



Stratford College

Co-educational Secondary School

Dear Friend of Stratford,

The Junior Cycle Students Award (JCSA) is here!

There is lots of information on the new JCSA for parents. Please click on the links below for details on the new specifications and methods of assessment in general followed by details of Stratford JCSA's Programme.

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*Ms. Patricia Gordon,
Principal*

History trip to Krakow a great experience

From Sunday, 2nd April through to Tuesday, 4th April a group of TY students and 5th Year students went to Krakow on a History trip. Highlights of the trip included visiting the Wieliczka Salt Mines, Oscar Schindler's Factory and a guided tour of Krakow. The trip also included a visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau.

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Two Stratford students selected as 2017 Regional Winners of the Green Schools Ambassador Programme



In April Oonagh and Senan Delargy were selected as the 2017 Regional Winners of the Green-Schools Ambassador Programme for the Leinster Region.

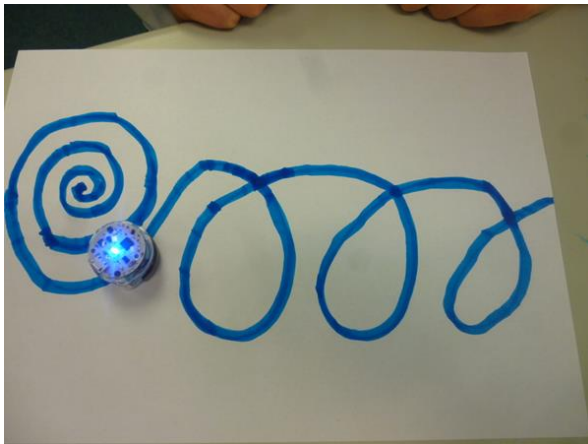
Oonagh and Senan were commended by An Taisce for acting as advocates for water conservation and sustainability in their communities. They were credited as having engaged creatively with their school and community on the water theme. **Continue reading ...**

1st Year students organise an aerial photograph as part of their petition to the Irish Government

Our first year students were keen to ask the Irish government to take action to help those affected by the outbreak of famine in South Sudan. 20 million people face dying of starvation. As the worst humanitarian crisis of the past 60 years is imminent, they decided to get the school to sign a petition to urge our Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Charles Flanagan to honour his commitment of providing .7% of our GDP to the developing world. On Thursday, 27th April the first years assembled the whole school out on our basketball courts to create the figure .7%. They took an aerial shot of this and used it to accompany their petition, acting as a visual reminder of his promise. **Continue reading ...**



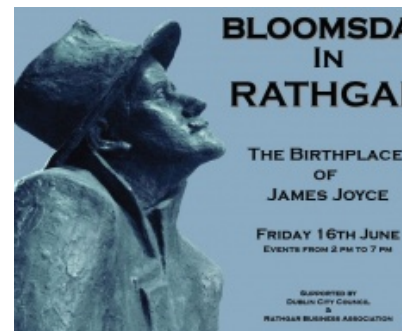
Stratford celebrates Tech Week



Tech Week 2017 was celebrated in Computer Studies classes from Monday, 24th April through to Friday, 28th April. Students got a chance to use Virtual Reality (VR) glasses, explore augmented reality (AR), play music using **Makey Makey**, play **Minecraft** on **Raspberry Pi**'s, work with our little **Ozobot** robot and most interestingly type on an old typewriter! TY students visited the exhibition "Humans need not apply" at the **Science Gallery** and created their own LED torches at a workshop in **Makeshop**. **Continue reading ...**

Bloomsday in Rathgar - The birthplace of James Joyce

Friday, 16th June is Bloomsday. From 2pm - 7pm there will be lots of events around Rathgar Village which is the birthplace of James Joyce.

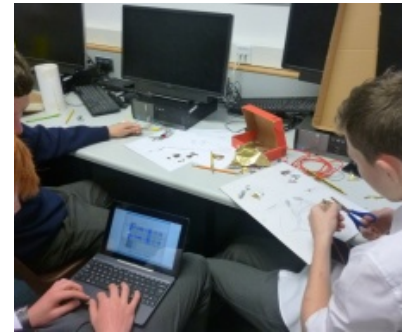


TY students visit Jewish Museum

Ms. Donohoe and Ms. Caspi brought the TY students on a visit to the Jewish Museum on Tuesday, 16th May.

TY students create innovative musical instruments in MaKey MaKey workshop

On Friday morning, 12th May instead of Music Technology and Computer Studies classes, the TY students worked on a MaKey MaKey workshop where they had to create their own musical instruments. This was a most innovative and creative STEAM workshop!

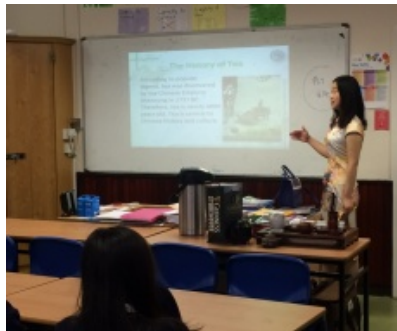


National Drawing Day in Cathal Brugha Barracks, Rathmines

National Drawing Day is on 20th May. Cathal Brugha Barracks is hosting drawing sessions facilitated by 'Artist in Residence' Margaret Fitzgibbon. Earlier in March the TY students exhibited some of their work representing International Women's Day.

Transition Year students explore UCD Classics Museum

Ms. Donohoe and Mr. Kearns brought the TY Classics class to visit the Classical Studies Museum in UCD on Tuesday, 9th May.



Chinese Language and Culture classes for TY students

Over a series of a four weeks in April and May the TY students were taught Chinese Language and Culture classes.

Stratford students really enjoy Sports Day

Thursday, 4th May and the rain clouds were no-where in sight! Ms Finnegan organised another fantastic and enjoyable Sports Day where everyone got involved. The TYs organised a 'relax zone' where students could get juice, fruit-flavoured water or just chill. Leo Mazor (TY) reports.





TY students compete in SciFest@Colleges level in IT Blanchardstown

On Wednesday, 3rd May three groups of TY students went to IT Blanchardstown to compete in the SciFest@Colleges level of the competition. Two groups had Scratch programming projects and the third group had a Science project. James O'Brien writes about the day.

5th Year Biology students go on Ecology field trip to Dublin Zoo

On Tuesday, 2nd May, Ms O'Sullivan and the 5th Year Biology students visited Dublin Zoo to undertake their Ecology field trip.



Green Schools awarded third Green Flag for Water

The Green Schools committee received notice on Wednesday, 26th April that they have successfully achieved their third Green Flag on the theme of water. Well done to the Green Schools committee and Ms Donohoe for all their hard work.

TY Neo-Classical Tour of Dublin

Ms Donohoe and Ms. Caspi brought the TY students around Dublin city centre on Thursday, 27th April to examine the interior and exterior of many stunning neo-classical buildings that populate our city centre. A number of TY students comment on the morning's tour.



Fundraising

The **School Walk** raised over €1000 for the charity organisation - World Wildlife Fund.

The **World Book Day** book sale raised €50 for the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless, €50 for St. Michael's House and €20 for the school Library.

Dates for Your Diary

Leaving Certificate Results (expected date):
Wednesday 16th August.

1st Year & TY Induction: Friday, 25th August.
8.55am - 1.15pm.

School Re-Opens: Monday, 28th August.
8.55am - 1.15pm