

THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to 5th year student Ruquiya El Bakr who won second prize in The Global Leadership Link (GLL) Competition 2025. The GLL project addresses threats to intangible cultural heritage (ICH). Ruquiya's project was centred on the important role of the GAA in Irish cultural heritage. This year the GLL conference was held in Hong Kong and offered students the opportunity to share their views on the topic: 'Protecting the Legacy: Addressing Threats and Preservation Efforts for Intangible Cultural Heritage in your region'. Students entered their projects via video, allowing them to showcase their talent and skills while sharing their passion with an international audience.



ATHLETICS & BRIDGE

Athletics has been added to the extracurricular timetable due to student feedback. We are delighted to hear of your interest and hope you attend to ensure it thrives! We know how busy you are with study, but balance is important. Exercise is a key part of your success in maintaining a healthy mind and body. Meet in the ground floor breakout at 3:30 on Wednesdays, starting this week - all welcome!

Bridge is back! Thank you for your patience, we know how much you love it and it is now back on the timetable. Mondays at 3:30 in G-4 - starting today the 24th. Again - All welcome!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Ghlac foireann díospóireachta na Gaeilge páirt i gComórtas an Phiarsaigh an Chéadaoin seo caite den chéad uair riamh i stair na scoile. Is é Comórtas an Phiarsaigh an comórtas bliantúil díospóireachta Gaeilge do scoileanna dara leibhéal a eagraíonn Gael Linn. Bhí triúr daltaí Ardeistiméireachta Aoife Duggan, Kitty Collins agus Fintan Lydon ag argóint i gcoinne Choláiste Ráth Dúin agus sinn ar son an rúin "Ba cheart deireadh a chur leis na Debs." Rinne Aoife, Kitty agus Fintan obair na gcapall roimh ré agus chuir siad a gcuid argóintí i láthair le muinín agus le cruinneas ar an oíche. Tá siad ag tnúth lena gcéad díospóireacht eile i gcoinne Choláiste na Carraige Duibhe an tseachtain seo chugainn. Labhróidh siad i gcoinne an rúin "Tugann muintir na hÉireann aire mhaith dár dtimpeallacht". Go n-éirí an t-ádh leo.

The Irish debating team took part in the Comórtas an Phiarsaigh debating competition last Wednesday for the very first time in the school's history. Comórtas an Phiarsaigh is the annual Irish-language debating competition for secondary schools organised by Gael Linn. Three Leaving Certificate students: Aoife Duggan, Kitty Collins and Fintan Lydon, were arguing against Rathdown School for the motion "The Debs should be abolished." Aoife, Kitty, and Fintan did fantastic work in advance and conveyed their arguments with confidence and with accuracy on the night. They are looking forward to their next debate against Blackrock College next week. They will speak against the motion "The people of Ireland take good care of our environment" The best of luck to them..

GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS



CAO

All 6th year students should now have registered for their CAO number. If you need help with your CAO course listings, please contact the guidance team to arrange a meeting.

FINAL UCAS DEADLINE



A final reminder that the **school deadline date** for applying for courses in the UK is **Monday the 1st of December 2025**. We have given a short extension but this is the final date - if you haven't already done so - 6th years must email ucas@instituteofeducation.ie urgently to be allocated a guidance counsellor to support your UCAS application.

THURSDAY TALK



Victoria Wilson, School Engagement officer, will host the Lunchtime Talk on **Physiotherapy** this week for our 6th year students. Victoria will also briefly talk about a new undergraduate vet programme and Pharmacy. Thursday 27th of November, 12:30pm – 1:20pm in HG-1.

RACE/DARE APPLICANTS



All RACE applicants need to see Helen Casey room 2-6A this week (if you have not done so already) as the deadline for 2026 applications is approaching. You do not need appointment - just call to room 2-6A. Mon/Tues/Thurs/ Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm (except lunch 12 - 1pm).

OPEN DAYS & EVENTS



This Wednesday 26th of November:

TU Dublin School of Art & Design Portfolio webinar at 6pm
RCSI Introduction to Physiotherapy Webinar at 12pm and 5pm
Ulster University – Insight Events, Coleraine Campus at 6pm
NCAD Open Day from 9:30am

This Saturday 29th of November:

Trinity Undergraduate on-campus Open Day from 10am – 4:30pm
The Lir National Academy of Dramatic Art TCD Open Day at 10am
Maynooth University in-person Open Day from 10am – 2pm
St Patrick's Pontifical University on-campus Open Day at 10am – 2pm

**Students must register online to attend these events.*

Have a lovely week ahead,

Liz, John, John, Sarah & Helen



CANTEEN SPECIALS



Mon: Chicken Escalope with creamy Mushroom Pasta €6

Tues: Beef Guinness & Mushroom Stew with Colcannon Mash €6

Wed: Buffalo Chicken Burgers with Ranch Slaw & Fries €6

Thurs: Italian Meatballs with Fusilli Pasta €6

Fri: The Spice Bag: Crispy Chicken tossed in Spice, Peppers Onions Golden Fries & Curry Sauce €6



STUDENT INITIATIVE



5th Year student Sarah Gordon is fundraising for Embrace Badjao by collecting used cans and bottles in the special bins provided in the breakout areas of the main building. These bins have labels which Sarah made, clearly marking them for your convenience. The Badjao are an indigenous tribe living along the shoreline in Davao, Philippines, who experience extreme poverty. They are marginalised within Philippine society and receive very little government support. They have no running water or sanitation. Badjao children receive very little education and, as a result, are often unable to break the cycle of poverty. Help this wonderful cause by popping your empty bottles and cans into the correct bins. Thank you and well done Sarah!



MASTERCLASSES



This Tuesday, November 25th, we have a Masterclass in Irish with Anna Hughes. It is for 5th & 6th years and is online at 7pm. *Link is on your Moodle.*



REVISION CLASSES



Every Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs we have drop in revision classes in HL Maths with Hilary. For 6th years from 7:55-8:27am in 2-3 & for 5th yrs 8:30 - 9am in L2-2.



Every Monday we have a drop in revision class in Economics with Rob. It is for 6th yrs in HG-0 / 4:30-5:30pm. Rob covers a new topic each week.



Every Tues & Fri we have drop in revision in Biology with Roisin in G-4. For 6th yrs from 7:57 - 8:27am. This week's topic is The Nervous System. **Bring a set of Biology past papers with you.**



Every Wednesday we have a drop in revision class in HL Maths with Aidan. It is for 6th yrs in H1-0 / 3:30-4:30pm. Aidan covers a new topic each week.