



Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed.

'CMCO NEWS'



Summer Newsletter 2025

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Relove Fashion



Congratulations to TY students Meagan Byrne and Eimear O'Gorman, and their Art teacher Ms Geraldine Cahill on winning the **Most Innovative Design Southern Region Award** at the **Revolve Fashion** competition in April.
#sustainability
#creativity

Junior Girls Soccer



Photo shows our Junior Girls' Soccer team, who showed determination and excellent teamwork while representing CMCO at the Tipperary ETB Soccer Blitz, proudly hosted at our school in April.

Principal's Award 2025



Congratulations to Óran Casey (6th Year), recipient of the **Principal's Award 2025**, in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the life of CMCO. Oran consistently exemplified our motto, 'Success Through Effort', and upheld our core values of excellence, respect, care, community and equality throughout his time at our school.
For more news on our Annual Awards 2025 see pages 4 & 5

LEGO League STEM Success



Well done to the **Ocean Rovers** team - Eamonn Donnelly, Daire Myers, Ewan Connors, Tomás Max and Christopher Lyons who won the **Best Robot Design Award** at the **FIRST LEGO League** in UCD. After months of hard work designing and testing their robot, they impressed at the Submerged Lego Challenge. The team are pictured with their proud teachers Ms Áine O'Brien and Ms Ann Conroy (TY Coordinator). #STEM



Tipperary ETB Culture Day

Culture Day returned to Tipperary ETB on May 16th at TUS Thurles, with all ten post-primary schools competing in various events.

Congratulations to our winners from Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed: **Cormac Cleere** (Junior Photography), **Sophie Maher** (Best Overall Debating Speaker), **Markuss Bukovskis & Bryan Radziul-O'Callaghan** (Games Fleadh) and **Eli Blair** (Junior Poetry Aloud).

Photo shows Sophie Maher being presented her award for Best Debating Speaker by Cllr Roger Kennedy (Chairperson of Tipperary ETB). Included in photo are Clodagh Kelly (Chief Executive Tipperary ETB), Cllr Declan Burgess (Chairperson of Tipperary County Council & CMCO Board Member), Cllr Máirín McGrath and Nancy Farrell.

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CMCO Equestrian News

Congratulations to the CMCO Equestrian team - Camilla Kerwick and Max Doyle who competed at the Interschools event in Tipperary Equestrian Centre. Both jumped clear rounds in great time, with Max placing 2nd in the 110cm Premier Qualifier and 5th & 6th in the Open Individual. Well done to horse and rider, supportive parents and Ms Byrne!



Le Chéile Leaders Trip to Kerry

Our Le Chéile Leaders supported first year students all year, through morning homework club, the Foróige Big Brother Big Sister programme, and various team-building activities. To reward their dedication and leadership, they enjoyed a trip to Kerry, which included a hike on the Kerry Camino, camping at Inch Beach and surfing at Brandon Bay. They were accompanied by Mr Brennan and Ms Hickey.



Global Goals Week

As part of CMCO's **Global Goals Week**, the **Sustainable Young Farmers**, accompanied by Ms Meagher and Mr Hayes, visited **John Butler's Farm** in Templetuohy to see sustainable farming practices and the UN Sustainable Development Goals in action. They also enjoyed some locally produced food in **The Cottage Tearooms Loughmore** afterwards. Sincere thanks for a wonderful and educational trip.



Deputy Principal's Address

As another school year draws to a close, it is with gratitude that I take a moment to reflect on the journey of the past year. It has been another period of growth, learning, and community spirit - '*Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine*'. We could not have done it without the contributions of so many. A special acknowledgement must go to our dedicated **DEIS team**. Their unwavering commitment to fostering an inclusive, supportive, and opportunity-rich environment for every student is the bedrock of our school's ethos. We invite all parents to gain a deeper insight into their work by reading our DEIS School Self-Evaluation Report, which is available at <https://www.cmco.ie/information/deis-school-self-evaluation/>.



