

THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to 4th Year student Nare Paronyan who recently won the Trinity Hist's Girls Mace Debating Competition. The Hist organises competitions to help secondary school students get involved in debating, develop their skills, and meet new people. Well done Nare and we wish you all the best in your future debating endeavors.



5th Year Johanna Casey will be selling skilletts of shamrocks for €5 in school this Thursday the 16th of March. All money raised will be donated to Embrace Badjao. Johanna is also planning to go to the Philippines in June to educate and provide support for the vulnerable community of Badjao. Well done and best of luck on your trip Johanna.



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It is with great pleasure and pride that we can tell you that The Institute of Education won the Leinster Senior Schools Debating Championship last week in UCD. The competition, run as a joint effort between UCD's Literary and Historical Society and Trinity's Hist, is Ireland's largest secondary school debating competition. The competition has run for 40 years and has become an institution in senior cycle debating, drawing hundreds of competitors each year.

Competing as a team, 5th Years Dui-Lan Sun and Roisin McCormack performed superbly taking the team trophy. Meanwhile 6th year Yolanda Zhao's stellar performance earned her the best individual trophy. We congratulate them on their victory which is a result of much practice and superb coaching by David Connolly and Megan O'Driscoll.



GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS,

Have you been to see Aoife or Helen yet? You should make use of your guidance counselling service before the end of term. Sign up for an appointment on the noticeboards outside our offices, 1-6A (Aoife) and 2-6A (Helen) for a time that suits you (lunch/ study). Parents/Guardians are always welcome to come to appointments with you.



EVENTS & OPEN DAYS

Spring Open days are approaching and a fantastic way to get a feel for colleges and universities. While not as big as the Autumn open days, they are nonetheless very worthwhile events if you haven't had a campus visit yet.



WEEKLY WEBINAR

Last week's Education webinar is available to watch back on Moodle. This week, our webinar is all about DN700 – social sciences in UCD. With many options including economics, history, politics, maths and many more, social sciences in UCD is an option well worth considering. As always, Wednesday at 4pm, link on Moodle.



Have a great week, Aoife & Helen



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

There will be a quiz on this week as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge. Questions will focus on Irish, music, and general knowledge. There will be prizes to be won for the winning team. All welcome - individuals will be put into teams, or you can also come with your team.

6th Years / Monday 13th / Come to room L3-2 at 12:30 today.

4th & 5th Years / Tuesday 14th / 1-1 at 11:30

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MASTERCLASSES



This Thursday, March 16th, we have a Masterclass in Maths with Hilary Dorgan, Topic: Sequences & Series. **It is for 6th years** and will be **live online** at 6:30pm.



WELLBEING TALK



This Wednesday, March 15th, we have a Wellbeing Talk with Arnaud Bongrand. The title of this talk is *Reducing Exam Induced Stress*. It is for 6th year students / 2-3 / at 12:30



THE ECONOMISTS' CORNER

by Junjia Li, 6th Year

Refugees & Immigrants: Assets or Burdens?

"Ireland is Full!" anti-immigrant protests were sweeping across the country for the past 2 weeks, rallying around the slogan. With the arrival of more than 70,000 refugees from Ukraine, Ireland is facing immigration-related challenges as the government struggles to manage the influx, causing concern and disruption in local communities. Do refugee immigrants burden Ireland? Empirical evidence suggests that in the short-term, an influx of low-skilled immigrants with similar skills can depress the wages of less-educated natives (Borjas, 2003). However, in the long run, refugees can fill labour market gaps, encourage entrepreneurship, increase consumption, and enhance economic growth. Highly skilled immigrants, in particular, tend to have a positive fiscal impact on host countries. The CSO has shown that 71% of Ukrainian refugees are tertiary educated. Refugee immigrants are not interchangeable with local workers; in fact, they possess language skills and cultural knowledge that can be valuable in boosting productivity and innovation.

Ireland is facing two main challenges in its economy: a shortage of available accommodation and difficulty in integrating refugees into the labour market. However, creating welcoming and inclusive environments for refugees can bring economic advantages and benefit both refugees and the local community.