

## Second Year Science Achievement Awards



Congratulations to Benjamin Mannhalter, Collin Karikari and Tosin Williams who won 2nd prize at the recent Science Achievement Awards at NUI Maynooth. Prizes were presented by Prof. Bernard Mahon, Dean of Science. Tosin and Collin are pictured here with their teacher Mrs. Brennan and Prof. Mahon.

## Leaving Certificate Graduation Ceremony

The Leaving Certificate Graduation ceremony took place in the College hall on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30. The theme of the mass was "Journey" and the students prepared readings, reflections and music which represented their journey through Athy College over the past five years. Fr Kieran Dunne, a former chaplain in Athy College returned to celebrate the Mass. All students were involved on the night and it was extremely successful. Kim Brophy, Keneuoe Matobako, Paul McDonagh, David Brennan and Richard Mulhall provided the music and showed off their amazing voices. Laima Liepinyte extended warm thanks to all the staff for their help and guidance over the 5 years.



Above, Fr. Kieran Dunne, Left; Paul McDonagh and Kim Brophy provide music for the evening. Below, are some of the 2010 Graduates.



## Congratulations to Past Pupil Kelsey



Congratulations to past pupil, Kelsey McEvoy, who has been accepted for a scholarship from the Irish Research Council for Science, Engineering and Technology, which will be fully funding her PhD, through research in Microbiology, over the next three years. Kelsey sat her Leaving Certificate in the college in 2006.

## Principal Mr. R. Daly



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## Athy College proudly opens its new school



The New Athy College - 'Colaiste Ath I' is now open on the Monasterevin Road



Principal of the College Mr. Richard Daly and Derek Mooney at the Wider Options Art Exhibition

Athy college proudly opened the doors of its new school on March 10<sup>th</sup> last, having waited for many years. The tireless efforts of Principal Richard Daly in getting the project up and running paid off in the end and he is to be commended for never giving up. The establishment of the new college - 'Colaiste Ath I' represents the largest ever investment in education in the town of Athy and the new building on the Monasterevin Road contains all the latest in equipment and modern technology for the teaching of all Leaving Cert and Junior Cert subjects. A magnificent gymnasium, state of the art computer and I.T. facilities, engineering and construction technology rooms, science laboratories, cinema, home economics rooms and a parents' room are but a few of the modern facilities it embraces. Basket ball courts are now ready for play and playing pitches for team sports, such as Gaelic football, soccer and rugby will also be ready for use in September. The College, which is managed by a Board of Management, comprised of representatives from the community, parents, teachers and Co. Kildare V.E.C., will provide all of the Department of Education Post Primary programmes and will expand to provide the widest possible range of Adult Education, Post Leaving Certificate Courses and training for industry. The provision of extra mural diploma and degree courses is at present being explored.



The move went smoothly with some teachers - Miss O'Connor and Miss Sweeney, seen here on the left - even enjoying it! Classes were up and running straight away. Students and staff are delighted with the new facilities, high tech equipment and the bright and spacious



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## High Tech Classrooms



The new school enjoys some amazing facilities. Above, the engineering room, with all the latest in high tech facilities. Below, one of the computer rooms, used for the Business Studies and Secretarial Post Leaving Cert course.



## Gallery Tour



Above, a group of 6th year Art students, on a visit to the Hugh Lane Gallery, organised by Art teacher Ms. Mary Mc Kenna.



Principal Mr Daly and Deputy Principal Dr Breda Sunderland

## Art Exhibition on "The field of Dreams"

The sun shone brightly on Athy College's Annual Art Exhibition which took place on Friday evening last, April 16<sup>th</sup>, in the new campus on the Monasterevin Road. Hundreds of guests thronged to see the work of 65 exhibitors, all students of Linda Dempsey.

This was a particularly special evening as it was the first public event to take place at the new College. Even more special was that the Art Exhibition was opened by RTE broadcaster, Derek Mooney. Derek Mooney has become a good friend to the college in recent years. His after-noon programme on RTE1 tracked the progress of the school building project from the doldrums of the building list to its splendid completion on Co. Kildare VEC's 25 acre education campus.

Principal, Richard Daly thanked Derek for championing Athy College and paid tribute to him as a broadcaster of vision and courage - prepared to ask the questions and highlight situations that others avoid. Derek Mooney responded by thanking all the bodies, including the public representatives, responsible for bringing what he so aptly termed "this field of dreams" to fruition.

After viewing the exhibits many of the guests took the opportunity to wander through the college and view its amazing facilities.

Derek Mooney presents flowers to Linda Dempsey at wider Options Art Exhibition



## Irish Dancing Champion



Above, Irish dancers, Melissa Glancy and David Walsh. Congratulations to 5th year student, Melissa Glancy, who is the holder of no less than ten all Ireland titles for Irish dancing, with IDTA. Melissa had the honour of dancing recently with David Walsh above, who is a professional dancer with "Feet of Flames" and Lord of the Dance". Well done Melissa.

## Hunter Trials



Congratulations to 3rd year student, Leonie Love, who earlier this year represented the college in Hunter Trials in Ballyhale, Co Kilkenny. Her dad competed in the parents' section. Well done Leonie.

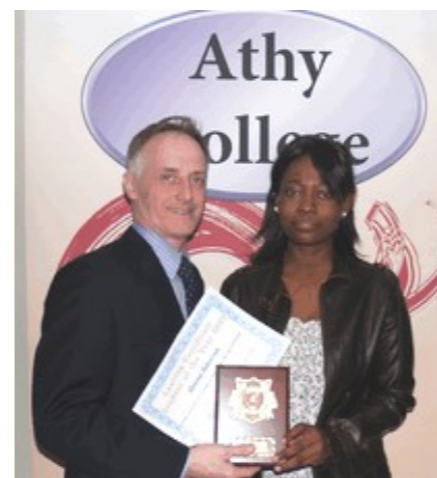
## Academic Awards 2010



It was with great delight that the staff and students of Athy College held its first major event, the Academic Awards 2010, in its new premises. A capacity crowd filled the entrance hall and were welcomed by Mr. Daly to the historic occasion. Students from all classes received awards based on their performance in the Christmas exams. They were watched by proud parents, guardians and staff of the school.



This year there was a notable increase in the number of students receiving academic awards, which is a testament to their hard work. First and second place students in each class also received awards. There was huge, but friendly, competition for these places.



A highlight of the evening was when the Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Junior Certificate Students of the Year 2009 were announced. Amma Adeoson, on left, was awarded Leaving Cert student of the year, Tanyell Kinsella, centre, Leaving Certificate Applied Student of the Year, and Samuel Akinola, (absent from pictures), was Junior Certificate Student of the Year. All other students seen here received class awards based on their performance in their Christmas tests.