

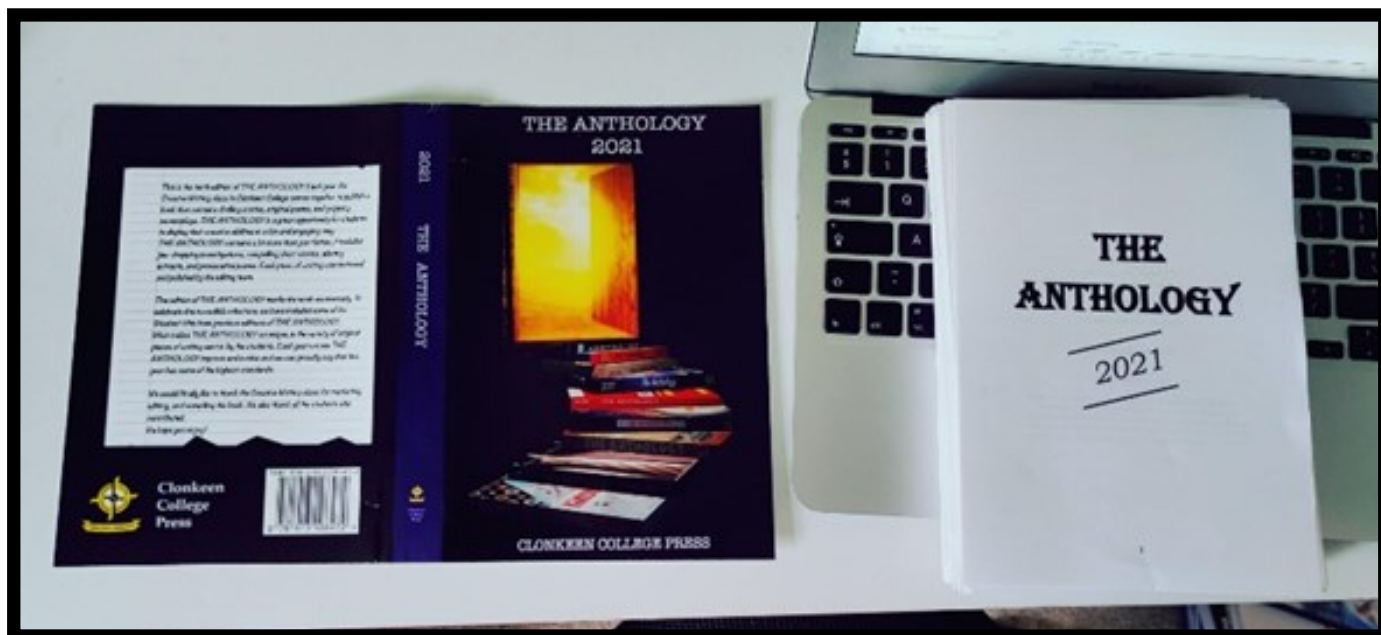
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Anthology 2021

Luke Priestley

In 2021, Clonkeen College Press brought you THE ANTHOLOGY like you've never seen it before. In the last ten years, the ANTHOLOGY project, the brainchild of Mr John Toomey, has aimed to showcase the writing talent of our students here at Clonkeen. This year, ANTHOLOGY 2021 features some of our most popular stories from the past decade as well as brand-new stories from fresh new writers.

We would like to give special thanks to Mr Toomey and Mr Stafford who have worked tirelessly with our Editing Team to create the best possible product and in the end. It is a publication we are all proud to have played a part in creating.

We'd also like to thank Dr. Carrie Griffin from the University of Limerick's English Department, for listening to our stories and offering feedback to improve our stories as much as possible.

ANTHOLOGY 2021, our 10th annual publication, has been made possible by the setting up of Clonkeen College Press 2020-21, which is a TY initiative driven by the Creative Writing class. The students have written, edited, produced and published this outstanding anthology of student writing. Clonkeen College Press 2020-21 have been:

Manas Chedimala	Samuel O'Brien
Mukilson Dheepson	Shane O'Sullivan
Eoin Farrelly	Luke Priestley
Stephen Harpur	Liam Thompson
Oscar Lewins	

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Think Languages

Congratulations to Transition Year students Shane Domingo, Liam Dunne and Enrico Socci-Gibbs who won €250 in One4All vouchers for the video "We are Clonkeen", that they produced for the Think Languages national event that took place on 7th December 2020. The video celebrated the different languages and their cultures that make up our Clonkeen College school community. They were announced as the winners of the Social Media Champion Team award at an online ceremony that took place in February.

