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Congratulations to the Leaving Cert Class of 2022

By Katelyn O'Hara and
Alison Higgins, TY students

Recently, we were delighted to welcome back students from the 2022 Leaving Cert year group who excelled in this year's exams. They were presented with their Awards by Mr Creevey at a gathering with our new first year students. Mr Creevey spoke of his pride of the Class of 2022 and all they had achieved while with us in Donabate Community College. Mr Creevey urged the new first year students to follow the example of our new graduates. Their hard work, dedication to their studies and willingness to not only get involved in the school community but also the wider community is a terrific example for other students. Students were treated to a reception where they got to catch up with one another while photographs were taken.

Huge congratulations to Gemma Roche who received the maximum number of CAO points; 625. We are incredibly proud of this unique achievement. Gemma Roche will be studying science in UCD.

We wish her every success with her studies. Her advice to this year's Leaving Cert students is timely. Gemma advised students to start studying as soon as you can because a good start is half the battle.

There was great advice from other students also. They advised to make sure you take breaks and prioritise rest while studying as well as keeping on top of your work throughout the year to avoid cramming at the end. More advice was to go into the exam with confidence because if you think you are going to do well you have a higher chance to do so. the best advice this year was to make a study plan to keep on top of the work and to balance studying with social interactions and hobbies.

We were delighted to hear what students were off to do next in their journey and we hope they enjoy every minute!





Gavin Matthews – Law and Business at TUD

Ella Jinks – French and Latin in Trinity

Amy Bryans – Global Business France at DCU



Neasa Bissett – Biological Science in DCU

Ciara Stell – Business in DCU

Ella O Neill – English Literature and Irish at Trinity



Emily Malone – Engineering in Trinity

Islamia Rasheed – Chemistry in DCU

Adam Roche – Analytical science in DCU



Finn Martin – Education and Training in DCU

Jessica Hand – Zoology in University of Sussex

Matthew O Connor – Engineering at DCU

Gemma Roche – Science at UCD



Sam Weinman – Psychology at DFEI

Jodie Sinnott – Architecture at TUD

Emma Kiernan - Multimedia at DCU



The school is very proud of all these students for all their hard work and wish them all the best in the future.



TY Self Defence Workshop

Written By Adam Conroy and Cillian Reidy - TY Journalism

Over the last two weeks, TY students have completed a Self-Defence Workshop provided by Close Encounters Ireland.

The aim of this workshop was to provide students with the necessary techniques and skills to defend themselves against, 'Bigger, Stronger and Faster Attackers', said Eamonn Coleman (One of the founders of Close Encounters Ireland). Students were shown how to defend themselves in different and difficult situations. They were shown three different strikes to disorientate attackers, and get away to safety. These strikes consisted of an open palm, knee and elbow.

Throughout the workshop, students mastered these techniques and at the end of the day they had a chance to put them to the test, 'In a real life situation'. The workshop overall was extremely successful.

If you want to find out more about Close Encounters Ireland, visit them at <https://closeencountersireland.com/>



More Corruption From FIFA

Written by Daniel Lee - TY Journalism

The World Cup, the football tournament held every 4 years where nations battle it out to lift the infamous World Cup trophy. This event is regularly the most watched sports event in the world bringing in 3.57 billion viewers watching the 2018 World Cup Final in Russia. This year the world cup is being held in Qatar after they bid \$880 million to hold the event.

Since 2010 Qatar have built 7 new stadiums, a metro system, over 100 new hotels and an airport in preparation of hosting the world cup. Qatar has employed 30,000 foreign labourers to help build these facilities, reports claim that some of these workers weren't being payed and were owed more than 7 weeks of wages. Other reports claim that these labourers are working in poor conditions and that many have died whilst on the job.

Qatar is a very hot country in the middle east, if they were to hold the world cup on the usual schedule, games would be played in 40 degree heat, to combat this they are holding it in the winter when Qatar will be cooler. Most of the games will be played in the evening and stadiums will be air conditioned.

