



WOODBROOK COLLEGE



YEARBOOK 2023



What does success look like?

Level 1 Demerit

An explanation regarding the difficulties that a staff member is having with specific behaviour is given to a student.

Level 3 Demerit

If the behaviour persists then Demerits will be issued. The student is always informed that demerits have been issued and the staff member will amend the students record on VSware.

Level 5 Demerit

The Form Tutor may recommend Detention for specific behaviours or breaches of the policy.

Level 7 Demerit

The Year Head may recommend suspension for the student after all avenues have been exhausted.

Level 9 Demerit

If every effort has been exhausted then the Exclusion process will commence.

Level 2 Demerit

Additional class work may be given to make up for the disruption that the student may have caused.

Level 4 Demerit

The Form Tutor will work with the student and staff to support good behaviour. This may take the form of conversations or guidance as to how to deal with the specific relationships.

Level 6 Demerit

The Form tutor passes the student to the Year Head or Pastoral Care Team for additional support. This may take the form of report cards, support services or conversations with parents.

Level 8 Demerit

This is the penultimate step for the student and involves a Behavioural Contract with the parent/guardian and the school. This is tailored to the specific needs of the student.

Level 1 Merit

Students with more than 10 merits per term go into a draw for a prize. This may be canteen or phone credit.

Level 2 Merit

Prior to Christmas, the student with the highest number of merits will receive a prize at assembly.

Level 3 Merit

Collective merits for each river will be calculated and the river with the most merits will receive Cup points.

Level 4 Merit

The student with the most merits for the year will receive the Merit Cup at Prize Night which will be given in recognition of their continued epitome of the Relationship and Behaviour Policy





A MESSAGE FROM OUR **PRINCIPAL**



To students, staff, and proud parents, I stand before you today with a heart filled with nostalgia and a sense of excitement as we embark on a journey to relive the magic of our school days. Welcome to the grand opening of our yearbook, a treasure trove that celebrates the essence of our theme, *'BACK TO THE OLD DAYS'*.

As we gather here, we find ourselves transported through time, revisiting the moments that have shaped us into the individuals we are today. The echoes of laughter, the heartfelt conversations, the shared victories, and even the occasional setbacks – each thread of our collective tapestry intertwines to create a rich mosaic of memories.

In this rapidly changing world, it is easy to get swept away by the winds of progress, technology, and ever-evolving trends. But in the midst of it all, we find solace in the comforting embrace of our school, a haven that preserved the best of what the past had to offer while nurturing the dreams of tomorrow.

This yearbook serves as a portal, a time machine that propels us back to those hallowed hallways where we forged lifelong friendships, discovered our passions, and embraced our truest selves. It beckons us to revisit the milestones that dotted our journey – whether it was the flutter of anticipation on the first day of school, the bittersweet farewells as we bid adieu to beloved 6th years, or the electrifying buzz of the annual sports day.

Today, as we flip through the pages of this yearbook, we find ourselves unravelling the stories that shaped us. We are transported to the classrooms where dedicated teachers ignited the flame of knowledge within us, encouraging us to think critically, to question, and to dream beyond the limits we once thought were insurmountable.

Our extracurricular activities spring to life through the vibrant photographs and heartfelt messages that fill these pages. The sports teams that defied the odds, the artistic endeavours that brought colour to our lives, the musical performances that struck chords deep within our souls—they all reflect the unity and passion that defined our school.

In this journey to the past, we are reminded of the values that guided us: respect, inclusion, commitment and honesty. We celebrate the diversity that thrived within our walls, fostering an environment where each student's voice was heard and cherished. We honour the teachers who walked alongside us, not just as mentors but as confidantes, guiding lights, and unwavering supporters.

So, let us embark on this journey together, dear friends, as we unravel the tales of the past, celebrate the present, and set our sights on the endless possibilities that await us. Welcome to the opening of our yearbook – a gateway to the old days that continue to shine brightly in our hearts.

MR HENRY HURLEY



A WORD FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Yahoooooooo!!! A FULL school year in school with no COVID closures – it's back to the good old days again!!! What a fantastically busy year it has been, that seems to have gone in a flash, or maybe that's just an age thing when you're the wrong side of thirty...just saying!!!

I must say well done and thank you to all the students and teachers for all their hard work during the year, I hope you achieve the results in the exams that you merited. The Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle exams are also making a full reappearance so the best of luck to all the students sitting them.

Back to the good old days on the entertainment and sporting front. The TY musical *Back to the 80's* certainly brought a few teachers back to their childhood (no names mentioned here!!) and to the Senior Soccer team who captured the Leinster Shield. Well done to Ms. Moyse and her amazing team on this production and the monstrous efforts needed in the producing and performing the musical in the Mermaid. It was most definitely one of the highlights of my year. A BIG THANK YOU to you all. Roll on the TY class 2024 – the challenge has been laid down.

Congratulations to Mr. Meyler and the U19s on their hard-earned win where they grabbed victory with an amazing comeback. The Badminton team are Divisional Champs so a very well done to them and their coaches Ms. Michelle O' Neill and Mr. Sinnott.

There were other notable individual sporting successes by some of our students with Karol Hotek

claiming a national title in Ju Jitsu. There were high achieving performances in boxing by Darren O'Toole and Jayden Buckley, Zach Daly in martial arts, Reece Gray in swimming, Aoife Mohan in football and in athletics, Bobby More. I would love to hear from you if there are any others and I apologise for not including you. There were also some other notable successes in basketball, Model United Nations (MUN), chess, debating and Gaelic football. Well done to all who participated.

One aspect of Woodbrook life that pleases me greatly is to observe all the extracurricular work done by our amazing staff for the benefit of all our students. A lot of these clubs, both sporting and non-sporting, happen on a weekly basis and go a long way in developing the excellent relationships there are between the teachers and the student body. They also give students an opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends. They are in my opinion a vital component of our vibrant school. Well done to all and long may this last.

I would like to say good luck and thank you to those teachers who are moving on Mr Kenny, Mr Lyons, Ms English, Mr McNamara, Mr Cuddihy, Mr Reilly, Mr Crotty, Ms Purcell, Dr Salley and Mr Buckley. I wish them well in the future. Also, welcome to those new members of staff who will be joining us in August.

I cannot thank all teachers individually here so please accept this as my appreciation of all your efforts throughout this year, when things returned to the good old days!!!

MR PAUL MURPHY



The Merit Cup

Well done to 2 Vartry's **Danny O'Shea**, winner of the 2022-2023 Merit Cup. Danny earned a whopping 154 merits over the course of the academic year. He accumulated so many merits from his all-round excellence in the school environment!

Congratulations Danny!

Mr Hurley presents Danny with the Cup.



The House Cup

This year saw Dodder bring home the House Cup.

Brandon Healy Hennessey, Student Council representative from 6 Dodder was presented with the cup on behalf of all Dodder students.

Keep up the great work Dodder!

Mr Hurley presents Brandon with the Cup.

STAFF 2022-2023



Back row (l-r): Jake Messitt, David Meyler, Niall O'Loughlin, Bill Cuddihy, Eamonn Brosnan, Sean Coady, Mark Reilly, Hugh Barford.

Middle back row (l-r): Lee O'Donnell, Amy O'Neill, Katie Cluskey, Shauna Smyth, Lisa Connors, Jackie Durbin, Lynda Moyse, Clare English, Susan O'Callaghan, Nieves Purnell.

Middle front row (l-r): Jasmin Troy, Lee Watson, Dean Johnston, Siobhan Synnott, Andrea Monahan, Emer Marschner, Aine O'Gorman, Suzanne Hand, Kenneth Dwyer, Danielle Kilfeather, Grainne Coffey, Emma Langton.

Front row (l-r): Mandy Briggs, Beverly Sheridan, Rebecca Laird, Tracy Devoy, Shane Crotty, Henry Hurley, Paul Murphy, Fergal McNamara, Craig Brack Sinnott, Oisín O'hAnnaidh, Sadhbh Murphy.

CLASS PHOTOS...

'BACK TO THE OLD DAYS'



AVOCA

Back (l-r): Kian McCoy, Oisín Twomey, Armia Emami, Ziyen Ahmad, Sean Lepri, Oleh Shumov.

Middle: Joe Tapley, Molly Weafer, Zach Theo Daly, Amber Larkin, Hrehaan Pavoodan, Emily Cruise Downey, Aubrey Molapisi, Eily Chambers Keating. **Front:** Patricia Kosmulska, Fernando Escibano Navajas, Devin Turner, Shane Flanagan, Lucas Baldacchino, Ruben Petrescu, Aysha Murray. **Missing from pic:** Volodymyr Somochkin, Luiza Yermolenko.



DODDER

Back (l-r): Lily O'Neill Curtis, Dean Ryan, Charlie Kelly Dowling, Luke Kenny, Luka Vukoja, Sivani Saseendra.
Middle: Keiten Barreto, Aurora Drapikovska, Micheala Murray, Ava Davis, Sienna Mc Gowan, Ella Sophia Walsh.
Front: Kaylum Clack, Carl Barry, Lauren O'Brien, Ben Forde, Emilia Zgrzebnicka, Mateo Pruthi, Jack Carroll.
Missing from pic: Lewis Byrne, Jessica Forde.

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'BACK TO THE OLD DAYS'

GLENCREE

Back (l-r): Darren Brown, Amelia Zielinska, Odhran Monaghan, LucyAnn O'Flanagan Edokpolo, Ollie Gray Dunne.
Middle: Aoibheann-Reish Amistad, Ruben Donohoe, Evan Warner, Leah Mooney McGrath, Darren O'Toole, Jake Farrell, Isabel O'Connor. **Front:** Josh Keating, Tomás Alejandro Morales-Jeremiah, Daria Havryliuk, Sophie O'Connor, Toby Farrell, Nazar Kostyuk, Hayden Moriaty, Kalem Buckley. **Missing from pic:** Leah Devlin.



LIFFEY

Back (l-r): Josh Redmond Bolger, Allanagh Henry, Charlie Harvey, Julia Zielinska, Daniel Bulat.
Middle: Ilie Scripnic, Ellie Rose O'Brien, Faye O'Brien, Ciara Harpur, Tamara Kane, Kaitlyn Cole, Aaliyah Usher, Oliver Bull.
Front: Jack O'Dowd Pritchard, Max O'Connor, Christopher Joseph Adizon, Zack O'Connor, Daniel Harris, Samantha Guerrero Ramos, Dylan Lewins.

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VARTRY

Back (l-r): Alicia Suchy, Rebekah Tresson Callaghan, Noah O'Neill Fogarty, Keith Manning, Setanta Fitzpatrick Pagent, Aimée Greene Byrne.

Middle: Lidia Lukaszewicz, Oliwier Slotwinski, Chloe Farrell, Osborn Ruan, Jakub Matla, Chloe Mullen, Hannah Moriarty.

Front: Rhys Howard, Lilyrose Moore Walsh, Kiril Nazarenko, Jake Andrews, Jayden Butler, Kurina Mason, Zach Coyle.



AVOCA

Back (l-r): Ludmila Castravet, Vladislavs Nadezdins, Kaiter Siider Barreto, David Owens, Rory Plummer, Clara Tobias Cronin.

Middle: Kodi Ryan, Ciara Willetts, Eva Watters, Kaleum Warner, Oliver Rasztabiga, Jason Wang, Carla Cheevers, Afsa Salamn, Cain Mulligan.

Front: David Yan, Akvile Prielgauskaite, Tiana Doyle, Angellica Samsin, Megan Smyth Noonan, Vanessa Calitraba, Ryan James Troy.

Missing from pic: Sofia Kate Green, Jayden Warner.

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DODDER

Back (l-r): Aoife Twomey Finn, Jake Harvey, Rui Xuan Lin, Oisín Chambers Keating, Oisín Haughey, Abbie Devlin.

Middle: Nadia De Luca, Kayla Costigan, Terri O'Donnell, Oskar Hoteck, Andrei Jereghi, Katie Healy, Ruthie Davy, Khrystyna Nasrallah.

Front: Conor Carry McLeavey, Patrick Clarke, Alex Coogan, Matthew Cooper, Cian Earls, Qiming Hu (Harry).

