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30 August 2013

CEIST is the trustee body for the voluntary secondary schools of the Daughters of Charity, the Presentation Sisters, the Sisters of the Christian Retreat, the Sisters of Mercy and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Feature

New Catholic Voluntary Secondary School Opens in Doon, Co. Limerick!

CEIST is delighted to announce the opening this school term of a new Catholic Voluntary Secondary School under the Trusteeship of CEIST.

Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa, Doon is the first Voluntary Catholic Secondary School of its kind, opened in more than 20 years, being an amalgamation of St. Fintan's Christian Brothers School (ERST), St Michael's College, Cappamore (Co. Limerick VEC) and St Joseph's Mercy Secondary School (CEIST).

This is a momentous occasion for CEIST and one which will be celebrated by all in the Catholic Voluntary Sector. Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa will cater for 850 pupils. This is a particularly significant event for CEIST and for the Principals, staffs, students and the parents of the three existing secondary schools, St. Joseph's, St. Fintan's and St. Michael's College.

CEIST expresses its appreciation to all those who have brought this Project to fruition, including the staff, past and present of St. Joseph's, St. Fintan's and St. Michael's College and the past Principals, John Kinsella, Eddie Bourke and Michael O'Connor.

Our special thanks to the Mercy Congregational Leaders; past and present Boards of Management Chairpersons, Members and CEO of Co. Limerick VEC.

The realisation of this new school could not have occurred without the vision and commitment of CEIST, the Edmund Rice Schools Trust and Co. Limerick VEC. The Trustees commend the local community in playing an active role on the amalgamation Steering Committee and Boards of Management, and also acknowledge the great generosity of the local GAA GFC.

The School Principal appointed for the new school is Ms. Ellis Casey and Deputy Principal is Mr. Roger Corcoran. CEIST offers best wishes to both and to all of the staff in this exciting new era for the school.

For those of you who would like to offer best wishes and congratulations to the school, the school can be contacted via email info@sth.ie or by phone on 061- 380378.



CEIST News



CEIST Annual Education Conference 2013

The Eighth Annual CEIST Education Conference will be held in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath on Thursday, 26th September and Friday, 27th September, 2013. The theme for this year's conference is "Year of Faith - Our Faith in Action".

The CEIST Annual Education Conference provides an opportunity for our School Principals, Deputy Principals and Schools Boards of Management Chairpersons to network and share ideas and best practice. It is also crucial to our efforts to underline the mutual understandings and shared ties that bind us together and create community amongst CEIST schools.

The first CEIST Education Conference was held at the Hodson Bay Hotel in Athlone in 2006 and we are delighted to note that it has gone from strength to strength each year with last year holding our biggest attendance to date. We like to involve our schools as much as possible and this year we have three school choirs performing at the conference, which always greatly adds to the occasion.

We are delighted to have as keynote speakers, Mr David Cameron, Education Consultant, Scotland and Millet and Matthews, Solicitors, Balinglass, Co. Wicklow. A number of very attractive workshops has been organised over the two day conference, which we hope our Principals, Deputy Principals and Chairpersons will find both informative and enjoyable.

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New Faith Leadership and Governance Co-ordinator Appointment

CEIST are delighted to have Mr. Justin Brown joining CEIST as our new Faith Leadership and Governance Co-ordinator.

Justin is a person of faith and brings a wealth of experience at school, parish and the wider community level and will bring his own particular gifts and talents to our work.



CEIST Induction Day for Principals and Deputy Principals

CEIST held an Induction Day for our recently appointed Principals and Deputy Principals on Monday the 12th of August 2013.

The Induction Day took place in the CEIST Office for Principals, Acting Principals, Deputy Principals and Acting Deputy Principals.

Presentations to the attendees were provided by CEIST Staff Members.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the newly appointed Principals and Deputy Principals to meet staff in the CEIST Education Office and gain a stronger understanding of the Trust and of the services it provides to the schools and to network with their peers in other CEIST Schools.



Leaving Cert 2013

CEIST would like to congratulate and say "well done" to the Leaving Cert students of 2013.

These results are a testament to the commitment and hard work on behalf of the students of our CEIST schools.

Of course, none of this could happen without the motivation and dedication of teachers and their contribution to school life, not just academic, which is appreciated and highly valued.

