THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



6th year student Kate Dunne has a busy year ahead as she balances the demands of her Leaving Certificate studies with her commitment to rowing. Kate represented Ireland at the 2026 Summer Youth Olympics in Dakar, Senegal. The Games ran from the 31st of October to the 13th of November, marking the first Olympic event ever held in Africa. Kate competed in the women's solo coastal rowing beach sprints. She placed 16th in her opening time trial and 8th in her second time trial, to qualify for the Last 16 knockout stage, ultimately finishing 11th overall. Coastal rowing beach sprints made their Youth Olympic debut in Dakar ahead of the discipline's senior Olympic introduction at LA 2028, making Kate the first Irish athlete to race in the event on an Olympic stage.

Kate is also set to participate in Rowing Ireland's national selection trials this month, with the aim of competing internationally. We wish her the very best of luck in the trials and in all her future sporting endeavours.

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Congratulations to 6th year student Maria Malas, who represented Ireland at the Arab Reading Challenge in Dubai on October 29th. The ceremony was held at the Dubai World Trade Centre and hosted by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai. A record 40,286,428 students from 60 countries participated this year, marking the 10th year of this highly prestigious international competition. Maria was initially selected as a national finalist in Ireland before travelling to Dubai, having read 450 books over her five-year journey with the competition. Maria is pictured above with her National Finalist Award and below, raising the Irish flag in Dubai.



GUIDANCE TEAM



UCAS DEADLINE DATE REMINDER

A reminder that the internal school deadline for applying for courses in the UK is **Friday December 11th**. This means UCAS applicants must have their application fully completed, paid for and submitted. Book online using the QR code for a UCAS guidance meeting asap, if you have not already done so or email ucas2027@instituteofeducation.ie. If you have any questions, please feel free to drop in to the guidance team any morning between 8:30am - 9:30am, no appointment necessary.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME TALK

This week's careers talk will be on Physiotherapy, Sports Science, Medicine and other health related courses. 4th and 5th year students attend H1-0 from 11-11:50am and 6th year students attend 12:30 - 1:20pm in H1-1. Bring your lunch!

RACE/DARE APPLICANTS

IMPORTANT: RACE 2027 forms are now available. All RACE applicants need to see Helen Casey this week, if you have not done so already, as the deadline for 2027 applications is approaching. No appointment needed, just call up to 2-6a Mon/Tues/Thurs/Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm (except lunch 12 - 1pm). **DARE** applicants sign-up for CAO, then make an appointment to see Helen for completion of EIS B school statement.

OPEN DAYS & EVENTS

RCSI Webinar: Introduction to Pharmacy
Wednesday, November 25th, 5pm
TU Dublin Portfolio Webinar: School of Art and Design
Wednesday, November 25th, 6pm
NTO Webinar: National Tertiary Office (Start degree in Further Ed and finish in university). No CAO points requirement
Wednesday, November 25th, 4:15pm - 5pm
NCAD Open Day: Wednesday, November 25th, 9:30am - 3pm
ATU Galway Open Day: Friday, November 24, 10am - 1pm
RCSI Open Day: Advanced Therapeutic Technologies
Saturday, November 28th, 12pm - 3pm

Please register for all the above events online.

Have a great week! ***Your Guidance Team***

CANTEEN SPECIALS

MON: Cheese Burger with French Fries €7
Chicken Parmesan €5.50
Veggie Burger with French Fries €5.50
TUE: Chicken & Chirizo Tagliatelle €7.50
Peppered Beef With Pesto Roasted Baby Potatoes.€5.50
Wild Mushroom Arancini €5.50
WED: Chicken Kiev with Sweet Potato Fries €7
Beef Casserole with Spring Onion Mashed Potatoe €5.50
Toffu Sweet Chilli Stir Fry €5.50
THUR: Meatballs, Roasted Red Pepper & Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta Parmesan Cheese €7
Crispy Chicy Taco Fries €5.50
Vegetable Stir Fry €5.50
FRI: Crispy Chicken Spice Box & Curry Sauce €7
Spice Box with Tofu & Curry Sauce €5.50
Churros & Marshmallows, Hot Chocolate Sauce, Cinnamon Sugar €4

NEW this week! Bagels & Boxed Salads



EXTRA SUPPORT THIS WEEK

WEEKLY 6TH YEAR SUPPORT

MONDAY
Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 7:55 - 8:25am (HDO) *(2-3)*
Spanish Revision Drop-in HL / 8:00 - 8:30am (MFE) *(G-1)*
Music Practical Sign-up Required / 3:30 - 4:30pm (JWA) *(B-5)*
French Oral Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (COI) *(H2-1)*
Economics Revision Drop-in HL / 4:30 - 5:30pm (RQU) *(HG-0)*
TUESDAY
Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 7:55 - 8:25am (HDO) *(2-3)*
Art Tutorial Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (DKE) *(Art Room)*
Art Tutorial Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (PCR) *(L2-2)*
Geography Revision Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (LAS) *(L1-0)*
WEDNESDAY
Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 7:55 - 8:25am (HDO) *(2-3)*
Spanish Revision Drop-in HL / 8:00 - 8:30am (MFE) *(G-4)*
Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (ARO) *(H1-0)*
Business Revision Drop-in HL / 4:30 - 5:30pm (RQU) *(HG-0)*
THURSDAY
Maths Revision Drop-in HL / 7:55 - 8:25am (HDO) *(2-3)*
English Revision Drop-in HL / 8:30 - 9:30am (DEN) *(L1-0)*
French Revision Drop-in HL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (COK) *(H2-1)*
Music Practical Sign-up Required / 3:30 - 4:30pm (JWA) *(B-5)*
Maths Tutorial Drop-in OL / 3:30 - 4:30pm (JKE) *(L3-0)*
FRIDAY
English Tutorial Drop-in HL / 8:30 - 9:30am (DEN) *(G-8)*

WEEKLY 5TH YEAR SUPPORT

WEDNESDAY
Art Tutorial Drop-in HL / 3:00 - 4:00pm (PCR) *(Art Room)*
Music Practical Sign-up Required / 3:00 - 4:00pm (JWA) *(Music Room)*
Chemistry Revision Drop-in HL / 3:00 - 4:00pm (AFO) *(S-2)*
Maths Tutorial Drop-in HL / 3:00 - 5:30pm (NNO) *(G-8)*

MILES WITH MEANING



From the classroom to the finish line! On Sunday, 25th October 2026, four members of staff from The Institute of Education; Conor Leech, Sarah Farrell, Ryan Bolton and Jean Kelly took to the mean streets of Dublin for the 42.2km Dublin City Marathon! Rob Quinlan had already paved the way, with an impressive display running the Amsterdam marathon.

They ran for two incredible Irish charities that make an enormous difference to families when they need it most.

LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice, provides specialist care and support to children with life limiting conditions and their families, helping them make precious memories together.

The Irish Hospice Foundation works to ensure that people facing death, dying and bereavement receive the care, compassion and support they deserve.

Between the five of us, there has been plenty of kilometres, early mornings, tired legs and determination but every step will be worth it if we can make a difference. We're hoping to bring our whole school community together; students, parents, past pupils, colleagues, friends and families, to support these two wonderful causes. Thank you so much for your kindness, encouragement and support.

Thank you to anyone who has donated and for anyone who still wishes to do so, just use the QR Code on the right to reach the idonate page.

Conor, Rob, Sarah, Ryan & Jean