There is a lot of controversy around holding the World Cup in the winter because not only is it tradition to hold the World Cup in the summer but Having it in the winter will disrupt the domestic leagues around the world. This forces teams to have a longer season and less time off in the summer. This could be a problem as some teams are playing over 60 games a season already, and as we saw last year with Christian Eriksen who went into Cardiac arrest whilst playing a match in the Euros, players like Toni Kroos are coming out saying that footballers are being overworked.

Its clear to see that the only valid reason for FIFA to hold the world cup in Qatar is the large pay check that they received in 2012, FIFA don't care about the football or the legacy of the world cup, they only care about the money in their pockets.



First Year Interview

Written by Sinead Lee and Sophie-Victoria Byrne - TY
Journalism

“I thought the homework would be a lot worse!”

We interviewed 1st year students Matthew and Sophie on their experience in DCC so far, from subject choices to advice for next year's first years they both had lots to discuss!

How are you enjoying first year so far?

Yeah, it's good, our favourite subject is science. We have done experiments with Bunsen burners and microscopes using onion cells.

What do you think of PE as a subject?

It's interesting, we've done dodgeball and football, football is our favourite!

How have you been finding the change compared to primary school?

It feels that we've a bit more freedom and you get to move class and I think that's really good!

Are there any parts you're finding difficult?

Not really, just getting used to where to go.

Is there any advice you would give to first years coming in next year?

“Probably one thing, don't bring all your books in! You only need two or three copies and that's it”. Matthew agreed – “I brought in every book on the first day!”

Due to COVID was there any fears you had that you would not get to experience everything?

Yeah definitely, I thought we would all be separated, but we're allowed to sit with our friends at lunch and in class. Plus, we're not getting too much homework, I thought the homework would be a lot worse!

What choice subjects did you both pick?

Matthew picked engineering and music as he plays guitar.

Sophie said she picked Home Economics and Visual Art which she said is “really fun as you get to go outside and do art, for example we get to pick a flower in the courtyard and draw it.”

Do you play on any of the sports teams?

Sophie says she plays on the soccer team while Matthew hopes to join the basketball team.

Do you think it's important to get involved in those things?

Yeah absolutely, and group work, group work is a lot of fun because you get to work with friends, and you get to chat.

Thank you so much to Sophie and Matthew for their excellent words of wisdom and we wish them and the rest of first year the very best of luck in the next year!



United's Reputation Hangs in the Balance

Written By Fionn Hickey - TY Journalism

United are a club known by every football fan, they have won everything time and time again. They've been the best for countless of years, which brings us to modern era. They have lost their reputation and it is well aware that they are at the lowest point, even with legendary footballers like Ronaldo and 4 time Champions League winner Varane. It was necessary for them to change up the squad.

In the beginning of the season 2022/2023, United brought Erik Ten Hag, the previous Ajax coach. Ten Hag is a very respected coach but he had to understand the high amount of pressure that would be placed on him. It was clear that the United fans want a change in their squad. When the transfer window opened he made immediate requests but it was a lot more challenging than he had expected. Despite this challenge, he brought in both Anthony and Martinez, previous Ajax players and previous Ronaldo and Varane teammate Casemiro.