CEIST congratulates all students who took the exam and wish them every success in their further studies and future life.

Education Matters



Diploma in Catholic Education

The Diploma in Catholic Education is an innovative postgraduate programme, leading to a very significant professional qualification.

Offered by St. Patrick's College, Maynooth in partnership with the Alliance for Catholic Education, (University of Notre Dame) the programme is designed to enhance participants' formation as teachers in Catholic Schools.

The programme will encourage and support committed and enthusiastic teachers to be aware of their own faith and how it should impact their role as educators in Catholic schools.

Click [here](#) to download booklet.

Faith-related Issues



Religious Education Resources

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Resources include:

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- Resources for Opening of the Year and Graduation, CEIST Staff Prayer Service to begin a new school year.

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There will be a special welcome "Céad Míle Fáilte" to those named Brigid and those who have variations of the name.

The festival is being organised by Solas Bhride in collaboration with a number of other Kildare based groups and is part of the overall Government supported Gathering Festival 2013.

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News from CEIST Schools



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News from Scoil Muire agus Pádraig, Swinford, Co. Mayo

The Principal and Staff of Scoil Muire & Pádraig, Swinford, Co. Mayo wish to congratulate their Leaving Cert students for their outstanding results.

To quote the Principal Mrs Mary Quinn "The school is proud of all its students and the Leaving Cert results affirm the belief the school has in its management, staff and pupils".

The school also hope that the CAO offers will take the students on a path in life where they will be rewarded and fulfilled.

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St Mary's Mallow Students Participate in Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage

St Mary's Secondary School, Mallow, Co. Cork students recently participated in the Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage that took place in the Mercy International Centre, Baggot Street, Dublin.

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Cycle Against Suicide

[Cycle Against Suicide](#) is an initiative started by Irish entrepreneur, Jim Breen, as a result of his appearance on RTE's The Secret Millionaire programme.

The main objective of the Cycle is to raise awareness of the considerable help and supports that are available for anyone battling depression, self harm, at risk of suicide or those bereaved by suicide.

In 2014, the Cycle, will take place from Monday, April 28th to Sunday, May 11th. A number of CEIST Schools are participating in events for this worthy initiative and we hope to profile them on our website over the coming months.

As it did in 2013, the Cycle will create a very tangible and practical opportunity for people who want to support those who have been affected by suicide.

Morning and Evening Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy (App and PDF)

The prayer book, Morning and Evening Mercy Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy, is now available as a pdf for viewing on desktop and laptop computers, e-readers, electronic tablets and other devices.

The electronic version is particularly convenient for travel and for those requiring large print. To access the file, click [here](#).

Applications have been created of the "Mercy Prayerbook" and "Oracion Misericordia" for the Android (Google Play) and Apple app stores.

The English and Spanish versions are both free downloads in the stores and will work on tablets and iPads equally well.

National Religious Education Congress 2013

The National Religious Education Congress 2013 is taking place on the 5th October in Mater Dei Institute of Education.

The theme for the congress is "Increase our Faith: Fan the Flame".

Click [here](#) for more details.

Carmichael Centre Courses and Seminars

SCHEDULED TRAINING
17 September: Fundraising for small Community Groups (half day)
24 September: Financial Reporting for the Charities Regulator (half day)

FREE SEMINARS:
5 September: Risk Management
12 September: Best Practices for Data & Customer Relationship Management
19 September: Social Finance

Click [here](#) for further details and online booking.

Alpha National Conference for Ireland

Alpha Ireland launches its first Alpha National Conference for Ireland on 21st September 2013 at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. Alpha is a great parish tool to respond to the call for New Evangelisation. The day will include talks from visiting expert speakers, live worship and training on all aspects of running Alpha.

Whether you are brand new to Alpha or a seasoned practitioner, the conference has lots to offer you. There will be the opportunity to share and learn from other peoples' experiences and hear testimonies from people whose lives have been changed through Alpha.

Click [here](#) for further information.

Profile Your News with CEIST!

CEIST always invites any news items, photos, event profiles, etc from our CEIST community.

If you have a news snippet big or small please email to jwoods@ceist.ie and it will be profiled on our website and e-newsletter.