Missing from pic: Cian Kavanagh, Eoin Fox, Aaron Connolly Kelly, Jerry Cox Moloney.



GLENCREE

Back (l-r): Eugenia Catan, Eoghan McCormack, Shane Evans, Alex Brack Wilson, Mason Gray Dunne, Lucy Bateson.

Middle: Amber Murray, Ruby Lewins, Patrick Caracaleanu, Ben Kelly, Cian Fitzgerald, Lee Devlin, Suzanna Carey, Sofia Portniahyna.

Front: Katie Byrne Murray, Ryan Keating Homan, Joe Cahill, Luke Kelly, Mark Portniahyna, Kai Naoise Davids Nzobe, Zara Whelan.

Missing from pic: Tianna Callan Fagan, Arlo Machynska.

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2nd
YEAR



VARTRY

Back (l-r): Jake O'Brien, Arina Lungu, Jeremi Marchel, Danny O'Shea, Anthony Nahlik.

Middle: Keely Nagle, Leah McDaid, Callum Nolan, Aaron O'Connor, Naomi Jacob, Chloe McWalter.

Front: Katie O' Gorman, Lucy Martin, Kyra O'Shaughnessy, Dillon O'Neill, Alex Mooney.

Missing from pic: Millie Waters Spencer, Lauryn Macken, Ellie Byrne, Mikey Masterson, Logan Lee May, Jamie O' Brien.

3rd
YEAR



AVOCA

Back (l-r): Eoin Cassidy, Owen Piegza, Szymon Knapik, Dean Warner, Josh Coen Troy, Cian Whelan.

Middle: Avery Copelin, Dylan Farrell, Tristan Gaughan Hind, Jason Tamayo, Rhys O'Neill Fogarty, Bobby Stephen More, Shane Hayden, Sean Cummins Murphy, Eva Hu.

Front: Max Roche, Calum Mooney, Iris Suarez, Jayden Buckley, Lillie Callaghan, Tia Troy Maguire, Ronald Reju Mathew, Daniel Baraniuk.

Missing from pic: Kyla Browne, Oisín Byrne, Jamie Condren, Amelia Green, Leah Kelly, Tadhg Moriarty.

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DODDER

Back (l-r): Lee Martin Cousins, Kajus Arlauskas, Eoin Kelly, Lily May O'Brien, Oliver Baluszek, Josh Yunjie Yang, Orville Ruan, Jesse Smith, Oisín Bande. **Middle:** Ciara Smyth Noonan, Marcelina Kulanin, Jake McCoy, Hannah Corder, Rian Dease, Lucy Swan, Jamie McGrane, Dylan Larkin, Freya Dempsey, Ava De Luca Dwyer. **Front:** Mark Dorog, Orlaith O'Toole, Isabelle Labuni, Nathaniel Alolino, Alina Demcenco, Viola Formaro, Maja Lukaszewicz, Dylan Lawless. **Missing from pic:** David Triboi.



VARTRY

Back (l-r): Nathan Hayden, Lee David Mahon, Alec Kealy, Sam Cooper, Cian Roche, Thomas Fitzpatrick Mullen. **Middle:** Mia Roche, Kian Cahill, Elijah Daly, Luke Cox, David Traczyk, Liam Mason, James Murray, Fionn Murnane, Alen Hasanovic, Kayleigh Aranas. **Front:** Benjamin Bessler, Sophie Martin, Ciara Plunkett, Tayden Heapes, Hayley O'Brien, Tori Earls, Maysa Salamn, Chris Brian Grefaldeo. **Missing from pic:** Burhaan Haider, Fionn MacManus Donoghue, Abi Mohan Sheridan, Jack Roche.

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TY1

Back (l-r): Jamal Horan- Asela, Iliya Emami, Eriks Riblovs, Malachy Blunden, Jake Leonard, Adam Abila.
Middle: Aaron Cleary, Rodrigo Redero Nunez, Dumitru Munteanu, Reizylenne Joy Samsin, Luke Daly Rush, Ciaran O'Cathain, Josh Gray. **Front:** Leyla Kelleci, Aisling Tapley, Emma Kenny, Maria Jose Plata Garrucho, Sofia De Luca.
Missing from pic: Yevhen Bazhan, Caelum Callan Fagan, Shira Green, Jerry Wall.



TY2

Back (l-r): Joshua Plunkett, Kyrylo Borovyk, Jorge Cabrera Lafuente, Ben Kavanagh, Damien Kosmulski, Luis Miguel Martin Boquete.
Middle: Tadhg Cahill, Jamie Buckley, Zichen Wang, Chris Lin, Tianna Keating Homan, Aaron Murphy, Daniel Lavrinovics, Jamie Perry, Callum O' Connor. **Front:** Lily O'Keefe, Ali Waters-Martin, Megan Stone, Evangelia Maofi, Maddy Farrell, Shauna Liu, Hanna Nahlik.
Missing from pic: Vica Catan.

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TY2

Back (l-r): Lola Forsyth, Marcos Hidalgo Curley, Cameron Sinnott, Jamiu Kusimo, Sam Moynihan, Ava Rose Byrne.

Middle: Sean McGovern, Chris Biju Nadackal, Niall Megna, Juan Carlos Redero Nunez, Darragh King Keane, Callum O'Sullivan O'Carroll. **Front:** Ava Cummins, Makayla Soden, Charley Walsh, Adriana Villalba Sierra, Holly Davis.

Missing from pic: Ruby Dodd, Gregas Kasciukevicius, Gabriele Ratkeviciute, Cristian Sárácut.



AVOCA

Back (l-r): Chad Phillips, Nathan Nagle, Adam O'Toole, Sean McLoughlin, Darren Carroll, Rinat Galearschi.

Middle: Casey Amy Crinion, Peter Nelson, Callum Mc Grane, Cole Bateson, Ben Fox, Abin Joby, Abigail Byrne, Lexie Cummins.

Front: Robert Munro, Cillian McCormack, Ayse Kelleci, Maria Del Carmen Redero Nunez, Aoibheann King Hammett, Elena Moran Cofreces, Niamh Tapley. **Missing from pic:** Ksenija Fedosejeva, Gareth Reid.

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DODDER

Back (l-r): Jamie Seong, Reece Lawlor Driver, Samuel Oni, Kuba Piszcz, Daniel Hayden, Dean Thomas.

Middle: Lela Lacap, Caithlin Farrell, Reece Gray, Mia Hanney, Cara Mc Dermott Hawking, Yasmin Leonard.

Front: Katie McCabe, Hannah Cruise, Ruby O'Connor, Molly Owens, Saskia Cepillo, Michelle Dolores.

Missing from pic: Evelyn Conway, Nathan Douglas, Jamie Forsyth Louth, Liam Messit, Brodie Ann Nolan, Sean Popovici, Jack Warner.



SLANEY

Back (l-r): Aleksander Machynia, Daryl Murray Coyle, Ryan Joshy Francis, Ryan Keane Masterson, Logan Coussay.

Middle: Eva Fox, Conor Martin Cousins, Emma McAlinden, Tony Antochan, Jessica Liddy.

Front: Ellie Berry Brack, Reece Potts, Lamart Ebbs, Tristan Byrne, Isabel Law.

Missing from pic: Aaron Cleary.

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VARTRY

Back (l-r): Harigovind Vinodkumar, Jason Stapleton, Alexander Kliszcz, Dominik Bessler, Sergiu Anton, Tudor Puica.

Middle: Nicholas Petrov, Zi Han Yu, Eve O'Brien, Kelsey O'Callaghan, Neo Anthony Davids Nzobe, David Nervez, Cody Doyle.

Front: Amber O Sullivan, Ruby Roche, Ella Redmond, Emma O'Reilly, Jessica Roche, Ellen King Keane.

Missing from pic: Dylan Bates, Joshua Cooper, Abbi Douglas, Peter Miller, Ryan Tyrrell, Calum Smith Kinsella.



AVOCA

Back (l-r): Lucas Razma, Lex Farrell, Ben Currans, Kyle Cox Moloney, Alex Curran, Jamie Brack.

Middle: Finn O'Neill, Beni Corrigan, Aeran Josh Belisario, Claire Murray, Dariia Matskiv, Caitlin Finnerty, Shane Fabrero, Caolan O'Connor. **Front:** Liam Earls, Evdoxia Maofi, Adam Cahill, Abby Buckley, Benson Lin, Layla Byrne Murray.

Missing from pic: Patrick Bongola, Sam Casserly, Aoife Dolan.

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DODDER

Back (l-r): Gabrijel Ivankovic, Matthew McCoy, Oisin Forsyth, Kyle Leahy, Robert Healy, Brandon Healy Hennessy.

Middle: Ethan Larkin, Nathan Kelly, Aoife Mohan, Lidia Eliza Cojocar, Chloe Hilliard, Anna Krupinska, Denis Geaney, Vlad Condrea.

Front: Oskar Kudzielko, Calum Larkin, Cian Doyle, Dylan Hempenstall, Karol Hotek, Tadhg Healy.

Missing from pic: Piotr Kowalczyk.



VARTRY

Back (l-r): Adithya Santhoshkumar, Oscar Morris, Eduards Oss, Jude Moynihan, Kyle Plunkett, Jack Parsons.

Middle: Danni McGowan, Liviu Ungureanu, Harry Podpora, Ryan Walsh, Sean Vickers, Andrew Murphy, Nathan O'Reilly, Abhirami Santhoshkumar. **Front:** Angela Reju Mathew, Taine Vella Whelan, Aaron Murphy, Milly Swan, Andrew O'Toole, Lucy O'Brien.

Missing from pic: Luke Cleary, Dylan Maher, James O'Shaughnessy, Jordan Potts.

Reflection

Another year done so much to remember,
Seems like it was only last week, it was the 1st of September.
So much goes on here, where do I start?
With gratitude to you all for playing your part.
The Brother Tallon Cup was received by James McGrane
Over 600 points! That's some clever brain!

The Fun Run in the park, organised by 5 Slaney,
Great craic despite the weather being rainy.

The new building doors opened across the yard,
And if we break Garreth's coffee machine, he will have us barred!
The Hub, what an amenity to have in our school,
To be able to offer our students that space is so cool.
A new lab, kitchen, classrooms with wall art to admire,
A love for learning in our students it is sure to inspire.

Over a box of cream cakes in the staffroom one day,
Was a surprise announcement that brought tears to our Ray.
Nicky Kenny - amazing teacher and all-round handyman,
Was starting the next stage of his life in County Cavan.

Shortly after our SNA, Joy, retired from here,
She will always be remembered for running laps around us each
year.

Susan's parents' classes, the list of options so vast,
From the positive feedback the parents had a blast.
Parents learned new skills such as Spanish, baking, guitar and
first-aid,
Valuable connections within our community have been made.

Big support for Cian Doyle, our Shelbourne soccer star,
And off to the States on scholarships are Ben Currums and Dylan
Maher.

Aoife Mohan won the Bray Young Achievers Award 2023,
A future Katie McCabe, Irish women's captain? Maybe!!

Celebrating in style were our champs of Leinster Shield,
Extraordinary talent displayed on the field.

Karol Hotek, our Jiu jitsu star,
In the martial arts world, he will surely go far.

Maths, Science, MFL all had a fun week,
The cupla focal as gaeilge in March, we did speak.

Christmas concert, the teachers Jingle Bell Rock stole the show,
What a talented bunch of musicians, little did we know!

Knowledge café, the brainchild of Fergal and Lee,
All the secret nerds attended with glee.
Teacher led talks, with a loyalty card,
Had over 200 students so intrigued they ditched the yard.

Niall and the TY girls smashed it out of the park for Junk
Kouture,
A regional finalist title they did secure.
Creatively using old CDs and playing cards,
Emma Kenny dressed as the queen of our hearts.

The Model United Nations completed a project redesigning
public spaces,
When they presented it to Paschal O'Donoghue and the UCD
President, there were smiles on their faces.

Back to the 80s, a huge success,
To have such a talented music department is simply the best.
The TYs singing and dancing on the Mermaid stage,
The crowds standing ovation, their lives were made.

