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Chris Riddell at Stormont



CBS students James Kerr, Matthew Bradley and Oran Rodgers met writer and illustrator Chris Riddell author of *The Edge Chronicles* and *Goth Girl* series at Stormont in Belfast 27th April 2016. Chris presented the school with an original illustration from Muddle Earth and signed copies of his books.



<https://twitter.com/cbsomagh>

Comhghairdeas libh! Buaiteoirí Feise

Congratulations to all Year 8 pupils who participated in the Irish language poem competition in the Feis held in St. Joseph's Hall.

We had a huge number of winners this year. Well done to all the boys on their perfect pronunciation of a very difficult Irish poem and their confidence in the performance.

Gold Medal/ 1st Place

David Quinn
Blaine Feeney
Eoin Tracey

Silver Medal/ 2nd Place

Turlough Mullan
Kaspar Jorosz
Conor Brady
Jason Dolan
Fergal Devine

Bronze Medal/ 3rd Place

Thomas Cunningham
Connor Corcoran
Oran Pancott
Brendan Kirk
Dylan McCullagh
Matthew Eannetta
Ronan Cassidy
Lukas Varanavicius
Paul Kennedy



Highly Commended:

Dylan Murray-McAleer
Eoighan McDermott
Ryan Colton
Ronan Teague
Caolan McNulty
Niall Gillespie
Damon Montgomery
Cormac O'Kane
Ka Chun Huang
Oran Rodgers
Ciaran McGale
Oran McAleer
Jason Havlin
Matthew Monteith
Murchadh Duffy



Our online school book club is open. To make purchases and earn rewards for the school library simple click on:

<http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/christian-brothers-grammar>



Thank You!

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."
— Frederick Douglass

"A book is a gift you can open again and again."
— Garrison Keillor

"Books make great gifts because they have whole worlds inside of them."
— Neil Gaiman

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
— Dr. Seuss



Congratulations to Former CBS Student Owen McGowan who has been awarded a 2015 Diamond Jubilee Scholarship for Engineering at Oxford.

For more information about the scheme, please see the website www.theiet.org/diamond or contact diamond@theiet.org

IET Diamond Jubilee Scholarship



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Year 13 Early Entrants' Presentation

For all Year 13 students who intend to make University applications for:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Science
- Oxford
- Cambridge
- Music Conservatoires

When:

Monday 9th May 11:30am

Where: Room 35

Important Medical Information

If you carry or use EpiPens / inhalers , medicines that are required for daily use, please ensure they are with you when leaving school site, eg school trips, sporting events.

If you have forgotten medications and have replacements held in medical room, inform your teacher, school nurse as these can travel with you on the day.

However if you have forgotten medications and have no replacements the school will need to contact a parent / guardian to provide same before you leave school.



How did you first hear about the Institution of Engineering & Technology (IET) and the IET Diamond Jubilee Scholarships?

I firstly heard about the IET through my studies of Engineering and Technology at GCSE level where they were referred to as one of the major institutions for the field. However I first hear of the scholarship through my careers teacher in school.

What did you study at school and how did you do e.g. what grades did you get, what did you enjoy?

At GCSE level my additionally chosen subjects were Technology, Engineering and Art & Design, all of which I thoroughly enjoyed and which I believe began my interest in the field achieving A,A*,A* respectively.

At A-level study I undertook Maths, Physics, Business Studies and English Literature, achieving full A grades at AS. I then continued into A-level study with the decision to fully pursue the field of Engineering and Technology. I discontinued the Business Studies A-level to pick up three additional Further Maths Mechanics modules, achieving Maths A*, Physics A*, English Literature A, and averaging a high B grade over my further maths modules.

What made you choose your university degree course? Tell us more about your university degree e.g. what modules are you looking forward to, do you have a gap year?

My main influence in deciding to study Engineering Science as opposed to a straight Engineering field is the sheer breadth of areas covered as due to the extremely diverse nature of Engineering. I wanted to get a feel for a vast array of different fields within it before I finally settled on the one for me. In addition I found this course particularly interesting due to the common links made between the theory studied and the practical applications made in the lab, not only fortifying our knowledge in such theory but also allowing for the development of a deeper understanding for the practical implications and tasks which Engineers are likely to face in employment.

