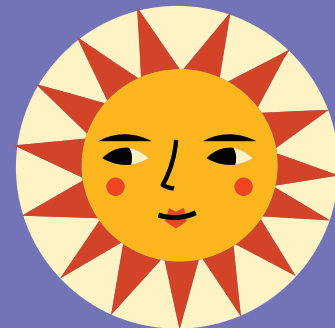


THE BUZZ

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WELCOME EVERYONE!

Whether this is your first time through the yellow doors or a return, we are so excited to have you with us this year. While there is always some activity happening in the building, the school only really thrums into life with the arrival of the students. You bring such effervescence and excitement that each September feels fresh and revitalising. Like your school diaries, we have created the template for what is to come but that is only filled by you: your passions, drives and interests.

Writing a new chapter in our lives brings a mix of excitement and anxiety and a new school year is no different. We scribble plans, sketch out places and characters as you try to spark a fulfilling story arc. It may take a few days to find your rooms, learn some routes around the campus and meet your teachers but even then, there may still be much that seems strange to you; twists in the tale that cause you to scrunch paper and chew pencils. For your moments of uncertainty, we are here for you. When you need some sense of direction, we are here for you. When you need to know that someone has your best interests at heart, we are here for you. Talk to us and soon you will find yourself confidently embarked on your own tale.

This is the first of many Buzzes for the year and each instalment will give news, opportunities, and advice that will help you feel at home in the school. Keep your eye on the digiboards, the noticeboards, the monthly calendars and emails in order not to miss any extracurricular activities, tutorials and Masterclasses. There is always something happening, so make sure you check them regularly.

As always, if you have any queries or questions, please call into the 1st floor office. We wish every one of you the very best for the academic year. It is a blank page which you will fill with learning over the coming months. Welcome back!

Yvonne, Hugh, Aideen & Dee

A DAY IN MY WHEELS

This September we are supporting the charity Spinal Injuries Ireland (SII). SII is a registered charity that actively supports people who sustain a spinal cord injury and the family and friends who love them. As the only support and service agency in Ireland of its kind, they provide a person centred service to assist people to engage fully in society.

Jack Shannon Cole, a wheelchair user and an ambassador for SII's A Day In My Wheels campaign will come into the school on Friday the 20th of September to talk to our 4th years at lunch-time in room 2-3.

A Day in My Wheels will take place on Thursday the 26th of September with a number of students spending the day in a wheelchair, they will have to navigate their full typical school day as a wheelchair user.

We will be raising money on the day on-site and online - details will be given in full, closer to the date.



4TH YEAR TRIP

This Friday is our annual trip to Causey Farm for 4th years. We cannot recommend enough that all 4th years attend, every year students tell us how easy it was to make friends as there are so many interactive group activities. There is a great variety of activities from bread-making to bodhran playing, so don't worry if jumping into the bog (also highly recommended!) is just not your thing.

PASTORAL CARE

Jane D'Alton joins us this year as Head of Pastoral Care & Safeguarding. Jane comes to The Institute from a HSE background where she spent 20 years working as a Psychologist and Psychotherapist on a multi-disciplinary team in the Department of Psychiatry. Having also worked with young people through the School Completion Programme, Jane passionately believes that with the right supports, each individual can reach their full potential. Drawing on decades of experience in the psychological field, Jane provides a safe space for students to discuss their concerns. Jane is in room 1-5 and has drop-in availability all day on both Monday and Friday. From Tuesday until Thursday you can make an appointment using the QR Code below.

GUIDANCE



A warm welcome to our new students and a warm welcome back to our returning students. Our amazing guidance team is really looking forward to working with you all in the year ahead. Our team is delighted to be joined this year by another experienced guidance counsellor, John Curran who will join Aoife McArdle, John McGinnity and Liz Carey. Welcome to the team, John! The guidance counsellors work closely with Helen Casey, who is our fantastic learning support, DARE and RACE expert and the wonderful Sarah Byrne who looks after our International students.

A unique feature of the guidance counselling service at The Institute is that you can drop in to see any of the team, every morning between 8.30-9.30am with no appointment necessary. For a half hour appointment from 9.30am-3.30pm please sign up using the QR code on the noticeboards outside all the guidance counsellors office or below. Please don't miss class to attend appointments - you must sign up for a time during a study period or lunch instead.



Please feel free to use this code to make an appointment with us if there is anything we can help you with. Whether that's tying down your subject choice, help with college applications or indeed if you'd like a confidential listening ear for any other challenges you may be faced with. We look forward to meeting you. See you soon!



GUIDANCE

6TH YRS - UCAS

Are you planning on applying to UCAS for the October 16th deadline? UCAS applications are a time-consuming process, so please make an appointment with a guidance counsellor if you need any assistance. If you are applying to study medicine, dentistry or veterinary in the UK, or many courses at Oxford or Cambridge you need to take an admissions test. It is important to register for the appropriate test as soon as possible.

6TH YRS - THURSDAY TALKS

Every Thursday at 6th year lunchtime, our guidance department host weekly talks. These will kick off this Thursday with a talk on UCAS applications focusing on applications for the first deadline (all courses in Oxford & Cambridge as well as medicine, veterinary, and dentistry in all universities). These talks are recorded and available to view on Moodle for 5th and 6th years but we warmly invite 6th years to attend in person (with their lunch).

6TH YRS - OPEN DAYS

Queen's University Belfast / Sat 7th Sept / 9:30am - 3:00pm
University of Ulster (Belfast Campus) / Sat 7th Sept / 9:30am - 2:30pm

6TH YRS - SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for The Institute of Education's Futures Fair on Thursday 24th of October from 5-7pm. There will be stands from Ireland's top universities and colleges as well as fantastic informative talks. Not to be missed!



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SAVE THE DATE

FUTURES FAIR

THURS 24TH OCTOBER 2024
SET UP: 4-5PM
EVENT: 5-7PM

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