

Coláiste Iognáid S.J.



Sept, 2017

The new school year is well and truly underway. We said goodbye to the Class of 2017 on Friday 19th May with a Mass of Farewell followed by a reception in the Atrium. Thank you to all who made it such a wonderful occasion. In August we celebrated the excellent Leaving Certificate results. Kate Dugan was one of 13 pupils nationally to achieve 8 A1s. We also celebrate very good results in the Junior Certificate; congratulations to all the students, staff, and parents. Amid such joys, sadness befell the Jes community with the death of Sophie Coll (class of 2016). We offer our deepest sympathies to Sophie's parents, Rory and Carol, and her sisters Stephanie and Abbie. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Wishing the Jes community every good wish for 2017-2018,

Fr. Shane Daly, S.J.
Principal

5th and 6th Year Art Students visit the Vermeer Exhibition at National Gallery



The Exhibition was greeted with mixed reactions, but the overall reaction was very positive. Every student was enthralled by the luminosity of light achieved by Jan Vermeer. These studies sparkled with rich textures on varying surfaces (especially cloth, objects, and jewellery). They caught a glimpse of interiors (almost photographically realistic) of the Dutch contemporary 17th century middle-class.

They could see at first hand Vermeer's masterly skills more evidently when placed alongside the work of his contemporaries. Interestingly enough, one discerning Leaving Cert student expressed a preference for the work of Gerrit Dou when comparing his *The Astronomer by Candlelight* to Vermeer's *The Geographer*. While venturing into the permanent exhibition we were disappointed to find that Caravaggio's *The Taking of Christ* is on loan to Edinburgh and won't be returning until the end of the year. Apart from one lost but later retrieved I Phone, the tour ended without drama!

Ms Dee O'Brien.

Fr. Peter McVerry S.J. addresses the Transition Year



Every day we are welcomed *home* to a hot meal and a warm bed. Others are not. Others don't have a *home*. There are over 8,000 homeless people in Ireland. The Peter McVerry Trust is trying to improve those statistics. Last week Fr Peter McVerry S.J. came to the College and enlightened us on the homeless problem in Ireland. After listening to Fr. Peter, I and many others in my year feel motivated to make a change. Fr Peter

McVerry has devoted his life to this struggle for more than thirty years. He saw more than just a beggar on the street or a drug addict's plea for help, he saw a person, a person with a heart and a soul, a person that deserved respect, no matter what they were tackling. In 1974, Fr Peter McVerry moved to Summerhill in Dublin's north inner-city and dived straight into homeless people's daily struggles and stood in their shoes, something most of us wouldn't risk our pride to do. In 1979, he opened a hostel for homeless children and ever since then has continued to work on providing accommodation for people deprived of a home. Fr Peter McVerry founded *The Arrupe Society*, now known as the *Peter McVerry Trust*. The Trust includes twelve hostels, a residential drug detox centre, two drug stabilisation programmes, a drug-free aftercare house and more than a hundred apartments offering accommodation to the homeless. Now when I see a homeless person on the street I won't judge and look down on them, I will see them as my equal.

- Elise Carney assisted by Ellen Forde and Eleanor Egan of Transition Year

JES ERASMUS+ TRIP TO NARBONNE

The return leg of our Erasmus+ exchange with Collège Victor Hugo took place from Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 01st October. Under the watchful eye of Steve Parkinson, Sinéad Anthony, Julie O'Sullivan, and Matthew Harrison, forty-two 2nd and 3rd Year students travelled to Narbonne. Four 3rd Year students, Isold Moran, Macdara O'Griofa, Michael Hayes, and Alice McMahon were awaiting our arrival having travelled out ahead of the main group to spend three weeks experiencing school, home life, and work experience, French style. For their final week and joined by the main group, it was culture, sunshine, enterprise, school, and sport, organised by our French hosts.

It was an action packed seven days: we visited a number of local businesses that our four Irish ambassaadores had worked in. One of Europe's most important industrial complex was also visited, Airbus in Toulouse. We enjoyed tours of Narbonne and Carcassonne and learned about Roman and Medieval life in the region. Our students participated in classes in school, visted the Town Hall where the Major hosted a reception, and we played a game of rugby.

There were plenty of opportunities for the Jes students to engage with their French hosts in their homes, to make new friends, and renew old friendships.



Many thanks to our French hosts in Victor Hugo for looking after us so well and to our own students for embracing the opportunity to experience a taste of French life and culture. A very special thanks must go to Mr. Steve Parkinson who has forged such wonderful links with Collège Victor Hugo and for all his work (and there was plenty) in making this wonderful project happen.





- Sinéad Anthony

Coláiste Iognáid Mountaineering Club had their first trip of the season when they overnighted



in a bothy near Lough Feeagh in Nephin Beg in Mayo. The midges were present in huge numbers but spirits were high and a good walk was had on the Saturday. Our October trip took us to the Caher Valley and the slopes of Slieve Elva in the Burren.

Rugby News

The staff and students here at Coláiste Iognáid, were delighted and proud of the announcement that our past pupil, Claire Molloy (class of 2007) was selected as Captain of Irish Women's Rugby team, for the World Cup 2017. Claire led the team with style and determination. This was no surprise to us here in the Jes. She had proved herself to be excellent academically and participated with passion, in many of the extra-curricular activities offered here in the school. Always quietly determined, Claire achieved her place in medicine in Cardiff University. Although she played Gaelic football with Galway minors, her passion turned quickly to Rugby and before long, she represented her country in the green Jersey. She played an important role as Flanker on the Irish team, when they won the prestigious Triple Crown. She also Captained the Ireland 7's rugby team for World Cup held in China. The Jes community would like to congratulate Claire on all her achievements and wish her the very best in both her medical and sporting career ahead.

Clodagh Mitchell

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 18th November: Annual Jes Dinner Dance (rescheduled from Friday 06th October).

This is a follow up social occasion to the BBQ held on Saturday 16th September. Thanks to all who supported and especially to Jacinta, Gina, Erc Dunne, and John Hanahoe for all their work.



Join us for the
JES ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

at

THE ARDILAUN HOTEL

18th NOVEMBER 2017

Drinks Reception • Dinner • Band • DJ

Raffle • Auction



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