

# STRATFORD



# COLLEGE

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Dear Friend of Stratford,

As you may be aware the websites for Stratford Schools at [stratfordns.ie](http://stratfordns.ie) and [stratfordcollege.ie](http://stratfordcollege.ie) have recently been re-launched in order to provide more information on activities at the primary and secondary school, and indeed to showcase the rounded education that students receive.

As Chairmen of the respective Parents Associations for the schools, we are supporting the launch of a 'Friends of Stratford Business Network' as a way for parents of pupils, along with past pupils and indeed other friends of the schools, to connect. If you log on to [stratfordcollege.ie](http://stratfordcollege.ie) you will find an option to fill out an information sheet under 'Business Network' that will then be uploaded onto the site to provide details of you and your business to other members of the network. Note that all applicants will be screened to help protect the confidentiality of contact details provided. This is an opportunity to advertise your business for free, and also to see what others in the community have to offer.

We will then be sending invitations to all those who sign up to the network to the first of our semi annual networking events. This will be on 12 April, 2011 at 8am in the main hall of the schools. We are delighted that the CEO and founder of [pigsback.com](http://pigsback.com), Michael Dwyer, has agreed to be our key note speaker, and will provide insight on how to build a successful web based business. This will be followed by complimentary refreshments to allow attendees an opportunity to meet each other. We promise to finish at 10am.

We want to encourage members of the network to support each others' businesses, offer preferred rates and share ideas through the network.

It is anticipated that a specific event for past pupils will also be arranged for later in the year. Invitations and updates will be sent by e-mail or through [www.facebook.com/stratfordcollege](http://www.facebook.com/stratfordcollege)

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either of us at the email addresses below.

With best regards,

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