

THE BUZZ

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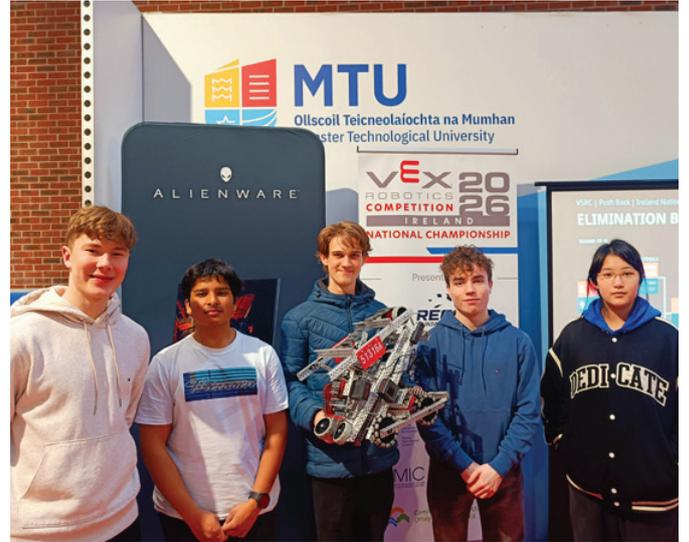
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



We are delighted to share the news that our students won the IMTA Team Maths Dublin Regional Final, held on the 5th of March in Alexandra College. Our winning team of Tianci Yan, Kent Liu, Justin Li and Shiqing Zhang have now qualified for the national finals, which will take place on Saturday the 25th of April in the Midlands Park Hotel. Further congratulations to our three other teams who also performed extremely well, finishing fifth, joint fifth and eighth. Well done to Roisin Brophy, Oisin O'Brien, Zihan He, Naina Rose Melbin, Shaunak Mohapatra, Muyan Zhang, Linquian Li, Yuan Yin and Ho Yin Wang. Due to their high scores in the regional competition, some of these teams may also qualify for the finals in April. Sincere thanks to Oliver Murphy for coordinating and accompanying the teams, and best of luck to everyone competing in the national finals in April.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to our Robotics Club who qualified for the VEX V5 Robotics Ireland National Championships which were held in MTU, Cork on the 24th of February. Our students competed in the regional round in Tullamore, Offaly in January making it through to the finals where they enjoyed an unforgettable experience engaging with some of the top robotics teams in the country. Alec Vysotski, Conor O'Neill, Sutlej Suresh, Jennifer Zhang and Mark Fedorenko have been building their robot since September. Throughout the process, they gained valuable hands-on experience in both mechanical engineering and coding as they designed, built, and programmed a fully functional robot. Well done to our students and to Adam Goodwin our robotics mentor for their hard work, dedication and excellent representation of the school at national level.



GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS



LUNCHTIME TALKS

There will be a lunchtime talk from Jean McQuillan, UCD's Schools Liaison Officer on all the courses in University College Dublin for 4th and 5th years in Room H1-1 from 11am to 11.50am on Wednesday 11th March. The talk will cover their CAO programmes, as well as information on the UCD Summer School for 5th years during June 2026. You are welcome to bring your lunch but please don't be late and disrupt the talk.



MSAT - ULSTER

Best wishes to our 6th years who are sitting the Medical Selection Admission Test (MSAT) - Ulster test in UL campuses over two weekends. The test is part of the selection process for the range of allied health courses in UU.



SPRING OPEN DAYS

There are a number of college open days taking place in the coming weeks – for example in UG, DCU, MU and TUD. There is a mini-open day in RCSI over the Easter break on Tuesday March 31st. Registration is required in advance. There are limited places in the RCSI event so registration asap is advised.



IADT PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION

The deadline for submission of portfolios for IADT courses requiring a portfolio is Tuesday 10th March at 10am.



CAO LANGUAGE EXEMPTIONS

It is important for students to apply for exemptions in either Irish and/or the third language from the National University of Ireland (NUI) in Merrion Square (UCD, MU, UG, UCC, RCSI, NCAD), or from a language from Trinity College Dublin and University of Limerick if you are eligible and this hasn't already been granted. The CAO statement of record email in May will indicate the exemptions recorded on file for applicants. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact a member of the guidance team.



INTERNATIONAL SAT TESTS

The International SAT Tests (US College Admissions) take place on a number of occasions throughout the year in St Andrew's College, Booterstown, Co Dublin. The next suite of tests take place on Saturday, 14th March. Registration to take these tests would have had to have been made before March 3rd. There will be further opportunities to take the SAT tests on May 2nd and June 6th – registration is required in advance. While SAT tests are not essential for Leaving Certificate students for US admission purposes, some students choose to take it to add to their US application for various purposes e.g. sport scholarships.

INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, March 10th, 7pm – Biological & Chemical Science Pathways (online)

Thursday, March 12th, 7pm – Computer Science Pathways (online)

Register in advance.



Have a lovely week ahead, **The Guidance Team**



CANTEEN SPECIALS



Mon: Parmesan Spring Chicken with Mash & Greens €7

Tue: Lamb & Butternut Tagine with Cous Cous Salad €7.50

Wed: Garlic Chicken Churrasco Burgers with Fries €8:50

Thurs: Stir-fried Beef with Black Bean Sauce & Fried Rice €7:50

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



SUSTAINABILITY SURVEY

WHOLE SCHOOL SURVEY: Please take 3 minutes out of your day to complete the Whole School Survey using the QR Code on the right. Your responses will help to provide the school with a more holistic picture of our transport and consumption habits. Thank you from your sustainable committee.



MASTERCLASSES



This Monday the 9th of March, we have a French Masterclass with Nicky on the Orals (Pitfalls to avoid & how to Maximise Marks). It is for 5th and 6th years at 5pm in room G-7.



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 years 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 years 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 years in H1-0 / 3:30-4:30pm. Aidan covers a new topic each week.



CUARDACH FOCAL

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POBAL

STAIR

TEANGA

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CAD MISE? (WHAT AM I?)

Bím ard nuair atáim óg, agus bím gearr nuair atáim sean. Cad mé?

I'm tall when I'm young, and short when I'm old. What am I?

Téim suas ach ní thagaim anuas riamh. Cad mé?

I go up but never come down. What am I?

Dá mhéad a thógann tú díom, is ea is mó a fhágann tú i do dhiaidh. Cad mé?

The more you take from me, the more you leave behind. What am I?

Tá eochracha agam ach níl aon ghlais agam. Tá spás agam ach níl aon seomra agam.

Is féidir leat dul isteach ach ní féidir leat dul amach. Cad mé?

I have keys but no locks, space but no room. You can enter but you can't go outside. What am I?

Tá mé lán de phoill ach is féidir liom uisce a choinneáil fós. Cad mé?

I'm full of holes but I can still hold water. What am I?

