



TY TIMES

NEWS & UPDATES FOR DONABATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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Summer Achievements

During the summer, DCC 6th year student Suzie Linkiewicz participated in a charity match including small and big Tiktok creators. The organiser Marcel reached out and asked if they'd like to participate in a match in honour of his friend Cal who had cancer. They raised €1,000 and all the money went towards homeless charity!

Anna Russell from 3rd year played in a football tournament in the MGL. It took place in Limerick and Anna and her team placed 6th!

4th year student Mary McKenna placed 3rd in a pole vault competition. It took place in Tullamore. She also takes part in other athletic tournaments, The highest she has placed is second in long jumping!

Hugh Martin from 2nd year plays for Dundalk football club since January last year. He played in a tournament and travelled around the world

Senan Lundberg travelled to Leeds with his sisters and his club taking part in a taekwondo tournament. He played very well and has a yellow belt.

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5th year Michelle Branigan took part in the Dublin county championship. She placed 2nd in the 400m run and 1500m in javelin. Michelle qualified for nationals. She started athletics when she was seven and has taken part in many competitions leading up to it!

A group of last year's TY students, took part in the Garda Youth Awards with Dr Harley helping the students focus on problems for young people. They decided to focus on how much sleep people get. The students figured out solutions and made a powerpoint to present to students in other schools. After doing a survey to discover how much sleep people get, they realised the best way to sleep is to turn off devices half an hour before bed.

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How to stay safe on Halloween and New Years



10 ways to stay safe on Halloween and New Years Day

Safety Tip #1: Plan in advance

On Halloween you should plan what your gonna do and stay in your area.

Safety Tip #2: Wear reflective clothing

Keep yourself visible by having them wear glow-in-the-dark bracelets. Consider putting reflective strips on your costumes, or carry small flashlights. This will add a factor of safety when crossing the roads at night, as well as a way to identify yourself easily in the dark among others.

Safety Tip #3: stay away from fire works

Fireworks are dangerous and can blow up your hand if your not careful, you could get faulty fireworks with short fuses. Halloween is when people use fireworks so don't use them and stay clear

Safety Tip #4: Wear comfy shoes

Make sure you are in comfortable, well-fitting shoes. Girls in dresses should avoid heels, and all shoelaces should be double-tied to avoid tripping in the dark.

Safety Tip #5: Keep costumes comfortable

Avoid costumes that drag on the ground so they don't trip, get caught on bushes, or create a tussle. With that in mind, remember to pick costumes that are bathroom-friendly!

Safety Tip #6: Establish a curfew

This is helpful if your going trick-or-treating without you or if you want to make sure you're not out all night.

Safety Tip #7: Remember your phone

You should have your phone with you, in case you lose your mates or something happens and you need to call someone



Safety Tip #8: Stay away from Bon fires

Kids around Halloween time collect wood all month and set it all on fire on Halloween night, sometimes it can spread and get out of control, so don't light a Bon fire and stay away!

Safety Tip #9: Inspect sweets before eating

Check all treats to make sure they're sealed. Throw out candy with torn packages or holes in the packages, spoiled items, and any homemade treats that haven't been made by someone you know.

Safety Tip #10: Keep your own house safe

Remove anything that could cause kids to trip or fall on your path. Keep family pets away from trick-or-treaters - even if they seem harmless to you, your pet could scare small children. Make sure the lights are on outside your house, and if possible, the path to your door is illuminated. Have fun and keep safe! Happy Halloween!





Halloween Traditions Around the World



October 31st or halloween is celebrated by thousands of people all around the world. Even though thousands of people celebrate halloween it's not always known as halloween some examples of this are,

- Mexico: Día de los Muertos.
- Ireland and Scotland: Samhain.
- Japan: ハロウィン
- Italy: Ognissanti.
- Guatemala: Festival de Barriletes Gigantes.
- Phillipines: Pangangaluwa.
- Costa Rica: Día Nacional de la Mascarada Costarricense

Many different countries have many different halloween traditions,an example is in Mexico El Día de los Muertos falls between October 31 through November 2, when families can briefly be reunited with the souls of their deceased relatives. It is believed that on the Day of the Dead, the border between spirits and the living,they leave food and gifts on there families graves to honour those who have passed on.

