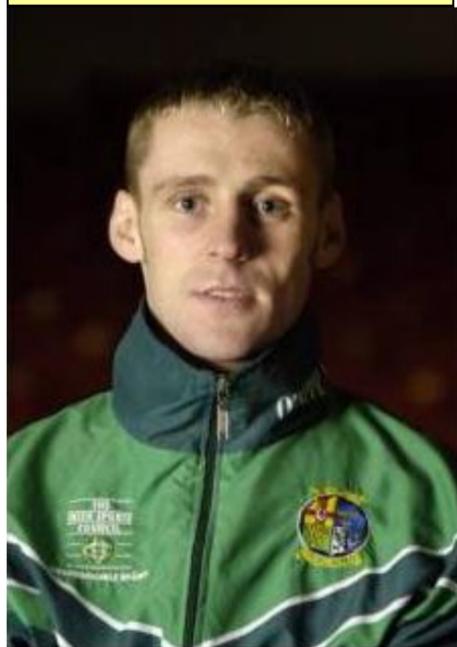


National Boxing Champion



Congratulations to past pupil, Roy Sheahan, pictured above, who recently won Welterweight National Senior Boxing Championship in The National Stadium. Other contestants for National titles included past pupils Eric Donovan and Roy's brother, Tommy Sheahan. The qualifying for the Olympic Games now gets under way.

Athy Community College has been selected as one of the second level schools nationally, to work on investigating changes in the Leaving Certificate programmes. The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment has selected 8 innovative schools to take part in a pilot programme for the introduction of Flexible Learning Programmes for Leaving Certificate students. The programme will allow programmes structured to suit individual students' needs, skills and interests. They will allow greater flexibility in tailoring programmes for the Leaving Certificate. The programme was greeted with great interest at a meeting held by the college staff and principal with the NCCA. Among the benefits of the programmes will be that individual talents of students will be recognised, providing greater motivation for students, learning will be more focused, active and more student centred. The programme is being co-ordinated by teacher, Mrs N. O'Neill.

Healthy Eating at the College

As part of the School Completion Programme for second level schools, students are now being served healthy meals at the school. Before school starts from 8am a selection of fruit, fruit juices, toast, yogurt, cereal, soup and hot chocolate are available.

At morning break students are served soup, sandwiches and wraps with a variety of fillings including salad, cheese, chicken and ham. Needless to say, this is very welcome to students who leave home very early in the mornings to catch buses into town. The initiative is being coordinated by Assistant Principal, Mrs Sheila Brennan

New Assistant Principal

Congratulations to Mr. John O'Dwyer, who has been promoted to Assistant Principal at the Athy College. John, who has been teaching Construction Studies, Computer Studies, and Woodwork at the college for over twenty years, holds an M. Sc. in Computer Applications in Education. John replaces Ms. Moira Finnegan who retired last September.

Homework Policy

The college has just drafted a new homework policy for the school. Below some of the parents who gave valuable input into the Homework policy.



Sports Person of The Year

Congratulations to Jennifer Ryan pictured below, who was last week selected as Kildare Sports person of the Year. Jenny has had a most successful and prominent career on the motor circuit.

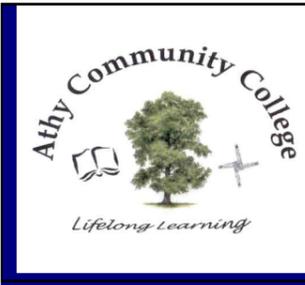


Online Revision

Leaving Certificate students may now avail of online revision courses during lunch time at the College.

Www.Examsupport.com is the new Study Support and Exam Preparation website for second level students. It provides computer video lessons on most Leaving Certificate subjects accompanied by Lesson Notes and Worked Video Solutions to Past Paper questions. Exam Support Video Learning Packs let students revise a complete lesson in each subject.

Students can watch the videos and make Audio downloads for playing on an MP3 player and print out the course notes. These notes and MP3 audio may then be used to revise anywhere at any time. This is a wonderful facility available to students to help them revise for the Leaving Certificate examinations.