Chess tournaments were held here in Woodbrook,
Some serious games moving the knights, pawns, and rook.

The Gaisce hike, a 30km trek in Glendalough,
But after all the history and heritage walks, it was no
problem for that lot.

Barcelona, a trip the TYs will never forget,
The student that had to ride a tandem bike with Mr. Fitz
surely lost a bet.

Trips day - a time for making memories each year,
Heights, water sports or shooting, our students show no fear.

Deserving a special mention is the 6th year graduation,
Which marks the end of our student's formal education.
When Aine read out a special letter, there wasn't one dry eye,
We know that Aaron was smiling down on his fellow
classmates from up high.

Spirit of the year went to Lucy O'Brien,
An amazing girl so caring and kind.
Student of the year was won by Abi Santhoskumar,
An exceptional student, she's sure to go far.

Thanks to Henry and Paul the captains of the crew,
We appreciate your efforts in all that you do.
As we bid farewell to staff off on ventures anew,
We wish you the best in all you pursue.



SIXTH YEAR PROFILES

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**AERAN JOSH
BELISARIO**

Hobbies: Basketball, gym, videogames.

What will I be remembered for: Being 'Josh' instead of 'Aeran'.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Skip TY!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Working in Woodies with Liam Earls.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Leaving school!



**PATRICK
BONGALA**

Hobbies: Basketball, rugby.

What will I be remembered for: Throwing a ball in a hoop, radiant!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't pick accounting!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: I'll be 28.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Accounting class and physics table.



**JAMIE
BRACK**

Hobbies: Football, musical chairs.

What will I be remembered for: Blowing up Mr Black's science room!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't do drugs.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: A qualified binman.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Football matches with Mr Meyler and the team especially winning the Leinster Shield.



**ABBY
BUCKLEY**

Hobbies: Art and piano.

What will I be remembered for: Working in Dunnes Stores.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't stress, everything that happens, happens for a reason.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: With a job I'm happy with.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Art classes.



**LAYLA BYRNE
MURRAY**

Hobbies: Working in Bray Bowl.

What will I be remembered for: Probably working in Bray Bowl LOL!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't bleach your hair, have fun!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Working in my own restaurant.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Newgrange art trip.



**ADAM
CAHILL**

Hobbies: Rugby, golf.

What will I be remembered for: Getting injured in every rugby match but putting in a solid shift.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't wait to the last two weeks to study!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: A bald Guinness connoisseur.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Liam getting bashed by a 4th year!



**SAM
CASSERLY**

Hobbies: Hanging out with my friends.

What will I be remembered for: Being a 'wanderer', being Mr Meyler's 'favourite student' and being know as 'Masso Casso'.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Stay on Mr Murphy's good side (I found out the hard way)!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Being a nurse or a Liam Gallagher tribute act.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Playing in the junior basketball final two years in a row and chats with Sid



**BENI
CORRIGAN**

Hobbies: Football, basketball, making money.

What will I be remembered for: Being Beni.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Skip 4th year.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Billionaire, playboy and philanthropist.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Graduation.



**KYLE COX
MOLONEY**

Hobbies: Driving, spending time with friends.

What will I be remembered for: Being the popular kid.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Enjoy it while you can.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Anywhere but here...

Fondest memory from 6th year: Graduation.



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ALEX CURRAN

Hobbies: Cutting grass.

What will I be remembered for:

Tearing my ACL.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Study and cut grass.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Cutting grass.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Scratch cards.



BEN CURRUMS

Hobbies: Playing football.

What will I be remembered for: Being the biggest and best looking fella to ever grace Woodbrook College!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't pick biology!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: In Dubai with my own gym.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Winning the Leinster Shield and celebrating it with the team.



AOIFE DOLAN

Hobbies: Skating and guitar.

What will I be remembered for: "What?"

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say:

Follow your own path and the rest will come.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Travelling.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Whenever Perri was in.



LIAM EARLS

Hobbies: Xbox, going out and the gym.

What will I be remembered for:

Making people laugh and just being stupid.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Skip TY!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Electrician.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Graduation Day.



SHANE FABRERO

Hobbies: Basketball, volleyball, music, Valorant (video game).

What will I be remembered for: Being the first Asian to 'dunk' in the school (basketball!)

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Study as soon as possible.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Professional Baller.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Getting concussed in the last rugby game.



ALEXANDER FARRELL

Hobbies: Rugby, driving, being out with the lads.

What will I be remembered for: Inability to read.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say:

Time goes quicker than you expect.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Successful carpenter.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Graduation.



CAITLIN FINNERTY

Hobbies: Spending time with friends, gymnastics.

What will I be remembered for:

A traffic light hitting me.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say:

Time flies, enjoy school when you can!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Still avoiding that traffic light!

Fondest memory from 6th year: Graduation.



BENSON LIN

Hobbies: Valorant, volleyball.

What will I be remembered for:

Being one of the OG Chinese!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Leaving Cert. is overrated.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Fishing in Puerto Rico.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Accounting class.



EVDOKIA MAOFI

Hobbies: Drawing and singing.

What will I be remembered for: Being very quiet.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Your main goal should be happiness so do what you want.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Having a job that I like and traveling the world.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Ms O'Neill's class with Angela was the highlight of my day.



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**DARIIA
MATSKIV**

Hobbies: Volleyball.

What will I be remembered for:

Getting 100% in a calculus test.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Keep kind people close by.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

In a dark green, vintage Mercedes!

Fondest memory from 6th year: Teatalk.



**CLAIRE
MURRAY**

Hobbies: Being stood up by Dublin Bus.

What will I be remembered for: Being absent!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Higher levels not worth it.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

In complete isolation!

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Bringing termites into the school.



**CAOLAN
O'CONNOR**

Hobbies: Caring for the elderly and cycling.

What will I be remembered for: My comeback!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't fight the system, it always wins.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

On a construction site.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Art, History, Geography, English and the bathroom.



**FINN
O'NEILL**

Hobbies: Playing drums and drinking Guinness after work.

What will I be remembered for:

For being the one and only Finn.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't bother arguing with Ms O'Neill, it's a waste of time.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Struggling.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Denis's DJ sessions in the Demo room.



**LUCAS
RAZMA**

Hobbies: Driving.

What will I be remembered for:

Having fun with my friends.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't be shy, get out and go for it!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Living in Dubai and making money.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Art room with Lex, watching 'Crazy Russian Hacker'.



**LIDIA ELIZA
COJOCARU**

Hobbies: Crystals, video games and music.

What will I be remembered for: 'Being the best Art student' - Mr Horgan.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Take pictures, you will cherish them for years.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Fighting injustice.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Mr Dwyer's class tbh.



**VLAD
CONDREA**

Hobbies: Skateboarding, woodwork.

What will I be remembered for: Accidentally cracking Jude's head!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Enjoy every moment.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Working as a carpenter and hanging out with my friends from Woodbrook.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Graduation night.



**CIAN
DOYLE**

Hobbies: Football.

What will I be remembered for: Playing football and my looks!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't take school too serious.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

In Dubai, being a millionaire with the lads.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Beating Marian College 2-1 and winning the Leinster Shield.



**OISIN
FORSYTH**

Hobbies: Going out with friends.

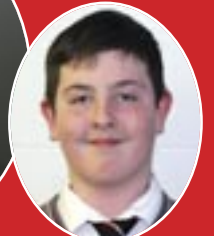
What will I be remembered for: My hair!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't do anything different.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Working.

Fondest memory from 6th year: The Graduation.





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**DENIS
GEANEY**

Hobbies: Disassembling old electrical equipment and then making projects with the salvaged parts.
What will I be remembered for: Bringing life to our year group.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Keep your head down and don't act the eejit.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Working in the ESB.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Working on my construction project with the lads.



**ROBERT
HEALY**

Hobbies: Driving a blue car.
What will I be remembered for: Almost amputating my finger in Woodwork class.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't fall behind on any LC projects.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: I can't see that far ahead!
Fondest memory from 6th year: Mr. Coady's business class and construction class.



**TADGH
HEALY**

Hobbies: Football, musical chairs.
What will I be remembered for: Being skinny.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't do drugs.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Working on the site.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Winning the Leinster Shield!



**BRANDON
HEALY
HENNESSY**

Hobbies: Football and Aaron.
What will I be remembered for: Beating Aaron Murphy at football.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't stress, algebra is useless, start studying in 5th year, trust me!
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: 9-4 party
Fondest memory from 6th year: Every accountant class, football finals.



**DYLAN
HEMPENSTALL**

Hobbies: Football.
What will I be remembered for: For being awfully good looking!
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't let school stress you out.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Grating, making dosh!
Fondest memory from 6th year: Having a laugh with the lads, winning the Leinster shield.



**CHLOE
HILLIARD**

Hobbies: Breeding dogs, making money, stuff.
What will I be remembered for: Having so many dogs!
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Pay attention in class, you will be in 6th year in no time!
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: A vet.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Irish and German classes.



**KAROL
HOTEK**

Hobbies: Jiu Jitsu, Muai Thai, MMA.
What will I be remembered for: The inability to hold in my laugh.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: It is what it is.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: In the UFC.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Saturday detentions.



**GABRIJEL
IVANKOVIC**

Hobbies: Football, videogames, chess and reading.
What will I be remembered for: Being quiet.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't start studying a month before the Leaving Cert!
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Working as an accountant
Fondest memory from 6th year: Watching a movie with my German class.



**NATHAN
KELLY**

Hobbies: Basketball and schmeagling.
What will I be remembered for: 'Creator of Schmeagling' and my goofy type of laugh.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Study in 5th year, don't stress yourself out!
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Lost in another country.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Team buses after matches.



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PIOTR KOWALCZUK

Hobbies: Chess, football, music.

What will I be remembered for: 'Murr'

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Start studying in 5th year!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Successful career as a vet.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

6th year football final.



ANNA KRUPINSKA

Hobbies: Dying my hair.

What will I be remembered for: New hair colour every week.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't dye your hair before pictures.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Future WAG.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Mr Horgan's art class and arguing with Mr Johnson.



OSKAR KUDZIELKO

Hobbies: Money, boxing, gym, raving.

What will I be remembered for: Living everyday like its my last.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Find something you are naturally good at, put all of your time and energy towards it.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Loving life in Ibiza while making seven figures.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Accounting classes with Mr Coady.



CALLUM LARKIN

Hobbies: Football, hide and seek.

What will I be remembered for: Being small.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't do drugs.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Still playing hide and seek.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Winning the Leinster Shield.



ETHAN LARKIN

Hobbies: Drinking tea and avoiding biology homework.

What will I be remembered for: Cutting my hair short in 5th year and never wearing the PE uniform!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't stress the small stuff, laugh as much as possible and do TY! Also, listen to the teachers!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Enjoying life.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Breakfast in Home Ec and the trip to Belfast in history.



KYLE LEAHY

Hobbies: Gaming, football.

What will I be remembered for: Being a slacker in the gym.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't slack in the gym!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Back in the gym!

Fondest memory from 6th year:

School gym!



MATTHEW MCCOY

Hobbies: Hobby club, katana, martial arts, guitar and bass, Dungeons and Dragons.

What will I be remembered for: Annoying Ms Synnott to do project work instead of doing PE!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't stress over the LC and plan ahead.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Working in an architectural company.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Construction studies class and hobby club.



AOIFE MOHAN

Hobbies: Going for walks, the gym.

What will I be remembered for: My boyfriend.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Do whatever makes you happy.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

In Dubai.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Art room.



DYLAN MAHER

Hobbies: Football, gym.

What will I be remembered for: Joining in 6th year.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Enjoy it while you can!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

In America.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Winning the

Leinster Shield



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**ANGELA REJU
MATHEW**

Hobbies: Reading.

What will I be remembered for:

For looking like a guy at the start of the year!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: The Leaving Cert messes you up, or you mess it up!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:
In space.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Tea talk with friends and SFL classes.



**DANNI
McGOWAN**

Hobbies: Walking, reading, listening to music

What will I be remembered for:

Being on crutches and in a knee brace.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Life is like an hour glass that's glued to a table and never ends!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:
Somewhere, doing something...

Fondest memory from 6th year:
Irish class with Abhi!