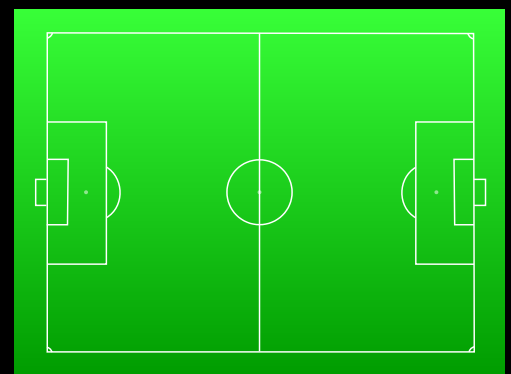
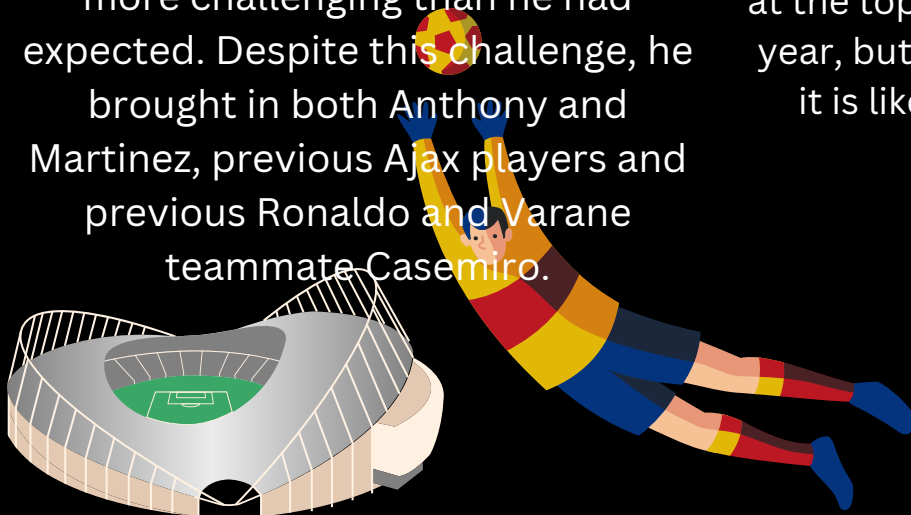
The Fans were very happy with these transfers, everything was looking great leading up to the beginning of the Premier League season. Until it wasn't...

They lost the first games against teams such as Brighton, Brentford and Atletico Madrid.

They were inconsistent and much of the blame was put on the manager, Erik Ten Hag. Many things had to change, the manager had to make some difficult decisions like benching star player Ronaldo.

The game to play was Liverpool, a team with lots of respect from all nations, they had previously won the runners up in the Champions League. This game was Erik Ten Hags's opportunity to show his new and improved team and this was definitely reflected as they came home with a comfortable 2-1 win.

As of this moment they have yet to play another game, but it is clear that United needed a new change if they wanted to stay at the top of the league. They may not win this year, but with the direction this team is going it is likely they may win some cups in the future years.

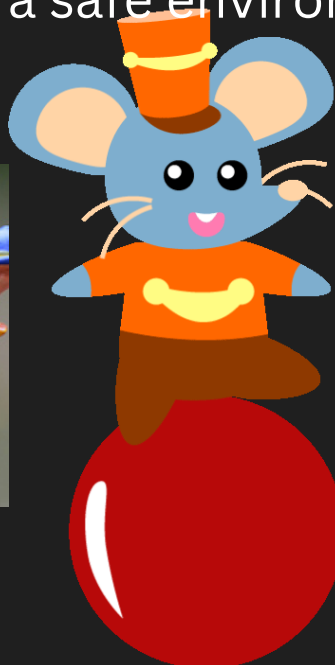


Circus Skills Workshop

Written by Ross Porter, Grace Hensey and Daniel Lee

On the 5th and 6th of September our 4th year classes participated in a circus skills workshop. We learnt many new skills including, Juggling and Plate Spinning, we also learnt how to walk on stilts and how to walk on a tightrope. A few people even had a go at the unicycle! It was very entertaining and educational and we all enjoyed ourselves.

The Workshop was ran by Johnny Phelan, he specialises in teaching students and adults how to learn these skills in a safe environment.





Summer Achievements



Ellen's Football Experience

Ellen Kirwan, 6th year student, played in a championship final with St Pats Ladies 1st team, and had a great experience.

Ellen said “the atmosphere was great we had loads of supporters come down from both clubs. After the match we had a presentation with a trophy and medals. The parents made a great effort invite the team over”

According to Ellen, the pitch was great to play on, saying “it was in great condition, there were no matches on the week prior so it was a nice pitch to play on”

The team that they faced was the toughest yet, however Ellen says it was a good experience and they had a good run.

