

Athlone Community College

Coláiste Pobail Átha Luain



*Where Excellence and Success Flourish
and Every Student Counts...*

PROSPECTUS



We would like to offer you a very warm welcome to Athlone Community College and we are sure that you will enjoy your visit.

This is a very exciting time to be a young person at Athlone Community College, with our wonderful new building which provides specialist accommodation for Science, Art, Music, Drama, Dance, ICT and PE, a spacious central atrium, large classrooms, wide corridors and a fully furnished library.

At Athlone Community College, every pupil has access to a fully inclusive and challenging curriculum, which is taught by highly qualified and outstanding teachers. We expect all pupils to strive for excellence in their academic studies and that they will always challenge themselves to extend their knowledge and understanding. High aspirations for all pupils will allow them to flourish as life-long learners.

There is an extensive range of extra-curricular opportunities for all pupils to experience. Our programme provides an outstanding opportunity for each young person to enrich and extend their learning, whilst developing key social skills that will allow them to access higher education and a suitably challenging career.

We are incredibly proud of our school and as a learning community we work with all stakeholders to allow our pupils to pursue excellence and seize opportunities.

We understand how important the choice of Secondary School is for parents and children. Athlone Community College team are absolutely committed to making your child welcome and happy here and to ensuring they achieve the very best of which they are capable.

We look forward to working in partnership with you in our Athlone Community College community.

Chris Forde
Deputy Principal

Eileen Donohoe
Principal

Pauline Fadden
Deputy Principal



First Year students 2016-2017



Hi, I am Alan Sweeney..



I love the Community College because I think it is definitely the friendliest of all the schools I visited. The facilities are brilliant. When I was in sixth class, the first time I came into Athlone Community College, I knew it was the school for me. The teachers are very approachable and they are brilliant at explaining things. Everybody is valued, nobody gets left behind. There is a great mix of sports in our school from Archery to Gaelic football. All the instructors and coaches are brilliant. You may think it is a massive school but after a short while you know where every class is. The subject options are so broad, I had trouble deciding what to pick! There are a range of practical subjects from woodwork to technology and a variety of languages, we have Spanish now too! We have fantastic facilities for P.E, we can go to the fitness suite or the sports hall when it is raining or the courts and pitches when it is sunny outside. Overall, I could not be happier in this school. I am delighted I chose Athlone Community College and I know if you make the same decision you will be too!

Day to day activities and clubs available include;

- BREAKFAST CLUB DRAMA CLUB
- GAMES ROOM CHESS CLUB CHOIR
- FASHION SHOWS CINEMA CLUB
- KIERAN HUNT CUP
- League for our male football lovers*
- COMÓRTAS PEIL NA MBAN
- for the ladies who just love Gaelic*
- TABLE TENNIS CLUB LIBRARY
- 3 D COMPUTER GRAPHICS
- PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING
- CLUB GAELIGE ORCHESTRA
- BOOK CLUB MUSIC LESSONS
- HOMEWORK CLUB EVENING STUDY



Hi, my name is Hollie Walsh.



I have just started my first year here in Athlone Community College. On my first day here, I was so nervous but as soon as I walked through the door, all my worries were quickly forgotten. I was greeted by the Transition Year students who were ready and waiting to point me in the right direction. There is also a mentor/buddy system which really helped us settle in. I went to the sports hall where I was put in my class. Everyone was so welcoming and I instantly felt at home. I have made a lot of new friends here and getting to know everyone has been such a great experience. I am so happy I chose this school as it has so many extra curricular activities and subjects to offer me. Every Friday at lunch time myself and my friends go to hockey training and on Thursdays we have orchestra. I know I am so lucky to have such amazing facilities in my school and with Savoury Fare, I always look forward to lunch time! All in all, I am delighted with my decision to come here. To all the 6th class students, I hope you make the right decision too.



Why choose Athlone Community College?

Athlone Community College has the following to offer your son/daughter:

- A state of the art educational facility with a long-standing tradition and culture of success, achievement and excellence in the academic, sporting, artistic and scientific arenas.
- High expectations of students in all they do, be it academic, sporting or cultural.
- Outstanding success in Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate.
- An inclusive learning environment where students partake in active learning, collaborate with their peers and also work independently.
- A vibrant, enthusiastic and dedicated teaching staff who are committed to students fulfilling their potential.
- A welcoming and friendly environment for pupils.
- We promise that each student who passes through our doors is valued and recognised for their individual contribution to our close-knit school community.
- Our zero tolerance approach to bullying is outlined in our Anti-Bullying Policy, the most important document which exists in our school.
- A strong sense of community within the school.
- Excellent pastoral care and support systems.
- An unrivalled range of extra-curricular activities.