**OSCAR
MORRIS**

Hobbies: Guitar, Dungeons and Dragons, getting too emotionally involved in video games

What will I be remembered for: My humour, caring nature and kindness – realistically my hair.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Love yourself, be kind, get out while you still can and remember, two pounds of sugar is enough to fully ruin an entire ton of cement!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Either on stage as a niche indie musician or in a therapist's office.

Fondest memory from 6th year: Spending time with the friends I've made over my six years here.



**JUDE
MOYNIHAN**

Hobbies: Gym and playing music.

What will I be remembered for: Being 'Emo'.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Drink water.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:
Hydrated.

Fondest memory from 6th year:
The new water fountains!



**AARON
MURPHY**

Hobbies: Football and serving Brandon Healy.

What will I be remembered for:

Protecting Andrew O'Toole from bullies .

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Be like me.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:
Playing in the Prem.

Fondest memory from 6th year:
In Ms English's class.



**ANDREW
MURPHY**

Hobbies: Football and Brandon.

What will I be remembered for:

Being Benson's twin.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: It is what it is.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:
Still a two time fun run champ!

Fondest memory from 6th year:
Physics and DCG project.



**LUCY
O'BRIEN**

Hobbies: Going to lots of concerts.

What will I be remembered for:

Talking a lot and being very guillible.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Enjoy every minute of it and don't stress too much!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:
Running my own business abroad.

Fondest memory from 6th year:
Mr Messit's Irish class.



**NATHAN
O'REILLY**

Hobbies: Gym, travelling, festivals.

What will I be remembered for: My weekly flights.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Go to as many concerts as you possibly can.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:
On a film set.

Fondest memory from 6th year:
Glastonbury '23.



**JAMES
O'SHAUGHNESSY**

Hobbies: Sleeping and avoiding school!

What will I be remembered for: being in the Macbride class!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Go to school!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:
Not here anyway!

Fondest memory from 6th year:
Assaulting Beni in the bathroom!





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ANDREW O'TOOLE

Hobbies: Football, basketball, Nathan Kelly.
What will I be remembered for: Being protected by Aaron Murphy.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Get a bodyguard.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Scoring goals.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Looking after Denis.



EDUARDS OSS

Hobbies: I make music, reading, videogaming, skateboarding.
What will I be remembered for: For always disappearing, and my blonde hair.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Find yourself.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: I don't know, life changes constantly.
Fondest memory from 6th year: The awful queue in the canteen for food, and finishing my DCG project for the last 72 hours before it's submission.



JACK PARSONS

Hobbies: Football, gym and women.
What will I be remembered for: Being the smartest student in Woodbrook.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Work hard and enjoy.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Living in Dubai.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Winning the Leinster Shield.



KYLE PLUNKETT

Hobbies: Basketball, hurling.
What will I be remembered for: Barely being in school!
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Be there.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Working on a site.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Irish class.



HARRY PODPORA

Hobbies: Football, gym.
What will I be remembered for: Google images.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't stress it!
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Service engineer.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Saturday detentions, Liam getting folded.



JORDAN JENNINGS POTTS

Hobbies: Football.
What will I be remembered for: Being funny.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Enjoy it while you can.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Being rich.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Being a part of the football team and winning the U19 Leinster Shield.



ABHIRAMI SANTHOSHKUMAR

Hobbies: Reading.
What will I be remembered for: Being Adi's sister!
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: These are the golden years of your life! Enjoy it to the fullest with no regrets!
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Working in a boring office job!
Fondest memory from 6th year: Chats and games with Danni in Irish class are my fondest memories.



ADITHYA SANTHOSHKUMAR

Hobbies: Reading, basketball.
What will I be remembered for: Crushing Samuel Oni in badminton.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Enjoy the younger years.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: In a mancave!
Fondest memory from 6th year: Volleyball.



MILLY SWAN

Hobbies: Sports and baking.
What will I be remembered for: Being Headgirl.
If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't stress, don't be afraid to ask for help.
Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time: Travelling.
Fondest memory from 6th year: Mr Messit's Irish class.



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**LIVIU
UNGUREANU**



Hobbies: Gym.

What will I be remembered for:

Liviu Savage.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Safe.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Living the dream life.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

Saturday detention with the lads.

**TAINÉ VELLA
WHELAN**



Hobbies: Talking.

What will I be remembered for:

Having a name that nobody can pronounce!

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't sweat the small stuff!

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Tanning somewhere tropical.

Fondest memory from 6th year:

The laugh we had everyday in Irish class.

**SEAN
VICKERS**



Hobbies: Fishing.

What will I be remembered for: Being quiet.

If you had to leave advice for younger students, what would you say: Don't pick German.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years' time:

Being rich.

Fondest memory from 6th year: School trips.

*Pat Keating, James McGrane Ero
and Henry Hurley.*



BROTHER TALLON CUP

In September of 2022, James McGrane Ero was awarded the Brother Tallon Cup in Woodbrook College.

James received this prestigious cup as he achieved the highest marks in his Leaving Certificate exams in the class of '22.

Chairman, Pat Keating awarded James with the **Brother Tallon Cup** to acknowledge and celebrate his hard work and amazing achievement. His name will now be engraved on the cup.

In addition to that, James received

a plaque from Principal Hurley, congratulating him for his great accomplishment.

Brother Tallon was an important figure in Woodbrook College. He taught in several secondary schools around the country before settling in St. Brendan's in 1985. He served as the last Christian Brother Principal, retiring in 1990.

Although he had retired, Brother Tallon continued with his passion for education and nature. He always asked for recent and up to date information in the textbooks of

Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics so he could keep a sharp mind on these subjects.

Even though he may not be with us anymore the Board of Management of Woodbrook College, formerly St. Brendan's, has commissioned the '*Tallon Memorial Cup*' awarded to the student with the best Leaving Certificate result for the year. It is fitting that his name should be associated with the achieving of excellence in education and the dedication that this takes for the individual involved.

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6TH YEAR

Graduates of 2023

On May 23rd, we held our very special graduation evening for our 6th years. During this event, we had speeches from our principal Mr. Hurley, year head Ms. O'Gorman, head boy Adam Cahill, head girl Milly Swan, all brought together by our MC for the evening, Mr. Murphy.

Our guest speaker was past pupil and member of An Garda Síochána, Stephen Carton, who was recently awarded for bravery.

Stephen shared his experience since graduating from St. Brendan's College and imparted words of wisdom to the graduates of 2023.

We had music from Dariia Matskiv on clarinet, and a duet performed by Adam Cahill and Lucy O'Brien, who were helped to prepare by Mr. McDonald.

Readings were delivered by

Graduation



Brandon Healy Hennessy and Ethan Larkin, and a selection of students recited the lyrics of *A Million Dreams* in their native language.

Special mention was made about our absent friend and classmate, Aaron O'Kelly, who sadly passed away when he was in 1st year.

Awards were given out for academia and merit in each subject, as well as *Sportsperson of the Year* - **Cian Doyle**, and *Spirit of the Year* - **Lucy O'Brien**. *Student of the Year*, **Abhirami Santhoshkumar**, was

presented with her award from the President of Bray Lions' Club, Joe Codyre.

We also had the rare pleasure of seeing all 6th years sing two songs together, led by music teacher, Ms. Moyse.

Huge thanks to Ms. Troy for her endless creativity and energy in preparing for this special evening.

Refreshments provided by the parents' council were also enjoyed. We wish all our graduates well in their future.

MS. O'GORMAN





6TH YEAR AWARDS

SUBJECT	DISTINCTION	MERIT	SUBJECT	DISTINCTION	MERIT
ACCOUNTING	Shane Fabrero	Brandon Hennessy	IRISH	Aoife Dolan	Adam Cahill
ART	Evdoxia Maofi	Caitlin Finnerty		Cian Doyle	Shane Fabrero
BIOLOGY	Angela Mathew	Daria Matskiv	LCPE	Sean Vickers	Kyle Cox Moloney
	Aoife Dolan	Shane Fabrero	LCVP	Shane Fabrero	Andrew Murphy
BUSINESS	Benson Lin	Oskar Kudzielko		Lucy O'Brien	Denis Geaney
	Angela Reju	Abhirami Santhoskumar	MATHS	Nathan O'Reilly	Liviu Ungureanu
CHEMISTRY	Daria Matskiv	Lidia Cojaccaru		Daria Matskiv	Abhirami Santhoskumar
CONSTR. STUDIES	Lex Farrell	Milly Swan		Aoife Dolan	Andrew O'Toole
	Matthew McCoy			Andrew Murphy	Denis Geaney
DCG	Abhirami Santhoskumar	Vlad Condrea		Josh Belisario	Danni McGowan
ENGLISH	Abhirami Santhoskumar	Aoife Dolan	PHYSICAL ED.	Andrew Murphy	Andy O'Toole
	Andrew Murphy	Aaron Murphy		Brandon Hennessy	Dylan Hempenstall
	Robert Healy	Danni McGowan	PHYSICS	Daria Matskiv	Denis Geaney
	Josh Belisario	Piotr Kowalczuk	RELIGION	Caolan O'Connor	Abby Buckley
FRENCH	Claire Murray	Shane Fabrero		Matthew McCoy	Callum Larkin
GEOGRAPHY	Anna Krupinska	Aaron Murphy	SPANISH	Milly Swan	Lucy O'Brien
	Andrew Murphy	Kyle Cox Moloney		Oskar Kudzieko	Matthew McCoy
GERMAN	Aoife Dolan	Layla Byrne Murray			
HISTORY	Aoife Dolan	Layla Byrne Murray	SPIRIT OF THE YEAR	Lucy O'Brien	
	Nathan O'Reilly	Caolan O'Connor	STUDENT OF THE YEAR	Abhirami Santhoskumar	
HOME ECONOMICS	Liviu Ungureanu	Ethan Larkin			



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ZIYAN AHMAD



Hobbies: Basketball
The person I admire most: Inosuke Hashibira
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility
What I want to be when I grow up: Rich
Fondest memory from 1st year: Being in the zone while playing basketball with my friends

LUCAS BALDACCHINO



Hobbies: Football, MMA, playing video games, swimming.
The person I admire most: My uncle Jake.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Animal transformation.
What I want to be when I grow up: A professional footballer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Winning a table tennis tournament and gifting the prize to Fernando.

OLIVER BULL



Hobbies: Going out, football, winning Fortnite.
The person I admire most: Peppa Pig!
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility.
What I want to be when I grow up: This is still undecided!
Fondest memory from 1st year: UCD athletics and when the bell rings at the end of the day.

EILY CHAMBERS KEATING



Hobbies: Art
The person I admire most: My family.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Shape shifting.
What I want to be when I grow up: An artist.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

EMILY CRUISE DOWNEY



Hobbies: Shopping, baking, going out with my friends.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: Beautician or a Designer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

ZACH THEO DALY



Hobbies: Thai boxing.
The person I admire most: My older brother, Ryan Daly.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: A fighter or a mechanic because I'm interested in cars.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When we went home early because the power went out!

ARMIA EMAMI



Hobbies: Playing basketball with Aubrey, winning Fortnite tournaments.
The person I admire most: My friend Ziyah.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Super speed.
What I want to be when I grow up: An architect or chemist.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

FERNANDO ESCRIBANO NAVAJAS



Hobbies: Sports and Minecraft.
The person I admire most: Ronaldo.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To make myself invisible.
What I want to be when I grow up: Professional runner.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When Lucas gave me the ping pong bat!

SHANE FLANAGAN



Hobbies: Playing football.
The person I admire most: Erik Ten Hag.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Antmans power because then I could shrink and get out of class!
What I want to be when I grow up: A football manager.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When I won our 5-a-side with Zach scoring 2 goals to win 2-0!

PATRICIA KOSMULSKA



Hobbies: Drawing, painting, listening to music, playing violin.
The person I admire most: Shandzii-YouTube animator.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: Voice actor, artist.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Complaining about the fun run with my friends!

AMBER LARKIN



Hobbies: Roller skating.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to pause time.
What I want to be when I grow up: Nail technician.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day with Eily.