The next publication of our e-news is scheduled for **Monday, 30th September**.



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CEIST Annual Education Conference 2013

Saturday 21st September 2013

The 8th Annual CEIST Education Conference will be held in the [Sheraton Athlone Hotel](#), Athlone, Co. Westmeath on Thursday, 26th September & Friday, 27th September, 2013. The theme for this year's conference is "Year of Faith - Our Faith in Action".

The CEIST Annual Education Conference provides an opportunity for our School Principals, Deputy Principals and Schools Boards of Management Chairpersons to network and share ideas and best practice.

Booking forms and conference brochure have been distributed to our School Principals, Deputy Principals and Chairs of School Boards of Management. **Please book early to secure accommodation in the Sheraton Hotel.**

The following is the Agenda for both days;

Day 1: Thursday, 26th September 2013

11.30am - 1.00pm	Registration
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome: CEIST Chief Executive Officer, Anne Kelleher• Introduction: Bernard Keeley, Chairperson, CEIST Board of Directors• Opening Prayer with Mercy Secondary School, Sligo, School Choir.
2.30 - 3.30pm	Keynote Address: Mr. David Cameron, Education Consultant, Scotland.
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Conference Workshops (see below).
4.30pm	Tea / Coffee - Hoey Suite
4.45pm - 5.15pm	Property Matters with Liam Bergin, CEO, Educena Foundation.
7.00pm	Sherry Reception / Social Gathering
7.30pm	Conference Dinner

Conference Workshops

1) "When Suicide Occurs: How to provide Supportive & Effective Responses", Ciaran Austin, Director of Services, Console.

This workshop will focus on the common emotions experienced and reactions to suicide, from the perspective of communities and groups. As leaders in our school communities, we are often tasked with acknowledging such traumatic events and providing safe and therapeutic environments for those directly affected. Our responses have the potential to promote healing and helpful practices and at the same time, identify others who may be at risk of harm or suicide. The workshop will include practical guidance on immediate considerations and on providing longer-term support for those who may be vulnerable.

Ciarán Austin is the Director of Services for Console, the National Suicide Charity (www.console.ie).

2) "Teacher Religious Identity and the School Community", Rev. Dr. John-Paul Sheridan.

When promoting and nourishing the particular religious ethos of a CEIST school, it is preferable when the entire teaching staff is 'singing from the same hymn-sheet'. However, this is often not the case. John-Paul's research is into the religious identity of primary school student teachers, and this workshop will present some of his findings as they might apply to young teachers in our schools. It will also discuss some of the theories of teacher religious identity. Finally he will outline some of the responses regarding the personal beliefs and values of student teachers. This workshop will have particular relevance in the context of creating an understanding of the school ethos, where this identity either supports or comes into conflict with this work.

John-Paul is a priest of the Diocese of Ferns and Diocesan Advisor for Primary School Catechetics.

3) "There's Never a Right Time to Fundraise", Sr. Canice Hanrahan, RSM

There's Never a Right Time to Fundraise – there's only now! In this Workshop Canice Hanrahan will share her experience of successfully raising funds for two major schools projects. She will outline the importance of having a viable project, being totally convinced of its value and benefits, bringing others on board, the importance of planning, goal-setting, record keeping and review.

Nobody can go it alone in the task of successful fundraising - volunteers are critical; so too is communication. Fundraising is offering and inviting many people to be part of something that could not be done by any one person acting alone. The successful outcome brings a sense of pride in achievement.

Statistics show that in the USA giving has increased annually since 1971, slowing only in 1987, 2008 and 2009. Giving is resilient even in the toughest times. In Ireland we are very generous givers to a variety of worthy causes. The affluent years were not necessarily our most generous ones and we got very accustomed to having so much provided - perhaps the mood now is more of a self-help one, so maybe there is after all a good time to fundraise!

There will be time in this workshop for lots of interaction and sharing.

4) "The Management of Information Technology to Support 21st Century Teaching and Learning", Seamus Ryan, H2 Learning, Marie-Therese Kilmartin, School Principal, Coláiste Bríde, Clondalkin and Sarah-Jayne Carey, ICT Co-ordinator, Coláiste Bríde, Clondalkin.

