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CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE

# Crescent Express

Wishing everybody a very Happy Easter



## All Ireland Basketball under 19s Final Champions

.Crescent College Comprehensive claimed the SUBWAY All Ireland Under 19 B Schools Cup with a one point win over reigning champions St Mary's Diocesan School of Drogheda.

St Mary's held the lead (41-40) with just 11 seconds on the clock, but a jump ball call saw possession go to Crescent College and after an attempt from Nathan Moore the ball was rebounded by Ronan Cregan who before the buzzer got his shot off and claimed the win for Crescent College.



Crescent College All Ireland Champions 2017 celebrate with their coaches



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Back in school the boys are given a fantastic welcome from their fellow students, teachers, coaches and staff.



Jack and Kevin Dowling proudly display their All Ireland medals and cup



Jack Coyne Most Valuable Player



Jack Coyne and Jordan Hehir





## LATE BUT GREAT



### Junior Cup hockey team

Our Junior Cup hockey team were victorious in the Junior Cup Final against Scoil Mhuire on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March in Catholic Institute. It was a fine day for a match and supporters from both schools were out in numbers to cheer on the girls. The game started with the opposition applying a lot of pressure on us but our stellar defence held strong. Crescent responded with some well worked counter attacks and the deadlock was broken when Georgia Keane fired home from a pin point pass.

Crescent didn't have the advantage for long though as Scoil Mhuire responded with a quick equaliser. 1-1. There was a hearts in mouths moment when Scoil Mhuire won a short corner and hit a fierce shot high into the net. A bit of confusion followed but the goal was disallowed as this was deemed as dangerous play. The score remained level at half-time.

Both teams were searching for a goal to go ahead immediately after the 2<sup>nd</sup> half begun. Crescent and Scoil Mhuire were desperate to get forward but both defences were doing their jobs well despite some intricate passing from the Crescent midfield and forwards. Scoil Mhuire came close but Sarah Barry was in the right place at the right time to just about block the ball from crossing the line and keep it level. The game really came to life when our supporters began to chant and cheer. This seemed to inspire us. Substitutions were made from both sides but it still looked as if it was going to go to extra time and potentially a penalty shootout. This was until Meadhb Mac Namara stepped up to score a last gasp goal after a goal mouth scramble with only seconds left on the clock.

Crescent supporters invaded the pitch after the game to congratulate the girls and to continue their chanting.



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## Junior Certificate Business Studies Award Ceremony

Kemmy Business School/BSTAI was proud to host the annual Junior Certificate Business Studies Award Ceremony at the University's Concert Hall on the 8th of March.

This ceremony was to recognise the fantastic achievement of the young awardees- the region's top Business Studies students in Junior Certificate 2016, those that received an A or higher. Crescent Collage Comprehensive is proud of the fact that some of our very own students were there to receive awards

This was the fifth year that the Kemmy Business School has held these awards and over 200 students were recognised from the mid-west region which was also attended by their parents; business studies teachers and school principals. Nearly 50 schools were in attendance that day (including Castletroy College, St. Clement's, Rice College, etc.) from counties Limerick, Clare and Tipperary.

Also in attendance on the day were some noteworthy past students such as Robert Mortell, who was Ireland's youngest person to summit mount Everest, and Anna Geary, former All-Ireland winning Cork camogie captain.

We are very proud of our students who are seen photographed with Dr. Fergal O'Brien. From L to R: Jack Murtagh, Abigail Fitzsimons, Méabh Murray, Áine Greer and Seán Roche taken at the Awards Ceremony.





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Crescent College is a member of the

## Junior Cup Final Rugby

The two sides met in the first round of the cup, where CBC were the winners via the first try rule, but this game started at a lively pace and it was Crescent who were on top.

The first try of the game came early in the first half. CBC flashed the ball out the backs, the ball was fumbled forward into the hands of Comp out half Jack Delaney who ran in from the halfway line, beating CBC full back George Coomber. Delaney added the extra 2 points and left the game 7-0 in Crescents favour.

After some superb Crescent defence though, Christians eventually crossed the line through Ronan O'Sullivan – George Coomber added the extras to tie the game and leaving the score 7-7 at the break.