SEAN LEPRI



Hobbies: Video games, drawing and LEGO.
The person I admire most: My mam.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: The ability to smooth talk my way out of any situation because then I'd never get in trouble!
What I want to be when I grow up: Scientist.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Getting a merit for doing well in my Spanish test.



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KIAN McCOY



Hobbies: Rugby, basketball, boxing.
The person I admire most: Family.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Speed so I can run really fast and win races!
What I want to be when I grow up: An actor.
Fondest memory from 1st year: The Fun Run.

AUBREY MOLAPISI



Hobbies: Basketball, swimming.
The person I admire most: SNA workers in our school.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Time travel and invisible power.
What I want to be when I grow up: Pro basketball player.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Music class.

AYSHA MURRAY



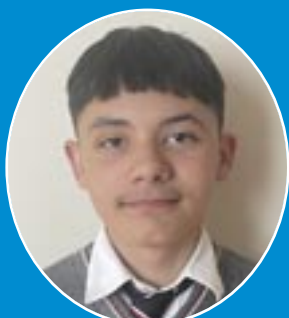
Hobbies: Football, art, going out.
The person I admire most: Myself.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: A business owner and a beautician.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Team building day in Shanganagh Park.

HREHAAN PAVOODAN



Hobbies: Swimming, sailing, kayaking, pier jumping, walking, table tennis, badminton and cricket.
The person I admire most: My mother.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to control every element in existence.
What I want to be when I grow up: A car tester for a car company.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When we went home because of the blackout.

RUBEN PETRESCU



Hobbies: Sports.
The person I admire most: My dad.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: Artist.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Our first table tennis tournament.

OLEH SHUMOV



Hobbies: Sports, basketball and playing the guitar.
The person I admire most: My family.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To stop time or speed.
What I want to be when I grow up: Programmer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: My first competition in basketball.

VOLODYMYR SOMOCHKIN



Hobbies: Computers, bikes.
The person I admire most: My mam.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to fly.
What I want to be when I grow up: A pilot.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Christmas holidays.

JOE TAPLEY



Hobbies: Playing video games, basketball and going out with my friends.
The person I admire most: Steph Curry.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to control reality.
What I want to be when I grow up: An architect.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

DEVIN TURNER



Hobbies: Football, reading, collecting autographs.
The person I admire most: Jurgen Klopp.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Time travel.
What I want to be when I grow up: Football manager.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Watching the World Cup with my friends.

OISÍN TWOMEY



Hobbies: Basketball, chess and being majestic.
The person I admire most: John Wilkes Booth.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Reality manipulation.
What I want to be when I grow up: 'Hella rich!'
Fondest memory from 1st year: Getting to go home early.

MOLLY WEAVER



Hobbies: GAA.
The person I admire most: Molly Lamb.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility.
What I want to be when I grow up: A lawyer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Ice skating out on the basketball courts.

LUIZA YERMOLENKO



Hobbies: Tennis.
The person I admire most: My brother and my dad.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to read minds.
What I want to be when I grow up: Psychologist.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day and the last day of school.



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KEITEN BARRETO



Hobbies: GAA, baking, basketball and art.
The person I admire most: My friends and parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Control of the elements or time travel.
What I want to be when I grow up: A food or holiday critic, a flight attendant or a trader.
Fondest memory from 1st year: The road trip for GAA or basketball matches.

CARL BARRY



Hobbies: Badminton.
The person I admire most: My grandad.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: Still to be decided!
Fondest memory from 1st year: Fun Run and English class.

LEWIS BYRNE



Hobbies: Drawing, chess, badminton, and tennis.
The person I admire most: Lots of Youtubers!
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To change people's personalities.
What I want to be when I grow up: An animator.
Fondest memory from 1st year: The Science experiments!

JACK CARROLL



Hobbies: Walking, watching movies, playing video games.
The person I admire most: Pedro Pascal because of his inclusivity and well-rounded personality.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Telekinesis
What I want to be when I grow up: An architect because of my love of LEGO.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day it was lovely being out and about.

KAYLUM CLACK



Hobbies: Football and going on my bike.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be invisible.
What I want to be when I grow up: A roofer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When the power went out in school!!

AVA DAVIS



Hobbies: Running.
The person I admire most: My mam.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Telekinesis.
What I want to be when I grow up: A real estate agent.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

AURORA DRAPIKOVSKA



Hobbies: Art, piano.
The person I admire most: Mike Wazowski because he makes me happy!
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation because I'm lazy.
What I want to be when I grow up: Still to be decided!
Fondest memory from 1st year: The excitement of leaving school early when the electricity was gone.

BEN FORDE



Hobbies: Playing Playstation 5 and football.
The person I admire most: My mam and dad.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: A footballer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When we went to the football match with the Senior team.

JESSICA FORDE



Hobbies: Going out.
The person I admire most: My ma.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Time Travel.
What I want to be when I grow up: Flight Attendant.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

CHARLIE KELLY DOWLING



Hobbies: Football, drawing.
The person I admire most: My mother.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation so I could visit my favourite places.
What I want to be when I grow up: An architect.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When we got to go home early because the power was cut.

LUKE KENNY



Hobbies: Soccer and basketball.
The person I admire most: Sadio Mane.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: Undecided!
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

SIENNA MCGOWAN



Hobbies: Walking.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: A fashion designer or lawyer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When we got to go home early.



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MICHAELA MURRAY



Hobbies: I don't have any hobbies!
The person I admire most: My mam and nanny.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility.
What I want to be when I grow up: A beautician.
Fondest memory from 1st year: The Fun Run.

LAUREN O'BRIEN



Hobbies: Art, reading.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility.
What I want to be when I grow up: A solicitor.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When the power went out in school and we all got to go home early.

ZACK O'CONNOR



Hobbies: Gaming.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to freeze time.
What I want to be when I grow up: A dad!
Fondest memory from 1st year: Making new friends, especially Lewis Byrne.

LILY O'NEILL CURTIS



Hobbies: Basketball, GAA, art.
The person I admire most: R.D.J.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Telekinesis.
What I want to be when I grow up: Marine biologist or something to do with animals!
Fondest memory from 1st year: Basketbal, GAA and going to matches.

MATEO PRUTHI



Hobbies: Art, skating.
The person I admire most: Me, her, my mam!
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Being good at school and being able to concentrate!
What I want to be when I grow up: A therapist.
Fondest memory from 1st year: 9th January.

DEAN RYAN



Hobbies: Gym, boxing.
The person I admire most: Sophie Ryan.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Super speed!!
What I want to be when I grow up: A body builder.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

SIVANI SASEENDRA



Hobbies: Basketball.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: Doctor.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Fun Run and English class.

LUKA VUKOJA



Hobbies: Art, music, science, making scripts, *Star Wars*.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: The power of more wishes!
What I want to be when I grow up: A scientist, leaning towards chemistry or physics.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Every science class.

ELLA SOPHIA WALSH



Hobbies: Horseriding, watching Netflix.
The person I admire most: Allanagh Henry, Rachel Blackmore and Emilia.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Talking to animals.
What I want to be when I grow up: Equine vet.
Fondest memory from 1st year: When the basketball course froze over.

EMILIA ZGRZEBNICKA



Hobbies: Swimming, running, art and watching TV.
The person I admire most: My sister.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility.
What I want to be when I grow up: Making icecream.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Making friends.

AOIBHEANN-REISH AMISTAD



Hobbies: Drawing.
The person I admire most: My cousin.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Shapeshifting.
What I want to be when I grow up: Therapist.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

DARREN BROWN



Hobbies: Basketball and Fortnite.
The person I admire most: My mum.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Lightning.
What I want to be when I grow up: An actor.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Making the bestest friends.



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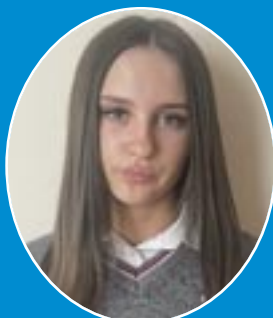
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KALEM BUCKLEY



Hobbies: Hurling, GAA, playing FIFA.
The person I admire most: My dad.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: Undecided!
Fondest memory from 1st year: The school tour.

LEAH DEVLIN



Hobbies: Art.
The person I admire most: My ma.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: A mind reader.
What I want to be when I grow up: Fashion designer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Meeting Hayden.

RUBEN DONOHOE



Hobbies: Football.
The person I admire most: Wayne Rooney.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Super strength.
What I want to be when I grow up: Bricklayer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

JAKE FARRELL



Hobbies: Video games and coding.
The person I admire most: : Myself.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Time manipulation.
What I want to be when I grow up: Alive!
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

TOBY FARRELL



Hobbies: Rugby.
The person I admire most: Hugo Keenan, Jim Flano, my brother.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Super speed.
What I want to be when I grow up: An astronaut.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day, Ruben singing 'Poker Face'.

OLLIE GRAY DUNNE



Hobbies: Basketball and running.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Time travel.
What I want to be when I grow up: Basketballer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Movie Night.

JOSH KEATING



Hobbies: Football and cycling.
The person I admire most: My Ma and Da.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be invisible!
What I want to be when I grow up: A footballer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Extra month off at summertime.

NAZAR KOSTYUK



Hobbies: Computer games, programming and scripting.
The person I admire most: Toby Farrell.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Time control.
What I want to be when I grow up: Programmer or scripter.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Winning the GAA blitz.

ODHRAN MONAGHAN



Hobbies: Basketball.
The person I admire most: My mam.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: A biomedical engineer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

LEAH MOONEY McGRATH



Hobbies: Art.
The person I admire most: My ma because she is very outgoing.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Superspeed.
What I want to be when I grow up: Vet.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sports Day.

TOMÁS ALEJANDRO MORALES-JEREMIAH



Hobbies: Reading, art, listening to music.
The person I admire most: My grandmother.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To make myself invisible.
What I want to be when I grow up: 2D animator.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Art Club and Animation workshop.

HAYDEN MORIARTY



Hobbies: Dance.
The person I admire most: My da.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: The ability to read minds.
What I want to be when I grow up: Fashion designer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Making friends with Leah Devlin.



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ISABEL O'CONNOR



Hobbies: Ping pong, athletics, art.
The person I admire most:
My best friend Amelia.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Controlling water.
What I want to be when I grow up:
A biologist.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
Mr. Fitzpatrick sitting me beside Amelia and becoming best friends!

LUCYANN O'FLANAGAN EDOKPOLO



Hobbies: Painting and drawing.
The person I admire most:
My friend Alannah.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility.
What I want to be when I grow up:
Preschool teacher.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
With my friends at Sports Day.

DARREN O'TOOLE



Hobbies: Boxing and sports.
The person I admire most:
Joey Moorehouse.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To freeze time.
What I want to be when I grow up:
A professional boxer.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
Sports Day.

EVAN WARNER



Hobbies: Playing games.
The person I admire most:
Darren O'Toole.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Being able to fly.
What I want to be when I grow up:
Alive! And taller!
Fondest memory from 1st year: Getting 100% in my Business Christmas exam.

AMELIA ZIELINSKA



Hobbies: Art, GAA and sewing.
The person I admire most:
My parents and grandparents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: The ability to freeze time and to be able to talk to animals.
What I want to be when I grow up:
Criminologist.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
Animation workshop.

DARIA HAVRYLIUK



Hobbies: Drawing.
The person I admire most:
My friends.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up:
Happy!
Fondest memory from 1st year:
Playing badminton.

CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH ADIZON



Hobbies: Basketball and rugby.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Flying.
What I want to be when I grow up:
A nurse.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
The school tour.

DANIEL BULAT



Hobbies: Football, boxing, basketball.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Flying and super speed.
What I want to be when I grow up:
A footballer.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
School tour.

KAITLYN COLE



Hobbies: Football, dancing, basketball, GAA, athletics, rounders.
The person I admire most: My older brother.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation or mind reading.
What I want to be when I grow up:
A footballer or a dancer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Getting a bottle of Pepsi in business.

SAMANTHA GUERRERO RAMOS



Hobbies: Going out.
The person I admire most: My mum.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Super speed.
What I want to be when I grow up:
SpongeBob.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
Meeting my new friends.

