



# Awards Night 2022 Transition Year

Category	Student Names
<b>Overall Participation in TY x 2</b>	Conor O'Donovan Lauren O'Sullivan
<b>Best TY Enterprise Students x2</b>	Nora Kate O'Leary Aisling O'Leary
<b>Best Junior Chefs x 2</b>	Jade Dineen O'Sullivan Nader Alloush
<b>Best Leadership Students x 2</b>	Ben Horgan Matt Murphy
<b>Best Work Experience Student x 2</b>	Isobel Roberts Maya O'Mahony
<b>Overall Gaelle Student</b>	Ólan Cronin Sadhbh McCarthy
<b>Most innovative Fundraisers x 2</b>	Dylan Sheehan Lucy O'Callaghan
<b>Best International Student</b>	Anna Kohlbauer
<b>Overall TY Student 2022</b>	Nora Kate O'Leary Aisling O'Leary



Class of 2021/22 TY Awards May 26<sup>th</sup>



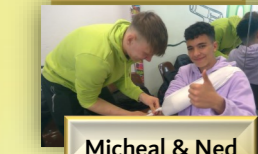
L-R: Aisling & Nora Kate



First Aid Training



Ben & Estera



Micheal & Ned



L-R: Dylan & Matt, Anna & Sadhbh



Lauren & Jade

# Farewell

A fond farewell to Ms. Helena O'Halloran - a wonderful Business & Further Education Teacher. To Linda O'Riordan one of our valued secretary for 17 years. Wishing both Helena and Linda much joy and happiness as you both begin new and exciting chapters in your lives.

To Mr. Joe Butler who is moving with his family to pastures new, a fond farewell and wishing you the best in this next phase of your career and life. Congratulations, and best of luck.

To both Ms. Bernie Angland and Mr. Padraig O'Driscoll who are both moving full time to Further Education in the eBusiness Park under the College of Commerce, Macroom Campus. To Mr. O'Driscoll for all his energy and fantastic work with the TY's & for his many mini-company successes. You will be missed.

From myself Ms. Angland after working almost 17 years in McEgan College it has been such a privilege to work with such fantastic colleagues and students. I loved my years as Transition Year Co-Ordinator, Green schools, for all the many successful fundraisers we undertook, the fantastic trips etc. and this my last newsletter! We will only be at the other end of town but we will miss you all. Thanks for my many great years, a sincere & fond Farewell from  
**Ms. Angland**

L-R: Lauren O'Sullivan, Dylan Sheehan, Sadhbh McCarthy & Kate Kelleher who attended UCC recently as part of their Easter schools programme



L-R: Estera, Lauren, Jade, Aisling, Nora Kate & Isabel



Archery in Kinsale

# McEgan College Newsletter Summer 2022

## Leaving Cert Ceremony 2022 Graduation

The Leaving Certificate Graduation took place recently on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May in the school's assembly area. Thirty-four students graduated in total. The ceremony was a mix of presentations and speeches - all celebrating the unique group that was the class of 2022. We wish them well in their upcoming exams and congratulate them on completing their McEgan College school journey. Go N-eirí an bóthar libh go léir.



Ms. Murphy, Leaving Cert tutor & Oisín McSweeney accepting the inaugural trophy for "Teachers Vs Students Rounders League".

## Margaret Corkery's retirement evening



Margaret with past & present management



# Principal's Address

As our summer holidays approach, thankfully all schools remained open throughout the pandemic and teaching and learning resumed to in house teaching with a mix of some blended learning. It was marvellous to have our students back in the classrooms, even, at times when it was freezing!!!! So the summer break will be very welcome for all.

To all Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students the very best of luck with your upcoming state exams. You are a kind, generous and exceptional talented group of young adults who we will miss very much. So much challenges came your way throughout the past three years, but you are a credit to yourself, your families and to your school. Success always follows hard work; your results will prove that later in the year.

Thank you to our amazing, hardworking, caring and supportive staff, a sincere thank you. Each and every one of you have made such a positive impact to our school community. However, we also must say goodbye to some of our staff. Helene O'Halloran and Linda O'Riordan are retiring. Joe Butler is taking a career break. We wish them well. Our PLC teachers, Bernie, Padraig, Catherine and Maighréad are moving to Macroom Epark and will become part of Cork College of FET - Morrison Island. PLC provision will continue to be taught in Macroom.

To our current first years, I hope you enjoyed your first year with us and have fond memories of year one and to our new students in September, I wish you all a warm welcome.

Mile buíochas do na mic léinn, na tuismitheoirí agus don fhoireann ar fad.

