



Athlone Community College

Coláiste
Pobail
Átha Luain



2023

*Every student matters,
every moment counts*



Lweth

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna
an Longfoirt agus na hIarmhí
Longford and Westmeath
Education and Training Board



Mrs Eileen Donohoe
Principal



Ms Deirdre Whitlow
Deputy Principal



Mrs Gráinne Macken
Deputy Principal



Ms Amy Dervin
Deputy Principal



Welcome to Athlone Community College

It is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you and your child to our school. We hope that within the pages of our Prospectus, 2023-2024, you will get a real sense of the richness and diversity of school life here in Athlone Community College.

We understand how important the choice of post-primary school is for parents/guardians and children. Choosing the next pathway in your child's educational journey is a cornerstone in a young person's development and a momentous occasion in all families. We are here as a constant companion to guide and support you all as you begin to embark on the transition into First Year life.

Our students are the heartbeat of our school and they are rooted firmly at the centre of every decision we make. Our community values of respect, kindness and care underpin every aspect of teaching, learning and guidance offered in our school. As a co-educational school, we pride ourselves on ensuring that all students have a plethora of opportunities to engage in. We fully prepare our students to meet the demands of the real-world in which we all live. We

are committed to creating an atmosphere of excellence in learning, challenging our pupils to reach their full potential. We offer a progressive and diverse academic curriculum as well as an extensive range of extra-curricular activities, promoting the holistic development of our students.

As Principal, I am filled with joy as I watch each and every one of our students grow and flourish as they move through their years here in school. I invite you now to take a journey through this Prospectus and see what life is like for students of our school.

Our community cares for all.

Eileen Donohoe
Principal

*A modern school
for a modern world*



YOU ARE INVITED!
Athlone Community College

OPEN DAY
Saturday 14th October
10am - 1pm

Explore the classrooms and facilities, chat with students and teachers, meet the Principal.

What Our First Years Think!



"I enjoy playing sports in the school. The facilities are really good and the coaches are all very helpful and nice. I also enjoy the choices of subjects. The teachers are very friendly and always help out if you need it. The classrooms are modern and fresh. It's nice to be a part of this."

Sachin Sundaresan



"I like all the people in the school. I have made lots of friends and the teachers are all very nice. I like the food in the canteen and all the choice of subjects. It's a really fun environment!"

Harry Cunningham



"I really like this school because you get to do so many more subjects. I love the extra activities after school and during school, especially football at lunchtime."

Evan Martin Cummins



"I like the many options of extra clubs like Gaelic, Basketball or Chess and Art. If you're not a sports person, there's so much for you to do. You get plenty of chances to make new friends."

Amy Gardner



"I like getting to do more sport and getting double PE. I really like getting to do new subjects and getting new teachers every class. I love the freedom we have at break."

Joey Dunne



"I love this school! I meet so many new people and have made so many new friends. I find moving around is really fun as you have time to chat to your friends on your way to your next class. I'm really into sport and they have so many options. My favourite subject is Applied Technology."

Caoilfhionn Brett



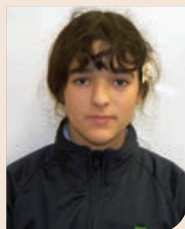
"I like learning new subjects that we did not have in primary school. There is such a wide selection of subjects to choose from."

Lily Belle Buckley



"I really like how it's so easy to get around because of the system here. I like how there is something for everyone to join."

Emilia Coffey



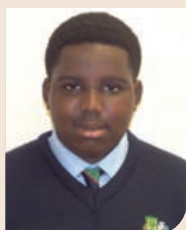
"I love the way the school is laid out and the space outside. I find my way to my classes easily and the teachers are so nice. I am definitely going to enjoy my time here!"

Evelyn Alves Passos



"I like that the school offers so many different sports and clubs. There really is something for everyone"

Mai Hennelly



"The different clubs and societies in the school are fantastic. There is a vast range of activities so you will definitely find something that you like. The practical classes are amazing!"

Heavenly Brown



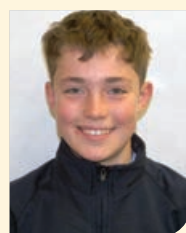
"I love the school's atmosphere and how the classes are easy to get to. I like the interesting teaching methods of the teachers and the amount of clubs."

Aparna Abhilash



"I like ACC because of the variety of classes we have such as Graphics, CSPE and Technology. I also love the canteen food. It's so good!"

Senan Nolan



"I love the grounds of ACC and how everyone is so welcoming and friendly, especially the staff."

