

# THE BUZZ

NEWSLETTER @ THEINSTITUTE OF EDUCATION DUBLIN

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## WELCOME EVERYONE!

Writing a new chapter in our lives brings a mix of excitement and anxiety and a new school year is no different. We scribble plans, sketch out places and characters as we try to spark a fulfilling story arc. You have had a few days to find your rooms, learn some routes around the campus and meet your teachers but there is still much that may seem strange to you; twists in the tale that cause you to scrunch paper and chew pencils. For your moments of uncertainty, we are here for you. When you need some sense of direction, we are here for you. When you need to know that someone has your best interests at heart, we are here for you. Talk to us and soon you will find yourself confidently embarking on your own tale.

This is the first of many Buzzes for the year and each installment will give news, opportunities, and advice that will help you feel at home in the school. Make sure you check them regularly and avail of all the great things available to you.

## GUIDANCE

### A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

our new students and a warm welcome back to all our returning students. We Guidance Counsellors are delighted to be back at school and really looking forward to working with you all in the year ahead.

We have a drop-in clinic from 8.30-9.30am every morning for short queries with no appointment necessary. For longer consultations, please book an appointment on the Guidance noticeboard outside 2.6a.

We hope you're all settling in well but if anyone is experiencing any difficulties please pop in to see us; we are here to help. We will be starting a weekly webinar next week so make sure to look at next week's issue of The Buzz for further details.



### 6TH YEARS

**Margaret** (Mon, Tues) and **Ingrid** (Wed, Thurs, Fri) will be working with 6th years in room 2.6a, and are keen for any students who are planning on applying to UCAS for the **October 15th deadline** (any course in Oxford or Cambridge as well as medicine, veterinary science, dentistry at any university) to make an appointment as soon as possible, as this application process is rigorous and time consuming. Most of you already know, but some newcomers or latecomers may not, that if you are applying to study medicine, dentistry or veterinary in the UK you need to take an aptitude test (UCAT for most Universities/BMAT for some). It is important to register for the appropriate test as soon as possible. Further information about the tests is on the Guidance notice board.

### 5TH YEARS

**Aoife** will be working primarily with 5th years in room 2.5a and is keen for any student who may be unsure of their subject choices in regards to their future plans to pop in to speak to her.

### 4TH YEARS

**Lorraine** is the dedicated Guidance Counsellor for 4th years and is available Monday and Wednesday in room 3.6a. **Both Aoife and Lorraine are happy to see 6th years too.**

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

If you would like to take part in any competitions like BT Young Scientist or Sci-Fest, please register your interest by emailing [dconnolly@instituteofeducation.ie](mailto:dconnolly@instituteofeducation.ie). Whether you have your own idea for research or just want to work with others on exciting projects, make sure you contact us.

## BRIDGE

The classroom for after-school Bridge on Wednesdays has changed to G-4. You don't need to be a seasoned veteran to call in. No matter your experience level, come along and try it out.

## CHESS

The start of the Chess club has been delayed. Keep an eye on the Buzz and noticeboards for details of when it will return.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

With inter-school conferences unlikely this year, we hope to run small committee sessions with the Institute. If you would like to take part, email [dconnolly@instituteofeducation.ie](mailto:dconnolly@instituteofeducation.ie). There will be roles for experienced MUNers or just curious newcomers. All are welcome. There will be introductory meetings soon so keep an eye on the Buzz and your messages.

## CODING

The first 6-week session of Coding is full but there are still places on the second session. Email [dconnolly@instituteofeducation.ie](mailto:dconnolly@instituteofeducation.ie) to secure your place.



## MASTERCLASS

Irish teacher Michael Casey will be holding a number of masterclasses available both in-person and online. These will take place at 5pm in Room 3-7 on the following dates:

**14th September / 12th October / 16th October (Higher level students only)**



# Welcome

**BACK TO SCHOOL!**  
**20% OFF**

with valid  
Student ID



## STUDENT DEALS

Any sandwich, can of soft drink, potato crisps - €8.00

Any soup/coffee & sandwich, can of soft drink,  
potato crisps - €10.00

Hot drinks & selection of muffins/pastries - €4.00

Selection of hot drinks: Tea, Americano, Cappuccino,  
Latte, Flat White - €2.00

Mocha, Iced Coffee, Chai Latte, Hot chocolate  
(with all toppings - cream, marshmallows) - €2.50

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5 small sausage rolls - €2.50

Any medium coffee with pastry - €3.50

Soup of the day with sandwich - €6.00

Chicken Fajita wrap with River Rock  
Water & Manhattan Popcorn - €5.00

Spice Box with can of Coke - €6.50

Chicken Fillet Roll with River Rock  
Water & Tayto crisps - €5.00