Christians were held up over the line, from the resulting scrum though, Christians crossed the line with their flanker touching down. Christians added the extras leaving Christians 14-7 up.

Crescent came right back at them. Superb phase play by Crescent saw the ball go out the backs. Gary Kelly threw a wonderful pass out to Darragh O'Shea who finished with a fantastic try in the corner. Delaney just missed the extra 2 with a tricky touchline conversion..

14-12 down and Crescent came straight back at CBC. They weren't done yet. A line break from Jake Connolly brought Crescent into the 22. Some good Crescent phases saw the ball passed to substitute Ben Davey who stepped inside, fended a tackle and sprinted under the posts to score what seemed to be the winning try of the game. Delaney added the 2 from on front of the posts but it was not to be the game winner.

Christians made a breakthrough down the wing. Crescent unfortunately lost their discipline and gave away 2 penalties, Christians went for a scrum off both of these and the latter finished in a try. With the result of the game hanging in the balance, Christians slotted the conversion to give CBC the win in a highly-entertaining Junior Cup encounter. Crescent were very unlucky but it was a fantastic performance from the boys!



Crescent College v CBC





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## Ash Wednesday

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March the school held an Ash Wednesday ceremony about caring and giving back to the earth.

All pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> year gathered in the central area Fr. Maher addressed this ceremony by sharing one of his favourite quotes "Its's small things that makes big things".

The school captains, Karl Moloney and Amber Birdthistle and vice cap-

tions Sam Ross and Hannah Lowe read a few passages about the earth and giving back to others. The students who were trained Eucharistic ministers



gave out ashes and communion. The choir preformed beautiful pieces on this day including Jenna O' Brien singing , Maread Keary and Siobhan Mulcahy played two pieces on the violin and also Jessie Fehily and Shauna Cassidy played piano.

The school would like to thank Grainne, Fr. Maher, Teachers, 6th year students, Captains, Vice Captains, Ms. Lavery and the school choir





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CRANLEIGH COLLEGE CARMELITE SCHOOLS

## Fairtrade Fortnight

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 Bobola CSPE 2<sup>nd</sup> year class took part in a project to promote Fairtrade fortnight 2017. Bobola has made and displayed posters and signs to show how much we use Fairtrade in our daily lives. As Limerick is a Fairtrade city Café Noir, Quigleys Café and the Sage Café use Fairtrade products. Fairtrade fortnight runs from February 27 to March 12. Bewleys famous coffee is a Fairtrade product. We displayed our projects in the central area in our school. We invited classes from first and second year to come and learn what Fairtrade means. For the last 3 weeks we have worked in groups finding information and learning what we found. We completed this project in a very short time. We had lots of help from teachers and 4<sup>th</sup> years Serena O'Mahony, Jake Murphy and Olivia Duruji. We are thankful for the help from Ann Guinee and our teacher Joe Fitzgerald. We are grateful for the hamper that was donated to us by Sr. Delia from Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish. Overall it was a success and we learned so much from it.

By Laura Heagney, Conor Murtagh, Leah Nolan, Darren Stenson and John O'Donnell







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CRAWLEY CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE C.I.

The hamper that was donated to us by Sr. Delia from Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish won by Jen Cusack

**The picture shows Jen getting presented with her hamper by students from Bobola CSPE class Hannah Dundon and Billy Moleneaux.**



**Transition Years selling lollipops for Lollipop Day 2017**





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CRAWLENS CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

## Egg-cellent response to the Easter Egg appeal

**MANY THANKS FOR EASTER EGG GENEROSITY**

**5th years with over 200 Easter Eggs gathered from Crescent Families for the families in Direct Provision Centre in Knockalisheen.**

**Aoife Whelan and Jennifer O'Donnell brought the Eggs to the Centre when they arrived there for their 3 day Social Placement.**





