THE COUNSEL CHRONICLE

Your bi-monthly newsletter for all things Good Counsel

Welcome to the ninth issue of the GCC student newsletter, 'The Counsel Chronicle.' Woohoo! We made it past January, what felt like one of the longest months ever. That's four weeks of online learning done and dusted, and hopefully it won't be too long before we're back in a real classroom, and not a virtual one!

A Message from the Student Council

Hi lads! Just a quick message to you all on behalf of the Student Council. Well done on participating so well with the online learning. It's not easy but we will all get through this. We are really looking forward to getting back to school and getting stuff done, hopefully in the not too distant future!

Oisin McAuliffe
Chairperson

GCC: No.1 Sports School in Ireland

Throughout January, the popular sports website, Balls.ie, ran a campaign to rank the top secondary schools in Ireland in terms of sporting achievement amongst its alumni. Well, after hours of rigorous research, sitting proudly at top spot on their list was the one and only Good Counsel College! It was no surprise to us of course. After all, not many schools can boast about the talents of Tadhg Furlong, Kevin Doyle, Walter Walsh and Matthew O'Hanlon, just to name a few!

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Meet the Prefects: Donal Murphy

This week, we talk to one of the Dining and Social Areas team, Donal Murphy.

Where are you from?
Bauck, St. Mullins, Co. Carlow.

Funniest school moment:
Comparing the poem 'Colscaradh' to a woman bringing home cheap biscuits in Irish class.

Claim to fame:
Having a saying for any kind of situation.

€5 to spend in the Ref, what do you get?
Whatever's going!

Most memorable school trip:
Glendalough in TY. Can't beat the craic.

Most used app on your phone: DoneDeal

Favourite Hobbies: Farming & Hurling

Favourite Subject: Ag. Science or Technology

Something you're grateful for:
RTE re-airing 'Killinaskully' during lockdown.

CAO Closed

On the 1st of February the CAO application deadline passed. Current choices that have been submitted are not final. From the 5th of May students will be able to change their mind and edit their courses up until July 1st.

Get Active Challenge

Our new challenge for the month of February is here! We challenge all members to upload one activity to Strava every day. This can be a walk, run or cycle or even a home workout, stretching etc. Physical activity is so important to our wellbeing and is even more essential times like these. So let's get up, get out and get active.

6th Year Liam 'Oggie' Doyle undertaking his '10k A Day' challenge in aid of Pieta House, aided by fellow student Cian Byrne. In total, Oggie raised a whopping €23,500! Absolutely incredible!

Home Activity and Workouts

Now more than ever – exercise has gained so much value. Between Remote Learning and full lockdowns, it can take quite the toll on our body both mentally and physically. It gives us a 'physiological feel good'. Deccie Wall and Tony French have kindly taken time to create a document for all our students with information on how best to stay fit, different workouts and even a recipe for pancakes. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take time to read it and take part. To see the page click here.

Crossword Winners

Congratulations to Aidan Kehoe 3rd Year and Tony French who are the winners of the crossword competition. They will receive their prizes soon. Well done guys.

Coding with Ms. Sutton

The First Years, with the noble guidance of Ms. Aoife Sutton, will be attempting to create an 80s-style arcade game through coding! It sounds complicated and we're not sure if our brains would be able to cope with the technicality of coding, but we know that it'll be a breeze to the first years. We'll be giving updates on their progress as the weeks go on. Best of luck to you all!

Abbey Challenge Results

The results of the Abbey Challenge are in - and it's DK who take top spot ahead of DY and CN! However they didn't manage to catch the teachers who in fact extended their lead into the final week of the challenge. Well done to all who took part! Remember to keep recording and uploading activities to Strava.

If you would like to submit a piece to our newsletter, please email it to donal.buckley15@goodcounselcollege.ie, conor.lyng15@goodcounselcollege.ie, or eoin.prendergast15@goodcounselcollege.ie.