Stay safe,  
*Patricia Lyman*

McEgan College of Further Education's Open Day was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Macroom eCentre, with a great turn out on the day. From September on we will be operating under the new name of: **Cork College of FET** (Cork's Further Education Centre), **Macroom Centre** a Pathway for every learner. With this revised new name we are modifying our main QQI Level 5 PLC courses slightly with some new versatile modules being introduced to each course.

For example Business is being rebranded as ♦ **Office Administration** with new modules such as: Reception and Frontline Office Skills, Database Methods and Digital Presentations being introduced. Some new modules are also being added to the ♦ **Healthcare Assistant** (Health Services Skills), to ♦ **Nursing Studies** with a novel approach being taken on each of our staple courses. We are introducing a ♦ **Special Needs Care course with emphasis on Intellectual Disability Practice**, this new course will give one qualifications as an **SNA** or one can pursue further studies in Social Science, Applied Social Care or Social Studies

Students on all programmes have completed their courses with work experience placements in a variety of settings relevant to their programmes, Offices and GP Reception areas, Crèches and Preschools, Community Hospitals and Nursing Homes. They all have got on very well and many will be offered employment in the areas that they have worked in. Each year we are inundated with requests from local businesses and services looking for our graduates for immediate employment.

As always the success of our Further Education department is very much due to our PLC Co-Ordinator: Catherine Kelleher's trogon work ethic and dedication to Macroom's adult education over the years, along with our PLC team at McEgan College. We are all thinking of Catherine at this time and we look forward to having her back with us in the near future. We are now enrolling for all of our courses for September 2022, all applicants are welcome - please apply at <https://corkcollegeofcommerce.ie/macroom/> or email: **Bernie** - [BAngland@ccoc.ie](mailto:BAngland@ccoc.ie) or **Padraig** - [Podriscoll@ccoc.ie](mailto:Podriscoll@ccoc.ie) to speak with one of us and take that first step to commence or turn a new direction in your career.



**Special Category Award** with Local Enterprise for their 'Hug 'n a Mug'



L-R: Nora Kate, Jack, John, Ms. Blavin, Patrick, Seanie, & Anna

Room 22, Miss Blavin, SNAs and TY work experience students Anna and Nora-Kate have been learning how to line dance and on Friday they dressed up in hats and genuine cowboy boots supplied by Marie (all the way from Nashville) and performed for anyone passing! Well done to everyone for getting stuck in and having the craic! **Ms. Blavin**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May Room 22 went on their Summer trip. It was an action-packed day starting with a Full Irish Breakfast in The Castle Hotel. Students enjoyed the experience of having their breakfast served and no wash up! Then the group travelled on the CART bus to Farran Woods. The playground was a hit with all students especially the obstacle course which proved a challenge to all including the class teacher and SNA. Then it was time to explore the woods and spot the deer, followed by a picnic. After lunch we went to Coachford Equestrian Centre to go horse riding. The favourite pony was Brownie who was a retired Jarvey horse from Killarney. Students had great fun riding and showed natural skill. In keeping with tradition there was an ice cream stop on the way home. Everyone was tired but happy.

Wishing Jack, who has graduated from Room 22 a happy and bright future from all in McEgan. **Ms. Bourke**



Ms. Blavin, Marie & the boys



Ms. Morris with the boys



Ms. Bourke, Seanie & Patrick

## Transition Year schedule

Month	Activities
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Trip to Star Outdoors Kenmare</li> <li>* Big Brother Big Sister initiative all year</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Trip to Killarney National Park</li> <li>* Macroom Tidy Towns planting at Castle gates</li> <li>* Mental Health Workshop over 6 weeks</li> <li>* Macroom Tidy Towns Green schools talk</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Trip to Gate Cinema</li> <li>* Health and Wellness workshop</li> <li>* Art workshops each week</li> <li>* Teen Talk Webinar</li> <li>* CUH Breast Cancer charity - €3,350 raised</li> <li>* Christmas Market – turning on lights</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Christmas Market</li> <li>* Fundraising for Fr. John Keane's Homeless Charity - €1150 raised</li> <li>* Christmas Jumper Day</li> <li>* Ice Skating—Fota Island</li> </ul>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tik Tok preparation</li> <li>* iWish workshop</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* JCT Celebration</li> <li>* Mini-Company Tuesday Market</li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Mini Company Preparation</li> <li>* Tik Tok Awards ceremony</li> <li>* Gougane Barra Water Walk</li> <li>* UCC guided visit and Gaol Prison Trip</li> <li>* Awards LEO (Local Enterprise Board)</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Foróige Workshop</li> <li>* Paintballing in Tralee</li> <li>* Soccer Trip to Kinsale Activity Centre</li> <li>* All Ireland Foróige Final</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* First Aid training</li> <li>* STEM (Science, Technology &amp; Maths) talk</li> <li>* Wind Farm Green Schools talk</li> <li>* TY Awards Ceremony</li> <li>* Overnight Trip to Schull Sailing Centre</li> </ul>