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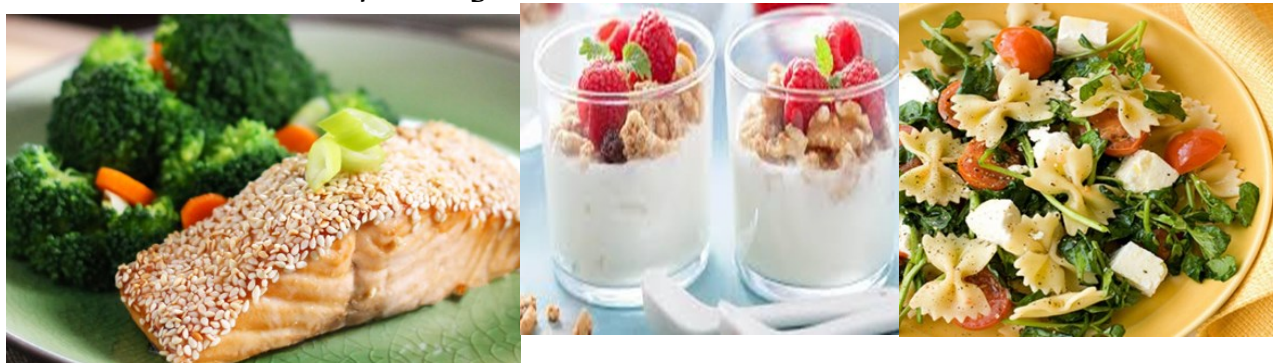
# CCC Healthy Food Cookbook

What is Your Favourite Healthy Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner?

Do you have a family secret recipe that could benefit others?

Would you like to be published?

Crescent College in association with Our Lady of Lourdes Local Education Committee is putting



together a *Healthy Food Cookbook* to celebrate our schools' collective knowledge of food and nutrition and *we need your recipes.*

Submit typed recipe plus photograph of your favourite healthy dish to [crescentssw@gmail.com](mailto:crescentssw@gmail.com) Make sure you include your name and class on the page. The page should include a history of the dish – e.g. how you discovered the recipe, when and why you like to use it, any anecdote associated with it. If you can include a Fairtrade product, all the better.

The best recipe will *win a €75 Crescent Shopping Centre voucher* so get cooking!

2<sup>nd</sup> prize €50 voucher; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize €25 voucher

**NO Pre-published recipes please!**





## Mental and Physical Health Talk

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CRAWLENS CAVILINA COMESTENSIVE C1

Wednesday the 4th of April a group of transition year students took a trip out to Thomand Park for a Mental and Physical Health talk. A lot of different schools, from around the country, took part in this beneficial day. Many different speakers talked about their own struggle with their mental health, and gave some self-help advice for us young students. Jessie Barr and Cathal Sheridan spoke about how physical injury can really affect your mental health. This spoke to a lot of the students who were avid sports players.

Mental illness can affect all of us from an Olympic hurdler to an every day student. Talks like this are extremely important to let young people know that 'it's okay not to be okay' and that talking to friends and family is so important. It was a great day out and we would love to go again!



TYs selling lollipops for Lollipop Day 2017

Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause



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## DEL F Exam Awards Recipients

### Diplôme d'études en langue Française

The Diplôme d'études en langue française (English: Diploma in French Language Studies), or DELF for short, is a certification of French-language abilities for non-native speakers of French administered by the International Centre for French Studies (Centre international d'études pédagogiques, or CIEP) for France's Ministry of Education. It is composed of four independent diplomas corresponding to the first four levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: A1, A2, B1 and B2. Above this level, the "Proficient User" divisions are certified by the DALF. The examinations are available in three varieties: "DELF Prim" which is for Primary school students (only available at A1 level), "DELF Junior et Scolaire" which is aimed at secondary-school aged students and "DELF Tous Publics" which is aimed at adults.



Crescent students with their DELF certificates presented at assembly





## TY Wheelchair basketball.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND MANAGEMENT

On Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, a group of transition year students made their way to Neptune Park in cork, for the wheelchair basketball Munster championships. On arrival, the many school teams were divided into two groups in which they would play each other, and the two teams in each group that came out on top would advance to the semi-finals.

The team consisted of one team of twelve players. Abby Fitzsimons, Sive O'Halloran, Rachel Smith, Holly Finucane, Aimee Barry, Shannon Parbat, Ben Martin, Jake Connolly, James Hanly, Colm Cassidy, Adam Fahey and Shane O'Connor.

