

THE BUZZ

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DEAR STUDENTS,

The big day draws near and all is pleasantly and festively frantic as we prepare to celebrate the mid-winter festival!

It has been a wonderful first term and we would like to take the opportunity to congratulate you all on your efforts thus far. Your dedication to achieving your goals through hard work and diligence is exemplary.

We wish you the very best over the festive season. Enjoy the time off and we will see you back in harness on Thursday, the 5th of January.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Yvonne, Liam and Hugh



WELLBEING



THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Christmas Jumper Day was a huge success. It was great to see you all kitted out in your Christmas gear and it put us all in a festive mood! Well done to everyone who dressed up and also to everyone who donated - **an amazing €2,425** was raised!



GUIDANCE

WELL DONE STUDENTS,

You've made it to the last week of 2022! Make sure to take some well-deserved time off over the holidays. It is 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 2023. **Aoife & Helen**



COLUMBIA / TRINITY DUAL BA

The Dual BA Program between Trinity College Dublin and Columbia University closing date for applications is January 2nd. Applicants must have everything they need from school ready before the Christmas holidays. If there is anything outstanding, please let Aoife know urgently!



RCSI OPEN DAY

RCSI Open Day takes place on Wednesday, 4th January 2023 from 10am-4pm



UCAS REMINDER

A reminder that the final deadline to pay and submit your UCAS application is January 9th 2023. This is to allow the centre (school) time to add references, predicted grades and check applications for errors before we send to UCAS.



Aoife is available for drop in appointments (no need to prebook) to give feedback on personal statements and answer any UCAS related questions this week.

AD ASTRA

Anyone applying for UCD Ad Astra Elite Sports or Performing Arts scholarships should be working in their applications in advance of the 31st of January closing date.



5TH YR ESSAY COMPETITION

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WRITING?

A reminder about our writing competition which is open to all 5th Years.

Competition Details:

- 2,500 words (Maximum 3,000 words)
- You are free to write in any genre (e.g. science-fiction, romance, etc) or on any topic of your choice
- Submission deadline **January 16th 2022**
- Submit your essay to your English teacher
- Excellent prizes

A panel of our English teachers will compile a shortlist of essays which will then be submitted to an external judge. There are excellent prizes for the top three winners who will be announced in The Buzz and also included in the Year Book - Good Luck!



THE ECONOMISTS' CORNER

by Junjia Li, 6th Year

Santa will be broke

The lights dazzled our eyes while the warmth of carol songs sweetened our hearts - another year of Christmas has come. As a boring economist, I want to know whether giving Christmas presents is a waste of resources. Imagine Santa gives you a jumper worth \$100 which you only value at \$30. The welfare loss is \$70 as Santa has spent \$70 more than the jumper is worth to you. The deadweight loss is a sign that the gift-givers are not very good at predicting what gifts the receivers will appreciate.

A survey was conducted by Waldfogel (1993): it estimates averagely in-kind gifts lose 10-33% of their value compared to cash - resulting in welfare losses. So, should Santa start putting bundles of cash inside the socks? The motivation for gift-giving is altruism and love. By giving cash, Santa seems to be impersonal and indifferent, non-monetary gifts show care, as the receiver wants the donor to spend time thinking and searching for an appropriate gift. Sticking to the wish lists can solve the potential deadweight loss problems. However, this might increase the financial pressure if the presents on the wish list are not humble. But who cares? According to the Forbes, Santa ranks no.1 and has infinite wealth, these costs make no difference to him. HOHOHO



Happy Christmas from the Photography Appreciation students!



Tinashe Chiza



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Livia Ferreira Guimaraes Neves



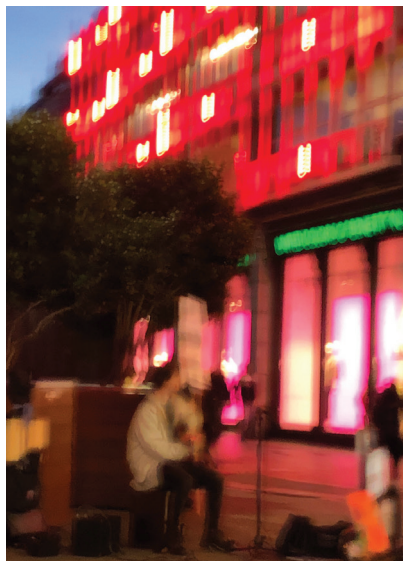
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