

Dear Friend of Stratford,

The windows of the classroom always open to the future.

Retirement is a word that sounds both exciting and daunting and I have very mixed feelings as I begin to leave a school that I love. I'll always carry a piece of it in my heart. It has been a home away from home for the last 25 years.

When I started on this journey as Principal 25 years ago I was full of trepidation but I did know what I wanted for Stratford. To paraphrase poet Yehuda Amichai, I wanted to throw the windows of this school open to the future.

Students taught me patience and resilience and my colleagues, friends, and I, have been on a deeper, more profound journey, one of learning, of friendship, and of discovery as together we threw open the windows of this truly special school.

So, as I embark on this new chapter of my life, I want to thank each one of you for being a part of my story.

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.
Attributed to A.A. Milne, Winnie the Poo.

Ms Patricia Gordon
Principal

2 June, 2024

Transition Year Programme 2024

Following a review of the needs of our students, International Research Findings (OECD) and the NCCA Draft Transition Year Programme Statement we are very pleased to be introducing the following personal development courses as part of our programme next year.



30 May, 2024

3rd Year Classics students visit Ely Arch

3rd year Classics students visited Ely Arch - just beside the River Dodder - on the last day of the summer term with Ms Donohoe and Ms McGill. Junior

Cycle Classics students have to compare a building in their local area with a building in Rome.

28 May, 2024

Two TY's win awards for The Mary Elmes Prize in Holocaust Studies

Congratulations to TY students, Gali and Sonny, who were awarded 3rd place respectively in the Art and History categories in this year's Mary Elmes Prize in Holocaust Studies.



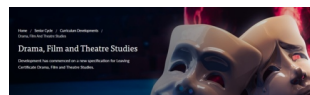
28 May, 2024

Announcement of New Principal

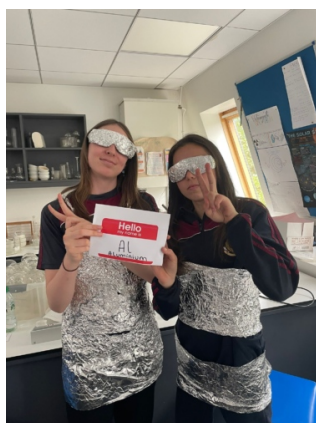
Stratford College is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Nathan Barrett as the incoming Principal of the school. Currently Assistant Principal and Head of Music at Alexandra College, Mr. Barrett will take up his position in September this year. Mr. Barrett succeeds Ms. Patricia Gordon who is retiring after 25 years of exemplary service to the College.

27 May, 2024

Stratford College selected as Phase 1 school for Leaving Certificate Drama, Film and Theatre Studies



In mid-May Stratford College was successful in its application to be a Phase One school to introduce Leaving Certificate Drama, Film and Theatre Studies (DFTS) from the start of the 2025-2026 academic year. This is thrilling news!



27 May, 2024

1st Year Science students host a "Chemical Party"

The first year students hosted a "Chemical Party" where they dressed up as their favorite elements on Friday 24th May.

24 May, 2024

6th Year Graduation

Today we bid a heartfelt farewell to our graduating class of 2024. Surrounded by their teachers and families, it was a day of high emotion as we reflected on their journey through the school and the exciting future ahead for them.





22 May, 2024

Student Council organise Culture Day

Student Council have been working for weeks organising an amazing Culture Day on Tuesday, 21st May. Students arrived to school with different foods and symbols of dress, music, language and culture.

16 May, 2024

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Stratford is replacing its current payment system with Easypayments Plus, a facility to allow you to pay school expenses online with your debit or credit card. This means you can pay school expenses conveniently and securely. You can also choose an instalment option and spread out the cost of some of the items. We encourage all parents to avail of this facility.

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16 May, 2024

Flourish This Summer!

Summer camps, parenting supports, good habits, curriculum reform, new pathways, taster courses in Higher Education (HE) and Further Education (FE), summer reading, health and well being resources, places to visit, things to do!

15 May, 2024

Sports Assembly and TY Graduation

This year's Sports Assembly and TY Graduation was held on Tuesday 14th May, hosted by Ms Finnegan and the TYs. Student Council presented Ms Gordon with presents to mark her retirement. Thank you Ms Gordon for all you have done for Stratford.



10 May, 2024

1st Year Business students make it to National Finals of Students Enterprise Program

"Slobber Stopper" was the product created by 1st year Business students - Eli, Vihaan, Roberto, Matthew and Christian - which made it to the Junior Category of the National Finals of the Students Enterprise Program in Mullingar on Thursday 9th May!

10 May, 2024

Glorious sunshine for Sports Day 2024!

Thank you Ms Finnegan for organising not only a fabulous Sports Day on Thursday 9th May, but fantastic weather as well!! Football, basketball, 100m sprints, tug-of-war, three-legged races and more!



7 May, 2024

Stratford School Walk along Dodder Greenway kicks off Wellbeing Week

Stratford's School Walk along the Dodder Greenway kicked off Wellbeing Week on Tuesday 7th May. 1st - 5th Year students, teacher's and Rolo the dog walked approximately 15km!

22 April, 2024

11 Stratford students compete in 2024 Bebras National Finals

What an achievement! Stratford had 11 students competing in the 2024 Bebras (Computational Thinking) National Finals in Maynooth University in two age categories: 12-14 and 14-16.



19 April, 2024

Hello to First Year 2024!

We welcomed our incoming First Years (2024) for a special visit and school orientation session today. With our current First Years on hand to guide and support, it was a fun filled few hours where everyone got to know each other, play games, meet teachers, learn about life in Stratford and find their way around their soon to be new school.

9 April, 2024

Open Day 15 September 2024