Tomás Ó Mainnín



"I like ACC because the teachers are nice and all my subjects are really good. I also like that the school is big and there are so many opportunities for lunchtime and after school activities."

Aakash Bannur



"I love Applied Tech because I love the fact that you can make things with all the different types of materials and tools. I like the way all the classes are around the school and it's a great way to get a few steps in too!"

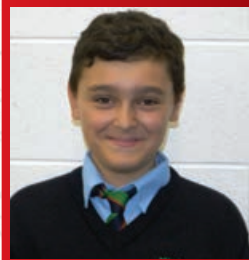
Aoife Naughton

Our School, Our Community

National Schools represented



Aoife Naughton
Ardkeen NS



Michael Barros
Ard na Grath NS



Alexander Haryansah
Athlone Mixed NS



Leah Gately
Ballintleva NS



Daniel Higgins
Ballybay NS



Grace Donohoe
Baylin NS



Senan Farrell
Clonbonny NS



Cian Foley
Cloonakilla NS



Fionn Macken
Coosan NS



Mia Warby
Cornafulla NS



Thenuka Handurukande
Cornamaddy NS



Niamh Holohan
Curraghboy NS



Alex Hussey
Dean Kelly NS



Dara Currid
Glanduff NS



Brian McCormack
Kilcleagh NS



Grace Claffey
Mount Temple NS



Cormac Lennon
Scoil na gCeithre Máistri



Donal Croughan
St Mary's NS



Emily Gagaine
St Peter's NS



Ben Morgan
St Ronan's NS



Joseph Cox
Summerhill NS



April McDermott
Tubberclare NS



Subject choices

JUNIOR CYCLE – 3 YEAR PROGRAMME

Junior Cycle Subjects

CORE SUBJECTS

ENGLISH	GAEILGE	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	HISTORY
GEOGRAPHY	MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (FRENCH, GERMAN & SPANISH)			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	COMPUTER STUDIES (CODING)			

We also offer Wellbeing Short Courses as part of core learning:

SOCIAL, PERSONAL, HEALTH EDUCATION (SPHE)
CIVIC, SOCIAL & POLITICAL EDUCATION (CSPE)

OPTION SUBJECTS

BUSINESS STUDIES	HOME ECONOMICS	MUSIC
VISUAL ART	GRAPHICS	WOOD TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING (METALWORK)	APPLIED TECHNOLOGY	

FACT:

We are the only school in the local area to offer Computer Science at Senior Cycle

FACT:

We are the only school in Athlone to offer Politics and Society

FACT:

ACC are involved in the TL21 Learning Programme in partnership with Maynooth University, a learning project that promotes innovative teaching and learning.

TRANSITION YEAR – 1 YEAR PROGRAMME

This unique one-year programme promotes the personal, social, educational and vocational development of students. It prepares them for their role as autonomous, participative and responsible members of society.

SENIOR CYCLE – 2 YEAR PROGRAMME

Leaving Certificate Subjects

CORE SUBJECTS

ENGLISH	GAEILGE	MATHEMATICS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	WELLBEING
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OPTION SUBJECTS

FRENCH	GERMAN	SPANISH	ART	MUSIC	HOME ECONOMICS (S & S)
HISTORY	GEOGRAPHY	ACCOUNTING	BUSINESS	ECONOMICS	PHYSICS
BIOLOGY	CHEMISTRY	AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	APPLIED MATHEMATICS		
ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY			DESIGN & COMMUNICATION GRAPHICS		
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY		POLITICS & SOCIETY		COMPUTER SCIENCE	

FACT:

We offer the widest choice of Science Subjects at Senior Cycle

FACT:

ACC teachers were involved in Project TALENT, an Erasmus + programme aimed at adopting new innovative learning approaches

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED – 2 YEAR PROGRAMME

SENIOR CYCLE REVIEW 2030

Our school is proud to have been chosen by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment to take part in a review of the Senior Cycle Programme.

Creativity in STEM and STEAM

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND APPLIED MATHS

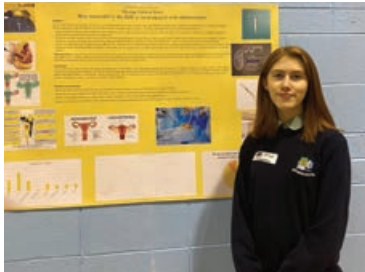
Education in STEM is fully embedded in our curriculum and involves a cross disciplinary approach including an appreciation of the Arts (STEAM).

