

# THE BUZZ

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90<sup>th</sup>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR KEARNS!

The rich history of The Institute of Education began when the founder, Raymond Kearns, was born in Co. Roscommon in 1930 and this week marks his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was a bright student and earned a scholarship to the local boarding school, St. Nathy's College. However, life there didn't sit well with him and at the age of 15, he left and sought employment with CIE as a clerk. He studied for his Leaving Certificate exam in his spare time. His focus was on earning a place in University College Dublin, where he subsequently gained a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Always a high achiever, Raymond then won a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh, known as 'The Cathedral of Learning', where he completed his Master's degree and studied the so-called 'New Mathematics'. When he returned to Ireland in 1961, he discovered his knowledge of the New Mathematics and its teaching practices were in great demand. He took the post of Senior Mathematics Master at the prestigious Gonzaga College at Ranelagh in Dublin, and at the same time, he advised the Department of Education on the New Mathematics curriculum.

While at Gonzaga, he gave private Maths tuition to students and quickly saw the potential to develop these classes into a school. The idea of The Institute of Education was born. The Maths classes offered at the newly-established Institute of Education were so successful that a site was soon rented on Leeson Street in Dublin and the classes available were extended to include the full range of Leaving Certificate subjects. The focus of the Institute was always on excellence and supporting students to aim for their highest achievable examination results.

As founder, Raymond Kearns' beliefs have been instilled into The Institute of Education, and today, with a new generation of the Kearns family now directing the school, the Institute continues to grow and foster educational innovation in many ways. Flexible learning solutions combined with the original values of hard work, determination and honesty, create an atmosphere that equips students with the skills they need to maximise their potential and be the very best that they can be.

From everyone here at the school we wish a hearty happy birthday to Mr. Kearns!

## 10 WEEK HPAT COURSE DETAILS

It is online

It will not be recorded

It is free for our full-time students

It is for full-time 6<sup>th</sup> year students only

Register for your preferred day in the 6<sup>th</sup> year office

Attend either Thursdays OR Fridays at 18:30

Starts Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of November

You must attend on the day you have registered for

HPAT



# GUIDANCE

**WELL DONE!**



Hi Students, the guidance counsellors are so impressed and delighted with your amazing engagement in the Open Days, CAO talks and weekly webinars – well done!

## STUDYING IN THE NETHERLANDS – ALL YEARS

A group of Dutch universities are taking part in a live webinar on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November. These events (which previously have been off-line events) have proven important for students (and their families) who need information and reassurance as to whether to study - through English - in the Netherlands. This event might help you decide whether you want to join over 1200 Irish students already studying in the Netherlands. Register at [Eunicas.ie](http://Eunicas.ie)

## VETERINARY MEDICINE - 5TH & 6TH YEARS

UCD have announced a change to their animal handling requirements. As applicants may experience difficulties securing placements due to the current Covid restrictions, the practical experience requirement for 2021 and 2022 has been reduced to 15 hours and 1 animal species. It is expected that the requirement will revert to 60 hours in 2023.

*Have a great week everyone*

# OPEN DAYS

We are delighted to hear that so many of you are attending Virtual Open Days and finding them enjoyable and useful. Many students who attended the Open Days last year, have said they find the Virtual Open Days even more informative. If you have missed out on them, much of the information is still available online. However, we recommend you attend them live, as this gives you the opportunity to ask questions and interact with faculty members and students.

This weekend, the big one is DCU, it is 2 days Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. As always, registration is necessary. [www.dcu.ie/studentrecruitment/virtual-dcu-open-days](http://www.dcu.ie/studentrecruitment/virtual-dcu-open-days)

Other HEIs having Open Days / Evenings this week are NUIG Science & Engineering, BIMM, DKIT, LYIT, WIT, IT Sligo. See college websites for details and to register.

## CAO – 6TH YEARS

Back by popular demand! Margaret is giving another CAO Talk, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 in Room 2-3. Please feel free to bring your lunch with you.

# AROUND THE SCHOOL



**CONGRATULATIONS** to 6<sup>th</sup> Year student Roisin Treacy on being offered an Academic and Athletic scholarship to Adams State University in Colorado. Previously Roisin recorded several wins including the 1,500m competition at the All Ireland Juvenile Indoor Championship and the outdoor 1500m Steeplechase at the Schools All Ireland.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ailsa Larson, Megan Haughton Martinez, Priya Rait and Ava Liddy on winning their debates and progressing to the next round in the Leinster Schools competition.

**GOOD LUCK** to Katie Keogh, Maebh Foley, Toto Daly, Joseph Villalonga Corr, Nicole Reid and Asha Rait in their upcoming debate on the motion "This House would introduce a mandatory 'gap year' after finishing school."

# STAND UP AWARENESS WEEK

You may have noticed the rainbow flag, in the school this morning, to mark Stand Up Awareness Week. It is run by BeLonG To, the national organisation supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI+) young people in Ireland.

The Institute of Education is very proud of the diversity of our students; we have students of different nationalities, ethnicities, faiths, sexualities and gender identities. Each of you is unique, each of you is important, each of you belongs. We, as a school community, value your individuality and hope you all feel welcome, safe and happy to be your authentic selves at school. If anyone needs support, please don't hesitate to pop in to see a Guidance Counsellor; we are here for you.