Parents' Association Competition

In March, Clonkeen College Parents Association, in conjunction with the Student Council, launched a competition inviting all students to describe their experience of the lockdowns. Entries could be submitted in a wide variety of formats, including photography, writing and video. It was fantastic to see such creativity and such a high standard of work in the entries. Selecting winners was not an easy task! Congratulations to all those who entered the competition, and especially to our winners who were presented with One4All Vouchers from a prize fund totalling €600.

Our competition winners were:

1st Year:

1st: Oisín Pinkster A1

2nd: Lucas O'Donnell A1

Joint 3rd: Liam McAteer A1 & Sarleya Barnard A4

2nd Year:

1st Prize: Stephen McDermott B4

2nd: Adam Porter B4

3rd Year:

1st: Aldrin Omana C3

2nd: Glen Connolly C1

Joint 3rd: Bilal Ali C2 & Aaron Dunne C1

TY:

1st: Eoin Farrelly D1

2nd: Matthew Bailey D3

Joint 3rd: Colin Ashe D1 & Shane O'Sullivan D1

5th Year:

1st: Andrew O'Donovan 5.1

2nd: Adam Drea 5.2

Joint 3rd: Sam Kinsella 5.3 & Harry Houghton 5.2

6th Year:

1st: David Byrne 6.3

2nd: Stephen Newport 6.3

3rd: Caolan Burns 6.3

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Student Enterprise Programme 2021

Transition Year Business classes began the New Year developing business ideas, carrying on from the success of the students who studied Business before Christmas. Initially, the students worked in groups through MS Teams. Each project needed to be ready for the Enterprise Ireland competition that took place in mid-March. Ms Sheahan worked closely with the Local Enterprise Office for the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown area. Students were required to create a presentation and a supporting video to complement their ideas. In the presentations, the students outlined their business ideas, marketing strategies, discussed the challenges and obstacles they had to overcome due to Covid-19, and outlined any personal developments and learning areas for the team.

Engaging fantastically with online learning the boys put in tremendous work on their projects. On March 24th all projects were submitted to the Student Enterprise Programme. Our students submitted several projects including 'Cors' Candles', 'Gain Changers', 'PEN CIL', 'Personalised Cases', 'STAPLE', 'T-shirt designs', and 'Clonkeen Calendars'.

The final was streamed live on 12th April via Zoom. It was on that afternoon, the school received confirmation that the group 'Gain Changers' had won

the marketing award. 'Gain Changers' is a business set up with the goal to provide people with the tools to take control of their physical wellbeing. 'Gain Changers' is an alternative to some of the expensive programs that are run across the country. The group provides three plans: Dietary Plan, Dietary and Fitness Plan and Advanced Dietary and Fitness Plan. The motto of the group is '*It's not a diet, it's a lifestyle*'. If you would like to see the business's promotional video, visit the Clonkeen College Twitter page.



The 'Gain Changers' group, made up of Shane O'Sullivan, Jamie Mullaly, Oscar Lewins and Luke Priestley, put a huge amount of work into their project. They received vouchers and certificates for their success. The group have now been entered into the All-Ireland Enterprise Ireland awards which are due to take place in the coming weeks. Congratulations to these students on their fantastic achievement.

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Teaching Hero

Congratulations to Mr Clem McGauley who was the recipient of a Teaching Hero Award from the Union of Students in Ireland and The National Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. Mr McGauley, retired from Clonkeen College in October 2020 after 27 years teaching English, History and Religion in the school.



Art

Well done to Transition Year student Nathan Lawless who submitted this fantastic piece of artwork to the Texaco Art Competition. Best of luck in the competition!



Young Social Innovators Class of 2021.

This year we chose 'Be Kind to Your Mind' as our YSI project title. We researched mental health issues that face young people and carried out actions including preparing lesson plans on mental health for 1st Years, creating informative posters on how to recognise the signs of poor mental health and associations people can contact. We included an extra PE class weekly to help improve our mental health. We also worked on Stand-Up week and created presentations for our class on mental health. The highlight of our year was participating in the online Speak Outs where we presented our work along with many other schools around the country.



From left to right: Killian Crowe, Sean Hill, Matthew Drummond-Bailey, Jake Murray, Liam Young, Cathal Martin, Raphael Dela Cruz, Chris Cherian, Kyle Delahunty, James Haskins.

