

Naughton Foundation Scholarship for Friary student for fourth year in a row.

The Naughton Foundation scholarship programme was established in 2008 by Dr Martin Naughton and his wife Carmel to promote the study of engineering, science and technology at third level in Ireland. Each year a number of the country's exceptional Leaving Certificate students are awarded scholarships to study at undergraduate level at any publicly funded university or third-level institution in Ireland. There is one guaranteed Scholarship (€20,000) for each participating county and the scholarship is intended as a reward and encouragement to exceptional students who would like to study in the STEM field (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) at University. The school of each winning student also receives a prize for the school's science laboratories.

On Saturday, September 29th 2018, 36 new Scholars joined this illustrious and celebrated list. Leaving certificate 2018 student, Mick Devine from St Augustine's College, who is studying Engineering at University College Cork, was awarded the scholarship for County Waterford for 2018. This is the fourth year in a row that students of St Augustine's College have been awarded this scholarship. Friary graduates Darragh McGrath (2017), studying Biological and Chemical Engineering at UL, Oisín Fitzsimons (2016), studying Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at Dublin City University, and Maggie Goulden (2015) studying Astrophysics at Trinity College Dublin have also been awarded Naughton Foundation Scholarships. The medals and prizes were presented by the Naughton family and Minister for Education, Richard Bruton, at the Trinity College Biomedical Sciences Institute in Dublin. Principal of St Augustine's College, Ailbhe Ní Neachtain, and chemistry and physics teachers, Olive Fitzsimons and Laura Green were in attendance to congratulate our students on such a wonderful achievement.