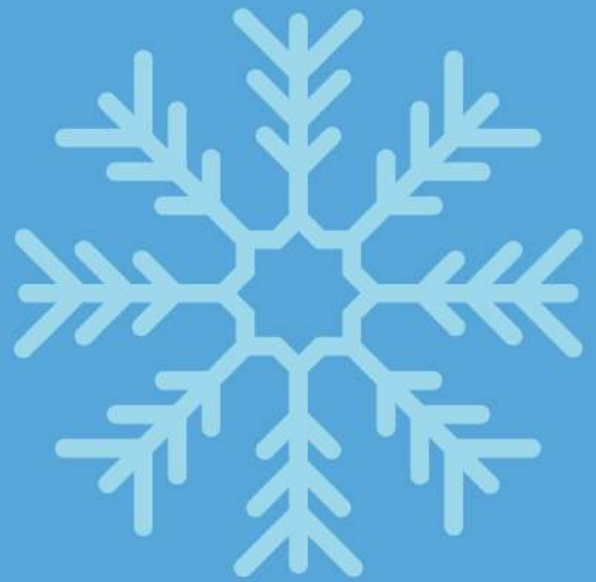
In Italy halloween or ognissanti celebrated on November 1, Ognissanti is how Italy celebrates All Saints Day. Dating back to the 4th century AD, Ognissanti is a day for Italians to honor the martyrs and saints of the Catholic Church. The following day, November 2, is known as Giorno dei Morti, or Day of the Dead. Although this is primarily a time to be with family and attend mass.

In Costa Rica every October 31, Dia de la Mascarada is celebrated throughout Costa Rica. Participants wear large, colorful handmade masks and dance through the streets to folk music - a 200-year-old tradition traced back to pre-Columbian customs and carnival.

In the Phillipines they celebrate pangangaluwa,on this day they express their love and gratitude for their deceased loved ones by offering flowers, candles, prayers, and different sorts of food. Even if Halloween is not an official holiday in the Phillipines, it has become a popular event thanks to parents and children who dress up in elaborate costumes for trick-or-treating.

By: Faye Hannigan





Player interview Hugh Martin

Interview:

We interviewed Hugh Martin in second year, after his performances for the Dundalk U14's and U15's. His first game was against Athlone U14's away, where Hugh started up front and scored a hat trick to secure Dundalk a 4-2 win, later he was called up to play against Drogheda U15's, where he came off the bench to score another goal and finish off a 4-0 victory for Dundalk.

In his game against Athlone, Dundalk were trailing 1-0 before Hugh scored his first 2 goals, as the game progressed Athlone levelled, as it seemed it would end in a draw Hugh finished off his hat trick and secured the win with a goal from inside the box. Against Drogheda Hugh was brought off the bench, where he got on the end off a through ball and finished it to make it 4-0.



This game secured Drogheda 3rd in Ireland and left Hugh with 17 goals in the last 9 matches.



Is VAR Worth 1.3m?

A Video Assistant Referee (VAR) is a match official who has unrestricted access to game tapes and is exclusively allowed to step in when a 'clear and obvious error' occurs. The Video Assistant Referee idea was initiated by the Refereeing 2.0 initiative in the early 2010s with oversight from the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB). The protocol was put through simulated tests during the 2012-2013 season of Eredivisie, the country's leading soccer league.

The expense of implementing VAR will be shared among all Premier League teams, estimated to be around £1.2 million annually. This quantity of funds each year is excessively costly for numerous clubs in the lesser divisions of English and Scottish football. At the onset of the 2019-2020 season, the Video Assistant Referees (VAR) system was launched in every game of the English Premier League

In the first season, VAR checked 2,400 incidents and overturned 109 decisions, averaging an overturned decision every 3.5 matches but the recording of Luis Diaz's disallowed goal for Liverpool against Tottenham has been released by PGMOL, revealing that the replay operator was the only one who immediately spotted the error and asked the ref to stop the match. Diaz was flagged for scoring offside, but replays showed he was onside.

So, it is debatable whether VAR is a useful tool to avoid human error or is it just unavoidable that error will be made somewhere? From the information I've seen, VAR is effective at its job but still makes some mistakes similar to human error. With the additional cost that could be used for other things such as improving the human refereeing equipment and staff I believe it is not effective.

Jack Mullen, 4th year TY

Player Interview: Ewan Martin (Senior Basketball)

TY Student Ewan Martin plays for the DCC Senior Basketball Team about their recent losses against St. Finians and Malahide CS. Our first interview was before the Malahide CS game and we followed up with another interview afterwards.

How do you reflect on that Loss?

"Very tough game, other team was better on the day".

How can you improve on this loss?

"We are training hard every friday and learning more plays to improve".

Any positives from the game?

"We created a lot of chances and passed well, we used our bench effectively but unfortunately couldn't get the win".

We followed up with another interview after another unfortunate loss to Malahide CS.

Another loss, what went wrong on the day?

"Tough game, I feel we were the better side and were unfortunate to not get the win

How are you going to improve?

"Going forward we need to start applying our tactics and set plays we have worked on. We need to stay focused in tight games.

Are you confident you can turn this around?

"I am confident we can turn this around and start winning, we are a good team playing good basketball and the wins will come".

We wish Ewan Martin and the DCC Senior basketball team the best of luck with their campaign.



Women in the Music Industry

since music became a part of our everyday life, women have always been the minority in this industry. Many people think the popularity for both genders is equal now but it is far from it.

in 2022, 30% of artists in charts were women. Although this is quite a small amount, it is an improvement from 2021's 23.1%. A study by the Annenberg inclusion initiative found that only 12.3% of songwriters and 2.1% of producers in the top 600 songs on billboard charts from 2012-2017 were women.

