



LORETO ABBEY SECONDARY SCHOOL
DalkeyDiary
 30th August 2024

WELCOME BACK!

‘And it was a head, a head full of dreams, you can see the change you want to, be the change you want to be’. Coldplay

The Class of 2024 will be remembered for their cheerful smiles, can do attitude and volunteerism. Their contribution to the life of the school was significant during their six years with us and so it was with great pride that we celebrated their results last Friday. As a school with a mixed ability intake, we encourage our students to be the best they can be and often remind them that their best is good enough. We are delighted with the strong results this year which are a testament to the quality of education provided in Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Dalkey. Statistics, no matter how impressive, do not adequately reflect the personal achievements behind the numbers. We are aware of the diligence, the sacrifices, the resilience and the quiet determination that characterised the Class of 2024 to whom we wish the best of luck as they embark on the next stage of their academic journey.

Breakdown of Leaving Certificate Results 2024		National Average
Points	%	%
625	5	
601-624	8	
>600	13	5
550-599	21	
500-550	18	
>500	52	24
450-499	20	
400-449	15	
>400	87	52
<400	13	48

SUMMER WORKS

We carried out a wide variety of summer works in order to enhance the facilities available to students. These included:

- New roof on C Corridor
- Gate & Concert Hall window restoration works
- Painting: Areas of Sports Hall, A, B & C corridors, Reception & office
- Upgrade to CCTV security systems
- New flagpoles: Green Flag, Cineáltas Flag & new school flag
- New doors on A & B corridors
- New floors on C Corridor & B8
- New Ethos & Music area under spiral stair case
- Vegetable patch with digital weather station beside bio diversity garden.



*Mr Robert Dunne
Principal*

A new school year can be a turbulent time for some, while others enjoy the return to routine. From timetabling to lockers to room reconfiguration, the month of September enables us to settle into a harmonious rhythm. Should students encounter any challenges over the coming weeks, we encourage them to take the initiative and speak to the Student Support Team. Alternatively, parents may prefer to alert the Year Head or a member of the Senior Management Team.

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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST YEARS

Making the transition to secondary school is a significant milestone in any young person's development. This week our Sixth Years eased our First Years into life in Loreto by taking them on tours and walks around the campus. We were also delighted to welcome parents of First Year students to a coffee morning on Tuesday 27th August. We look forward to meeting all parents at upcoming events.

We wish all of our First Years well in their first term and encourage them to ask for help from their Class Tutors or Year Head, Ms Ryan if they require it.

SUPERVISED STUDY

There are a limited number of places available for Supervised Study which takes place after school for 2nd-6th Years.

The registration form is available on our Unique School App under 'Forms' from Monday or can be emailed to catherine.odwyer@loretoabbeydalkey.ie via the attachments to this email.



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FOUNDIT/LOST PROPERTY

We use the FoundIt system in school to reunite students with their lost items. It is most important that your daughter has everything labelled with her FoundIt stickers.

This will ensure a prompt return of her property. When an item is found in the school, it is scanned and an automatic email is generated and sent to the student informing her that her item has been found and can be collected from Lost Property. The opening times for Lost Property are as follows:

Monday – 15.40

Wednesday – 13.00

Friday – 15.40

PUPIL ACCIDENT INSURANCE



Each student is covered 24 hours per day, 7 days per week under the Pupil Protector Personal Accident Plan.

The cost of the plan is included in the school fees. There is an excess of €50 on any claim. For more information or to request a claim form, please contact Mrs. Maria Roberts on (01) 2718926.



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SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS



TRAFFIC REMINDERS

Given the large numbers of students and staff approaching the school, we ask parents to drop/collect their daughter on Harbour Road rather than on Loreto Avenue, the road adjacent to the school.

The school grounds are a designated parking area for staff of both the primary and secondary schools. Consequently, it is not possible to drop students in the grounds during school hours.

