

2016 CnS Overall Award Winners

Ciara Ní Dhálaigh



Best Overall Academic Award (Joint)

Ciara is no stranger to KETB awards - she previously received the JC Irish Oral award achieving full marks and this year she was proud to receive an All Ireland Scholarship Award sponsored by J.P.McManus. Ciara describes her time in Coláiste na Sceilge as enjoyable and memorable and during this time engaged in all aspects of school life securing a Bronze Gaisce Award. A student of the Aonad Lán Ghaeilge Ciara has Gaeilge ón gcliabhán mar a déarfá le Gaeilge gleoite líofa aici. An extremely intelligent and focused young lady who works diligently to achieve her goals. Ciara is very mature in her approach to her work and in her thinking behind her work. Not only is Ciara an all-rounder academically but she is also a talented traditional musician and plays the accordion beautifully. Currently Ciara is studying for a B.Ed. in Education and Psychology in Mary Immaculate College.

Laura Ní Chonchúir

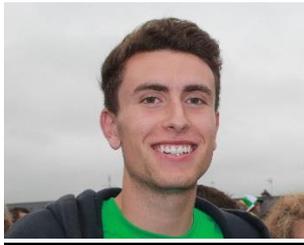
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Best Overall Academic Award (Joint)

Laura is a graduate of Coláiste na Sceilge's Aonad Lán Ghaeilge and is a highly driven, focused and creative young lady. Her eye has always been set on doing veterinary - her dream from a very young age. Laura has a great ability to think outside the box - always adding her own flavour to both her written and oral work. She has worked tirelessly to achieve her goal while managing to balance study with a healthy outlet in the form of athletics. Always choosing to run in her bare feet Laura gave 100% commitment regardless of weather. A long

distance athlete, Laura helped her team to an array of medals at county and Munster level. A keen swimmer Laura has passed all the levels in the Irish Water Safety course, she plans to complete her Lifeguard Training this summer. Laura was also a committed member of the school football team. Laura is enjoying Veterinary in University College Dublin where she is a member of the rowing club.

Cathal Ó Donnabháin



Best Science Award

Cathal is a graduate of Coláiste na Sceilge's Aonad Lán Ghaeilge and speaks Irish fluently as a result. He was a pleasure to teach and to have in class - always willing and eager to contribute. His opinions were always mature and logical in keeping with his mathematical brain. Cathal studied Leaving Certificate Applied Mathematics outside the curriculum. Cathal enjoyed TV and the diverse range of experiences it offered. Cathal also excels in the area of sport. He represented Coláiste na Sceilge on the school basketball team. He is an avid and accomplished rower - the famous competitive Fitzgerald gene obviously prominent in him. Cathal is a very ambitious and driven young man, while doing his Leaving Certificate, he travelled regularly to Killorglin to row in the single sculls. Always a team player Cathal also competed in All Ireland Rowing Championships on both an individual and team basis, he secured a silver medal in the U16 Quad. Cathal is currently studying Mathematical Sciences in University College Cork where he enjoys rowing.

Sinéad Ní Chlúmháin Best Business



Sinéad Clifford is a graduate of Coláiste na Sceilge's Aonad Ian Gaeilge. Sinéad is currently a first year student in the University of Limerick studying Business Studies with French. Sinéad believes that the opportunity to do both Leaving Certificate Accounting and Business Studies gave her a great base for her chosen course. Next year Sinéad is looking forward to spending six months in France as part of an Erasmus Programme. Sinéad is looking forward to experiencing a new culture and immersing herself in the French Language.

A keen sports enthusiast Sinéad is a member of the Ladies University of Limerick football team. Sinéad has had a fantastic first semester, she believes that engaging in extra-curricular activities is a great way of making lots of new friends.

CnS School Awards

Aisling Ní hArrachtáin



Involvement in life of school at JC

Aisling is not only an extremely diligent and hardworking girl but also a very active member of the school community and a most pleasant and obliging young lady. Aisling was awarded student of the Year in Coláiste na Sceilge 2014 and Junior Musician of the Year in 2015. A talented musician and singer, Aisling makes playing the fiddle and piano look effortless. She gives selflessly of her time and talent to play in school musicals ceremonies, choral recitals and masses as well as accompanying her fellow music students in their music practicals. A student of the Aonad Lán Ghaeilge, tá Gaeilge den chéad scoth ag Aisling. She organised a range of activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge. In her spare time Aisling is a very successful athlete who competes in inter-school competitions. Aisling is presently enjoying a break from the normal routine of school life in TY and all the wonderful and invaluable experiences that go with it.