By Joe Doherty and Ross Porter



Alyssa's Acting Debut

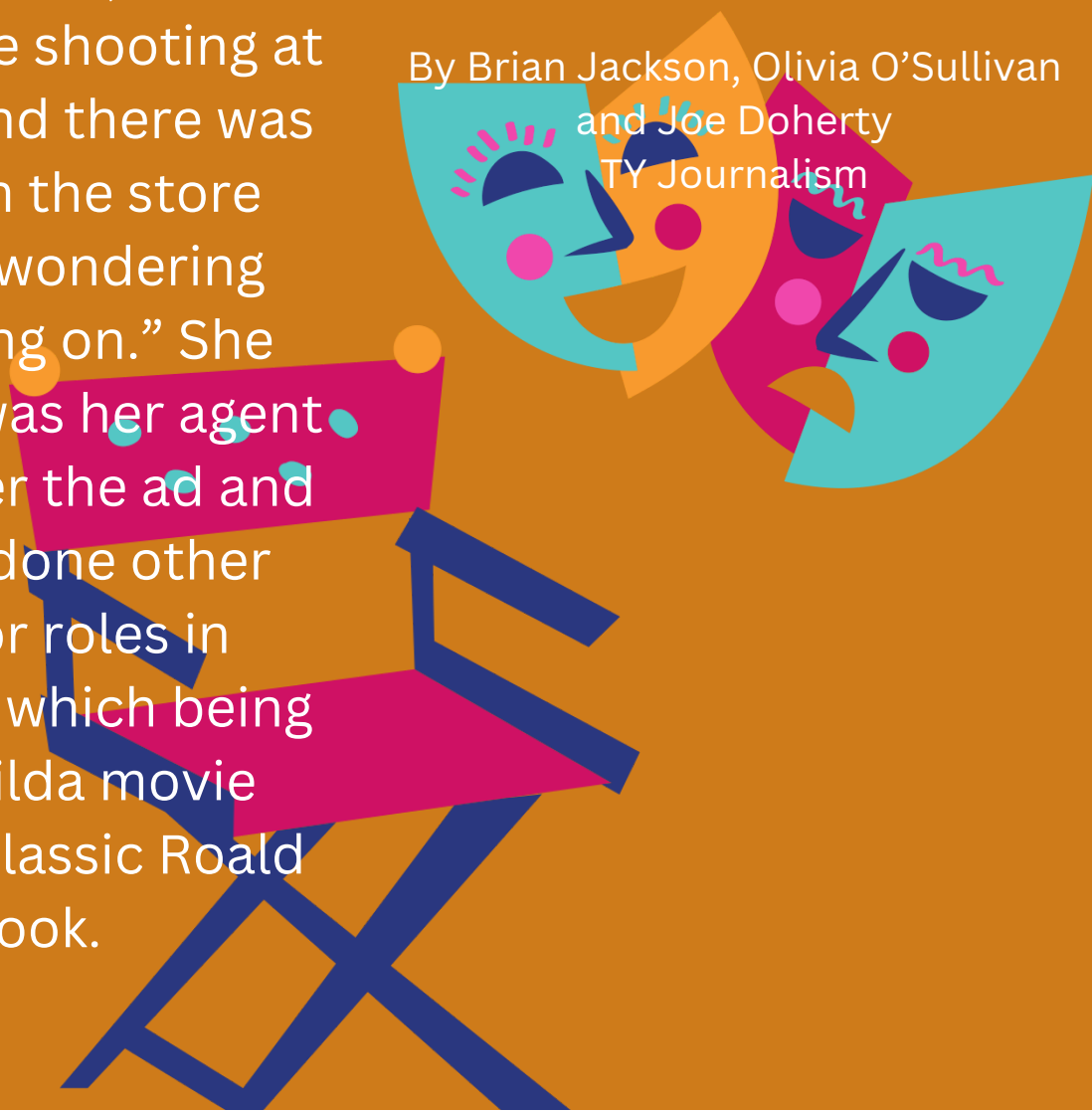
Congratulations to Alyssa Minto, a Second-Year student who acted in a Dunnes Stores ad last August. The ad has gained more than 600,000 views on YouTube and many more on television across the nation.

Speaking on the experience she said “It was fun, we had started practice shooting at eight o’clock and there was people still in the store staring at us wondering what was going on.” She told us that it was her agent that had got her the ad and that she has done other auditions for roles in movies, one of which being the new Matilda movie based on the classic Roald Dahl book.

