MORE than 40 European debating teams are raising their arguments at IT Tallaght this Saturday, March 1, when the local college hosts its first intervarsity debate.

Visiting teams from across Ireland, Britain and Poland will descend on IT Tallaght for this significant event, which is being hosted by the college’s Debating Society.

Established more than five years ago, the Debating Society has 20 enthusiastic members, who last week staged a cake sale to raise funds for the intervarsity debate.

Student and society member, Joe Neville told The Echo: “The importance of a debating society cannot be over-emphasised both from a cultural and academic perspective but also as a conduit for interaction with other colleges.”

Registration for the day of debates, which has no theme, will commence at 8am with the intervarsity commencing at 10am.

Organisers predict that debaters will be battling it out until around 6.30pm that evening, when the heated final will take place.

For further information on the Debating Society visit www.it-tallaght.ie

200 young people participate in Student Enterprise Awards

AFTER six months of creativity, risk-taking and savvy business deals, nearly 200 young people will this Friday (February 28) participate in the County Finals of the Student Enterprise Awards in IT Tallaght.

Over recent weeks, The Echo has profiled a number of students taking part in the competition, the viable businesses they have created and the enthusiasm, commitment and dedication they have invested into making their companies a success.

This Friday more than 190 students from Rathfarnham, Tallaght, Lucan, Clondalkin, Palmerstown, Templeogue and Greenhills will be joined by their teachers and families for the County Finals of the 2014 Student Enterprise Awards.

Supported by the South Dublin County Enterprise Board, with sponsorship from IT Tallaght, the Student Enterprise Awards invites young people to set up an enterprise, research their idea, make their products and, most importantly, sell them.

According to organisers, students have been working on their businesses for the past six months and have traded their products and services at school market days, Christmas fairs and to family, friends and the wider community.

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MATTER OF OPINION: From top left, Joe Neville, David Holmes, Mark Dwyer, TJ Idowu, Darren McAuley, Fergus Finlay O’Donnell, Alan Presch and Philip Manley

ON CUE: Anthony Glennon at the pool competition and DVD watching at ITT Student’s Union on Friday

Photos by Karl Burke

FINALIST: Greenhills College teacher Maria Donoghue with student Eoin Keogh and his ‘Write off Bullying’ pens.

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RESTING: Paul Coughlan and Shane Murphy

LINING UP: Andrew Fitzmaurice

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