CIARA HARPUR



Hobbies: Camogie and art.
The person I admire most: Mr Reilly.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Telekinesis.
What I want to be when I grow up:
I want to be rich.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
I don't have one.

DANIEL HARRIS



Hobbies: Playing basketball, playing football, going on my Xbox.
The person I admire most:
An inspirational guy.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To freeze time and to be able to cheat in tests!
What I want to be when I grow up:
A basketball player.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
Winning a basketball match.



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ALLANAGH HENRY



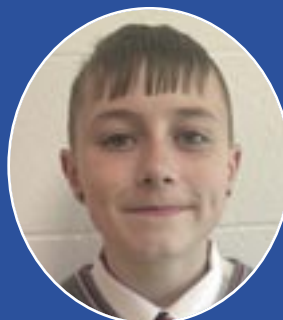
Hobbies: Playing guitar and art.
The person I admire most: Mr Reilly and Mr Brosnan.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility.
What I want to be when I grow up: A lawyer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Learning all about business studies.

TAMARA KANE



Hobbies: Art.
The person I admire most: Ms. O'Neill.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Super speed.
What I want to be when I grow up: A teacher.
Fondest memory from 1st year: The friends and teachers I have met.

DYLAN LEWIS



Hobbies: Playing Gorilla tag and chess.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To shapeshift.
What I want to be when I grow up: Youtuber.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Meeting nice people.

ELLIE ROSE O'BRIEN



Hobbies: Acting.
The person I admire most: My mam.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Telekinesis.
What I want to be when I grow up: An actress.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Meeting Faye.

FAYE O'BRIEN



Hobbies: Dancing and swimming.
The person I admire most: My nanny.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: A stewardess on a yacht.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Meeting Ellie.

MAX O'CONNOR



Hobbies: Football, basketball, gaming.
The person I admire most: Lionel Messi.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: The ability to rewind or fast forward time.
What I want to be when I grow up: A footballer.

JACK O'DOWD PRITCHARD



Hobbies: Rugby, football.
The person I admire most: Mum and dad.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to fly.
What I want to be when I grow up: A rugby player.
Fondest memory from 1st year: The school tour!

JOSH REDMOND BOLGER



Hobbies: Watching movies, playing video games, football, drawing, art.
The person I admire most: Ryan Gosling.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: The power to grant myself one wish, then I would wish for infinite wishes, then I'd wish for all the superpowers!
What I want to be when I grow up: An animator or filmmaker.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Having lots of different teachers.

ILIE SCRIPNIC



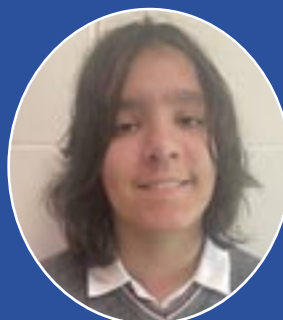
Hobbies: Football.
The person I admire most: Cristiano Ronaldo.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Super speed.
What I want to be when I grow up: a football player.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Scoring in the hoop!

AALIYAH USHER



Hobbies: Going out.
The person I admire most: Ellie.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Telekinesis.
What I want to be when I grow up: I don't know yet!
Fondest memory from 1st year: Sam's hair at the start of the year.

JULIA ZIELINSKA



Hobbies: Drawing, writing and archery.
The person I admire most: Ella Sophia Walsh.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility.
What I want to be when I grow up: An artist.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Lidia falling on the ice.

CHARLIE HARVEY



Hobbies: Games, rugby.
The person I admire most: Michael Jackson.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to fly.
What I want to be when I grow up: An astronaut.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Leaving First year.



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JAYDEN BUTLER



Hobbies: Watching UFC, wrestling, playing video games.
The person I admire most: Theo Von.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: Joe Rogan's job!
Fondest memory from 1st year: Mr Messit making me 'Top Dog'!

ZACH COYLE



Hobbies: Dancing.
The person I admire most: Mr Messit.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Time travel.
What I want to be when I grow up: To be like Mr Messit.
Fondest memory from 1st year: CSPE class.

CHLOE FARRELL



Hobbies: Art and music.
The person I admire most: Ms O'Neill.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation and time travel.
What I want to be when I grow up: A game developer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: SFL class.

SETANTA FITZPATRICK PAGENT



Hobbies: Kickboxing, video games.
The person I admire most: Keanu Reeves.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to change memories.
What I want to be when I grow up: A painter.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Hanging out with my friends.

AIMÉE GREENE BYRNE



Hobbies: Basketball, kickboxing, martial arts.
The person I admire most: Mr McDonald.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to read people's minds.
What I want to be when I grow up: To work with animals and to be rich!
Fondest memory from 1st year: CSPE class and the basketball team.

RHYS HOWARD



Hobbies: Golfing.
The person I admire most: My parents.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up: A pilot.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Going on a school trip to Dublin with the Knowledge Café students.

LIDIA LUKASZEWICZ



Hobbies: Inline skating and dancing.
The person I admire most: Mr Lyons.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Flying.
What I want to be when I grow up: Actor.
Fondest memory from 1st year: The day the basketball court froze over and half the school started ice skating on the ice!

KEITH MANNING



Hobbies: Basketball.
The person I admire most: Mr Brosnan.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: For there to be no consequences for my actions.
What I want to be when I grow up: A pirate!
Fondest memory from 1st year: Mr. Brosnan calling me 'fruity' for missing a 3 pointer!

KURINA MASON



Hobbies: Football.
The person I admire most: Chloe and Lilyrose.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Super speed so I can run very fast or a time traveller.
What I want to be when I grow up: A footballer.
Fondest memory from 1st year: CSPE classes.

JAKUB MATLA



Hobbies: Football, swimming and karate.
The person I admire most: Harry Maguire, John Cena and Tobey Maguire.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be taller so I could reach up high to get football off the roofs of houses and get paid to clean chimneys!
What I want to be when I grow up: Jackie Chan movies.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Walking to wrong class, saying I have to use bathroom.

LILYROSE MOORE WALSH



Hobbies: Swimming in rivers.
The person I admire most: Chloe and Kurina.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to fly.
What I want to be when I grow up: A bird, so I can fly.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Our CSPE class!

JAKE ANDREWS



Hobbies: Swimming.
The person I admire most: Eric Andre.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Invisibility.
What I want to be when I grow up: A detective.
Fondest memory from 1st year: Winning every game of rounders.



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HANNAH MORIARTY



Hobbies: Basketball and horseriding.
The person I admire most:
 Mr Messit and Mr McDonald.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Reading people's minds!
What I want to be when I grow up:
 As amazing as Mr Messit!
Fondest memory from 1st year:
 CSPE class!

CHLOE MULLEN



Hobbies: Horseriding.
The person I admire most:
 Lilyrose and Kurina.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Flying, so I can sky dive with no parachute!
What I want to be when I grow up:
 A billionaire.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
 CSPE classes.

KIRIL NAZARENKO



Hobbies: Basketball.
The person I admire most: My family and friends.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be able to fly.
What I want to be when I grow up:
 A hacker!
Fondest memory from 1st year:
 Meeting new friends.

NOAH O'NEILL FOGARTY



Hobbies: Running, video games.
The person I admire most:
 Kiril Nazarenko
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up:
 An airplane.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
 Mr Bergin messing with Luka all year!

OSBORN RUAN



Hobbies: Table tennis and badminton.
The person I admire most: My brother.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: To be super rich..
What I want to be when I grow up:
 A fish!
Fondest memory from 1st year:
 Loosing in chess with Mr Brosnan and then he made me say 'I lost in chess' in front of the class!!!

OLIWIER SLOTWINSKI



Hobbies: Swimming, dodgeball, basketball.
The person I admire most: My dad, mom and best friend.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Super speed.
What I want to be when I grow up:
 A lawyer.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
 Talk to my friends.

ALICIA SUCHY



Hobbies: Editing.
The person I admire most:
 Timothy Olyphant.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Teleportation.
What I want to be when I grow up:
 Working on a movie set as a prop maker.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
 CSPE class.

REBEKAH TRESSON CALLAGHAN



Hobbies: Football.
The person I admire most: Mr Messit.
If I could choose a superpower, it would be: Speed.
What I want to be when I grow up:
 A biker.
Fondest memory from 1st year:
 Mr Sinnott calling Keith Manning 'bald'!

ZACH DALY - MUAY THAI MARTIAL ARTS

When Zach Daly (1 Avoca) joined Woodbrook this year, we didn't realise the talent and passion for martial arts he brought with him! Zach has been training in Muay Thai Martial Arts since he was four-years-old. He has been with his current trainer and gym since July 2018, it is called the Wai Tribe Muay Thai, under the guidance of Turlough and his daughter Aoibhe Walsh.

In February of 2022, Zach competed in a UK national competition in Manchester and won in his category, making him a UK champion.

In July of 2022 he then returned to Barnsley in the UK to compete in a 5 nations competition and won a belt in his category also, making him a UK national and 5 nations champion in 2022.

In April of this year, he went back over to Barnsley to compete in another national championship and narrowly missed out on the title, but learned a lot and will be back fighting and competing in some of the biggest competitions in the sport again soon.

Zach and his family would like to thank their Wai Tribe family for helping him blossom into a confident, friendly and helpful young man. We at Woodbrook are looking forward to hearing about Zach's future achievements and Muay Thai journey!



Welcome to Woodbrook! FIRST YEAR BONDING DAY

All 1st year students took part in a bonding day at the start of September. The students were taken to Shanganagh Park and got involved in a range of different team building activities. They got to meet new friends, spend time with their tutors and, most of all, have fun. **Ms Connors**



SCRATCH CLUB

First years came together, this year, to organise a new Scratch Club. Every Tuesday at lunchtime, our coordinator Jake Farrell (1 Glencree), would teach the other students how to start coding on scratch and they spent months creating new games, learning new skills and having fun.

Jake even managed to teach Ms. Troy even though none of us ever remembered our Scratch passwords. We also had a special guest teacher one Tuesday, Callum O'Sullivan O'Carroll from TY. Well done Jake for bringing these skills to Woodbrook College!

MS. TROY



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PEXPO 2023

Eoin Fox, Katie Healy and Jerry Cox Moloney presented a research project at the PEXpo 2023 in DCU on Wednesday, March 29th. Their project examined the impact of sport and physical activity on our endorphins. They were able to demonstrate that sport and physical activity had a significantly positive impact on endorphins and levels of happiness. When at the PEXpo they interviewed third level academics, sports stars, coaches and journalists on their project. They represented themselves and



school with pride during the event. Terri O'Donnell also had a significant involvement in the research project but was unable to attend on the day. Well done to all involved.

MR CULLEN



Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)



This year I was delighted to be appointed to the post of HSCL, with the overall role of working with parents to strengthen the link between home, school and the community.

Back in September, I set up a walking group as peer support to the parents, even though it was more chatting than walking, it was a lovely start to building a network of support.

By November, when the harsh weather hit, the walking group was abandoned, and we moved indoors to hot coffee and cakes! With the help of that first small group of parents, ideas came about for the types of courses parents wanted to see on offer and since then, the parent support network and engagement on the courses has grown each month.

It has been a busy year and no two days are the same, but I have been working closely with local and statutory agencies, building the profile of the HSCL role, and making connections with parents. Some of my work this year has involved:

- Supporting families in the transition to first year.
- Visiting families in their homes each week.
- Supporting families to overcome a range of different challenges.
- Encouraging closer ties with families and the school.
- Organising parent courses.
- Referrals to local support and building strong relationships with the local and statutory agencies.
- Strengthening the positive relationships between our school and the families of our students.

Some of the courses which were led by teachers, parents and the local community this year were:



By MS O'CALLAGHAN



- Wreath making
- Ceramics
- Stencil making
- Baking classes
- CPR/AED workshop
- Guitar
- Spanish
- Sewing
- Skin Masterclass

I would like to thank our dedicated staff who helped to make the parent courses so successful this year. A special thanks to Mr Horgan, Mr O'Loughlin, Ms Moyse, Ms Murphy, Ms McKechnie and Mr McDonald.