Facilities:

An ultra-modern building which consists of:

- 5 Science Labs – dedicated Chemistry, Physics, Biology, General Science and Ag Science
- 2 Art/Craft Studios
- 2 Home Economics Rooms
- 4 Computer Studies Rooms
- 3 Materials Technology/Construction Studies Rooms
- 2 Metalwork/Engineering/Technology Rooms
- Music Room
- Library
- Lecture Room
- Oratory
- Fitness Suite
- Sports Hall
- Multimedia Learning Laboratory
- 2 Technical Graphics/Design and Communications Graphics Rooms



We offer the Widest Choice to the Highest Level

Subjects are updated and revised constantly to keep up with an ever changing world.

Junior Certificate Subjects

Core Subjects:

English / Gaelge / Mathematics / French / German / Science / History / Geography / Computer Studies (IT) / Social, Personal & Health Education (S.P.H.E.) / Physical Education / Civic, Social & Political Education (C.S.P.E.) / Religion

Options:

Business Studies / Technology / Music / Materials Technology (Woodwork) / Materials & Technology (Metalwork) / Home Economics / Art, Craft & Design / Spanish
We also offer short courses

Leaving Certificate Subjects

Core Subjects:

English / Gaelge / Mathematics / Computer Studies / Religious Education / Physical Education / Link Modules

Options:

English / French / German / Music / Art / Home Economics / History / Geography / Accounting / Business / Economics / Physics / Biology / Chemistry / Agricultural Science / Applied Mathematics / Architectural Technology / Design and Communications Graphics / Engineering Technology

Leaving Certificate Applied.

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

Full-time Post Leaving Certificate course in Nursing Studies and Community Care/Social Studies.

Teaching and learning: *I am achieving*

Excellence in teaching and learning is central to our ethos in Athlone Community College. We believe in using a range of teaching methodologies that cater for an array of learning styles. Our teachers strive to engage all pupils through the use of technology and innovative practices.

We not only measure student progression through end of term tests, we also monitor progression through assessment for learning. This involves obtaining feedback about a student's development within a subject area through dialogue, informal quizzes, peer assessment and the use of a variety of questioning techniques. A relationship based on mutual respect is imperative in order for the joy of learning to become a reciprocal experience which we readily promote in our school.



Exciting times lie ahead for the new Junior Cycle. New modular programmes are already in full swing with students actively engaging in

digital portfolio work and language through *drama*.

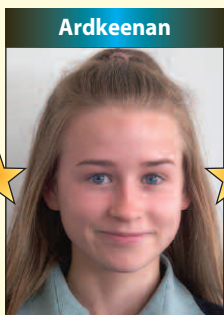
Three 2nd year classes are also taking part in a pilot scheme for a European project where they will work on their transversal skills. They are learning to transfer their computer skills to help with study and learning.



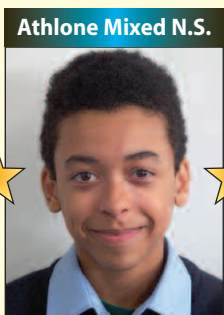
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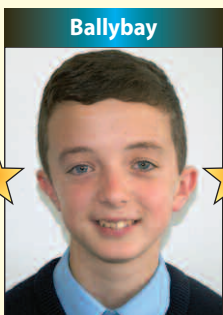
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Caoimhe Kelly



Fergus Halligan



Liam Hennelly



Cormac Mulry



Kellie Gannon



Oisín Canny



Patrick Collins



Liam Johnston



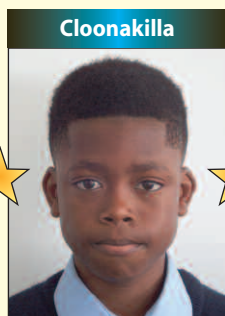
Aoife Keogh



Aoife Galvin



Caitlin Duncan



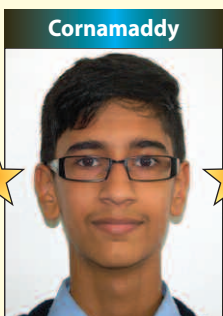
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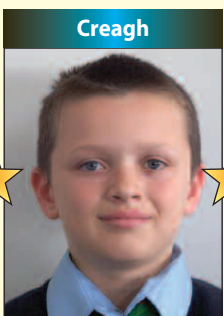
John McBride



