

THE BUZZ

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WELL DONE EVE

Well done on a great interview Eve and for being the youngest competitor with the seniors! Eve McMahon is a 5th year student currently in Lanzarote helping the Irish Radial Olympics Team prepare for the Olympics and attending her classes virtually. You can see the full interview by going to: <https://youtu.be/V-Wp4Od37Qc>



PHILOSOPHY

Every philosophy group is different. As a discipline based in activity rather than recitation, each group moulds discussion to its own concerns and interests. There is something joyous in asking a group "so what's on our minds today" - then seeing a wild and wonderful array of topics being offered forth. It feels vital, tangible, potent.

This week we will continue our delve into the student suggested topic of "Simulation Theory", the conjecture that we all live in a computer simulation. As online learners and teachers it can feel like so much of us dwell within our machines, but this conjecture goes so far as to reshape our understanding of the world.

The power of doing philosophy is that it allows us to assess ideas beyond their position as popular fads or intuitive absurdities. It is peering into the very engineering of ideas and appraising the solders on our sensibility.

Philosophy:

Mondays 15:30



DEBATING

Life is full of contrasts; hots and colds, pros and cons, ups and downs. Few contrasts are as frustrating as the contrast between the imagined arguments we have alone in the shower and when we actually have to say them out loud, to real people, who can see and hear us. The sagacious colossus of quick-witted comebacks can seem conspicuously absent when asked to deliver such retorts. For those who want, in real life, to be the brilliant behemoth they envisage - debating offers a chance to let the outward catch-up to the inward.

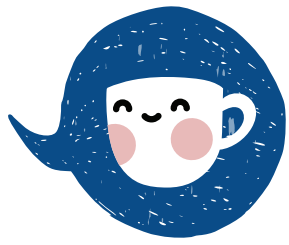
Currently in class we are practicing mace debates; a form of debating where there is only 15 minutes to prepare. For some the adrenaline is the appeal but for others the real virtue lies in the lack of time to panic (or jump in the shower for a quick oratorical dry run - pardon the pun).

The debating group is a friendly environment for those looking to try it out. We hope to run a competition within the school after midterm. If you would like to secure your place as the Seneca of the school, the Alcibiades of after-school activities or just the you that you practiced while alone - call in, you are always welcome.

Debating: Fridays 15:30

GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS,



We hope you're all doing ok. This lockdown and distance learning is not without its challenges and many of us are finding it tough. The Guidance Department will be running some tutorials and talks over the coming weeks with some top tips for looking after yourself in lockdown, make sure to attend.

6TH YEARS

Well done to all the students who applied for UCAS last week; the application process is time consuming and we wish you every success with your applications. Well done also to all of you who got your CAO applications submitted before today's deadline. Remember the CAO portal will reopen in May with their free change of mind facility. So if you're still feeling unsure about what courses you applied for, or what order your choices are in, you can amend your application.

TALKS & TUTORIALS



Lockdown learning is affecting everyone in a multitude of ways - you do not have to face these challenges alone. The February Calendar has extra talks and tutorials for you, from the guidance team and teachers. They are listed here on the right and are marked on your monthly calendar also, as a reminder - so you don't miss out! **We have created a Well Being Course on Moodle which will have all the links.**

SUPPORT



WEBINARS



Last week's webinar on Nursing was very well attended; thank you to the attendees for your fantastic questions and engagement. Next week's webinar is on Maths & Theoretical Physics, as always Wed at 16:00.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

To University - PLC (post leaving cert) courses are offered in some schools, colleges and community education centres. A great thing about PLC courses is that as well as offering a recognised qualification in their own right, they can also offer an alternative route to Higher Level Education - a stepping stone, so to speak. All PLCs are currently open for applications. Applications are made directly to each individual college. A few have Open Days in the next week including Ballsbridge College of Further Education, Greenhills College and Crumlin College of Further Education - check individual websites for details.



Monday 1st Feb

Study Skills Talk:
Orla Ní Shúilleabháin,
16:30 (for all years)

Thursday 4th Feb

Guidance Tutorial: 'Looking after myself in Lockdown'
Margaret Keating, 14:30 (for 6th years)

Monday 8th Feb

Guidance Tutorial: 'Looking after myself in Lockdown'
Margaret Keating, 13:30 (for 6th years)

Monday 8th Feb

Guidance Talk: 'Looking after yourself in lockdown'
with Aoife McArdle & Lorraine Ryan
16:30 (all years)

Wednesday 10th Feb

Talk: 'Staying positive & focused during lockdown',
Richard Hogan, 15:30 (for all years)