









# OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE





### Welcome to Our Christmas Newsletter

Note from Principal

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. It has been a fantastic first term here in Our Lady of Mercy College, with many highlights.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated staff for always going beyond and above the call of duty and making the school such a wholesome and warm learning environment.

To our parents and volunteers, your support and dedication to the school helps the school to be the fantastic learning environment it is. We truly appreciate your involvement.

Sincere thanks to Ms. Ciara Howard Deputy Principal for all her incredible hard work and dedication to our school. We acknowledge the great work of CEIST, and the Board of Management in the running of our school.

And finally, a massive thanks you to our wonderful students for engaging with their lessons and being such brilliant participants in the many extracurricular activities that take place here each month.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on January 8th for our second term.

Kindest regards,

Ms.Maura Gray.





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Student Council 2023-24







### Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl and School Prefects



Our Head Girl, Deputy Head girl and Prefects have been very busy this term. We would like to thank them for all their hard work with, Open night, their base classes, our transitions programme for 1st years, mental health awareness week, science week, maths week, think languages week, cultural and friendship week, anti bullying week, stand up week. There is no job too big for the girls and we really appreciate all they do around the school. They are great role models for our younger students.





### Extra Curricular and Co Curricular

A list of all activities

- Soccer
- IDEAL Club
- Women in Finance
- Career Ready

- 6th year trip to see An Trial
- Basketball
- Gaelic Football
- Rugby

### Extra and Co Curricular Timetable

### Monday

Board Games Chess Club Mindful Colouring Chamber Choir Rugby

#### Tuesday

Badminton Volleyball Dance for 1st yrs Keep Fit for parents

### Wednesday

Board Games Chess Club Mindful Colouring Soccer Club Gaeilge / Irish Club Maths Club

### Friday

IDEAL Club

### **Thursday**

Basketball
Gaelic Football /
Camogie
Language Club

# IDEAL Club

Our Inclusion, Diversity and Equality Alliance (IDEAL) group have been meeting every Friday in the Library from 1:10-2:00.

New members are always welcome!

They celebrated another successful Stand-Up Week (in association with BelongTo) on the theme of "Being a Good Ally" and had many wonderful events including a Lunchtime Film Screening, a Lunchtime Quiz and our third annual flag photograph.







### Junior Soccer Team

Well done to our
Junior Soccer Team
who enjoyed a win
this term over St
Finians CC and will
continue with the
league in the new
year;





# Women in Finance

In November, two of our Business students in 5th Year travelled to Brussels as part of the Bloomberg 'Women In Finance' trip.
They met with many influential women working in Finance including a meeting with European Commissioner Mairead McGuinness.



### Visit to US Ambassador's Residence

In November, our 6th Year Career Ready students visited the US Ambassador's Residence in the Phoenix Park. They enjoyed a tour of the residence and a very informative question and answer session with Ambassador Claire Cronin.





Career Ready Congrats 6th years. 2023.



Huge thanks to Junior Achievement and Ms. Grimes



### Turas go dtí 'An Triail'

6th Year trip to the drama 'An Triail'

Having studied the Leaving Cert Irish drama 'An Triail', in November 6th year Irish students went to see a live performance of this monumental drama, as shown in The Axis Ballymun. This modern day version of the 1960s set drama was enjoyed by all.



# Junior Rugby Team

Well done to our Junior Rugby Team who enjoyed wins against Ardgillan, St. Davids and CBS recently..The girls continue with blitzes in the new year and look forward to the Leinster Metro Final in March





Congratulations to the Senior Rugby Team who were promoted in September to the Leinster 10's Competition. The girls continue to show their fanatics teamwork and skills as they travelled across Leinster to complete in tough groups consisting of Newbridge College, The High School, St. Louis and St. Andrews. The girls look forward to competing against more schools in the new year.



Senior Rugby Team

### Junior Gaelic FootBall



Congratulations to our Junior GAA team who are through to the quarter finals after an impressive comeback victory over our neighbors, Clonturk Community College in Parnell's.

The girls showed great fighting spirit in the second half to come back and win comfortably, with the help of super sub Holly Harbourne Doyle. Other star performances came from sisters Faye and Ava Coyle and Gabi Bruzaite. The girls will play Colaiste Chillian in the quarter finals in January.



### **U-16 Basketball**

The Mercy basketball team picked up from where they left off last year with another fantastic league display. For many of the players this was their first time playing in the competitive leagues and they really stepped up to the plate. We had a winning record of 2 wins 1 loss, with our only defeat coming from the eventual group winners New Cross College.

We had fantastic wins over Trinity Comprehensive and Belmayne ETSS with an average winning margin of 18 points. We are immensely proud of girls for the dedication, passion and team community they have developed. We look forward to the New Year when the focus switches to the Juniors.



A very happy team pictured after their maiden win of the season against Trinity



# School Events





**Section Description** 



### Trick or Treat Fashion Show



Our first ever Halloween
Fashion show took place,
organised by
Ms. Keaneys 5.2 this year.
Th students raised 480 EUR for
Temple Street.

Thank you everyone for your support & generosity.











We had an amazing day celebrating Market Day this year! The energy and enthusiasm was fantastic, making it a truly memorable event.

Special kudos to the LCVP students of 5.3 for hosting a fantastic quiz that engaged and entertained the children from St. Fiachras and to Ms Taylors 5.1 for all their organisational skills

### Market Day 2023





Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of Market Day; your dedication and involvement make these events special.



