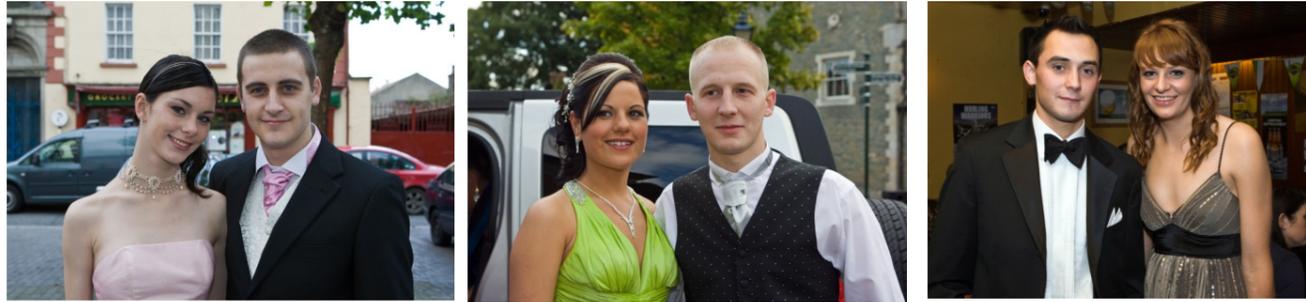


## Athy College Debutantes 2009



Congratulations to all our Leaving Cert students of 2009 on achieving such excellent results in their exams. Most students have by now settled in third level colleges or plc courses around the country. Some indeed have even been lucky enough to gain employment. Above are just some of our handsome boys and pretty girls who are pictured here celebrating their debts in Sept . Above; top row from left to right: Stephen Moore and Daisy Delaney, Illeana Scappaticci and partner, John Whelan and partner. Second row—Aaron Mackey and partner, David O'Neill and partner, Lyndsey Donovan and Ruthie O'Dea,. Third row: Pdraig Maher and partner.

## Ryan Tubridy and Aonghus McNally visit The College



During a recent visit to Athy, during the Ploughing Championships, Ryan Tubridy paid a visit to the College, where he was greeted warmly by students and staff. Ryan was accompanied by his producer Aonghus McNally. The guests were introduced to the students by Principal Richard Daly. Ryan spoke to students about his career to date and about careers in the media in general. He was very frank in discussions about his career and about his experiences on the Late Late Show so far. The students asked questions such as "what was like to interview the Taoiseach on his first Late Late Show?" He was very humorous and interacted wonderfully with the students. The visit concluded with a couple of musical numbers from Aohghus McNally who sings and plays the guitar.

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# Athy Community College

*School and Community News*

Nov 2009

## New School for Athy College opening after Christmas



The new Athy Community College on the Monasterevin Road will open in Jan '09.

There is great excitement among staff and students at Athy Community College as preparations get underway for the opening of our new school. The building is now almost fully complete and staff and students will be moving in after the Christmas holidays. At present, classrooms are being fitted out with all of the most modern furnishing and equipment imaginable. The new school will boast several playing pitches, basketball and tennis courts, an enormous gym and a fitness centre. Among the most modern fully equipped classrooms will be Language and Science Laboratories, specially equipped rooms for Computers, Woodwork, Engineering, Metalwork, Home Economics, Technical Graphics, Career Guidance Counselling and a Parents Room. All of these will be fully equipped with the most modern high tech equipment needed to ensure that students achieve highly in all their subject areas. The school also has a fully equipped special unit for children with autism to ensure that their educational needs are met. Congratulations to our Principal Richard Daly for his tireless work in making our new school a reality.

## European Scholarships

Congratulations to Laima Liepinyte and Joshua Adido who were awarded European Language Scholarships for the summer .



## Third Level Open Days

Career Guidance Counsellor, Mrs Margaret Cambie McEvoy, has organised visits for Leaving Cert students to Open Days at third level colleges,. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to see the facilities and will assist them with making course choices for their CAO applications. Parents welcome. **On Fri. Nov 20th** sixth year students will attend **Carlow IT's Open Day**. A bus will be provided for €5 and will return by 1pm. **On Sat. Nov 28th** sixth years will attend an **Open Day at N.U.I. Maynooth**. Bus will leave Emily Square at 10am and costs €10.

