

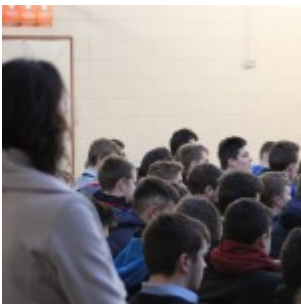
# Green Schools Water Conservation Flag

<http://goodcounselcollege.ie/current-initiatives/green-schools-initiative/>

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## @CASuicide & Jim Breen Visit









Last Friday, January 22nd, saw Jim Breen from Cycle Against Suicide welcomed to the Good Counsel College to raise awareness about depression. He spoke to third, transition, fifth and sixth years in a packed sports hall and delivered his message that together, shoulder to shoulder, we can break the cycle of suicide on the island of Ireland. Jim Breen first came to prominence on RTE's Secret Millionaire when he realised something had to be done in Ireland to help those battling depression.

His visit was in anticipation of the actual Cycle Against Suicide's visit to Good Counsel on the fifth of May this year. Good Counsel is an anchor school for the cycle and will host the hundreds of participants on that day. Last year the school became an ambassador school for Cycle Against Suicide after holding it's own Spin-off and fundraisers. A large number of students participated in the cycle then, raising more than three thousand euros for the charity. The school is delighted to step up it's involvement this year in order to raise awareness. This is the largest event of its kind in Ireland. It is envisioned that a large cohort of students will travel with the cycle in May, helping to raise awareness in the school, town and county as a result.

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# Cycle Against Suicide Congress at the RDS



The aim of the Student Leaders' Congress is to promote positive mental health, help-seeking behaviour in young people, and the Cycle Against Suicide message that ***'It's ok not to feel ok, and it's absolutely ok to ask for help'***.

The Congress brings together young adults and teachers from all over the island of Ireland in an inspiring and energetic forum comprising celebrity speakers, live entertainment, discussion and much more.

Very much a student-led event, a large portion of the day involves students: discussing projects they have engaged with, providing entertainment, conducting peer interviews and interacting with a range of mental health organisations exhibiting on the day.

The theme of this year's Congress is **'Together We Can.'**

**Students enjoying themselves at the Cycle Against Suicide Congress in the RDS today January 14th.**



The Cycle Against Suicide community is determined to let people in every corner of the island of Ireland know that; it's OK not to feel OK and it's absolutely OK to ask for help. **Together, shoulder to shoulder, we can break the cycle of suicide on the island of Ireland.**

<http://www.cycleagainstsuiticide.com>

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# Augustinian Schools Trust

## PRESS RELEASE

### ***"The Augustinian Schools Trust"***

*The tradition of involvement in secondary education in the towns of Dungarvan and New Ross by the Irish Augustinians is a long and varied one. It is a tradition which the Augustinians are justly proud of and one which they wish to continue long into the future.*

*We are committed to ensuring that the two schools continue the Catholic, Augustinian, holistic education which characterises both schools today. To ensure that ongoing emphasis the Augustinian Community in Ireland has decided to establish a body, 'The Augustinian Schools Trust', whose specific and only task will be to oversee the maintenance of that tradition.*

*In the past when vocations to the Augustinian way of life were plentiful, it allowed members of the Order to be involved in the schools in many ways. They acted as teachers, administrators, chaplains, supervisors in the boarding schools, coaches of teams and many other areas of involvement. The commitment of the Irish province of the Augustinians was clearly evident and the schools could be said to be Augustinian schools by virtue of the presence of so many Augustinians in them.*

*In more recent times the number of Augustinians working in the schools has reduced dramatically as the friars get older and their overall number decreases. However the Augustinian commitment to education remains as strong as ever.*

*At the moment, the Board of the Trust is comprised of three Augustinians and three lay folk, all of whom have been involved in education in one form or another. The Trust and the Board have been set up after careful consideration over a number of years and with the advice and support of the teaching staffs of both schools, their Boards of Management and both principals. The board is grateful for their advice, support and input into this matter. The Parents' Councils of both schools have been kept informed of these developments and give their full support.*

*What effect will you notice "on the ground?" If the preparatory work has been done well, and we believe it has, then you will not notice any. The Board of Trustees is an administrative structure whose main commitment is to maintain the ethos of the schools. It will not be involved in any of the practical day-to-day issues of administration or governance which is devolved to our Boards of Management and our principals.*

*We wish both our schools continued success in the development and education of our young people, the future of our country.*

# **Good Counsel College**

# **Study Skills**

THE FOUNDATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

**November 23rd to November 28th**

[Students Power](#)

[Point Presentation](#) delivered to all year groups by Mr Mark O'Brien & Mr Aidan O'Brien.

Study Skills Seminar on Saturday 28th with over 140 students attending.

Ongoing focus on learning to learn in individual classrooms.

Text messages home to parents.

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## **Open Day**

**NOVEMBER 12th 2016**

Saturday November 12th will be an opportunity for boys in 6th class along with their parents to visit Good Counsel College, or 'The Counsel'.

Talks and tours begin at 9:30am with the day concluding at 12:30pm.

The Admissions process and 'Expression of Interest Forms', along with much more information will be made available on the day.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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If you can not attend our Open Day Application Forms will be available from our website in the middle of the week beginning November 21st.

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