

## School Calendar

Oct 21: Parent teacher meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Yr.  
 Oct 27 – 31: Halloween.  
 Nov 11: Parent Teacher Meeting .1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Yrs.  
 Nov 14: PLC Graduation.  
 Dec 8: Holyday. No school.  
 Dec 24 to Jan 7 : Christmas Holidays.  
 Jan 29: Parent Teacher meeting, all years.  
 Feb 2 - 13: PLC work Experience.  
 Feb 9– 13: Mock Exams.  
 Feb 16– 20 Mid term Break.  
 Feb 22– 28: School Tour.  
 Mar 17 St Patricks Day. No school.  
 April 6 - 17 Easter holidays.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast available for students at the school every morning from 8 a.m.

## Evening Study

Monday evening study is available for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students from 4.15 to 5.45 p.m.

## Basketball

Senior Girls Basketball on Fridays at 1 p.m. in the Arch.

## Cecil Day Lewis Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won Cecil Day Lewis Creative Writing Competition awards.

### Senior Short Story

First : Alison Duggan,  
 Second: John Whelan.

### Poetry

Second: Amy Keogh  
 Third: Lireto Mastsa.

## Debs Ball



Debutantes, Katie Bowden, Shauna O'Shea and Louisa Moore photographed with teacher Ms. Mary McKenna before attending the Debs' ball in Talbot Hotel in Carlow.

## Discussion through Forum

The Local Committee (the Home, School, Community group) invited four students from the Trinity College, Dublin to work with us using Forum Theatre. Forum Theatre uses a different way of dealing with issues and situations in a non-threatening manner. The students from the Drama and Theatre Studies course worked with our students the day before the meeting. Then we all participated the next day and found the experience a powerful, interesting and fun way of sorting out problems.



Aaron Mackey, Lebo Manamela, Scott Flynn, Idris Johnson and Jessica Manning in action during the Forum Theatre workshop.



Before, Forum Theatre discussion, Students, Jamie Ryan, Jonathan Brennan, Jessica Manning with Drama student/facilitator from Trinity College. Below, after Forum Theatre discussion.



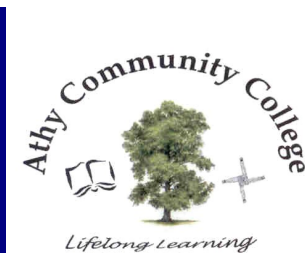
## Food for Health Course



Above, Parents, Esther Mackey and Bridget Donovan, get ready to hear some theory at the Home, School, Community Liaison course on "Food for Health" run by the HSE.



Above, Susan Casey's family celebrated with her when she received her FETAC Level 3 certificate for Food and Cookery at the Back To Education Awards' (BTEI) evening in June.



# Athly Community College

## School and Community News

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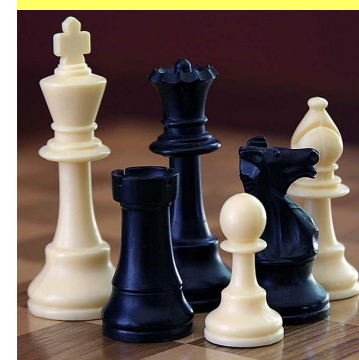
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## Minister announces go ahead for new Community College.



On Monday 29th Sept, Minister O'Keeffe announced the go ahead for our new school building. Construction is to commence by the end of the year. The new premises will cater for 400 students and will occupy 4,843 square meters. Along with the most up to date classroom facilities, it will include a PE hall and autistic unit. Further details inside.

## Chess Lessons



A large group of fifth and sixth year students, accompanied by teachers: Ms. Mr. Darko Poliomac, the Sheila Brennan, Ms. Fiona Kilkenny based chess coach, Mc Evoy and Ms. Tina Whelan, recently travelled to the ploughing match in Kilkenny. Despite traffic delays a good day was enjoyed by all.

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## Exam success

Congratulations to our Leaving and Junior Cert. students on their excellent results. Majority of Leaving Certs have gone on to third level.

## School Sports Programme

The Monday School Sports programme has got away to a flying start. This year students may choose from a range of sports activities such as bowling, snooker, outdoor soccer, basketball and horse riding.

The only piece of good news in recent weeks

## College News

New School building to commence before end of year.

Congratulations to Leaving Cert class '08 on their exam success

Outing to Ploughing Championships.

Chess Lessons for students at the college.

School Sports Programme for '08 gets underway.

Drive for Life course at the college.

Fetac Awards for parents

Home School Community Liaison News

School Tour 'Feb '09' skiing in Germany

Still 2 places left.