She started acting at the age of 5 and currently goes to Acting Academy Swords. She doesn’t currently have any other auditions lined up but would consider a career in acting.

We wish Alyssa the very best of luck in her future acting endeavours.

By Brian Jackson, Olivia O’Sullivan
and Joe Doherty
TY Journalism



Carlie's Soccer Success!

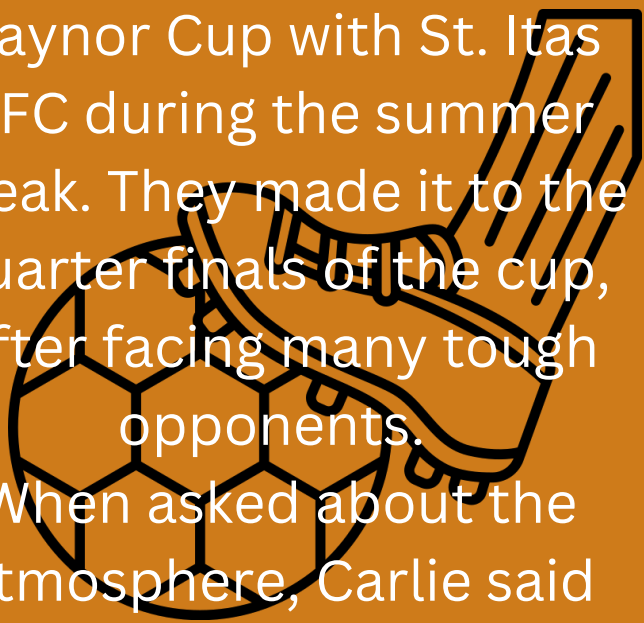
Carlie Sinnott, 1st year student, competed in the Gaynor Cup with St. Ita's AFC during the summer break. They made it to the quarter finals of the cup, after facing many tough opponents.

When asked about the atmosphere, Carlie said "[the atmosphere] was really good, there were a lot of people there". The many pitches they were playing on were also in good condition, meaning nature wouldn't have as much of a say in the various games

While they may not have won the Gaynor Cup, Carlie acknowledged that it was a good experience for herself and her team.

We're so proud of Carlie for this achievement and we can't wait to see what's next for her.

By Ross Porter and Joe Doherty



Trial Triumphs

Cillian Reidy (transition year student), Kevin Burke and Bryan Collins (third year students) are all players for the under sixteens Dublin boys Gaelic football squad.

Kevin started playing GAA at 5 or 6, Bryan started at the academy, and even left before rejoining at 11 or 12, while Cillian began at 7.

They are currently finished their trials for Dublin and (at the time of writing) will find out next week whether they have made the Dublin team or not. The boys had played their very first game with Dublin in Down. All three of the boys also play for the local club St Pats. All of the boys had said that it was a great experience to play for the Dublin under sixteens squad.

By Seamus Moore and Darragh Kelly



2022 European Athletics Championships

Written By Michelle
Brannigan TY student

The European athletics championship began on the 15th of August in Munich. A number of athletes took part in this competition including Ireland's very strong athletes, Thomas Barr, Ciara Mageean and Mark English. Ireland has very high hopes for the younger athletes this year including: Darragh McElhenny, Israel Olatunde and Rhasidat Adeleke. The schedule for the first week is as following, with many Irish athletes awaiting to take their chance at a spot on the podium.

