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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to EmilyFaye Xantho on being accepted to The Dual BA Program between Trinity College Dublin and Columbia University. This is an extremely competitive process with applicants from all over the world. Despite many students applying over the last few years, EmilyFaye is the first of our students to be accepted to this very competitive programme. What an outstanding achievement for EmilyFaye and we are extremely proud.

MASTERCLASSES



This Monday, April 24th, we have a Masterclass in Irish with Michael Casey. **It is for 5th & 6th years,** and is live online at 5:30pm.



This Monday, April 24th, we have a Masterclass in English with Cian Hogan. It is for 5th & 6th years, and is live online at 7:00pm.







On the 26th, in 2–3, come see...

PADDINGTON

FOR ONLY €3 A TICKET!

This Wednesday the 26th of April at 4:00pm, a movie charity fundraiser will be held in room 2-3 to raise money for Focus Ireland. The movie will be "Paddington" and free drinks and snacks will be provided to the students!

Each ticket costs only €3 and will be sold from Monday to Wednesday at break times in the 1st floor breakout area. If you're unable to purchase the tickets at this time, please feel free to pop into the office and pay upfront. Extra donations are much appreciated, and you will also be able to pay via card! All proceeds will go towards Focus Ireland to aid those who are homeless and those with the possibility of being homeless. See you there!





6TH

4TH

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 on the noticeboards outside our offices.

6TH YEARS

CAO change of mind opens on May 5th at 12pm. If you need any support with finalizing your choices please pop in to see us.

4TH YEARS

Have you made sure to observe any subjects that you're considering for next year? Please speak to Aoife or Helen if you need any help with your decision.

Have a great week,

Aoife & Helen





Well done to 5th year student Hope Keaveney who recently passed the DELF Junior B1 level exam at the Alliance Française and was awarded a certificate of the Diploma.





This Wednesday, April 26th, we have a Masterclass in Geography with Breege Henry. **It is for 6th years**, and is live online at 6:00pm.



This Thursday, April 27th, we have a Masterclass in Biology with Wesley Hammond. **It is for 5th & 6th years,** and is live online at 8:25pm.



by Junjia Li, 6th Year

Need a hand to climb up the ladder

Friends, teachers, gym buddies... these are all your networks, as the economists call it "social capital". It is a valuable resource that is derived from relationships which enables individuals to achieve their goals more easily and effectively. Raj Chetty, a professor at Harvard University has conducted extensive research on social mobility in the US. By examining the data of 72.2 m young and middle-aged users from Facebook, he has concluded the significant correlation between economic mobility and geographical location, family background and education.

A child born in a low-income family in San Jose, CA has better odds of reaching the top 20% income bracket than a similar child born in Charlotte, NC. Place matters for mobility, but substantially 'Economic connectedness' is the one that can really boosts social mobility. Children who grow up in more economically and racially segregated communities have less opportunity to move up the income ladder. This is because, the extent of friendships across social classes—was strongly associated with increased rates of high-school completion, reduced rates of teenage pregnancy and increased income for those born poorer. For high-income people, college plays a much bigger role in friendship networks. For lower-income people, their neighbourhoods dominate their social circles.

It is time for policymakers to promote social mobility by using his findings, such as increasing investments in early childhood education, providing more affordable housing in high-opportunity areas, and reducing barriers to upward mobility for low-income families.