AMAZING FACT

We are in partnership with **Technological University of the Shannon (TUS)**. Our students are learning alongside researchers and experts in TUS, where they are developing their critical thinking, analytical, reasoning and problem solving skills.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN STEM AND STEAM 2023

We are hugely proud of all of our students who took part in **SciFest 2023** in TUS this year. There were a number of students representing our school and their projects spanned all the sciences. We had great success on the day.



Kayleigh McNamara came first place in the Intermediate Life Sciences.



Mia O'llwill was the overall winner of the Sustainability Award.



Maeve Murphy and Caoilfhionn Macken came third place in the Junior Life Sciences Category.



Shreyash Shukla, Sean Brennan and Jasper Ryan came first place in the Intermediate Group Life Sciences and were also awarded the Dawn Meats Agricultural Science Award.

AMAZING FACT

Every year we have a number of students who are successful in obtaining places in courses for CTYI (Centre for Talented Youth) and NUIG Youth Academy.

BT YOUNG SCIENTIST

Last year, we had 8 projects successful in qualifying for BT Young Scientist.



CanSat Regional Finalists 2023



TY Forensic Fun Workshop 2023



Formula 1 National Finalists 2023



Jasper Ryan, Shreyash Shukla and Sean Brennan BT Young Scientist. 2023



Build a Bridge EngineerWinners 2023

AMAZING FACT

"EI1ISS (Echo India One India Sierra Sierra) do you copy, Athlone Community College calling, over?"

At 2.50pm on the 7th of December 2020, students from Athlone Community College put their school, their county and indeed their country on the astronomical map when they established radio contact with the International Space Station (ISS) as it orbited over Ireland.

Competitions we regularly participate in include:



BT YOUNG SCIENTIST & TECHNOLOGY Exhibition



Schools Competition



Science Photography Competition and Senior Quiz



Creative ARTS

From drama clubs and writing workshops, CREATIVITY is something that we embrace in all of its facets. Students have a wide and varied range of performing arts and opportunities to choose from.

- Musicals
- Pantomimes
- Lunchtime concerts
- Traditional Music Society
- Artist in Resident Programmes
- Drama Club
- Creative Writing Workshops
- After School Art Classes
- Sewing Club

TREADING THE BOARDS



Drama Club pantomime.



Music Generation

FACT:

We are a Music Generation school, Ireland's National Music Education Programme



BLAST

We embrace the Arts here in ACC. We are thrilled to be taking part in BLAST, the Arts-in-Education Residency Programme, which gives our young people an opportunity to work with professional artists on unique projects. Dramatist and Arts Creativity Consultant, Catherine Sheridan spends time working directly with our First Year students in the whole area of student voice and identity through performance.



**LEA
HEART
COMES
TO ACC**

STAR PROFILES, 2023



EVE CAREY

Best Evening Wear at RELOVE Sustainable Fashion Competition. Eve is pictured here with her winning design. Eve also came 3rd nationally in the Rotary Creative Writing Competition in the Senior Category.



'SHE'S ALL MAT'

All-Ireland Junk Kouture Finalist Diotima Doria ACC Model and 'She's All Mat' on tour in New York during climate action week.



SONNY DRUMMOND

at Christian Dior Men Fall 2023 Catwalk at the monumental Giza pyramid complex in Egypt. Sonny is pictured walking the catwalk



GLOBAL AWARD

at World Irish Championship for Sandra Poplawska Sandra came 4th in the world



MIA OLLWILL & DAVID NOLAN

National finalists in Gráinne O'Neill Legal Essay Competition. Mia and David are pictured receiving their awards.



RHYS MANNION

past pupil recently cast in a new Anthony Hopkins' movie



RTÉ PLAYWRIGHT FINALIST

Sean Brennan receiving award at Dean Crowe Theatre

Sport

Sport at our school plays an integral role in helping to develop our young men and women to flourish in an active and competitive environment.

We have a wide selection of sports available to all:

ARCHERY	ATHLETICS	BASKETBALL	EQUESTRIAN	GAELIC FOOTBALL	GOLF
VOLLEYBALL	HOCKEY (GIRLS)	PITCH AND PUTT	ROWING	RUGBY	SAILING
SOCCER	SWIMMING	TABLE TENNIS	TENNIS		

WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY



Halliday Cup Senior Connacht Hockey Champions 2023



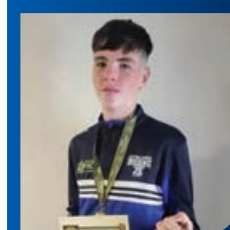
Junior Girls Gaelic Team 2023



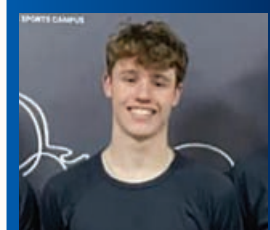
Senior Gaelic Team 2023



Senior Girls Basketball Team 2023



Oisín Donoghue won gold as part of the Irish Team when he competed in the European Boxing Schools Competition 2023



