



## UPDATES

- 2nd - 6th December: TY Work Experience Placement No.1
- Friday 6th December 8.45: Parents' Association Coffee Morning for parent of First Years, Concert Hall
- Thursday 5th December: Parents' Association Social Evening for Parents of 3rd Years, The Club, 8pm



## SISTER ACT

Where would you find 50 nuns performing energetically on stage in November? This year our Transition Years morphed into perfectly pious yet hilariously comic nuns in the eponymous musical. Not only were lines such as 'Oh my God, somebody shot a smurf....Girl it's dyed' comically delivered but also beautifully melodious pieces were performed by our TY Broadway stars who danced, acted and entertained a full house for three consecutive days and nights supported by the Backstage Crew. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Musical team comprising of Ms Green, Denise, Ms Noctor, Ms McBride, Ms Penston and Mr Hughes who guided our TYs over the course of the last term to this euphonious success. We would also like to thank our sponsors who are featured in our programme.





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## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate our past pupil, Eleanor Foot, Class of 2024, on her receipt of the prestigious DCU Scholars Award. We wish her success in her future studies.



## UPCOMING GUIDANCE TALKS

Senior Cycle students are invited to attend our series of Lunchtime Guidance Talks in the Lecture Theatre on the following dates:

- Monday 2nd December: Emma Donovan will advise our students on Social Sciences courses in UCD including the different career paths that are available in this area.
- Thursday 5th December: Anthony Maude will discuss the exciting academic opportunities available in DCU.
- Tuesday 10th December: Greg Byrne from TUD School of Health Sciences will outline the courses and career paths available.

## JUSTICE & PEACE



Did you know that Ireland ranks no.6 in the World Peace Index? This is one of the heartening facts that our Justice and Peace group will display on a daily basis in their Advent Calendar outside An Grianán. In a world of crisis and conflict, this will imbue our lives with a little hope this advent.

## MUSICAL MARVELS

'Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life, bringing peace, abolishing strife', Kahlil Gibran. Our spirited singers impressed the judges at Kilcoole Music Festival with our Senior Choir placing First, our Junior Choir placing Third, Molly Sewell placing Third and India Bagot winning the Overall U19 Singing Award. The previous week there were also excellent results in the Vocal Solo U16 category with Molly Sewell taking First place, Grace Whelan taking Second Place and Ysabel Zabel taking Third Place. In the Vocal Solo U19 category Amelia Tobin achieved Second Place and Rosa Henderson took Third Place while in the Musical Theatre category India Bagot was awarded First Place while Alyssa Flynn and Meabh Redden achieved joint Second Place. Congratulations to all of our participants and thank you to Ms Penston for preparing our students for this invaluable experience.



## FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS: BISHOP ROCHE ENGAGES AND INSPIRES

'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news' – Mark 16:15

This week, our 6th Year RE classes had the privilege of welcoming Bishop Dónal Roche for an engaging and thought-provoking discussion. The Bishop began by sharing his journey of faith and how he felt called to his vocation. He spoke candidly about the challenges and joys of his role, offering a unique insight into the life of a modern Bishop.

Students praised Bishop Roche's openness and the sincerity with which he answered their questions. It was a reminder of the importance of fostering understanding and encouraging discussions that challenge and deepen our perspectives on faith. Next week's discussion sees us welcome Brother Richard Hendrick, author of 'Calming the Storms' who will speak about using the power of meditation to calm a chaotic world. Thank you to the RE Department for organising this series of insightful speakers.



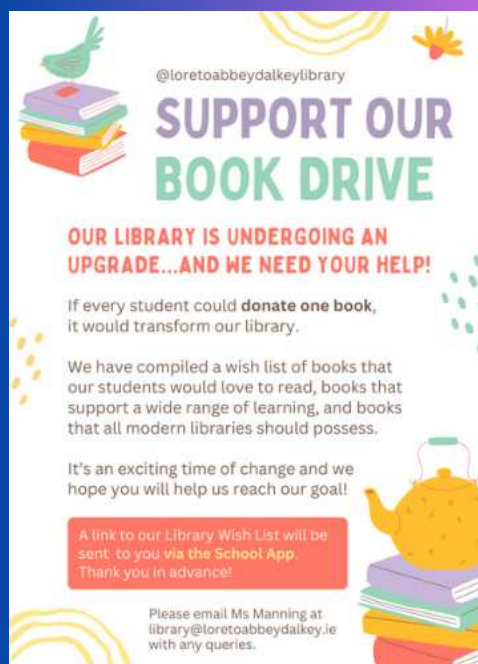
## DIGITAL CHAMPIONS



We are delighted to introduce you to our Digital Champions and our 6th Year Prefects who will lead peer education on topics such as the significance of a positive digital footprint, staying safe online and how to interpret misinformation. Alexandra Egan, Alex Cunningham, Maggie Sweeney, Maja Surmacz, Molly Booth, Florence Walsh, Lauren Creevey, Ella Hayes, Niamh Arcan, Hannah McKenna 6th Year and Annabel Lane 6th Year will work with Mr Hughes on this significant student leadership project.

## Library Wish List

We are currently upgrading our selection of books available to students in our Library and we would like to enlist parents' assistance. We have compiled a 'Wish List' of books that our students would love to read. If you would like to donate a book please click on the link in the app notification you received today. Should you wish to donate a second hand book, please contact our Librarian, Ms Emily Manning on [library@loretoabbeydalkey.ie](mailto:library@loretoabbeydalkey.ie)



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### SUPPORT OUR BOOK DRIVE

**OUR LIBRARY IS UNDERGOING AN UPGRADE...AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

If every student could **donate one book**, it would transform our library.

We have compiled a wish list of books that our students would love to read, books that support a wide range of learning, and books that all modern libraries should possess.

It's an exciting time of change and we hope you will help us reach our goal!

A link to our Library Wish List will be sent to you via the School App. Thank you in advance!

Please email Ms Manning at [library@loretoabbeydalkey.ie](mailto:library@loretoabbeydalkey.ie) with any queries.

## Sports Round Up

### Basketball



Well done to the U16A team who were victorious against Loreto Beaufort, 51-25, and are now through to the Leinster Final.

### Horse Riding



Well done to Amber Smith who represented our school in an Interschools Equestrian competition.

### GAA



Congratulations to Rebecca McEvoy and Katie Hayes who have been selected for the Dublin GAA Minor Panel for 2025.



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### CPR 4 Schools

Well done to 1A who participated in the Irish Heart Foundation's CPR4Schools Programme. We now have our own customised poster which outlines the key steps to take in the event of a cardiac emergency. Thank you to Mr Monaghan.