UCC



Cork Gaol Prison



Gougane Barra



Sensory Play



Local Enterprise Office AWARDS



McEgan College Macroom



SKATE



Paintballing

Again this year we were very fortunate and proud to have such a fantastic Transition Year group. Ms. Angland **TY Co-Ordinator** and Mr. O'Driscoll **TY Tutor** were both privileged to work with such talented, dedicated and motivated students. As always it was a bumper packed year with activities, initiatives and competitions. Here are a just a few of their successes to mention from during the year:

- **Local Enterprise Office – Best Branding Award** – Macroom Brown Bread Mix
- **LEO – Best Innovation Award** – “Sensational” – Sensory Board • **LEO – Best Social Media Award** – Lee Valley Cordial
- **The Lee Valley Cordial Company go the All Ireland Semi-Final of the Business Innovation Competition sponsored by Foróige, while the Sensational Company were just pipped at the post in the All Ireland Final of the Social Enterprise Section.**
- **Bord Bia All Ireland Winners (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize)** for the “Food for thought sustainability Cook-Off Competition 2022” Anna, Sadhbh & Kate won the All Ireland **TIK-TOK** Competition for the Best Social Media Production which took place in Youghal in March
- **Annual Charity Events** - €3350 collected for **CUH Cups for Cancer** & €1150 collected for Fr John Keane's local charity for the Homeless in Cork • Big Brother/Big Sister – Mentoring Programme with Ms Manning. **Ms. Angland & Mr. O'Driscoll**

# STEM

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics



Tyrone Wilmot with his Maths Poster Certificate

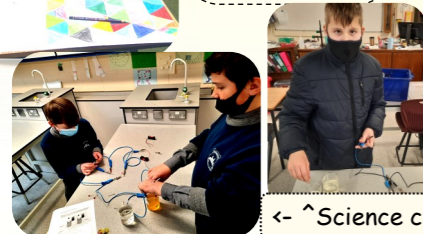
Exams are fast approaching, and the students are in full study mode. To help with the preparation, the Maths department have set up a Maths Clinic during lunch time. Any student having trouble can attend and can get help. This has been an invaluable resource for the students and has been an enormous success for the Maths Department.

Overall, it has been a busy, action-packed year. We have included numerous other Rich Learning activities to support the teaching and learning in our classrooms; Riddle mania, Who Wants to be a Millionaire, Countdown, Bingo, Drop everything and sudoku (DEAS), multiplication pyramids and Orienteering.

We are already looking forward to September, planning for more exciting activities and opportunities for creative teaching and learning strategies. **Maths department, McEgan College**



Lucy O'Callaghan & Ciara O'Connell constructing a tessellation for display on Maths Week.



<- Science club activities



Maths <-race winners



1st Yr Rich Learning Task ; Topic-Measure



Ms. Blavin & Breda planting trees as part of CSPE with 3rd yrs

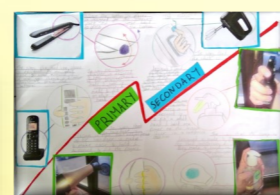


Ms. Murphy & 5th yr. engineers

Tom Murphy an engineer and project manager from Green Rebel visited the students of McEgan College. Tom spoke about pathways to engineering as a career and his role in Green Rebel, which is involved in the offshore wind industry.



3rd yr Graphics class presenting their CBA2 on hand held house hold objects



3rd year deserts



1st yrs. L-R: Evan, Killian, Ryan, Kirstian & Adam



Noe Kolar & Julia Litwin 2nd Yr



Ava Murray making pancakes



Filip flipping pancakes

# Junior CYCLE



Ned with his Mom

# UPDATE



Current TY's receiving their JCPA awards



# SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE



Gaeilge Teachers with quiz winners

(Pictures included of the Seanfhocal Poster competition winners and Irish teachers Ms. Morris and Ms. Ní Laoire)

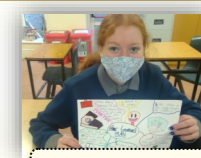
Seachtain na Gaeilge was a huge success in March - the Irish Dept organised a plethora of activities for our students to help promote the Irish language in the school. Such activities included:

- a seanfhocail poster competition
- seisiún ceoil ag am lón
- cé mhéad focal competition
- scannáin Gaeilge sna ranganna
- cluichí biongó
- Tráth na gCeist

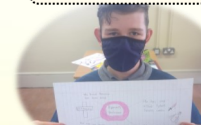
We also really enjoyed including our visiting International students in all of our events - they even learned a 'cúpla focal' to take back to their home countries with them. Maith sibh!



