

# CLONKEEN COLLEGE



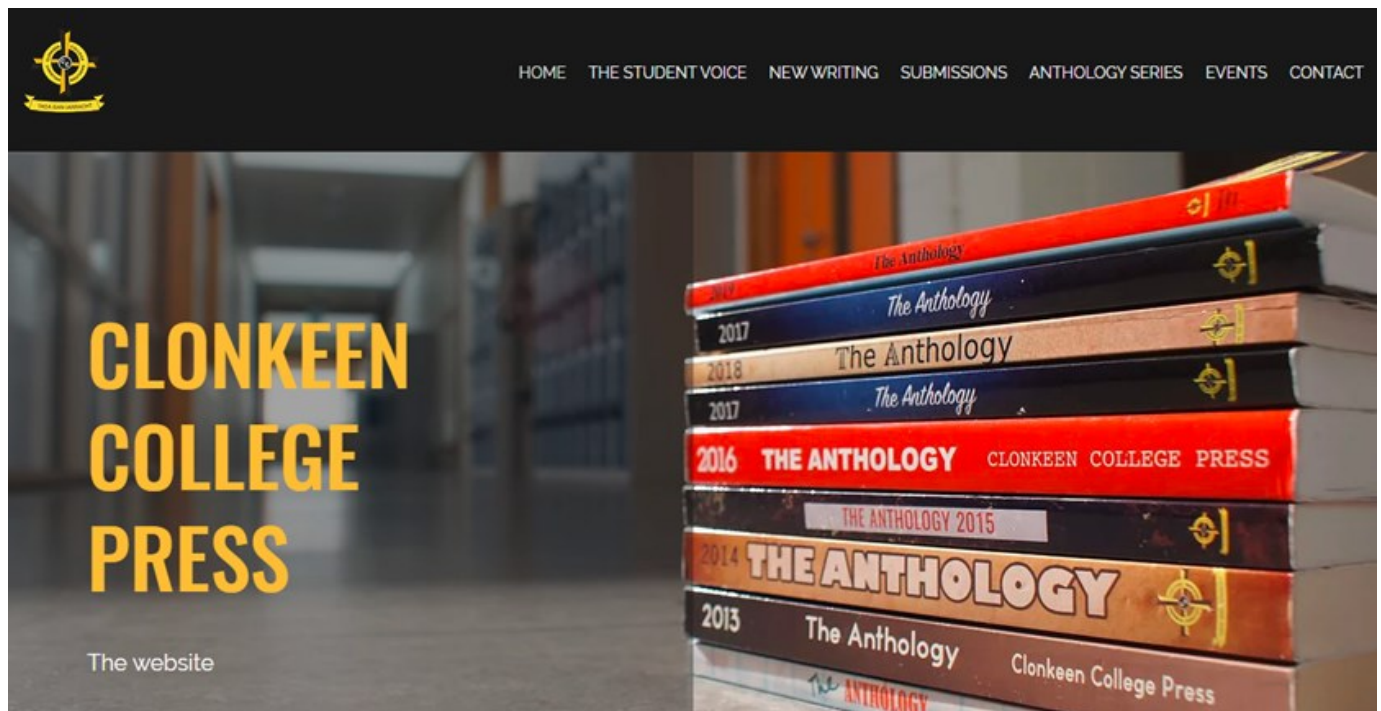
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*Clonkeen College Press*

Mr J Toomey



The Transition Year Creative Writing class, having set up Clonkeen College Press 2019-20, with the aim of bringing Clonkeen's annual anthology of student writing to publication in the Spring, have also launched the Clonkeen College Press website. On the website you can find NEW WRITING, a blog space for students called THE STUDENT VOICE, PDFs of previous years of ANTHOLOGY publications. There are also links to Clonkeen College Press's social media and a history of the CCP project. The website can be found at [www.clonkeencollegepress.com](http://www.clonkeencollegepress.com) or can be reached via the school's official website under the Publications and News tab.

Clonkeen College Press are now inviting submissions from any of our students, for either the NEW WRITING SECTION or THE STUDENT VOICE blog. We hope that we can further promote the writing of our students through our new website and that this will also feed into the physical publication, ANTHOLOGY 2020.

Thanks to the TY group for all their continued hard work and for introducing this exciting new avenue for student writing in Clonkeen College.

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### *Remembrance Tree*

A remembrance tree has been created in the school with the help of the Leaving Cert class. The purpose of the remembrance tree is to allow students and staff to acknowledge their deceased loved ones in our school community. During the month of November, all year groups were encouraged to participate and take the opportunity to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Students used leaf templates to write the names of those they wished to remember and hung them on our remembrance tree. Thank you to our 6<sup>th</sup> Year students and their tutors who organised our remembrance tree.



