



OUR LADY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

INFORMATION WEEK BEGINNING MAY 9TH

MONDAY MAY 9TH

- U/14 Girls GAA Lidl Initiative
- TY DCU STEM Event
- LCA Irish Exam
- Politics & Society Trip
- Student Support Meeting P6 in Iontas
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm



TUESDAY MAY 10TH



- Year Head Meeting P6 in Iontas
- LCA English & Communication Task
- Strategic Planning Committee
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MAY 11TH

- First Year Boys GAA
- Microsoft Office Irish Finals
- IWISH (Walking In Schools Initiative) for First Years 11:15am- 12.50pm
- CEIST Leadership Meeting
- NCSE Check & Connect training
- Evening Study 2.00pm – 4.00pm



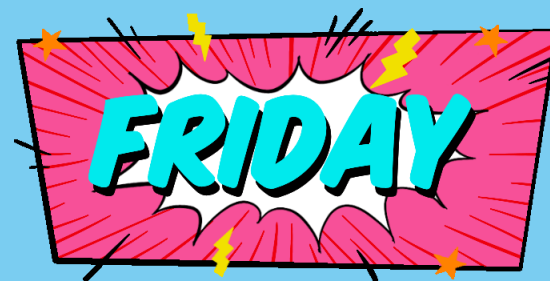
THURSDAY MAY 12TH



- Transition Year Awards Presentation
- Eco-Club Meeting 12:20pm in Rm3
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm

FRIDAY MAY 6TH

- Fifth Year trip to Tayto Park
- First Year Homework club 4.00pm – 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.00pm – 6.00pm



SATURDAY MAY 7TH



- Sixth Year Saturday Study 9.00am – 1.00pm





- **Monday May 16th & Tuesday May 17th: First Year Vaccinations**
- **Wednesday May 18th: Student of the Year**
- **Thursday May 19th: Awards Night**
- **Thursday May 19th: Hotel, Catering & Tourism Task**
- **Friday May 20th: Ulster Schools Athletics**
- **Friday May 20th: 2nd Year trip to Tayto Park**
- **Monday May 23rd: Boys National School Visit 11.30am**
- **Tuesday May 24th: Girls National School Visit 11.30am**
- **Tuesday May 25th: Leaving Certificate Graduation Mass**
- **Tuesday May 25th Friday May 27th: Transition Year Exams**
- **Thursday May 26th: Staff Meeting**
- **Thursday June 2nd: 1L, 2L, 3L bowling trip P5-7**
- **Monday May 30th - Friday June 3rd: First, Second & Fifth Year Exams**



OLSS News

Fundraising Raffle

Our school has organised a fundraising raffle with all proceeds going towards facilities in the school, and in particular the new 13 classroom extension. All students in the school received a book of tickets on Friday April 1st with 6 tickets to sell at €5 a ticket. These tickets are to be returned to on or before May. As a school we are conscious of the huge financial demand on parents and this is our first fundraising event in a number of years to coincide with our 50th anniversary and the building of our new extension. If any parent / guardian would like to take additional books of tickets to sell please ask their son / daughter to speak with Mr. Bishop. Thank you in advance for your support with this initiative.

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Ticket No 001

Our Lady's Secondary School 50th Anniversary Raffle



Castelgarden XDC150HD
Tractor Mower 15hp Engine
32" Cut Hydrostatic Drive
Retail Price €3200



HUSQVARNA AM315
AutoMower Supplied & Fitted
(with App Control) Retail Price €3200



Bentini Phoenix
Mountain Bike 27.5" Wheel
GENTS Bike Retail Price €430

Other Prizes include:

- Falcon Vienne Ladies Hybrid Suspension Bike Retail Price €379.00
 - Stihl Re100 Power Washer Electric Retail Price €329.00
 - TENG TOOL Tm095 95 Piece Tool Kit Retail Price €295
 - Nintendo Switch Portable Gaming Console Retail Price €269.00
 - Eufy 15c Max Robotic Vacuum 1500va (with App Control) Retail Price €249.99
- In Association with Monaghan Hire**

**€5
Ticket**

Ticket No 001



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Scholarships

Congratulations to Vincent Chen, Mia Mackie, Jodie Mc Quillan, Emma Hanratty, Tara Quinn and Phaedra Clarke Casey and who are receiving UCD Entrance Scholars Awards next Tuesday. These awards are given to students who received 560 points or more in last year's Leaving Certificate.





