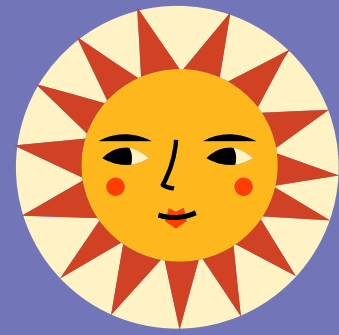


THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to 5th year Nayan Levy who recently played in Paris with Ibrahim Maalouf on his current album tour. This is Ibrahim Maalouf's 19th album, he has received two consecutive GRAMMY® Award nominations, launched The TOMA academy (Trumpets of Michel-Ange) and in 2016 became the first jazzman in history to sell out France's biggest concert hall, Paris Bercy's Accor Arena.

Nayan travelled to France to prepare for the tour, which allowed him some freedom to freestyle whilst playing live. Nayan is now part of the TOMA Academy and received a special trumpet, which are typical to Arab and world music. He had this to say about his trip to Paris "I played two nights in Salle Pleyel, a famous venue that holds around 2800 people, which was such an eye-opening experience for me". Well done Nayan, we wish you the very best in your musical endeavours.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to 5th years Liyuan (Kent) Liu, Yu Fei Shao and Tianci Yan who have all qualified for the American Invitational Maths Exam (AIME) by scoring over 88.5 in the AMC 12 exams.

This is a formidable achievement and we wish them all the best in AIME which takes place in February 2025. AIME is a selective and prestigious 3-hour test which has been running since 1983. It is used in America to choose their Maths Olympiad team but others can (if they qualify) take part. Well done everyone!



FOCUS IRELAND



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Focus Ireland such a success. Thanks to everyone who dressed up, who collected on the day and a special thanks to Luke Rock for organising the day. We raised **€1500 for Focus Ireland** which helps people directly affected by homelessness. They provides advice, information, advocacy and help with finding a home – as well as a warm welcoming place to meet and have a low-cost meal. Since its foundation, Focus Ireland's services have continued to grow and their research and advocacy work ensures that the rights of people who are homeless remain on the political agenda.



GUIDANCE



HI STUDENTS

Welcome back. We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and we wish you a very happy, healthy and productive 2025.

UCAS

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A final reminder that 6th years must pay and submit their UCAS applications by Monday January 13th. This earlier deadline is to allow us time add predicted grades and references before sending them to UCAS on your behalf. We wish you every success with your applications.

CAO

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Final push for 6th years to get their CAO accounts open before the discounted application fee expires at 5pm on January 20th. It makes no sense to pay more than necessary.



THURSDAY TALKS

This week's talk is on Architecture. As usual, HG-1 at 12:30. We look forward to seeing you there.



EUROPE

Many courses in Europe, particularly the Netherlands have January deadlines so make sure to get your applications in on time as late applications are not considered.

PLC

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO UNIVERSITY

PLC (post leaving cert) courses are offered in some schools, colleges and community education centres. A great thing about PLC courses is that as well as offering a recognised qualification in their own right, they can also offer an alternative route to Higher Level education - a stepping stone, so to speak. All PLCs are currently open for applications. Application is made directly to each individual college.



UCD OPEN NIGHT

This Thursday, January 9th, at 5pm - UCD are holding an Open Night - Science, Computer Science, Sustainability, Actuarial & Financial Studies. It will provide an opportunity to attend some taster lectures, meet academics and tour the teaching facilities on guided tours with current students.

Don't forget to register on their website! A full programme and details about getting to UCD will be emailed to all registered students, parents and guardians.

Have a great week, your Guidance Team



WELLBEING WEEK

Next week is wellbeing week and we have a week full of activities planned for a boost of good feeling and relaxation to help us with our busy lives - and there is no denying school is busy! Check out the time-table on your monthly calendar and join in the fun, there is something for everyone - whether you relax with music, movies, meditation or by taking a morning walk! Enjoy all there is to offer and don't forget we will be sharing your poetry on screen - send your inspiring, positive or uplifting poetry to studentwellbeing@instituteofeducation.ie.



COMPETITION

SCENES FROM SHAKESPEARE ART COMPETITION

A reminder about our competition which is open to all 4th and 5th Years. Create a painting or poster that represents a moment from Macbeth. First prize €250 voucher, Second Prize €100, Third Prize €50. Works to be submitted by Friday January 31st - talk to your English and/or Art teacher.



MASTERCLASSES



This Wednesday, Jan 8th, we have a Masterclass in Chemistry with Ali Fox. It is for 5th & 6th years and is live online at 4:30pm. *The link is on your Moodle.*



REVISION CLASSES



This Monday the 6th Jan- Monthly Biology Revision for 5th years. 5:30 - 6:30pm (RDO) Topic: Monera, Viruses, Protista / Link is on Moodle



Every Monday we have a drop in revision class in Economics with Rob. It is for 6th years in HG-0 / 4:30-5:30pm



Every Tuesday, we have a drop in revision class in HL Maths with Aidan. It is for 6th years in 2-3 / 3:30-4:30pm. This week's topic: Diff first principles, diff by rule



Every Thursday, we have a drop in revision class in Geography with Lesley. It is for 6th years in L1-0 / 3:30-4:30pm. Lesley covers a new topic each week.



Every Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs we have drop in revision classes in HL Maths with Hilary. It is for 6th years in HG-1 / 7:55-8:27am.