Amanda Ryan



Shahzaib Masood



Kyle Greasley



Sarah Downey



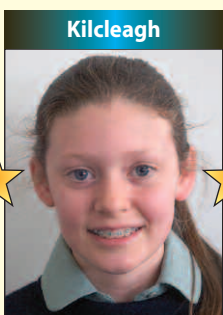
Sandro Da Costa



Dylan Molloy



Lily-Anna Wallace



Helen Lynch



Dylan Gaffey



Emma Flannery



Conor Paul



Christian Kahler



Finn Carey



Mercy Nwonja



Peter Inioluwa
Okegbenro



Oisín Dolan



Stephen Egan

...Could you represent your school next year?

What the First Years think...

I am happy I chose this school because it has a very friendly, welcoming environment. There are lots of subject options and I love all the teachers because they are so caring and really take time for each and every one of us.



Jade Molloy

Hi. My name is Gonzalo, and I am a Spanish boy. I like this school because it's big and modern. I'm enjoying first year with all my friends and classmates.



Gonzalo Piédrola Fernandez

The teachers are very nice and helpful. I like going to the computer club at lunch-time and to soccer after school.



Bartosz Konwerski



Alexiane Parker

I really loved the school from the moment I first stepped inside. I knew it would suit me. If you are interested in doing well, this is the school for you.



Jed Moylette



Isabelle Bassey

I like Athlone Community College because it is an amazing school. We each have a mentor and our class has a tutor to support us throughout the year.



Daniel Keenan

In Technical Graphics we learned how to use a computer programme called 'Solidworks' which lets you draw objects and create 3D models. The more you use it the better you get, I find it really easy to use now.

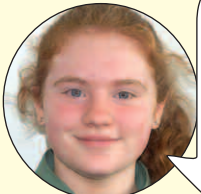


Sean Conway



Karoline Uselis

I would definitely recommend this school, everybody is so incredibly helpful and friendly. You will get used to your new surroundings quickly which was one of my biggest worries coming from a small school.



Caraiosa Kenny

As soon as I walked in the door on open night I knew I had to choose this school as it was really brightly coloured and there was a really nice atmosphere. I met some teachers as well and I really liked them. There are lots of extra-curricular activities and the canteen is great too.



Jack Tiernan

My brother went here and his feedback made me want to come here. I like all the activities and Savoury Fare but mostly I like the teachers because they are so nice.



Aisling Kamare

This is a great school, all the teachers are so nice and the subjects are so fun. The new language that they brought is really nice, which is Spanish.



Sarah Jane Macken

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Jim Connolly

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Tara O'Neill

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Siofra Kennedy

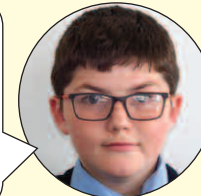
There are so many extra curricular activities. The teachers are very kind and understanding. The facilities are really cool. There are science labs, language labs and a gym.



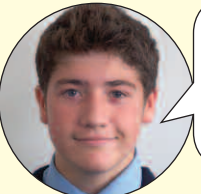
Alfie Coogan

We identify links between different subjects which I really enjoy, for example we learned about rocks in Geography and this was a great help when we learned about archaeology in history. I also love music, we break down music into beats and notes.

In Woodwork, we went straight into working with wood and we have made lots of interesting pieces already like boats and mini-houses. We get to use a lot of tools like drills which is really fun.



Harry Griselain



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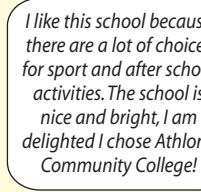
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Ugne Dirgelaite

I like this school because there are a lot of choices for sport and after school activities. The school is nice and bright, I am delighted I chose Athlone Community College!

I chose this school because it is very modern. I was nervous because I came from Greece. I thought it would be difficult to adjust but it was very easy to make friends. I would recommend this school.



