



Stratford College

Co-educational Secondary School

Dear Friend of Stratford,

Parent and Student Charter Panel Discussion

There will be a Panel Discussion on the proposed new law requiring every school to consult with parents and students and publish and operate a **Parent and Student Charter on Monday 27th February 2017 at 7.30pm in Stratford College.**

Chaired by Professor Tom Collins, Chairperson of the Governing Body of Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) speakers will include our local TDs, representatives from the National Parents Council Post-Primary, COMPASS, The Irish Secondary Schools Union and Patient Charter agencies.

See more details on the proposed bill at the **Department of Education and Skills website**. All those interested are welcome to attend.

Ms. Patricia Gordon
Principal

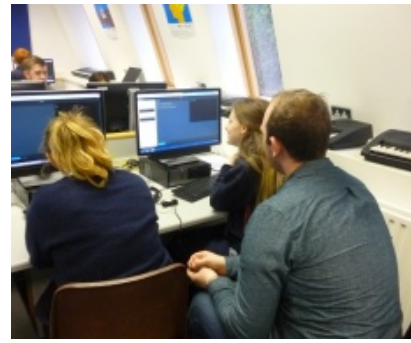
International Women's Day at Cathal Brugha Barracks



Stratford College TY Art students have been invited by artist-in-residence **Margaret Fitzgibbon** to work on a project to celebrate International Women's Day at Cathal Brugha Barracks. The idea behind the project is for the TY students to explore a number of contemporary female artists from a variety of perspectives. The plan is to use these artworks to create a 'pop-up' mini exhibition.

TY Computer Studies students being mentored by 3rd Year DIT Computer Studies students

A new and exciting partnership has just started between Stratford College TY Computer Studies class and 3rd Year Computer Science students from DIT Kevin Street. Over a series of five Friday mornings during February and March, a number of DIT Computer Science students are coming in to the TY Computer Studies class to mentor them in Python and Raspberry Pi. The DIT students are doing this as an elective module called "Computing in the Community".



TY Enterprise Ireland Mini Company competition

On Tuesday, 7th February, the TY Business students exhibited their products as part of the Enterprise Ireland Mini company competition.

Stratford students celebrate Safer Internet Day 2017

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday, 7th February. In Computer Studies classes throughout the week, students were each given Safer Internet Day wristbands. Students also worked together to make a photo which we've entered for Safer Internet Day. We hope to win a GoPro camera for the school!



Stratford Sessions - Lunchtime concerts organised by TY students for students

Since the Autumn the TY Students and Mr Priestley have organised a number of lunchtime concerts for students. They have set up their own WordPress blog too. The next concert is planned for Tuesday, 21st February in the French room!

3rd Year CSPE students invite guest speaker from Irish Defence Forces

On Thursday, 19th January the 3rd Year CSPE class invited a guest speaker from the Irish Defence Forces to speak to them as part of their Action Project. Ross Smith and Hannah Flynn go into detail about the talk.



Green Schools Ambassador Program: visit to Stratford National School

As part of the Green Schools Ambassador Program, Green Schools visited Stratford N.S. on Friday afternoon, 20th January to talk about Marine Litter. Oonagh Delargy describes in more detail what this involved.

TY students compete in SciFest@Schools competition with Science projects

In December the TY students competed in a SciFest@Schools competition with their Scratch coding projects. In January they competed in a second SciFest@Schools competition with Science projects organised by Mr. Fennell and Ms. O'Sullivan. The winning project by Lauren Kelly, Rebecca Lee and Grace McAvinue was to test if a genre of music influenced the growth of a plant. Find out the results by reading on!



1st and 2nd Year Girls Basketball teams both beat Mount Carmel

Thursday, 19th January was a great day for Stratford College Junior Girls Basketball. Both the 1st Year and 2nd Year girls teams beat Mount Carmel with the exact same scorelines: 26-18!

Bob the Banker - TY Mini Company

Since early December a group of TY students calling themselves "Bob the Banker" have been working with AIB Build a Bank Challenge. Every Wednesday in the Business Room, students can open an account through the Bob the Banker team.



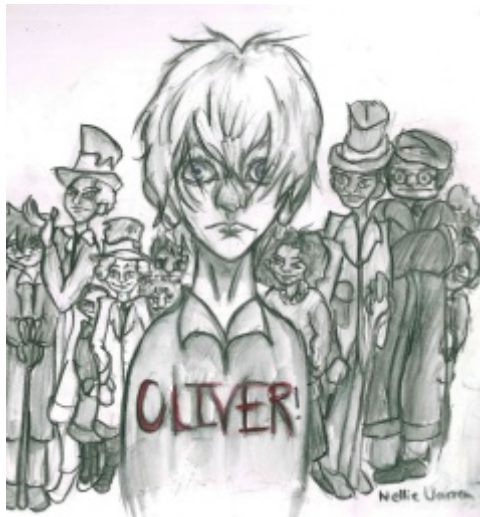
Stratford on the Move

There are two school trips being organised over the next few weeks. From 23 - 27 February the Rabbi is bringing a group of **Jewish students** to Bournemouth on a **Shabbaton** trip to celebrate Jewish experiences with two other student groups.

From 2 - 4 April a group of TY students and some 5th Year students are going on a **History** trip to **Krakow in Poland** with Ms. Kenny, Ms. Finnegan and Ms. Fanning. Highlights of the trip include visiting the Wieliczka Salt Mines, Oscar Schindler's Factory and a guided tour of Krakow. The trip will also visit Auschwitz-Birkenau.



"Oliver!" is a resounding success



Stratford was treated to two great performances of Oliver! on Wednesday, 7th December and Thursday, 8th December. Students both on-stage and off, put in a tremendous effort in the weeks prior to the performances and it really showed.

Thanks to everyone who worked to make the whole show happen, in particular Mr. Downes. The image used in the promotional material for the play was drawn by Nellie Warren in 2nd Year. For more photos see the [2016-2017 Gallery](#).

Stratford's Open Day Extremely Busy

Stratford College held its Open Day on Sunday, 13th November from 2pm - 3.30pm. There were many visitors to the school, with students acting as tour guides. Ms. Gordon gave a short address at 3pm. Prospective parents also got an opportunity to talk to teachers about teaching and learning in Stratford College. For more photos see the [2016-2017 Gallery](#).