Absent: Brandon Flynn, John Huk, Joshua Ryan.

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Graduation

A small graduation ceremony was held on Friday 21st May, to mark the end of six years here at Clonkeen College for our 6th Year students and Mark Sullivan, Daragh Bolton and Luka O'Brien Hermoso from our L1 Class. The assembled students were addressed by their Year Head, Mr O'Hora, Chairperson of the Board of Management, Mr Pat Keating, Parents' Association representative Glenn Moran and Mr Melly, our school principal.

Congratulations to our Student of the Year, Alex Bishop and to our Sportsperson of the Year, Cillian Dunne.



We hope that all the students have forged friendships that will last far beyond their time at Clonkeen College and that they will remember the school fondly. We wish all our Leaving Certificate students the best of luck in their upcoming exams

Leaving Clonkeen College

Mark Sullivan (L1)

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end - Seneca



My name is Mark Sullivan. Soon I will be leaving Clonkeen College. I feel sad and excited. I will miss all my friends. I will miss my teachers and SNAS. I enjoyed cooking with Ms Marley. I enjoyed Macbeth and The Tempest too. I enjoyed going out to get some lunch with Daragh and Louis. I will miss Music and PE and Science with Miss O'Rourke. I will miss all of the Wednesday trips. Next year I will go to college in Bray to do horse riding. I am 18 now. I loved Clonkeen so much. I might come back to visit again.



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Step Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Clonkeen College Step Challenge for the month of February. It was fantastic to see so many students and staff get involved and make a conscious effort to increase their physical activity levels while learning and teaching from home.

By doing so the students and staff have contributed to a total over 20 million steps for the month!

A huge thank-you to Mr McMenamin who organised the challenge and Well done to all our winners!

Clonkeen College Step Challenge 2020/21 Overall Winners			
1st Jai Prakash	1st Sean Griffin	1st Daniel Hughes	1st Miss Sheahan
2nd Eoin Gibbons	2nd Chris Kissan Thomas	2nd Enrico Socci	2nd Miss Kennedy
3rd Matthew Poletti	3rd Alex Usman	3rd Kyle Delahunty	3rd Mrs. Holmes
First Year	Junior	Senior	Staff

Leaving Certificate Oral Examinations

Well done to all our 6th Year students who sat their Leaving Certificate Oral Examinations in the school over the Easter Holidays. A big thank-you to the teachers who facilitated the organisation of these exams.

Music Week

Clonkeen College Music Week took place from 10th – 14th May. Our music students and their teacher, Ms Duignan, organised a variety of events across the week.

A competition ran each day, in which three seconds of a well-known track was played over the intercom before 9 a.m. Students were invited to guess the name of the song and the artist, and to write both on a piece of paper and submit it before the end of the school day. A winner was drawn from the correct answers each day.

At 11 o'clock break, music was played over the intercom and at lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday our music students performed a live session outdoors. It was fantastic to see the incredible talent we have here in the school.



Well done to Ms Duignan and all the students who participated in Music Week.

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Transition Year Lockdown Movie Challenge

Our Transition Year students were kept busy while learning from home, with a lockdown movie challenge. Students were requested to recreate a still from their favourite movies. All our TYs rose to the challenge creating some memorable photos. Here is a selection of the winning entries:



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Sports in Clonkeen

Mr J Lynch

After a long year and a half without sports we hope for the return of training and representative games in the new school year. Ordinarily we can expect the following in September:

GAELIC FOOTBALL	U-14/2 nd Yrs
HURLING	U-16/Senior
BASKETBALL	U-16/Senior
SOCCER	Training for age-groups U-13/15/17/19 to commence with competition starting in Oct/Nov.

We postponed our annual **Active Week**, originally scheduled for May – we'll hit the ground running in September!

Keep active and safe during the summer. Enjoy your sport, whether it's club organised or out and about yourselves. See you in September.

Tada gan iarracht!

End of Year

As we come to the end of this academic year, we reflect on another challenging year for everyone in our whole school community. We are grateful to all those who have helped to make Clonkeen College a safe place to learn and work during the last year. Let's hope that there will be brighter days ahead in the next academic year. We extend our very best wishes to those students sitting their Leaving Certificate Exams next month. After a year in which we all faced a multitude of challenges, we hope that all our staff, students and their families will enjoy a relaxing and safe summer.

