



NEWSLETTER



The official newsletter of Coláiste Chiaráin

Welcome

Welcome to the February edition of our Coláiste Chiaráin Newsletter. We are delighted to celebrate and showcase the many activities, events and achievements in the past month. From our Green Schools' Committee, who organised their First Community Pick Up, to the school Attendance Drive, we have had a very busy month. Enjoy the read!

- COMMUNITY LITTER PICK UP
- A DAY IN THE LIFE WORKSHOP
- ANALOGUE CELEBRATE BTYSE
- ATTENDANCE DRIVE
- NORTHERN TRUST/ BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY
- SPONSORSHIP OF BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL JERSEYS
- FUNDRAISER FOR LIMERICK TREATY SUICIDE PREVENTION
- MORE SUCCESS AT BRIARY GAP LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT COMPETITION
- AND MUCH MORE.....



Community Litter Pickup

Coláiste Chairáin's Green Schools Committee undertook their first community litter pickup in February. Students from all years spent the morning collecting all manner of waste materials in the wider Croom area. Several bags were collected; a lot done, more to do. Students will be back out again as part of the TLC Team Limerick Clean up in a few weeks time.



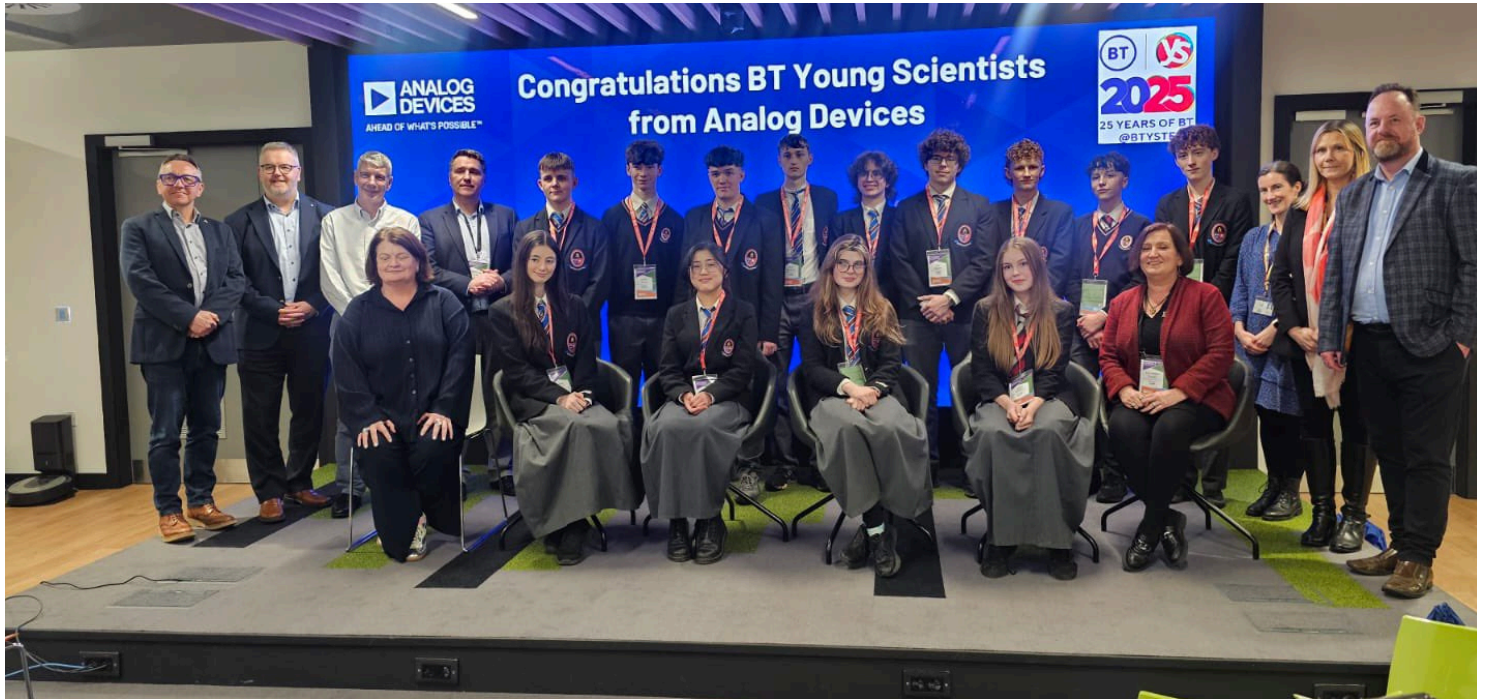
A Day in the Life Workshop

2nd Year ICE students recently completed the 'Day in the Life' workshop as part of the [BITC Ireland](#) World of Work Programme. The students met with, and interviewed, employees from many departments of [KirbyGroup](#) Engineering.



Analogue Celebrate BTYSE

The BTYSE students and mentor teachers were delighted to take part in a wonderful event, hosted by Analog, to acknowledge the students and teachers from all of the Limerick schools involved in BTYSE this year.