Kaspar Bogalecki

I chose this school because I heard lots of people talking about how good it is. The yard is good for playing football. I also like to hang around the monkey bars with my friends. The selection of sports in this school is brilliant, I love football the most.



Niall Awogboro

I am glad I chose Athlone Community College because it is really fun. I like my teachers, friends and classmates because they are good to be around. I like the food in the canteen.

The teachers are helpful and the range of sports is fantastic. In the canteen there is Savoury Fare which has a great range of dinners and snacks to choose from.



Melissa Tumulty



Renars Sternfelds

My name is Renars. My favorite thing about this school is how nice and kind the teachers are and how bully free this school is. I also love all the extra-curricular activities you can do after school or on break like soccer, football, table tennis and there is even a FIFA Tournament.



Jason Tumulty



Sports Stars

Success in GAA: Our past pupils have represented counties Roscommon, Westmeath and Galway at senior and minor level. Donie Shine, Cathal McHugh (Captain St. Brigid's football team, Roscommon County Champions 2016), Niall, Conor and Ronan Daly represented Roscommon in 2016. John Connellan, Ray Connellan (moving to Australia to play Aussie Rules football), John Egan, James Dolan, Jack Donoghue and Noel Mulligan reached the Leinster final with Westmeath.

Darren Touhey is a member of the Connacht U18 rugby team and **Rian Callaghan** is a member of the Connacht U18 ladies team.

Dermot O'Rourke is a member of the Irish powerlifting team.

Caoimhe Lennon, Sinead Farrell (has represented Ireland in soccer), **Amy Quinn** and **Shauna Connell** reached the All-Ireland 'B' final with Roscommon minor ladies. Shauna captained the team.

Gavin Byrne is a member of the Roscommon Minor team.

Many of our female soccer players represent the midlands and Gaynor cup soccer teams.

Conor Layng starred for Leinster at the schools' soccer interprovincial competition, he has also been selected for the Irish Schools' squad.

Ali and **Robyn Heatherington** are members of the Connacht U16 hockey squad.

Megan Bryer is All-Ireland Schools Archery Champion for 2015/16. The school has a very active Archery club.

Jade Molloy is the WKA Junior All-Ireland kickboxing champion.

Fiachra Lennon, Alfie Coogan, Cillian Lynam and **Darragh Fitzgerald** are members of the Swim Team which won the Connacht Schools Senior Relay.

Tommy Coogan is a member of the Irish U15 basketball team.





We have 28 teams

Sports available

For Boys...	For Girls...
Gaelic	Gaelic
Soccer	Soccer
Hurling	Hockey
Rowing	Rowing
Rugby	Tag Rugby
Basketball	Basketball
Table Tennis	Table Tennis
Athletics	Athletics
Swimming	Swimming
Pitch & Putt	Pitch & Putt
Archery	Archery
Equestrian	Equestrian
Sailing	Sailing



First Year Girls & Minor Girls Soccer Teams - Leinster Champions 2016

Taking Up The Third Level Challenge..... Where are they now? *A selection of Leaving Certificate Class 2016*

UCD Entrance Scholarship, Winner Barra Flynn Memorial Scholarship

- Emma Finneran Ag & Bio Teaching UL
- Edel Crehan Medical Science GMIT
- Mary Sheehan Law & French UCD
- Edel Crehan Medical Science GMIT
- Ross Nestor Law Trinity
- Barra Flynn Memorial Scholarship

NUIM Entrance Scholarship

- Sean E McManus Ag Science UCD
- Jordan Murtagh Radiography University of Hertfordshire
- Patrice Kenny Engineering Omnibus NUIG
- Daniel Kelly Medicine NUIG
- Aishling Loftus Science - Chemistry & Chemical Sciences UCD
- Sean Kenny Primary Teaching Mary Immaculate
- Emma Gormley Arts NUIG
- Steve Fakeye Arts NUIG
- Michelle McDermott Criminal Justice UL

UCD Entrance Scholarship

- Sean O McManus Accounting & Finance NUIM
- Darragh Lennon Medicine UCD
- Aishling Loftus Science - Chemistry & Chemical Sciences UCD
- Jonathan Adeleye Science NUIG
- Conor Fallon Arts (Joint Humanities) NUIG

