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Presentation Girls win Student Innovation Awards Regional Final

The Transition Year Company "Fit & Fashionable" from Presentation Secondary School, Galway, recently won the Regional Final of the RDS Student Innovation Awards 2008, organised by Junior Achievement Ireland.

Students from Galway, Sligo and Donegal demonstrated their range of innovative products and services, in Sligo Institute of Technology and competed for a place in the All-Ireland Final, which is to be held in the RDS in April. The two judges, Vivienne Galvin of Abbott Diagnostics and Joe Gethin of Sligo County Council, judged the Companies in three main areas - Business Reports, Interviews and Presentation.

Presentation Galway's company designed fashionable sports gear for its school, which could be used in PE class and sold it to students in the school. Their project was a huge success, as it provided the school with standardised PE gear for each class and most importantly they also made a profit!

The RDS Student Innovation Awards is a national competition open to all students participating in Junior Achievement's Company Programme. The Company Programme is a hands-on enterprise programme, where students operate and manage their own mini companies. Each programme is guided by a volunteer from a local supporting company who gives advice and expertise in guiding the young entrepreneurs. Emer O'Hare of Boston Scientific played the role of mentor to the Pres girls and it was Emer's experience and enthusiasm that ensured the company's success.

Junior Achievement Ireland is the leading provider of enterprise education to young people in Ireland. The organisation relies on the invaluable support of leading Irish and international companies and operates with the aid of a team of 2000 volunteers from the business community throughout Ireland. Junior Achievement has a range of 19 activity based enterprise programmes for young people aged 5-18 years. This year JA will reach 60,000 young people throughout the country.



Junior Achievement National Mini Company Finals, Dublin April 22 2008

Good luck to our TY Team who won the Western Regional Final who are today participating in the National Mini Co Finals in the RDS in Dublin. They have put a lot of work into their company and in the preparation for this final.

Office of the Minister for Children

3 Senior Students of Presentation Secondary School; Andrea Gunning, Rachel Ryan & Leah Sheridan were recently invited to a meeting in the Office of the Minister for Children in Hawkins House, Dublin as preparation for the launch of consultations with teenagers on alcohol misuse. They are pictured here at the launch of the report at the offices of the Minister of Children in Dublin.



Concern Fast 2007



Congratulations to all our students for their Trojan fundraising efforts in our annual Concern Fast. The sum €4261 was raised to help Concern Relief Projects in the Third World.

As a gesture of thanks for this fundraising, 20 Students were invited by Concern to a School Appreciation day. During this day students met with Concern volunteers who gave them first hand accounts of how their fundraising helps communities in some of the worlds' poorest countries.

Many thanks to all our students who participated in the Fast.



Past Pupil welcomed back



Past Pupil, Dr. Aileen Faherty who is currently working in Limerick Hospice recently paid a visit to the Pres. Aileen met our 6th Year Students who have applied for Medicine through the CAO for next September and also 5th years who are interested in Medicine and will be applying next year. We welcome her back and thank her for a wonderfully informative session with our students!

Galway City Council Anti-Litter Poster Competition 24 April

Galway City Council 2007 Anti-Litter Poster Competition

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as prizewinners in the annual Galway City Council Anti-Litter Poster Competition.

Prizes will be awarded in a Ceremony on Thursday April 24 2008 at 11am in City Hall, Galway by the Mayor of Galway City, Cllr. Tom Costello

First Place

Sarah Nolan 5th Year

Second Prize

(5 second prizes awarded in total)

Alison Phelan

Martyna Kis

Third Place

(10 Third prizes awarded in total)

Delina Goxho

Rachael Duggan

Rachael Coleman

Special Merit

(20 Special merit prizes awarded in total)

Andrea Lee

Janet Mc Hugh

Deirdre Feeney

Rachel Ryan

Caroline Griffin

TY Students visit Hotel & Catering Management School in GMIT

TY students as part of their Home Economics Course spent a Day in The Hotel and Catering Management School in GMIT. They spent a very enjoyable 'hands on' day in the School and also got a chance to practise their culinary skills under the direction of staff of the School. A very informative workshop was given by Orla O Donnell of the School on Courses and Careers in Hotel Management and Catering. Our thanks to GMIT for facilitating this whole day.



