

THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to 5th year student Kate Lynch who was presented with an award at Newsbrands Ireland Journalism Awards in the Mansion House Dublin on the 17th of November 2022. It was a very exciting opportunity and Kate met a lot of people in the industry and got some really valuable advice.

Kate is pictured above with Ireland's award winning journalists of 2022, including the Journalist of the Year 2022, Daniel McConnell from the Irish Examiner.

Kate was invited to the event as she won Young Journalist of the Year 2022 in 4th year, which was awarded by Press Pass Transition Year News Literacy and Student Journalism Programme. Press Pass is an initiative from NewsBrands Ireland. Well done Kate! We look forward to seeing where your passion for journalism and incredible writing skills take you in the future.

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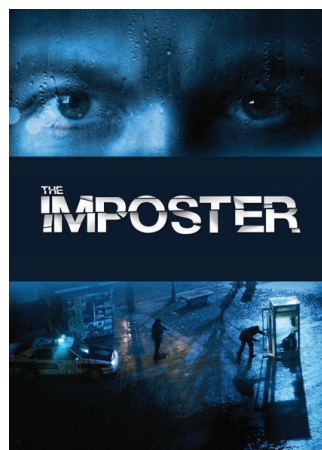
Congratulations to 6th year Senan Noonan who is part of the St Vincent's Waterpolo club. They recently took part in the National U19 Waterpolo Cup Tournament in the University of Limerick.

The boys were incredible, they got through group stages to a nail biting semifinals - which they won on penalties. They knocked a very strong and physical Northern team out of the semifinals and went on to claim a silver medal in the final. Well done!



EXTRACURRICULARS

A reminder that Film Studies is on every Tuesday and this week's film is *Baby Driver* (3:30 / LG-2). Film Club is on every Thursday and this week we will be watching *The Imposter* (11:30 / LG-3).





GUIDANCE



HELLO STUDENTS,

The guidance counsellors are so impressed with your engagement with college Open Days, college applications and weekly webinars – well done!

CAO - 6TH YEARS

Now that your Christmas exams are done, make sure to open your CAO accounts. It takes only a few minutes and you can change your preferences as much as you like free of charge.

UCAS

LAW

The UCD Law Open Evening will take place from 5.30pm to 8.00pm on Tuesday the 29th of November in the UCD Sutherland School of Law. The evening will cover talks and information relating to DN600 Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL), DN610 Bachelor of Business and Law (BBL) and DN620 the new BSc Criminology with Psychology degree. The evening will include: Lecturers & student presentations and there will be tours conducted of the UCD Sutherland School of Law throughout the evening.

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WEBINARS



Tuesday: Trinity College Dublin and Columbia University Dual BA Program: The Dual BA Program between Trinity College Dublin and Columbia University in New York offers students an international educational experience. Students spend the first two years at TCD followed by two years at CU and graduate with a degree from each university. Find out more at our webinar tomorrow, Tuesday 29th at 3.30 with Lindsey Siferd, Assistant Director of Admissions.

Wednesday: Our Weekly Wednesday Webinar will be on the subject of Law this week – not to be missed! As always, 4pm on Wednesday, link on Moodle.

Have a great week, and as always if there's anything we can help you with drop in any morning from 8.30-9.30 or book in for an appointment.



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Congratulations to Naomh Mearnog who are County Champions after winning the Dublin U17 County Football Championship Final against St Peter's on Sunday the 20th of November. Well done to all our 5th years who played in the final - pictured above (left to right): Emmet Fields (right half back), Ross O'Boyle, (right half forward), Archie Duncan (team captain, full back) Dylan Cronin (corner forward), James Wall (corner forward).



THE ECONOMISTS' CORNER

by Junjia Li, 6th Year

COP27: A historic milestone

On the 20th November, COP27 have held a summit in Egypt. In a historic decision, it has concluded to establish a Loss and Damage fund, to help poor countries being battered by climate disasters. Above all, we cannot ignore the size of the bill. A report commissioned by the UN calculates that poor countries will need \$2.4trn annually by 2030 to tackle global warming. Around half can be raised domestically, leaving an annual shortfall of more than \$1trn. (The Economist)

Who then should pay? A plan was proposed to encourage firms from rich countries to shut polluting factories in poor countries, they would receive credits to declare themselves as "carbon neutral". However, this capital-intensive industry means that investors demand much greater returns in the developing world, because they consider them so dangerous. A better proposal is to use public money to reduce risk premium of projects funded largely by private capital. These focused coalitions provide certainty for investors and so make borrowing cheaper.



THE CLIMATE CRISIS

By Sumyuktha Yuvaraj, Zainab Rahim
and Mohana Kuruguntla

Image below was generated from a question in our survey asking what people think about when they hear the words climate change



With COP 27 taking place this month in Egypt, world leaders, UN officials, and NGOs are addressing climate change and discussing actions to take in order to tackle this crisis. As we begin to see more adverse effects of climate change around the world, the three of us wanted to learn more about what we could do to stop this plight. Fortunately, UNICEF have been organising activism courses for 4th year students and we were able to attend one regarding the climate crisis. As an agency of the UN, they are responsible for providing aid to children worldwide and climate change is a big concern of theirs.

Our time at the UNICEF workshop informed us about the severity of the climate crisis, and how it has a disproportionate impact on individuals worldwide. There were many inspirational videos which sparked many discussions about what we can do about this crisis at an individual level as well as collectively. An exercise about the privilege of people living in more economically developed countries stood out to us as well. This was due to its simple way of showing how women and

children are extremely vulnerable after natural disasters in developing countries. We also learned about the timeline of this issue and factors that greatly affect it.

In terms of battlefields in the war against climate change, the Conference of the Parties (COP) is one of the biggest in the world. Held by the UNFCCC, they have made some progress in fighting the environmental destruction we face. The most recent COP 27 meeting was held in Egypt from 6–20th November, and a number of developments have been made public. The latest agreement involves compensating people who are suffering the most from the climate threat that they have little role in causing. This Loss and Damage Fund will be financed by high-emission countries, private sectors and philanthropists. However, not much was done to actually tackle the main culprit for emissions, fossil fuels, despite around 80 countries wanting to “phase down” on these energy sources. In conclusion, while not many actions were taken, there seems to be a change in direction to the way leaders of the world deal with this issue.

We wanted to know what students think about the crisis, so we conducted a survey consisting of eight questions and asked several of you to partake in it. The questions ranged from your concerns regarding the climate threat to whether you have set any goals to be more sustainable. According to the survey, the majority were well informed and most were concerned about this major issue. Less than half of the participants were taking/planning to take action on this matter in their lives. The majority agreed that countries need to take action, such as increasing their renewables and having stricter regulations for corporations. This could be because climate change doesn't affect us greatly on an individual level as the majority (31.25%) believed that, on a 1-10 scale, this issue affects them around 3-4. The responses received allowed us to obtain insights into the minds of students relating to the plight all of us are facing.

While we wait for high emission countries and Multinational Corporations to prioritise Planet Earth, what can we do to help? For starters, small lifestyle changes, like the lightbulbs you use will count in the long run. Other things you can do are: wear each article of clothing you own until you no longer can, and either donate or upcycle them when you have no need for them. Travelling by public transport more and reduce your meat and dairy consumption. These may sound insignificant to you, but it is vital to remember that everything we do makes a difference!



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