

5th Year Newsletter



May 2026

Dear Parents & Guardians,

This newsletter will provide important updates and information for 5th year students. Thank you in advance for taking the time to carefully read it as we reach the end of our final term for this academic year.

Firstly, a thank you to all Parents and Guardians for their ongoing support this year.

The 5th year summer exams commenced on Thursday May 21st and concluded on Wednesday May 27th. Timetables and exam procedures have been posted on the 5th Year Teams page. Students have all been working very hard in the lead up to the assessments and they should provide an important update on progress and areas of focus as they approach their final school year next year. Well done to all 5th year students for completing these Summer Assessments.

It has been quite a busy term for our 5th year cohort this academic year, here are some snapshots.

Whole School Awards

Our annual school awards ceremony took place on Tuesday 19th May. For all award winners please see the Yearbook 2026. A truly remarkable publication that makes a great keepsake for all the family.



The overall winners for each award are included below:

Student of the Year:

Emma Menton (5th Year) and James Rice (LCA 1)

Students Student of the Year:

Nicole Kharchenko

Spirit of Coláistena Mí:

Adam Rafferty

Academic Excellence:

Amelia Dowling

Iarracht (Effort) Award:

Adam Rafferty

Student Council Recognition:

Max Dunne

Sports Award:

JJ Magbagbeola



Student Leadership (Cinnirí)

A huge well done to all our 5th year students who applied for the student leadership positions known as a Cinnire here in CNM. The role of the Cinnire is to represent our nine values at all times; respect, justice, honour, integrity, honesty, saothar, kindness, teamwork and responsibility. The Cinnirí will play a key role in mentoring students and promoting and maintaining our school values and ethos.

We had a record number of very strong applications across the year group and a huge well done to all students who applied for this role. All applicants were highly commended, and from these applications 23 students in the year group were selected.



Ard Cinnirí and Leas Ard Cinnirí

Our successful Cinnirí were invited to apply for the role of Ard Cinnirí and Leas (Deputy) Ard Cinnirí. As well as carrying out the duties of a Cinnire, the Ard Cinnirí take on additional leadership responsibilities within the school.

They may represent the school at events, assist in organising school activities and initiatives, and work closely with staff to promote student wellbeing and school spirit. Ard Cinnirí are expected to lead by example, demonstrate responsibility and maturity, and help foster a positive, respectful, and inclusive atmosphere throughout the school community. All students who applied for the position had to submit an application form and were interviewed for the role by both Iníon Kearns and Iníon O'Hart, as well as a Deputy Principal Máistir Connolly from Ratoath College.

The strength and calibre of the applications and interviews was again highly commended. The applicants were shortlisted and the selected students each did a speech at our recent Tionól where students were encouraged to have their say as part of the process. The following students were selected for the role for the academic year 2026/2027:

Ard Cinnirí: Leila Matthews and Adam Rafferty.

Leas Ard Cinnirí: Wiktoria Szymanska and Joshua Adeyemo.



Astro Pitch

The much anticipated new Astro Pitch was officially opened on 29th April by the honour of our special guest, Roberto "Pico" Lopes, Captain of Shamrock Rovers F.C. . A historic day for the school community with brilliant memories for students and staff. A senior cycle soccer tournament took place at lunchtime across all 5th and 6th year base classes. This knockout style cup competition captured the imagination of our senior students, and brought each base class closer together as they sought to claim the trophy. Well done to all students who took part and well done to 5 Wiffen on winning the tournament this year.



End of Year Trip

Our end of year trip will take place in Flynn Park on Thursday May 28th as a reward for 5th Year students in recognition of their hard work and commitment throughout the school year. The trip will provide students with an opportunity to relax, enjoy outdoor activities, and strengthen friendships in a fun and positive environment. It will also encourage teamwork, communication, and cooperation through various team-building activities.

Culture Fair Day 2026

Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed to Culture Fair Day. It was a fantastic celebration of the diversity in Coláiste na Mí.



I would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe summer break. Looking forward to welcoming students back to school as 6th year students in a few months time. Please see the school website for the calendar 2026-27. Máistir Murtagh, 5th Year Year Head

Happy Summer Holidays