

## To the Stratford Community,

Welcome to another exciting edition of our school ezine! As the term progresses with its usual vibrant energy, we have much to share with our school community.

We are delighted to officially welcome our newly appointed Board of Management Chairperson, Aoife Cassidy, whose experience and dedication will undoubtedly be a significant asset to our school.

On our website you'll also find important updates regarding **ongoing enrolment** for the upcoming academic year, September 2025, as well as key information on our admissions process. We are excited to continue receiving applications across all year groups.

This issue is also packed with plenty of exciting news and highlights from the many events and activities that have been taking place recently. We encourage you to explore the blogs to stay informed and engaged with all the latest happenings within our school.

*Mr Barrett*  
*Principal*

**9 April, 2025**

### Stratford celebrates Semaine de la francophonie



Stratford is celebrating all things French (Mon 7th April - Fri 11th April) with many activities happening in French classes, fun facts every day and the highlight of the week being a whole-school French quiz organised by the TY's



**8 April, 2025**

### 1st Year 2025 School Social Visit

Incoming 1st Year 2025 students visited the College campus and met with current students who shared some intel on life at Stratford. The afternoon continued with sports in the glorious sunshine and every team was a winner. A wonderful start to the next 6 years in our community. Thank you to Ms. Kenny and Student Council who led this event.

**8 April, 2025**

## Stratford Students participate in CAI-T annual Classics quiz

20 students from Stratford College representing every year from 1st to 6th took part in the CAI-T annual Classics quiz. The quiz took place in Blackrock College on Tuesday 1st April. The hall was packed with 55 teams. There were 8 rounds based on Junior and Leaving Cert Classics. Stratford were three points off top place. It was a super night and the turn out and enthusiasm from our students was as always Olympian.



7 April, 2025

## Stratford Basketball Under 19s Team annual Shield Cup Challenge

Stratford Basketball under 19's took on The High School in their annual challenge Shield Cup. This match was a high intensity stakes match as High School had won their Leinster regional under 19 cup final and Stratford boys had similar under 16 success. This derby game was hugely awaited with bated breath as to how Stratford could cope with a bigger team and a huge 20 man squad. The rivalry was intense and the High School were clear favourites.

7 April, 2025

## Nine Stratford students make it to Bebras Computational Thinking National Finals

Congratulations to the nine 2nd and 3rd year students who were invited to compete in the Bebras National Finals in Maynooth University on 5th April from over 12000 students who competed in the first round in November 2024. They were Olwyn, Cian, Roberto and Heidi in 2nd year and Julia, Ciara, Colin, Sanket and Callum in 3rd year.



4 April, 2025

## Spring Poetry Salon

This was our biggest event so far on Thursday 3rd April, following on from the success of the Winter Poetry Salon. We had poetry entries from students in 1st -5th year, with recent Oide National Poetry Award recipient, Joseph reciting his Highly Commended

poem at the end of the salon.

28 March, 2025

## Bi Cinealta Staff Training Day

Stratford Staff participated in a workshop as part of the national rollout in all schools of the Bi Cinealta programme. The focus on this initiative of showing kindness and being kind to each other, underpins the





11 March, 2025

## Student Enterprise Awards 2025 - 3rd years win Dublin City Innovation Award!

Congratulations to Ciara and Callum who won the Dublin City Innovation Award at the Student Enterprise Awards 2025 this afternoon at the Mansion House, Tuesday 11th March! Five Stratford College students attended the event which was opened by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Emma Blain.

11 March, 2025

## Seachtain na Gaeilge: Tráth na gCeist!

Seachtain na Gaeilge kicked off in a big way on Tuesday 11th March, with a whole-school Tráth na gCeist after little break, while earlier in the main hall the 3rd years were ag damhsa in the hall!



7 March, 2025

## Five 1st Year coding projects make it to semi-finals of 2025 Young Environmentalist Awards

Stratford will be represented by five 1st year groups at the semi-finals of the 2025 Young Environmentalist Awards in Airfield Estate on Wednesday, 12th March. Each group has coded a Scratch game aimed to heighten awareness about the UN Sustainable Development Goals. They will be presenting their projects in Eco-Dens - think Dragons Den - to a panel of judges.

7 March, 2025

## Leaving Cert French students visit Paris - February 2025

Our class trip to Paris was nothing short of an adventure—complete with unexpected weather, breathtaking sights, and the occasional minor disaster. The journey began as we landed at Charles de Gaulle Airport and made our way to our charming (read: small but cozy) hostel. Paris greeted us with its finest weather—pouring rain and wind strong enough to question our life choices—but we refused to be defeated.





28 February, 2025

## Student Council Update: A Fantastic Start to 2025!

Since January, the Student Council has been working hard to create a positive and supportive environment for students, organizing a variety of activities and

initiatives that have made a real impact on school life. Here's a look at what we've been up to so far!

24 January, 2025

## Stratford students receive Leinster School of Music & Drama Public Speaking Certificates

Congratulations to the Ms Visocchi's Effective Communication students who were recently awarded their Leinster School of Music & Drama Public Speaking certificates.



22 January, 2025

## Stratford Chess Club begin to play in Chess Tournaments

Congratulations to the Stratford Chess Club who with the support of Mr Barrett and Dr Ryan have begun to compete in Chess Tournaments. Thanks too to the TYs who take so much time organising the Chess Club every week.

14 January, 2025

## BTYSTE 2025 - TY students win 2nd prize in Biological & Ecological Sciences, Intermediate, Group category!

Major congratulations to Hao Wen, Ritvik and Noah who won 2nd prize in the Intermediate-Group-Biological & Ecological Sciences category at the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition (BTYSTE) 2025 Awards Ceremony on Friday 10th January with their K.E.V.I.N project and to 3rd year students Ciara and Callum for presenting their excellent BUZZ project to many interested organisations and well-known visitors!