Kyle Fagan was selected as part of the Connacht Regional Swimming Squad and went on to swim at national level 2023



Senior Boys Soccer Team 2023



Junior Boys Basketball Team 2023





Junior Rugby Team 2023/2024



Philip Offorjama was crowned Connacht Champion and incredibly went on to compete in the All Ireland Athletic Finals 2023



Sachin Sundaresan has been selected to the National Training Academy and the FAI Midlands Boys Centre of Excellence 2023



Connacht Rugby Finalists 2023



U17 Leinster A Finalists 2023

FACT:

We are the only school in the wider Athlone area to win Leinster 'A' Championship.

FACT: We have more past pupils play football at County Level than any other school in the local area, representing Counties Westmeath, Roscommon and Galway.



Hazel Donegan received her first cap for U-17 Ireland when she took to the pitch against Portugal. After just turning 16, Hazel made her Senior Women Premier Division debut for Athlone Town Ladies 2023



Equestrian Daniel Greene who came 1st place at Mullingar Equestrian Schools Team Competition 2023



Equestrian Team 2023: Fia Guinan, Lucy Donnelly, Kayleigh Collins and Jane Byrne

Hall of Fame



Adam Lennan, Athlone Town FC, UCD & International Schools Cap



Kayleigh Shine, Athlone Town Ladies FC



Niall Scullion, Former Captain Athlone Town FC



Donal Shine, Roscommon County Footballer



Tommy Coogan, represented Ireland in swimming at U 17 level and was nominated for Westmeath Sports Star



Ray Connellan, Westmeath County Footballer, holds aloft the Tailteann Cup in 2022.



John Keane, Garrycastle GAA Manager & an All Star County Westmeath Player



Niall Daly, Roscommon County Footballer



Conor Daly, Roscommon County Footballer



Ronan Daly, Roscommon County Footballer





Musicals

Athlone Community College has a long tradition of staging vibrant musicals, which afford our students an opportunity to display their talents and give the public an opportunity to view first class productions. We regularly sell out the Dean Crowe Theatre four nights in a row!

FACT:

We won the top prize in the Best Costume category for our production of *We Will Rock You* at the Bord Gais Energy Student Theatre Awards, 2017

Upcoming musical Beauty and the Beast

21-24 NOVEMBER 2023
Dean Crowe Theatre





Public Speaking and Debating

We are the premier school in the country in Debating and Public Speaking. To enrich their educational experience, students are encouraged to engage in pursuits that stretch the mind. All students have an opportunity to participate in Debating and Public Speaking in English, Gaeilge, French, German and Spanish. Every year, students go on to represent the school in Debating and Public Speaking. We are always looking for new and exciting opportunities for our students. We became new entrants for Griffith Debate Competition, Leinster Schools Debating, Team Ireland and Oxford School's Debating. Last year, we were thrilled to be taking part in the inaugural Concern Junior Cycle Debates Programme. Debating and Public Speaking at both junior and senior cycle are thriving.



Concern Debate Team 2023 Megan Mitchell, Aiveen Curley, George Mhitarjans and Captain – Conor Doran.



Junior Concern All-Ireland Finalists 2023:
James Duffy,
Niamh O'Reilly,
Maevie Murphy
and
Caoilfhionn Macken



Senior Gael Linn Team 2023



Soroptimist Public Speakers 2023:
Bonnie Moylette & Heather McDermott.



Junior Gael Linn Regional Finalists 2023:
Abby O'Callaghan, Naoise Giveney and Abby Higgins



Aiveen Curley Best Speaker Griffith College Debate Competition 2023

AMAZING FACTS

- Inaugural Junior Concern Debating National Finalists
- Best Speaker Griffith College Debate Competition
- Soroptimist All-Ireland Finalist for six years running
- NUIG Debating Champions 2017
- 3 times Concern Debating All-Ireland Champions
- Mental Health Public Speaking All Ireland Winners
- Gael Linn All-Ireland finalists on 7 occasions
- Gael Linn All-Ireland Champions, Senior Competition 2017
- Gael Linn All-Ireland Champions, Junior Competition 2018
- 2021 New entrants for Leinster Schools Debating, Team Ireland and Oxford School's Debating
- 2022 Pilot participants in the inaugural Concern Junior Cycle Debates

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have a plethora of clubs and societies for students to choose from. Once you walk through our front door a world of opportunity awaits.



CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY ACHIEVEMENTS



Awarded Biodiversity Flag.



First place at Arcadia Creative Climate Awards



Student Led Green Schools in Action



Board Games Club



Bonding Day Tours



Céilí Mór



Charity Work



Chess Club



Coaching Session with Westmeath's Kieran Martin



Scholarships Initiative



Table Quiz



Lego Club

Clubs and Societies

A large number of our clubs and societies are peer-led by TY students with teacher guidance. We encourage all our First Year students to join a club when we hold our Clubs and Societies Registration day:

FILM CLUB

CODING CLUB

DRAMA SOCIETY

TRADITIONAL MUSIC SOCIETY

EVENING ART

FRENCH CLUB

BOARD GAMES CLUB

LEGO CLUB

CHESS CLUB

BOOK CLUB

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

DEBATING SOCIETY

WELLBEING CLUB

BADMINTON CLUB

SCIENCE CLUB

COMÓRTAS ÓRÁIDE

INNOVATION CLUB

MATHS AND SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

NATIONAL QUIZZES IN MATHS AND LANGUAGES

GRADUATE.IE CITIZEN AND DEMOCRACY PROGRAMME

GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

SUPERVISED EVENING STUDY

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

LWETB SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE



Where are they now?



Shauna Loftus
Science
UCD



Johanna Hughes
Biomedical Health &
Life Science – UCD



Zayna Ganly
Commerce
UCD



Brian Armstrong
Engineering
NUIG



Cormac Fallon
Actuarial & Financial
Maths – UCD



Leah Harney
Engineering
UCD



Clodagh O'Brien
Actuarial & Financial
Maths – UCD



Ellen Healy
Radiography
UCD



Ben O'Meara
Babatunde
Engineering, UCD



Olivia Walsh
Economics &
Finance – UCD



Wiktor Borowski
Electronic & Comp.
Eng, NUIG



Kimberley Akenwuke
Medicine – Royal
College of Surgeons



Norah Canny
Humanities
UCD



John Maloney
Actuarial & Financial
Maths – UCD



Marsha Neilan
Medicine
UCD



Leo Connell
Economics &
Finance – UCD



Sarah Ryan
Commerce
UCD



Ella Claffey
Science
UCD



Tristan Greene
Computer Science,
NUIG



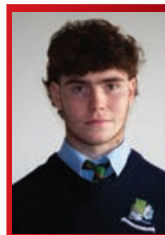
Ellen McCabe
Primary Teaching
DCU



Alessandro Bellasi
Software Design
TUS Athlone



Mohammed Mair Amir
Electronic & Comp.
Eng, NUIG



Ethan Hunter
Business with Sports
Mgt, TUS Athlone



Eva Bea Mulligan
Science –NUIG



Darragh Moore
Arts – NUIG



Molly Mulvihill
Wilkins
Social Science, UCD



Sinéad Seery
Business Studies
DCU



John Shine
Commerce
NUIG



Shane Gavin
Arts – NUIG



Sarah Galvin
Intl. Business
TU Dublin City



Niamh Dunning
Law & Criminology
Maynooth University



Aoihe Carey
Forensic Investigation
ATU Sligo



Abdul Ishola
Arts - Maynooth
University



Jordan Sheltinga
Biopharmaceutical
Science, ATU Galway



Cliodhna
McNamara
Sustainability, UCD



Abbie Collins
Agri-Environmental
Mgt – ATU Galway



Roisin Kenny
Primary Teaching
DCU



Ria Lennon
Sport Science &
Health – DCU



Ewan Joyce Whyte
Law & Criminology
Maynooth University



Jeffery Idahosa
Software Eng.
ATU Galway



Eoghan McManus
Agri. Mechanisation
TUS Limerick



David Flannery
Mechanical Eng.
TUS Athlone



Sean Kildea
Business
ATU Galway



Éanna Henry
Arts - NUIG



Áine de Tulio
Primary Teaching
DCU



Amna Mandal
Architecture
Univ. of Limerick



Kevin Claffey
Engineering
NUIG



Donncha Connolly
Computer Science,
UCD

A selection of the Leaving Certificate Class of 2023



Diarmuid O'Brien
Commerce
NUIG



Gráinne O'Looney
Primary Teaching
DCU



Emma McDermott
Primary Teaching
DCU



Amelia Gavin
Bioveterinary Sc.
TUS Athlone



Dearbhla Furey Callinan
Law & Human Rights
NUIG



Eoin Reid
Engineering
NUIG



Jacqueline Skrina
Biotechnology
NUIG



Kyle Moroney
Qty. Surveying
TUS Athlone



Adam O'Neill
Criminal Justice
SETU Waterford



Emma Gannon
