

THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



A huge congratulations to 4th year Katie Zheng who has secured a place on Team Ireland Debating 2026. The team will represent Ireland at the World Schools Debating Championships (WSDC) in July 2026 in Nairobi, Kenya. The Irish team for the WSDC consists of five students selected through a series of regional and national trials. Katie is the only 4th Year on the team, an impressive achievement and we wish her the very best of luck with the competition.



DEADLINE THIS WEEK

A reminder that Team Hope will be collecting your gifts **at 5pm this Wednesday the 12th of November** from the 4th year office. You can drop them off up until 4:30pm on Wednesday. Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal delivers your gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible. Thank you for your support!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Well done to 5th year Molly Beecher - the winner of our annual Halloween Two-Sentence Horror Story competition:

"She had only meant to take a short walk to clear her head, following what she thought was the same familiar path through the woods, but now she was stumbling through the eerie forest as gnarled, twisted roots clutched at her feet and a thick mist curled hungrily around her legs. She started shakily humming a half-remembered nursery rhyme in an attempt to reassure herself, until from behind her in the dark gloom, she heard a rasping voice take up the harmony..."



SUSTAINABILITY



Monthly update from Tadhg our Sustainability Officer:

Did you know?: It is "Buy nothing new month". Help do your part in the ongoing struggle against fast fashion and plastic waste by not buying anything new in November. It is not too late to join the movement from today!

Did you know?: This Thursday the 13th of November is World Kindness Day. Perform an Act of Kindness and help create a ripple effect of positivity!

GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS



We hope that the exams are going well for all of our students. We know that this is a busy period for you all, especially for our 6th year students with the CAO now open for 2026 applications and the HPAT-Ireland registration open for our students applying for medicine. We were happy to see huge numbers of students attending the CAO Lunchtime Talks each day last week and parents and guardians having the opportunity to attend the CAO webinar last Thursday. If you have any questions please feel free to drop in to the guidance team any morning between 8:30am – 9:30am, no appointment necessary or book online by scanning the QR codes in your student journal or on the noticeboards.

UCAS DEADLINE DATE REMINDER



A reminder that the school deadline date for applying for courses in the UK is Friday the 28th of November. Book online for a guidance meeting asap, if you have not already done so.

6TH YEAR LUNCHTIME TALK



Thursday 13th November – 12:30pm – 1:20pm in HG-1

Dr Andrew McCarren will host the Lunchtime Talk on Computer Science this week for our 6th year students.

CAO



The guidance team have recorded a lunchtime CAO talk which is on the Guidance Moodle folder.

RACE/DARE APPLICANTS



Please Note: All RACE applicants need to see Helen Casey room 2-6A this week (if you have not done so already) as deadline for 2026 applications is approaching. You do not need appointment - simply call up to room 2-6A

Mon/Tues/Thurs/ Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm (except lunch 12 - 1pm)

OPEN DAY / EVENTS



Wednesday the 12th of November:

RCSI Undergraduate Webinar - Introduction to Dentistry at 5pm

Saturday the 15th of November: DCU Undergraduate Open Day, Glasnevin Campus (10am-3pm) + St Patrick's Campus (10am-2pm)
Students must register online to attend these events

Have a lovely week,

Liz, John, John, Sarah & Helen



CANTEEN SPECIALS



Mon: Chicken Carbonara with Penne & Garlic Bread €6

Tues: Beef Stroganoff with Steamed Rice €6

Wed: Mexican Chicken Burger with Sweet Potato Fries €6

Thurs: Roast Pork Hoi-Sin with Sesame Fried Noodles €6

Fri: Spice Bag: Crispy Chicken tossed in Spice, Peppers, Onions, Golden Fries with Curry Sauce €6

OPENING HOURS Canteen 9am - 3pm / Little Canteen 8am - 6pm



HPAT 5TH YEAR



5th Year HPAT Group 1: Your third talk (the cancelled talk from the 24th of October) has been re-scheduled to Friday the 21st of November at 4:30pm. Location to be confirmed closer to the date.



MASTERCLASSES



This Wednesday, November 12th, we have a Masterclass in French (on Tenses) with Carole Oiknine. For 5th & 6th years, Online at 5pm. *Link is on your Moodle.*



This Thursday, November 13th, we have a Masterclass in Irish (on Poetry) with Rachel Mahon. For 5th & 6th years, in room 1-4 at 5pm.



REVISION CLASSES



Every Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs we have drop in revision classes in HL Maths with Hilary. For 6th years from 7:55-8:27am in 2-3 & for 5th yrs 8:30 - 9am in L2-2.



Every Monday we have a drop in revision class in Economics with Rob. It is for 6th yrs in HG-0 / 4:30-5:30pm. Rob covers a new topic each week.



Every Tues & Fri we have drop in revision in Biology with Roisin in G-4. For 6th yrs from 7:57 - 8:27am. This week's topic is the Endocrine system. **Bring a set of Biology past papers to get the most benefit from these exam practice clinics.**



Every Wednesday we have a drop in revision class in HL Maths with Aidan. It is for 6th yrs in H1-0 / 3:30-4:30pm. Aidan covers a new topic each week.

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