

Learning by doing

Work placement is the ideal way for students to put into practice the knowledge and skills they have learned in the classroom and gain valuable experience of the world of work. Matthew Meharg, a First Diploma student on the Land-based Technology course at Greenmount Campus, is looking forward to a career in service engineering after completing his work placement at Mid Antrim Tractors, where he was involved in the preparation and servicing of tractors and farm machinery.



New arrival at Enniskillen Campus

Studying at Enniskillen Campus is never routine as these second year Equine Management degree students discovered when they helped to deliver their newest recruit, a colt by well known thoroughbred stallion Definite Article. The students decided to name him Ketchup and he is already proving a big hit with students Amy Lawless, Megan Anderson, Laura Jane Martin, Jennifer Feeny and Eibhlin Sheridan.



Focus on food

Excellent career opportunities in the food industry were the topic of conversation amongst the students at the careers fair hosted by Loughry Campus. At the event, the students attended seminars and visited exhibitions from local food companies including Avondale Foods Ltd, Coca Cola, Dale Farm, Deli Lites, Dunbia, Ecolab, Kerry Group, Genesis Breads, Hilton Meats, Intertrade Ireland and Moy Park.

Brussels study tour

The study tour to Belgium is an integral part of the Higher Education programmes in Agriculture and Rural and Countryside Management. The tour aims to give students a greater understanding of the European Union, and its impact on Northern Ireland. As well as visiting the EU Parliament in Brussels, the students viewed farms stocked with Belgian Blue cattle and attended seminars on environmental issues.



OPEN DAYS

Greenmount Campus Open Day
Monday 18 August 2008, 7pm (post GCSE)
Thursday 21 August 2008, 7pm (post A Level)

Enniskillen Campus Open Day
Thursday 21 August 2008, 7.30pm

Loughry Campus Open Day
Thursday 21 August 2008, 3 – 8pm

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Welcome

Welcome to the summer 2008 edition of Cafre Chat, the publication that keeps you up-to-date with student news and events from the three campuses of the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE).



Enniskillen opens its doors

Prospective students travelled from all over Ireland, Britain and Europe to view the excellent facilities at Enniskillen Campus as part of the Equine Open Day. The event provided an opportunity to visit the racing yard, breeding unit and the internationally renowned facilities at Necarne Castle. Guests, including Dymna Boyle, Lisa and Rachel Gallagher, were given an overview of the equine courses on offer by lecturer Julie Dearden.



Five-a-day for Loughry students

Loughry students gained an insight into the commercial world of fruit and vegetable processing during their visit to Wilsons Country Ltd, Portadown. National Diploma and Certificate Food Technology and Food, Nutrition & Health students Sara Turkington, Linda Watson, Leah Boden, Caroline Charewa and Kevin Hampsey got the opportunity to examine some of Wilsons' extensive product range, including fruit salads, fruit snack packs and their huge range of pre-packed potatoes.

Putting Horticulture students in the picture

CAFRE was privileged to welcome, well known garden photographer, Jerry Harpur to Greenmount Campus to deliver the "Horticulture Lecture of the Year." Foundation degree Horticulture students Patricia Camlin, Rachel Ardis, Ben Beggs, David Kirk and Moyra Black along with their lecturer Keith Jeffers took the opportunity to discuss with Jerry many of the world famous gardens he has photographed.



One lady and her dog

Congratulations to Veterinary Nursing student, Louise Richards from Glenn Veterinary Clinic, Bangor on winning the Norbrook Cup for the best student on the RCVS NVQ Level 3 Veterinary Nursing course at Greenmount Campus. Louise, pictured with her dog Hesky, is currently finishing her course work and hopes to become a listed Veterinary Nurse.



Food nutrition awareness for schools

Oakgrove Integrated College pupils Emily Gormley, Kealan Doherty and Gemma Lynch were among 350 school pupils who attended food nutrition awareness workshops at Loughry Campus, highlighting the importance of food nutrition and a healthy diet. Successful pupils obtained the Certificate in Healthier Food and Special Diets, which is awarded by the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health.

Equine students look to the future

At the Enniskillen Campus Careers Day, students were delighted to welcome employers from a wide range of sectors within Ireland's growing equine industry. Among the excellent turnout of industry representatives were a number of past graduates, who were able to share their experiences of the equine industry and the business world. Pictured are equine students Gavin Luby and Natasha Flood viewing the opportunities in the Irish Field with Leo Powell.



Formal fever

The formal is the biggest social event of the year for all CAFRE students and as usual the students dressed for the occasion. Gone were the jeans and trainers and on went the suits, dresses and even kilts. Loughry students Hilary Andrews, Gillian Graham, Roberta Bolton and Laura Dick opted for the traditional evening dresses, while Craig Hewitt, William White and Kenneth Lyttle went for something a little different at the Greenmount formal.

