



Stratford College

Co-educational Secondary School

Dear Friend of Stratford,



Assessment is Changing

Stratford has been buzzing with all sorts of assessments for the last couple of months. Read on and click on the links for more details:

Standardised Testing

1st Years have completed their **Group Reading Test** (GRTs) in reading and **Cognitive Ability Tests** (CATs). Results of the latter will be sent home to parents with the June Reports.

2nd Years have sat the **Drumcondra On-Line Testing System** (DOTs) in reading and maths. The results of these will be sent home with the June Reports.

State Exams Commission

3rd and 6th Years have completed **project** work in Science, Art, CSPE, and orals in Irish and French. Leaving Certificate students have submitted their projects in History, Geography, Art and practicals in Music.

New assessments in Junior Cycle for 2nd Years (Science, Business and English) and 3rd Year English are on-going since December. The 2nd Year Classroom Based Assessment (CBAs) descriptors will be included in students June Reports and in the **Junior Certificate Student Award** (JCSA) after 3rd Year.

Grading

There are **new grades** for both Junior and Leaving Certificates.

Orals

All classes are doing language orals and TY and 5th Year participated in Irish orals for adults (**TEG**) and French (**DELF**)

Public Speaking

1st Years did public speaking exams run by the **Leinster School of Music and Drama**. Results will be included with the June Reports. TYs took part in Toastmasters exams earlier this term.

English as an Additional Language (EAL) exams

Preliminary English Test (PET) for Schools by Cambridge

And that's before the end of year exams even begin!!

Ms Patricia Gordon,
Principal

School Walk 2018! Bray to Greystones Cliff Walk

This year's school walk on Wednesday, 23rd May, was from Bray to Greystones along the cliff walk. All funds raised were for Focus Ireland and it was also part of Green School's efforts to get another Green Flag (Marine) for Stratford. Oonagh Delargy (TY) explains in detail.



TYs perform 'Annie' for Stratford National School

The TYs and a number of Junior students have been working hard over the past few months under the experienced hand of Ms Conlon. On Friday, 18th May the performance was seen by Stratford N.S. pupils who really loved the event! Well done to everyone who was involved.

TY French students are the oral examiners with 1st and 2nd years

Students of Transition Year who sat DELF exams as part of the TY French programme acted as oral examiners to first and second year students for end of year exams.



TY students visit Jewish Museum

Ms Donohoe and the TY students visited the Jewish Museum on Tuesday, 22nd May. It was a most interesting visit and provided insights to Irish Jewish history.

2018 Irish Times Fighting Words supplement - two Stratford College writers published!

Congratulations to Grace in 1st Year and Nellie in 3rd Year whose short stories were selected for inclusion in the annual Fighting Words supplement in The Irish Times, on Tuesday the 15th of May.



Green Schools Action Day: Save our Seahorses

Tuesday, 15th May and Kealan Doyle (Save our Seahorses) and Anne Cassin (RTE Nationwide) arrived in Stratford for the Green Schools Action Day.

TY Mini Olympics

14th May 2018 - this year's TY mini-Olympics proved to be just as competitive as ever. Ms. Donohoe, Ms Finnegan and TYs enjoyed the excellent competition. Well done to Laura and Andrew who were crowned winners.



Sports Day 2018!

Sports Day, Wednesday 9th May, started off kind-of grey-like and somewhat damp. It didn't dampen spirits and Sports Day proceeded at pace.

TYs work on Biodiversity Garden during Science classes

The TY students working on the Biodiversity Garden now that the weather is finally good in early May! Ms O'Sullivan





Stratford come 1st and 2nd in their categories at SciFest@ITB

Early on Wednesday morning, 2nd May, a group of 8 TY students and Ms O'Kelly left Stratford to enter into the next round of the SciFest competition - SciFest@College - hosted by IT Blanchardstown.

Stratford celebrates Active Week!

Active Week in Stratford kicked off on Sunday, 22nd April when Ms. Finnegan, Mr. McGoldrick and the TYs participated in their An Gaisce walk in Glendalough. Throughout the week, there were many, many different activities done by all the classes.



Stratford celebrates National Poetry Day in the Library

National Poetry Day was on Thursday, 26th April. Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Talbot and a dedicated group of students created poetry and artwork to celebrate the day.

TYs go on NeoClassical walking tour of Dublin

Ms. Donohoe, Ms. Caspi and the TYs went on a walking tour of Dublin to see it from a NeoClassical perspective.



Awards & Achievements

Congratulations to **Stratford College's Spelling Bee Team** - Rebecca Lee, Rachel Murphy, Sean Noonan and Niamh Dwyer. Sean and Niamh secured 5th and 6th place in the 2018 Spelling Bee Competition held annually in Belvedere College.

Dates for your Diary

Leaving Certificate Results (expected date):
Wednesday 15th August.

1st Year & TY Induction: Friday, 24th August:
8.55am - 1.15pm.

School Re-Opens: Monday, 27th August:
8.55am - 1.15pm