



# Meánscoil Mhuire

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### Nollaig 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,  
Greetings to all of you, as we prepare for Christmas and the end of a very busy term. This is a time for coming together with family and friends and celebrating the birth of Jesus, and at this time, we also remember in our thoughts and prayers those in our



#### DCU Academic Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to **Grace Kelly** on receiving her scholarship. Grace is studying for a BA in Global Business (France). We wish her all the best in her studies.

community who have lost loved ones and for whom this is a difficult time.

Our Christmas tests are now taking place for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year students and our Leaving and Junior Cert. students are busy preparing for their Mock Examinations. We wish you all the best of luck as we endeavour to provide any support we can for you. While we continue to celebrate all of our academic and sporting



#### Mai Murphy Cup 2019

Mr Holmes presents **Amy Carey, Derreens**, with the Mai Murphy Cup to celebrate her exceptional results in her Leaving Certificate. Amy is studying Speech and Language Therapy in NUIG

successes, where, this year, we featured in the top 20 schools in Connacht for Leaving Cert. performance and 90% of students acquired their preferred college places as listed by the Irish Times. We are very proud that our students have once again excelled in their education, which, is in keeping with the proud tradition initiated by the Sisters of Mercy in Erris. I wish to congratulate the Leaving Cert. Class of 2019. You have really done your school and your parents proud. Maith sibh agus, go n-Éiri an t-ádh libh go léir.

I would like to congratulate the TY students on how well they achieved in their Junior Cert exams and also for their very successful musical production, "High School Musical". We are looking forward to the unveiling of our new sculpture, 'The Gates of Erris', designed by past pupil, William Doherty. We also look forward to the launch of our new school website, [www.olssbelmullet.com](http://www.olssbelmullet.com), before Christmas.

Thank you to our staff for their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to the success and welfare of all of our students.

We also wish to express our thanks for the ongoing support of a committed and active Parents' Association and the Board of Management members.

#### J.P. McManus All Ireland Scholarship Awards



Congratulations to **Amy Carey, Derreens**, who was awarded an All Ireland Scholarship in the University of Limerick. The award was presented to Amy by Mr. J.P. McManus for Amy's outstanding performance in her Leaving Certificate.

Nollaig faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh go léir agus rath is siocháin san athbhliain.

*Edmund Holmes, Principal.*



#### "The Gates of Erris"

This is the new piece of artwork designed by our past pupil William Doherty. The project has been funded by the Percent for Art Scheme as part of the refurbishment of the school. The gates are composed of family names of pupils who have attended the school over the years and will be officially unveiled in the new year.



#### DEIS Third Level Bursary

Congratulations to **Oisín Lally, Roy, Doohoma**, who recently received the DEIS Third Level Bursary. This scholarship is awarded to the best-performing students based on the Leaving Certificate examination results. Oisín is currently studying Physiotherapy in Fontys University in Eindhoven, Holland Netherlands.



**Marian Carroll Visits Our Lady's Secondary School**

Leaving Cert students invited Mrs Carroll to visit their class and speak to them about her healing at Knock Shrine in September 1989. Marian had battled multiple sclerosis for 17 years and she had gone to the shrine believing she was dying. It is the first officially recognised "healing" by the Church in the shrine's 140-year history. The students and their teacher Mr Monaghan would like to thank Mrs Carroll for sharing her experience with them.



**Pope John Paul II Awards**

Congratulations to Our Lady's 5<sup>th</sup> Year students who received their Pope John Paul II Awards from Bishop John Fleming in the Newman Institute. Thank you Ms Bridget McDermott and Ms Geraldine Walsh for supporting the students in their endeavours to acquire their awards. Thank you also to Fr Joe Hogan for his support.



**Congratulations to all our students on their excellent Junior Certificate Results 2019**



**Girls 1<sup>st</sup> Year Futsal Team**

Congratulations on winning all their group games and progressing to the quarter finals.  
 Photo: Aoibhe Ginnelly, Ciara Cosgrove, Rachel Boylan, Saoirse Cooney-Gallagher, Sasha Ampong, Lauryn Barrett and Lile O'Donoghue



**Thank you to Freshtoday for Sponsorship of 'High School Musical'**  
 Photo: Cast of High School Musical and Mr Ken Horgan of Freshtoday



**College Awareness Week**

Staff from Vermillion Energy visited the school and held mock career interviews with our senior students. This event was part of their career guidance programme.

**World Mental Health Day**

World Mental Health Day started with students having conversations around mental health during their tutor classes, positive affirmation poster



-making in Art, mediation & yoga in PE and of course we couldn't let the day pass without hosting our famous 'Time to Talk' with some Tea and Treats. This year's World Mental Health Day theme was 'Take 40 Seconds of Action', as always we are so proud of our students & staff who take action every day in reducing and removing the stigma around mental health.