We extend a very special thank you to Mary C Ryan, who has just completed her first year as our **Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)**. Our gratitude also goes to the entire **Student Support team**. Their professionalism, kindness, and unwavering care for our students provides a crucial network of support. In a world that can present challenges for young people, their guidance is a source of strength and support. The wellbeing of our students remains a top priority, and we commend our **Wellbeing team** for their outstanding work. Their successful embedding of the ENERGY programme has provided students with invaluable life skills, while the new quiet room will be a sanctuary of calm for those who need it. Working in tandem with the wellbeing team, the **Bí Cineáltas and Ethos teams** have worked hard in promoting a culture of kindness and respect. We encourage parents to check out the Bí Cineáltas policy to see how we are working together to ensure our school is a welcoming place for all. Furthermore, the fantastic work of our **Restorative Practice team** is also embedding a positive and solutions-focused approach to relationships within our school; you will hear more about this in the new academic year. A big thank you also to the **PR team** - if you are not following our Instagram, Facebook and X accounts you are missing out! Mile buíochas. A big shout out to the **Digital team** who have led another review of the digital plan, Acceptable Use policy and completed an audit of digital safety. They work hard to keep us up to date with all the latest advancements. This year has seen an involvement in an English Community of Practice with TETB on promoting oral literacy and once again CMCO has been to the fore in supporting the Digital Community of Practice. We were also very pleased to be part of the organising committee for the reintroduction of **TETB's Arts and Culture day**. We thank TETB for all their support. From a curriculum perspective thank you to the **TY team** who have led a major redesign of the Transition Year programme for next year and for ensuring a rich experience for all involved. We also thank the teachers whose subjects are coming on stream for the new senior cycle next year. These changes have required a lot of work behind the scenes. Our heartfelt thanks go to our **wonderful teachers**. Their dedication to school life is extraordinary. It is impossible to single out all the teachers who support our students through their involvement with extra and co-curricular activities, but it is seen and we are grateful for it. We offer so much to our students from sport to music to celebrating their artistic endeavours. Our teachers consistently go over and above to ensure excellence in education, and just as importantly, their positive and encouraging interactions with our students shape the happy, dynamic learning environment we all enjoy. Our school community is made immeasurably stronger by the support of our parents/guardians. The contributions of the **Parents Association** - whether through helping at events, lending their expertise to policy subcommittees, or driving fundraising efforts are invaluable. We could not be without your partnership and enthusiasm. Finally, to our **brilliant students**, we wish you all a safe and happy summer. Thank you for the myriad of ways you make our school a vibrant and joyful place to be. You make us proud every day. And finally, to our **Leaving Certificate Class of 2025**, we will miss you. You have left an indelible mark on our school. We wish you every success and happiness in the future - don't be strangers!

Le gach dea-ghuí

Clare Wallace, Deputy Principal



Message from Mr Quinn, Principal

Welcome to our **Summer Newsletter!** As we come to the end of another school year at CMCO, I want to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for making it such a positive and rewarding time. Our Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate students are finishing their exams, and we wish them every success as they move on to the next chapter of their journeys.

This year has been an energetic and fulfilling time for our students, with many academic and extracurricular highlights, and I hope you enjoy reading about them in this newsletter.

A sincere thank you to our hardworking staff, Parents Association and Board of Management for their support, vision and dedication. I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming our new first years to CMCO, and welcoming back familiar faces for another great year ahead.



Neart go Cur Le Chéile' - 'Together We Stand'

Denis Quinn, Principal



Class of 2025

Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. staff, students and our whole school community wish our wonderful Class of 2025 good health, happiness and every success in the future.

May the next chapter after your Leaving Certificate Established and Leaving Certificate Applied exams bring you exciting opportunities, fulfilment and the courage to follow your dreams.

#congrats #proud #Classof2025

School Business Partnership Visit to H&MV Engineering

As part of our **School Business Partnership**, our 5th year students were afforded the opportunity to visit the **H&MV Engineering** site in Roscrea recently. Students experienced first hand the scale of the work H&MV are involved in. During the visit, students received a Health & Safety information session delivered by Site Manager Jennie Irwin. They also experienced the wearing of PPE during the visit. Thanks to Jenny Irwin and Eva Noonan of H&MV for hosting us on the day and also to Maura Murphy, our link person for **Business in the Community**. We look forward to our continued partnership for the next academic year.

Photo shows some of our 5th year Engineering students enjoying the H&MV site visit in Roscrea



All Ireland U20 Hurling Final Success

Congratulations to 6th year student Cathal O'Reilly and teacher Mr Paddy Stapleton on their recent All Ireland U20 Hurling Final win against Kilkenny. Lining out at corner back, Cathal delivered a stellar performance and did his county, club and CMCO proud. Paddy is a member of the management team.



