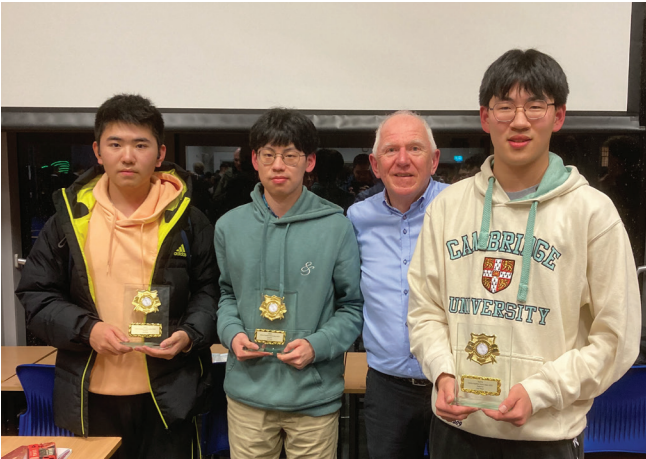


# THE BUZZ

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



A huge congratulations to Heyan Zhang 6<sup>th</sup> Yr, Yibo Zhao 6<sup>th</sup> Yr and Haoran Ni 5<sup>th</sup> Yr who came 2<sup>nd</sup> (after a tie-breaker in 1<sup>st</sup> place!) in the IAMTA Senior Problem-solving Quiz 2023.

Congratulations also to the following two teams, who won prizes for the best 5<sup>th</sup> year teams. Well done to Nini Sui, Barry Qi and Xiang Lian and also to Polly Delaney, Liam Scott and Nare Paronyan. Both 5<sup>th</sup> year teams did exceptionally well.

The night was a huge success with 54 teams from all over Dublin competing in The Institute of Education. Thank You to Oliver Murphy for organising and to everyone who helped out on the night.



## SPARKING JOY



Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> year student Zoe Lu, who is the winner of our annual photo competition 'Sparking Joy - something that made me smile.' Zoe's image will be printed on canvas and added to our Sparking Joy collection on the L Block crossover.

It was very hard to pick a winner this year, we loved seeing everything that brought a spark of joy into your lives. From sunsets to garlic bread, the photos were as lovely as they were diverse. They certainly sparked joy for us and it was hard not to smile at such an amazing collection.

Thank you to everyone who entered, we will be leaving your entries on the noticeboard outside the 1<sup>st</sup> floor office until the end of the year.

## GUIDANCE

### HI STUDENTS

Hope you had a lovely long weekend. Remember to sign up for an appointment if there's anything we can support you with.



### 5TH YEARS

Don't miss the guidance seminar running every day this week at lunchtime in room 2-3 to learn about CAO, 3<sup>rd</sup> level course research, studying abroad, university summer school and more.

5TH

### OPEN DAYS

Many colleges and universities are having Spring Open Days this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, including University of Galway, IADT, TU Dublin (Aungier St. Campus) & NCI – see college websites for details.



### 6TH YEARS

Now that you've gotten many of your mock exam results back – do you need to review your CAO choices? Please make an appointment to see us if we can assist you in any way.

6TH

### WEEKLY WEBINARS

This week's webinar is on Media and Journalism. As always, Wednesday at 4pm, link on Moodle.



## BOOKCLUB THIS WEEK!



Bookclub is this Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, you still have plenty of time to get reading and come join the discussion. The book is "One of us is Lying" by Karen McManus. All are welcome! Project Room (2-7) Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> / 3:30pm.

## MASTERCLASSES



This Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</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 8:25pm.

## WELLBEING TALK



This Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, we have a Wellbeing Meditation with Brian Gregan. It is for all students / 2-3 / at 3:30



This Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have the Wellbeing Talk with Arnaud Bongrand. The title of this talk is *Reducing Exam Induced Stress*. It is for 6<sup>th</sup> year students / 2-3 / at 12:30

## THE ECONOMISTS' CORNER

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

### Silicon Valley Bank in the deep valley

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) which had \$212bn of assets, collapsed after a bank run, making it the biggest lender to collapse since the global financial crisis in 2008. The U.S. government protected customer deposits as the ripple effect pushed other banks to the brink of collapse. So, what is the cause that makes the SVB fall into the deep valley? SVB was founded in 1983 and specialised in financing and banking for venture capital-backed startup technology and healthcare companies, which not all banks would accept due to the higher risks involved. In 2020, the pandemic fuelled hot markets for tech and healthcare companies due to increased consumer spending on digital services and pharmaceuticals. As a result, tech companies deposited large amounts of cash from investors into SVB, which then SVB invested the funds in long-term treasuries and agency mortgage-backed securities without protecting their liabilities with short-term investments for quick liquidations. As interest rates soared and venture capital dried up, bond and treasury values plummeted, causing many bank customers to withdraw their money. However, SVB couldn't liquidate these deposits because they were tied up in long-term investments. They started to sell bonds at a significant loss bought at peak price in 2021 causing distress to customers and investors. Then, SVB collapsed within just 48 hours of disclosing the sale of assets.