

THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to 6th year Tom Hayden who is the 2026 winner of our annual Wellbeing Poetry Competition. Students were invited to submit their own poetry with the aim of promoting positivity. Read Tom's poem *Winter Treasures* below.

Winter Treasures

Walking through the frost-laden streets I hear,
The shovelling of snow by passers-by.
The sound of birdsong is ever near,
And the sun moves north in the winter sky.

Over my shivering shoulders I wrap
A red scarf to ward off the freezing sleet,
And with bitter-cold lips I start to lap
Up the brown contents of my coffee treat.

The warmth of the drink spreads straight to my core,
Flooding my body with heavenly heat.
My newly found strength has opened a door,
To the bright spring days that lie at our feet.

Tom Hayden



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Well done to 4th Year Elliot Guest on his Highly Commended Delegate Award from BELVOMUN 2026 (Belvedere Model United Nations). Elliot represented Mozambique in the Ecology and Environment Committee. Delegates debated topics ranging from the ecological restoration of war zones to sustainable aviation and even digital pollution. Elliot distinguished himself from his peers with his focused ideas and adept discussions. An award richly deserved!



STUDY SKILLS



6TH YEARS: A final reminder that Orla has recently uploaded content to Moodle to assist you with your studies. With the Mocks starting next week, don't forget, Orla is also available for any 6th year who wants help structuring their studies or with their mock revision. Take advantage of this one-to-one study mentoring available and get the most out of your study time - just pop into LG-1 to make an appointment or email onishuilleabhain@instituteofeducation.ie

GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS



GUIDANCE APPOINTMENTS

It is a particularly busy week for our 6th year students, who are preparing for their upcoming Leaving Cert mock exams next week. We hope your studies are going well and wish you the best of luck as you organise your time efficiently and effectively.

All students are welcome to make appointments to meet a guidance counsellor to discuss future career options, courses, the college application process etc. Appointments can be made through the QR codes around the school on the noticeboards and in your school journal. We look forward to meeting you.

CAO TIMETABLE

The normal closing date for CAO applications has now passed. In case you missed the closing date the late application facility opens on March 5th at 12:00 noon. A fee of €65 applies.



OPEN DAYS & EVENTS

TU Dublin Architecture Portfolio – Webinar

Tuesday February 3rd at 6pm

The School of Architecture, Building & Environment will host an information webinar on preparing a portfolio as part of their CAO application to their Architecture programme, TU832

Registration is now open: Register on TUD.ie

NCAD portfolio submission deadline Friday February 6th

All Undergraduate Portfolio Submission Deadlines, applicants MUST have a separate portfolio submission for each studio-based programmes that they have applied to. Portfolios cannot be in-work status and MUST be submitted before the deadline to be reviewed.

Applicants can find more information on NCAD.ie

Have a lovely week ahead,

**Liz, John, John, Sarah,
Margaret & Helen**



CANTEEN SPECIALS



Tues: Beef Meatball Sub with Marinara Sauce Mozzarella Ciabatta & Fries
€8:50

Wed: BBQ Beef Cheese Burgers with Fries **€8:50**

Thurs: Korean BBQ Chicken Wings with Fried Noodles **€7**

Fri: The Spice Bag, Crispy Fried Chicken tossed in spice, Peppers Onions,
Golden Fries & Curry Sauce **€7**



SO YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR?

UCD Webinar Series: "So you want to be a Doctor?"

Date: Tuesday, 10th February & Thursday, 12th February 2026

Location: Virtual (Register online for this event)

UCD School of Medicine and St Vincent's Healthcare Group (SVHG) would like to invite students to attend our virtual series of talks titled 'So you want to be a doctor?', scheduled over two days.

The event consists of a series of half-hour talks from 9.30am - 3pm on both days, presented by SVHG consultant specialists in sub-specialities spanning the breadth of Medicine e.g., general practice, anaesthesiology, pathology, microbiology, neurology, cardiology, obstetrics, ENT and various surgical specialties, all of whom are adjunct or full faculty of UCD School of Medicine.



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.