Monday 15th

- 9.00am Shot Put Qualification: Eric Favors
- 9.30am Women's Marathon: Fionnuala McCormack, Aoife Cooke, Ann Marie McGlynn
- 9.40am Men's 100m Heats: Israel Olatunde
- 10.30am Men's Marathon: Hugh Armstrong
- 6.00pm Men's 400m Heats: Chris O'Donnell (Top 12 ranking - advances to SF)
- 6.35pm Women's 400m Heats: Rhasidat Adeleke (Top 12 ranking - advances to SF), Sharlene Mawdsley, Phil Healy
- 7.15pm Men's 1500m Heats: Luke McCann, Andrew Coscoran

Tuesday 16th

- 9.15am Women's 1500m Heats: Ciara Mageean, Sarah Healy
- 11.25am Men's 400m SF: Chris O'Donnell
- 1.00pm Women's 400m SF: Rhasidat Adeleke
- 8.08pm Men's 5000m Final: Darragh McElhinney, Brian Fay

Wednesday 17th

- 9.30am Women's Hep 100mH: Kate O'Connor
- 10.05am Men's 400mH Heats: Thomas Barr
- 10.35am Women's Hep High Jump: Kate O'Connor
- 6.54pm Women's Hep Shot Put: Kate O'Connor
- 8.10pm Women's Hep 200m: Kate O'Connor

Thursday 18th

- 8.20am Women's 3,000m SC Heats: Eilish Flanagan, Michelle Finn
- 8.25am Women's Hep Long Jump: Kate O'Connor
- 9.10am Men's 800m Heats: Mark English, John Fitzsimons
- 9.45am Women's 800m Heats: Louise Shanahan, Ciara Mageean
- 10.36am or 12.48pm: Women's Hep Javelin: Kate O'Connor
- 11.30am Men's 200m Heats: Marcus Lawler
- 8.25pm Women's 5000m Final: Roisin Flanagan
- 8.55pm: Women's Hep 800m Final: Kate O'Connor

Friday 19th

- 9.00am Men's 4 x 100m Heats: Marcus Lawler, Israel Olatunde, Leon Reid, Joseph Ojewumi, Mark Smyth, Colin Doyle
- 10.40am Women's 4 x 400m Heats: Rhasidat Adeleke, Sophie Becker, Phil Healy, Sharlene Mawdsley, Roisin Harrison, Cliodhna Manning

Saturday 20th

- 7.43pm Women's 100mH Heats: Sarah Lavin

Sunday 21st

- 6.10pm Women's 100mH SF: Sarah Lavin
- 7.00pm Men's 10,000m Final: Hiko Haso. Efrem Gidey

Many of these athletes moved forward onto the finals and battled it out to the finish line. The minister for sport Jack Chambers was supporting these athletes from the stands along with their families and friends and other athletes. Many athletes returned home very proud of their accomplishments and some with a new Irish record. With a spread out of many events the Irish team was sure to put their mark forward on how accomplished they are.

These athletes showed us that they are ready for the next step in their career. The younger athletes are all taking their education in college all across the country. These athletes have inspired many to continue with their career if it begins with a little step, jump or hop it's a step in the right direction.





The Trick to Talking

Written By Sinead Lee - TY Journalism

Mental health has been a taboo subject in the past, yet is recently becoming a larger conversation. However so many people are still struggling in silence.

In my opinion, the general topic of mental health is broad-ranging from services to support groups. Ever since I became known to the topic, year after year not much has changed.

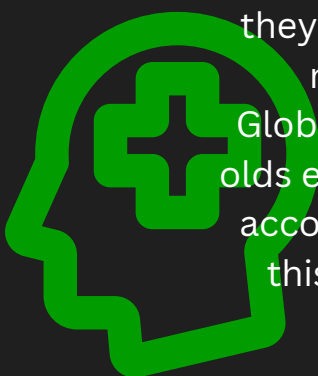
I think it is important that we are taught from a young age about these topics. There comes a time in everybody's life where they may struggle with their mental health.

It may be losing a loved one or simply going through a stressful time. I feel that mental health can often be a shameful topic as people get older. I feel that if I was taught from a young age about these things I would've accepted and seen it for what it is and not for the shy, taboo topic it tends to be labeled as. It devastates me to hear the people around me think they are at fault for dealing with natural human feelings.

Globally one in seven 10-19 year olds experience a mental disorder, accounting for 13% of disease in this age group. So how do we change this?

