

# THE BUZZ

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Well done to 5<sup>th</sup> Year student Alice Lenehan who travelled to South Africa with the Niall Mellon Education programme on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. Mellon Educate is an Irish-based African development charity founded by developer and philanthropist Niall Mellon. Since 2002 the charity, thanks to the enormous collective effort of some 25,000 volunteers, has built houses for 125,000 homeless people in Africa's poorest townships.

Alice held a Stationery Appeal in the school to bring much needed supplies to students in Africa and is pictured above with some of the items that her fellow students in The Institute donated. Thank you to everyone who generously donated to this very worthy cause.



## EXTRACURRICULARS

Civil Discourse lunch club will not be on for the next two weeks due to the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years exam period.



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Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> year Ella McCourt who is the u18 Leinster Champion after competing in the Leinster Championships last weekend! She has qualified again for the CLRG World Championships in Montreal next year.



## MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

Well done to the 40 students who took part in the first round of the Maths Olympiad – we are delighted such a great number took part. Those who do well qualify to train in Mathematics at various universities. They will gradually be whittled down to six: the top six students in Ireland will then travel in March 2023 to Japan to represent Ireland in the international Maths Olympiad 2023. It is an annual event.

The first round contained six very tricky questions. Here are the top results: Victor Golub (6), Jiayi Ma (5), Maxim Panov (4) and Eric I-Kai Huang (3). Congratulations to Victor Golub who was the only student to get 6 out of 6 in the test. He is still only in 4<sup>th</sup> year – so he has three years to try to get on the Irish Maths Olympiad Team.

## GUIDANCE

### HELLO STUDENTS,

Well done 6<sup>th</sup> years on finishing your assessments and best of luck to the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> years with your assessments this week.



### HPAT

The HPAT test window has been confirmed for 17<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and is open for registration. You will need a CAO number to register. <https://hpat-ireland.acer.org/>

HPAT

### UCAS

Please note that The Institute buzzword will expire on Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any student who is applying to UCAS for the January deadline should sign up and link their application Institute of Education using the buzzword before Wednesday at 5pm. Aoife will be available in the project room at lunchtime to help anyone link their application on Wednesday.

UCAS

### OPEN DAYS

This Friday and Saturday Maynooth University will hold their annual Open Day at their beautiful campus. With many new courses and only 30 minutes train journey from Dublin city centre, it's definitely worth considering.



### UCD OPEN EVENINGS

Social Science: 27 students from The Institute of Education class of 2022 are studying Social Sciences at UCD. Students and their parents / guardians can find out more about the four degree programmes at their Open Evening, tomorrow Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 5:30pm-7:30pm in Sutherland School of Law, UCD. The four programmes are (DN700 Social Sciences, DN7520 BSc Psychology, DN710 BSc Economics, DN750 BSocSc Social Policy and Sociology).



UCD Arts & Humanities Open Evening is taking place in the UCD Newman Building, Belfield on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

## WEDNESDAY WEEKLY WEBINAR

The recording of last week's excellent webinar on Architecture is on Moodle. This week's webinar will be on Art and Design. As always, Wednesday at 4pm, link on Moodle.

### DARE

Applying for DARE? Make sure to see Helen in office 2-6A. Feel free to Email [hcasey@instituteofeducation.ie](mailto:hcasey@instituteofeducation.ie)

*Have a great week Aoife & Helen*

## MASTERCLASSES



This Monday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, we have a Masterclass in Irish with Michael Casey. **It is for 6<sup>th</sup> years** and will be **live online** at 5:30.



This Wednesday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have a Masterclass in Geography with Breege Henry. **It is for 6<sup>th</sup> years** and will be **live online** at 6:00.



This Thursday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, we have a Masterclass in Biology with Wesley Hammond. **It is for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> years** and will be **live online** at 6:00.

## THE ECONOMISTS' CORNER

*by Junjia Li, 6<sup>th</sup> Year*

### Title: Winter is coming

2022 can be described as a year of "troublesome disasters" for Ireland. Ireland is facing various challenges: the cost-of-living crisis, soaring energy costs, many employees were laid off and deteriorating climate. In this regard, a number of officials has said Ireland is likely to experience an economic downturn next year. Last Tuesday, Public Expenditure Minister Michael McGrath has said: "Recession in Ireland in 2023 cannot be ruled out, the level of growth forecasted for next year is just over 1%." Irish enterprises have been severely affected, rising energy costs and administrative expenses are the biggest concerns. Among them, the secondary sector has been particularly devastated. More than 20% of businesses said they were cutting spending.