Seamus Ryan has been a leader and innovator in the use of technology to support 21st Century Learning in Post Primary Education in Ireland over the past 15 years. He has been a Teacher, Deputy Principal, Principal (Dunshaughlin Community College) and Education Officer with County Meath VEC and most recently working as an advisor to schools and the Department of Education and Skills. During his time as Education Officer he designed and implemented a centrally managed IT infrastructure for all the schools in Meath VEC. This project took advantage of recent developments in "Cloud" technology, server architecture, print management and power management systems. Seamus believes that individual schools can also use these systems very effectively to save costs and improve the reliability of their IT systems. Since February 2012 Seamus has been working as a consultant with "H2 Learning". This work includes helping individual schools, The Department of Education and Skills, NAPD (National Association of Principals and Deputies) as well as advising ICT service suppliers to the educational sector.

Coláiste Bríde Secondary School, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin has been one of the leading CEIST schools in integrating technology into teaching and learning. School Principal, Marie-Therese Kilmartin and ICT Co-ordinator, Sarah-Jayne Carey will share her experiences to date and provide practical tips for the management of technology in the school. Topics discussed will include, Essential Local IT Infrastructure, Using "Free" Cloud Services, Managing School IT Systems, Classroom of the Future and Devices for Students. The workshop will be an interactive one where the sharing of best practices by schools will be encouraged by presenters.

DAY 2: Friday, 27th September, 2013

9.15 - 10.15am	Mass with Sacred Heart Secondary School, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, School Choir.
10.15 - 11.15am	Conference Workshops
11.15 - 11.40am	Tea / Coffee
11.45am - 12.45 p.m.	Keynote Address: Millet and Matthews, Solicitors, Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow.
12.45pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Conference Hall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Forum.• Closing Prayer with Presentation Secondary School, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, School Choir.
1.30pm	Lunch

Keynote Speaker Profiles

Mr David Cameron

David Cameron has established himself as a leading voice in education.

He has led reviews and presented at conferences in Scotland, across the UK and internationally, but he remains committed to working with teachers and learners.

David has extensive experience as a teacher, a senior manager in schools and in local authorities, most recently as Director of Children's Services for Stirling Council.

He has been extensively involved in developing Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence and, notably, in the review of Devolved School Management.

As an independent consultant, he has maintained that level of involvement and further broadened his experiences.

He can be contacted at therealdavidcameron@gmail.com



Millett and Matthews Solicitors



Brian M. Matthews BA, MA, BCL, Dip. Employment Law

Brian is a solicitor in the firm, working primarily in litigation and dispute resolution.

Brian acts for charities, schools and educational trusts, school management bodies and provides advice, training and support in relation to education law, employment law, school governance, child protection and risk management.

Brian represents clients in the High Court, the Equality Tribunal, the Employment Appeals Tribunal, the Labour Relations Commission and most recently advised an international human rights organisation in relation to a high profile preliminary reference from the Irish High Court to the European Court of Justice.

He has also advised extensively in relation to a number of Government Tribunals and Commissions of Investigation.

Marianne B. Matthews LLB, Dip Finance Law, TEP

Marianne is a solicitor who joined the firm from the asset management and investment funds department of Dublin firm, Matheson Ormsby Prentice Solicitors.

Marianne is a graduate of the Trinity College Dublin, has a Diploma in Finance Law, and is a Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP, awarded by the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, the worldwide professional body for trust and estate practitioners).

Marianne advises schools, charitable bodies, religious congregations and their representative bodies.

She advises particularly in relation to data protection policies, investigations by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner, charity law, property transactions and governance and trust structuring issues.



Conference Brochure

Click [here](#) to download our conference brochure.



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Facilitate Joining the Dots in Your School - Update and Reviews

Thursday 5th September 2013



Given the emphasis on the distinctiveness of the various education sectors, there is an increasing need to provide for and enrich staff faith development in Catholic schools.

Joining the Dots is a school based programme in spiritual reflection and renewal for staff in faith based schools.

It involves approx. 90 minutes one evening a week for five weeks. There are no fees, no travel and no exams!

A CEIST day for prospective facilitators of *Joining the Dots* in the Sheraton Hotel on May 8th 2013 was attended to capacity and received excellent reviews.