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## Drive for Life Course for Students



The Drive for Life Programme held at The College was welcomed by parents and students alike. The whole day programme, for senior students, helps to teach them to drive sensibly and responsibly. Besides showing what happens when things go wrong, the programme also shows students how to do driving in the correct way.

The Drive for Life Programme is a road safety awareness programme that aims to change the mindset of young people BEFORE they get out on the road. The aim is to teach 'cause and effect' and to show the awful consequences of human error and stupidity on the roads, i.e. if you drive like an idiot you may die!

Parts of the programme are quite graphic, but no apology is made for this, as the 'scary' bits are the bits that teenagers remember. Besides shocking students into the reality of careless driving, the programme aims to teach them how to go about driving in a safe way - from advising them how to select a driving instructor, to preparing for the driving theory test. Students were made aware of some harsh statistics:

- Speed is the single largest factor contributing to road deaths in Ireland.
- Over 40% of fatal accidents are caused by excessive or inappropriate speed.

## Fetac Awards



Mary Flood (Tutor) and Shirley Butler (HSCL Co-ord) celebrate with parents Angela Manning, Susan Casey, Liz Meredith, Maureen Doyle, Deirdre Mulhall and Helen Maguire before they receive their FETAC Level 3 certificates for Food and Cookery at the Back To Education Awards' (BTEI) evening in June. They joined with adults from all over County Kildare at the Kildare Education centre.



Parents (from left to right) Maureen Doyle, Susan Casey, Helen Maguire, Liz Meredith, Deirdre Mulhall and Angela Manning receive their FETAC Level 3 certificates for Food and Cookery at the Back To Education Awards' (BTEI) evening in June.



Above, Parents and other adults from the community with HSE Tutors, who recently received "Food for Health" Certificates at Athy College.

## Home, School, Community



The Local Committee (The Home, School, Community group) discussing ways to make learning better for students from schools in Athy. Representatives from schools, the parents and community agencies meet together monthly.



Schools involved are Athy Community College, Scoil Mhichil Naofa and Scoil Phadraig Naofa with Margaret Phelan, their Home, School, Community Liaison Coordinator. Linda Mulhall is the School Completion Programme Coordinator for these 3 schools.



Parent, Mary Barcoe, gets some tips from the HSE Tutor and Nutritionist at the "Food for Health" course, jointly funded by HSCL and Athy Community Development Project.

## New School For Community College



Above an artists impression of the new Athy college.

The news that the new school for Athy College is to commence building shortly was greeted with great excitement by students and teachers alike. The new college which will be built on a Greenfield site at Rathstewart will contain a gymnasium, playing fields, state of the art computer and I.T facilities, engineering and construction technology rooms, language labs and much more. The establishment of this college will represent the largest ever investment in education in the town and will be a new beginning for education in Athy.



The new facility, which will be 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.



A bird's eye view of the new facility

## Ultra Modern Interior



Above and below Artist impressions of the interior of



As soon as construction is completed, students and staff from Athy Community College on the Carlow Road will move to the new facility. Post Leaving Certificate Courses and Adult Education Evening Classes will also transfer to the new Community College. The new Athy College will have an ultra modern interior, with all the latest in equipment, to facilitate the teaching of all subjects, and to ensure that the students get the best possible education to which they are entitled.

The development is welcomed by teachers, parents and staff. All are looking forward to the move.

## Students raise funds for Goal

Fifth year students, together with their L.C.V.P. Co-ordinator Mr. Frank Whelan, recently organised fund raising for Goal. They raised €230 for the charity by having a Jersey day at the College. Students wore in their favourite jersey, supporting their favourite team, and contributed to Goal for the privilege. The cheque will be presented to Ms M. O'Shea of Goal who is daughter of John O'Shea, founder of Goal, during her forthcoming visit to the school, when she will speak to students about the work of Goal.

Goal is one of their favourite charities because Goal believes that every being has the right to the fundamentals of life: food, water, shelter, healthcare and literacy.

Throughout the developing world, people are dying for want of these basic rights; Goal's mission is to respond quickly and efficiently with emergency supplies and life saving services. They believe that the money we collect must be spent directly on the people who need it most.

## Ski Trip to Germany

This year's school tour is being organised by Ms. Deirdre Murphy. The tour will take place from Feb. 23rd to Mar 1st '09 and promises to be very exciting. It will be a week's ski trip to Konigsee in Germany. The cost is €900 approx., which is all inclusive of flight, full board in hotel, 5 day ski lessons, ski pass, ski hire, fully comprehensive insurance and evening activities. Ms Murphy will be accompanied by teachers Mr. Ger Mc Donagh and Ms Claire O'Connor. There are only two places remaining.

