

# THE BUZZ

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



The Christmas assessments are behind us, the holidays are perched on the horizon and everyone is feeling the need for a break. While you may not feel at your most vibrant right now, I hope you feel proud of what you have achieved thus far.

I know I am extraordinarily proud to be the principal of a school, filled with so many exceptional young people. The return to school brought new challenges and you have risen to them with diligence, determination and care - at every opportunity. For that alone, you should feel proud. You have filled study halls late into the evenings and ensured you did your best in the exams, for that you should also feel proud. While both the academic and the pandemic aspects of the year shaped so much of your lives - you still found the time to laugh, find friends and personalize your experiences in the school. Again, something to take pride in.

This time of the year can mean different things to different people, but I am asking you all to share in one festive feat: rest. Use this time as a moment of pause, a moment of stillness where you can catch your breath and recoup your strength. Relish this moment of miniature hibernation and we will see you in the New Year. Rested, restored and ready for 2021.



## CONGRATULATIONS

To our 4<sup>th</sup> years, on their Christmas present Appeal. They collected and wrapped, wonderful gifts for children in Direct Provision Centres.



## HPAT UPDATE

HPAT registration has been delayed as the HPAT Ireland office are currently planning alternatives to face to face testing. More information will be released to candidates shortly. We will keep you informed in The Buzz. In the meantime, make sure you've opened your CAO account as a CAO number is necessary for HPAT application.

## CAO

Students applying to CAO should open their account before the discounted application fee expires on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Opening a CAO account is a very straight forward process. Remember, you can edit the courses as many times as you wish - so no need to put it off because you haven't finalised your decision.

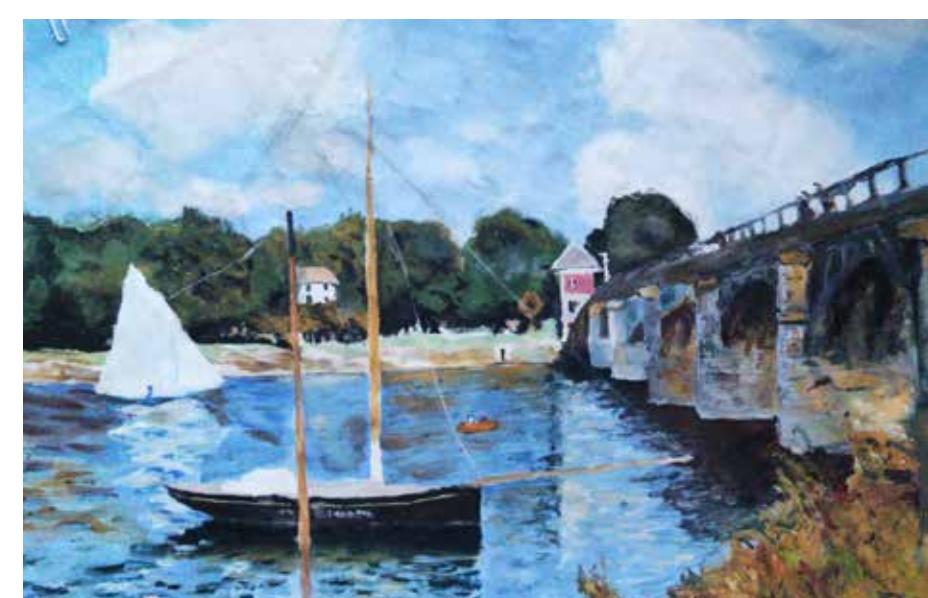
# CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Arthur Russell and Steven Whitehead in 6<sup>th</sup> year. Steven ran the Dublin Marathon, and Arthur ran the Venice Marathon.

This was Steven's second marathon. Arthur has completed over 50 marathons in total and is pictured holding his 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive medal for completing the Venice Marathon.



Well done Trina Yu, 6<sup>th</sup> year - on her Commendation for her Artwork in the Texaco Art Competition.



## GUIDANCE

**WELL DONE STUDENTS,**



You've made it to the last week of 2020! What a year it's been; we'll never forget it, that's for sure! There have been obvious ups and downs, but you students have showed such determination, resilience, courage and kindness. We're very proud of how you've coped with the challenges. Make sure to take some well-deserved time off over the holidays. It's so important to catch up on your sleep, rest, recharge your batteries and most importantly, to enjoy yourselves. Laughter truly is the best medicine so take time to connect and have fun with friends and family. We wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

## COURSE RESEARCH

The holidays are an ideal time to do some course research. We have uploaded some clear and concise instructions on Moodle, as well as a template for recording your research. Spending time with friends and family is an ideal opportunity to do some informal course research too, so make sure to take the opportunity to find out as much as you can about further educational routes and careers paths.

## OPEN DAYS & HEAR

Open days resume in the first week of January, as always register in advance on the individual college website. For anyone applying for HEAR (higher education access route) or DARE (disability access route to education) there is an excellent event on the 9th Jan.

### January Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

RCSI Virtual Open Day, 10am – 2pm  
Dublin Business School 5 – 6.30 pm

### January Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

DARE & HEAR Applications Information Day  
Register at [Accesscollege.ie](http://Accesscollege.ie)

## UCAS REMINDER

By now anyone applying to UCAS for the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline should have their application well under way. You should have asked your referee for a reference, gathered your predicted grades, written your personal statement, had it approved by a Guidance counsellor and opened your UCAS account. If you have not completed these steps please give it your urgent attention. If you need any assistance from a Guidance counsellor, please make an appointment or drop in any morning from 8.30 - 9.30am.

