

## **Desmond College top Limerick with 7 projects involving 12 students being accepted into the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2018**

An unusually high number of the 2018 Exhibition entries investigate burning social issues such as homelessness, transgender rights and mental health.

Of 2,031 submissions, 550 projects representing every county across the island were chosen as finalists.

Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton said, "I have set the ambition to make Ireland's education and training service the best in Europe within a decade.

"Key to achieving this ambition is ensuring that our young people develop analytical skills, critical thinking and creativity. The BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition continues to make an invaluable contribution to developing these aptitudes in thousands of students across the country each year."

The BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition will take place from January 10 to January 13, 2018 at the RDS in Dublin.

Shay Walsh, MD BT Ireland said, "BT Ireland is proud to once again be organising the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition and to announce the 2018 participants. As a technology company we feel that it is vital to foster an interest in STEM right across the country to ensure our cities and towns have the talent required to move forward as a society. This is something we are proud to do with our involvement each year with the BTYSTE".

Desmond College has the highest number of projects accepted of Limerick schools.



Mr Donal Enright, Jack Corkery, Evan Condon, Ronana Mullane, Fiona Kelly, Emily Garrett, Orla Mullane, Hazel Corbett Lauren McMahon, Kayla McMahon, Sarah Leahy, Ms Aoife Culhane and Ms Marie Corkery (Absent from photo Bryan Mortell and David O Brien)