Image 3 Alana Mulcahy & Alex Korzeniowsk



Gabija Bruzaite, Mia Hughes, Megan Carton & Ash Lawlor 4th years















### College Awareness Week in Mercy Beaumont

College Awareness Week took place in our school from the 20-26th November this year. It is a wonderful event and a huge success. During this week as a school we promoted awareness and opened conversations about going to University, College or a College of Further Study through lots of fun events; Full list of events on the next slide.





Daily Quiz "What College am I?".
Showcasing local role models;staff wore lanyards with their college logos.

Creative Competition open to all year groups; What I imagine college life to be like.

READYCON 2023: 3rd, 4th and 5th years tuned into one of eight streamed talks in a career area of interest to them.

College Awareness Week presentation or video all year groups

### 5th Year LCVP and Bonding Trip







On 19th September, our 5th Year students travelled to Castlecomer Adventure Park, Co. Kilkenny for a fun day of teambuilding, nature walks, business talks and zip lining!





### 14/11/23

A group of 12 students and 5 staff took part in the 'Gaeilge24' challenge this year in aid of Conradh na Gaeilge. The girls were challenged to speak nothing but Gaeilge for an entire day, and they did a tremendous job. Maith sibh!

### Gaeilge24



### First Year Archaeology Workshops









We were delighted to be joined by



Archaeologists Mark, Averil and Eadin on December 4th for some hands on history!





A great experience for all











### **Student Council Visit**

### Catherine McAuley Retirement Home

Exciting news from our Student Council!

This term, we visited the residents at Catherine McAuley Nursing Home. We had an amazing time participating in activities, sharing treats, and, most importantly, connecting with the wonderful residents.

We brought them up letters written by our 1st year students

Talking to people from a different generation was really eye-opening, they had amazing stories and it really showed us just how important older people are to our community.

We went home with great memories, new friends and got to spread some festive cheer too!

From, Ela Isik Chairperson, Student Council



Left to right: **Betty** who is 99 years old!, Nuala, Ela, Bushra, Siumya, Arsema, Ms Keaney and Terry









Our First Years went bowling for a morning of bonding. Thank you to Ms. Carragher, Ms Sherry, Ms Taylor, Ms Kiernan and Ms. Howard for organinsing and accompanying the students on the trip.









### Cultural & Friendship Week

Our Lady of Mercy Beaumont celebrates our Cultural & Friendship Week every year.

We have good diverse society in our school and harmonious environment.

We celebrate our differences and similarities, and encourage friendship, understanding and integration.







## Cultural Day continued...





Tá sé fíor-ls í an lá chúlturthá an lá is fearr don scoilbhlian í!

It is true-Cultural Day is the best day of the school year!

This day is exemplary of the values that are upheld by our school- friendship, acceptance and togetherness. I will always cherish my fond memories of cultural day! - Abi Walsh, Irish prefect



# Christmas Carol service.

Congrats to Ms. Rooney, Ms. Vaughan and Mr. Jenkins for the wonderful carol service. We thank all the students for their involvement.







# Christmas Jumper Day.

Movie, hot chocolate, treats, Christmas Music and dance.





## Santa visit on Christmas Jumper Day.

Huge thanks to all staff and students who organised Christmas Jumper day.





### Santa Visit

Christmas Jumper day.







# Transition Year Update







### September cycling trip to Phoenix Park











## Trip to Leinster House









**EU Studies** 



### **EU Studies**

**TY 2023** 







# TY Bonding Trip

Tys took part in abseiling, canoeing, paddle boarding and many team building activities during their October trip to The Cavan Centre.



Haircare
Workshop with
Anne from
Rootine Hair in
October.



TY 2023





Personal Development





### TY Cake Sale

In preparation for Market Day, TYS fundraised in November by hosting a cake sale.









### SciFest

Well done to all our TY students who took part in SciFest this term. Students developed and worked on their project and then had a chance to present them to our students and judges. Well done to our winner Amelia Matuszek-Skibiak on her winning project on spherification and to our runners up Jenna and Arsema on their project on UV light. Both projects will progress to the next stage of SciFest which will take place in DCU





### **TY 2023**







SciFest

## SciFest





TYS have had two team building days with Paul Morrissey. In these workshops, students learn basic skills on working as part of a team, prepare for the world of work and work in new social environments.

## TY Team Building Day











# Relove Fashion workshop







**ART** 





**TY 2023** 

Junior Achievement TY 2023





# TY Christmas Day out

**Trinity College** 







## TY Christmas Day out Ice Skating











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# TY Christmas Day out

TYS attending a backstage tour of The Lir Academy as part of their Music TY Course. Here, they learned about what goes into putting on a show. They experienced costume design, sound design, prop design as well as getting a sneak peak of the production currently showing at the Lir Theatre.





### STEM DAY AT DCU



TY students went to DCU for an intensive workshop on STEM.
They attended lectures on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. A great day was had by all.





## STEM DAY AT DCU











**TY 2023** 





## **Drumming Workshop**

In December, TYs had a Drumming Workshoo as part of their Musical performance course this year.









### TY Christmas Craft Day













## TY Christmas Door Competition 2023



















# Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2024

- We would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community a lovely break over the Christmas Holidays and best wishes for the New Year.
- School Christmas reports will be available in mid January on VSware, a message will be sent out via the App along with a text message with usernames to let you know when and instructions for access.
- If you need any assistance with the school App please email support@uniqueschools.ie
- School reopens on Monday 8th of January



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