

THE BUZZ

NEWSLETTER @ THEINSTITUTEOFEDUCATIONDUBLIN

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SCHOOL CHOIR



The Institute of Education Choir is seeking new members! We meet every Friday at 3:30pm in the music room and sing a wide variety of repertoire from soulful ballads, to musical theatre, Coldplay and more! The highlight of our year is performing at the 6th year graduation in O'Reilly Hall, UCD. We are a very friendly and inclusive group, where you are guaranteed to have lots of fun, learn plenty of new tunes, and make lifelong friends. While previous experience is welcome, it is not required. We are most interested in meeting singers who are committed to regular attendance and musical teamwork. If you would like to get involved, please email music teacher Ciara at ccoleman@instituteofeducation.ie

This is what some of our current students had to say about Choir:

"My favourite part of The Institute for the past two years"

"The best community in the school"

"The highlight of my school week"

"After a whole week of stressful study, choir made my week"

And past pupils also sing it's praises:

"Choir was my point of peace when the week was ending. It's a friendly environment, the songs are awesome and having so many people singing at the same time is just magical - you guys need to see it!" *Livia Guimardes*

"There is truly no better way to end your week. I loved every minute of it, and I made so many new friends from being involved. It really helped me settle into The Institute and it gave me an opportunity to rekindle my love of singing!" *Monica Keogh*





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



We were delighted to learn that 6th year student Ishani Acharya has continued her work with Better Internet for Kids (BIK) this year, building on her fantastic contributions to the organisation last year. Recently, Ishani travelled to Brussels as a member of the BIK Youth Advisory Group, representing Ireland at the Safer Internet Forum. While in Brussels, Ishani hosted a panel discussion featuring Renate Nikolay (Deputy Director-General of DG Connect), Niamh Hodnett (Irish Online Safety Commissioner), Dóra Dávid (Member of the European Parliament), and others (pictured below). Ishani and the youth group also met with Henna Virkkunen (Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy) on the trip. (also pictured below)



4TH YEAR SPOTLIGHT



Our 4th years had a fantastic time at Mondello Park over the last two Wednesdays - despite the rain! Every student had the chance to drive on the race track whilst learning skills like precision throttle, braking techniques and steering control. There was also a host of great activities for students off the track including a tour of the Park and it's cars, a road ready session with tips for passing the theory test and a fun break reaction test which got very competitive! It was won by Jenny Li with an impressive score of .38 seconds! It has been a very busy and fun start to 2026 for 4th years who had Mock Trials and TY Look into Law last week and have DIY Workshop this Friday. 10 of our 4th years also started Accenture Girls in Analytics 10 week programme. We look forward to seeing what 4th years get up to next!



GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS



IMPORTANT DEADLINES 6TH YEAR

UCD Ad Astra Scholarships Applications for the Elite Sports and Performing Arts Scholarships for September 2026 **CLOSE** on the 31st of January 2026.

CAO Normal CLOSING DATE for Applications is the 1st of February at 5pm.

CAO Application & Restricted Courses DEADLINE Please note that certain courses are Restricted-Application Courses, which have early assessment procedures that may start as early as February, and must be included among your original course choices by 1st February 5pm deadline.

CLOSING DATE for Late Registrations for HPAT-Ireland 2026 Test - Undergraduate Entry to Medicine is February 1st at 5pm.

DARE APPLICANTS



DEADLINE fast approaching! Paperwork to be collected from Helen's office room 2-6A or if you have an application that has not yet started please email hcasey@instituteofeducation.ie **as a matter of urgency!**

THURSDAY TALK



Thursday the 29th of January: 12:30pm – 1:20pm in HG-1

Professor Juan Pablo Labrador, Director of Biology and Biomedical sciences at Trinity College Dublin, will host the Lunchtime Talk on Biomedical Sciences this week. Feel free to bring your lunch. All welcome!

OPEN DAYS & EVENTS



Monday the 26th of January

Griffith College, Dublin Open Evening from 5:30pm – 7pm

Tuesday the 27th of January

Study Business at UCD - CAO Online Information Event from 6:30pm

Wednesday the 28th of January

TU Dublin Elite Sports Online Webinar at 6pm

Students must register online to attend these events

Have a lovely week ahead,

Liz, John, John, Sarah,

Margaret & Helen



CANTEEN SPECIALS



Mon: Chicken & Chorizo Jambalaya **€7**

Tues: Teriyaki & Lime glazed Chicken Wings with Stir Fried Noodles **€7**

Wed: Buffalo Chicken Burgers with Ranch Slaw & Fries **€8.50**

Thurs: BBQ Pulled Pork with Macaroni & Cheese **€7**

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



STUDY SKILLS



6TH YEARS: A reminder Orla has recently uploaded content to Moodle to assist you with your studies. With the Mocks fast approaching, don't forget, Orla is also available for any 6th year who wants help structuring their studies or with their mock revision - just pop into LG-1 to make an appointment or email onishuilleabhain@instituteofeducation.ie



MASTERCLASSES



This Monday, Nicky Dowling's French Masterclass is cancelled due to the evening Maths test taking place in school. It will be rescheduled as soon as possible.



This Monday, January 26th, we have a Masterclass in Irish with Luke Rock. It is for 5th & 6th years and is live online at 6pm. *Link is on your Moodle.*



This Thursday, January 29th, we have a Masterclass in Biology with Roisin Doyle. 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 (Mon, Wed, Thurs) & in H1.1 (Tues) & for 5th yrs 8:30 - 9am (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) 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. **Bring a set of Biology past papers with you to get the most out of the workshop.**



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.