

AVS Notes 26th May 2017

Leaving Certificate Ecumenical Service

The Leaving Certificate Ecumenical Service took place on Wednesday 24th May in the school. Students along with their parents and guardians attended the service; this was a very special service as we see our students move on to the next chapter in their lives. The students joined the staff for a meal prior to the service to celebrate the completion of the end of senior cycle. We would like to wish our students every success in their future and the very best of luck in your oncoming exams.

Abbey Vocational School Summer Exam Timetable 2017

Students must take careful notes of their exam dates and times.

	1st Year (Rooms 1-7)	2nd Year (Gym)	5th Year (Gym)
Day 1: Tuesday 30th May			
9:15 – 10:45	ENGLISH	IRISH	MATHS
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK		
11:20 – 12:50	GEOGRAPHY	BUSINESS	BIOLOGY
1:00 – 1:45	LUNCH		
1:45 – 2:15	STUDY		
2:20 – 3:50	SCIENCE	HISTORY	FRENCH / SPANISH
Day 2: Wednesday 31st May			
9:15 – 10:45	HOME ECONOMICS	GEOGRAPHY	ENGLISH (9:00 – 11:00)
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK		
11:20 – 12:50	FRENCH SPANISH /	MATHS	GEOGRAPHY
1:00 – 1:45	LUNCH		
1:50 – 3:20	IRISH	FRENCH SPANISH /	AG. SCIENCE/HISTORY /PHYSICS
Day 3: Thursday 1st June			
9:15 – 10:45	MATHS	ENGLISH	IRISH
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK		
11:20 – 12:50	BUSINESS (11:50-12:50)	HOME ECONOMICS	CONSTRUCTION /CHEMISTRY

1:00 – 1:45	LUNCH		
1:50 – 3:20	HISTORY	SCIENCE	ENGINEERING/ ACCOUNTING/ HOME Ec
Day 4: Friday 2nd June			
9:15 – 10:45	No Exam	No Exam	BUSINESS
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK		
11:20 – 12:50	No Exam	No Exam	ART

All students to be at their assigned seats before each exam. Please ensure you arrive on time for your exams.

Business Class Trip

Ms Gordon brought her 2nd year business class to Magee’s Weaving Factory in Donegal Town on Tuesday 23rd May. They viewed the whole process from yarn to finished bales of tweed. The students study a chapter in their business studies class called “The Chain of Production” therefore, this greatly benefited their knowledge and understanding of the process. A huge thanks to Mr Gallagher for showing the students around the factory.

Credit Union Trip

1st years had a great time on Wednesday 24th May in Donegal Credit Union; the visit was in aid of their business studies. The staff and volunteers took our students in behind the counters to show students what happens when customers lodge money. This followed with a visit to the boardroom where monthly meetings are held. The third room students were shown was the Risk Assessment area where applications for loans are processed. A huge thank you to Donegal Credit Union for the tour and excellent information they shared with our students.

Book Club

Ms Logue would like to thank this year’s members of her book club for their excellent attendance this year.

Spanish Club

Spanish club was a great success this year and Ms Mc Nulty said the students who attended should be praised for their dedication. Thank you to the 1st year students who attended throughout the year.

Sky Arts Series of Master Photography

A huge congrats to Molly Keane in Leaving Cert, Molly managed to fight off other hopeful amateur and professional photographers to reach the final 12 on Sky Arts series Master of Photography. The selection process was quite tough as well as the legendary panel of judges who were astonished by Molly’s photos. The three judges had the decision of selecting the finalists for the series, the judges: Darcy Padilla, Editor Caroline Hunter and Oliviero Toscani picked Molly from many other candidates that entered the competition.

Molly also had to have a Skype interview with the judges as well as have her photos judged. Molly is the youngest of the contestants and is in with a chance of winning €150,000. Due to the series Molly didn’t manage to sit her Leaving Cert mocks and now faces her State Exams

in just 2 weeks' time! Hopefully, once she completes her exams she will start her course in IADT Dun Laoghaire to study photography. Molly couldn't tell us too much information about the series as it hasn't aired yet. The TV series airs on Sky Arts 'Master of Photography' this week from Thursday 25th May 2017 at 8pm so make sure and tune in to watch Molly's wonderful journey.

Vintage Tea Party

Room 10 are hosting their very own Vintage Tea Party on Friday 26th May. They will donate the funds to Bluestack Foundation. Thank you to all staff and students who donated baked goods and bought items from the tea party; the students and staff of room 10 appreciate your kindness!