UCD Entrance Scholarship

- Kyran Dockery Science NUIM
- Ciara Rosney Commerce NUIG
- Jonathan Adeleye Science NUIG
- Sarah Hurley Social Practice Sligo IT
- Tom Glynn Equine Science UL

Barra Flynn Memorial Scholarship

- Laoise Henry Arts NUIG
- Patrick Kelly Business Information Systems NUIG
- Liam Kenny Psych Nursing AIT
- Rachel Moran General Nursing NUIG
- Aislinn Carpenter Arts NUIM

Naughton Scholarship, LWETB scholarship award, Entrance Scholarship and Ad Astra Scholarship from UCD

- Connell McHugh Arts With Journalism NUIG
- Jack Sheehan Business Information Systems NUIG
- Gabriel Finneran Science UCD
- Natasha Keane Primary Teaching St Pats
- Collins Obaseki Science UCD

Trinity Entrance Exhibition Award

- Dorota Grzanka Psychology & Sociology UL
- Therese Lennon Primary Teaching Mary Immaculate
- Harry O'Rourke Science Trinity
- Laura Daly Communications DCU
- Darren Finneran Engineering Undenominated NUIG

Our school features in The Sunday Times' list of the top 400 Schools.

- Noel Watson Engineering Undenominated UCD
- Marie Walsh Bio veterinary Science AIT
- Brendan O'Meara Commerce NUIG
- Damon Rohan Joint Arts DCU
- Graham Geraghty Business & Management NUIM
- Sean Mulvihill Accounting AIT
- Niamh Egan Liberal Arts Mary Immaculate
- Michael Macken Mechanical & Polymer Engineering AIT
- Lorcan Daly Materials & Architectural Technology with concurrent Teacher Education - Second Level Teaching UL

Did you know...
Athlone Community College sends more students to 3rd level than any other school in Westmeath



Meet a selection of our Graduates in their moment of Academic Triumph

Top row, left to right:

Gavin Ward, Bachelor of Arts in Law & Accounting, 1st Class Honours, University of Limerick

Evan Mannion, Bachelor of Medicine (MB) of Surgery (BCh) and of Obstetrics (BAO) NUI Galway 2016.

Shane Lennon, Honours Bachelors Degree Agricultural Science (BAgrSc), UCD 2016.

Laura Walsh, Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and French (Erasmus in France) NUIG 2016.

Above, left to right:

Dermot Donnelly, Honours Bachelor Degree Commerce, UCD.

Kara Dolan, BSc Physiotherapy, Honours Degree, UCD 2016.

Patrick O'Brien, Bachelor of Business Studies, DCU 2015.

Aoibhin McDaid, Clinical Speech and Language Studies, Honours Degree, Trinity College.

Did you know...

We consistently perform far above the national average in State exams. This year our results in Maths, English, Irish, Geography, Art, French, Accounting, Business and many others exceeded the national average in some cases by 50%.

Academic Excellence 2016

'The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be ignited' – Plutarch



Bank of Ireland Student Of The Year recipients Rebecca Whyte and Darragh Lennon with Eileen Donohoe (Principal).



Aisling Loftus and Shane Gibbons Winners of the Naughton Foundation Scholarship with Eileen Donohoe (Principal).



LWETB Scholars of the Year 2016 recipients Shane Gibbons and Rebecca Whyte.



Principal's Award recipients Sean O McManus and Mary Sheehan pictured with Eileen Donohoe (Principal).



Shane Gibbons, recipient of the Ad Astra Scholarship from UCD 2016.



Gabriel Finneran, Recipient of the JP McManus Award 2016.

Honour Roll 2012-2016

Trinity Entrance Exhibition Scholarship... Niamh Campbell, Daniel Cunningham, Hugh Moody (2012), Megan Lennon (2014), Sean Molloy (2014), Kevin Seery (2015) Rebecca Whyte, Harry O'Rourke (2016).

UCD Entrance Scholarship Award... Dermot Donnelly (2012), Eoin Cunniffe (2013), Ethel McManus, Saoirse McManus (2015), Darragh Lennon, Gabriel Finneran, Shane Gibbons, Mary Sheehan, Aisling Loftus (2016).

DCU Academics Scholarship... Oliver Milton (2012)

UL 40 Scholarship Award... Gavin Ward (2012)

JP McManus Scholarships... Caoilainn Scouler, Michelle McHugh (2011), Dale Breheny (2014), Gabriel Finneran (2016).