Stephen Ó Fógartaigh Best TY



Stephen worked extremely diligently throughout Transition year, he was there to help others, always willing to help out with any school activity, was a great leader and showed brilliant initiative when working on his Youth for Justice Project. Stephen was commissioned as a Minister for the Eucharist during TY. Musically talented, Stephen performed a lovely rendition of 'Grace' at the school's 1916 memorial play. This year Stephen assisted the current TYs in their production of *Grease*, performing solo pieces to a delighted audience. Among his achievements in TY are the Bronze *Gaisce* award and First Aid Qualification. His teachers describe Stephen as an unassuming young man and a real gentleman. We wish him every success in his future studies.

Tara Whittington- Best JC results



Tara is a Transition Year student in Coláiste na Sceilge and is working towards her Bronze *Gaisce* Award. She is also working on completing her Erasmus Youth

Pass and her entry into Sci Fest. In previous years she has given her time generously as a member of the Student Council and an Antibullying Ambassador. In her spare time she enjoys reading, cycling and walking her German Shepherd Dog. She also loves swimming and completed her Rescue 1 in Water Safety last summer. As an accomplished musician she enjoyed a two week musical exchange with KDYS to Hungary. Her other achievements include being part of the Boys and Girls Brigade Band that won the West-Midlands Band Competition in England in 2012. Tara continues to play the trumpet, delighting audiences in school productions and at Christmas. This year Tara played Mrs Lynch in the musical Grease. Tara reached the semi-finals in Poetry Aloud in the National Library, Dublin. In the future Tara would like to pursue a career in science.

Best Leaving Certificate Applied Student 2016

Ciara Maher



Congratulations to Ciara Maher who in her quiet and gentle way achieved a distinction in Leaving Certificate Applied. Ciara worked extremely hard and receives this award for her enthusiasm, accountability, reliability and strong work ethic throughout the two years of the Leaving Certificate Applied course in Coláiste na Sceilge. She was courteous and polite when dealing with employers, teachers and students alike. Ciara was gracious and generous with her time, extremely kind, always willing to help others.

Ciara excelled at work experience and enjoyed every minute of her work placements each Friday. Her love of animals and her caring nature was admired and praised by her employers. As a result, Ciara's goal is to pursue a career as a

veterinary nurse. She is currently undertaking a PLC course in Scoil Ui Chonail where she goes about her work with a quiet confidence.

All the staff at Coláiste na Sceilge are very proud of Ciara's achievement and can't think of anyone more deserving of this award and wish Ciara every success in the future.

Cian Breathnach - Involvement in Student Council



Described by his teachers as a mature gentleman Cian is always willing to become involved in activities that have an impact across the school community. Cian has been an active member of the Student Council for three years. In the past Cian was Secretary to the Student Council and is currently the joint Chair. During this time Cian has represented the Student Council at Board of Management Meetings where he has brought forward many great ideas and suggestions from the Student Council. Cian has given his time generously in assisting the school to review a range of school policies. This year Cian was involved in Student Council elections as well as a major project to improve student social spaces in the school. Thanks to this great initiative students will have comfortable seating around the school. Cian was one of the founding members of CoderDojo and was instrumental in the establishment of the Coláiste na Sceilge school radio giving his time generously to DJ to the school community at lunchtime. A committed student, Cian studies Applied Mathematics outside the curriculum. In the future Cian wishes to study Computer Science with German with a view to working abroad.

Orla Ní Chofaigh Peer Mentoring



Orla has a lot of experience in Peer Mentoring and is a trained KDYS Mentor. Always one to volunteer Orla has acted as a mentor to incoming first years and students on International Exchange with Coláiste na Sceilge. She was a Student Ambassador for the People to People Programme which welcomes 2000 students to Cahersiveen every summer. Orla was the friendly face when students felt homesick and needed a shoulder to cry on. Always able to empathise and put herself in the other person's shoes Orla went well beyond the call of duty and even visited a student in hospital. Orla was very kind and understanding of the fact that the student's parents were living abroad and offered the best of support she could in the student's time of need. Orla and her family kindly opened their doors and their hearts to the international students throughout their stay, forging genuine bonds of friendship that will last a lifetime. During the Easter break Orla intends to visit some of her international friends in Germany. Orla's maturity and caring nature make her a very deserving recipient of this award. In her spare time Orla is a talented singer and musician. This year Orla played the part of Frenchie in the school musical, *Grease* and was part of the 1916 Commemorative play last year. She also gives generously of her time performing in the school choir and enjoys playing piano and button accordion.