



Stratford College

Co-educational Secondary School

Dear Friend of Stratford,

Innovation in the Classroom: Stratford featured in The Irish Times

See **Teaching through Technology: the appliance of science** and **What will learning be like in 2036?** in the Irish Times Report on 'Innovation in the Classroom', published Thursday, 10th November 2016. Click [here](#) to read the report.

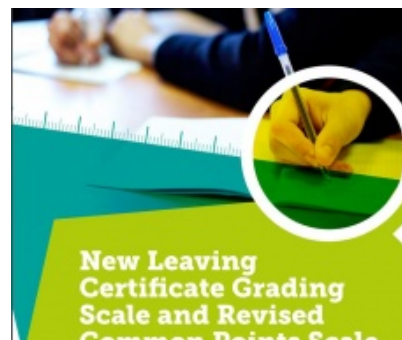
Well Being in Junior Cycle

The Framework for Junior Cycle 2015 provides for a new area of learning at junior cycle called **Wellbeing**. This area of learning will cross the three years of Junior Cycle and build on substantial work already taking place in schools in support of students' wellbeing. It will provide learning opportunities that enhance the physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing of students and will enable students to build life skills and develop a strong sense of connectedness to the school and to their community. This area of learning will make the school's commitment to wellbeing visible to students.

Ms. Patricia Gordon
Principal

CAO points to change for Leaving Certificate 2017

All students sitting the Leaving Certificate in 2017 will be scored using a new grading system. Essentially there will be fewer and broader grade bands.





Stratford College Open Day - Sunday 13th November

Prospective second level students and parents interested in finding out more about Stratford College in Rathgar are invited to attend the school's Open Day on Sunday, 13th November 2016 from 2 - 3.30pm.

Lots of reading ... MS-Readathon and The Great Reads Award

Currently the 1st Years are in the middle of reading lots of books raising money for the MS-Readathon and the school library. 2nd Years and TY students have been entered into the inaugural Great Reads Award. Students read the selected books and rate them. The school with the highest number of ratings forms will win a prize.



Junior members of Green Schools attend Water Forum workshop

Ms O'Sullivan and four 1st and 2nd Year Green Schools students attend a Green Schools Water Forum workshop on Wednesday, 26th October, to learn how to get a Water Flag for Stratford.

So close! U19 Boys basketball team lose to Greenhills in extra time

The match of the season so far has to be the U19 Boys basketball team against Greenhills on Wednesday, 26th October.



Maths Trail and TY Tutor Lessons: some of the activities celebrated during Maths Week

The Maths Department worked hard to have a variety of activities during Maths Week (20th - 22nd October) - from tessellations to a maths trail, to TY tutor lessons and Mangahigh. A busy week!

Stratford Computer Studies students celebrate Europe Code Week

Computer Studies students from 1st Year through to 5th Year got a taste of creating their own apps, using AppLab, during Europe Code Week (17th - 21st October)



Green Schools taking over tending the Bio-diversity garden

As of mid-October, Green Schools are taking over the gardening of the Bio-diversity garden.

Stratford Sessions featuring: Sive

The first lunchtime Stratford Session kicked off with Sive, a musician from Kildare who is building a solid reputation on the national music scene. TY French students are creating a lunchtime music scene as part of their Transition Year French program.



Stratford's first Futsal squad compete in their first tournament

On Monday, 10th October, Mr Priestley and eight 1st Year students - Stratford's first Futsal squad - entered a tournament organised by the FAI.

Classical Studies in Stratford College featured in The Irish Times

Ms. Donohoe, Classical Studies teacher, and 6th Year Classical Studies student, Oscar McHale were both featured in the Education section of The Irish Times on Tuesday, 20th September. Ms Donohoe points out in the article that Classical Studies "suits a diverse range of students and engages them with art, literature, music, language and politics".

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Junior French students showcased work at Féilte 2016 in early October



FÉILTE 2016, a showcase for innovation in education held by the Teaching Council in the RDS, included Mr Priestley and two third year French students on Saturday, 1st October.

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Stratford College the third school in Dublin to raise the ISPCC Anti-Bullying Shield Flag

On Tuesday, 27th September, Stratford officially raised the ISPCC Anti-Bullying Shield Flag. Stratford is the 26th school in the country and the 3rd school in Dublin to be awarded this flag. To receive it is a real honour. Stratford is also celebrating Friendship Week (26th - 30th September).

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Dates for Your Diary

Science Week: 21st - 25th November

Curriculum Evening: 24th November at 7pm, School Hall

Stratford College Productions present "Oliver! - The Musical": Wednesday, 7th December and Thursday, 8th December

Parent Teacher Meetings

1st Year Parent Teacher Meeting: 1st December, 4.15pm - 6.45pm

2nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting: 6th December, 4.15pm - 6.45pm

TY and 5th Year Parent Teacher Meeting: 12th December, 4.15pm - 6.45pm

3rd and 6th Year Parent Teacher Meeting: 12th January, 4.15pm - 6.45pm