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**Leaving Cert. 2008 Graduation Mass 16 May 2008**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of May was LC Graduation Mass Day. A wonderful celebration was organized to mark this significant day in the lives of our 6<sup>th</sup> Year Students. We wish all of them well for their exams and as they embark on the next steps of their journey through life.



To read the very moving address by our Head Girl, Jackie Fox, pictured on right, see our News Page

## Success Skills Programme 15 May



Business Volunteers from Abbot Ireland recently conducted Mock interviews.. They interviewed all TY students as part of a Success Skills Programme facilitated by Junior Achievement Ireland. All students who participated went through the formal process of Job Application for a particular job they were interested in by selecting an advertisement from a newspaper, doing cv and cover letter and sending these to Abbot Ireland. Individual and group feed back will be given shortly. Many thanks to Claire O'Grady & Lorraine O'Sullivan from Abbot Ireland who volunteered their expertise and time.

Our picture shows Claire & Lorraine from Abbot, Ireland together with Gemma & Loren Burke of TY and Principal, Cliona Ní Néill

## “Authors Unleashed” !

This year Class 2A2, as part of its English course, created a book of short stories entitled “Authors Unleashed”.

The “book” includes both fictional and personal stories from the heart. Their teacher, Laura Stenson, helped the budding authors and the Home School Co-ordinator, Netta Kennedy, organized a book launch to celebrate the girls' achievement.



## First Year Sponsored Walk



Class 1A2 under the guidance of teacher Maria Stokes took part in a sponsored walk in aid of Cancer Care West.

The amount raised was in excess of €1000  
Congratulations to all involved !

## First Year Students at NUIG for Prizegiving Awards

On Thursday May 9 our First Year Students were invited to a prizewinning awards ceremony in the Cairnes Theatre on the university campus. Students were asked to develop the theme of going to university and to present a topic through the medium of poetry, music, art or drama. First Year students and their teachers began to work creatively and on the night Prizes were won for an Irish Language drama with Irish Teacher Emer Ni Fhatharta, a music prize with Music Teacher Laura Coughlan. A 3d Art Prize was won by a group led by Art Teacher John Wall. Poetry and Essays in Irish and English under the organisation of teachers Mary Foley & Bernadine Ryan were also entered and received various prizes.



Students, Parents & Teachers attended the Prizegiving and afterwards attended a reception in the College Restaurant. All students received Certificates of Participation and we hope it is just the first of many visits for them to NUIG. Many thanks to all who participated and to the teachers who helped.

**Our pic on left shows Aleena Augustine and Hannah Dempsey, two of the students involved in the project**

## Fundraiser in aid of Rape Crisis Centre

A number of senior students organized a fundraiser in aid of the Galway Rape Crisis Centre. On May 7, these students and their teacher Ms Stenson walked a 16 mile walk from school to Barna and back. Congratulations to all concerned as they raised over €500



## Presentation Past Pupils May 2008



Our picture shows Jane together with Principal Cliona Ní Néill and her former music teacher Netta Kennedy

Jane Cassidy, a past pupil currently completing a Masters in Music in Trinity College Dublin gave a one day workshop to all our music students to introduce them to the study of Music Technology which is a new optional element to the Leaving Certificate Music Syllabus.



Sara Concar of Leaving Certificate 2007 recently visited our School to advise interested students on Training as a Hairdresser. Sara began her training with a local Salon in July of 2007 and gave a very informative session to those who attended.