

Dear Friend of Stratford,

Over the years we have looked at some of the **17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals** and this year we are looking at Climate Change in particular and what we, as a school community, can do.

From 31st October to 12th November the global community are meeting in Glasgow at **COP26** to agree how we can move towards reducing our carbon emissions. There is a parallel **Climate and Nature Summit for Post Primary Schools** which we will be participating in, facilitated by Green Schools, Ms Kenny and Ms Donohoe.

Green Schools are doing trojan work. We have just won our 5th Flag, this time for travel. Congratulations to all those who submitted the application – students were here in June working on the forms. **Crocus bulbs** were planted as part of Holocaust Studies. We won a significant award from **World Wise Global Schools** and are continuing that work again this year. We are participating in the Concern fast this year and will once again collect foodstuffs for Focus Ireland.

I'm delighted that as part of this we applied for and were accepted for the **Safe Routes to School Programme** led by DCC. Students will have their own survey in due course.

Ms. Patricia Gordon
Principal

Stratford College selected for BLAST Arts-in-Education Programme

Stratford College has been selected as one of 400 schools to participate in the Department of Education's new innovative Arts-in-Education BLAST Residency Programme in 2021.

Adrienne Geoghegan, a visual artist and illustrator, is going to work with the TY class in January and February 2022 to help them write and illustrate their own children's books.



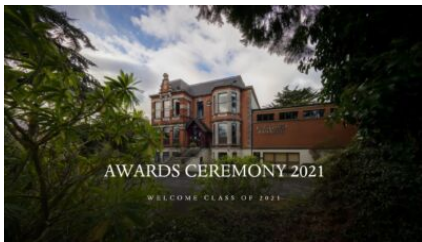


Gaeilge 24 9ú Samhain

Tuesday (Dé Máirt) Conradh na Gaeilge are running Gaeilge24. The aim is to speak Gaelic non-stop for one full day (lá amháin!). In Coláiste Stratford we're going to 'bain triail as' and bring Gaelic outside the classroom that day.

JMB Education Conference 2021: A Senior Cycle for All

Principal Patricia Gordon facilitated a discussion on pathways for progress and Leaving Cert reform at the recent JMB Education Conference 2021 held in Croke Park on Thursday, 4th November.



Awards Ceremony 2021 - online and most innovative!

This year's Awards Ceremony was again held online on Friday morning, 22nd October but with a mix of livestreaming from each classroom as rewards were announced! Ms Talbot and Student Council co-ordinated an incredible online production, involving filming, editing and producing many videos as each award was announced.

Past Pupils - Focus on Karena Walshe, Leah Gaynor, Tim Murphy

We're all very proud in Stratford of the endeavours of Karena Walshe (2008) who recently featured in the Irish Independent (21st October 2021) which focused on her work as Director of Global Partnerships at Web Summit.



Stratford's Girls Soccer team have their first match

Wednesday, 20th October was the opening match of the Girls soccer season for our Stratford footballers. It was an away match to Woodbrook College, ably managed by our new coach, Ciaran Fadden.

Concern Fast 2021 - Global Citizenship Education

Hunger, poverty, inequality, and conflict threaten sustainability and world peace. As part of Global Citizenship Education and Stratford College's work in promoting a more just, fair, and sustainable world, students are engaging and learning about global issues, and taking action to address some of these issues.



The Crocus Project - Global Citizenship Education - History & Green Schools

Transition Year and Third Year students as part of The Crocus Project, 'an inclusive project of remembrance for young European citizens about the Holocaust' led by Holocaust Education Trust Ireland (HETI), planted yellow crocus bulbs in memory of one and a half million Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust and thousands of other children who were victims of Nazi atrocities.

Running Club - going from strength to strength

Best turn out yet for our Running Club on Monday, 20th October. The group meets every Monday 3.45-430pm. All levels of fitness welcome.



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TY students participate in Self Defence course

Starting Thursday 14th October, the TY class have been participating in a series of Self Defence classes.





TY's enter Dublin City Enterprise Student Awards Program

On Monday 11th October the TY's attended a Dublin City Enterprise Student Awards workshop.

Constructive experience for Stratford footballers in Boys U19 clash with Ballinteer Community School

TY student, Luke Higgins has written a comprehensive report on the Stratford Senior Football team's match against Ballinteer on Wednesday, 6th October.



Chasing Joy ebook! Enjoy the student competition entries

In January 2021, as Ireland bore the brunt of the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic and remote schooling was required for a second time, a competition was announced where Stratford students were encouraged to express themselves 'Chasing Joy!'. Now you can watch the eBook of the creative works submitted by students.

Group of 5th Years come 2nd in the 2021 EU Codeweek Hackathon National Finals

On Thursday afternoon, 23rd September and all Friday morning, team 'SC-Babbage' (5th Year students - Annalivia, Adam, Dónal, Lysander and Ayush) competed in the National Finals of the 2021 EU Codeweek Hackathon. Similarly there were National Finals in Romania, Italy, Greece, Slovenia and Latvia.



Dates for Your Diary

- House Exams:** Week beginning 22nd November
- Winter holidays:** Wednesday, 22nd December
- School reopens:** Thursday, 6th January
- 5th Year Parent-Teacher Meeting:** Wednesday, 12th January
- 2nd Year Parent-Teacher Meeting:** Tuesday, 22nd February
- Mid-term:** Thursday 24th & Friday 25th February
- TY Parent-Teacher Meeting:** Wednesday, 9th March