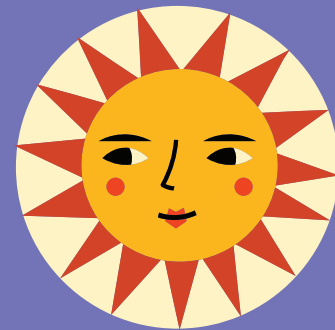


# THE BUZZ

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to 6<sup>th</sup> year student Ai Lin Sun who won the Ursula Uí Chuinneagáin Bursary for Young Pianists 2024 in the Royal Irish Academy of Music on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2024. After a tough preliminary round during the day, there were six finalists chosen to compete and Ai Lin was the overall winner, awarded both the €2,000 bursary and perpetual trophy. Well done Ai Lin, we love hearing about all your musical endeavours.



## WELLBEING WEEK

Wellbeing week is here 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 on the screens and join in the fun, there is something for everyone - whether you relax with movies, meditation, quizzes or by taking a morning walk! Enjoy all there is to offer, we have nutrition and wellbeing talks and don't forget we will be sharing your poetry on screen - send your inspiring, positive or uplifting poetry to [studentwellbeing@instituteofeducation.ie](mailto:studentwellbeing@instituteofeducation.ie).



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to all our students who qualified for the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition (BTYSTE) 2025 which took place in the RDS last week. Sincere thanks to Caitríona Hendry for supporting the students and attending the exhibition. It is a super achievement to get to the finals of the competition. Met Éireann had a particular interest in Joel's Emmanuel's project which investigated a framework to measure hurricane intensity using storm surge and rainfall as additional factors for evaluation.

Shaunak Mohapatra's project on using machine learning for non-invasive neural semantic decoding won the AMD award and also first prize in the Individual Senior Technology category. Conor O'Neill and Alexander Vysotski's group project in the Senior Technology category 'Enhancing adaptive learning in AI through tactile feedback in dynamic environments' won the Meta award and also first prize in the Technology category. Congratulations also to Caitríona's daughter Mia who presented a very interesting project on invasive species in a native Irish habitat. Mia won a display award in her first year at Young Scientist.



## GUIDANCE



### CAO - WHY PAY MORE?

The discounted application fee of €30 is only available until 5pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. Opening your CAO account takes only a few minutes, and you can still use the change your mind facility so you've nothing to lose by opening your account early.

### DARE

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Students wishing to apply to DARE need to check in with Helen in office 2-6A. Now is the time to get the paperwork in order.

### HPAT

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Last day to register for HPAT is this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm, please don't leave it until the last minute. You must have a CAO number to register.

UCD

### UCD AD ASTRA ELITE SPORTS

Elite Sports and Performing Arts Scholarships. Any Elite athletes among our student body, or students who excel in theatre performance/creation or classical music thinking of pursuing a degree at UCD should consider applying for the Scholarship. Applications close on January 31<sup>st</sup> - so there is no time to lose.



### PLC EVENTS

Many Colleges of further education are holding open events this week, including Cathal Brugha, Whitehall, Ballyfermot, Liberties and Sallynoggin. Check college websites for details.



### THURSDAY TALKS

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



### ENGINEERING OPEN EVENING UCD

This Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm, UCD school of Engineering will welcome 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students and their parents to an evening on Engineering at UCD. Admission is free but pre-booking is essential. Use the booking form on their website to book your place.



### ARCHITECTURE & PLANNING UCD

This Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> of January at 11am the School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy at UCD will hold an Open Day in the Richview studios in UCD. Explore the studios, see the work of current students and meet Academic staff who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

**John Mc, John C, Helen & Liz.**



## SCHOOL CANTEEN

NEW DAILY Grab & Go service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor beside 2-3

### CANTEEN DETAILS BELOW:

#### SPECIALS

- Breakfast Rolls €3
- Freshly baked Sausage Rolls €2
- Crispy Chicken Goujon Pots €3
- Loaded Fries €2.50
- Hot Sandwich of the day €5.50



#### LUNCHTIME SPECIALS ALL €5.50

- Mon:** Thai Red Curry with Coconut Rice / Thai Red Chickpea Curry with Coconut Rice
- Tue:** Honey Jerk Chicken Drumsticks with Spicy Slaw / Honey Jerk Jackfruit with Spicy Slaw
- Wed:** Classic Beef Burger, American Cheese and Brioche Bun/ Veggie Bean Burger on Brioche Bun
- Thurs:** Homemade Beef Lasagna/ Lentil & Winter Veg Lasagna
- Fri:** Homemade Spice Bag / Homemade Vegan Spicebag



## MASTERCLASSES



This Monday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, we have a Masterclass in Biology with Wesley Hammond. It is for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> years and is in person in room 4-8 at 3:30pm.



This Monday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, we have a Masterclass in English with Emma Grealy. It is for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> years and is live online at 6:00pm. *The link is on your Moodle.*



## REVISION CLASSES



Every Monday we have a drop in revision class in Economics with Rob. It is for 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> years in 2-3 / 3:30-4:30pm. This week's topic: Exp and log functions, stationary, inflection, max and min problems.



Every Thursday, we have a drop in revision class in Geography with Lesley. It is for 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> years in HG-1 / 7:55-8:27am.