBC Monkstown, St Gerard's, Rockwell and Roscrea among others. The highlight of the year was an overnight trip to Galway to play a friendly and to watch Connacht play and in particular our ex Kilkenny College students Craig Ronaldson and Shane Delahunt who gave up their time after the game to talk to our 1st year players about their experiences of 1st year rugby. Who knows, some of these first years may be doing the same when they are professional players.



First Year Rugby Squad

Representative Rugby – This season Kilkenny College was represented on the Leinster U18 team by Reuban Pimm and on the Leinster U19 team by Josh Miller. The process for next year's team has begun and the following players were chosen by Leinster Rugby to attend trials.

U19 – Gavin Parr, Reuban Pimm and Tamilor Anuwosi

U18 – Dan Thompson, Andrew Ross, John Rogers and Darragh O'Reilly

U17 – Darragh O'Reilly, Glen Culbert, Chris Reynolds, Charlie Tector, Adam Strong and Matthew Hodgins

We congratulate those players and wish them well as we await confirmation of the squads. Also on a representative front we also congratulate Mr. Jeff Carter on his continued coaching of the Leinster U18 schools side.

Boys Hockey

Congratulations to our Minor Boys who came 3rd in the All Ireland John Waring Hockey Tournament. 2017 was the first time Kilkenny College has qualified for this prestigious national tournament. Congratulations to the squad members, captains John and Aaron and coaches Mr. Lowry and Mr. Hughes.



This has been a rewarding season for all involved in boys hockey. The senior boys won the inaugural Robert Harris Cup against Newtown School. The Junior A boys won the Leinster B League defeating Mount Temple in the final. The minor boys reached the Cup final V Wesley College, the first Minor boys College team to do so since 1988, when the final was played on grass! Wesley emerged victorious on a 2-0 scoreline in what was a competitive match and a highly creditable performance by the Minor A.



Congratulations are extended to Niall, Andrew, Simon and James who have been selected to travel to Holland over Easter with the Leinster U17 development squad.

Thanks are due to Mr. Chaudhry, Mr. Comerford, Mr. Lowry and Mr. Hughes as the lead coaches in boys hockey for the leadership and quality of the coaching experience they provide to all the boy hockey players in the College.

Girls Rugby – Girls rugby is available for 4th years and upwards and is introduced to all interested 4th year girls during PE by Mr. Richard Willis and Mr. Jeff Carter. These girls then join 5th and 6th year girls who then play in 15 a side and 7's matches throughout the year coached by Ms. Susan Shirley. The girls competed in friendlies against Wilsons Hospital, Carlow RFC and several friendlies against Kilkenny RFC. The girls then competed in the IRFU All Ireland 7's Competition where they were unfortunate to lose out at the Semi Final stage. The girls bounced back to win the Plate final between the losing semi-finalists to be confirmed as one of the top 3 teams in Ireland. Several of the girls are involved in the South East Talent Identification programme which will feed into the Leinster U18 squad and also into the Ireland U18 7's programme.

Other significant achievements by students during the term include:

- Yasmin Pratt and Sophie Thomas have been selected and have played for the Irish U18 Hockey team.
- Ellie McLoughlin has been selected on the Irish U16 Hockey team.
- Reuben Pim has been selected for the Leinster U18 Rugby Squad and Josh Miller has been selected for the Leinster U19 Rugby Squad.
- Katie Dunne, Form 2 won the 1st ever medal in Swimming for Kilkenny College at the Leinster Schools' Swimming competition. Katie also set a new Irish record at the Irish Open Swimming Championships at the National Aquatic Centre recently.
- Ruby Millet won 2 All Ireland Medals, Gold for the U17 High Jump and Bronze for the Long Jump at the National Indoor Championships.
- Ruby Millet also won Gold in the Hurdles and Long Jump and Rory McGabhann won Silver for the 200m at the Leinster Athletics Championships.
- Ross Daly won Silver in the U18 200m and 60m Sprints

