

THE BUZZ

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to our Sailing team who came 2nd in the Irish Schools Sailing Leinster Championships 2026 on Sunday the 8th of March. We are very proud of our team - their hardwork and dedication truly paid off on the day. Well done to 6th years Brian Carroll, Ben Moreau, Sean Cronin and Peter Kenny, and to 5th years Kate Kenny and Zita Tempany.



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The MUN community at the Institute continues to thrive. On Friday the 6th and Saturday the 7th of March a group of our students set out to Clontarf for the Inaugural Holy Faith Model United Nations. Students were challenged to represent their assigned countries across a wide range of topics. In committee rooms students debated, negotiated and voted on some of the most pressing issues of our times. The event culminated in the General Assembly (GA), in which all the delegates reconvene for a final round of rhetoric and voting. Each MUN concludes with an award ceremony and this time we came away with six awards, a truly fantastic result that attests to the passion and drive of our students.

Our winners are pictured above: Best Delegation in GA: Bahrain
SPECPOL Distinguished Delegate: Bahrain - Riona McMenamin (4th yr)
E&E Distinguished Delegate: Bahrain - Sarah McCormick (4th yr)
SOCHUM Highly Commended Delegate: Bahrain - Shauna Esmonde (5th yr)
ECOSOC Commended Delegate: Bahrain - Lexi Taran (6th yr)
UN WOMEN Commended Delegate: Cuba - Maya Ahmed (5th yr)



GUIDANCE

HI STUDENTS



CAO

The online facility for CAO applications reopened on March 5th at 12 noon, if you didn't apply before February 1st. There is a late fee of €65 and the final deadline to make a new application to the CAO is May 1st at 5pm. All applicants will be able to use the CAO change of mind facility to adjust their course selection when the option opens on May 5th at 12 noon - it then closes on July 1st at 5pm.

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. Further details on exemptions are available on respective college websites. 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.

LATE RACE FORMS



LATE RACE APPLICATION FORMS are now in Helen Casey's office in 2-6A. It is very important that students seeking a late RACE application make contact with Helen through the appointment portal.

OPEN DAYS



University College Cork (UCC) - Wednesday 18th of March from 5:30 - 8pm
Undergrad Open Evening will feature a wide range of information stands, campus tours, talks, and presentations covering degree programmes, Leaving Certificate tips, and more. Visitors will have the opportunity to chat with current UCC students about courses and student life, and enjoy some ceol agus craic from the UCC Trad Society throughout the evening.

University of Galway (UG) - Saturday 21st of March from 9am - 3pm
March Spring Open Day - Attendees can explore the campus, meet lecturers and current students, and learn about various courses and student life.

MTU Kerry - Saturday 21st of March from 10am - 1pm
There will be information stands for each of our CAO courses and talks, tours and workshops to help you discover more about what MTU has to offer.

Registration is required for these events.

Have a lovely week ahead,

The Guidance Team



CANTEEN SPECIALS



Wed: New Orleans Chicken Wings with Rainbow Slaw & Fries €7
Thurs: BBQ Pulled Pork with Macaroni & Cheese €7.50
Fri: Peri Peri Chicken Burgers with Fries €8.50



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

A reminder about our Céilí (Irish Dance) this Friday the 20th.

Beginners and experienced dancers are all welcome. Fun guaranteed!

11:15am - 12pm (2-3) 4th & 5th Yrs / 12:30pm - 1:30pm (2-3) 6th Yrs

And don't forget that today Wednesday the 18th we have Ciorcal Comhrá (Chatting Circle). Polish your Irish before the oral exams, Irish books and board games available as well.

11am - 12pm (D1-1) 4th & 5th Yrs / 12:30pm - 1:30pm (G-7) 6th Yrs

Freagra / Answer (to our riddles from last week's newsletter)

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

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

Freagra / Answer: Coinneal / A candle

Irish: Téim suas ach ní thagaim anuas riamh. Cad mé?

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

Freagra / Answer: D'aois / Your age

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

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

Freagra / Answer: Lorg coise / Footsteps

Irish: 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?

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

Freagra / Answer: Méarchlár / Keyboard

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

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

Freagra / Answer: Spúinse / Sponge



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REVISION CLASSES



This Wednesday and Thursday we have drop in revision classes in HL Maths with Hilary. For 6th years from 7:55-8:27am in 2-3 & for 5th yrs 8:30 - 9am in L2-2.



This Friday 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.**



This 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.