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LORETO ABBEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

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UPDATES

- Monday 11th - Friday 15th November: In class exams for 3rd Year students
- Tuesday 12th November 4.15-6.45pm: 2nd Year Parent/Teacher Meeting, please sign in at Reception
- Wednesday 13th November: 8am Lecture Theatre Whizzkids Talk for First Years
- Thursday 14th November 7pm: CAO Seminar for Parents of 6th Years, refreshments from 7pm, seminar begins at 7.30pm
- Friday 15th November 8.45am: PA Coffee Morning for Parents of Transition Years, Concert Hall
- Friday 15th November: Surprise visit for First Years as part of Science Week

THE FUTURE IS NOW

'I'll be back....' Those inimitable words with their distinctly Germanic enunciation encapsulated a distant future when the six Terminator films were expected to have melted away as Arnold Schwarzenegger sank gently into retirement. On the contrary, our 6th Year Physics class experienced the future this week when they visited the Irish headquarters of INTEL in Leixlip. There our students visited an AI lab and were introduced to some top secret projects in addition to generating images via AI prompts. Two female electrical engineers inspired the Physics class with their description of their journey through university to INTEL. Thank you to Mr Cullen for organised this electrifying visit.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We were delighted to welcome parents of Second Years to a Coffee Morning organised by our Parents' Association Reps, Ms Karen Kavanagh and Ms Claire Tracey. Thank you to Ms Penston and our Junior Choir, orchestra, trad group and soloists who entertained our guests. Also a special thank you to our TY Catering Crew who organised and hosted the event.



Science Week 2024

11th - 15th November



Science week schedule

- Daily science quiz question** - the question will be asked on the intercom after morning prayer every day, there will be a box outside the office for your name and answer.
- Wednesday** - Science show for 2nd and 3rd years in the lecture theatre.
- Thursday lunch** - Science table quiz in E2 for 1st - 3rd years.
- Friday** - 1st year surprise!





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DEBATING CLUB

Motions such as ‘There should be limits to artificial intelligence development’, ‘The voting age should be lowered to 16’ and ‘School holidays in Ireland should be shortened’ are just a flavour of the arguments being crafted by our Debating Club which takes place in the Lecture Theatre on Tuesdays at 4pm.

LONDON

‘When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life’, wrote Samuel Johnson, and our 6th Year students wholeheartedly agreed as they explored this wonderful city. We began with a bus tour, giving us a view of London’s iconic landmarks, followed by explorations at the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum. The group also enjoyed an insightful tour of the Globe Theatre and the striking exhibits at the Tate Modern. A Thames River cruise offered us a new perspective on the city, and later, The Lion King in the West End brought the Disney classic to life. A stroll through Oxford Street on Sunday capped our busy itinerary. By the end, though thoroughly tired, we left still captivated by all that London has to offer. Thank you to Ms Lonergan, Ms Freyne, Ms Coyne and Mr Dunne. Mr Flanagan



SHOE BOX APPEAL

The Shoe Box Appeal is a wonderful and festive way of sharing Christmas cheer and comfort with people who are living in poverty or are less fortunate than us. It’s a lovely way to bring the school together to raise awareness and support for people who are struggling to make ends meet. The Justice and Peace Group is delighted to announce that we have collected over 70 shoeboxes for students in our school. Remember you can still bring in a shoebox until next Wednesday when they will be collected by Team Hope. Let’s spread the Christmas joy and bring in boxes for girls and boys! Thank you to Ms Hayes and Ms Temple for leading our group. By Alice McLoughlin, 5th Year, Justice and Peace Group

Students explore current issues, express their views and listen to diverse perspectives. The club will be entering a number of competitions including the UCD Junior Schools Debate Competition. Whether students are new to debating or seasoned speakers, all are welcome to join in and find their voice. Thank you to Ms Hayes for leading this club.





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YES Mentor Morning for First Years

Our YES Mentors were impressed with our First Years' entrepreneurial spirit today at our YES Mentor Morning in the Lecture Theatre. Thank you to Ms Sarah Emerson, Ms Emily Foley, Ms Michelle Maguire, Ms Sheila Heavey, Mr Manus Byrne and Mr Paddy Mohr. On Wednesday 13th November, First Years will have the opportunity to attend a YES Whizzkids preparatory meeting with Mr Eoin McDonnell where they will examine the next steps in their business venture. Thank you to Ms Gleeson for organising this exciting initiative.

Broadway Beckons.....

Our Transition Years are treading the boards in preparation for their musical debut in The Mermaid Theatre, Bray, on November 27th, 28th and 29th. Tickets are on sale through The Mermaid Theatre Box Office and are selling fast. This week, our TYs also embarked on new modules as follows: 4A: Music, 4B: Journalism, 4C: Development Education, 4D: Sustainability Studies, 4E: Art and 4F: Finance. TYs are invited to join Model United Nations preparation with Ms Hayes on Tuesdays at 4pm in the Lecture Theatre to ready themselves for the upcoming MUN in Blackrock College in January 2025.



UCD Sutherland School of Law

TYs were invited to attend a lunchtime talk with UCD Sutherland School of Law in our Lecture Theatre today. Thank you to Ms Shortt and Ms Brophy, our Guidance Counsellors, who encourage our TYs to attend these talks in preparation for making judicious choices for Leaving Certificate.





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Hockey Captains

Sports Round Up

Congratulations to our Senior A and U16 A teams who are now through to the All Ireland Semi Finals in the Basketball Arena, dates to be confirmed. Well done to all of our sailors who participated in the Shanahan Cup this week. Well done to Ruby Hannon who has become a member of the Leinster Golf Team. Finally, well done also to all of our Hockey Captains who were presented with their Hockey Captain bands this week. Thank you to all of our coaches.

Basketball



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