

THE BUZZ

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DEAR STUDENTS,

The year begins to slip softly into autumn. We hope you have taken full advantage of what has been a pretty good summer weather-wise. We trust too that you are all eager to return to class, to study and to the busy energy of school life. We, in our turn, are eager to welcome you, re-invigorated and re-energised, back from the summer holidays.

It is important to hit the ground running and to be organised and disciplined right from the start of the year. We encourage you to avail of the extra resources that the school offers. Start those important conversations with the guidance team and your year group tutors. Keep your eye on the digi-boards, the noticeboards, *The Buzz* and the monthly calendars in order not to miss any extracurricular activities, tutorials and Masterclasses.

Yours is a school awash with resources that will help you to maintain a balance between the academic and the extra-academic. Participate: engage, endeavour and be empowered on your journey with us this academic year!

As always, if you have any queries or questions, please call into the school office. We wish every one of you the very best for the academic year. It is a blank page which you will fill with learnings, both within and without the classroom environment over the coming months. Welcome back!

Kind regards,

Yvonne, Aideen, Dee, Ailbhe & Liam



LUNCHTIME CLUBS

11:00am Starting next week!

Mon: Drama (Convent Pl.) / D&D (Art Room)
Tue: Fitness (Convent Pl.)
Wed: Robotics (L1-2)
Thur: Table Tennis (Convent Pl.)
Fri: Drama (Convent Pl.) / Social Club (1-7)

12:30pm Starting next week!

Thur: D&D (Art Room)
Fri: Social Club (S1-1)



EXTRACURRICULARS

8:00am Starting next week!

Thur: D&D (Art Room)

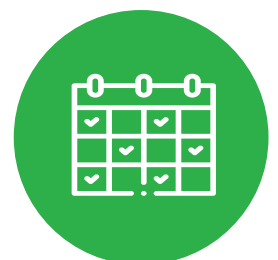
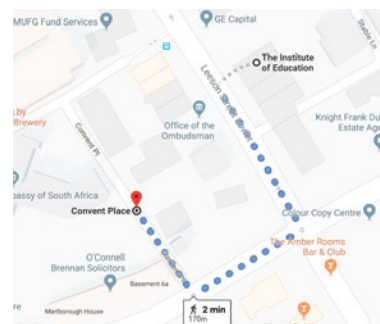
3:30pm Starting next week!

Mon: Fitness (Convent Pl.) / MUN (LG-1) / Volleyball (1-3)
Tue: Young Scientist (1-3)
Wed: Fitness (Convent Pl.) / Basketball (G-3)
Film Club (2-8) / Photography (L1-2)
Thur: Badminton (G-4) / Philosophy (2-8)
Fri: Football (G-3) / Debating (3-5) / Choir (Music Room)

Coming Soon: Athletics, Bridge, Chess, Cricket and Jazz Band.

Extracurriculars and lunch clubs are open to all students, regardless of previous experience. If it fits your timetable and you are interested, pay a visit and try it out. These activities run based on student engagement, making each year fresh and exciting. As we settle into the school year and our extracurricular staff confirm their academic schedules, there may be additions or changes to the above timetable. Any changes will be communicated here in *The Buzz* and on the digi-boards around the school.

See the map below for Convent Place Location.





GUIDANCE TEAM



WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new students, and a warm welcome back to our returning students. We are looking forward to meeting you all and, in particular, to providing you with support and guidance on your pathway to college and career success.

This year, our team is delighted to welcome Dr Brian McCarthy, an experienced guidance counsellor with 25 years' experience, who joins Liz Carey, Dr John McGinnity and Sarah O'Brien.

The guidance counsellors work closely with Jane D'Alton, Head of Pastoral Care and Safeguarding; Helen Casey, our Learning Support, DARE and RACE expert; and Leanne Hutton, who supports our international students.



6TH YEARS - UCAS

Are you planning on applying to UCAS for the October 15th deadline? All 6th years applying to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for most courses in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine/Science in the UK should have their UCAS applications well under way to make this deadline. Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS from the 2nd of September so please also ensure you register for the required admissions tests as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

Please book an appointment with the guidance counsellors and they will organise the buzzword to link your UCAS application to the school/centre and assist you in organising your predicted grades, academic references and guide you with your personal statement. Next week we also have two *UCAS October 15th Deadline Sessions* on Wednesday the 2nd and Thursday the 3rd at 12:30 H1-1. All students who need to make the deadline should attend one of these sessions.

BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

We offer a drop-in service every morning from 8:30–9:30am, with no appointment necessary. You can call in to speak with any member of the team if you have any questions or need information or support. You can also book a 30-minute appointment in advance by scanning the QR code on the noticeboards, in your homework journal or outside the Guidance Counsellors' offices. Appointments can be booked during study or lunch times but not during class times. Keep updated with our weekly *BUZZ* for upcoming Open Days and events. Enjoy your orientation.

We look forward to meeting you!

Your Guidance Team



COMMUNICATIONS

The 4th year team is located in the 4th Year Office in No. 19–20, on the ground floor.

Deputy Principal & 4th Year Head: Deirdre Kelly
deekelly@instituteofeducation.ie

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Co-ordinator: Lauren Tyrrell
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Tutor: Luke Rock
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The 5th and 6th year teams are located in the School Office, on the first floor of the main building.

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Our Deputy Principals and Year Heads are available to contact from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday – Friday.

Principal's Office: Yvonne O'Toole is available to meet with students and parents from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday – Friday. To arrange an appointment please email yotoole@instituteofeducation.ie

LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS DAY 2026

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our own Class of 2026 and to all we supported this year through courses, webinars or free study materials. Whatever the results last week, your Leaving Cert will never define you. But we are incredibly proud of you all for your hard work, dedication and resilience you showed throughout the year.

We're proud too of what that hard work achieved. Over 115 Institute of Education students received 600+ points this year, and over 40% of our Class of 2026 achieved 550+. But whatever success means for you, we were so thrilled that we were able to meet and help so many of you on your journeys this year. We wish all of our students the best of luck as they start the next chapter of their lives!