Commerce International with Spanish
NUIG



Katie Murray
Science
UCD



Emer Donnelly
Early Childhood Education – DCU



James Dillon
Construction Teaching
ATU Galway



Jose Kochumuttam
Engineering
NUIG



Nikka Campbell
Communications
DCU



Michelle Gorovenko
Commerce
UCD



Alisha Collins
Science
UCD



Maya Lefebvre
Modern Languages
UCD



Anteo Guvo
Sports Mgt.
TUS Athlone



Roisin Murphy
Commerce Intl.
UCD



Sarah O'Rourke
Multimedia
DCU



Sophie Gardner
General Nursing
NUIG



Amy Ward
Primary Teaching
Marino



Oisín O'Flaherty
Construction Mgt.
NUIG



Laura Madden
Primary Teaching
DCU



Hannah Kelly
Science
NUIG



Kevin Browne
Software Design
TUS, Athlone



Molly O'Donnell
Dental Nursing
TUS, Athlone



Killian Collier
Architecture
SETU Waterford



Conall Benton
Engineering
NUIG



Jade Fallon
Construction Mgt.
University of Limerick



Jake Shields
Biotechnology
NUIG



Peadar Dolan
Engineering
NUIG



John Kennedy
Commerce
NUIG



Orla Barry
Accounting
Maynooth Univ.



Chloe Dowling
Early Years Care & Ed.
TUS Athlone



Tomás O'Neill
Computer Sc.
NUIG



Gabriel Murphy
City Planning &
Env. Policy – UCD



Alex Harney
Pharmacology
TUS Athlone



Patrick Duffy
Engineering
UCD



Sam Brooks
Sociology & Social
Policy – Trinity



John O'Rourke
Biological & Chemical
Sc. – UCC



Yi Xian Cheam
General Science
TU Dublin City



Jamie Carroll
Sport Science
TUS Athlone



Charlie O'Brien
Arts
NUIG



Jeothis Senthikumar
Engineering
NUIG



Jules Gelet
Arts
NUIG



Joshua Osho
Computer Networks
& Cyber Security
ATU Sligo



Hetha Putane
Computer Science
UCD



Orla Flint Ni Chluid
Irish with History –
University of Ulster



Chimamanda Offeelo
Dance – Phoenix
Performing Arts
College Dublin

Academic Excellence 2023

PERFECT LEAVING CERTIFICATE SCORES

Shauna Loftus, Johanna Hughes and Zayna Ganly all received a staggering 7H1s in their Leaving Certificate.



Shauna Loftus with Principal Mrs Eileen Donohoe



Johanna Hughes with Principal Mrs Eileen Donohoe



Zayna Ganly with her brother Jon and her parents



UCD AD ASTRA Scholar 2023 & Naughton Scholarship Recipient. Outstandingly, Shauna Loftus scored a perfect 7H1s in her Leaving Certificate. Shauna has been awarded the extremely prestigious academic UCD Ad Astra Scholarship. This scholarship is a leadership programme that seeks motivated students who demonstrate high intellectual achievement and wish to further their development by undertaking a challenging university programme. Shauna has also been awarded a highly coveted Naughton Scholarship, which is a scholarship to promote studies in the area of STEM. During her time here in school, Shauna was crowned National Rotary Youth Leadership Champion and the ACC Shona Ambassador for girls in post-primary schools around Ireland.



Star Profile



David Campion, Sneha Chhipa, Alfie Coogan, Jennifer Cummins, Beatrice Drummond, Emma Flannery, Liam Hennelly, Caoilin McClean, Jed Moylette, Conor Paul (UCD AD ASTRA Scholar also), Hollie Walsh.

Missing from picture: Emily Dillon, Jennifer Dillon, Oleksandr Sachkov.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

Record 14 UCD Entrance Scholarships awarded to ACC student

An unprecedented record number of 14 UCD Entrance Scholarships were awarded to students from Athlone Community College last year. UCD recognises the calibre of its incoming high-achieving students with the award of UCD Entrance Scholar. Entrance Scholar awards are presented to First Year students who achieve 560 points or more in their Leaving Certificate in recognition of their academic accomplishment to date.

MATHS TEACHER OF THE YEAR MEIGHAN DUFFY

Meighan Duffy who was crowned 'Maths Teacher of the Year' by the Irish Maths Teachers Association.