Facilitator Day Reviews

A total of 40 (max) attended. Click [HERE](#) to view some of the feedback received from the participants on the day.

Due to the demand for a re run of the day from those who couldn't make it and for a follow up from those who did, CEIST is offering the following dates:

September 10th: *Joining the Dots*: Day for Facilitators (re-run)

October 15th: Facilitating *Joining the Dots*: A Follow Up

Early booking is advisable as places are limited to 40 per day. Please contact Siobhan at the CEIST office to book your place at **01-6510350** or sstopes@ceist.ie.

AGENDA

Joining the Dots Day for Facilitators (re-run)

September 10th 2013

9.00 - 10.00 Registration

10.00 - 11.30 *Joining the Dots*: An experience

11.45 - 1.15 The spirituality of *Joining the Dots*

1.15 - 2.00 Lunch

2.00 - 3.30 How to facilitate *Joining the Dots*

Venue: Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre, Killenard, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

Click [here](#) to download flyer.

AGENDA

Facilitating *Joining the Dots*: A Follow Up

October 15th 2013

10.00 - 11.15 *Joining the Dots*: A follow up experience

11.30 - 1.00 Facilitating Weeks 1-3

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch

2.00 - 3.30 Facilitating Weeks 4-5



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Religious Education Resources

Thursday 15th August 2013

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Resources include:

[Religious Education Policy Template](#)

[Guide to completing R.E. Subject Plan](#) and a [R.E. Subject Plan Template](#).

[Liturgical Year Templates](#), [Preparing a Mass](#) and [Preparing a Prayer Service guides](#).

Resources for [Opening of the Year](#) and [Graduation](#), [CEIST Staff Prayer Service](#) to begin a new school year.

Click [HERE](#) for more school resources on CEIST website.

With the prospect of a R.E. Inspection by the DES or an Incidental Inspection the [Preparing for an Inspection guide](#) can be used to help identify key areas of your subject plan and teaching which need to be highlighted.

These include the areas of I.C.T., AfL, Group Work and Literacy/Numeracy strategies in your R.E. classes.

[I.C.T. & R.E.](#)

[Assessment for Learning in R.E.](#)

[Ten ideas for small group work in the R.E. Classroom booklet](#)

[Literacy in the R.E. classroom Resources](#)

In the [Junior Cycle](#) section of you will find resources for the J.C. R.E. Exam Syllabus, a draft of a non-exam 1st year syllabus & resources related to the new Junior Cycle.

Information about both exam & non-exam R.E. can be found in the [Senior Cycle R.E. section](#).

The final few resources to help with your planning for R.E. in your school are:

[Guidelines for Students of Other Faiths Manual](#)

[Share the Good News Post-Primary Schools](#)

[Vision 08 Pastoral Letter](#)

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Tuesday 13th August 2013

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There will be a special welcome "Céad Míle Fáilte" to those named Brigid and those who have variations of the name.

We also welcome people from around the world who have an affinity with St. Brigid through parishes, associations, churches and place names, to visitors from Ireland and overseas with an interest in Brigid and her legacy.

The festival is being organised by Solas Bhríde in collaboration with a number of other Kildare based groups and is part of the overall Government supported Gathering Festival 2013.

In addition to a Guinness World Records challenge at which we hope to involve all visitors in setting the record for the most people to weave St. Brigid's crosses, there will be a packed programme of music and dance events in addition to walks, pilgrimages, craft demonstrations and craft workshops, each linking to Brigid and her legacy.

Further details are available on our website: www.solasbhríde.ie and the programme of events is attached.

We are just 1.5 hours drive from Dublin airport and 2 hours from Shannon airport and a range of accommodation options are listed on each of www.intokildare.ie and www.discoverireland.ie.

More information on what to do in Kildare Town is available from www.destinationkildaretown.ie and also <http://www.kildare.ie/kildareheritage/>.

You are assured of a very warm welcome in Kildare Town this September and a truly memorable experience celebrating the life of St. Brigid.

Please get in touch if you have any questions and we very much hope to see you in September.

Sr. Mary Minehan
On behalf of Solas Bhríde
Spirituality Centre led by the Brigidine Sisters, Kildare Town, Ireland





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Tuesday 27th August 2013

A new Year Begins at Mary Immaculate

Principal, John O'Loughlin, in welcoming the 45 new first year students to Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare, spoke of the wonderful role model, Robert Hillary, a sixth year student was over the past six years.

