

On Thursday the 19th September, Scoil Uí Mhuirí, Dunleer had another very successful Open Night. Building on its success from previous years, this year's was a great success. SUM has excellent facilities to display – including state of the art Engineering and Woodwork rooms, two excellent Home Economics room and several high-quality rooms for various other disciplines. The school also boasts of a tremendous ASD unit (Le Chéile) which houses a thriving and growing school community. Scoil Uí Mhuirí is a school that continues to rise – with student numbers increasing year after year and ever-increasing additions to already highly capable staff cohort.

The Open Night started with an address by Principal Una Kirk. In her speech, Ms Kirk outlined the great successes that the school has enjoyed in the last number of years in both curricular and extra-curricular pursuits. Attainment has improved significantly; the school has more subjects on offer and more to come; students genuinely enjoy their experience and education at SUM. She also mentioned the high standard of teaching and learning and good behaviour that happens in SUM. Speeches were also made by Ciara Morrison Reilly, Guidance Counsellor, Anna McCready, Deputy Principal and Miriam Howard, Home School Liaison. After this Nicola Reilly, incoming first year head, spoke about the expectations and plans for those coming in the doors in September 2025.

Following that, the parents were led by students around the building to see what Scoil Uí Mhuirí had on offer. All the departments went the extra mile to display what was best about their subject areas. As always, the Art room had an outstanding display of beautiful creations from both junior and senior students. In the Practical rooms, parents were gifted placemat mementos of their visit and they could witness real robot wars in the Technology room. Interactive games and activities drew prospective pupils into the Science labs and the PE hall, and the Home Economics department delivered on delicious scones and baked goods for all visitors (of which there were many). Not to be outdone, the humanities subjects had fun games and quizzes to welcome all guests. The school was thronged with people who visited Scoil Uí Mhuirí for the two hours that it was open to the public. Truly a success for a great school. Long may it continue.