Student Enterprise County Final

Congratulations to first year students Joe and Kate O'Dwyer, who won the **Best Display Award** in the Junior Category at the **Student Enterprise County Final** in TUS Thurles. Well done also to Robert Webster (Intermediate), Gerry Killane, Jack Killane & John Kelly (Senior) and Amelia Kowalczyk, Alex Ryan & Mikus Sturmanis (Concept) for representing CMCO so well. Thank you to our TY helpers and to Ms Bergin, Ms Molumby and Ms O'Brien for their support and guidance.





SCHOOL AWARDS 2025

On May 21st, Bean an Tí **Ms Patricia Hickey** and Fear an Tí **Mr Peter Kinane** hosted a memorable Awards Ceremony in the Dome to celebrate our students' outstanding academic achievements, as well as their successes in both sporting and non-sporting domains. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the teachers of Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed., whose unwavering dedication, guidance, and generous investment of time have been instrumental in helping our students reach these accomplishments. Their commitment has led to successes at local, county and national levels across a wide range of areas. We also wish to thank our invited guests for their presence, our parents and guardians for their ongoing support, and to Liam Brett (3rd year), Cian Fitzgerald (6th year) and our award-winning choir for providing wonderful entertainment on the day. A special word of thanks goes to **Ms Caoimhe Geaney** and her team for their exceptional work in organising such a meaningful and enjoyable Awards Ceremony. *Comhghairdeas do gach duine a bhuaigh gradam ag an ócáid.* #excellence #successsthrough effort #care #community #equality #respect #etbethos



<i>Academics & Ethos Awards</i>	
Principal's Award	Óran Casey
TUS Tipperary Language.....	Niall Ryan
Engineering	Christopher Ocampo, Ethan Taylor
Construction Studies	Cillian Doran
Wood Technology.....	Aaron McCarthy
D.C.G.....	Ciarán Kearney
Music.....	Liam Brett, Cian Fitzgerald
Gaeilge	Ava Killane, Mia McNamara
Maths.....	Óran Casey
Coding.....	Sara Darmody
Art	Jake Bourke, Jamie Elphick, Érin Connolly
Home Economics	Jamie Blake, Mary Keogh
English	Óran Casey
TUS Sustainability	Ava Maher Fennessy
ARTiculation Participation	Niall Ryan
Best Leaving Cert 2024.....	Micheál Treacy
Best LCA 2024	Alec O'Neill
Best Junior Cycle 2024	Tomás Max
JCSP.....	All 3 rd Year Students
Senior Ethos	Patrick Corbett
Junior Ethos	Cian Campion
Mary Delahunty Memorial Award....	Thomas Doyle

Awards were also presented for Student Enterprise, Gaisce Bronze Award, GAA Future Leaders, First Lego League, Relove Fashion, F1 in Schools, STEM Passport, BT Young Scientist and Full Attendance.



SCHOOL AWARDS 2025



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Student of the Year Awards

1st Year..... Kate O'Dwyer
 2nd Year..... Mia McNamara
 3rd Year..... Charlie Cavanagh
 TY..... Tomás Max, Ewan Connors
 TY International Student Vanessa Hoffmann
 5th Year..... Alesha Bourke
 5th Year LCA..... Tommy O'Dwyer
 6th Year..... Alva Nuvoloni
 6th Year LCA..... Gavin Butler
 International Student Marco di Mario

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Sports Awards

Junior Football..... Charlie Cavanagh
 Junior Hurling..... Shay Carroll
 Camogie..... Katie O'Dwyer
 Basketball (girls) Saorla Kearney
 Basketball (boys)..... Liam Cleere
 Junior Soccer Lorcan McLeish
 Ladies Soccer Amy Kennedy
 Athletics Liam Carroll
 Senior Football Tony Maher
 Senior Hurling Cathal O'Reilly
 Equestrian..... Camilla Kerwick & Max Doyle

The achievements and successes of the following teams were also acknowledged:

U16 Boys Basketball South East Plate Winners
 1st Year Boys Basketball Cup Quarter Finalists
 2nd Year Boys Basketball South East Plate Winners
 U14 Gaelic Football County Champions and our
 1st Year Tipperary Hurling County Champions

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JCSP

Congratulations to our 3rd Year students who graduated from the JCSP programme on Friday 23rd of May. Students received their final profiles from the Department of Education and marked this milestone with teachers, friends and family. The celebration was made extra special with wonderful music and song led by Stacey Lee Purcell and Charlie O'Dwyer from the JCSP music class. We are very proud of all our JCSP students for their hard work and achievements to date - enjoy a well earned summer break!