Barra Flynn Memorial Law Scholarship... Gavin Ward (2012), Mary Sheehan (2016)

Naughton Foundation Scholarship... Shane Gibbons, Aisling Loftus (2016).

LWETB Scholars... Dale Breheny, Sean Molloy (2014), Cian Warby, Ethel McManus (2015), Shane Gibbons, Rebecca Whyte (2016).

NUIM Entrance Scholarship.... Kevin Fitzpatrick (2014), Olivia Fallon, Sean McManus (2016).

Ericsson Scholarship.... Matija Milenovic (2015)

Ad Astra Scholarship UCD.... Cian Warby (2015), Shane Gibbons (2016).



Junior Cert High Achievers: Peter Cummins, Ceara Mulry, Niamh McGonigle Murray, All 9As and Megan Coolahan 10As.



SCHOOLS WILL ROCK YOU



Once again, our talented and dedicated students and teachers proved we really are the champions of musical productions with their presentation of "Schools Will Rock You" in late October, 2016. They went Radio Gaga for five weeks in order to stage this superb and scintillating spectacle. The Dean Crowe Theatre was rocked by Scaramouche, Galileo and Killer Queen to name but a few. None of whom crumbled under Pressure. A performance of royal proportions, "Schools Will Rock You" will cause aftershocks for weeks and months to come.

This musical received rhapsodies of praise from all who had the pleasure to see it.



I am expressing myself



Members of the various school debating teams which include:

- Roscommon Co. Championship debating run by NUIG
- NUIG Mace • Concern • Junior Public Speaking
- AIT Mental Health Competition • Soroptimists for girls
- Knights of Columbanus Public Speaking
- Senior and Junior Gael Linn



Music and the Arts, Public Speaking and Debating

To express yourself needs a reason, but expressing yourself is the reason

We ensure that students have the freedom to embrace their creativity. From *musicals* to *fashion shows* and *dance classes*, students are provided with a wide range of *Performing Arts* opportunities. Music appreciation is high on the agenda in our school.

We aim to provide a range of opportunities for all lovers of music, these include the *school orchestra*, *traditional music group* and the *school choir*.

To enrich their educational experience, students are encouraged to engage in pursuits that stretch the mind.

Debating and Public Speaking

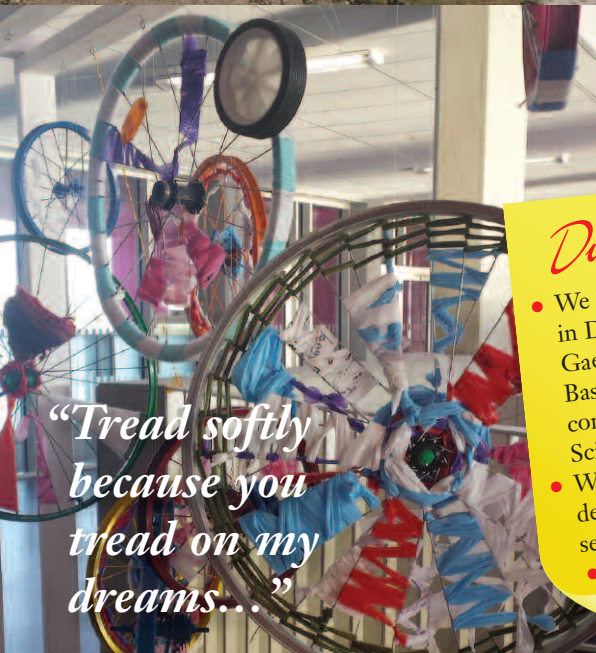
opportunities are provided for all pupils both in-house and in co-operation with wider organisations. Our school has a formidable record having won All Ireland titles in *Concern Debating* and *Mental Health Speaking Competitions*.

We have also had success competing in other languages, with a national title in the *Gael Linn Public Speaking Competitions*.

We also have a *French debating team*.



Winner of Art in the Park 2015



Did you know...

- We have won All Ireland titles in Debating, Public Speaking, Gaelic Football, Soccer, Basketball, Academic Essay competitions, BT Young Scientist and more.
- We have a vibrant Art department and we have won several competitions.
- Our Music department is renowned nationwide.