Meighan Duffy with Principal Mrs Eileen Donohoe

SENIOR MATHS TEAM NATIONAL SUCCESS 2023



Our Senior Maths Team, Wiktor Borkowski, John Maloney, Ben O'Meara Babatunde and Sean Daniel put in a brilliant performance in the Irish Maths Teachers Association (IMTA) Team Maths National Final. Out of a total of 25 teams who competed, our Midlands Champions finished joint 7th.

IAMTA ALL IRELAND APPLIED MATHS SUCCESS

ACC had phenomenal success with our two qualifying teams achieving the 2nd and 3rd best scores in the IAMTA's Senior Applied Maths All Ireland Final. A tiebreak with Castleknock College for second place saw Clodagh O'Brien (6th Year), Josh Oyiki (6th Year) and Charlie Flynn (5th Year) finish 3rd. Just one question behind the winning score from Gonzaga College. Then, just one question score less than that again was Bryan Armstrong (6th Year), Leo O'Connell (6th Year) and Conor Doran (5th Year) who finished 4th.





2023 OUTSTANDING 23 LEAVING CERTIFICATE STUDENTS WHO SCORED OVER 600 POINTS

L-R: Back Row: Mrs. Gráinne Macken, Deputy Principal, Norah Canny, Shauna Loftus, Ella Claffey, Clodagh O'Brien, Josh Oyiki, John Maloney, Ben O'Meara Babatunde, Leo O'Connell, Cormac Fallon, Tristan Greene, Alessandro Bellasai, Wiktor Borowski, Ms Deirdre Whitlow, Deputy Principal.

L-R: Front Row: Mrs Eileen Donohoe, Principal, Ellen McCabe, Johanna Hughes, Olivia Walsh, Sarah Ryan, Ellen Healy, Leah Harney, Zayna Ganly, Catherine Walsh, Tierna Murray, Mohammad Mair Amir, Mrs Amy Dervin, Deputy Principal.

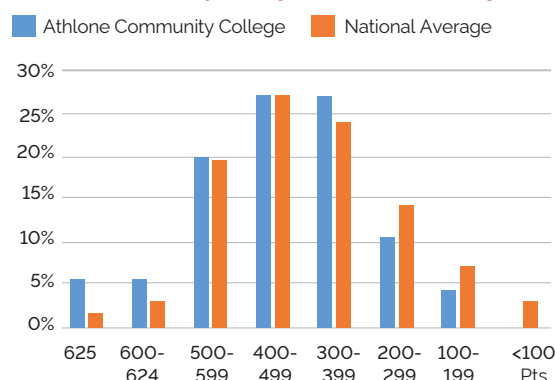
Missing from picture: Marsha Neilan and Bryan Armstrong.

Every year our students are successful in being awarded highly coveted scholarships. Their exceptional achievements are rewarded and acknowledged.

- The Naughton Scholarship
- UCD AD ASTRA Academic Scholarship
- All-Ireland Scholarship Scheme (JP McManus Scholarship)
- Irish Taxation Institute Third Level Scholarship Programme
- RBK Scholarship
- Ericsson Bursary School Leavers
- Tormey's Law Scholarship

LEAVING CERTIFICATE POINTS COMPARISON CHART, 2023

Athlone Community College vs National Averages



OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP



Star Profile

JP McManus All-Ireland Scholarship. 2021 winner Ryan Rafferty and 2022 winner Shikka Rassool pictured with Principal Mrs Eileen Donohoe at their recent award ceremony.

STANDOUT FACTS 2023

1. Staggering 23 students achieved over 600 points
2. 25 students received a H1 in Higher Level Maths – three times the national average
3. 21 students received a H1 in Higher Level Irish
4. 14 students awarded a H1 in Higher Level English
5. 53% of the Computer Science Class received H1s
6. 36% of the Applied Maths Class received H1s
7. 70% of students received Distinctions in Leaving Certificate Applied – two students received 100%



SHINING PAST PUPILS



Curtis McGovern with teacher Mr Eoghan Joyce.

Leaving Certificate Engineering Project Award 2023: Past pupil, Curtis McGovern, was recognised as one of the top 20 projects in the country by the Engineering and Technology Teachers Association for his Leaving Certificate Engineering project. With over 6000 students completing Engineering last year, this was an incredible achievement to be recognised as one of the top 20 projects in the country.



Dean Coffey

IMTA JUNIOR MATHS COMPETITION

Dean Coffey achieved 92% in the Irish Junior Maths Competition. Over 15,000 students from 216 schools took part.