ARTiculation Final

Well done to Niall Ryan (5th year) who represented CMCO at the ARTiculation Tipperary Regional Finals in Clonmel. He connected his presentation to the love of the artwork 'Antea' by artist Parmigianino, impressing everyone with his insight and communication skills. And special thanks to his Art teacher Ms Cahill for her encouragement and guidance.

AIMS Choral Festival 2025

Congratulations to our amazing school choir, who were awarded 'Highly Commended' in the Senior Chorus and 2nd place in the Cameo Category at the AIMS Choral Festival for their wonderful performances of *Skyfall*, *Revolting Children*, and a *Mary Poppins* medley.

AIMS Schools Nominations

We were also extremely proud to have received two AIMS Schools Nominations - our first nomination was for **Best Singer - Grace Maher (Mary Poppins)** - one of six students nominated from all over the country and our second nomination was **Best Musical Direction - Ms Helen Wallace and Ms Eimear Lowth**.



Well done to all involved - your talent and dedication continue to make CMCO shine!

And preparations are in full swing for our next musical - CMCO is turning on the charm with 'Grease' hitting the stage from 8th to 10th October 2025!

*Get ready to jive and rock 'n' roll...
It's sure to be electrifyin' - don't miss it!*

Soccer

Our U14 boys represented Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. brilliantly at the South East Soccer Blitz in Cahir. Although they narrowly missed out on a quarter-final spot, they displayed excellent skill, teamwork and determination, securing two hard-fought draws. Well done to all involved, with particular thanks to their coach Mr Hayes.



Munster U15 Hurling



Photo shows our U15 Hurling team who were narrowly defeated by Patrician Academy Mallow in the Munster Final. The team had impressive wins against Causeway Comprehensive and Ennistymon C.S. to reach the final.

Trip to Ardnacrusha Power Station

Our 1st and 2nd year students recently enjoyed an exciting and educational tour of Ardnacrusha Power Station. Marked as one of the Engineering Milestones of the 20th Century and one of Ireland's greatest engineering developments, students explored this historic engineering site, learned how electricity is generated from water, and discovered career opportunities in science, technology and energy. This tour was organised by Ms Byrne & Ms Mary C Ryan and it was a fantastic and inspiring day for all!





Athletics

Congratulations to our athletes on their fantastic results at the **East Munster Track and Field Championships**. **Oscar Caffrey** won gold in the 80m hurdles and bronze in long jump, **Liam Carroll** took bronze in the junior boys 1500m, and **Luke Thompson** claimed gold and a PB in the hammer throw. **Jeffrey Myles** secured bronze in the senior hammer throw and discus with PBs, and **Ciara Carr** threw a PB to place 4th in the hammer throw. Jeffrey and Luke progressed to qualify for the **All-Ireland Schools finals** and performed admirably.

Congrats to **Liam Carroll** (2nd year) who had a fantastic run in the **123.ie All-Ireland Schools' XC Final** finishing strong in a field of 111 athletes. Well done to all our students who proudly represented CMCO in track & field and cross county competitions this year! #successthrough effort

Japanese Cultural Exchange Project



Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed. school community was honoured to host thirty students and their teachers from Seifu Nankai High School in Osaka, Japan as part of a cultural exchange project last term. We truly made some great friends and the week went by far too quickly. Students took part in hurling, and Irish traditional music performance, experienced delicacies such as black pudding (!) and took part in regular lessons with their Irish exchange buddies. みんなさん、よろしくお願ひいたします。また今度！

Escape Rooms in Maths Department

This exciting Escape Rooms Challenge organised by Mr Russell and the Maths Department involved all Junior Cycle students. Working in teams, students used their problem-solving and numeracy skills to crack codes, solve puzzles, and break the lock on the door before time ran out. It was a fun and engaging way to put Maths into action - well done to everyone who took part!



Photos shows First Year Escape Rooms winners - Kimika, Allan, Maria and Cassie with Mr Russell

7-a-side Hurling Tournament Success

Well done to our U15 Hurlers who competed in the Gerard O'Brien 7-a-side tournament in Holycross. On a scorching day, clever play and teamwork saw them reach the Shield Final, where they secured a hard fought win over Nenagh College. Great work by the team and their coach, Mr Matt Feehan!