Abbey Vocational School Parents' Association Golf Classic - Thank You!

The AVS Parents' Association hosted their Golf Classic on Wednesday 10th May at Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh. This event is hosted every 2 years and the beautiful weather on the day added to a very successful event. First prize overall went to have Francis Brogan, Liam Darren, Jimmy Melly and Mickey Martin who are pictured receiving their prize from Lisa Staunton, chairperson, AVS Parents' Association. The Parents' Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Donegal Golf Club members for their support and participation in the event and to all the businesses and people who sponsored teams, prizes and tees and whose contribution was very much appreciated by all. The Parents Association would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort of the following members of the PA who formed the organising committee for the event - Lisa Staunton, Teresa Mc Donnell, Bridin Jordan, Sorcha Begley, Geoffrey Browne, Mary Coughlan, Patrice Duffy, Sharon Gallagher, Fiona Mc Hugh, Muriel Mitchell, David Morrow, Arlene O Neill, Cathy Mitchell, Ruperta Gallagher, Anna Meehan, Chris Darby, Geraldine Diver, Ronan Doherty and Alison Dunnion.

Transition Year:

TY Showcase

Tuesday 23rd May was one excellent and entertaining night as TYs put on an enjoyable show for their parents and guardians. The TY showcase is always a show stopping event as students display their years' work to a live audience. Ellen Mc Groary and Daniel Gallagher were the MC's on the night and they wowed the crowd with their hosting skills. There was a wide variety of entertainment on offer from colourful photo displays, humorous skits and informative speeches. An uplifting song from the musical 'Hairspray' opened the show; 'Hairspray' was a successful production put on by the students of the AVS this year and included countless toe-tapping numbers. Videos recorded and produced by the students highlighted the many activities they were involved in. It was very courageous of them to take the stage as many had voiced their fears about speaking publicly therefore, they deserve to be praised for their bravery.

Two groups of students demonstrated the Spanish and African dance workshops they participated in showing some complicated moves and steps they learned to the audience. I think the audience would agree that the high point of the night was the 'TASTY' samples students dished out; the winners of 'TASTY 2017' Seaside Bakery with Solis Lough Eske and their Tonn Aran Seaweed Bread was sampled by the crowd! The product will be available to purchase at the Donegal Food Festival. We wish to thank Solis Lough Eske for the baking the bread for the evening.

A huge thank you to the Parents' Association for helping with the refreshments on the night. The night would not have been a success without the help of: Ms Regan, Ms O' Mahoney, Mary Crawford, Ms Rooney, Ms Cunningham, Ms Murray and Ms McIntyre. Again, well done to our TYs and we hope you enjoyed every moment of your jam-packed year!

Sports:

Athletics

Well done to all our athletes who competed in Antrim at the Ulster School's final at the weekend. They competed against the top athletes from across the province. Mia Mc Calmont led from the gun in the 3000m race to win in a personal best time of 10 mins 27. Anna Riebling jumped 2 m10 in the Pole Vault to win bronze. Kitty Mc Nulty, new to the event finished 4th; Kitty also ran in the 300 Hurdles and qualified for the final.

There was a large number of first years on the team this year, and they certainly made their mark. The Minor Girls team won the Best Overall School's Cup. They were led out by Rachel Gallagher, who won the 75m Hurdles and she also set a new Ulster School's Record time of 12.11 seconds. Niamh Moohan finished 3rd in the same race. Rachel went onto then win silver in the Long Jump. Savannah Timony ran a personal best of 2 mins 33 to finish 9th in a competitive 800m. Their relay team (Rachel Gallagher, Emily Mc Nulty, Niamh Moohan, Emma Farren & Tessa Duke) finished 3rd in their heat and were 5th in a very close final.

In the Junior Girls, Aisling Moohan finished 7th in 75m Hurdles and in the High Jump. Aoife Greene jumped 8.75m in the Triple Jump to place 9th. Their relay team (Gwenaelle Ni Dhonnabhain, Aoife Greene, Aisling Moohan & Catherine Campbell) finished 5th.

Shane Breslin and Diarmuid O'Donnell competed in the Junior Hammer, with both boys setting new personal bests and clearing 20m in their throws. Shane also threw 10.30m in the Boys Shot Putt to finish 8th. Leo Mc Dermott-Carey narrowly missed out on 3rd place in the Minor Boys Shot putt and 75m Hurdles. Well done to all!