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HEADLINE: Galway School Nominated for National Media Award

One of Galway city's most famous schools, St Patrick's in Lombard Street, has been nominated for a prestigious digital media award for a film documentary on the History of Communication.

The project was made as part of the Digital Enterprise Research Institute's (DERI) Schools Outreach Programme and were made in collaboration with the Galway Education Centre(GEC), and the Fionn Primary School Science project. DERI is a Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) sponsored research centre on the NUIG campus which is developing the next generation of internet technology - the Semantic Web.

The documentary was one of the highlights of St Patrick's Golden Jubilee celebrations. The film was made under the technical direction of Brother Niall Coll, and starred the pupils of 6th class.

The plot followed the changing face of communications in the classroom – from the inkpot to the internet – over the 50 years that the school has been in existence.

Pupils had to re-create the school ambiance of the time, modelling the hair styles and fashion statements through the decades, as well as source all the old equipment such as ink wells, 1950's payphones, gestetners, manual typewriters, slide and film projectors.

“The school is so thrilled to be nominated for this award, said Brother Niall. The pupils worked so hard on this and got a great buzz while they were doing it. To be nominated for a national award is the icing on the cake.”

According to Brendan Smith, the DERI Education Outreach Officer,

“This is the Irish equivalent of the Oscars in the world of Digital Media. The pupils should take a bow for the great job that they did.”

The awards are sponsored by Digital Media Intelligence and will take place on Wednesday 2 February in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin.

~~For further details please~~ contact Brian Cummins at 091 – 495180, or at [brian.cummins@deri.org](mailto:brian.cummins@deri.org) A good quality photograph of a spiked haired punk rocker at his computer is available via e-mail.

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