Evie McTeague and Kaelan Quinn, winners of Mental Health Public speaking competition held in AIT.

Credit Union Winners Rebeka O'Reilly, Andzela Murniece, Juste Skatikaite and Breena Breheny.



Some of our Junk Kouture Creations



Scifest:

Ella Callaghan, Kirsten Greasley and Michaela Quinn.



Members of the school sailing team who were first in their category in the All Ireland Interschools Sailing Competition: Lughaidh Croasdell and Ben Graf.



BT Young Scientist:

Fiona Molloy, Louise Egan and Sarah Denby won the special EPA award with their project "For Peat's Sake" and the Biological and Ecological Intermediate category. They also won the "One Good Idea" Competition (Senior Category) with this project.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We encourage our students to get involved in a variety of extra-curricular pursuits to complement their academic studies. Such activities are very important in fostering friendships across the year groups and support the feeling that our school is a community.

Extra curricular activities in our school allow students to benefit in line with the well established maxim: **Mens Sano in Corpore Sano' (a healthy mind in a healthy body)** and these activities embellish the lives of students long after they leave school. Success and endeavour in all things is our guiding principle, and the consequent enjoyment that comes with it motivates our students to take full benefit from our unequalled range of activities.



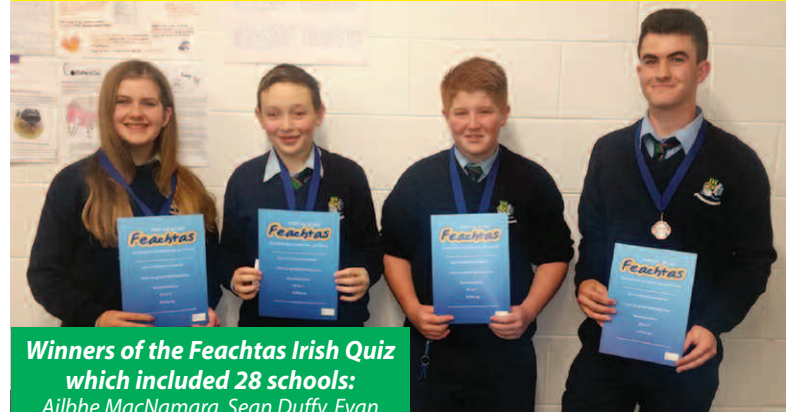
Social Awareness:

Students are encouraged to respect and value the world around them. The school has been awarded on many occasions as a result of this:

- Green Schools Flag
- Amber Flag (Anti-Bullying)



Jack Connaughton, Sarah Muldoon and Louise Payne pictured at the Ploughing Championships, winners of the Irish Angus Beef Schools Competition'. We are one of five schools in the country who received five Angus Calves at the National Ploughing Championships 2016 to rear until slaughter.



Winners of the Feachtas Irish Quiz which included 28 schools:
Ailbhe MacNamara, Sean Duffy, Evan McCormack and Jack Fallon.



Students who represent the school in rowing.



Members of the Equestrian team who competed at the Inter-schools Equestrian Event.

Transition Year

This is a unique one year programme that promotes the personal, social, educational and vocational development of students. It prepares them for their role as autonomous, participative and responsible members of society.

Transition year encourages the development of a wide range of transferable critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills. It provides students with the opportunity to discover their own talents and abilities whilst developing skills and competencies within a well-defined academic structure.

This year challenges students to take responsibility for their own learning, to improve their performance in core areas, explore new subjects, develop their own interests and to evaluate their own progress. It will also introduce students to the working world. Key-skills such as engaging with others and managing time are central to all transition year courses.

Transition year in our school provides students with the opportunity to:

- Create and moderate a **TY website**.
- Partake in **Junk Kouture**, a national competition which challenges teenagers to create high-end wearable fashion from everyday waste that would normally find its way into the bin. **Junk Kouture** aims to inspire and ignite passion in these teenagers while at the same time subtly educating them about the importance of recycling and reusing waste.
- Hone business skills: **Young Entrepreneurs** competition.
- Participate in **One Good Idea** Science competition, **Irish Angus Beef Schools Competition** and **BT Young Scientist**.
- Volunteer with charitable organisations
- Gain work experience in a field of their choice
- Participate in **Gaisce**, the President's Award
- Take a trip to the Special Criminal Court
- Become competent in ICT by creating videos and interactive presentations such as **Prezi**.

