

# THE BUZZ

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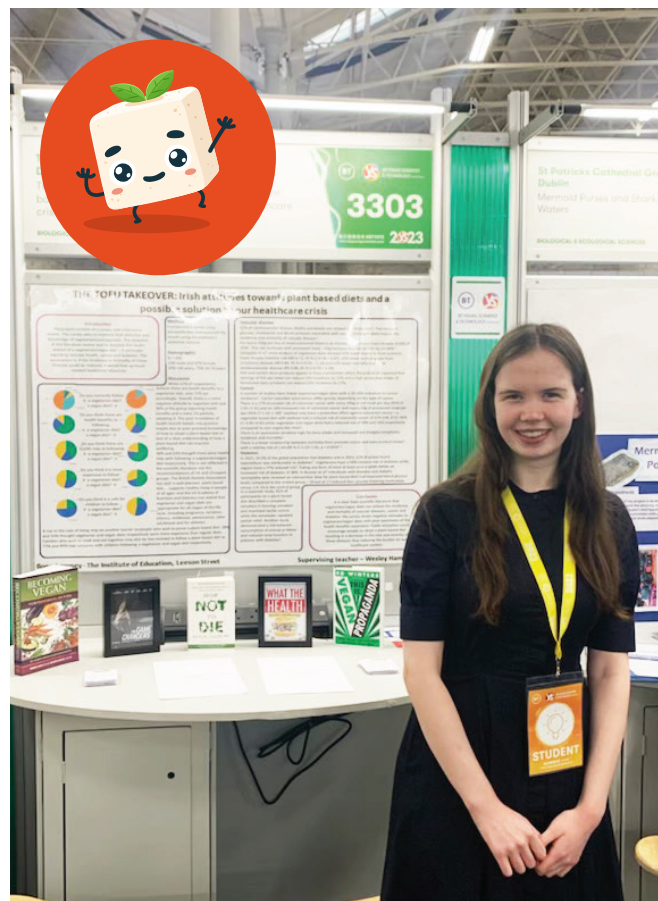
## CHINESE NEW YEAR



Thank you to Yun Wu and all the students who made us all delicious dumplings as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations. Happy New Year!



## YOUNG SCIENTIST 2023



Well done to Ilona Lowney in 5<sup>th</sup> year who recently took part in the Young Scientist Exhibition which took place in the RDS Dublin.

The objective of Ilona's project 'The Tofu Takeover' was to discover the health impact of a vegan/vegetarian diet in particular in regarding vascular health, cancer and diabetes. Ilona also carried out a survey investigating Irish attitudes towards a vegan/vegetarian diet.

The findings showed we have a negative attitude towards and poor awareness of a vegan/vegetarian diet. This is despite the fact that the study found that plant based diets decrease the rate and the severity of the illnesses investigated, which would also reduce the burden on our healthcare system.



## GUIDANCE



### HI STUDENTS,

Hope you're all doing ok. Thankfully January is just about over! As always, if we can support you in any way, please pop in to see us.



### CAO

The February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline fast approaches and it's important to note that:

- 1.) If you are applying for HEAR/DARE you must tick the box on your CAO indicating that you are applying. If you need any support with your HEAR/DARE application, please contact Helen in room 2-6A  
hcasey@instituteofeducation.ie
- 2.) All restricted courses must be on your CAO by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are considering any restricted courses make sure to apply for them. Remember, you can remove them at a later date but you cannot add them.
- 3.) CAO closes at 5.15pm on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Your course selection doesn't have to be perfect or final. The change of mind facility will open in May and amending your choices is very straight forward.
- 4.) Any last minute queries, Aoife will hold a CAO tutorial at lunchtime today Monday 30<sup>th</sup> in the project room in 2-7, or have another look at our CAO webinar on Moodle.



### WEEKLY WEBINAR

Thank you for the excellent questions at last week's webinar on Business, now available on Moodle.

This week our webinar will be on Physiotherapy, and we will be joined by both UCD and RCSI. As always, 4pm on Wednesday, link is on your Moodle.

*Have a great week, Aoife & Helen*



## MASTERCLASSES



This Wednesday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, we have a Geography Masterclass with Breege Henry. **It is for 6<sup>th</sup> years** and will be **live online** at 6:00pm.



This Thursday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have a Masterclass in Maths with Hilary Dorgan, Topic: Integration. **It is for 6<sup>th</sup> years** and will be **live online** at 6:30pm.



This Thursday, Feb 2<sup>nd</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 8:30pm.



## THE ECONOMISTS' CORNER

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

### Is the metaverse adverse?

Imagine one day you could just teleport yourself to meet your friends in a split second. This is no longer a wish; we are heading from one technological singularity (the internet) to the other – virtual reality. The metaverse economy offers huge potential for a wide range of revenue streams, including games, social media and live streaming, which are all closely connected to our daily lives. It could contribute \$3 trillion dollars to the global economy in 2030.

Many are suspicious of buying intangible goods and not physically interacting with people. I would argue that in the virtual world, consumerism is still consumerism. There is a huge demand for it because humans are irrational by nature. We buy things we don't need even in the real world due to self-image or social influence. The psychological factor plays a huge role, as you spend hours with the character, every decision you make is a manifestation of yourself. The metaverse will take this one step further; your virtual character IS you. Shifting to a virtual economy is an inevitable course for humanity. However, I do not think we are quite prepared for it. There are a lot of issues with the metaverse, such as the uncanniness of dehumanisation, environmental damage and addiction. Environmental sustainability and mentality are undeniably the most significant factors to catch up with the rapid advance.