



Stratford College

Co-educational Secondary School

Dear Friend of Stratford,



Our Learning School

As we come to the end of a tumultuous academic year what have we in Stratford learnt going forward?

Human connections and interactions are at the heart of education and the role of the teacher in our school community is irreplaceable. Education is fundamentally a social contract and teachers and students thrive and flourish when in school. The sense of excitement and relief felt by teachers and students as Stratford reopened in August and again in March was palpable!

Our **teachers** have shown remarkable resourcefulness, collaboration and creativity in the way they adapted to a new on line learning environment. Their passion and commitment is second to none.

Student agency has put students at the national table where decisions were being made. They have a very important role to play in our school life and it is their voices we celebrated in on-line assemblies and graduations as well as in the classroom and in the relationships they have with their teachers.

Effective forms of **on-line learning and blended teaching and learning** have become an integral part of education. We have learnt a lot about how to do this better!

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA)'s **review of Senior Cycle** could not be more timely.

Thank you to staff, parents, students and our Board of Management for the part you have played in our learning over the last 14 months.

Ms. Patricia Gordon
Principal

Student Council 'Eye on Nature' competition: prizewinning photos announced

The Wellbeing committee have been working especially hard this term to devise challenges for each month we had a variety available for students to choose from including, sustainable cooking, couch to 5k and even yoga challenges. We also had competitions to spark the competitive side amongst each year groups which were the Chasing Joy competition at the start of 2021 and more recently our 'Eye on Nature' competition.

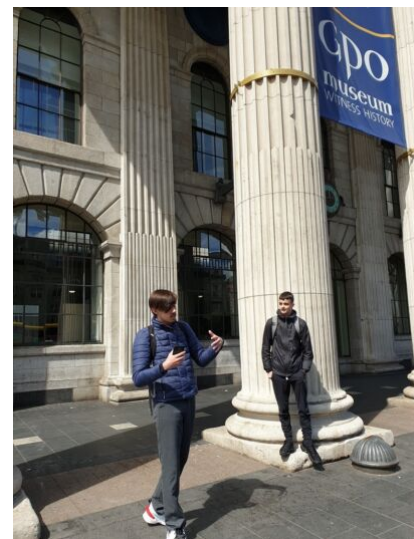


TY student listed in 2021 Sunday Business Post's 30 under-30 Tech people to watch

Well done to Ayush Tambde in TY who was listed in The Sunday Business Post's annual 30-under-30's-to-watch-in-Technology list on Sunday, 30th May.

TY Neoclassical Walking Tour of Dublin

On Monday, 24th May the TY's along with Ms Donohoe, Mr Downes and Ms Finnegan went on their Neoclassical Walk of Dublin.





Green Schools: GLOBE Air Quality webinar & Travel Flag Application update

Green Schools have been busy all this summer term preparing for their Travel Flag application. On Thursday, 20th May students signed up to watch the GLOBE program end-of-year webinar to learn more about air quality in our communities.

6th Year Graduation reimagined as an outdoor Garden Party

This year's 6th Year Graduation on Friday, 14th May was held outdoors and reimagined as a Garden Party, following strict public health guidelines. At noon it was pouring rain... but then it stopped and from 12.30pm it was such a beautiful sunny afternoon!



TY student receives Bronze An Gaisce Award

Congratulations to Nathan in TY who received his Bronze An Gaisce Award in late April!

Surprise! Barista Bike serves up hot drinks for Stratford!

At the end of the 1st Year assembly there was a big surprise ... the Barista Bike team were outside the front of the school so that we could all get hot chocolate and coffee!





1st Years produce an impressive online Assembly

Friday morning, 30th April and the whole school settled down to watch a really impressive 1st Year online assembly!

1st Year team of Business students compete in Bank of Ireland Money Smarts Challenge



1st Year Business students - Liam, Anna, Sarah and Kaydi - competed in one of the virtual regional finals in the Bank of Ireland Money Smarts Challenge on Wednesday, 28th April. The prize if they reached the National Finals? €25,000 for your school!



TYs compete in EU Codeweek Hackathon - one team gets to National Finals

Six countries, six hackathons! The TYs competed in a new EU Codeweek venture - a 24 hour hackathon - which started on Monday, 26th April. Students aged 15-19 from Ireland,

Romania, Italy, Greece, Slovenia and Latvia were invited to create an innovative tech solution. On Tuesday afternoon they had to pitch their solution to a panel of judges.

Stratford celebrates Earth Day 2021

Thursday, 22nd April - Earth Day 2021. Our TY's were busy in the garden weeding, scattering wild flower seeds and hanging bird feeders.



Enjoy the summer! Stay safe!