



Stratford College

Co-educational Secondary School

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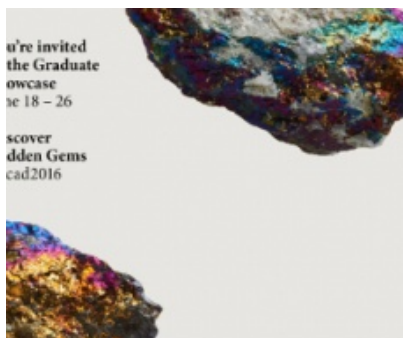
Education is Changing: Curriculum Reform

According to the NCCA's Junior Cycle website, "the Framework for Junior Cycle is based on proposals that emerged from a process of discussion and consultation". Explore the **Education is Changing** blog on the school website, which lists the documents and background research that informed the creation of the Junior Cycle framework.

Ms. Patricia Gordon
Principal

New subject specifications for 1st Year Business and Science students starting in September 2016

1st Year students starting this September will be taught Business Studies and Science according to new Junior Cycle subject specifications. These new subject specifications are part of the current Junior Cycle curriculum reform. Links to these specifications are included in this blog.

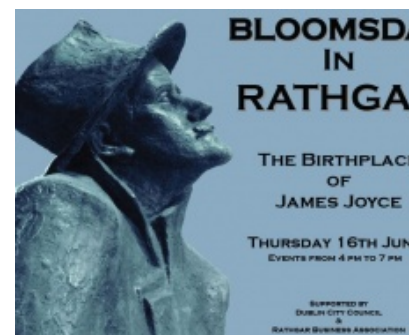


Two Stratford past pupils exhibiting at NCAD Graduate Showcase from 18th - 26th June

Ailbhe MacMahon (2012) and Sarah O'Neill (2012) will both be exhibiting their work at the NCAD Graduate Showcase from 18th June through to 26th June, 2016.

Bloomsday in Rathgar - The birthplace of James Joyce

Thursday, 16th June is Bloomsday. Dublin City Council and the Rathgar Business Association are organising events from 4-7pm in and around the village of Rathgar.





Log on to Learn - Computer classes for Older People starting in mid-September

Ms Finnegan and TY students will be running Computer classes in Stratford's computer lab from Friday, 16th September at 2pm for 6 weeks. Contact the school office (01-492 2315) to attend these classes.

Summer Reading for students and parents alike

With the start of the summer holidays, students should be actively encouraged by their parents/guardians to read for pleasure and parents/guardians should also read as an example to them. Go to your local public library, join your local public library summer reading programme or ask your friends what they'd recommend to read. In this blog a number of websites are listed where you can get lists of books to read.

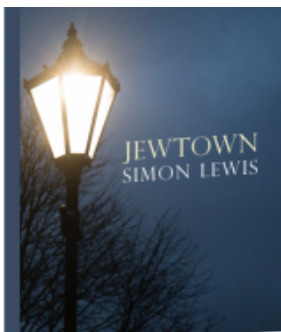


Shavuot: Early Summer Festival

Mrs Walsh explains the significance of Shavuot, this two-day early-summer festival.

Stratford Parent becomes a member of the executive of COMPASS Parents

Congratulations to Ms Sinead Delargy who has recently become a member of the executive of COMPASS Parents which is a constituent body of the National Parents Council (Post Primary).

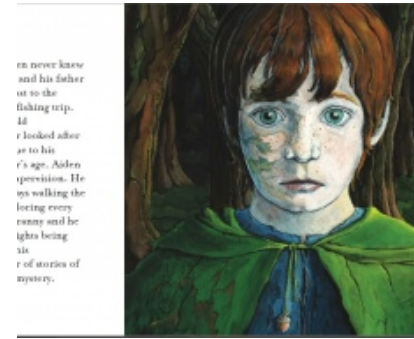


Past pupil Simon Lewis publishes first collection of poetry

Congratulations to Simon Lewis who has just published his first collection of poetry, "Jewtown" and is the winner of the 2015 Hennessy Poetry Prize.

Finalist entries of TY Children's Book Competition

Browse through the beautifully illustrated Children's Books created by the finalists in the TY Children's Book competition - Ryan Baker, Cormac Kelly and Jake Henry.



Past pupil Jake Walsh (1990) returns to school to judge 2nd Year Digital Media work

In mid-May, past pupil Jake Walsh (1990) who is Managing Director and Head of Commercials for ScreenScene, visited the school in mid-May to judge the 2nd Year Digital Media projects. The winning students went on to win an award at the National Creative Schools Competition in June 2016.

Stratford Past Pupils Look Back: Dena Caplin

Dena Caplin, Midwife, contributed her memories of Stratford for the 60th Anniversary book, '60 Years A Growing', which was launched in November 2014.



English students win Creative Schools Award

Stratford College were awarded a top prize at the National Creative School's Competition in The Ark on Tuesday, 31st May. They won the award for an advertising video they created as part of their 2nd Year English Media Studies module.

School Walk in aid of Greenpeace

This year's school walk was in aid of Greenpeace and was organised by the 5th Year LCVP students along with the TY students. It was held on Wednesday, 18th May. 2nd Year student, Ross Smith, writes an account of his day walking 10 km along the Wicklow Way.



Review of 1916 Centenary Celebrations



Since the autumn, work has been afoot in many different subjects and classrooms exploring different elements of the 1916 Centenary Commemorations. To get a complete sense of how Stratford teachers and students explored the Centenary Commemorations go to the [1916 Centenary blog](#).

Briefs

1st Year Boys Basketball team win Final of their League in March.

3rd Year student, Victoria Young, has won a Scholarship to attend the Ballet School in Perm, Russia and was featured dancing on the Late Late Show in May.

Past Pupil Diarmaid Kelly (2014) announced as a Trinity Scholar 2016 for Science in April.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday, 17th August: *Leaving Certificate Results expected*

Friday, 26th August: *1st Year and TY Induction*
9am - 1.10pm

Monday, 29th August: *School Re-opens*
9am - 1.10pm

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