- Gavin Parr, Reuben Pim and Tamilore Awonusi have been chosen by Leinster Rugby to attend U19 trials. Dan Thompson, Andrew Ross, John Rogers and Darragh O'Reilly have been chosen to attend U18 trials and Glen Culbert, Chris Reynolds, Charlie Tector, Adam Strong, Matthew Hodgins and Darragh O'Reilly have been chosen to attend U17 trials.
- Senior 1st Girls Hockey team won the South-East Senior A League and Cup. The Girls also won Silver Medals in the All-Ireland Schoolgirls' Kate Russell Championships in Banbridge.
- Senior 2nd Girls Hockey team won the South-East B League and Cup
- Senior 3rd Girls Hockey team were runners-up in the Senior B League and reached the semi-final of the South-East Cup.
- Senior 4th Girls Hockey team were runners-up in the South-East Inter A League and in the South-East Inter A Cup.
- Junior A Girls Hockey team were runners-up in the South-East A League and reached the quarter finals of the South-East Junior A Cup.
- Junior B1 Girls Hockey team reached the semi-final of the South-East Junior A Cup.
- Minor A Girls Hockey team won the South-East Minor A League and were runners-up in the Cup.
- Form 1A Girls Hockey team were runners-up in the South East First Year A League
- Form 1B Girls Hockey team were runners-up in the South-East First Year B League
- Form 1 C1 Girls Hockey team won Silver medals in the South-East First Year C Blitz
- Form 1 C2 Girls Hockey team won Bronze medals in the South-East first Year C Blitz
- Niall Boland, James Feely, Andrew Arnopp and Simon Young were selected to travel with the Leinster Hockey U17's squad for a trip to Holland
- Senior 1st Boys Rugby team were runners-up in the Vinny Murray Cup
- Senior 1st Boys Rugby team won the Schools Senior Plate final
- Senior 2nd Boys Rugby team reached topped their group in the League and qualified for the semi-finals.
- Ross Daly won Athlete of the Year from Wexford County Council
- Well done Diarmuid Coffey Form 6 on his Life Saving success with Wexford Lifesaving Club

Badminton

Great success was had at all ages on the Badminton Court this year under the guidance of Ms. Sharman and Ms. Bennett. The U19 Girls started by winning the Kilkenny Championships with the Boys coming in 2nd. As a result both teams travelled to Dublin to the Leinster Championships where they performed very well and were narrowly defeated.



**Stephen C, Stephen F, Edward, Daniel,
Emma, Shannon, Joni and Rebecca**

At U14 again the Girls showed great strength claiming the top 2 spots. Our 2 beginner's teams won their section in both boys and girls, so all looks good for the future. The Girls B team went on to Leinster in the Grad 3 where they had some great wins coming home with the trophy and the Girls A team were narrowly defeated.

The Kilkenny Blitz was fought out by 12 schools but again our U16 Girls were dominant winning well before going on to the Leinster Championships. The Boys A team also finished well and both teams set off to represent the County. The girls played really well and came out on top of some very tight matches and winning the right to represent Leinster at the All Ireland's. The boys lost out by the narrowest of margins to join the girls on their big day out.

The Girls travelled to the All-Ireland Championships in Meath on 8th March minus their No. 1 player Isabel due to a clash with the Girls' Hockey Final. All the teams had a grand parade before play started on the 16 courts. Kilkenny College beat the Ulster team and drew with Connaught and

Munster and finished in runner-up spot when all games were counted. Well done to all a great achievement on our first U16 team to reach the All Irelands'.



All Ireland Badminton Runners-Up Team of Lucy, Faye, Alison, Marianne and Karen

Athletics

Well done to all who participated in the South Leinster Schools Cross Country Championships. Special congratulations to Myles McGovern who finished 19th in the junior race, Charlie Mullins finished 25th and Charlie Miller who finished 28th in the minor race. Congratulations also to our Senior Girls team of Hannah Condell finishing 11th, Lucy Reid finished 18th, Holly Bolger finished 19th and Kara Fitzherbert 20th and secured a 2nd place finish and qualified for the Leinster Finals.

Well done to all who participated in the Leinster Athletics Championships and in particular, Ross Daly on winning a Silver Medal in the 200m and 60m Sprints along with Brandon Martin who won a Gold Medal in the U19 200m and both qualified for the All Irelands. Ruby Millet also won Gold in the Hurdles and Long Jump and Rory McGabhann won Silver for the 200m at the Leinster Athletics Championships.

