

Annual Report 2007/2008

The school was founded in September, 1951 by Muintir na Tire in association with CCVEC and a designated Community College was established in January, 1991. Over the years there have been numerous small extensions and renovations but two major extensions have been constructed, the first in May, 1990 and the second and more substantial, almost doubling the floor area of the building, in September, 2001. In order to foster academic excellence, the Trustees of the Glebe property, effectively the original owners of the building continue to fund an annual bursary. The school has links with Foroige and with a number of local GAA Clubs. We have extensive interaction with about fourteen local primary schools both in relation to enrolling new pupils and in connection with special needs programmes. Both the Transition Year French Exchange and the rolling Transition Year Work Experience programmes involve significant and ongoing interaction with the local community. This is also true of the school's LCVP programme. Other social events such as the Annual Awards Night, the L.C. Mass and Graduation Dance provide further opportunities for interaction between the school and community. The school's web site is used to provide information about the school's achievements and programmes.

Board of Management:

1. Msgr. Denis O'Callaghan (Cloyne, Chairperson)
2. Mr Alan Dennehy (Cloyne)
3. Mrs Elizabeth Thompson (Cloyne)
4. Rev Bantry White (Cork, Cloyne and Ross)
5. Mr Pat Hogan (Parent Representative)
6. Mrs Laura Dineen (Parent Representative)
7. Mr Edward Williamson (Teacher Representative)
8. Mrs Aine Maire Ni Fhaolain (Teacher Representative)
9. Cllr Paula Desmond (VEC)
10. Cllr Andreas O' Muimhneachain (VEC)
11. Ms Norma Murray (VEC)

Parent Council:

There are 16 members on the school's Parent Council. Ms. Sheila Moynihan, special duties teacher, acts as secretary and chairs meetings, which take place once each term. The Council serves as a communications channel between parents and the school and plays a central role in the development of school policies. ePortal, an online communications tool, is also used extensively by parents to access information on attendance and timetables. Assessment data is also available online.

Student Council:

Each class group within the school elects a class representative, resulting in a Student Council with about 24 members. They in turn appoint an Executive Council with 8 members. The Students Council meets once a term, but the Executive Council is convened much more frequently. All Students Council meetings are assisted and facilitated by Mr. Tim Hanley, special duties teacher. The role of the Students Council is to provide a forum for consultation and interaction between staff and students and to accommodate the exchange of ideas.

Courses and Programmes:

- Junior Certificate Programme,
- Optional Transition Year Programme,
- Leaving Certificate Programme,
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

Extra- Curricular Programme

The school is involved in inter-school competitions in Hurling and Football for boys and in Camogie and Basketball for girls. Occasional involvement in Athletics and Equestrian Events is facilitated. Additionally, we participate in school quizzes and debates and we organise educational trips to continental Europe. The school has a choir and a traditional music group.

An annual three day trip to the Gaeltacht and a two day trip to an Outdoor Pursuits Centre are features of the Transition Year Programme. Lunchtime activities are organised for pupils.

SDP:

The policies below have been adopted by the Board of Management:-

1. Policy statement on behaviour while travelling on Special School Buses
2. Health and Safety Statement
3. Smoke-Free Workplace Policy
4. Admissions Policy
5. Special Needs Policy
6. Internet Policy
7. Policy on Countering Bullying
8. Trauma Response Plan
9. Suspensions and Expulsions Policy
10. School policy on substance abuse
11. Discipline policy
12. CCTV Policy
13. Homework Policy
14. Changing Policy
15. Child Protection Guidelines (DES)
16. Mission Statement
17. Student Council Policy

Work is currently under way in relation to the following policies:-

1. Extra Curricular Activities
2. Staff Involvement in Decision Making
3. Attendance
4. Guidance
5. School Image
6. Induction for First Year Pupils
7. Administration of Medication to Pupils
8. RSE Policy
9. Data Protection Policy
10. Critical Incidents (review of Trauma Response Plan)
11. Induction/Mentoring of new teachers
12. Code of Behaviour (review)

Overview of 2007/2008

The LC class of 2007 performed exceptionally well with 15 students getting 500 points or more.

In the 2007 Leaving Certificate Exam, Antoinette O'Connor was one of just eleven students who achieved eight A1 grades. Although this was a brilliant achievement in itself, there was much more to come. In November, the Institute of Physics informed the school that Antoinette was placed first in Ireland in the LC Physics Exam (Higher) 2007. We were also informed by the Applied Maths Teachers' Association that Antoinette was placed first in Ireland in the LC Applied Maths Exam (Higher) 2007. The Department of Education and Science presented a medal to Antoinette for the best essay in the LC Irish Exam (Higher), 2007. It came as no surprise to learn that Antoinette was awarded an Entrance Scholarship to UCC, where she went on to study Medicine. To mark her achievement, the "Trustees of the Glebe Property", the original owners of the school in Coachford, presented Antoinette with the €2,286 Trustees' Award at the school's awards ceremony on 19th October, 2007. At CCVEC Leaving Certificate Recognition Awards Scheme, 2007, Antoinette was presented with the Committee's Medal.

Mary O'Connell is one of just 160 students in the country who scored 600 points in the LC Exam, 2007 and as a result of this outstanding achievement was awarded an Entrance Scholarship to University College Cork for the 2007/2008 academic session. At UCC, Mary is a student of Civil Engineering. Mary was awarded the Committee's Medal at the CCVEC LC Recognition Awards Scheme, 2007.

With a score of 590 points, Anne O'Sullivan was awarded the Chairman's Medal at the CCVEC LC Recognition Awards Scheme, 2007.

Shane Forde scored 580 points and as a result was awarded an Entrance Exhibition Award by Trinity College, Dublin and was presented with the Riobaird O'Buachalla Medal.

In addition, Elaine O'Keefe, Michael Beirne and Sandra Foley were awarded medals at the CCVEC LC Recognition Awards Scheme 2007, while Sheila O'Regan and Yvonne Twomey were presented with Commendation Certificates.

At the Engineering and Technology Teachers' Association Awards Presentation, 2007, in Mullingar Park Hotel on Saturday, 24th November, the following awards were made to pupils of the school:

Name	Award	Reason
Nicky O'Donovan	Certificate of Distinction	In Higher Level JC Metalwork 2007 Exam, mark was one of top ten in country
Michael Kelleher	Certificate of Distinction	In Ordinary Level JC Metalwork 2007 Exam, mark was one of top ten in country
Kevin Bagousse	Certificate of Distinction	First Place in Young Engineer Competition (Projects in LC Engineering Exam 2007) in the Cork Region

Development for the Future

The school looks forward to addressing outstanding health and safety issues and to carry out repairs to the school roof and windows. In addition, it is hoped to progress work on the development of a football pitch and to develop the walled garden. It is intended also to address inadequacies in office accommodation and teaching space accommodation, while continuing to advance the school as a centre for excellence for teaching and learning.

_____Chairperson, BOM

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