



- **Thomond Community College** is an Irish second level school, teaching boys and girls from approx. 12-18 years old.
- Thomond Community College is under the trusteeship of the the Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board.
- It is an amalgamation of two schools and was formed in 2016.
- The school's pupils come from diverse backgrounds, both culturally and socially.



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Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna  
Luimnigh agus an Chláir  
*Limerick and Clare  
Education and Training Board*





Thomond Community College is currently aiming for its Global Citizenship and Energy Flag.



March 2019  
the planting of  
100 trees begins  
with  
An Choill Bheag





**2019- SEP 2022**



**JUNE  
2024**





# CESU 2022







- During 2022 the schools canteen company sponsored the construction of a geodome.



- Students recycled wooden pallets to create the edging for the plant beds. Tomatoes, courgettes, cucumbers were grown over Summer 2023.....



- For Summer 2024 (this summer) there are cabbages, broccoli, onions, tomatoes and courgettes.





March 2023

- 1000 native trees are planted on school grounds



## Other developments since CESU 2022

### Curriculum , specifications, and subjects

- Since CESU there have been many positive changes brought in by school management. The following were brought in on timetable;
- In September 2022 school management brought in an optional Garden Design module for Leaving Cert Applied Students. The number of pupils opting for this has been high.
- In 2023/24 all of the 6<sup>th</sup> year LCA group completed this module.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> year group do a 10 week rotation of environment and social education. In addition to completion of ClimateRewrite program.

### Raising awareness of the SDG's

- All subject departments now have reference to the UN Sustainable Development Goals in their subject plans.

### School Trustees

- The LCETB have over the last two years have set up a **Climate Action and Sustainability** group across all their schools and educational centres. This teams current focus is on energy.



# Challenges:

- Time and knowledge.
- In Ireland second level school holidays are at the same time as the peak growing period. This poses some challenges.
- The Irish weather also posed a large challenge this year, due to high volumes of rain, over a long period. It had an impact on planning for planting/growing activities for outside.
- All management and teachers are very supportive. Maintaining that support and energy as more initiatives, reporting to support the work, and keeping climate change on the agenda without climate fatigue is important.
- Supports for growing in cities is in its early stages.



- Thank you to CESU 2022- I learned so much.
- Thank you to the school community in Thomond Community College who are always supportive.