Ms. Morris's English class have created fantastic mind maps as a way of revising Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' (pictures included of Cian O' Sullivan and Kate Buckley with their mind maps) The students did a great job at using images and visuals to represent key moments from the play. Each student created four mind maps and pieced together they create the storyline of the two 'star crossed lovers'. Well done everyone.



Kate Buckley



Cian O'Sullivan



Katie, Oliwia, Aoide, Kallie & Kirsten Bake Sale



Evan, Shaun & Cormac



Ava & Rianna



Some staff marking Ms. Warren's recent Wedding in the staffroom



Ms. Blavin organised a Rasicm workshop with the 1st years



Ms. Creedon's class sell flowers for Ukraine

Thankfully some normality returned academic year having had no the past two years. We had speak-colleges which included Institutes of Post leaving Cert Colleges.



in the Guidance Department this speakers in or visits out to colleges for ers from and visits to third level Technologies, Universities and

**UCC Plus Tutoring Hours:** Because of our links with UCC, 6<sup>th</sup> year students had additional tutoring hours in Higher level Business, Irish, DCG, Music and Construction Studies throughout the year. This additional tutoring was invaluable especially in preparation for the Irish oral exams. 6<sup>th</sup> Year students also attended revision days in UCC for Biology and had virtual revision classes from MTU for Maths. **UCC/CIT Science camps:** Again, due to our UCC and MTU links, six of our 1<sup>st</sup> year students will attend a two-day Science camp in MTU Cork for two days in June. Day one of this camp will take place at MTU Cork and day two in UCC. Being exposed to these third level campuses so early in second level will hopefully motivate and inspire them to go on and pursue third level courses in such colleges. **UCC Easter School:** Six of our TY students attended UCC for two days in April. This provided our TY students with an introduction to university life in the hope of inspiring them to consider UCC as a third level destination. This opportunity allows students to become familiar with the range of degree programmes on offer, the campus and the broad range of services and supports available.

**C.A.O Updates:** The 1<sup>st</sup> of February was the deadline for applying through the C.A.O for college courses in Institutes of Technologies and various Universities. Students applying through the C.A.O can however get a chance to make changes to their application if they so wish up until July 1<sup>st</sup> online free of charge. No date has yet been confirmed for offer of colleges places, but we have been informed it will be later than other years. This will also delay the beginning of the college year next Autumn which may pose difficulties for those seeking accommodation.

**Applications for PLC Colleges:** Macroom FET Centre (*McEgan College*), St. Johns College, Colaiste Stiofain Naofa and The College of Commerce are still accepting applications for courses. Congratulations to our 6<sup>th</sup> Year students who have already received offers of courses in some of these colleges.

**Exam Classes:** Best of luck to all in the the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams.

**SUSI Grant Application:** Reminder that this application can only be done online. The deadline is July 7<sup>th</sup> for new applications and early application is advised. Students should refer to [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie) for more information.

## Recipients

Ms. Manning, Career Guidance

Gaeilge Award	Laura Casey
Gaeilge Award	Ciara McSweeney
Maths Award	Oliwia Raba
Maths Award	Jazzon Tiernan
English Award	Keelin Cremin
English Award	Callie Plunkett
European Languages Award	Aoife Kelleher
European Languages Award	Noe Kollar



Ms. Manning with 2nd years receiving their UCC+ Awards



Girls Basketball players



Boys soccer blitz winners



Girls football team with Erica O'Shea

Girls soccer winners

The McEgan College Girls Soccer Club had wonderful weather for their recent trip to Kinsale Outdoor Adventure Centre. The girls had a great day and really enjoyed all the activities that the centre had to offer. **Kevin Clarke, HSL**

The academic year of 2021/22 began with Covid restrictions. Team sports were restricted. Thankfully the turn of the year brought about the lifting of restrictions and with that, the resumption of team sports. 2022 marked the return of a school football boys team in McEgan. The boys under 16 panel competed in the Munster college competition. Unfortunately the boys were knocked out early in the competition but there were shoots of progress which will be built on in the coming years.