For instant updates check out our website www.athloneccty.weebly.com



School Musical



One Good Idea: Fiona Molloy, Louise Egan and Sarah Denby won the Senior Category with their project which promoted environmental awareness with the SEAI.



Coding: TY students attended a Hackathon at the Ericsson Software Campus in Athlone. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students who had never been there before and had no previous experience of computer programming.



Junk Kouture: TY students with their beautiful creations for Junk Kouture (competition where costumes are made from recyclable materials)



Fiona Molloy, Louise Egan, Annie Sheehan and Sarah Denby with their Enterprise project "Woodle creations" they made wooden jewellery.

"Every experience makes you grow."

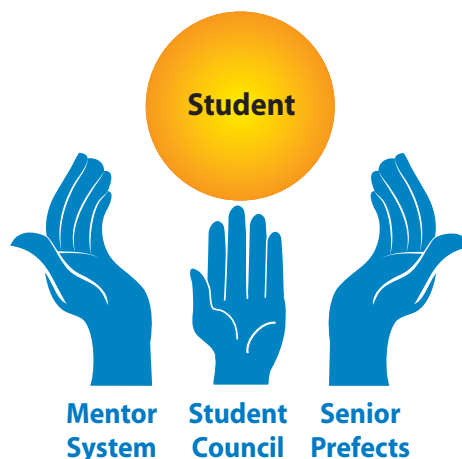
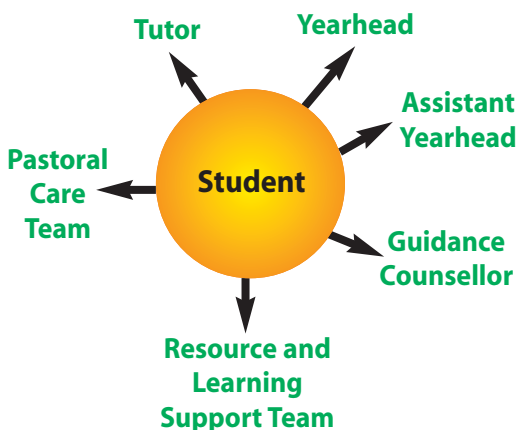
Student Care

We seek to

We promote

Staff Structures in Place

Peer Structures in Place



Listen

Learning

Understand

Tolerance

Support

Individuality

Advise

Integration

Encourage

Acceptance

Help

Respect

Faith

Athlone Community College – A Parent’s Perspective

Tara: Two of my children are attending Athlone Community College at the moment and they are thriving there. I find it both interesting and reassuring that, in a school of 1000 pupils, each and every child counts as the individual that they are. There is a well-run and effective system in place which ensures that every student is well known (for the right reasons!) by their class tutor, who is easily approached by the pupil, if at all necessary, and will quickly return a phone call from parents. I know that the tutor/ yearhead may also call parents if he/ she has a concern about the child. It is a system that has been developed with experience and it works, every child in the school is encouraged and supported to be the best that he or she wants to be.



Biljana: Athlone Community College is more about positive school spirit than it is about the new building with all of its modern facilities. The care for each student is superb. As a parent, I would highly recommend this school to all students and to their parents.

Tom: As a parent of 4 teenage students we were worried when our first son started in the Athlone Community College in 2010 especially when going to a school with almost 1,000 students. How would he settle? Would he make friends? As it transpired there was no need to worry he settled almost immediately made a cohort of new friends. He completed his Leaving Cert in 2016. Our other three children, a girl and two boys, followed to the Athlone Community College as they were very impressed by the way our son had taken to school life there. Athlone Community College continuously encourages and challenges the students to partake in all aspects of school life whether it is in the academic, social or sporting roles in the school. As parents we are very happy with our family's progress in the Athlone Community College.



A Word of Thanks

We would like to acknowledge the excellent contributions made by both The Board of Management and The Parents' Association. We would also like to voice our sincere appreciation for the hard work carried out by all members of Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board (LWETB) and in particular the Chief Executive, Dr. Christy Duffy. There have been many welcome innovative initiatives brought to our school within the last year and we look forward to making further educational strides in the future.



Student Council.

“No Man is an Island” – John Donne

Where excellence and success flourish and every student counts

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