



To the Stratford Community,

Welcome to another engaging edition of our school ezine, packed with news and highlights as we complete the final stretch of what has been a truly dynamic school year. For me personally, I can hardly believe that my first year as Principal is nearing its completion – it's been a privilege to be part of such a vibrant and dedicated school. This was exemplified with the highly successful **Wellbeing Week** in early May. Following that, in mid-May, Stratford was awarded the **Amber Flag for promoting Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing**.

For those looking to join us in the years to come, we're pleased to share that enrolment is ongoing across all year groups for September 2025, and we are excited to continue receiving applications. Inside this issue, you'll discover a wealth of exciting news and a glimpse into the many wonderful events and activities that have enriched our school experience since April. We encourage you to explore the **blogs** to stay connected and informed about all the fantastic things happening within our school as we draw this year to a close and look forward to the next.

Mr Barrett
Principal

17 June, 2025

5th and 6th Class Students from Stratford National School visit the College



Stratford College was delighted to welcome students from 5th and 6th Class in Stratford National School to our campus. This was a fun filled morning where the students from both schools got to know each other.



17 June, 2025

Stratford College awarded Amber Flag for promoting Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing

Ms Finnegan received exciting news in mid-May to hear that Stratford College had been awarded the Pieta Amber Flag for promoting Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing. The awarding committee found that Stratford has shown great commitment in promoting positive mental health by encouraging teamwork and contributions from peers in all aspects of Stratford school life throughout 2024-2025.

23 May, 2025

Chinese Tea Party May 2025

The TY Chinese Culture and Language Studies students hosted a tea party for their class, staff and our Chinese students. Traditional games were played and authentic snacks were served. Thank you to all for organising.



23 May, 2025

3rd Year Classics students study Ely Arch

On Thursday 22nd May, Ms Donohoe and Ms McGill brought the 3rd Years to visit Ely Arch, by the River Dodder, to compare this building in their local area to a Roman building as part of Junior Cycle Classics.

22 May, 2025

Stratford's polytunnel: the TYs cook their own school-grown potatoes!

The TYs, under the guidance of Dr McAdoo, have been tending to the polytunnel throughout the year. At the end of the year they cooked the potatoes and onions they'd grown! Delicious!



15 May, 2025

2nd Year History, Culture and Society Trip: 14 Henrietta Street Museum

2nd Year students were transported back in time through a guided tour of the restored rooms of 14 Henrietta Street and Dublin's City Centre on Thursday, 15th May. Stories and history of the house were shared about Lord Viscount Molesworth in the 1700s as well as the lives of the urban poor when No. 14 became a tenement house in the 1880s.

15 May, 2025

Stratford's Student Council visit The High School Student Council

On Wednesday 14th May Stratford College's Student Council visited The High School to meet their Student Council. It was a wonderful opportunity for both Student Councils to meet and discuss common issues and themes such as New Leaving Certificate Reforms; Wellbeing & BÍ-Cinéalta Policy; Community Actions; Exams and Extra-Curricular activities.



12 May, 2025



Wellbeing Week 2025 finishes up with Hell and Back obstacle course

As part of our Wellbeing Week, 1st, 2nd & 3rd year students took on the incredible challenge of Hell and Back Ireland's toughest outdoor obstacle course. It was an amazing day filled with mud, laughter, and plenty of determination.

9 May, 2025

Stratford celebrates Sports Day in glorious sunshine

Thursday 8th May - what a Sports Day! Beautiful weather! Lots and lots of sports! And loads of fun. Thanks to Ms Finnegan for all her incredible work in making it look effortless.



8 May, 2025

Careers Night for students organised by the Parents Association

On the 7th of May, Stratford College held an informative and educational evening, organized kindly by the Parents association, dedicated to highlighting different career options and their benefits for third - sixth years.

8 May, 2025

Student Council organise and celebrate Culture Day 2025

Culture Day 2025, was a celebration of diversity and heritage where students and staff embraced other cultures and their own. On Wednesday 7th May, the Student Council and staff opened the hall's doors to workshops with students enjoying drumming workshops to celebrate 'Drum Beats from around the World' and Capoeira Dancing.





7 May, 2025

Annual School Walk 2025

What a great start to Stratford's Wellbeing Week, than kicking off with our annual school walk. Students walked 12.7 km in glorious sunshine along the Dodder greenway, stopping off for lunch and to enjoy the sights.

6 May, 2025

Boys to Men Programme - TYs climb Croagh Patrick

On Monday, 5th May a number of the TY boys climbed Croagh Patrick as part of the Boys to Men programme.

Omri, in TY, explained further details at the TY Graduation on Tuesday, 13th May.



2 May, 2025

TY students visit Amsterdam

TY students went to Amsterdam on the 27th of April until 29th of April. On the first day some of us hired bikes and took a tour across the city while some students opted for a walking tour. We returned to the hotel that evening, ordered food and had an enjoyable

night.

30 April, 2025

Stratford Classics students compete in Young Classicist Awards 2025

On Tuesday, 29th April Classics students competed in the 2025 Young Classicist Awards, hosted by UCD.

Students from 1st Year to 5th Year went to UCD with Ms McGill.





29 April, 2025

Intellectual Property Office of Ireland give talk to Business students in 1st, 5th and 6th Year

Two visitors from the Intellectual Property Office of Ireland (IPOI) visited Stratford's 1st, 5th and 6th Year Business students on Monday, 28th April.

11 April, 2025

5th Years participate in Gael Linn Irish Debates

5th years participating in the Gael Linn Irish Debates hosted by Stratford College. Some excellent debating from Sandford Park, St Michael's College and CUS.

Comhghairdeas to Sandford Park and CUS who made it through to the next round .



11 April, 2025

Stratford Computer Science students exhibit at Oide Computer Science Showcase for CS Week 2025

6th Year Computer Science students, Niamh and Kishaylin, showcased computational thinking at the Oide Computer Science Showcase conference in Ballinasloe on Thursday, 10th April.