Management Team	
Date	Details
Principal Mr Robert Dunne	May be contacted via his Personal Assistant Ms Holly Simmons on principal@loretoabbeydalkey.ie
Deputy Principal to Juniors	Mr Will Flanagan will.flanagan@loretoabbeydalkey.ie 01 2718905
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1st Year Head	Ms Therese Ryan therese.ryan@loretoabbeydalkey.ie
2nd Year Head	Ms Colette Ní Ghallchóir colette.gallagher@loretoabbeydalkey.ie 01 2718919
3rd Year Head	Ms Joanne McBreen joanne.mcbreen@loretoabbeydalkey.ie
4th Year Head	Ms Aisling Mooney aisling.mooney@loretoabbeydalkey.ie 01 2718909
TY Coordinator	Ms Aoife McHenry ty@loretoabbeydalkey.ie 01 2718909
5th Year Head	Ms Marie Lonergan marie.lonergan@loretoabbeydalkey.ie 01 2718918
6th Year Head	Ms Aisling Green aisling.green@loretoabbeydalkey.ie 01 2718925
AENCO	Ms Roisin Conlon roisin.conlon@loretoabbeydalkey.ie

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2023/'24

We are delighted to introduce you to our Senior Student Leadership Team for 2024/'25. Led by Head Girl, Mia Walsh, Faye Egan is our Deputy Head Girl for Ethos, Clara Morrison is our Deputy Head Girl for Junior Leaders, Doireann O'Donnell is our Deputy Head Girl for Co & Extra Curricular, Ailbhe Cahill is our Deputy Head Girl for Sports and Maedbh Le Roux is the 6th Year Prefect. We wish them success on their leadership journey.

SUSTAINABILITY IN OUR SCHOOL

Where would you find the most accurate temperature, wind and rainfall data in Dalkey? Sitting atop our new vegetable patch, is our new digital weather station which can be accessed via a quick link on our updated school website.

In addition, we are introducing Sustainability Studies in both First and Transition Year in a bid to ensure our students can contribute to a more sustainable future. Learning how to weed, plant, grow and harvest our own fruit and vegetables is already underway with the TYs, led by our Sustainability Coordinator, Mr Oman, paving the way for planting in our Serenity Garden. Should you have any spare gardening gloves, spades, trowels, seed propagators or even compost that you would like to donate, please contact niall.oman@loretoabbeydalkey.ie

UNIFORM REMINDERS

The following uniform items are to be worn on a daily basis, please label your belongings:

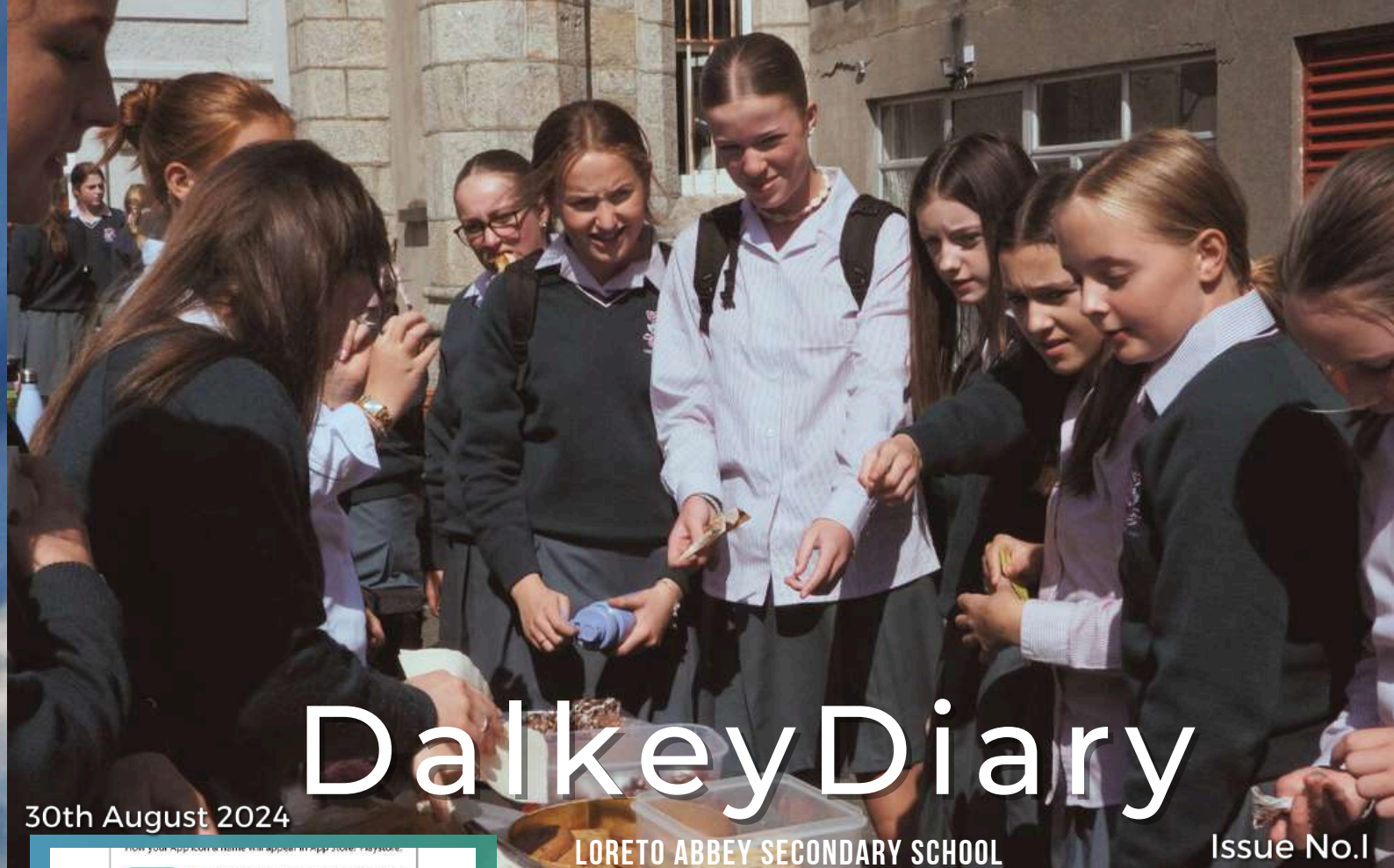
- Green jumper (fleece over in cold weather, no hoodies)
- Striped shirt
- Green skirt (knee length only)

Grey knee length socks
Black/navy leather shoes, no logos/sports shoes/converse permitted

P.E Uniform Only:

- School tracksuit bottoms/school leggings
- School sports shirt
- School fleece
- Sports runners



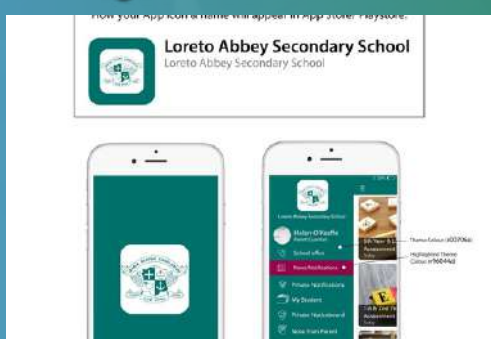


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DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOL APP

In order to centralise our communication and attendance systems we launched our new school app this week. This is the central hub where parents input notes, lates, absences and permissions to leave. Regular notifications and sports information will also be communicated here. So far over 500 parents have downloaded the app so please do so this weekend to ensure you are receiving regular updates.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF



Ms Bailey
English & SPHE



Mr J. Byrne
Irish & French



Dr Carney
Biology & Science



Ms Glass
English, History & Music



Ms Gleeson
Home Economics & Business



Ms Hayes
History, RE & SPHE



Ms Quirke
Home Economics & RE



Ms Sutton
PE, Biology & SPHE



Ms Temple
English & RE

FOOD VILLAGE

Hot tasty food, vegan and vegetarian options are available to order via the Food Village app with all meals priced under €5. Every student received their Food Village key tag this week and the school registration code is 'LORAD'. We hope our students enjoy the nutritious affordable meals available to order from the 29th August 2024.



FRESH, TASTY & NUTRITIOUS MEALS DIRECT TO STUDENTS

