

THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to 6th year student Samaira Ahluwalia, who was honoured with the Division 4 Top Bowling Award (Best Bowler of the SportsHub Division 4 Women's League) in recognition of her outstanding performances during the 2025 season. The award was presented at the Cricket Leinster Awards Night and Gala Dinner, held on the 30th of January 2026 in the Round Room at the Mansion House, Dublin. Samaira delivered an exceptional season, taking 26 wickets across 16 matches to finish well clear of the rest of the league. Samaira was also the only female or youth player from her club to receive an award on the night, competing against more than 500 women aged 14–35. We wish Samaira the very best of luck in all her future sporting endeavours.



4TH YEAR SPOTLIGHT



We currently have nine 4th years taking part in the 10 week Accenture Girls in Analytics programme. The data analytics programme launched on Friday the 16th of January and culminates with a competition where our students present their research in their teams. We wish them the very best of luck with the programme and look forward to hearing about their experience.



GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS



6TH YEARS

With the Mock Exams starting today we would like to wish the best of luck to all our 6th years. Remember, you have been preparing for this moment for years, not just weeks. Trust the work you have already done, trust your teachers, stay steady, stay focused and stay kind to yourself.



4TH & 5TH YEARS

Enjoy your midterm next week, a well deserved break! Midterms are a chance to rest and renew your energy, taking breaks is an important part of a successful study plan so use this opportunity to recharge. 4th years - a fantastic itinerary has been planned out and we hope you really enjoy your school trip to Rome.



OPEN DAYS & EVENTS

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th February

UCD School of Medicine and St Vincent's Healthcare Group (SVHG) would like to invite you to attend our virtual series of talks titled 'So you want to be a doctor?', scheduled over 2 days. The event consists of a series of half-hour talks on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February, 9.30am - 3pm on both days.

Presented by SVHG consultant specialists in sub-specialties spanning the breadth of Medicine e.g., general practice, anesthesiology, pathology, microbiology, neurology, cardiology, obstetrics, ENT and various surgical specialties, all of whom are adjunct or full faculty of UCD School of Medicine. A schedule of the talks, with the Zoom links to join, will be provided to all registered emails. *Please register online for this event*

Wednesday, 11th February from 6pm - 7pm

Webinar - TU Dublin School of Art and Design Portfolio. Live Webinar for Students, Parents and Guardians. Join TUD for an information webinar on how to submit a portfolio for a course in the School of Art & Design (TU795, TU973, TU974, TU975)

Please register online for this event

Have a lovely week ahead,

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

CANTEEN SPECIALS



Mon: Chicken Teriyaki with steamed greens & Fried Noodles **€7**

Tue: Chicken Ceaser Burgers with Brioche Bun, Tomato Relish & Skinny Fries **€8.50**

Wed: Cola Chicken Wings with Coleslaw & Fries **€7**

Thurs: BBQ Pulled Pork Burrito with Wedges **€7**

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

6TH YEAR TUTOR



I wish the 6th years the very best of luck in their Mock Exams. The purpose of the Mock Exams is to show you where you are. They are a diagnostic tool. That means mistakes are not failures – they are information. Information you can use after they are finished (and after your midterm break) to hone your study skills and study plan. I will be available for any 6th year who wants help tweaking their Leaving Cert revision plan. 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

MASTER CLASSES

There are no Masterclasses this week - Masterclasses will resume after the Mock Exams and Midterm.



REVISION CLASSES



Every Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs we have drop in revision classes in HL Maths with Hilary. For 5th yrs 8:30 - 9am (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) in L2-2. Hilary's classes for 6th years are cancelled until after the Mock Exams.



Every Monday we normally have a drop in revision class in Economics with Rob for 6th yrs - it is cancelled this week and will resume after the Mock Exams.



Every Tues & Fri we normally have drop in revision in Biology with Roisin for 6th yrs - they are cancelled this week and will resume after the Mocks Exams.



Every Wednesday we normally have a drop in revision class in HL Maths with Aidan for 6th yrs - it is cancelled this week and will resume after the Mocks Exams.