

# St Bricin's College

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Welcome to the latest newsletter for St Bricin's College. It has been an extremely busy Summer term for staff and students culminating with the awards ceremonies for each Year Group and the Graduation of the class of 2014 from Leaving Certificate and Transition Year. We look forward to August this year and we extend a warm welcome to all our incoming students and their families who will start a new chapter of their lives in St Bricin's College. We expect to see our new building program well underway by October with all rooms ready for use in September 2015. Thank you to all staff, students and parents for their involvement in school activities in 2014 in what has been a very successful year for the school. We wish all our exam students good luck in their Junior and Leaving Certificate exams. We know that these students are well prepared for the challenges that lie ahead, and staff will be available here in August to discuss CAO options and third level destinations.

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## Attendance Reward Trip

Due to the exceptional work of Class Tutors and Year Heads at St Bricin's this year, there have been marked improvements in attendance. Many of our students have achieved 100% attendance and there are 90% of our students with attendance rates in excess of 92% overall. The three first year groups Rang Gorry, Rang Grene and Rang Gaffney achieved 98% attendance for the school year and they were rewarded with a trip to the Cavan Canoe Centre in the last week of term. Pictured on the right are George Dimitrov, Liam O'Neill Chambers, Tara McGahan, Riona Maguire and Oniosa Maguire.

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## Recent Events

### May 27

Year 1 School Tour to Cavan Canoe Centre

### May 23

Awards Ceremony for Years 1, 2, 3 and 5

### May 22

Transition Year Graduation

### May 16

School Sports Day

### May 15

Leaving Certificate Graduation

### May 7

TY Drama Production "Our Day Out"

### Apr 7

School tour to the European Space Centre



## Awards Ceremonies

This year we had three different award ceremonies at St Bricin's College. Pictured on the right is President Elect of the GAA, Aogán O Fearghail presenting the student of the year award to Shauna Gilroy.



Liam McCabe (Secretary of Cavan County Board) and Shaun Doherty (Schools Coach) attended the Transition Year Awards ceremony.

James Farrelly (member of the Cavan U21 team) attended the awards ceremony for First, Second and Third Years.

There were many award winners this year with students being recognized for their contributions to Art, Enterprise, Poetry, Sport, Music, Irish Language, Leadership, Local Community Involvement and Gaisce – the Presidents Awards.

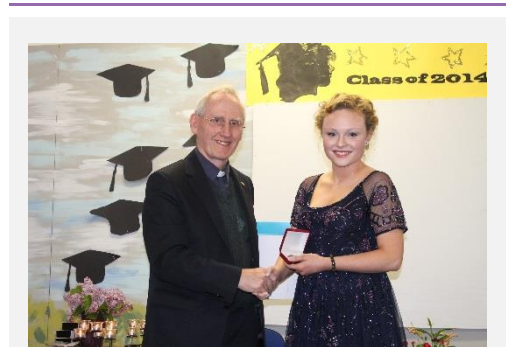
We would like to congratulate all of our award winners and we look forward to celebrating more success for our students in future years. The main academic awards are listed below.

Nominees for Academic Student of the Year

- Year 1: Evelina Silova, Daniel Dermody and Shane Vesey
- Year 2: Laura Reilly, Deborah Fitzpatrick and Rebecca Harvey
- Year 3: Katarzyna Pasztetnik, Roisin Fitzpatrick and Killian Teevan
- Year 4 (TY): Ryan Geraghty and Ciara Greenan
- Year 5: Anna Meehan and Emily Harris
- Year 6: Tara Collins, Donncadh McAvenue and Jordan Millar

Academic Student of the Year Recipients for 2014

- Year 1: Stephen Trenier
- Year 2: Dylan McCabe
- Year 3: Sean Og Lawlor
- Year 4 (TY): Patrick Tiernan
- Year 5: Stuart Dunne
- Year 6: Shauna Gilroy



## Subject Awards Winners for Junior Certificate 2014

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Art                  | Katarzyna Pasteknik |
| 2. English              | Sophie Dolan        |
| 3. Irish                | Killian Teevan      |
| 4. Maths                | Sean Og Lawlor      |
| 5. History              | Odhran Traynor      |
| 6. Geography            | Laura Sheridan      |
| 7. Metalwork            | Conor O Reilly      |
| 8. Science              | Katarzyna Pasteknik |
| 9. Business Studies     | Brian Wallace       |
| 10. Materials Tech Wood | John Joe Collins    |
| 11. Technical Graphics  | Conor Vesey         |
| 12. Home Economics      | Shauna Dowling      |
| 13. French              | Sean Og Lawlor      |
| 14. CSPE                | Santa Strode        |



## Subject Award Winners for Leaving Certificate 2014

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. English                       | Donncadh McAvenue   |
| 2. Irish                         | Tara Collins        |
| 3. Maths                         | Shauna Gilroy       |
| 4. French                        | Alannah Rowe        |
| 5. Engineering                   | Noel Ebbit          |
| 6. Business                      | Michelle Gilroy     |
| 7. Art                           | Zusia Osojca        |
| 8. Design Communication Graphics | Jamie Toye Mohan    |
| 9. Biology                       | Michael O Reilly    |
| 10. Geography                    | Kieran Payne        |
| 11. History                      | Jordan Millar       |
| 12. Home Economics               | Tara Collins        |
| 13. Construction                 | Conor Peers McGarry |
| 14. LCVP                         | Cian Martin         |



Senior Sports Star of the Year      John Fitzpatrick

Junior Sports Star of the Year      Sean Og Lawlor

Special mention and appreciation to our Year Heads who organized the individual award ceremonies; Ms Farrelly, Mr Smith, Mr McClean and Mrs B Sheridan.



## Transition Year

Transition Year at St Bricin's College has been an overwhelming success thanks in no small part to the work of the Co-ordinator Ms Fay and her team of dedicated staff who delivered the program this year. It was very noticeable at the awards ceremony the amount of work that this group have covered this year along with the varied activities that they have experienced. In the last month alone they completed their Gaisce Outdoor Experience module as well as a workshop with the Army Band and a trip to the Chocolate Factory in Walkinstown, Co Dublin.

One of the highlights of the year was their Drama Production undertaken under the guidance of Philip Gilbride and Deirdre O Reilly. The show "Our Day Out" was played out in front of a packed house on three nights in May. A DVD of the show is available and it is hoped that this could become an annual event in the Transition Year Calendar.

The parting gift from this TY class to the school is a set of gates pictured above. This project was completed under the guidance of Mr Gorry, Mr Leonard and Ms Crowe in the areas of Art, Engineering and Construction Studies. These gates will provide a welcome safety and security feature to the school yard and will remind us of the TY group for many years to come.

## School Sports Day

The annual school Sports Day took place in Belturbet Rory O Moore's Park on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. A huge number of events took place over the course of the day including races, relays, discus, javelin, long jump and the ever popular welly throwing competition. Great fun was had by one and all, with medals being presented on the day. The final event was a staff versus students soccer match on the astro-turf. This was like a scene from "**the gladiator**" with the crowd baying for action and hard hitting. The students raced into a three goal lead and had the more mature teachers team on the back foot for most of the first half. The teachers battled back and the end result was a 5-5 all draw with both teams leaving the arena with their pride intact. Thank you to Mr Smith and Ms Farrelly for organizing a wonderful Sports Day.

