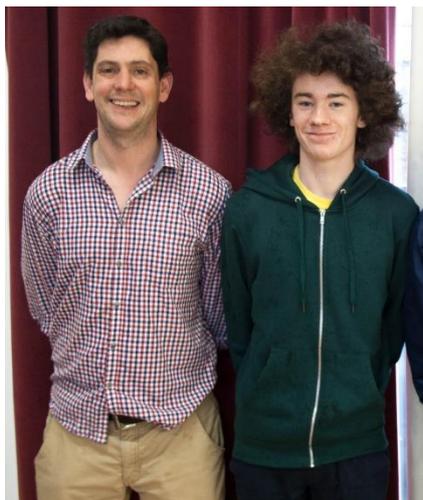




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***Charity Head Shave***



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Mr. Tomás MacAodha and Stephen Hynes (TY) volunteered to have their heads shaved to raise funds for Galway Hospice. A large crowd of students and staff gathered to watch as James Gallagher for Gallagher's Barber Shop on Dominick Street ably assisted by Oliver Kelly (3<sup>rd</sup> Year) got to work. Well done to Tomás, Stephan, and all who generously contributed to the vital work of the Hospice



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***Retreats – A Brief Update***

We were no sooner back after the summer holidays when the annual retreat programme got under way. First up were the Fifth Years who spent a day in Esker, Athenry, reflecting and discussing such themes as relationships, self-identity and God's presence in their life. The First Year retreats took a different structure – each individual class group had a retreat day in Esker. The themes of community and friendship with God and others were explored. We hope the First Year retreat helped create a sense of community among each class and cement the bonds of friendships. The introduction to The Daily Examen, the walk in the woods and the personal sharing were just some highlights of the retreats. Next up are the Third Years and the focus of their retreat is peer pressure.

-Jerry Sheehan, College Chaplain.

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## *College hosts Connacht Provincial Debating Competition*



On Saturday 14th October Coláiste Iognáid hosted the Connacht Final for the Matheson Junior Debating Championship. This nationwide competition selects the best junior debaters in Ireland to attend a Championship day in Dublin next March. The day-long marathon debating session in the 'Jes' saw nearly seventy debaters from ten schools in Connacht debate motions on a wide range of subjects from single sex schools to enforced community service for teenagers. The final saw the Jes dominate with three teams breaking top of the competition (Clara O'Gorman and Emily Rooney, Sadbh Mannion and Tara O'Neill, Amy O'Gorman and Ruby Lynch). The final itself was won by the team of Amy O'Gorman and Ruby Lynch and the best individual speaker in the Final award went to Clara O'Gorman. Perhaps the most prestigious award saw Amy O'Gorman as 'Top of the Tab', an award to the most successful speaker over the entire day. Elle Concannon won best First Year. Finally, fourteen Jes debaters qualified for the Finals day next March.

-Mr. Matthew Harrison

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### *Dates for the Diary*

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

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Annual Mass for deceased students, staff, and benefactors of the College, Saint Ignatius Church, Sea Road, 11pm.

## *Jes Girls Selected to Represent Connacht Hockey*



This year we had a group of six girls from Coláiste Iognáid representing Connacht at the interprovincial games in Belfast from 20th - 22nd October. We had 3 girls on the u16 squad: Camille Keane (2nd year), Iosold Moran (3rd year), and Zara O'Toole (4th year). These girls and their teammates put in a great game and we're unlucky to not take home the title. Each one of these u16 girls received their first Connacht cap at the tournament. Our 3 u18 representatives were: Fiona Kelly (4th year), Anna O Donoghue (5th year), and Aoife

McGovern (5th year). Despite their efforts and those of the team they were unlucky not to top the table. We would like to congratulate all these girls on their achievement and performances. It was a great honour to play against the top teams and players in Ireland.

-Zara O'Toole (T.Y.)

Congratulations to Zara O'Toole whose excellent performance resulted in her being called up for trials with the Irish u16 squad. We wish her the best of luck. The College also offers its thanks to Richie Malone, Caroline Codyre, Clodagh Mitchell, Ger McManamon, and Donal Dempsey for their continued commitment to Hockey at the Jes.



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