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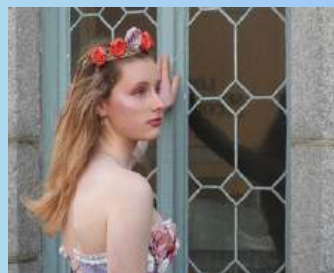
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 10th February: 5th Year Examinations Begin
- Monday 10th-14th February: TY Work Experience
- Tuesday 11th February: 1st & 2nd Year Examinations Begin
- Monday 17th-21st February: Mid-term Break
- Monday 24th February: School recommences
- Tuesday 25th February: Subject Choice Evening for TYs, Killiney Castle Hotel, 4.15pm



STRIKE A POSE

Head up, shoulders back, crook your knee and pose! These were the directions that could be heard echoing across the granite coastline as Isabelle Power, Lily Knight, Marta Ruiz and Raquel Gomez debuted their delicate yet sustainable creations. JUNK KOUTURE is an innovative competition that culminates in some of the most unexpected and remarkable sartorial flourishes using recyclable materials. We wish our entrants and Ms McBride the best of luck in the competition ahead.



PEER TO PEER PREPARATION

As all of our students embark on exams in the coming week, a proactive group of Transition Year students designed a workshop on study skills which they delivered to First Year classes. Having experienced the Junior Cycle exams in June 2024, Lily McDonald, Ava Drewitt, Gillian Murphy and Cara Tierney were well placed to offer our First Years study tips and advice on how best to navigate the February exams. Thank you to Mr P.Byrne for organising this initiative.



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DEBATING

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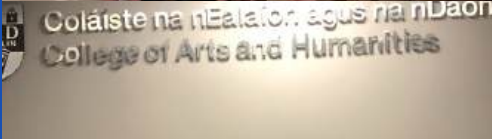
Congratulations

To Freyja Cleary, Rebecca Cullen, Áine Marmion, Siofra McMahon and Kate Rainsford who were presented with the UCD Entrance Scholars Award this week. We wish them every success at third level.



'In oratory the greatest art is to hide the art', Johnathan Swift wisely identified the key to successful public speaking, cleverly convince the audience that what you present is indisputable. Therefore, this week our TY Concern Debating team opposed the motion that 'We must only buy from brands that adopt fair trade practices' against Sandford Park. Well done to Mary Rose Murnane, Hazel Gillen, Ella Bartley, Emily Burke and Orlaith Murphy who await the results of this round.

Meanwhile, India Bagot and Maja Surmacz from Second Year, confidently proposed the motion 'This House believes that Religious Education should be compulsory'. Thank you to Ms Galvin and Ms Hayes for enthusiastically coaching our students. Best of luck to our TY Model United Nations team who are participating in ROCK MUN this weekend. Thank you to Ms Hayes and Ms Fogarty.





TY UPDATES

- Monday 10th-14th February: TY Work Experience
- Monday 24th February: Interschool Literacy Drive with Loreto Primary, 'Write a Book' Project
- Tuesday 25th February: Subject Choice Evening, 5pm, Prince Regent Suite, Killiney Castle Hotel
- Thursday 27th February: Activities begin by class group including rock climbing, song writing and Law Education
- Friday 28th February: Historical experience day, all TYs to Collins' Barracks and National Museum of Ireland

BEST POLAR WISHES

Beyond the twinkling lights lies a land that now our TYs can envision. It's a place where there is 55 giga tonnes of ice that used to remain solidified from October to July but now begins to melt away after only five months. It's a place where if one underestimates the strength of the ground beneath them, it can lead to rescue missions costing \$6.5 million dollars, that's if Special Command can locate the individual. It's a place where polar bears can mastermind an ambush. Today, Alex Hibbert, Polar explorer and author of 'Polar Eskimo', 'The Long Haul', 'Maybe' and 'Kalaallit Nunaat: Land of the People', regaled our TYs with his exploits in the Arctic including how he achieved the world record for 'Unsupported Distance' at an impressive 2,210km across the Greenlandic Ice Sheet.

Not only did our TYs meet an Arctic adventurer this week but they also interviewed a Circuit Court Judge, Her Honour Judge Jennifer O'Brien. Amaia Kennedy, Grace Ryan, Isabelle Higgins, Jessica Kinsella, Lilith Mulligan and Aoife Redden posed thought provoking questions to the Judge in the latest interview with an inspiring woman in our Leadership Conversations series. Finally, the TYs attended iWish in the RDS where they explored STEM related careers and technology. We wish all of our TYs the best of luck as they reenter the world of work in the coming week for their Work Experience Placement.





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Congratulations to our Swimming Team!



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We were delighted to meet our Fifth Years today for a special assembly about student leadership opportunities as they progress towards Sixth Year. We encourage our Fifth Years to consider applying for a role on our Senior Student Leadership Team and our Prefect team. The deadline for submission of application forms is Monday 24th February at 4pm.



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