Student Care & Wellbeing

We have a culture of student voice here in Athlone Community College. We believe that for a child to truly be at the centre of their own educational experience, then they must be provided with opportunities to exercise their voice. It is only by listening to our students, that we can fully appreciate what our students need and how we meet these needs.



Cathy Cryan
Guidance Counsellor



Nicola Burke
Guidance Counsellor



FUSE BADGE SCHOOL - ZERO TOLERANCE TO BULLYING

We have received our FUSE Badge in recognition for taking part in an Anti-Bullying and Online Safety Programme, developed by the National Anti-Bullying Centre (ABC) at Dublin City University.



AMBER FLAG

Local champion of positive mental health and past pupil Ray Connellan launches our Flag. The Amber Flag was awarded in recognition of our school's active promotion of positive mental health within our school community.

Wellbeing in action



ACC Delegates at ISSU Conference



Student Council 2023



Shreyash Shuka, LWETB Student Voice Advocate 2023

BIODIVERSITY FLAG

We strive to be a sustainable school and take our responsibility for the environment very seriously. We were delighted when we were awarded the Biodiversity Flag this year.

Transition into first Year!



First Year Induction Week



First Year Induction Week



Mentors supporting First Years in making friends

Why choose Athlone Community College?

Athlone Community College is an ETB school, which is co-educational, multid denominational and underpinned by five core values: Excellence in Education, Care, Equality, Community and Respect. We are an inclusive school that celebrates equality and ensures equity of educational provision for all learners. We believe every child is unique and we strive to provide a learning experience that fosters each and every student's individual growth and development.

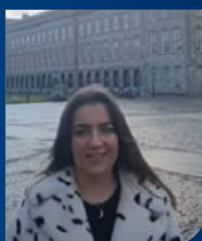
21ST CENTURY LEARNING

We are fully equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and software needed to embed technology into teaching and learning.

- All classrooms have wireless projectors and classroom desktops.
- ICT Support Technician
- Wifi throughout and high speed lan line internet access in every classroom in the school
- Microsoft Outlook, Teams, OneNote etc.
- 4 Computer Studies Rooms
- Specialist Graphics Devices
- Student Surface Go Tablets
- Interactive Whiteboards
- Touch screens in Classrooms
- Headsets for Language Lab
- Audio speaker bars in every Classroom
- 3D Printers
- Laser Cutters

Catherine Costello, Speech and Language Therapy, TCD

Without the support and encouragement of the teachers and staff at Athlone Community College, I would not be where I am today, studying Speech and Language Therapy at Trinity College Dublin.



Adam Lennon

I am so pleased that I made the decision to attend Athlone Community College. The school provides a strong academic base while also allowing students to express themselves in whatever field that may be. Although I eventually chose to put all my time into soccer, Athlone Community College allowed me to experience various forms of Athletics as well as allowing me to play Gaelic Football with all my friends and classmates. As my schedule started to become busier, Athlone Community College allowed me the freedom of being able to complete my studies while I represented the school for both Leinster and the Republic of Ireland. The education I received was second to none and I am now currently studying Sports and Exercise Management at University College Dublin along with receiving a soccer scholarship from the University. None of this would have been possible without the backing of an excellent support group from the school.



FACILITIES

We have so much to offer your son or daughter. Athlone Community College has an ultra-modern building that consists of:

SIX SCIENCE LABS: DEDICATED CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, BIOLOGY, GENERAL SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

TWO ART/CRAFT STUDIOS

TWO HOME ECONOMICS ROOMS

FOUR COMPUTER STUDIES ROOMS

THREE WOOD TECHNOLOGY/ CONSTRUCTION STUDIES ROOMS

TWO METALWORK/ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY ROOMS

LANGUAGE LAB

MUSIC ROOM AND DANCE ROOM

LIBRARY

LECTURE ROOM

FITNESS SUITE

SPORTS HALL

MULTIMEDIA LEARNING LABORATORY

TWO TECHNICAL GRAPHICS/DESIGN AND COMMUNICATIONS GRAPHICS ROOMS

MEDITATION ROOM

TWO BASKETBALL COURTS

FULL SIZE GAELIC/RUGBY PITCH AND FULL SIZED SOCCER PITCH

POLYTUNNEL

MONKEY BAR EXERCISE AREA

TABLE TENNIS OUTDOOR AREA

INDOOR CANTEEN AREA

OUTDOOR PICNIC AREA

Ray Connellan, BA. English, UCD & Westmeath County Footballer

As a former student of Athlone Community College, I couldn't recommend the school enough for prospective students. From the extra-curricular to the educational side of things, it ticks all of the boxes.





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*Visit our school website to view a video on
a day in the life of Athlone Community College*

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