THE BUZZ

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DEAR STUDENTS,

We are delighted to see you all back after your mid-term break. Now is the time to build on the foundations laid in that first half-term. Maintain a good work ethic, keep to your study routine and your timetable and success will be yours. Slow and steady is best and try and work into our daily routine some time away from the books. We wish you the very best over the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Yvonne, Liam & Hugh

WELLBEING TALK

The 2nd wellbeing talk for 6th years with Arnaud Bongrand will take place this Wednesday 09/11/22 at lunch time. The topic of this week's talk is *The Practice of Mindfulness and the Benefits it Brings*. Come along on Wednesday at 12:30 to room 2-3, have lunch and relax while gaining important life skills for wellbeing!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to 5th year student Caitlin McDermott on being selected for the Ireland u17s National Basketball Academy. This is Caitlin's first selection to an international squad.

STATIONERY APPEAL

5th Year student Alice Lenehan will be travelling to South Africa with the Niall Mellon Education programme on the 12th of November. Alice is holding a Stationery Appeal this week from the 8th-11th of November to bring much needed supplies to the students. We are appealing to students to support this very worthy cause by bringing any of the below items to the school office on the 1st floor by this Friday. As always, your support is much appreciated. **Items:** Clocks, stop watches, soft toys, plastic toys, reward stickers, giant chalk, playdough, posters (alphabet, words, shapes, days of the week, animals, transport, etc.), glue sticks, blue tack (Prestik), balls, skipping ropes, coloured paper/card.

ASSESSMENTS

With the 6th year assessments starting this week - a reminder to all students that you MUST attend all your classes throughout the assessment period. Think long-term for your future achievements - class time is absolutely vital for success in the Leaving Certificate.

GUIDANCE

WELCOME BACK,

We hope you had a very enjoyable, restful midterm break.

CAO INFORMATION

For anyone who missed the CAO information talks before midterm, Aoife will repeat it tomorrow in room 2-3 at 12.30. Well done to all of you who have already opened your CAO account. Remember you can change your preferences as often as you like, free of charge so we really encourage you to open your account early and familiarise yourself with the CAO website.

OPEN DAYS

We were delighted to bump into so many of you at the Trinity Open day on Saturday. Everyone who we've spoken to really enjoyed the day. Don't forget that UCD are holding theirs on Saturday, 12th (10am – 4pm), TU Dublin will also hold theirs at their beautiful new Grangegorman Campus (10am-2pm). We recommend that all year groups attend Open Days; they're both enjoyable and informative. Check out the schedule on the individual college websites in advance of your visit to make sure you're in time for any course talks that are of interest.

UCAS TUTORIALS

Don't forget that Aoife hold's UCAS tutorials in the project room in 2-7 every Monday at lunchtime.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WEBINAR

This week's webinar is on Communication Studies at DCU as well as examining the benefits of the broad range of Arts and Humanities courses on offer at Maynooth University and other campuses. As always, 4pm, link on Moodle.

Have a great week, Aoife & Helen

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our School Choir who were the overall winners of the City of Derry International Choir Festival with the Continuum Youth Choir, last weekend. The students also won First place in the Sacred Music category, Youth Choir category, Mixed Voice category and Second place in Pop, Jazz and Gospel category. Students: Amy Adams Henriquez (4th), Charlotte Bisset (6th), Saoirse McSharry (4th), Isabelle Pierce (6th), Blaithnaid Doyle Fox (5th).

Congratulations to 4th year Siobhan O'Leary whose Football Team, Clanna Gael won the Division 1 Shield Championship on Saturday October 22nd against Naomh Barrog.

MASTERCLASSES

This Monday, Nov 7th, we have a Masterclass in Maths with Aidan Roantree. **It is for 6th years** and will be live online at 6:30. Topic: Practical Trigonometry.

STUDENT'S PAGE

Editor Kate Lynch

THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS- WHY GIRL-EXCLUSIVE SPACES STILL MATTER.

Words & Photo By Kate Lynch 5th Year

Opinion Piece

In 1909, a time before women were even eligible to vote in the UK, a group of girls appeared in full uniform at a Boy Scout Rally declaring themselves to be the first Girl Scouts. This bold gathering marked a first for young women, coming together and demanding a place exclusively for them where they could develop their own skills based on their own values and interests. The Girl Scout or Girl Guiding movement now reaches 10 million girls and women in 152 countries, across every continent. The question I have asked myself is are these "girl only" spaces offered by the Girl Guiding movement still important, even with women's suffrage and our heavily debated constitutional rights?

Emerging modern studies prove that women in mixed gender spaces are less likely to express their opinions. Scholars at Brigham Young University and Princeton examined whether women speak less than men when a group collaborates to solve a problem. In most groups that they studied, the time that women spoke was significantly less than their proportional representation - amounting to less than 75% of the time that men spoke. One study from Harvard Business Review found that women with a female-dominated "inner circle" were able to secure leadership positions that were 2.5 times higher in authority and pay than women who had networks that resembled those of men. Surely this means that giving girls spaces where there is no male influence from childhood will encourage them to express their opinions freely while also giving them female connections and networks that will help them in later life?

Furthermore, Girl Scouting and Guiding has had a proven impact on female involvement in the STEM fields of research. A study from the Pew Research Centre, finds that the STEM workforce outpaced all other job sectors, growing by over 79% since 1990 and yet according to the National Girls Collaborative Project, women make up only 28% of the science and engineering workforce. Recent findings from the Girl Scouts Research Institute shows that girls who engage in STEM activities, like those offered from the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides, are nearly twice as likely to want to have a job in STEM. Not only that, but these girls are also "stronger leaders with excellent grades, intend to graduate college, and feel hopeful and fuelled to pursue a STEM future."

It is my firmly held and experience-based belief that the girl-only space that girl guides has offered to me has boosted my confidence and provided me with a network of women of all different skills and backgrounds to be empowered by. For me, and many other Guiding friends of mine, I know, these spaces allow for the kind of empowerment and healing that is not accessible to us in our daily lives.

THE ECONOMISTS' CORNER

By Junjia Li, 6th Year

Fill the fiscal hole

On September 23rd, Liz Truss unveiled a £45bn package of unfunded tax cuts to boost economic growth. However, the plan quickly backfired, and the British economy is once in turmoil. The mini-budget caused a slump in bond markets that raised borrowing costs, which sent markets into a breakdown and triggered a liquidity crisis for UK pension funds. Earlier, the pound had crashed to its lowest level ever against the dollar. The weaker pound causes higher imported inflation, eroding real incomes. The combination of a cheap currency and high bond yields has hurt the businesses' confidence and the investors think Britain has become insecure.

Britain's new prime minister Rishi Sunak promised to bring stability to the country. The previous chancellor was replaced by Jeremy Hunt, who shredded the former prime minister's economic agenda. They decided to reverse more tax cuts to focus on encouraging investment incentives rather than cutting headline rates of corporation tax, in order to get the government out of a fiscal hole and restore the faith of the bond markets.

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