Dragon's Den

The Dragon's Den competition took place on the 23rd March. Over twenty Transition Year students took part. The overall winner was Molly Parmeter with her Cookie Business impressing the judges. In joint second place was Ellie Fogarty selling delicious vegan desserts. Also in joint second place were Daniel Thompson, Keegan Bradley, Alanna Starnes and Alannah Kennedy all involved in running a successful business selling Kilkenny College half-zips. We are grateful to the Parent's Association for helping to organise and sponsoring this event.

Equestrian

Well done to all who participated in the All Ireland Inter-Schools Hunter Trials in March and a huge thank you to Mr. Cuddihy for all his hard work and dedication to the Equestrian Club at Kilkenny College.

Golf

Congratulations to our Golf Team of Harry Duggan, Richard Duggan, Jack Foley and Andrew O'Brien who reached the semi-final stage of the Inter-schools' Golf League.

Certified Irish Angus Beef Schools Competition

Well done to Alex and Helena Hatton who reached the semi-final of the Certified Irish Angus Beef Schools Competition. Alex and Helena had come through two previous rounds to reach the exhibition stage which took place in Croke Park on March 15th. As part of their entry Alex and Helena had to devise plans to promote the Angus Breed through hosting Angus-themed sales in their local marts, to having a presence at local Agricultural shows, and by devising a social media campaign. Alex and Helena were also well assisted in their entry by Robyn Hutchinson, Luke Douglas, Lee Valentine and Andrew Jones.



Farm Fun Photo Competition



Well done to Ally Williams of Form 2 for her photo entry entitled 'I love EWE too!!!' in the recent 'Farm Fun' photo competition. Ally's photo was judged to be the overall winner with Leigh Cummins and Edward Neale finishing second and third place respectively.

Global Trader Challenge Quiz

Some 5th year Business and Economics students attended a 'Global Trader Challenge Quiz' in the Newpark Hotel on Thursday 6th April. This was organised and sponsored by Bank of Ireland. A team made up of Maurice Fitzgerald, Jude Moran Nunn, David Young, Conor Fahy Davies and Jason Rothwell came in second place overall.



Transition Year Barcelona Trip

Our Transition Year students had a very successful 2 weeks work experience in February and now focus on their academic studies on the final term. The year will conclude with the TY Expo. For more information on Transition Year please see the TY link on our website



Transition Year Trip to Belfast

Debating

Congratulations and well done to Zeta Ashmore who competed in the Junior Matheson Leinster Debating Finals

Summer Activities

The focus of our summer extra-curricular programme is participation and enjoyment. Participation each afternoon is compulsory for all 1st year boarder and day boarder pupils enrolled in the after school programme and expected of other non-state examination pupils on at least three afternoons per week. The Summer Programme will be posted on our website. Tennis racquets should be brought back for the new term.

Tennis: Boys and Girls

Tennis has already got underway with the junior girls having a 2 – 1 victory over Woodlands, Bray in their first match of the last week of term.

Tennis will take place on the 12 courts on the Multi pitch Astro during the Summer Term giving all years a chance to play. Boys teams have been entered at Senior, Junior A and B and Minor level in the Leinster league as are two girls teams entered for the 1st time at Junior and Minor levels. Matches for all teams are organised for the first week back after Easter.

Final trials take place on the first Monday back, the 24th to which players must come out to Ms. Sharman and Ms. Dunphy who are over the boys and girls teams.



Parents/ Guardians and students are asked to note the following as we prepare for the Summer Term:

Attendance and Punctuality

Full attendance is a major factor in success at school.

1. All pupils are expected to be present for every school day and to be on time and present for all classes and prep.
2. Attendance at Form Tutor meetings on Mondays at 8:45 a.m. is compulsory.
3. Please continue to notify us of each absence by telephone, e-mail or written message. We have to account to the National Education Welfare Board for any extended absence or where the cumulative total over a year approaches 20 school days. We therefore require **the reason for absence to be specified**. A note in the pupil journal for to show class teacher, tutor and year co-ordinator is also much appreciated. Nurse will perform those duties where a boarder is at sick-bay during the week.
4. Any pupil arriving late **MUST** report to the College office for a late note and to register as present.

