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MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM







6th years run down the clock to the last couple of days of classes, anticipating the joys and raptures that the hazy days of summer promise. We feel the growing heat when the sun shines and rejoice. 'We are nearly there!' is the backtrack to our lives at this time of the school year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our students for the contributions you have made to our school community over the past year. It has been, once more, a privilege to have accompanied you on your educational journey.

We wish our departing 6th years the best of luck in June and beyond and we wish our 4th and 5th years every success in their ongoing end of term examinations. Live in the present and embrace the future, dear students. Enjoy what the summer brings!

Kind regards, Yvonne, Liam and Hugh



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to 6th year student Zhiyu Zhao who recently won Grade 8 in the William Tweedie Esos Perpetual Challenge cup at Newry Musical Feis 2024.

Newry Musical Feis was founded in 1928 and is one of the largest of its kind worldwide. There are approximately 14,000 entries each year and the equivalent of 39 days of performance across seven Sections. The sections are scheduled within the period February to May. Professional adjudicators provide feedback of the highest standard to performers of all ages in Ballet & Theatre Dance, Irish Dance (Confined), Irish Dance (Open), Irish Traditional Music, Music, Speech & Drama (Open) and Speech & Drama (Schools).

GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS











6TH YEARS

Can you believe it's your last few days of school? What do they say, the days are long but the years are short! Congratulations on your graduation today - we are really looking forward to having a great day with you all. We have absolutely loved working with you this year; it really has been a privilege.

We wish you the very best of luck in what Louise Boylan calls the big summer quiz; you've got this! We are so excited for the next step for you. The best is yet to come. We hope you smash university and would be super grateful if you told us where you end up next year and were willing to come back to talk to our students about your courses. We wish you all the luck in the world and thank you for being a fantastic bunch to work with – we will miss you.

5TH YEARS

Best of luck in your exams over the next two weeks. Final reminder for UCD summer school – it really is a fantastic opportunity to get an insight into faculties and life at third level. At just one day per faculty, it isn't a big commitment, very accessibly priced, a very worthwhile use of your time and most importantly, very enjoyable. We highly recommend it.

OPEN DAY

Queens University Belfast: For anyone thinking about applying to Queens or indeed any university in the UCAS system, Queens are holding an Open Day on Saturday June 8th from 9.30am - 3pm. Just two hours by train from Dublin and a prestigious Russell Group university, it's well worth considering.

Have an amazing summer! Aoife, Helen, John & Liz



4TH YEARS END OF YEAR



Well done to 4th year student Aoise Dore (pictured above) who designed the cover of our annual 4th year newsletter in her Graphic Design module using Adobe Illustrator. The newsletter is given to 4th years along with their certs and yearbook as they enjoy pizza and doughnuts on the last day of school.







B REVISION CLASSES



Every Tuesday, we have a revision class in Maths with Aidan. It is for 6th years in H1-0 at 3:30. Topic this week: Hypothesis test for proportion and mean.

STUDENT'S PAGE

DETERMINE







Alex McDonnell 5th Year

Congratulations to our 5th year student Alex McDonnell who was recently featured by District Magazine under their artist spotlight section. Alex began photographing music artists in 4th year alongside our 4th year photography module and graphic design module. This year he is photographing music events, concerts and shoots promotional videos for artists such as lil tjay, sainte, Travis and elzz.

District's article was named "Meet the teenage photographer archiving Ireland's rap takeover". Seeing the success of homegrown talent nationally and internationally is a pride for Ireland, young creatives displaying a true passion for their art and contributing to the Irish music scene is an incredible thing to see. Although Alex is still new enough to the scene, District Magazine states he is "documenting the golden age of Irish hip-hop". "His work has permeated through Dublin's rap world, archiving a pivotal period in the landscape's lifetime". Alex had this advice to give young people wanting to pursue their creativity: "Don't be a teenager that just creates an art account, take yourself seriously, you are an artist, you are a photographer, you are a producer". You can see the article on Instagram @district.magazine

And you can check out Alex's work on Instagram @spydersweb_



