

THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Well done to 4th year Kate Mc Connell (pictured above and below on the right) and her Kilmacud Crokes Division 1 teammates on winning the U16 Gaelic Football Shield Final in Dublin last weekend. After a tightly contested first half against Fingal Ravens, the team pulled ahead and deservedly took home the Shield. Congratulations to all involved!

If you have something you're proud of, please send it in and you may be featured in your weekly Buzz and the Yearbook. We love celebrating all kinds of accomplishments — from sports and academics to creative projects and philanthropic work. Sharing what you've done also encourages others to get involved in activities they might enjoy. Don't hesitate to send in your successes; they deserve recognition and can inspire others!



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Congratulations to 5th year Marianne O'Farrell (pictured above) who finished a superb 2nd at the Leinster Schools Combined Events. Marianne competed in 60m hurdles, high jump, shot put, 800m and long jump, achieving the exceptional overall score that secured her brilliant 2nd place finish and qualification for the All-Ireland Finals. Although injury prevented Marianne from competing fully in the finals, reaching that stage is a remarkable accomplishment. Another congratulations are in order for 5th year Kate Dunne (pictured below) for her recent achievements in rowing. Kate represented Ireland at both the 2025 World Rowing Beach Sprints in Turkey and The Prince Albert Cup in Monaco. These two prestigious events were in November and hold status as highlight events in the international coastal rowing season.



GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS



CAO & HPAT REGISTRATION

A reminder to our 6th year students to register for their CAO number, if they have not already done so. All aspiring undergraduate Medicine students also require their CAO number to book the HPAT exam - so please do not delay in registering! If you need help with registration or your CAO course listings, please contact the guidance team to arrange a meeting.



LUNCHTIME TALKS

Wednesday 10th December: 11am - 11:50am in HG-1

Dr Aparajita Dey-Plissonneau, Head of Languages in DCU will give a talk entitled: 'Studying Languages, Cultures and Translation Technology in Third Level'. Feel free to bring your lunch - but please do not be late!

Thursday 11th December: 12:30pm - 1:20pm in HG-1

Dr Orla Donoghue, UCD Science Outreach Manager will host a Talk on Science for our 6th years. Feel free to bring your lunch - but please do not be late!



RACE/DARE APPLICANTS

All DARE applicants are advised to make an appointment with Helen Casey in Room 2-6A to ensure you are up to date with your documentation. Helen is in the office Mon/Tues/Thurs/Friday 8.30am - 3.30pm (lunch 12 - 1pm). Helen will guide you through your DARE application process. Best plan: To have this done before Christmas break!



OPEN DAYS & EVENTS

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th December 2025

The Lir National Academy of Dramatic Art, TCD - Audition Workshop Weekend. *Students must register online to attend

Have a lovely week ahead,

Liz, John, John, Sarah & Helen



CANTEEN SPECIALS



Mon: Beef Stroganoff with Steamed Rice €6

Tues: Chicken Katsu Curry with Brown Rice €6

Wed: Buffalo Chicken Wings with Fries €6

Thurs: Beef Meatball Lasagna with new Potatoes €6

Fri: Crispy Cod Burger, Lemon Mayo, Baby Gem, Brioche Bun & Fries €6



SUSTAINABILITY



Monthly update from Tadhg our Sustainability Officer:

Did you know?: This Wednesday the 10th of December is Human rights Day! This day commemorates the adoption of the declaration of Human rights by the United General Assembly in 1948 and stands as a day of celebration for the document that enshrines "a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations".



MASTERCLASSES



This Monday, December 8th, we have a Masterclass in Business with Keith Hannigan. It is for 5th & 6th years and is live online at 7pm. *Link is on your Moodle.*



This Wednesday, December 10th, we have a Masterclass in Chemistry with Ali Fox. It is for 5th & 6th years and is live online at 4:30pm. *Link is on your Moodle.*



This Thursday, December 11th, we have a Masterclass in Biology with Anne-Marie Walsh. It is for 5th & 6th years and is live online at 5pm. *Link is on your Moodle.*



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 Human Reproduction and Respiration. **Bring a set of Biology past papers with you.**



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.