



Stratford College

Co-educational Secondary School

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff,

Welcome to the latest edition of our eZine! As we head into the final term of the year, the calendar isn't just busy—it's bursting. We've reached that pivotal moment where the finish line is in sight, but the most exciting (and challenging) hurdles are still ahead.

With a packed schedule ahead—from the TY Abyss campout, Wellbeing Week, Sports Day, Hell & Back, Culture Day, Leaving Cert projects, the Ides of March quiz, TY First Aid, a Quantum Computing UCD trip, a TY walking tour of old Jewish Dublin, graduations, assemblies, and House Exams—there's something for everyone to step into and take part in.

This isn't the time to coast; it's the time to seize the momentum. Make your last term count. Take part. Finish strong. Own it.

Mr Barrett
Principal

17 April, 2026

Early Spring produce from the school polytunnel

The 4th year horticultural students and 3rd year Darragh have been work hard in the polytunnel throughout the year and are seeing the fruits of their labour!



15 April, 2026

2026 Stratford's Drama Production: "Burial at Thebes" by Seamus Heaney

On the 14th of April, the drama students performed "Burial at Thebes" by Seamus Heaney. For the past few months, we have been rehearsing the play with our incredible cast of talented actors and our amazing director/drama teacher Mr Barron, and it came out incredible.

27 March, 2026

Stratford students win Intermediate runner-up prize at Dublin City Student Enterprise Final 2026



Congratulations to our Stratford students - Angelia, Sachet, Zhi Hang and Ciara - who participated in the Dublin City Student Enterprise Final 2026 in the Mansion House on Monday 23rd March! Two of our students took home the Intermediate Runner Up for ZS Fans and Bookmarks.



20 March, 2026

Celebrating Chinese culture with a tea-party

In Chinese culture, tea is an art form—a practice of mindfulness known as Gongfu Cha, which literally translates to "making tea with skill." Our

students transformed the hall into a traditional tea house by hosting a Chinese tea party with food and drinks to sample and share.

13 March, 2026

Ceolchoirm ends Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026

Seachtain na Gaeilge i gColáiste Stratford ended with a ceolchoirm showcasing an amazing array of talent from our students. Thank you to the Irish Department for all the planning and coordination of this week. Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam.



12 March, 2026

Five 1st Year groups compete in YEA ECO Dens semi-finals in Airfield

Well done to the 1st Year Computer Studies class - five Scratch group projects were invited to compete in the 2026 Young Environmentalist Awards ECO-Den semi-finals in Airfield Estate on Wednesday, 11th March. We took the S4 bus and LUAS to get there and back!

10 March, 2026

5th and 6th Year Classics and Drama, Film and Theatre Studies students visit Rome



On the 28th of February the Sixth and Fifth year Classics and Drama, Film and Theatre studies students flew to Rome bright and early. We were flown there by past pupil Greg, First Officer. This added to the excitement of the trip. We visited the Pantheon where we got to see the sun through the oculus and the sheer scale of the building. This was the first time for many of the students seeing the building. We visited the Capitoline museum where we saw many interesting artifacts most notably the statue of Marcus Aurelius and Commodus on the first day.



6 March, 2026

Stratford celebrates Purim and World Book Week

On Monday 2nd March we commenced the week long celebration of Purim and World Book Week. There were many different "fancy dresses" for each day, and full dress up day on World Book Day, Thursday. We celebrated Purim this year with the first year Jewish students presenting our Purim Assembly this year, shared the story of Purim, traditions and customs, as well as handing out delicious 'Hamantaschan' cookies for the whole school on Tuesday, 3rd March. Thank you to the Jewish Studies and English Departments for organising this and for all the students and staff who participated.

2 March, 2026

Senior Cycle Subject Fair for Transition Year Students

On Thursday 26th February Transition Year students participated in a Senior Cycle Subject Fair. In session one we had an opportunity to speak with 5th years about the subjects they had chosen. During session 2, the teachers presented their individual subjects to us outlining curriculum content and assessment details. Next, students have the chance to sit in on senior cycle classes. Hopefully we will be well informed in advance of picking our subjects for Leaving Cert.



26 February, 2026

Victory in East Dublin Schools Basketball matches

What an exciting match in the East Dublin Schools tournament. Our 2nd year boys won by 1 basket 25-23, when the game went to extra time. A fantastic game played by all.

25 February, 2026

2nd Years participate in Fast Fashion workshop by repairing clothes



On Tuesday, the 24th of February, the second years took part in a Fast Fashion workshop hosted by Leah Gaynor from Oxfam. There, we learned all about ethical fashion and how companies use greenwashing as a deceptive marketing tactic. We watched a video on clothing waste in the global south, and it is safe to say the statistics were appalling.



30 January, 2026

Tánaiste Simon Harris visits Stratford College

On Friday afternoon, 23rd January, we had the privilege of welcoming Tánaiste Simon Harris to Stratford College. Upon arrival, we met himself and local TD James Geoghegan before Mr. Harris addressed the school. He spoke to us on a matter of issues, including how he became interested in politics, the importance of young people within it, and social media and its mental health implications.

13 January, 2026

Stratford at Stripe YSTE 2026 - 2 projects, 3 awards. 5th Years win Runner Up Group Award!

What a Stripe Young Scientist and Technology 2026 experience for our two Stratford College groups competing in this year's competition! The whole of Stratford College and community are so, so proud of 5th Year students, Hao Wen and Ritvik, for winning one of the top four awards in this year's competition - the Runner Up Group Award. They also won the Institute of Physics Special Award. A big thank you to Dr Ryan for mentoring the 5th year students. Major congratulations to TY students Callum and Sanket for getting a Highly Commended award for their FluxChess project in a very challenging category, mentored by Ms O'Kelly.