The Junior cycle girls competed in the Cork schools basketball competition. Considering for many of the girls, this was the first time they played competitive basketball matches, the girls did very well. McEgan college hosted a girls football blitz on a beautiful Friday in May. The girls competed very well and were helped with the presence of Cork Ladies All star football Erica O Shea to give them advice

Throughout the year there were other events taking place, a 5km run through the park. Lunch time soccer, teachers vs 6<sup>th</sup> years rounders and the return of the table tennis tables really did signal the return of normality.

To mark the end of the school year a sports day is organised.

Mr. Devane

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## Junior Cycle History At McEgan

History is now a compulsory subject for all Junior Cycle students and all first and second year students at McEgan College study history. It is important for our young people to gain an understanding of our past, the good and the bad, and to learn from our past mistakes.

### First Year History Poster Competition

All first year students participated recently in a poster competition. The students were given the task of designing their poster based on any historical theme of their choice. The winning posters featured: The 1916 Rising, Macroom Castle, The French Revolution, The War in Syria and a poster depicting many significant events throughout history. The winning students were awarded Easter eggs for their great efforts.

### Second Year History

Second year history students have just finished their CBA (classroom based assessment) "The Past in My Place". This project gave students the opportunity to experience history at a personal level through the study of an issue, event or theme relating to their locality or country of origin. The students really enjoyed the process of researching an historical event of interest to them and learning about the role of a historian and the importance of primary sources in their research.

The students produced fantastic displays from a wide variety of historical themes. The two most popular local projects chosen were the Kilmichael Ambush and The Famine In Macroom. The Lee Valley Outlook past editions proved a great resource in aiding the students with their research. A special mention must also be given to the book written by Maire Mac Suibhne in 1997 "Famine In Muskerry; an drochsaoil: an outline of conditions in the sixteen parishes of Macroom Poor Law Union during the Great Famine, 1845-1851", which is an invaluable source of local history during this time. Some of the other wonderful projects were based on The Dripsey Ambush, Spike Island, Bloody Sunday 1920, The Hungarian Revolution of 1956, The Foundation of the Hungarian State, The Battle of Grunwald during the fifteenth century in Poland and the history of Bratislava Castle in Slovakia.

The feedback from the students having completed the projects was very positive and they were quite surprised by how much they enjoyed researching and displaying their work. Well done to all the students for producing really interesting history projects. **Ms. Condon**



Amy Cronin (2nd yr CBA) Famine in Macroom



Yasmin Blechova & Julia Litwin (2nd yr.)



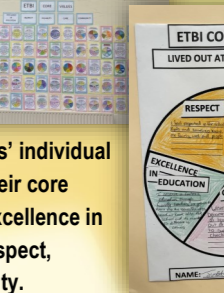
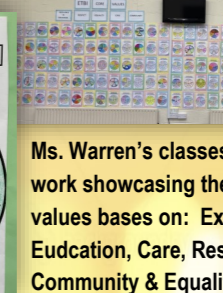
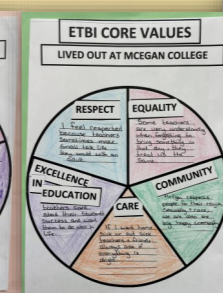
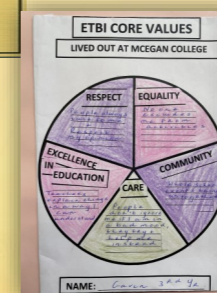
Back L-R: Sean, Aisling, Yasmin, Julia  
Front L-R: Noreen, Brian, Amy & Maciej



L-R: Amy Harrington, Killian Baton, Evan McSweeney & Siba Burhan (First years)



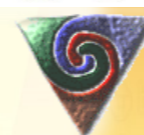
With Ms. Warren



Ms. Warren's classes' individual work showcasing their core values bases on: Excellence in Education, Care, Respect, Community & Equality.

Ms. Warren

## LCVP



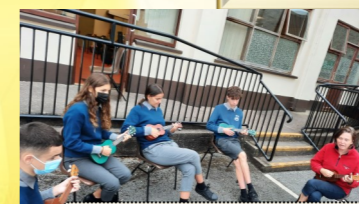
Ms. Dineen along with her 5<sup>th</sup> year LCVP class raised €500 for Macroom hospital by selling Red Roses for Valentines day, it was a great success & great fun was had by all. **Ms. Dineen**



Ms. Dineen with some 5<sup>th</sup> yrs. & Ms. Bernie Buckley of Macroom Hospital



Students celebrate LGBT wk with Ms. Lynam & Ms. Creedon



Music with Ms. O'Regan & TY's



LCA students with a Wellbeing workshop



Graham & Noé playing Chess



Students at Crawford Art Gallery with Ms. Brew



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