

School Holidays 06/07

Hallow E'en: 30th Oct to 3rd Nov '06 inclusive
Holy day: 8th December '06
Christmas: 25th Dec '06 to 5th Jan '07 inclusive
Mid Term: 19th to 23rd Feb '07 inclusive
Public holiday: 19th March '07
Easter: 2nd to 13th April '07 inclusive
Public holiday: Mon 7th May
Summer holidays: commence 1st June '07

Important Dates in School Year 06/07

Home, School, Community group
 The third Tuesday evening of most months.

Night Class Enrolment

Wed 13th Sept. and again in mid-Jan. 2007

Open Day Thurs 16th Nov.

FETAC Graduation Night
 Fri 10th Nov.

Parent Teacher Meetings

4.15-6.45 p.m.
 Tues 24th Oct. for 3rd. and 6th Years
 Tues 28th Nov. for 1st, 2nd and 5th Years.
 Wed 31st Jan. 2007 for all

Staff In-Service Day

To be arranged.

School Exams

Dec. 18th 06 onwards and
 May 23rd. 2007 onwards.

Academic Achievement Awards

Thurs 15th Feb. 2007

Leaving Cert Graduation Eve.

Thurs. 29th March, 2007

Sports' Day

Fri. 4th May, 2007

First Year Awards' Eve

Thurs 10th May, 2007

Third Years Leaving Cert.

Options' and Awards' Eve
 Wed. 16th May, 2007

Junior and Leaving Cert Exams begin.

Wed 6th June, 2007

Past Pupil

Congratulations to our past pupil Gerald Davis (Leaving Cert 2002) who recently graduated from Waterford Institute of Technology with an honours degree in Accounting and Finance.

Student Exchange

Nineteen students from Grandvilliers in France will be visiting the Community College for eight days, at the beginning of December. They will be attending classes and staying with host families in the area.

School Tour 2007

Our next school tour takes place from 3rd to 7th March 2007. This year's school tour will take the students, together with teachers, to visit the sights of the City of Rome— visiting The Vatican, St Peter's, The Sistene Chapel, The Colosseum, The catacombs etc. Enquiries to Mrs Deirdre Murphy.

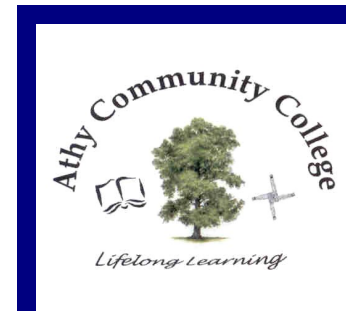
Healthy Eating

In an effort to help promote healthy eating habits among our students, the school has embarked on a healthy eating programme. During the 11.00 am break a variety of fresh fruit is offered to students, free of charge, thanks to funding from the Dept. of Social and Family Affairs. This has proved very popular with students and we hope this will help them develop healthy eating habits which will last throughout their lives. More information on this available from Mrs Sheila Brennan.

Sports' Programme

The school sports' programme is now well underway. The boys' soccer is in full swing and Gaelic Football inter schools' competitions start after Halloween. The Girls' Basketball is also in full swing and the Inter schools' competitions have already started. This year we also have basketball for boys.

Junior students may also choose from a range of other sports including horse riding, snooker, bowling, volley ball, aerobics/gymnastics, tennis, Fishing, etc.



College and Community News

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Athy Community College

Sept/Oct 2006

Congratulations to our 2006 Leaving Certificate Students.

Exam Results

This year Athy College maintained its high standard in state examination results. Both the Leaving Certificate and the Junior Certificate results were a credit to both students and staff. Over the years we have enjoyed a very high success rate with our graduates achieving places in the local universities and third level colleges.

Debs' Ball 2006

Debs' Ball held at end of August in the Stand House Hotel.



Back Row left to right: Jamie Kelly, Kelsey McEvoy, Paul Brady, Frances Watchorn, David Kelly, Martha Maguire, Jason Dalton, Maria Sunderland and Danny Maher. Front Row: Rachel Keane, Catriona Byrne, Noelle Tyrrell, Bernie Hyland, Emma Meredith, Lindsey Kelly, Janet McCann, Emma Fitzpatrick, Mary Phillips and Sarah Jane Grufferty.