The Crescent's first game was a confidence breaker when they lost by a narrow gap of 4-2. The team quickly regained momentum when they came back from a four point deficit to a draw leaving the score 4-4. With this momentum in their stride they went on to destroy the next team in a 10-0 victory. After this crescent secured another 4-4 draw in a tight and well fought game which put them in a great position to make the semi-final. In crescents last game of the group stage, they came out with an explosive win of 14-2 which put them drawing in second with two other teams, but with the two massive wins in Crescent's arsenal, saw them through to the semi-finals on a huge point difference.

After a long R&R period, the semi-finals began with a new referee and physical opponents very quickly it became a roughly played game. After a result of a 4-4 draw the referee was replaced with the former referee from Crescent's group stage, the game went into overtime where it was next basket scored wins. In the fifth minute of overtime a swift score from Rachel Smith granted Crescent a place in the final.

The final was played full court and a swift and comfortable start seeing two baskets scored by Ben Martin leaving the score 4-0. Despite Crescent's relentless defence, the opposition managed to level the score with two baskets in the dying seconds of the game. In Crescent's second game in overtime, they pressurised the opponents with 13 consecutive attacks all hitting the rim and backboard. A sudden breaking ball up the court lead to a two on one situation, which lead to the conceding of a basket losing the game.

Despite the disappointing defeat the Crescent left the court with their heads held high as Munster TY wheelchair basketball runners up.





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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Rouge one (2016)

### Review:

*Gareth Edwards brings yet another adrenaline-filled, Star Wars movie to the big screen. Introducing a whole new set of interesting characters to add to the star wars franchise and featuring a few familiar faces from previous movies.*

Daughter of a famous scientist, Jyn Esro, a young renegade woman who is detained by the Empire for her crimes against them until freed by the Rebels, bands together with Cassian Andor, a Rebel Alliance Captain and Intelligence officer, Chirrut Îmwe, a blind warrior who believes in the force, K-2SO, a Rebel-owned Imperial enforcer droid who was reprogrammed and Baze Malbus, a Rebel warrior, mercenary and best friend of Chirrut Îmwe. Together they hatch a plan to steal the data plans for the Death Star.

This film served as great entertainment with its colourful cast and numerous plot twists. The film with its dramatic tone had you on the edge of your seats the whole way through. It made you feel as if you were a part of the Rebellion yourself and was willing to give it your all against the fight against The Empire.

### Coding Talk

.On Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March all students in T.Y. went to a talk about the basics of code and how you could go about learning it. The talk was held by Brian Keating (who studied Electrical engineering in UCC and now works as a software engineer for various multi-national companies including Intel in Shannon) and Brendan Ryan (who studied Electronic engineering in UL and works in Intel in Shannon). The talk focused on how computers think in general and how you can learn code and did not focus heavily on any particular coding language but did give examples of coding in python, java, scratch, and app inventor.

Brendan and Brian first talked about the importance of coding in the modern world. They explained that the ability to code really helps future job prospects and is good for the technology industry in Ireland they also quoted bill gates who said "Everybody in this country should learn to program a computer because it teaches you how to think."

Brian and Brendan also gave some links to different websites that could be used to help people to learn how to code.







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### Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in UL

On the 5th of April, 54 Crescent Transition Year students took part in an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in U.L. along with St. Anne's, Castletroy College, and Gaelcholaiste Luimnigh.

The four schools were divided up into twelve mixed teams. Each team was given a coach to mentor and encourage them. The teams played each other at least once. After these teams had played all their games the top eight teams were entered into quarter-finals, then semi-final. Lastly a final was played between the top two teams, with the final score being 4-3.

The winning team was comprised of three schools, including our own Jake Connolly, Donnacha Henchy, Colm Quilligan, and Kevin Dowling who was also voted Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

It was a great day out, and was enjoyed by all. Huge thanks to the UL Ninjas, Mr. O'Sullivan, and Ms. O'Shea for putting tremendous effort into organising this event and the training sessions.

**Jack Murtagh, Kevin Dowling and Michael O'Connor**





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CRISTIANE COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.I.



**Open to all Years**

**Groups and Single Acts**

**Contact Ms. Bennet-Quaid  
or Ms. Chalk for Details**

**Prizes for winners**

**28  
APR**

**19:30**