OLSS News

Transition Year

- Congratulations to the five entries from our TY Junk Kouture module who made it through to the National Finals in the Bord Gais energy theatre on Thursday. The design is called 'Monster Extinction' by Lara Raducevic, Ellie Cumiskey and Salomeja Skalisiute.
- Well done to our TY students who completed their Gaisce Award in Carlingford Adventure Centre last week.
- All TY students completed a personal safety course last week.



GAISCE THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD





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Transition Year

- A selection of TY students completed a 'Bike Green' course as part of a 'Cycle to School' initiative.
- Congratulations to TY students Niamh McBride, Laura McMahan and Salomeja Skalisuite who are through to the National Finals of Chartered Accountants of Ireland Competition on May 11th. Well done also to Sinead Curran and Mia Gorman who received a commendation for their entry.
- Well done to TY Digital Media students Jake Hendry, Monika Vilimaite and Katie Glynn for producing winning entries for January, February and March recap videos. As you can see it was an action packed few months in Our Lady's. The video is available at the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIKbx7865nM>





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50th Anniversary Celebrations

- A Golden Jubilee Concert was held in Iontas on Wednesday April 27th with an evening of music and poetry to reflect the fun and enjoyment experienced by the staff and students of Our Lady's Secondary School over the past fifty years.
- On Thursday April 27th a group of past pupils gathered in the gym to play a number of small sided games in Basketball.
- Please see the 50th anniversary section of our school website <https://www.olss.ie/50th-anniversary> to view a number of digital presentations on the history of our school.





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Guidance Related Learning

- Congratulations to 5th Year students Adam & Pauric Mc Bride who were selected as finalists for The Pitch PublicJobs.ie Schools Advertising Challenge
- Congratulations to Fifth Year student Beth Irwin came second in the National Careers Portal competition. Beth received her prize at an awards ceremony in Dublin on Wednesday May 4th.
- Sincere thanks to our Community Gardaí for inviting our students to the National Garda Síochána Open Day. A great day had by all exploring the many career opportunities available with An Garda Síochána





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Subject Related Competitions

- Congratulations to the students from our Fourth & Fifth Year Economics classes who were successful in the Young Economist of the Year competition. TY Economic students Oisín Mc Kiernan, Sean Brennan, Luke Brennan and Devin Xue came 3rd place overall in the Young Economist of the year final and Fifth Year student Aine Gibbons who won a gold medal in her category.
- Congratulations to Second Year History students Rachael Duffy and Emily Burgess who were awarded first and second place in the Monaghan County Council History Writing Competition.





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Student Voice

- Our Senior Student Council and Junior Student Council meet every Friday at lunchtime.
- Well done to our TY Mentors who have been assisting the Sixth Year Student Leaders with their duties in school and who have been supporting staff and students with teaching & learning initiatives in the junior end of the school.

Saturday Study

- Saturday Study for Sixth Year students continues every Saturday from 9.00am – 1.00pm





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Attendance

If you know your son / daughter will be absent please email: office@olss.ie with a brief message outlining the reason for the absence. If your son / daughter is absent and we do not receive prior notification parents / guardians will receive a notification via the school app. It is very important that all parents click the Yes / No option to confirm that they are aware of the reason for this absence.





OLSS News

Mobile Phones in School

- Mobile Phones in School: See below updated guidelines for the use of mobile phones in school.
- Before school, break / lunch and after school
- Students mobile phones should be switched off at all times before school, during break / lunch and after school while on the school premises.
- Students are not allowed access to their phones before school, during break / lunch and after school while on the school premises. If a student is using their mobile phone without permission on the school premises it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.
- Students are not allowed access to their mobile phones during evening study. Chromebooks will be provided to students who require access to Google Classroom.