### *Gaisce Recognition*

Congratulations to Ms Gibson who received a President's Award Leader Civic Merit Award, from Uachtarán na hÉireann, on November 16<sup>th</sup> in recognition of her outstanding service to young people through her long-

standing commitment to Gaisce – The President's Award. Ms Gibson, who has guided and supported many many students in Clonkeen College to achieve their Gaisce Bronze and Silver Awards, is a most worthy recipient of this award. We are very proud of her.



### *Christmas Concert*

Rehearsals are under way for our Christmas Concert. Any student interested in getting involved in the concert is invited to attend rehearsals on Monday and Thursdays at lunchtime in the Music Room. All musicians and singers welcome!





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### Art Winners

Our budding artists in 1<sup>st</sup> Year have been recognised both by our annual Hallowe'en Art Competition and in the Core Credit Union Art Competition.



In October, all our 1<sup>st</sup> Year students were invited to submit works of art to our school's Hallowe'en Art Competition. The compe-



tition was judged by our 6<sup>th</sup> Year Art Class, who selected Luke Wang, Vincen Lin and Gavin Crowe as the winners. Each of



the winning students was presented with an Art & Hobby Shop voucher. We'd like to commend our 1<sup>st</sup> Years on the excel-

lent quality of their art work; the standard was very high. A big thank you too to our 6<sup>th</sup> Year students who had a tough job to do.

1<sup>st</sup> Year, Luke Wang, was also recognised for his excellent art work in the Core Credit Union Art Competition. Stephanie from Core Credit Union visited the school on November 13<sup>th</sup> to award Luke with his prize and kindly gifted all the students in the 1<sup>st</sup> Year art class with a goodie bag. Congratulations to Luke on his achievement.



### European Youth Parliament

During the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October, a number of students from Clonkeen College attended the Dublin Regional Session of the European Youth Parliament Competition. The session was made up of Teambuilding, Committee Work and General Assembly. The students discussed and debated Europe-related topics. Two of our students were recognised in the Committee Work part of the competition with Daniel Carson's committee on Human Rights placing 1<sup>st</sup> and Ayman Memon's Data Protection Committee placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done to the two boys and to all who participated.



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### *Oíche Shamhna*

Chéiliúramar an Samhain i gCólaiste Chluain Chaoin le cluiche nó dhó traidisiúnta. I rith na seachtaine, d'foghlaíomar faoi na sean-traidisiún éagsúla ag baint leis an Samhain, an tábhachtach cosaint a dhéanamh i gcoinne na síoga agus neacha eile os-nádúrtha. Labhraíomar faoin mbéile traidisiúnta, cáil ceannann, agus an nós a bhí ann dul ó theach go teach ag bailiú torthaí agus cnónna do chóisir na Samhna.



Rinne na leids sa chúigiú bhliain roinnt bacáil – bairín breac deas blásta! Is dócha nach mbeidh sé fada go mbeadh pósadh againn agus an fáinne fáighte ag Kevin T. Thaitin an cluiche leis na trí mí-asa go mór linn. Bhíomar in ann fáistíne a dhéanamh ar an saibhreas nó daibhreas a bhí i ndán dúinn nó an pósadh.

### *Science Week*

Ms M Duffy

There was a great atmosphere around the school for Science Week (10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November) with lots of students getting involved in experiments, projects, history of scientists, quotes and facts.



5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year Physics students brought their demonstrations to the yard on Thursday to do some Physics busking! Seeing how many balloons you could sit on without bursting them was a great hit. Spinning a bucket of water of your head also went down well (nobody got wet ....).



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1<sup>st</sup> Years impressed in class with their demonstrations of lava lamps, surface tension and chemical reactions. The science dingbats drew lots of attention and the winners were Evan Savage in 6<sup>th</sup> Year and Stephen Mc Dermott in 1<sup>st</sup> Year. Thanos Patsas won the design a flying object competition. Well done to the Senior Science Team who took part in the annual ISTA Senior Science Quiz in UCD. The team consisted of David Farrelly, Jack Moraghan, Gabriel Tan, Seán Walsh, Tom 'O Connor and Adam Hadachi.



Round one of the Maths Olympiad also took place during Science week, with Elvis Cooney in 6<sup>th</sup> Year and Matthew D'Arcy in 5<sup>th</sup> Year scoring the highest. They will be invited to UCD for Maths enrichment classes and will be in with a chance to try out for the Irish team to compete in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, from 8<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Well done to both students.