Dot Mullan Writing Competition

Last Friday night saw a packed assembly hall as recipients of awards in the Mary D. Mullan Creative Writing and Art Competition, their parents and their teachers, attended the prize giving. Some 300 students entered the competition and several of the winning works were read by guest readers: Chris Fingleton, Kay Lawler and Maisie Candy. The overall school prize went to St. Columcille's in Moone and principal Joe Monaghan was on hand to receive the plaque from Eugene Doyle who represented the Mullan family.



Mr Joe Monaghan, Principal, receiving award from Eugene



Students from St. Columcille's National School, Moone.

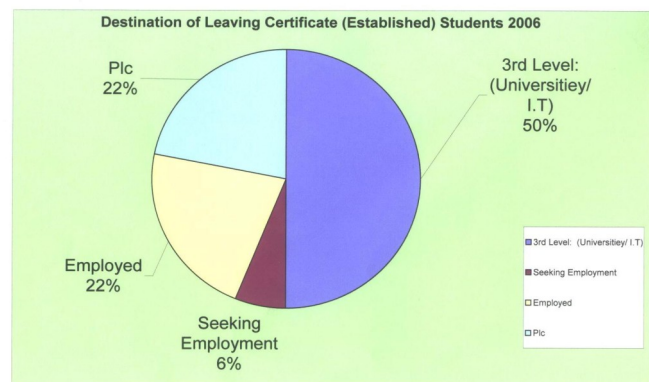
Students raise funds for Goal



Student Karen Murray presents a cheque to Karen O'Shea from Goal, photographed here with teacher Mr Frank Whelan.

Karen O'Shea, from Goal, is daughter of John O'Shea, the founder of Goal. Karen visited the Community College on Oct 19th and spoke to fifth year students about the wonderful work being carried out by Goal in countries such as Kenya and Indonesia. Twenty two months on, from the tsunami of St. Stephen's day, Goal are still working tirelessly in rebuilding schools and homes for the people worst affected by the disaster. The money collected will be put to good use by Goal in helping to change the lives of people who are less fortunate in 3rd world countries. All money Goal receives is spent directly in helping aid relief in the countries where they are working.

Destination of Leaving Certificate Students 2006



Our New School

School principal Richard Daly described as very positive the fact that Department of Education officials are meeting at the end of the week to prepare for the construction of Athy Community College.

On 3rd November last year Principal Daly took a class on the site of the delayed project and it is hoped that the project will be advanced to Planning Permission stage this year, on the sixth anniversary of the Taoiseach's tree planting ceremony on the site.

"I pay great tribute to Kildare VEC and our Board of Management for helping to keep the pressure on over the past twelve months and I look forward to being able to present the plans for the new building to the public over the next few weeks. This project is vital to the town and the current and future students and I look forward to the project going to tender in the coming weeks"

Night Classes

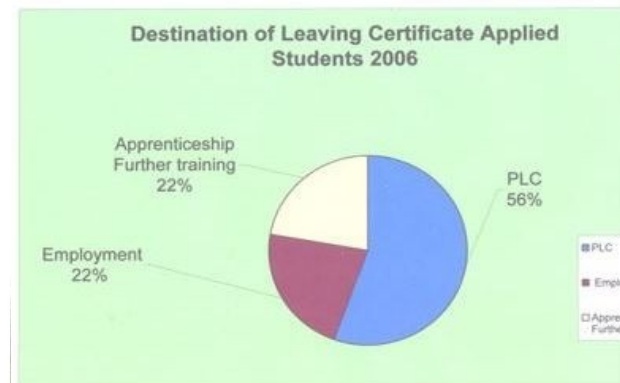
Autumn 2006 night classes have begun with a wide range of programmes on offer. The big difference is that the evening class programme is organised by the new Director of Adult Education Ms Claire O' Connor. Computer classes and Yoga seem to be the most popular again this year.

Enrolling for second term will take place in mid January. All welcome.

Home, School, Community Liaison

Classes have started for interested parents.

Destination of Leaving Certificate Applied Students 2006



Debs' Ball 2006

A wonderful night was had by all. The venue was the Stand House Hotel on the Curragh and music was supplied by Vegas Nights.

Style, glamour and lovely food made for an excellent night where friends shared their future aspirations. Looking forward to the next re-union.