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Mobile Phones in School

In Class

First Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class.
- Students are not allowed to use their mobile phone for any activity in class. (students will have access to the school chromebooks for all ICT teaching & learning activities)
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.
- If a student asks permission to leave the class to use the bathroom or go on a message they will be asked to leave their mobile phone on their desk before they do so.

Second Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class.
- Students are not allowed to use their mobile phone for any activity in class. (students will have access to the school chromebooks for all ICT teaching & learning activities)
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.
- If a student asks permission to leave the class to use the bathroom or go on a message they will be asked to leave their mobile phone on their desk before they do so.



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Third Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class unless directed by the class teacher.
- Students may be allowed to use their mobile phone in class to complete work and access material relevant to CBA's, exams etc if they cannot do this work on the school chromebooks or in the computer rooms. If the use of mobile phones in class is essential to the aforementioned work the classroom teacher will email smt@olss.ie in advance of this activity outlining the class group and the nature of the work to be covered with the mobile phone. When using their mobile phones in class students will follow the guidelines below.
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.
- If a student asks permission to leave the class to use the bathroom or go on a message they will be asked to leave their mobile phone on their desk before they do so.





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Fourth Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class unless directed by the class teacher.
- All students have a school chromebook and this should be the preferred option for students in class.
- If students have to use their mobile phones for an activity that cannot be completed on the chromebooks the students will follow the guidelines outlined below.
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.

Fifth Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class unless directed by the class teacher.
- The booking of the school chromebooks should be the preferred option for students in class.
- If students have to use their mobile phones for an activity that cannot be completed on the chromebooks the students will follow the guidelines outlined below.
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.





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Sixth Year

- Student mobile phones should be switched off at all times in class unless directed by the class teacher.
- The booking of the school chromebooks should be the preferred option for students in class.
- If students have to use their mobile phones for an activity that cannot be completed on the chromebooks the students will follow the guidelines outlined below.
- If a student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.

Guidelines for the Use of Mobile Phones In Class for Certain Year Groups

Please see below some guidelines for staff on student use of mobile phones in the classroom

- Students are expected to use the student Wi-Fi when using their device for classroom tasks. The teacher will issue a unique code to the class to access this for the length of the class activity only.
- If the school's student WiFi network is down, students may use their own mobile data to access only educational and career development activities as directed by the class teacher.
- Students should have their mobile phones placed flat on the desk at all times unless otherwise directed by the teacher for a particular task under direct teacher supervision
- Students should be informed before each activity using their phone that any inappropriate use of their device may lead to sanctions up to and including suspension.



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School Activities (including games, trips etc)

- Students in First, Second & Third Year are not allowed to use their mobile phones travelling to / from any school activity or while participating in any school activity.
- If a teacher is comfortable allowing senior students to use their phones travelling to / from any school activity or while participating in any school activity then they can give them permission to do so. If a teacher isn't comfortable with this they could request that students phones remain switched off.
- In a small number of cases when junior students and senior students may be on the same bus / activity the teacher may give permission for junior students to use their mobile phones if this privilege is being extended to senior students.
- If any student is using their mobile phone without permission in class it may be confiscated for the student and / or parent / guardian to collect in the school office at the end of the day.





Extra Curricular Activities



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS WHO COMPETED IN THE SCHOOLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETICS COMPETITION IN CLONES ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK WITH THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS EXPERIENCING SUCCESS- LUKE MARKEY GOLD 800M, HAZEL HUGHES GOLD 800M AND 1500M, EMMA MCGUIGAN BRONZE 75M HURDLES, THEO MCMAHON BRONZE 1500M, MEAVE SMITH GOLD 800M & SILVER HIGH JUMP, MARK DRURY SILVER LONG JUMP (MINOR BOYS), ODHRÁN SMITH SILVER LONG JUMP (INTERMEDIATE BOYS), CHARLIE LAVERTY GOLD DISCUS AND SHOT PUTT, KATIE GLYNN BRONZE 200M



Congratulations to Jamie Mooney who was selected on the Queens University GAA Future Stars team for 2021- 2022



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIOR GIRLS GAA TEAM WHO WERE WON THE DCU 7 A SIDE COMPETITION LAST TUESDAY.