To finish, I wanted to add a small note of gratitude to a wonderful parent who also led a course for the school this year. I had the pleasure of meeting the fabulous and talented Carolina O'Shea, a parent to Danny in



second year, who ran a 4-week parent sewing class. Carolina also agreed to be our Woodbrook representative for a national cookbook called 'Food Without Borders'.

Carolina put huge effort into making a lovely Venezuelan dish, staging it, and taking photos for the cookbook. I cannot wait to see the final product. This cookbook will be available to download to any parent who wishes to see the wonderful recipes from many of the schools across Ireland.

Roll on 2023/24 academic year. I look forward to continuing to support parents/guardians and working together to create the best opportunities for the students of Woodbrook College.



HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT



The Home Economics department expanded greatly this year in terms of teachers and kitchens.

The ongoing demand for Home Economics saw a second teacher come on board to teach in Woodbrook. We are delighted to now have two Home Economics kitchens, and this is a very positive change as it has led to an increase in the number of classes being offered including LCA Hotel, Catering and Tourism, and TY Home Economics.

Junior Cycle students got the opportunity to complete some sewing and cooking throughout the year. First year students made some emoji



keyrings while second year students completed pillowcases for their CBA. Students were very creative and showed great enthusiasm while making their creations. There was big competition when it came to choosing star bakers and chefs every week and it was great to see students

**By MRS. CLUSKEY
AND MS. MURPHY**



encouraged to go the extra mile in class.

Home Economics was offered as a

ten-week baking module to TY students this year and it was great to see students become so enthusiastic and involved. Students learnt a wide range of baking skills and became star bakers throughout the ten weeks.

Fifth year Home Economics students completed their four practical cookery assignments which are worth 20% of the Leaving Certificate course. Their delicious creations included fajitas, madras curry, stir fry and strawberry cheesecake.

Sixth years created some lovely memories in their block class at Christmas and enjoyed a breakfast with Ms Cluskey.

The memories then continued throughout the year as they were extremely lucky to have an amazing and informative day trip to Bread41 on Pearse Street, Dublin, where they got to meet the owner Eoin Cluskey and sample some delicious fresh bread and pastries.

We were very lucky to get a visit in return from Eoin Cluskey to Woodbrook College where he gave a bread demonstration and workshop to LCA's.





The LCA's hosted an afternoon tea for their parents in the Home Economics kitchen and baked an array of delicious cakes for their families to enjoy. The baking continued throughout the year as they hosted another event which was a bake sale as part of their enterprise module.

HSCL BAKING CLASSES

Baking classes were hosted in Woodbrook College at various stages throughout the year. The classes were a huge success, and it was wonderful to get some parents into the school to learn some home baking skills. The parents got to check out our brand-new second Home Economics kitchen and got to make some delicious treats, including cupcakes and traybakes.

Parents were given some tips and tricks for home baking, and we were very lucky to be able to finish the year off on such a high with the Great Woodbrook Bake-Off. This Bake-Off saw a parent and their child go head-to-head to be crowned best bakers.

The Bake-Off was a huge success and we are already looking forward to planning more baking classes for next year. A huge shoutout to Ms O'Callaghan for organising and running these classes and building on such a positive community in our school.

LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

The Home Economics department were delighted to offer some life skills classes on Thursdays to some first- and second-year students. The standards were extremely high within this class and students made a wide variety of delicious dishes including burgers and wedges, porridge, pancakes, fruit salads, and chicken goujons.

BE MORE LIKE FLYNN

Put your rubbish in the correct bin



Green Schools has gone from strength to strength this year with a range of activities to help ensure the students of Woodbrook are aware of their role in creating a cleaner, more sustainable environment. In October we ran a schoolwide climate action poetry competition where the students had to create poetry detailing how much the earth needs saving and what we can do to help.

There was an excellent response to the competition with our top-three winners coming from 1st and 3rd Year – Tomas Morales-Jeremiah in first place, Max Roche in second place and Amelia Zielinska in third place.

Green Schools followed up from this success with the creation of the Green School Committee consisting of students from each of the tutor groups in First year and two seasoned professionals in Fifth year.

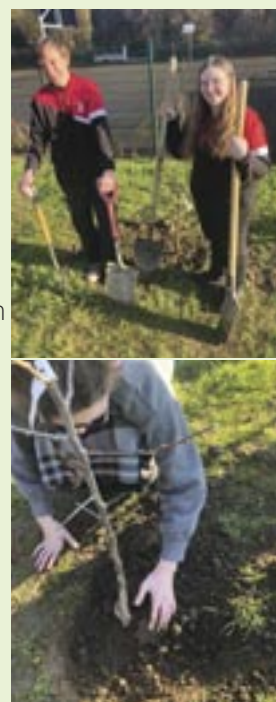
The first port of call for the committee was to decide on the role of the committee for the rest of the year with the focus being particularly on starting our quest for the biodiversity flag and reaffirming the focus on waste and waste management. To add to this, we planted Apple, plum and pear trees near the basketball court to show our awareness of the natural world in



Woodbrook. Finally, we ran a competition to help promote waste management and cleaner living in the school environment and Jack Carroll in First year created the newest mascot for Green Schools – Flynn, the Compost Bin.

A productive year for Green Schools, we are looking forward to 2023/24 already.

MR REILLY



STUDENT COUNCIL



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SPORTS DAY

READY, STEADY, GO!

May 12th saw the return of the annual Sports Day in Woodbrook. Events such as Basketball, Rounders, Table Tennis, Chess, Football, Badminton, Athletics and Novelty Races were offered to all students in different locations.

The PE Department put on an unforgettable day this year, which included a trip to Shanganagh park for the novelty races and the obligatory trip to the ice cream van! A big thank you to the PE Department for all their hard work and dedication to such a memorable day.







This year was a successful year for Athletics in Woodbrook College. It was fantastic to see a full return to all events after COVID-19.

During the winter months the team took part in 3 main events: Phoenix Park Dublin Schools Cross-Country, Blackrock Cross-Country Relays and East-Leinster Cross-Country Championships. Each event had a turnout of about 15 enthusiastic students who represented the school exceptionally well.

We had one main event in the spring which was the East Leinster track and field held in UCD. Woodbrook College had 35 students representing us that day.

There were events such as sprints, relay races, hurdles, shot putt, long jump, and high jump. Each student participated in as many events as they could. While we had some strong performances, we also had students trying out new events and making friends from other schools along the way. Training took place most Wednesdays, with a run to Shanganagh Park.

In spring we recruited more runners or aspiring runners with our 'Couch to 5km' programme. This was very enjoyable in the warmer weather and brighter days. We will rerun the



By MS KILFEATHER

MEDALS FROM EAST LEINSTER BS:

Aimée Green Byrne (1st Year)	Silver in 100m Sprint
Odhran Monaghan (1st Year)	Gold in Shot Putt; Bronze in Long Jump
Jamie McGrane (3rd Year)	Gold in 100m Sprint
Ruben Donohoe (1st Year)	Gold in 800m
Kaiter Barreto (2nd Year)	Silver in High Jump; Gold in Long Jump
Daniel Bulat (1st Year)	Silver in 100m hurdles
Keiten Barreto (1st Year)	Gold in Shot Putt
Kaitlyn Cole (1st Year)	Bronze in 100m Hurdles
Oliver Bull (1st Year)	Silver in High Jump
Lucas Baldachinno (1st Year)	Bronze in High Jump
Ollie Dunne (1st Year)	Bronze in 100m Sprint
Jack Roche (3rd Year)	Bronze in 800m and Shot Putt
Brian Grefaldeo (3rd Year)	Bronze in Long Jump
Isabel O'Connor (1st Year)	Silver in Long Jump
David Owens (2nd Year)	Silver in Long Jump
Patrick Caracaleanu (2nd Year)	Bronze in Long Jump

programme next year as it is inclusive of all levels of fitness.

A special mention to our best performers throughout the year. Bobby More (3rd Year) blew us all away with three exceptional performances in the East Leinster Cross-Country and East Leinster Track and Field. He finished 8th and qualified for the Leinsters in the Cross-Country Championships. Unfortunately, he missed qualifying for the All-Irelands but there is always next year!

In the Track and Field, he came 3rd in the 800m and 1st in the 1500m-

truly outstanding performances for East-Leinsters. Bobby finished 5th in the Leinster 1500m on Saturday 20th May, leaving him just two places short of qualifying for the All-Irelands. He achieved a new PB of 4.18 in the race and will be running in Intermediate again next year. We look forward to his comeback.

Well done to all who participated in our Wednesday runs and in any competition. Mr Reilly and Ms Kilfeather are extremely proud of our growing athletics team in Woodbrook College. We will see you all in September 2023.



REECE GRAY

Reece has trained for the past 11 months, averaging 18 hours of swimming per week, including travelling to Mallorca on June 21st, 2023 for one week intensive training, to Bluewater Elite Sports Training Centre (BEST). This proved to be an amazing opportunity for Reece to train with aspiring Olympians.

Throughout the year Reece has competed in many swimming competitions including representing Woodbrook College at the Leinster Seniors Schools Gala Championships in February 2023. Most recently Reece has just competed at the Irish Summer National Youth & Senior Championships (July 26th-30th), held at the National Aquatic Centre.

Reece qualified for 9 events and performed exceptionally well in each of his events, excelling in all his previous PB's (Personal Best). In recognition of his improved PB performance (200m Butterfly PB was reduced by 12 seconds), he was awarded two Swim Ireland Awards at the Nationals and Reece has secured a qualifying time for the Irish Open Swimming Championships for 2024.

An amazing achievement after all his training and dedication to his swimming.

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By MR WATSON

The year 2022 marked the beginning of Woodbrook College's first Chess Club, facilitated by Mr Watson, Mr Coady, Mr Brosnan and Mr Crotty.

Ran after school on Tuesdays and lunchtime on Thursdays, the Club quickly flourished, with newly acquired wooden chessboards and chess



clocks to facilitate over-the-board play.

The school year allowed several students to compete, namely the Chess Blitz at Trinity Comprehensive School in Ballymun, and our very own "Woodbrook College's Annual Chess Tournament" hosting students from St

Tiernan's Community School and North Wicklow Educate Together.

The event was a great success, and we hope to make this a continuing tradition at our school!

Until next year!!

MR WATSON

OVERLOOKED NO MORE: CHESS CLUB COMES TO WOODBROOK



TABLE TENNIS

This year a dedicated group of students participated in early morning table tennis. Their skills improved amazingly over the course of the year.

MRS MARSCHNER



A TRULY UNFORGETTABLE ENCOUNTER



FAIS Leinster Senior A Shield Champions

Woodbrook College are the **FAIS Leinster Senior A Shield Champions** after an unforgettable final against an excellent St Joseph's CBS side from Drogheda.

After a somewhat nervy start which saw the unthinkable happen, with Drogheda racing into a 3-0 lead after just 8 minutes, the Bray team settled down. At this very early stage, the dream was threatening to turn into a nightmare. However, cometh the hour, cometh the man and in this case, it was the brilliant Cian Doyle who grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck and proceeded to haul Woodbrook back into this game.

First, he won a free kick and duly planted it past the bemused Drogheda goalkeeper from 25 yards.

Then he won a penalty and slotted it nervelessly into the corner. Now it was 3-2 and very much a case of game on.

Cian then set up Calum Larkin for a well taken goal. A visibly shocked Drogheda side were left reeling even further when Dylan Maher was sprung from the bench and announced his entrance into this final with a lovely finish from a Cian Doyle flick on to make it 4-3.

SOCCER

By **MR MEYLER**

Cian Doyle then made it 5-3 to Woodbrook with a smart turn and finish from the edge of the box.

The halftime mood in the Woodbrook dressing room was upbeat, however we knew that Drogheda would not lie down.

Woodbrook had their outstanding goalkeeper Adam O'Toole to thank for keeping Drogheda at bay early in the second half with some good saves.

However, he was helpless to prevent the Louth school scoring from the penalty spot to make it 5-4.

The nerves were jangling again until the excellent Dylan Maher, combined with Cian Doyle, for Cian to grab his fourth goal of the game and make it 6-4!

Much credit goes to Dylan

Maher who played a key part in this game despite carrying a serious shoulder injury.