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Academic Awards Night at College



Athy College students who received academic awards photographed with Mr Richard Daly, Principal, Athy College, R.T.E. presenter Mr. Derek Mooney, and Councillor Mark Dalton.

Athy Community College's Annual Academic Awards generated particular excitement this year. The college hall was full to capacity as students and their guests eagerly awaited the arrival of this year's host – R.T.E.'s Derek Mooney. Principal, Richard Daly, welcomed Derek, the students, their families and the teaching staff. He praised the students and staff for their work towards academic excellence, referring to the school's outstanding performance in the third level college entry league tables, recently published by "The Irish Times".

Applause resounded as R.T.E.'s Derek Mooney offered words of genuine encouragement to the students. He urged the students to set their own goals, to work hard to achieve them and to be tuned into and accept any help available to get them where they want to go. Derek urged students to be individuals. An exceptional communicator, Derek took time for words of congratulation and a photo opportunity with each student. In his address to the audience, Derek deplored the fact that in this day and age, students and teachers should have to work in inadequate facilities and was visibly shocked that the building of the new college had not yet commenced.

For more photos, see inside.

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- Sports Person of the Year Award for Past Pupil Jennifer Ryan
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- Revision courses online for students at the College
- Athy College selected for new Leaving Cert programmes
- Wider options Art Exhibition at the College 18th April - 7 pm.
- New Assistant Principal for Athy College

Award winning students at the College



Above, Alison Duggan, Junior Certificate Student of the year 2007 receiving her award from Derek Mooney. On left, award winning students with Mr Richard Daly, Principal and Councillor Mark Dalton, Chairman of the Board of Management .

Principal, Richard Daly, congratulated all who received awards and thanked host, Derek Mooney, for his support and interest in the school. He also thanked Shirley Doyle who organises the Annual Academic Awards. The Chairperson of the Board of Management, Cllr. Mark Dalton, congratulated all and lavished hearty praise on the award recipients before addressing the issue of the College's new premises. Cllr. Dalton, in closing the ceremony said that all the indications are that building will commence imminently. This news was met with hearty applause, particularly from parents, students and staff whose desire is to continue to excel academically in facilities worthy of the students.



Above, Birute Liepinyte receiving her trophy for Leaving Certificate student of the year 2007. Birute is now studying Art at Art College.



Above, Brendan Fitzpatrick receiving his trophy for being Leaving Certificate Applied student of the year 2007. Below Adult Art students proudly present their work.

Wider Options Art Exhibition

Excitement is building at present in the Wider Options art classes in anticipation of their forthcoming art exhibition. Students are selecting and framing their art work and it is looking like being an exhibition of ever increasing quality and works of a high standards are guaranteed to be on display. The exhibition will take place on Friday 18th April at 7pm in the college hall. All are welcome. A cheese and wine reception will be held on the night, and if past years are any indication, it promises to be a great social occasion and one not to be missed. Congratulations to all on their wonderful work and to Art teacher Linda Dempsey.



Keep up-to-date with college developments, new day courses, evening courses and more by visiting: www.athycollege.ie

Biology Practical Day at N.U.I. Maynooth



Leaving certificate students attending a day of practical Biology experiments in the N.U.I. Maynooth laboratories. The students were accompanied by their Biology teacher, Mrs N. O'Neill. On left Katie Bowden, Rebecca Hutchinson, Stephen Duggan, Shauna O'Shea, Louisa Moore and Niall Sunderland. On right Sarah Mc Donnell, Dominic Meredith and Stacey Quinn.

Home, School and Community Liaison



Above, Home School Liaison Co-ordinator, Mrs. Shirley Butler, accompanied by parents, enjoying a visit to the Abbey theatre to see a modern version of "The Playboy of the Western World".



Above, Paul Talbot, a Sign Language tutor, with some of our parents who completed the six week course. Below, left and right, adults enjoy Art classes at the college and prepare for their Art Exhibition on 18th April.

