



# Stratford College

Co-educational Secondary School

Dear Friend of Stratford,

The **Global Passport Award** is an EU recognised quality mark, which offers schools a framework to integrate Global Citizenship Education (GCE) into their teaching and learning. It is a self-assessed and externally-audited accreditation and it is open to all post-primary schools in Ireland. It aims to empower and inspire others in nurturing a spirit of solidarity, empathy and joined action in tackling global justice issues.

Our Global Passport application was appraised and we are delighted to inform you that we have been awarded a Diplomatic Passport.

The awards will be presented at the Annual Student Conference on 29 April 2021, which will take place virtually due to Covid-19.

**WorldWise Global Schools Student Conference** will take place online on **Thursday 29th April 2021**. The theme will be 'Our journey towards racial justice'.

Congratulations to **Ms Kenny** who led this initiative by detailing the many cross curricular activities throughout the school involving many members of staff.

The appraisal we received noted the quality of the planning and practice, the variety of cross curricular activities and 'excellent, quality GCE' themes such as treatment of minorities, Holocaust Studies, sustainable goals, global justice, poverty, homelessness, the complex relationship between computing technologies and society. We were also commended on our murals and noticeboard displays highlighting Well Being and cultural diversity. Training for student voice and leadership and staff Continuous Professional Development in the area were all commended.

This is a Whole School endeavour supported by our students engagement. **Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)** is a dynamic and important part of our Well Being Programmes in each of our **academic programmes** and we are delighted and proud to receive this award!

*Ms Patricia Gordon*  
*Principal*

## Stratford students to participate in Online International Youth Summit hosted by Concern Worldwide

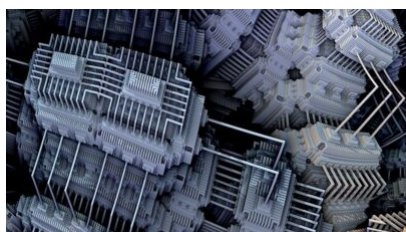


The Agents of Change International Youth Event on 23rd April 2021 is designed to create a climate of positivity around taking action and inspiring young people to see themselves as Agents of Change. A number of Stratford students will be joining this online event. **Continue reading ...**

## TY students to participate in immersive virtual event organised by Ibec and NAPD



The NAPD (National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals) are partnering with Ibec in order to create an insightful immersive virtual event for Transition Year students on Wednesday morning, 5th May.



## Stratford TY student featured in Leaving Certificate Computer Science Framework Initiative bulletin

Congratulations to TY student, Ayush Tambde, who is featured in the latest Leaving Certificate Computer Science Framework bulletin because of his two 2021 BT Young Scientist &

Technology Exhibition awards for his quantum computing language called 'Q'.

## 6th Year wins Best Animation Award & Highly Commended Storytelling Award at Fresh Film Festival 2021

Congratulations to Nellie Warren who won two awards at the Fresh Film Festival on Friday, 26th March for her short film 'buachaill'! Nellie won the Cartoon Saloon Award for Best Animation and the Highly Commended Storytelling Award for 'buachaill'.

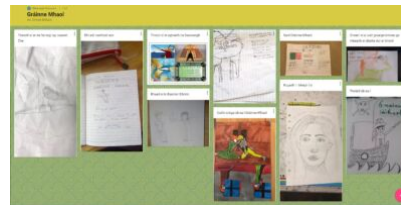


## Record number of Stratford students reach Bebras Computational Thinking National Finals 2021

Congratulations to the 23 Stratford students who have been invited to the Bebras National Final based on their score from November 2020! The finals will take place online on Tuesday 20th April 2021 as part of Tech Week 2021 (17th -23rd April 2021).

## Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021!

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021 was celebrated in numerous ways - all online of course! The 1st years created very nice work on Grainne Mhaol on padlet(see image). There were Tráth na gCeists for the 2nd-4th years.



## TY Life Experiences: TY student creates video for the TY information evening!

Watch this short video filmed, edited and produced by Noam (TY) for the TY information evening on Thursday, 18th March.

## Pesach Passover - Frequently Asked Questions

Passover runs from the evening of 27th March through nightfall of 4th April this year. TY Jewish Studies students have put together a FAQ about Pesach/Passover.



## Past Pupil Ashley Grey (2010) live on RTÉ Radio 1 on St Patrick's Day

Delighted to hear past pupil Ashley Grey (2010) being interviewed by Marty Morrissey on RTÉ Radio 1 on St Patrick's Day!

## Student Council complete ISSU Online Training Workshop

The ISSU (Irish Second Level Students Union) facilitated an online Student Council Training Workshop on Monday 1st March. It was a wonderful opportunity for the group to reflect on their role and responsibilities as Student Council Representatives as well as the successes and challenges of this recently established Student Council.



## World Book Day - Thursday, 4th March

Thursday, 4th March is World Book Day! It continues on from Ireland Reads - Ireland's new national day to celebrate reading

- on Thursday, 25th February.

## Ireland Reads and so does Stratford!

We have a new national day to celebrate reading and it started on Thursday, 25th February 2021! Everyone was invited to read on this day.



## Our parents talked to us about choosing a secondary school

We asked parents about their experience of choosing a secondary school, and what made them choose Stratford College:

## Chasing Joy - February Challenges!

Student Council are promoting organising and promoting some of our Chasing Joy challenges for February! The theme is Wellbeing and Sustainable Living.



## 3rd Year Online Assembly & Chasing Joy (January) winners announced

On Friday, 12th February - the last day before mid-term - the 3rd Years had their online assembly. The winners of the Chasing Joy (January) competition were announced. Watch the 3rd Year's assembly on Stratford's YouTube channel - very impressive!