TY Graduation

Congratulations to our Transition Year students who graduated on May 20th after a busy and rewarding second term! Highlights included an **international tour to Spain**, trips to the **Explorium Science Museum** and **Go Quest Challenge** in Dublin, and an overnight at **Ballyhass Adventure Centre**. Students took part in numerous workshops - **Develop Me**, **Law Ed**, **Driving and Road Safety** to name a few, and participated in the **ETB Talent Show**, **Choral Festivals**, **Relove Fashion** and **First Lego League**. They also helped at the **Primary Schools Soccer Finals**, **Primary Schools GAA Skills Competition**, **Student Enterprise Final**, gained valuable **work experience** on placement and completed assignments in their various TY modules. Certificates were presented to celebrate their accomplishments at the graduation. Well done to all on a fantastic year!



Tomás Max and Ewan Connors being presented TY Student of the Year awards by Ms Ann Conroy



Heuston Station

A poem by Annie Donnelly, 5th year

Maura struggles with the suitcases,
The kids argue over a fiver from Nan,
Neil of security, shares his glares,
And so does a young business many.

A girl mutters in Russian to her phone,
While Liam nicks her wallet from the ground,
A newly wed couple don't take notice,
Honey-moon bound.

The clan of Wexford boys,
Off a night out, long for bed,
Lucy's stepped out for a fag,
A mum learns her sister is dead.

Rodger curses at the clock,
Shaky teen has spilt his drink,
Homeless woman writhes coughs,
Jack takes another pill to think.

An elder has bought a new book,
Sam can barely count enough change,
Little girl cries under her breath,
Mary's party, taking ages to arrange.

Alex's found out about the cancer,
Rose's been fired today,
The buses are too confusing for a boy,
The young girls have been led astray.

The Supermac's worker has burnt her hand,
And Michael's lost his phone,
Young Tommy gives his mother cheek,
A man has left the hospital, alone.

And with the world spinning around,
The pigeons still claim the ground.
And the board shows many a delay,
All the piano longs for is play.

And the busy Luas come and go,
The worn out commuters come in tow.
And the coffee line never stops,
The dirty floor needs some mops.

And every day complaints are loud,
The recorded voice guides the crowd.
And every time the whistle is blown,
Everyone leaves for lives of their own.

Congratulations to 5th year student **Annie Donnelly** whose poem **'Heuston Station'** featured in the 2025 edition of the Fighting Words supplement in The Irish Times - both online and in the printed supplement! An incredible achievement and a proud moment for her!

Message from the CMCO Parents Association

On behalf of the Parents' Association, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents/guardians who have supported our school in so many ways throughout the year. Your help has been invaluable - from assisting with our successful school musical *Mary Poppins Jnr* and Open Night, to supporting our Christmas Market in the Dome and volunteering as match day car park attendants to raise funds. A special thank you also for the fantastic support of our recent clothing and recycling fundraiser - your contributions directly benefit our students and school community. Everything we do together helps create more opportunities for our children to learn, grow and thrive.

If you would like to get involved with the Parents Association, we would love to welcome you! Please contact Lisa at 087 6150548 - new members are always welcome. We also have a WhatsApp group with over 150 parents sharing updates and information. Just send a text if you'd like to join.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Denis, Clare and all the staff for their ongoing support and collaboration.

Together, we are making a difference.

**Lisa McCarthy (Secretary) &
Dominic Cornally (Chairperson)**

U14 County Gaelic Football Champions



Congratulations to our **U14 Gaelic Football** team on winning the County B Final against Carrick-on-Suir CBS, with a final score of 3-7 to 2-6. Well done to a brilliant group of students who trained hard every week under the charges of Mr James Moloney & Mr Seán Ó'Crádóg. #cmcoabú

Munster Camogie Semi-Finalists



CMCO Camogie is going from strength to strength each year, with strong performances in the U15.5 and Senior County Blitzes. Our Senior team also secured a quarter-final win over St Patrick's Cork to book a Munster semi-final against a very strong St Paul/Pres Waterford. Special thanks to coaches Ms Madden and Ms O'Brien for their support and commitment.

Basketball Success

Well done to our 2nd year boys who claimed victory in the South East Plate Final, defeating a strong Arklow CBS side 48-20. A fantastic team effort, with all squad members playing their part throughout the season and in the final. Special acknowledgement to their coach Ms Emma Carey. #cmcoabú



Wellread National Award

Congratulations to everyone at CMCO on receiving the Wellread National Award, recognising our whole-school commitment to nurturing a love of reading within our school and the wider

