

THE BUZZ

NEWSLETTER @ THEINSTITUTEOFEDUCATIONDUBLIN

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HELLO FROM DEIRDRE



As Head of the Pastoral Care and Safeguarding Team, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students, new and returning. The Pastoral Care Office is beside the main school office (1-5). The door is always open, no appointment is necessary. It is inevitable that along with successes, there will also be challenges in your daily academic and personal life. You can pop in any time to chat, relax and reflect in a supportive and understanding environment.

This year our team has grown to provide you with the very best of care during your academic journey. Your personal development and growth is as important as any academic achievement and we have a series of structures and supports in place to ensure your time at The Institute is as productive and fulfilling as possible. I strongly recommend that you connect with our Guidance Team to avail yourself of their expert assistance. Extracurricular activities are coordinated by David Connolly; amongst the vast array of teacher and student-led activities, you are sure to find something to enhance your educational and social experience. Our Wellbeing Coordinator, Luke Rock, has a year of activities and events organised - please keep an eye on advertised activities on your monthly calendar, noticeboards and digi-screens, where a vibrant and diverse programme is offered, designed to capture the needs of all our students.

I wish you all the best for the academic year ahead and look forward to meeting you.

Deirdre

TUTORIALS

TUTORIAL FORMAT: You may have noticed tutorial classes on your monthly calendar. Tutorials are open to everyone regardless of your teacher. They are drop in classes so you do not have to register. They are not taught classes - students are welcome to bring in homework or anything they are struggling with to the tutorials.

MON: Maths Higher / 3:30 / AQU / 3-5 / 5th Yrs

TUE: Irish Higher / 3:30 / MCA / G-8 / 6th Yrs

Physics Higher / 11:30 / ATR / B-7 / 5th Yrs

Art Higher / 11:30 / DKE / Art Room / 6th Yrs

Physics Higher / 12:30 / ATR / B-7 / 6th Yrs

Maths Ordinary / 3:30 / JKE / L3-0 / 6th Yrs

THUR: Art Higher / 1:30 / PCR / Art Room / 5th Yrs

Art Higher / 2:30 / PCR / Art Room / 6th Yrs

Geography Higher / 3:30 / MDO / 1-3 / 6th Yrs



STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS



There will be a monthly student page of The Buzz which is run by 6th Year student Kate Lynch.

Kate has designed posters around the school so check them out for full details - ideas are suggested, but your article can take any spin you would like. Send your submissions to Kate by the **27th of September:** klynch132728@instituteofeducation.ie

Article length approx 500 - 800 words. The September Topic is Education. Here are some ideas for inspiration:

- Interview a teacher
- Opinion piece on the Irish Education System
- Why your favourite subject is the best subject!
- How education helps foster economic growth
- Barriers to education for women / minority groups

HI STUDENTS



We hope you're settling in well and are enjoying the new school year so far. We're really enjoying meeting you all. Don't forget that whatever year group you're in or whatever you need help with, you can sign up for an appointment with one of us. No query or question is too big or too small; we will always do our very best to help. For the first term we are supporting you as follows:

Aoife 1-6A – 6th yrs applying to UCAS

Helen 2-6A – Learning Support, RACE, DARE, & all 4th & 5th yrs

John 3-6A – 6th yrs office



HOW TO MAKE A GUIDANCE APPOINTMENT

Here at The Institute you are welcome to make as many guidance appointments as you wish. You should not miss class to attend appointments but rather make an appointment for a time when you have study/lunch. There are sign up sheets on the guidance noticeboard outside each guidance office. We also have a drop in clinic every morning from 8.30-9.30 for quick appointments with no appointment necessary. If for any reason you can't make an appointment, please don't forget to cancel by either crossing your name off in advance or emailing your guidance counsellor.

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All 6th years applying to Oxford & Cambridge, as well as Medicine, Veterinary and Dentistry all over the UK should have their UCAS applications well under way to make the **October 15th deadline**. Aoife will give an information session in HG-1 on Tuesday 5th September at 12.30 for students who haven't opened their UCAS account yet. Most urgently, the information and links for applying for aptitude tests is on Aoife's noticeboard so please make sure to check that out. Registration is open and as places are limited, we urge you to register as soon as possible.



TUESDAY TALKS

The guidance department run weekly talks on Tuesdays at 12.30 in HG-1. These will be starting next week on the 12th with a talk on UCAS applications particularly the personal statement.

These talks will be recorded and available to view on Moodle but we warmly invite 6th years to attend in person (with their lunch). If there's any topic you'd like to hear more about this year, please let us know in the guidance department.

Have a great week,

Aoife, Helen & John



★ MASTERCLASSES



This Thursday, Sept 7th, we have a Masterclass in Biology with Wesley. **It is for 5th and 6th years** and will be live online at 8:25pm.

📖 REVISION CLASSES



This Monday, Sept 4th, we have a revision class in Geography with Lesley. **It is for 6th years** in L1-0 at 3:30. Topic: Maths Skills Ordnance Survey 4 and 6 figure grid references.



This Tuesday, Sept 5th, we have a revision class in Maths with Aidan. **It is for 6th years** in H1-0 at 3:30. Topic: Number Systems and the Binomial Theorem.