Why not give our Science Dingbats a try? Check your answers on the back page:

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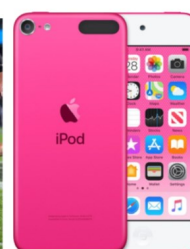
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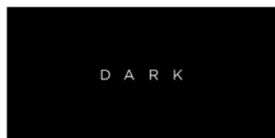
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### *Othello Visit*

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Year Higher Level English students attended a production of their Shakespearian drama, Othello, at Smock Alley Theatre on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>. All students then participated in workshops, that allowed them to explore the play in a number of different ways. Thank-you to their teachers who organised the visit and accompanied the group. Ms Brougham, Mr Toomey and Ms Harte.

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### *Work Experience Diary*

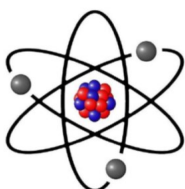
Seán Kavanagh

For my work experience I went into OffTheBall, a sports radio station which is part of Newstalk. I really enjoyed my two weeks there. While there, I wrote match reports and news articles for their website, cut sound bites to go on the radio and learned how television and radio production works. A highlight for me was watching press conferences and meeting a couple of famous people. To get a full-time job in this industry you would have to study for a degree in a field like journalism or broadcast production for television and radio. I would highly recommend this kind of work experience to any TY students interested in a career in journalism.

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### *Antibullying Ambassadors*

The Anti-bullying Ambassadors held a successful anti-bullying workshop for A3 on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The Anti-bullying Ambassadors presented the students with information on the types of bullying and this was followed by a walking debate.



We finished the fun with an online interactive (Kahoot) game. Well done to A3 who were wonderful participants and the four excellent anti bullying ambassadors (Ire, Cormac, Ronan & Jakub) who designed, delivered and ran the afternoon. We look forward to running the workshop with the remaining three 1<sup>st</sup> Year classes.

### *Senior Cycle Art Visit*

Our Senior Cycle Art classes visited the National Gallery of Ireland on 19<sup>th</sup> November where they saw the works that have been shortlisted for the 2019 Zurich National Portrait Prize. This is the sixth year of the competition which is open to artists



working in Ireland and Irish artists working abroad. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to build on their knowledge of portraiture and to take inspiration for their own creations. A big thank-you to Ms Healy who organised the trip and visited the gallery with the students.

### *Green-Schools Committee*

November has been a busy month for the Green-Schools committee. We are continuing to work on our environmental review. Early in the month we carried out our first leak test. We checked all toilets, water fountains and all electrical appliances for leaks. We have drafted up our first student water usage survey and are in the process of gathering results from the student body. Once we have all our results, we will share our findings and top tips for saving water at home and at school.



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Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November was World Toilet Day 2019. 4.2 billion people live without safely managed sanitation – more than half the global population. To inform and raise awareness we gathered facts and figures from the UN website and gave these to tutors to share with their tutor group in the morning.



Finally, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November the Dáil hosted its first ever Youth Assembly, focusing on climate change. More than 150 young people between the ages of 10 and 17 discussed climate issues facing Ireland. They, then, presented their recommendations to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment. We hope that the government will take the necessary action towards reducing our carbon footprint.

### *Barcelona Trip*

On Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October a group, made up of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students from Clonkeen College and teachers Mr McMenamin, Ms Shortall and Mr Gallagher, departed for a four-day Soccer focused trip to Barcelona.



On their arrival in Barcelona, they travelled directly to the Nou Camp, FC Barcelona's home stadium. They enjoyed a full tour of the stadium, including access to the changing rooms, trophy room and other behind-the-scenes areas, in addition to stepping out on to the famous pitch. Following their tour, they got kitted out to play two matches against local Spanish opposition.



Their second day in Spain (Friday) was spent at the football pitch, with training sessions in both the morning and afternoon before they lined out for a match against the Swedish U15 professional side AIK Stockholm. The boys were delighted to win a tough match on a score line of 2-0, with Clonkeen's



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goals coming from Jack Devlin and Eoin Farrelly. The boys retired to their hotel where they were treated to a recovery spa session.



On Saturday morning, the group travelled directly to the RDCE Stadium to attend the La Liga fixture between Espanyol and Valencia. The boys really enjoyed the match, which the home team Espanyol unfortunately lost 1-2 to Valencia. Saturday evening, the group relaxed and enjoyed a quiz at their hotel.

