

## Dear Friend of Stratford,

### Being an Ally

At our whole school assembly this month we talked about allyship and how we can be better allies to each other. Allyship means listening to other people's experiences and appreciating their diverse perspectives. Having a strong sense of allyship helps create a more empathetic and considerate school community. It also demands action of us – from doing good in our community, to our classroom.

Ally is a verb – stand up and show up!

As we look forward to celebrating the raising of our new **Cineáltas** (kindness) flag, we reflect together on the values of our school - tolerance, respect, caring and kindness – and their importance in our daily lives.

*Ms Patricia Gordon*  
*Principal*

12 December, 2023

### Feeder School Tables

Stratford College scored a top ten place in the list of fee-paying feeder schools published in the media today.



11 December, 2023

### Hanukkah Celebrations

Hot chocolate courtesy of 2nd Years (proceeds for Focus Ireland), delicious doughnuts, singing, dancing and playing traditional games! Social Action Week!

11 December, 2023

### Visit of Professor Philip McDonagh, DCU

Last week we welcomed Professor Philip McDonagh, Director of the Centre for Religion, Human Values, and International Relations at Dublin City University to address our senior cycle students. Social Action Week!



11 December, 2023

## Platinum Anniversary 2023 - 2024

The 'Lives Illuminated' Project, an oral and local history project celebrated the Platinum Anniversary of the founding of Stratford College.



6 December, 2023

## U16 Boys Basketball team win an exhilarating Cup Final!

Yaaaayyyyyyyyyy! The U16's did it! In a most exhilarating and nail-biting final against John Scotus they won 27-26 in the dying seconds of the game. The whole school cheered the team on from the minute everyone arrived in school this morning to the homecoming 'parade of honour' when our boys got back to Stratford!



6 December, 2023

## Stratford College Drama Society presents The Snowflake Factory

Let it snow, let it snow...! The Stratford College Drama Society will present The Snowflake Factory next Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 December in the school hall. Social Action Week!

5 December, 2023

## LIFT Ireland: Youth Leadership Programme

Stratford College is very excited to be involved with LIFT (Leading Ireland's Future Together). It is a programme designed to increase the level of positive leadership capabilities in our school.



5 December, 2023

## TY's compete in SciFest@Schools with their coding projects

The TY's competed in the SciFest@Schools competition on Monday, 4th December showcasing their coding projects. From AI chatbots to saving the fishes, this year's coding projects (all through Scratch) showed how creative the TYs were with the variety of projects on show.

1 December, 2023

## Student Council December Activities

December is a busy month for Student Council as they prepare for the Mitzvah Raffle, organise Mitzvah Social Action Week and Elections (Prefects & Junior Representatives). There is also information in this blog for students about the School Inspection process from the Department of Education.



16 November, 2023

## Science Week - TY's go to National Botanic Gardens

To celebrate Science Week 2023 the TYs went to the National Botanic Gardens with Ms Tomlin, Dr Ryan and Mr Fennell.

15 November, 2023

## Senior Cycle Geography field trip to Kippure

On Tuesday 14th November Ms Skehan and the senior cycle Geography students went to Kippure on their field trip. More specifically they went to Athdown Brook which is a tributary of the River Liffey



14 November, 2023

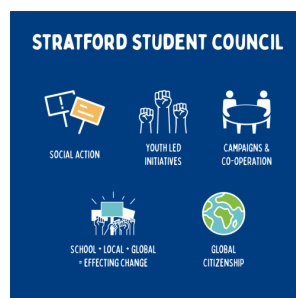
## Irish students debate in Gael Linn Díospóireachtaí Babhta 1

On Monday, 13th November Stratford was ably represented in the Gael Linn Díospóireachtaí Babhta 1 by our participating Irish students. Stratford's Junior and Senior teams debated against Sandford Park, Gonzaga College, Alexandra College.

27 October, 2023

## Awards Ceremony: Stratford College Student Council Warmly Welcomed ...

The Irish Second-Level Students' Union (ISSU) Honourary President, Caitlin Faye Maniti, and President Shari Irfan @issu4u who joined the student councils from Stratford College @StratfordDublin and The High School, Dublin @HsdNews on Friday 27th October in @StratfordDublin and who attended our school Awards Ceremony later that morning to answer student questions.





26 October, 2023

## BTYSTE 2024 -The Results are in!

Four Stratford projects qualify for the BT Young Science and Technology Exhibition 2024!!! Watch this space!

20 October, 2023

## Maths Week 2023

This week, in Stratford College, Transition Year students have been helping to creatively celebrate Maths Week. To kick the week off, some of the TYs ran an obstacle course during PE classes for 1st and 2nd Years, involving maths questions at different parts of the course.



12 October, 2023

## Stratford gets a Polytunnel

Green Schools are delighted to finally get the school polytunnel installed on Wednesday 11th October.