One of the reasons why women don't have a high percentage of songs in top charts is because when music was becoming popular, women didn't have many rights and it would have been unusual for them to express themselves through music. This made it hard for them to break through the industry, since men already had a head start.

Women became more recognised in music from 1930-1950. They rose in popularity mostly through jazz music. They not only performed, but also composed and produced music.

Another reason why women don't have a huge percentage of songs in the top charts is because they face a lot of struggles that not as many men would experience. Examples are unequal pay and opportunities, sexualisation and objectification and undervaluing their contributions.

Some of the first women in music were Alice Cunningham, Laura Boulton, Victoria Hernandez and Helen Oakley. They worked in music from the early 1900's. This can really make us wonder what the music industry has missed out on, and what talent has been missed or undervalued.



College Awareness Week In DCC

Last week was College Awareness Week at DCC. This was a great opportunity for students to learn more about further education after second level and reflect on past engagement with third level education.

DCC supplies numerous opportunities that explore future careers. Students in DCC have a wide range of options available for 3rd level education, far beyond the dependency of exam results. Starting from TY, students are introduced to the careers available to them. This year students attended the Xplore Your Future TY Skills Expo organised by Fingal County Council and hosted by DCU; two great resources available to students. This expo showcased, to TY students, the further education routes, beyond college and university. We felt this was an enlightening experience where we were able to learn about apprenticeships, PLCs and the wide variety of other courses available.



Transition year students are also introduced to first aid, in the first aid training course, which not only prepares our students to deal with emergency situations – with a calm and levelled response - but also inspires future medical professionals among DCC's students. Similarly, to this, Transition year students are given the opportunity to participate in a driver's education course. This is run by the Irish School of Excellences TY programme. In this course students are also introduced to a number of courses they can participate in, in the future, to further their driving education. This gives students a glimpse into their practical and theory driving tests.

Additionally, Donabate Community College runs weekly work experience on a Wednesday. This challenges TY students to find employment and survive and adapt to the workplace. Weeklong placements are also encouraged to aid in the introduction to full-time employment. Some examples of work experience students have attained include UNICEF, hotels, the House of the Oireachtas, retail work and more.

Students in our school are surrounded by inspiring teachers and staff, who have shared with us, and explained, their own unique paths to third level education, and employment. Posters displayed on each classroom door, also showcase the wide variety of colleges and universities attended by our teachers.

Overall, Donabate Community College offers enumerable opportunities to explore, and learn about our third level education options.

Adam Foley and Hannah Malone, TY Journalism.



Science Week at DCC

Here at DCC we celebrated Science Week with many different activities

Some of Us TY Students participated in the science fair at the St. Patricks Boys National School. We set up a few different experiments for students and teachers of the boys school. We also got the chance to have a look at some of the experiments that the students of the boys school had on show.

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First Term In DCC





Winter Concert

On Thursday the 14th of December, Donabate Community College hosted our annual Winter Concert! It was jam-packed with many talented performers and skilled musicians. Also, at the concert was our student council's concession stand, selling lots of treats.

Opening the concert was the DCC School Band with 'Seven Nation Army' by the White Stripes. This is a classic for them, which they played at the Battle of the Bands this year! Soon after, Adam Brabazon, representing the Hub, sung 'From now on' with Ms Finn on the piano. Later on, our schools Trad Group performed a medley of songs including 'Rocky Road to Dublin', 'Shipping off to Boston', 'Fairytale of New York' and 'A Parting Glass'.

To finish off the first half of the concert, the First Year Music Class displayed their amazing talents with their rendition of 'Winter Song'. Other students who performed in the the first half include, Isabella Duke & Beth Brophy, Micheal Delaney, Graham Kenny, Patrick McKeon and Nicholas O'Keefe. Every act was met with massive rounds of applause from the audience.

Opening part 2, after the interval, the Second Year Music Class beautifully performed 'Let it Be'. Then Chloe MacMahon delighted the audience with her skilled performance of 'Fairytale of New York' on the violin. Following this, Sophie Byrne & Sadhbh Lundberg sung and played guitar to the song 'Hold My Girl', captivating everyone with this wonderful rendition. Next up, Alfie Shaw performed 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree', aided by an encouraging audience.

To finish up the night, the School Band closed with 'Zombie'. Their execution of the classic song left the audience erupting with applause. Also, in the second part of the concert was Charlie O'Sullivan, Julie Dianzon, First Year Irish Class, Conor Cullen and Cian McGivern & Matthew Henshall.

Each of whom delivered a stunning, skilled performance. Thank you to our fantastic MC's Laoise Farrell, Sean McCormack and Jack Doyle. A big thank you to Ms Finn, Ms Curtis, Mr Nagle and all the staff who volunteered their time to putting together our incredible Winter Concert.

Good luck to our School Band at their upcoming Fingal Battle of the Bands final!

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