Leave Out

Day pupils and boarders must have permission from the Deputy Principal or House Parent to leave the College for any reason during the school day. When collecting your child for an appointment/leave please sign him/her out at the College Office, with nurse or boarding office as appropriate.

Medical

Prescription or other strong medication (with the exception of inhalers) must be given to nurse for dispensing. That is a safety regulation so that medication is actually taken as prescribed and cannot be misused by anyone else. Supplements such as **Creatine** are banned by the College and will be confiscated. The consumption or supply of illegal drugs is deemed extremely serious and can lead to expulsion under the Code of Conduct.

Adequate Notice

May I remind parents that you are obliged to give a full term's notice in writing if a student is leaving the school. This will be acknowledged by return to confirm the withdrawal.

Internet Use and Cyber Bullying

Please be as vigilant as possible regarding your son(s)/daughter(s) use of the Internet and Social Media sites. While the vast majority of ICT usage is positive, communications technology is open to abuse. The courses provided in the College in February gave useful advice and contacts for anyone worried about this. A group of Form 4 pupil facilitators have been trained to work with Form 1 and

others in the 'B Smart - Internet Safety Programme'. The pupil journal also has a useful section. If you have concerns in this regard please do not hesitate to contact us.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The second-hand uniform sale will be held at Kilkenny College on **Wednesday 21st June 2017 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**. Parents are asked to make sure that all clothing or bags of clothing are clearly marked with the seller's name, address and a contact number. (We are unable to issue payment without contact details). Clothes for sale must be clean, not torn or damaged in any way and must be school uniform. We will be accepting the blue blazers, shirts, ties etc. Please leave clothes into the school main office. The second-hand uniform committee reserves the right to dispose of any unsuitable item or items that are judged not fit for sale. Our uniform and sportswear providers will also set up college shops for new items on that afternoon.

Any family which experiencing financial difficulties and would like help with their child/children's school uniform please contact the Parents' Association. All enquiries will be dealt with confidentially. You may also contact the Bursar or Principal in strictest confidence.

Second Hand Book Sale

The second hand book sale will be operated to coincide with the uniform sale on **Wednesday 21st June from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**. Books submitted must be on the 2017-18 booklist. Only books of the stated editions will be accepted for sale. They must be in good condition. Books not on this list will be disposed of. Parents are asked to make sure that books are in a bag/box with contact name and number. Please leave books into the main office or Room 4 between Friday 26th May and Monday 19th June. Books will not be accepted after this date. An up-to-date list of all books available for sale will be posted on our website on Tuesday 20th June at 1:00 pm. This is a most useful, cost reducing and environmentally friendly facility.

Leaving Certificate Practical Timetable 2017

May

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| 3 rd | Art/Image Comp/Still Life | 9:30 am – 12:30 pm |
| 3 rd | Art/ Life Sketching | 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm |
| 4 th and 5 th | Engineering | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm – 5 pm |
| 11 th | Construction Studies | 9:30 am – 1:30 pm |
| 12 th | Art/Craftwork/Design | 9:30 am – 11:00 am and 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm |

Junior Certificate Practical Timetable 2017

May

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| 9th and 10th | Metalwork | 9:30 am – 12:30 pm |
| 11 th | Art/Craft/Design/Drawing | 9:30 am – 12:30 pm |

Dates for your diary

Thursday 27th April – Tractor Run in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital

Monday 22nd May – Form 1 (2017/18) Information Afternoon – Registration @ 1:45 p.m.

Tuesday 23rd May – Musical Evening @ 7:30 pm

Wednesday 24th May – Sports Assembly / Certificates presentation

Thursday 25th May – T.Y. Expo

Friday 26th May – Form 6 Farewell Ceremony – 12:30 p.m. (Provisional)

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – Kilkenny College In-house Examinations

Wednesday 7th June – State Examinations commence

Wednesday 21st June – Second-hand Uniform and Book sale

You can continue to get daily updates on life at Kilkenny College via our website, www.kilkennycollege.ie and following us on twitter at www.twitter.com/kilkennycollege. There are over 800 photos of College life on Instagram and almost 4,500 tweets. Both are great ways of staying in touch with life in Kilkenny College.

I wish you a restful and peaceful Easter Holiday and look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events.

Simon Thompson
Principal
Kilkenny College