## Congratulations to Past Pupils on their Graduations



Above, are just two of our past pupils, who graduated from University this year. Graduating from NUI Maynooth is Maria Sunderland on left and on right Teresa Greene pictured with her parents. Maria was awarded a First Class Honours' Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics and Geography. She is now studying for a Post Graduate Higher Diploma in Education at NUI Maynooth. She is delighted to be back in her old school, Athy Community College, where she is undertaking her teaching practice. Teresa Greene was awarded an Honours' Degree in Psychology. also at NUI Maynooth, and is now studying for a Masters in Environmental Psychology at the The University of Surrey in U.K. We wish them well with their further studies.

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## Leaving Cert Graduation Night 2009



Above Leaving Cert students who graduated from the college- Annie Grufferty, Cassandra Maher and Alison Duggan. Below are students Paul McDonagh and Kim Brophy who provided music for the evening.

Joseph Maher, Jason Shaw, Scott Flynn, Teacher, Mrs Nora O'Connor, Aaron Mackey, Billy Kiernan, and Stephen Moore celebrate their graduation at the College.

## New Lap Tops for the College



Teachers and students were delighted, on returning to school after the summer holidays, to find that the school had two new cabinets, each containing 15 lap top Notebook computers. One cabinet is located upstairs and one cabinet downstairs in the school. The cabinets may be wheeled into the classrooms and the laptops, which have been on charge, may be removed by teachers for use by students during classes. This is a wonderful facility and adds to the already 3 highly equipped computer rooms in The College where students are taught IT skills.

The Department of Education and Science encourages the integration of Information Technology into all the subject areas in schools and Athy College has been a leader in this field. This integration of IT into the subject areas has been found to be one of the most effective ways to use computers in Education. A vast amount of learning and teaching aids are available online and some excellent resources are available from the text book publishers and from websites such as [www.teachnet.ie](http://www.teachnet.ie), [scoilnet.ie](http://scoilnet.ie) and [skool.ie](http://skool.ie) (yes 3 O's), Also Dept of ED and Sc. Website [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) has past exam questions and solutions.



## Some of our Teaching Staff



Teachers Miss Shirley Doyle B.A. H. Dip, Miss Claire O'Connor M.A., H. Dip. and Miss Deirdre Murphy B.A. H Dip in ICT in Education.

## Congratulations Siobhan



Congratulations to past pupil Siobhan O'Brien, who has commenced her studies for a Post Graduate Diploma in Education At NUI Galway. Siobhan graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Religion and is doing her teaching practice at the College.

## LCA OUTING TO Áras Chill Dara, Naas

Both LCA classes were in attendance at a monthly meeting of Kildare County Council on Monday 19 October last to see local government in action. They were welcomed to the meeting by the County Manager, Michael Malone. Mrs. Brennan and Ms. McEvoy accompanied the group to Áras Chill Dara in Naas where they met up with Linda Mulhall, SCP coordinator. Siobhán O'Rourke, development officer with Kildare County Council, showed great hospitality to the group and provided refreshments and lunch during the visit. This was appreciated greatly by all the group. Siobhán also brought the group on a historical tour of Naas, a town whose history goes back to the Brehon times. It was an enjoyable and interesting day for all.



With LCA students, on left Athy College Pricipal Mr Richard Daly, Ms. Linda Mulhall, SCP Coordinator and on right County Manager Mr Michael Malone, teacher Mrs Sheila Brennan.

## Breakfast Club

Parents, don't worry if your son or daughter leaves home without breakfast in the mornings. Here in the College we provide healthy breakfast for them from 8 to 8.50 am. During 11 o'clock break we provide a healthy lunch all free of charge



On left, Mrs Pauline Leonard who is in charge of the Breakfast and Lunch Club at the school, accompanied by Leaving Cert student Stephen Leonard who is assisting her with serving the 11 am Lunchtime food.

Among the healthy options for breakfast are fresh fruit, cereals, fruit juice, toast and tea. At 11 o'clock break we serve fresh fruit, sandwiches and wraps with fillings of chicken, ham, cheese and salads. Fresh milk is also provided. Soup will be available during the winter months. This is welcomed by students on these cold mornings and also makes break time something to look forward to even more. Not only does the food provide the students with the correct dietary requirements it also helps them to develop good eating habits and stops them from eating junk food.



College Students seen here queuing up for lunch at 11 o'clock break.