

Moate Community School graduate receives The All Ireland Scholarship

On Saturday, November 25th one of our former students Alan Henson was awarded the aforementioned in a special ceremony held at the University of Limerick. The scholarship recognises high achievement in the Leaving Certificate and is funded by a trust set up by well-known businessman and philanthropist J. P. McManus. The event was hosted by J.P. and his wife Noreen and the guest speaker was none other than our President Michael D. Higgins, a phenomenal orator who spoke of his own experiences and hardship accessing third level education back in the day in a witty and engaging fashion. One hundred and forty two students received this prestigious award which will no doubt make the financial costs of third level education more bearable.



This year a further €32,000,000 was invested into the trust to ensure that this scholarship programme will continue in to its second decade. It was wonderful to hear from two former recipients on the day and to learn how the award set them up for success in their studies and chosen career paths. Ireland is in safe hands judging by the award recipients and their commitment to continuous educational and professional development.

In the past five years three of our students have received this award. Alan thoroughly deserves this accolade and all that comes with it. We are so proud of him and have no doubt but that this will lead to great opportunities in the future. His parents John and Margaret and older brother Paul accompanied Alan and school management was represented by Josephine Meehan, Guidance Counsellor.