

## The Deirdre Clancy Memorial Medal Presentation 2010

On a sunny afternoon, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, a very enjoyable event took place in the library of Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh, Bishopstown, Cork. The Deirdre Clancy Memorial Medal was presented to David Lynch, the top Leaving Cert History student of 2010 by HTAI President, Maureen Cooney.

Present for this happy celebrations were David's parents and family, his teacher, David Cramer, several members of staff and student representatives together with Dermot Lucey, Mark Smith and Rose Desmond of the Cork branch, HTAI.

The Principal, Mr. Frank Mc McCarthy warmly welcomed all present and acknowledged the great honour the award brought to the school. He expressed his pride in his teachers and students and especially in David, the winner.

Maureen Cooney outlined the history of the HTAI award and explained the significance of the role played by the late Deirdre Clancy in the development of the Leaving Certificate examination and her association with the medal. The medal and cheque were then formally presented.

Dr. Kevin McCarthy, Senior Inspector, History, expressed his delight at being associated with the happy event and congratulated all concerned. He reiterated the importance of history as a subject that prepares young minds to approach a range of careers with confidence and creativity. He acknowledged the outstanding work of the HTAI in supporting teachers in their continuous professional development.

The chairman of the BOM added his congratulations to all present and surprised the history teacher, David Cramer, with a gift, in appreciation of his work in the classroom.

David then told us a little about his protégée who was easily the most outstanding student he had encountered. He described David Lynch as being an extremely focused student who, nevertheless, was always generous and shared his time and knowledge with classmates.

All wished David well in his study of Philosophy and English at Trinity College Dublin before partaking of a generous reception provided by the school.