

THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Róisín Tully for her involvement in Sing Ireland's Irish Youth Training Choir. The choir recently performed at the 30th Anniversary of the annual Business to Arts Awards at the National Concert Hall. Conducted by Patrick Barrett the choir featured young singers from across the Island of Ireland. The Irish Youth Choir (IYC) is the only dedicated national youth choir that offers training opportunities for conductors and singers from all over Ireland. Set up as a choir in 1982, IYC now consists of three choirs; the Irish Youth Choir (18–28), the Irish Youth Chamber Choir and the Irish Youth Training Choir (14–17) all overseen by Sing Ireland.



BEST OF LUCK

This week we would like to say "Best of luck" to the three teams taking part in the Leinster Schools Debates this Tuesday, to 5th years Sadhbh Kenny and Sophie Pemberton who are taking part in the Leinster Senior's Golf tournament this Wednesday, to all our students competing in the Mace Debates this Saturday and to those taking part in MUN in Terenure this weekend. Good luck everyone!



4TH YEAR BARISTA



The 4th years have been having great fun whilst learning a very useful skill in Barista training with Dublin Barista School. This Friday is the final Barista training for the year - well done to everyone who took part and thank you for the delicious coffees!



THE ECONOMISTS' CORNER

by Junjia Li, 6th Year



Title: Cost-Of-Living Budget 2023

The long-awaited Budget 2023 was announced last Tuesday. It aims to prepare for unforeseen risks and challenges that were caused by Brexit, COVID and Russia-Ukraine War. To ease the pressure of the rising cost of living, the Government announced a €4.1 billion package and €6.9 billion for core budget measures. The energy credit of €600 will be paid to all households in three instalments. Businesses will also be supported in paying their energy bills, up to €10,000 per month. To improve housing affordability, the Government extends the Help-to-Buy until the end of 2024 and also introduces a Vacant Homes Tax to maximise the existing housing stock to meet demand. The Budget attempts to build automatic stabilisers to cushion the shocks, it will ensure that we have abundant reserves that can keep the Irish economy in good shape.



GUIDANCE

HELLO STUDENTS,

If you have any difficulty getting an appointment at a time you're free, remember that there is a drop in clinic every morning from 8.30-9.30 with no appointment necessary.



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The October deadline fast approaches and by now the final few 6th years applying to Oxford & Cambridge, as well as Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry have registered for and sat admissions tests, filled out their reference forms, fine tuned their personal statements and are ready to press submit. Well done! A reminder that the deadline to submit to the centre is Monday 10th October, although earlier is preferred. Don't forget that we have tutorials every Monday in the project room in 2-7.



WEEKLY WEBINAR

Thank you to everyone who tuned in to watch the Personal Statement Webinar with Roxanna Harrop last week. A special thanks for your brilliant questions and your fantastic feedback, it was great to see students so engaged. This week we'll hear from Ulster University and Queens University Belfast. Did you know that many Allied Healthcare courses in Northern Ireland such as Dietetics, Nursing and Paramedic Studies have free fees for ROI applicants? Make sure to tune in to find out more about these and other courses on offer in Northern Ireland.

CAO

PARENTS – SAVE THE DATE

In advance of CAO opening on November 4th we will be joined by Dr. John McGinnity, Assistant Registrar and Admissions officer from Maynooth University for a virtual information evening on Tuesday, October 28th at 7.30pm. There is nothing John doesn't know about the CAO process so don't miss this excellent event.



PARENTS WELCOME

Did you know that students are welcome to bring their parents/guardian to attend their guidance appointment.



OPEN DAYS

The Guidance Department strongly encourages students and parents to attend Virtual Open Days. Open Days are an invaluable tool for researching prospective courses and to really get a feel for the wide selection of universities and courses available. With over 1800 courses available to choose from on the CAO, we cannot overestimate the importance of thorough course research! This Saturday, 8th October, there are Open Days at University of Galway (former NUIG), UCC and University of Ulster (Belfast Campus).

Dublin Open Days

November 5th - Trinity College

November 12th - UCD & TUDublin (Grangegorman Campus)

November 19th - DCU, IADT

November 26th - Maynooth University

Have a great week!



MASTERCLASSES



This Monday, Oct 3rd, we have a Masterclass in Maths with Aidan Roantree. **It is for 6th years** and will be **live online** at 6:30. The topic is Functions.



A pre-recorded Masterclass by Ronan Murdock, on the Economics Project, will be available from today. **It is for 6th years** and will be available on your Moodle.



This Thursday, Oct 6th, we have a Masterclass in Biology with Wesley Hammond. **It is for 5th and 6th years** and will be **live online** at 6:00.