

THE BUZZ

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT



At The Institute we are proud to work hard every day to support our students' success - nobody embodies that more than our very own Margaret McCabe. At the Dukes Education Annual Awards, Margaret's tremendous work was acknowledged when she won the Customer Experience Award. We had a fabulous time in London celebrating Margaret's well-deserved achievement. Well done Margaret, we are so proud to work alongside you every day!

Congratulations to Catriona Hendry who has been shortlisted for the Young Scientist Educator of Excellence Award in the Technology category. This is in recognition of Catriona's established record of mentoring student projects over previous years of what was the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition. Catriona has mentored during the most successful period for The Institute in the history of the competition and we wish her the very best of luck at SYSTE 2026, in the RDS in January.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to 6th year Caitlin Lanigan whose photo (below) has been selected as the winner of our 'Sparking Joy' photo competition 2025! Students' submissions were rotated on the screens around the school over the last few weeks and we hope they have sparked some joy and brought a smile to your face. Submissions will be featured in the yearbook at the end of the year and added to our Sparking Joy noticeboard outside the 1st floor office. Thank you to all students who submitted photos and shared some joy with their fellow students.



4TH YEAR SPOTLIGHT



Our 4th Years have been busier than we can manage to fit in a weekly newsletter but we would like to mention a few recent highlights. Well done to the 4th years who supported Our Lady's Hospice Harold's Cross annual Light Up A Life fundraising campaign on Sunday, 7th December. Thanks to their effort and community spirit, our students raised an impressive €5,612 through candle sales on the day! 4th years also enjoyed their annual Christmas Cinema trip last Friday, where they watched Home Alone at the Lighthouse Cinema in Smithfield. There was a fantastic turnout for the screening, which won by a landslide in the student movie vote leading up to the trip. The setting was perfect, and the Christmas spirit was in full swing at Smithfield's Christmas market and ice rink just outside the cinema.



GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS



CHRISTMAS BREAK

It's the last week of classes before the Christmas break and students are reminded that they have worked so hard this term and deserve a break over the Christmas to relax and enjoy the celebrations! This is important so that you can come back to school in the new year, recharged and ready to embrace the next academic term ahead.



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 now 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.



DUAL BA PROGRAM

Dual BA Program between Trinity College Dublin and Columbia University: A reminder that the closing date for the TCD / Columbia Dual BA is 2nd January 2026 and that students need to finalise all school documents they require for application, by the end of this week.



UCAS APPLICANTS

A final reminder for students to have their applications completed this week for submission to UCAS.



UCD AD ASTRA APPLICANTS

A reminder that the closing date for applications to the Ad Astra Elite Sports & Performance Arts Scholarships is the 31st of January 2026 for entry in September 2026.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2026 -

And have a lovely week ahead,
Liz, John, John, Sarah & Helen



CANTEEN SPECIALS

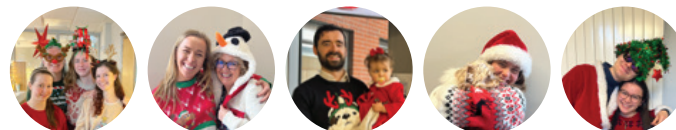


- Mon:** Chicken Carbonara with Tagliatelle & Parmesan Cream Sauce €6
- Tues:** Beef Burger, Brioche Bun, Salad Dressing & Skinny Fries €6
- Wed:** Turkey & Ham, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy €6
- Thurs:** Three in one: Beef Madras Curry with Rice & Fries €6
- Fri:** Spice Bag: Crispy Chicken, Onions, Peppers, Fries & Curry Sauce €6



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This Friday the 19th is Christmas Jumper Day and 4th Years have a bake sale outside 2-3 from 11am - 1:30pm, all in aid of Focus Ireland!



MASTERCLASSES



This Monday, December 15th, we have a Masterclass in Chemistry with Chloe Griffin. It is for 5th & 6th years and it is in room G-7 at 5pm.



This Monday, December 15th, 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 Tuesday, December 16th, we have a Masterclass in English with David Enright. It is for 5th & 6th years and it is in room G-7 at 5pm.



This Wednesday, December 17th, 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.*



REVISION CLASSES



Every Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs we have drop in revision classes in HL Maths with Hillary. 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 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.