Basketball Jerseys Sponsorship

A presentation of a basketball jersey was made to Michelle from Kirby Group on Wednesday February 12th, acknowledging their sponsorship of our new Basketball Kit. Link Teacher - Mr. Murphy. Basketball Coach - Mr. Crowley

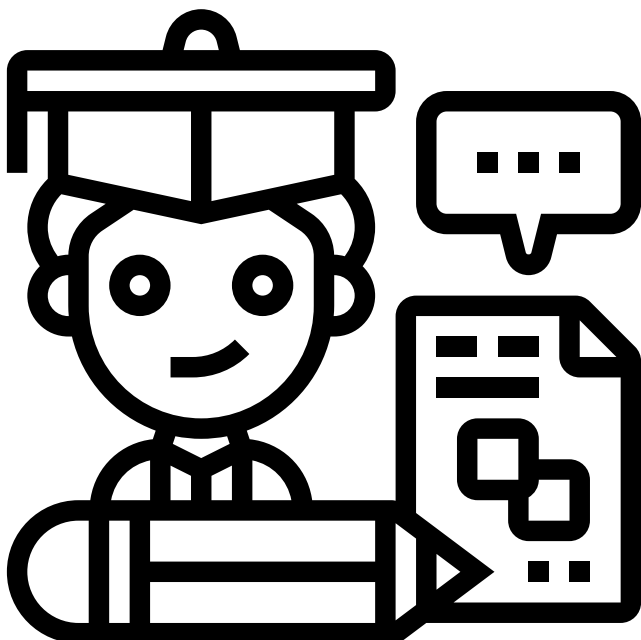


Attendance Drive

The attendance Drive in Coláiste Chiaráin is ramping up! Students discussed why showing up matters. There are lots of prizes up for grabs for the most improved attendance and the best classes were treated to Pizza parties. The attendance drive is still running with daily spot prizes and class prizes planned. It is all being organised by Ms. Farrell and the attendance committee. Let's make every day count!

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Registration Night took place on Tuesday, 25th February for the incoming 1st Year students. 144 students have been enrolled for September 2025.



Thank you to Mr. David Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel for speaking to our 5th Year LCVP classes to aid them in their investigation of a business. David answered their questions in relation to running a business and all that is involved.

Thank you to Melissa and Claire from the School of Nursing and Midwifery at UL for delivering a very insightful presentation today on the various nursing programmes available at UL, including the BSc in General Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Intellectual Disability Nursing and Midwifery. Another fantastic opportunity for all our students to gain a deeper insight into the careers available to them and to help support our TY students in making informed decisions around subject choice.



Fundraiser for Limerick Treaty Suicide Prevention

A Colours Day Fundraiser was held in advance of Valentines Day and the midterm, with all funds raised going towards Limerick Treaty Suicide Prevention. This event was organised by Mr. Phil Maloney's TY Young Social Innovators class group, raising €650 for the cause.



The Guidance Department were delighted to welcome Shannen Slattery to speak to senior students about the B.Ed. in Art and Design at LSAD at TUS on Wednesday, January 15th. It was fantastic to hear Shannen's personal story of her educational journey, from somewhat reluctant pupil, to a qualification in Animal Science before finding her true calling through engagement with the Arts and ultimately qualifying as an Art teacher. Importantly, Shannen emphasised that teaching is not limited to schools, but may include health care settings, the prison service, and adult education.

Northern Trust/Business in the Community

6th year students who are part of the Business in the Community and Northern Trust Mentoring Programme got the opportunity to hone their interview skills.

Each mentee reviewed a mock job specification with their mentor. They discussed what skills they had highlighted on their CV were relevant for the job. Each student was then interviewed by a different Northern Trust member for the position. As such, the whole interview process was more realistic for the students.

After their mock interview, the mentees had the chance to review it with their mentors and the interviewers. They learnt about the need for preparation, clarity, positivity and truthfulness.

It was a wonderful experience to prepare our 6th years for their future careers and the world.



Football Jerseys Sponsorship

A huge thank you to Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel for sponsoring a new set of Football jerseys. Mr. David Fitzgerald presented the jerseys to team members and coaches Mr. Fiachna Mangan and Mr. Martin Murphy



Briary Gap Light Entertainment Competition

On Feb 5th 20 students travelled to the Briery Gap Theatre in Macroom to perform in the preliminary round of the Briery Gap Light Entertainment Competition. Our students performed 3 pieces from the musical 'Our House'. The students wowed the audience and left the judges wanting more. Soloists were David Cagney Rusin, Alisha Twomey, Tomás O' Sullivan, Oisín Moore and Lily Hurley. Judges' feedback included "outstanding singers", "amazing choreography" and "a highly entertaining and energetic performance". Students have now qualified for the All- Ireland final which takes place at Cork Opera House on March 25th.



First Year Maths Competition



All 1st years participated in a 1st year maths competition run by the Irish Maths Teachers Association. This is a yearly challenge that 1st years take in January online. Our winners this year include Leah Frawley (1st), Blaise Delourey (2nd) and Matthew Popp (3rd). Well done to all 1st years who participated!