

THE BUZZ

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



November is rarely an 'exciting' month. The giddy cocktail of emotions that make up the start of a new school year has subsided as outside the trees lose their verdant lustre. The plastic pumpkins have been put away; their places not yet taken by the festive flourishes of Christmas break. It can feel like a month wedged in between long pondered events and we can feel equally stuck when it comes to motivation.

In his ode to the season, "To Autumn", poet John Keats calls this a time of "mists and mellow fruitfulness". Keats reminds us that this is not a time without bounty, without things to relish and savour. Your timetable is not new but provides stability and a consistent opportunity to build on what came before. Each class is an addition that makes us richer, ripening the term into something more rewarding.

So keep steady in your work, knowing that even if the trees are bare, much is still blooming. As the gales blow our competence takes root and as the days shorten our confidence grows. The fruit of the season is mellow, not flashy, but no less sweet and nourishing.

RE-IMAGINING THE YEARBOOK



MAKE YOUR MARK!



Normally at the end of every year, we publish a yearbook. This year, to reflect the dynamic and vibrant life of our school in motion, we are creating two publications. So, with a rethink of the format we should also rethink the name. We are asking you, our brilliant students, to submit suggestions for the new name. **This is your opportunity to make a mark on the school that will continue for years (and also look great on a reference!)**

Additionally, we would love to hear about your achievements and time in the school. Have you been working towards a particular goal, both in class and out? Found the masterclasses useful? Taken part in any of the extra-curricular activities?

Send your name suggestions, achievements and personal stories to contributions@instituteofeducation.ie

STUDY SKILLS LECTURES



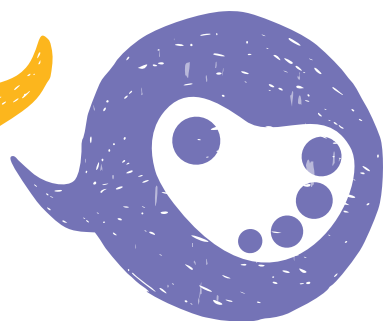
Orla Ni Shuilleabhain will be delivering her brilliant Study Skills lectures this week & for the rest of the month.

They will be on Tuesdays in room 3-7 at 16:00 on the 10th, 17th & 24th of November.

They are available to all students, in person & are also streamed online.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to 6th Year's Rachel Chen on winning a Special Merit Award in the 66th Texaco Art Competition with her portrait "The Boy in Blue" (far right).

Rachel's fantastic talent has also won her awards in the Mental Health Ireland Art & Photography Competition 2019/20 and the Zurich Young Portrait Prize. It is wonderful to have such a talented artist as part of our school and we are certain that this is only the beginning of Rachel's artistic success.



GUIDANCE

CAO

Margaret's CAO session is today at 11.30 in room 2-3. Recordings are available of all sessions on Moodle.

Well done to everyone who has opened their CAO account already. 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. As always the guidance counsellors are happy to answer any queries you may have.



OPEN DAYS

We're delighted that so many of you attended the Trinity College Virtual Open Day and found it so helpful. Don't forget, UCD's Open Day is Saturday the 14th of November. Remember you must register. (ucdopenday.vfairs.com/en/registration)

We recommend that all year groups attend Open Days; they're both enjoyable and informative.

REMINDER!

MAKE SURE YOU SIGN-IN TO EVERY CLASS USING THE NEW ATTENDANCE APP.

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- ➔ Click on OpenID connect
- ➔ Login
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- ➔ Click on My Email
- ➔ Check in your Inbox
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Save the link to your home screen!