How will the scholarship help you during your studies?

It goes without saying that the financial help offered by the scholarship will help in various aspects of life during my studies, in particular attending or researching related events surrounding my fields of interest beyond the curriculum (e.g. I have already attended an Artificial Intelligence seminar this term co-run by the IET and RTS in London), as well alleviating the basic living and travel expenses related to being a student studying overseas.

However I do believe that one of the most beneficial aspects of the Scholarship to me will be the links made with industry and the insight given by current members of the IET who will undoubtedly have been through the exact same stages as I am currently going through and will most likely have posed some of the exact questions which loom on my own mind. In this sense I see the scholarship as the perfect opportunity to get a head-start into a competitive field that I will too hopefully one day be largely experienced in.

Who/what does/has inspired you and why?

Some of my main inspirations for becoming an Engineer would have to be the teachers I had at school, in particular at GCSE level my Engineering and Technology teachers who always encouraged me and drove me to think farther beyond the standard curriculum at a young age. This inspiration climaxed at the point when I achieved the award of top Engineering student in Northern Ireland and it was at this stage that I had my heart set on Engineering as a field that I was not only gifted at, but one that I also thoroughly enjoyed.

How will you keep involved with the IET?

As mentioned previously one of my greatest hopes for my progression through this Scholarship scheme is to make connections and learn from members of the IET who are already employed or involved in fields of Engineering and Technology which have or may come to interest me in the future.

Not only do I intend on doing this throughout my degree as a source of additional insight and information beyond that of my course teachings, but also past my degree as either a form of employment or just contribution to the Engineering and Technology community in general.



OLC Summer Schools 2016

OLC are holding two Summer schools for pupils in Year 12 and above.

Computer Programming Summer School

Date: Wednesday 29th June, Thursday 30th June & Friday 1st July 2016

Venue: Christian Brothers Grammar School, Omagh

Cost: £30

This course is accredited by University of Ulster and actual cost should be £45 but OLC is subsidising cost so only £30 payable by pupils.

Engineering Summer School

Date: Wednesday 29th June 2016 09:00AM – 3:30PM

Venue: South West College, Omagh

Cost: £10

Application forms can be downloaded from Omagh CBS website or collected from the Careers office.

Application forms and money to be returned to the front office



PwC School and College Leavers – Open Evening Wednesday 25th May

On **Wednesday 25th May, 6pm-8pm** PwC are hosting an information evening for students interested in an alternative to University and starting their career.

PwC offer a range of programmes aimed at Post 16 students, allowing students to kick start their career in Professional Services and gain a Professional qualification. It's by no means career-limiting by not going to Uni.

The information evening will be held in the Google lab in their Belfast office.

The event is open to Year 12's interested in the Year 13 work experience week and Year 13/14's interested in understanding what school leaver opportunities are on offer.

Visit the Careers Blog on cbsomagh.org to register



**SPECIALIST
JOINERY
GROUP**

Specialist Joinery Group Training Academy Official Opening

Training academy official open day on

Wednesday 18th May from 12 noon
at Specialist HQ.

At the event, you will have the opportunity to meet the team who deliver the Academy Programme and also experience the Academy in operation.

The Specialist Joinery Group – 2016/17 Apprenticeship Programme is now open for applications.

Download Application Form and Information pack on Omagh CBS website

The closing date for applications is
12 noon on Friday 20th May.

There will be a further open evening on **Thursday 26th May** for interested applicants and parents/guardians to attend.



Construction & Engineering Employer Engagement Morning

When:

Saturday 7th May 10am-1pm

Where:

South West College: Omagh Campus

Meet with the South West's largest Employers and find out more about...

- Real career opportunities within a growing sector
- Courses that work for employers offering practical work experience
- Opportunities for reskilling and career change
- Opportunities to earn while you learn right up to Degree level #Apprenticeshipsni
- Expert advice from students and employers
- State-of-the-art technologies used in training
- Alternative routes to University

So if you are leaving school or in need of a career change this event is not to be missed!