I say start from the very beginning in children's books, TV shows, cartoons etc. The world is at these directors, producers, writers and advertisers hands. This is a natural form of normalising and educating. This prevents the conversation from starting too much too late. Primary school kids need to learn about what anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses can look like and what it can feel like. This will not alter the way they think or feel, it will only help them understand their feelings and others feelings so if a matter would occur where they do start to struggle, whether it be in 5th class or when they're in college, they have the understanding and means to go and talk to someone about it. This could save lives without even knowing it. People should not be in the dark about the topic before they're actually in a dark place.

If you need to talk to someone there are plenty of people here to help:
Guidance Counsellors in DCC: Ms Chaloner and Ms McGrotty
Helplines:
Pieta House - 1800 247 247
Free and Anonymous Text Support - 50808



Backlash follows the women's Irish soccer team after World Cup qualifiers take them by surprise

An amazing win from the women's Irish soccer team qualifying into the World Cup 2023. As a celebration the women's team sang songs and cheered in the locker rooms afterwards. Although this would be seen as celebratory the women included an offensive song 'up the ra' chant. A video of these women singing has been circulating the internet over the past week and many people have had an input on their actions. Some agreeing with the women and some disagreeing. Here are some examples.

An apology reached by Vera Pauw

"From the bottom of our heart , we are so sorry because there is no excuse for hurting people. It was unnecessary. I have already spoken with several players about it and the one who posted it is devastated , she is crying in her room. She is so , so sorry. But there is no excuse for it.

"It was part of the moment but that is no excuse so it is an educational moment also. We need to take responsibility at any moment in any time. "

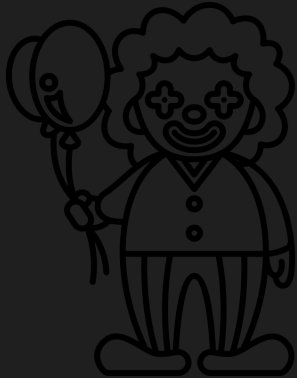
"We cannot hurt people"

"If I would have been there , to be honest , I would not have recognized the songs significance because I am a foreigner, I don't know the song , I don't know what it means. "

Alliance MP Steven Farry labelled the footage "disgraceful". Northern Ireland Office Minister Steve Baker said he was "deeply shocked and concerned" at the behavior of those involved. He added that "this is profoundly disrespectful to the victims of terrorism".



Heath Ledger – Was His Role As the Joker the Cause of His Tragic Death?



Written by Sophie-
Victoria Byrne, TY
Journalism



Some may consider the death of Heath Ledger as one of the most controversial mysteries of the celebrity world. Was it caused by his iconic role as the mass-murdering clown in Christopher Nolan's Dark Knight? Did he lose himself to the role? Or was it just a freak accident caused by outside sources?



Ledger was born on the 4th of April 1979 in Perth Australia to parents Kim Ledger and Sally Ledger Bell. His parents unfortunately separated when he was only 10 years old, and Ledger dedicated himself to acting as a way to cope with this change.

Ledger's first role was as a background character in the movie *Clowning Around* at the age of 12. However, his career saw a massive incline when he played the role of Patrick Verona in *10 Things I Hate About You* in 1999 at the age of 19, alongside costar Julia Stiles who played his love interest in the classic rom-com. This movie was a huge success with younger audiences and Ledger became a well-known actor internationally.

When asked about Heath Ledger's performance, Michael Caine (who played Alfred in the Dark Knight) stated that he'll "frighten the life out of you".

This ability to transform from a high school heartthrob in *10 Things I Hate About You* to a horrifying, mass-murdering clown the Dark Knight is what amazed viewers about the young actor, and left them wanting more.

Ledger was at the height of his career, carrying the respect of millions and on the road to an Oscar; life seemed to be going perfectly for the actor and it was evident that the only way was up... until the devastating news of the actor's death hit the media.