OUR U/13.5 GAA TEAM HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE DALTON CUP SEMI FINAL NEXT WEDNESDAY.

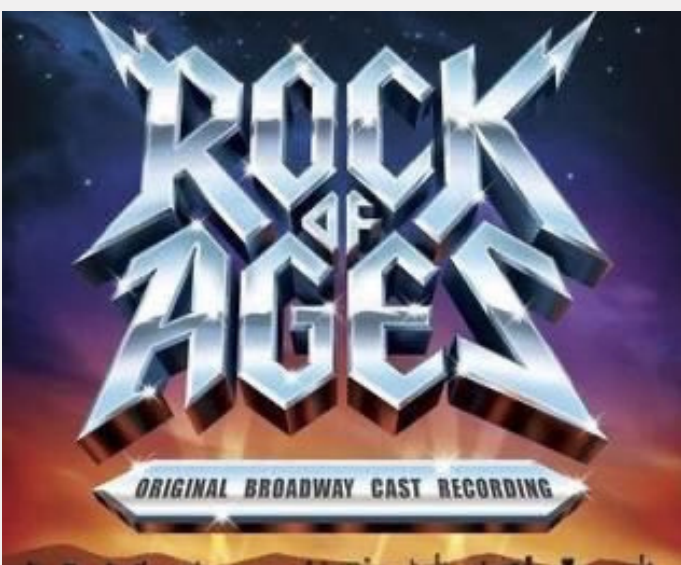




Extra Curricular Activities



HARD LUCK TO OUR U-15 BOYS SOCCER TEAM WHO LOST 2-1 IN THEIR ULSTER SEMI-FINAL V ABBEY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DONEGAL



Exciting news for 3rd & 4th Year students who auditioned for our musical! Our cast has been announced! Now that the secret is out we can happily announce that coming to Iontas in Oct 2022 is Rock of Ages! We can't wait to perform for you all in our first post covid show



WELL DONE TO THE STUDENTS FROM OUR SCHOOL CHOIR WHO PERFORMED IN THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CONCERT IN IONTAS ON APRIL 27TH.



WELL DONE TO ALL OUR TY STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED THEIR GAISCE AWARD JOURNEY IN CARLINGFORD ADVENTURE CENTRE. THE STUDENTS HAD AN ACTION PACKED TWO DAYS, WHICH INCLUDED A 25KM WALK, ROCK-CLIMBING, AXE-THROWING AND KAYAKING!



JUNIOR DRAMA CLUB CONTINUES AFTER SCHOOL EVERY THURSDAY FROM 4.00PM - 5.00PM IN THE CONCERT HALL.



JUNIOR DEBATING CLUB CONTINUES EVERY MONDAY AT LUNCHTIME IN ROOM 04.



THE SENIOR ECO CLUB MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AND THE JUNIOR ECO CLUB MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AND NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

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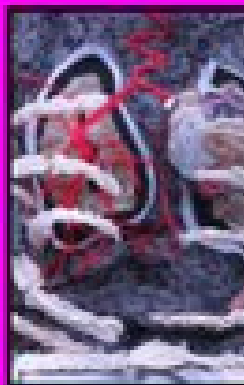
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNK KOUTURE DUBLIN CITY FINALIST - 'MONSTER EXTINCTION'

Congratulations to TY students: Lara Radicevic, Elise Cammiskey and Salemeja Skainsara who have reached the Dublin City final of the Junk Kouture Competition with their design 'Monster extinction'. They will now represent Our Lady's Convent Castleblayney in the Bord Gais Energy Theatre on May 5th. Well done to all!





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