**Senior Girls Soccer Team**

**Back row:** Danielle Nallen, Annelize McDonnell, Shauna Maloney, Tara Doocey, Rebecca McManamon, Jade McDowall and Molly O'Connor

**Front Row:** Leah Neary, Ailish Sweeney, Annie Gaughan, Katelyn Cosgrove, Molly McManamon, SORCHA GREALIS and Kelly Heffernan



**U-19 Girls Basketball Team**

Well done to our U-19 girls who beat Sacred Heart Westport (20 - 12) in Westport recently.

**Back row:** Chloe Healy, Hannah McGuire, Tara Doocey, Jemma McGuire, Dawn Worth, Kate Leneghan, Aimee Carey & Grace McCony

**Front Row:** Rebecca McManamon, Shauna Maloney, Annelize McDonnell, Amy McWilliams & Kelly Heffernan



**Senior Boys Soccer Team**

Who defeated St. Brendan's 4-1

**Back row:** Rob Turner, Kian Gallagher, Jorge Laguna Dominguez, Mark Tighe, John Ginty, Shaun Noone, Nathan Ginnelly, Dáithí Cosgrove, Brendan Conway, David Donoghue, Mikey Ginnelly, Mr Harry Reilly

**Front Row:** Paraic Carey, Justin Lynch, Cillian Reilly, Cormac Ó Muirthe, Shea O'Donoghue, Finnian Carolan, Billy O'Connor, Luke McWilliams, Seamus Mason and Daniel Barrett



**U-16 Basketball Squad—Regional Champions**

Congratulations to our U - 16 basketball team who were crowned regional champions in Sligo on the 27/11/19. The U-16s played Magh Ene Bundoran in the final and represented their school so well. Scoreline (48 - 43).

**Photo:** Anthony Barrett, Kian Gallagher, Luke Tighe, Lorcán McGrath, Eoin Walsh, Darra McAndrew, Rory Ginty, Rory Conway & Mark Gaughan



**U-19 Basketball Squad**

**Back row:** Patrick Conmy, Mikey Ginnelly, Shaun Noone, Padraic Carey, Mark Tighe, Nathan Ginnelly and Luke Tighe

**Front Row:** Billy O'Connor, Dáithí Cosgrove, Luke Mcanamon, Shea O'Donoghue and John Ginty



**U-15 Soccer Team**

**Back Row:** Rob Turner (Coach), Patrick Doherty, James Gallagher, Lachlan Gallagher, Jason Calvey, Jack Healy, Jack Doherty, Charlie Ginnelly, Josh Carey, Brian Gallagher, Luke Lynch, Alan McManamon, Rory Conway, Anthony Barrett, Mr Darren Molloy (Coach)

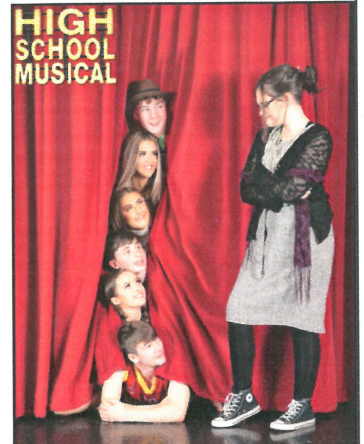
**Front Row:** Adam McAndrew, Rory Ginty, Kevin Conway, Oisín Reilly, Cillian Conway, Luke McManamon, James Flannery, Declan Coyne, James Masterson and

OUR LADY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL  
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# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



'High School Musical' centres on the blossoming relationship between students Troy and Gabriella. The two met on a family vacation and become attracted to each other while singing in a karaoke competition. Rediscovering each other at school, their relationship and their surprise decision to audition together for the school show are thwarted by the school's current leading lady, Sharpay. After many trials and tribulations the two are finally rewarded when they are selected for the lead roles in the school show. 'High School Musical' is an exciting story full of catchy songs and exciting dance routines. Well done to all the cast, and many thanks to the dedication of the stage directors, Ms McAndrew and Mr. Slater and to the musical director, Ms McDermott.



### Transition Year Cake Sale

Transition Year students along with their Coordinator, Mrs Hough, held a very successful cake sale for students and staff. A donation was made from the proceeds to Cara Iorrais

*Photo:* TY Class with Breege Coyle, Maureen and Breege McIntyre and Mr Holmes



Shea O'Donoghue, Mark Tighe and Liam Donoghue receiving new jerseys from Fresh Today on behalf of the Senior Gaelic football team. The jerseys also contain the Mayo Mindspace logo, which conveys our commitment to raising awareness of the importance of positive youth mental health in our area.



### First Year Opening Ceremony

First Year students are pictured at their Opening Ceremony to mark the beginning of their school experience here at Our Lady's. The students lit candles with their names in them and these candles will be kept and lit again at their graduation in 2025.

### Transition Years Team Building Trip to Killary Adventure Centre



The TY class of 2019 got off to a great start with TY induction and team building games. Class representatives were elected who will be part of the TY core team. They are pictured with their new school half zips which the students designed. Whilst waiting impatiently for their Junior Cert results the students departed for Killary Adventure Centre for a two day team building trip. Very best wishes to the Transition Class for an exciting and busy year ahead.