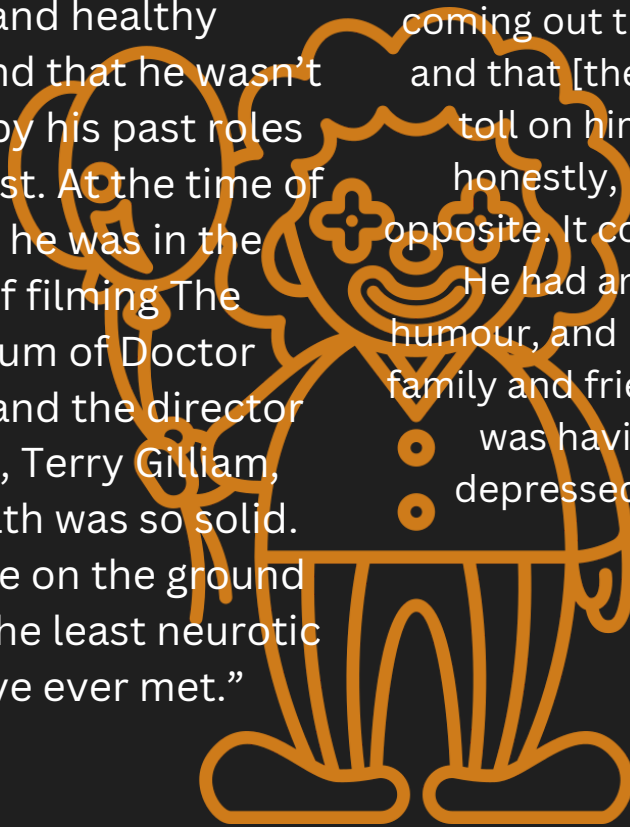
Tabloids went wild, conspiracies were on tip of everyone's tongues, and his most iconic role was blamed.



His autopsy revealed that the death was caused by an overdose of prescription drugs on the 22nd of January, 2008 at the age of 28. Many believed that he had been driven to suicide by the intensity of his role as the Joker, but people close to him have since spoken out and stated that Ledger was a happy and healthy individual, and that he wasn't influenced by his past roles in the slightest. At the time of his death, he was in the middle of filming *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*, and the director of this film, Terry Gilliam, stated "Heath was so solid. His feet were on the ground and he was the least neurotic person I've ever met."

Ledger was known to have suffered from severe insomnia and was taking medication for it at the time of his death. It's very possible that this medication was the cause of his death, as it's most likely that he accidentally overdosed on these pills in a desperate attempt to fall asleep.

At a Q&A after his death, his older sister Kate stated: "Every report was coming out that he was depressed and that [the role] was taking this toll on him, and we're going, honestly, it was the absolute opposite. It couldn't be more wrong. He had an amazing sense of humour, and I guess maybe only his family and friends knew that, but he was having fun. He wasn't depressed about the Joker!"



Why would a young actor at the height of his career want to risk losing it all?

The truth is that he didn't, his death was a freak accident and a devastating loss to the world.



PCC's 1st Term Highlights

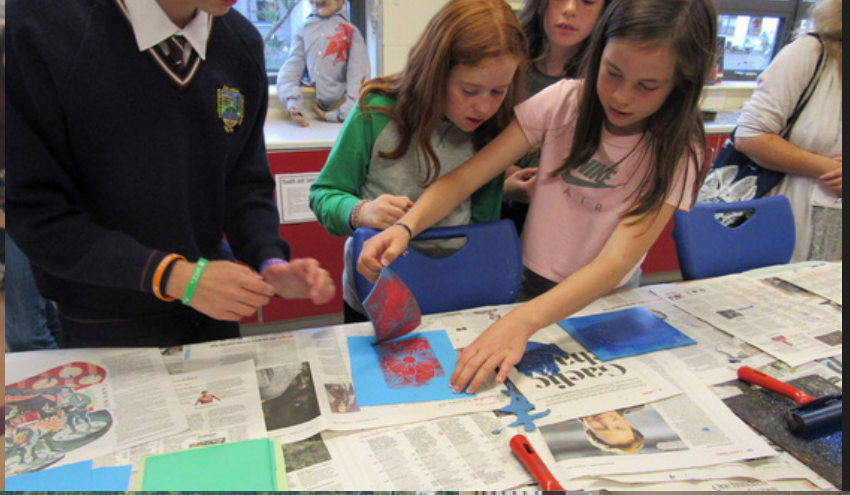


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