Robert was Senior Student of the Year, an all-rounder, a gentleman of the highest order with a caring, compassionate and Christian outlook.

He went on to achieve 7 A's in higher level papers in his Leaving Certificate and is on his way to NUIG for further education. John, on behalf of all the staff, wishes to congratulate all the school's Leaving Certificate students on achieving outstanding results.

The first year students were helped with their first day in secondary school by a team of 12 Peer Mentors from the present Leaving Certificate Class.

Students of the Year

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The Junior Student of the Year is **Sean Kelly from Fanore**.

The Senior Student of the Year is **Robert Hillary from Lisdoonvarna**. Well done to both of them.

Photos



Pictured above first year students on their first day in Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna.



Robert Hilary, Senior Student of the Year pictured with his award.



Sean Kelly, Junior Student of the Year pictured receiving his award from School Principal, John O'Loughlin.

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St Joseph's Rush, Co. Dublin students swap school books for iPads

Wednesday 28th August 2013



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St Joseph's will move to the 'Wriggle 1:1' system which allows students to take advantage of 'mobile learning'. It's the second year in a row that a Fingal school has joined the programme with students from Malahide Community School already using the digital school bag for a year now.

Each first year student (110 in total) starting at St Joseph's Secondary School in Rush this year will receive their new mobile device (iPads in this case) or 'digital schoolbag' which will be used in class and at home in place of traditional textbooks.

This year, Wriggle will work in partnership with 45 schools throughout Ireland in their move to a 1:1 mobile learning programme, whereby each child in a class will use a mobile device such as an iPad in the classroom/for homework instead of traditional textbooks.

The benefits of this include a lighter 'digital' schoolbag and the programme helps prepare children for the modern workplace and allows for interactive learning.

The Wriggle 1:1 mobile learning programme enables schools to transform their teaching and learning environments through the effective use of mobile devices and technology.

Wriggle has created a complete package to provide a school with everything they need to make the move to digital textbooks on mobile devices.

Catering for students and teachers, Wriggle provides the technology, access to digital textbooks and interactive content, professional development for teachers, comprehensive support and expert advice on ICT planning for schools.

Wriggle was developed by Typetec, an Irish IT services and solutions company. Typetec has over 20 years experience as a trusted technology partner in the education sector, working with primary schools, secondary schools and third level institutions all over Ireland.



Facing the Future Pupils in St Joseph's raise their iPads



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Monday 19th August 2013

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The following are pictures were kindly shared with CEIST from the school.



Ciara Finan pictured above with School Principal, Neasa Cosgrove. Ciara achieved over 600 points.



All Smiles! Top achievers' in Presentation College scoring 575 points and above. Pictured above LtoR are Emma Martyn, Ciara Finan and Caoimhe Gordon.

The school is immensely proud of all their students who did so well in their exams.



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News from Scoil Muire agus Pádraig, Swinford, Co. Mayo

Thursday 22nd August 2013

The Principal and Staff of Scoil Muire & Padraig, Swinford, Co. Mayo wish to congratulate their Leaving Cert students on their outstanding results.

To quote the Principal Mrs Mary Quinn "The school is proud of all its students and the Leaving Cert results affirm the belief the school has in its management, staff and pupils".

The school also hope that the CAO offers will take the students on a path in life where they will be rewarded and fulfilled.



Pictured above are the Leaving Cert class of 2013 along with Principal, Mrs Mary Quinn and Deputy Principal, Mr Philip Cawley.



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St Mary's Mallow Students Participate in Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage

Tuesday 13th August 2013

St Mary's Secondary School, Mallow, Co. Cork students recently participated in the Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage that took place in the Mercy International Centre, Baggot Street, Dublin.



Pictured above outside Mercy International Centre, Baggot Street, Dublin are Sr. Bríd and Sr. Anne-Maria with students from St. Mary's Secondary School, Mallow, Co. Cork during the Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage.

The Pilgrimage took place on July 16th - 19th, 2013.

Daily Pilgrimage Blogs

To view blogs from each day of the Young Mercy Leaders' Pilgrimage, click [here](#).