The final day of the trip to Spain was spent on a guided tour of Barcelona, where the group took in sights such as Gaudi's Sagrada Familia, the Olympic Stadium and Las Ramblas. They rounded off the day with a spot of shopping before heading for the airport and their return flight to Dublin. The group had a fantastic time in Spain and the accompanying teacher would like to commend all the boys on their exceptional behaviour throughout. A big thank-you too to the teachers who organised the trip and accompanied the boys: Mr McMenemy, Ms Shortall and Mr Gallagher.

### *Sports Round Up*

Our U16 **Basketball** Team brought their Dublin campaign right to the wire, but ended up unluckily losing out to Blakestown CS in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period of over-time in their thrilling Plate semi-final. Coming from 7 points down in the final quarter, Shane McDonald tied it up at the death with two free throws. Zachary Kenny-Ward did the same with a last-second basket to send the match into a second extra-period of 3 minutes. But it was not to be, as we came out at the wrong end of a 26-24 final score; fantastic efforts from BOTH teams. Excellent credit to the all the panel for a fantastic season: Adam Savage, Raphael de la Cruz, Shane Domingo, Matthew Collins, Kieran Panelo, Alex Mason, Patrick O'Shea, Ethan Clack, Barra Malone, Shane McDonald, Zachary Kenny-Ward, Matthew Dutton and Kyle Delahunty (all 3<sup>rd</sup> Year). Special thanks to Mekael Ballili (6<sup>th</sup> Year), who lead the coaching team of Adam Hachadi (6<sup>th</sup> Year), Salmaan Bari, Andrew O'Donovan, Killian Lavelle, Oran Keane O'Hagan and Jack Springael (TY). Two school leagues are in the offing: stay tuned in the New Year!

Our Senior **Hurling** Team bowed out of the Dublin Championship. We were somewhat unlucky to lose to St. Paul's. We wish Cal Doran a speedy recovery from his injury sustained, playing for our Senior

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In **Gaelic Football** our U14/2<sup>nd</sup> Year team are waiting to play their final group match against Drimnagh Castle. Unplayable pitches have been the big obstacle in November. The 1<sup>st</sup> Year team will have its first outings with matches against Lucan CBS and Donabate CS scheduled before Christmas.

The U16s lost to Lucan CC and are awaiting a second match against Blackrock College.

The Senior Gaelic Football team will get its campaign up and running in December against Coláiste Cois Life. Hopefully Cuala's fine win in the Dublin Minor Championship will inspire the team. Well done to them from all here in Clonkeen!

In **Soccer** we lost one team in the Leinster Cup competitions but are still alive in three others. Our U13/1<sup>st</sup> Year team bowed out at the first hurdle to Wexford CBS. But wins over Moyle Park, Adamstown and Blackrock College saw our U15s, U17s and U19s through to the next rounds. Our U19 Team qualified in dramatic style with a 6-4 away win in extra-time over Blackrock to leave them in the last 16 of Leinster. Progress has been made in the U19 and U15 Dublin Leagues with just our U17s having been eliminated after a defeat to Moyle Park.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Year **Rugby** team came away with a credible win and a draw in their second 4-match blitz in November. Our Junior team have qualified for the Leinster Development Cup semi-final vs Moyne CC later in the month. Good luck lads!

Clonkeen got back on the **Ultimate Frisbee** trail again after a one-year hiatus. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Year team took part in a Dublin Schools' Blitz performing well over the 5 matches. More to come on that front.

The Senior **Golf** team bowed out in the Leinster Cup competition in November. But we still have a potential League play-off after 2 matches which included a win over St. Gerard's, Bray.

Our Minor and Junior **Chess** teams will be competing in the New Year. Last year's Minor team finally played their Leinster Finals in October. They were unlucky to miss out on a final spot, but well done on medalling for joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Minor Team from 2018/19 was: Eoin Farrelly, Shane O'Sullivan, Conor Lowry, Seán Byrne (3<sup>rd</sup> Year) and David Ekins (2<sup>nd</sup> Year).

Finally we come to **Athletics** – with the cross-country season upon us we're still finding time for other events. On Wednesdays our budding High Jumpers are being put through their paces by Mr. Egan and Ms Marley. All welcome! The warm days of Santry won't be long in coming around!!



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### Dingbats Solutions

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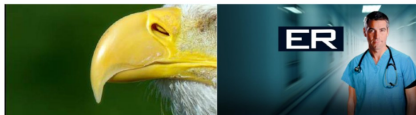
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9. Lost in Space
10. Atomic Boms