There were scenes of wild celebration when the referee finally blew for full-time.

This title is just reward for Woodbrook who came agonisingly close to winning the Wicklow-Wexford Senior League final in January, against All-Ireland Senior Champions Wexford CBS.

They have brought a first Leinster title back to the school since 2006.

Man of the match was Cian Doyle who scored 4 and had 2 assists. However, every single student played his part in a great victory after a truly unforgettable encounter.





BASKETBALL

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1st year Boys Basketball



1st year Girls Basketball



2nd year Boys Basketball



2nd year Girls Basketball



U16 Girls Basketball



U19 Girls Basketball



U19 Boys Basketball



BADMINTON



2023 CLASS TRIPS

On Friday May 19th and Monday May 22nd, students embarked on their annual school trip. 1st years flocked to **Flynn Park**, 2nd Years to **Kilruddery House**, 3rd Years travelled to **Russborough House**, TY to **Go Quest**, 5th Years to **Special Ops** in Roundwood and finally, 6th Year students zip lined through **Tibradden Woods**.

Students created positive memories, bonded with fellow students and teachers and discovered new interests. Year Heads reported a memorable day was had by all!



Encouraging and Discovering New Interests...



SAYING GOODBYE IS NEVER EASY...



Joy Burke started with us in St. Brendan's in January 2005 and after 17 years of tirelessly helping students with special educational needs she announced her retirement. Departing Woodbrook College in December 2022, she announced: "I can honestly say I enjoyed my time in the school and there was never a day when I didn't want to go to work". St. Brendan's and

Woodbrook students were so lucky to have Joy on their educational journey with them, from classroom assistance to sports days and TY trips away.

Along with spending time with the staff and students, one of Joy's most memorable moments was when President Mary McAleese paid a visit to the school for St. Brendan's 50th Anniversary celebrations in 2006 as she states: "There was a great buzz and excitement in the school leading up to, and during the visit".

After dedicating her time and efforts to our students over the years, Joy now plans to "make the most of my free time and enjoy the luxury of taking off somewhere whenever it suits me and not have to worry about work"! All the Woodbrook staff and students wish you every success in the next chapter of your life, you will be sorely missed by all.

Ms DOYLE

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO OUR SUPPORT STAFF



Led by Mr. Fitzpatrick, the SNA's (Special Needs Assistants) at Woodbrook work tirelessly to assist students in both the classroom and the newly refurbished hub. As well as being a friendly face our students can turn to, our support staff guide and assist our students with both the curriculum and social and emotional requirements. Woodbrook really would be lost without you! A special, heart filled thank you to Mr Fitzpatrick's SNA team; Mandy Briggs, Tracy Devoy, Rebecca Laird, Bodicea Robinson, Beverly Sheridan, Marie Devlin and Emma Langton.

KNOWLEDGE CAFÉ



Great ending to the first year of the Knowledge Café in Woodbrook College. Over the course of the year there were nine talks held by teachers in the school, on a variety of topics such as the culture of graffiti in Dublin, the history of music in football chants and the importance of resilience and opportunities in life. Over those nine talks, over 200 different students attended.

Of that 200 students, 22 students attended all nine talks and earned nine loyalty stamps for the Knowledge Café. This meant they earned a trip to the EPIC Museum in Dublin which they thoroughly enjoyed.

It was a very successful first year for the Knowledge Café with plenty of plans for the future, stay tuned!

MR O'DONNELL



LEGO CLUB



The club was first formed to introduce students to computer coding using LEGO. The students would then compete with other schools in a competition to be held in UCD and hosted by the First LEGO League. However, the club then morphed into a place for like-minded students to come together, chat, game, socialise and...enjoy a Marvel movie night at the end of each term.

It has continued to grow in popularity, and we hope to keep it running next year and beyond!

MR FITZPATRICK

CLUBS DAY



Woodbrook's impressive Student Leadership team hosted the annual "Clubs Day" in September 2022. "Clubs Day" was an event set up last year to promote the extracurricular clubs that Woodbrook offers to our talented and enthusiastic students.

Head-Students, Senior Prefects and Ms. Synnott were the driving force behind the success of the day, which saw a record number of students sign up to an array of clubs!



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES 2022-2023

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The MFL department were busy this year with language events for students, staff, and parents. Have a read below for everything they got up to!



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

On European Day of Languages on the September 26th we held numerous events in the school to celebrate linguistic diversity in Europe and encourage language learning.

Our Heritage Language Support Class also took part in the EDL Challenge.

THINK LANGUAGES

The Think Languages committee worked together to plan a memorable day for the students of TY. We planned many activities such as, Arabian Belly Dancing, Spanish Flamenco Dancing, Chinese art, and other workshops.

TRINITY POSTER COMPETITION

In April, two teams attended a ceremony in Trinity College for winning a poster competition in Spanish and Turkish. The winning Spanish team consisted of Chris Lin, Marcos Hidalgo, Jake Leonard, and Sean McGovern. While the Turkish Team was Leyla Kelleci, Jerry Wall and Reizylenne Samsin.

LANGUAGES WEEK

Languages Week took place from March 6th-10th. We did some primary school outreach and ran lots of fun events.

By **MRS MARSCHNER**
MS KILFEATHER
MRS McKECHNIE

We had senior students running junior language classes and serving delicious traditional breakfasts.

We also ran a lunch time Big Languages Kahoot competition and showed short films in Irish, French, German and Spanish throughout the week.

PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTREACH

TY students had an opportunity to teach the 6th class students about Spanish, German and French in Secondary School in St Peters primary school. They played bingo in Spanish with the students, taught them the colours in French and taught them the animals in German.

Students who took part were Aisling Tapley, Emma Kenny, Reizylenne Samsin, Maddy Farrell, Megan Stone and Hannah Nahlik.

MULTICULTURAL COFFEE MORNING - 1ST YEARS

As part of our Languages Week our 1st years hosted a Multicultural Coffee Morning for parents.

There was a delicious selection of international cakes and buns from across the world.

SPANISH FILM TRIP

For MFL Week Ms Kilfeather's 5th year Spanish class visited the Pavilion Theatre in Dun Laoghaire where the Spanish film 'Mediterraneo: The Law of the Sea' was being shown.

Mediterraneo is a film based on real people and true events. It tells the story of a group of Spanish lifeguards who were moved by a horrific image, on the news, of a dead child who drowned. The film is heart wrenching in many places and shines a light on the harrowing experiences encountered by many refugees.

GERMAN FILM TRIP - 5TH YEAR

Ich bin am 6. März mit meiner Klasse und meiner Deutschlehrerin ins Pavillion Theatre gefahren. Wir haben den Film "Klammer" gesehen. Klammer ist ein Abenteuerfilm und eine Komödie. Es geht um Franz Klammer, ein Schiwunder aus Österreich. Es spielt in 1976. Der Film ist eine wahre Geschichte. Ich fand den Film sehr unterhaltsam. Es hat viel Spaß gemacht.

TY LINGUISTICS

This year a new module in Linguistics was offered to students who had not studied a language at Junior Cycle. Linguistics is the scientific





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study of language. Each student who participated received a certificate from the Post Primary Languages Initiative.

SPANISH STUDENTS

Our 5th year students were very lucky to have native Spanish speakers to practice their Spanish with on a couple of occasions. They were able to use the Spanish they practiced in class (family, hobbies, school, friends, summer plans etc.). They did a speed dating activity where everyone had the opportunity to speak with a Spanish native 1:1 for a few minutes. Muchas gracias a los españoles por ayudar a nuestros alumnos: Elena, María, Adriana, Juan Carlos, Luis, Jorge, Rodrigo, Ciarán y Marcos.

GERMAN EXCHANGE

In June 2023 a group of TY and 5th year students headed off to Germany

for a school exchange with the Wilhelm von Humboldt Gesamtschule in Grevenbroich. The exchange was partially funded by Languages Connect.

On Wednesday June 7th we flew from Dublin to Cologne for a week of learning: German language, culture, geography, history and business. We visited our partner school in Grevenbroich and learnt a lot about school life in Germany, as well as participating in classes with our exchange partners.

We also had time to explore the beautiful cities of Cologne and Düsseldorf. We visited a NS Museum housed in the former headquarters of the Gestapo, climbed the 533 steps of Cologne Cathedral, cruised the meanders of the Rhine, visited an aquarium, enjoyed a brilliant outdoor pool and ate lots of traditional German food among loads of other activities.

We also visited the headquarters of

Enterprise Ireland in Germany and learnt all about the importance of Irish exports and the opportunities that learning languages gives to students.

It was a wonderful trip, and we look forward to welcoming our exchange partners back to Ireland in April 2024.

SPANISH FOR PARENTS

This year we even had some parents learning Spanish! Our lovely class learned how to order food on their holidays, some vocabulary for shopping abroad, how to ask for directions, and much more!

2ND YEAR SPANISH

Well done to Mrs McKechnie's 2nd Year Spanish class for completing the Community Mentoring programme as part of promoting our college awareness in Woodbrook College. Each student got really involved, ¡Bien hecho!



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

This year saw the return of Seachtain na Gaeilge to Woodbrook College. There were a lot of great events and activities throughout the week, which were coordinated by the Irish department. The events saw students of all year groups, and teachers from all subjects, getting involved in speaking more Irish around the school.

GAEILGE LANYARDS



To promote Irish being spoken around the school for Seachtain na Gaeilge, Mr Messitts TY class created lanyards with some basic Irish phrases on them. Every student and teacher received one and it really helped to remind everyone to speak more Irish for the week.

COLLECTION OF SHAMROCKS FOR SPEAKING IRISH

To kick off Seachtain na Gaeilge, we saw the introduction of the shamrock collection competition for all year groups. The aim of this competition was to have students try and collect shamrock cards from all teachers for speaking Irish around the school.



Over 300 shamrocks were handed out to students throughout the three weeks. Every student who collected more than 10 shamrocks was rewarded with a small easter egg.

The 3 students with the most shamrocks were rewarded with large deluxe eggs. The top three students were, Ellen King Keane of 5th year (collected by Eve O'Brien) who collected a total of 25 shamrocks, Max Roche of 3rd year (collected by Jack Roche) who collected a total of 15 shamrocks and Ryan Keating of 2nd year who collected a total of 12 shamrocks.



TRÁTH NA GCEIST

Throughout the week of Seachtain na Gaeilge, the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th years took part in a Tráth na gCeist (Quiz). For the 3rd, 4th and 5th years, these quizzes were done in their individual classes.

For the 2nd years, the entire year group were gathered in the canteen and split into mixed teams. Each team was given a tablet to answer on, while Mr Messitt read out the questions from the screen. The winners of all quizzes were rewarded with an easter egg.

A lot of teams did really well in the quiz, but the winning team was Leah McDaid, Lucy Martin, Nadia de Luca and Millie Waters Spencer.





CIORCAL COMHRÁ

Ciorcal Comhrá (Speaking Circle) was a great success this year, for the second year in a row. Students gathered in Mr. Messitts and engaged in conversation through Irish at lunch time on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Students were provided with tea, biscuits and doughnuts for their remarkable efforts.

We saw students from all years throughout the week and there was a noticeable improvement in everyone's



spoken Irish.

A lot of students enjoyed the



conversations, the food and getting to play on the PlayStation.

1ST YEAR GAA BLITZ

The final event of Seachtain Na Gaeilge was the first year GAA Blitz. For this, the students competed in their tutor classes against each other in a knock-out Gaelic football tournament.

There was also an individual Puc Fada competition, organised and run by Mr Sinnott. All of the first year students really got involved with these activities and a great time was had by all.

There was a lot of enthusiasm from the students and a lot of effort put in by all Irish teachers and Mr Cuddihy, who stepped in to ref the final few games.

The eventual winners were 1 Glencree.

The winner for the boys Puc Fada was Kalem Buckley and the winner of the boys Kick Fada was Daniel Bulat. In the girls Kick & Puc Fada, Sivani Saseendra won both competitions.



HOLA BARCELONA!

Barcelona has been the location for the TY European Trip for a few years now; but this year saw the inclusion of some new tourist attractions, and the largest ever group of students that we have brought abroad.

We got to take part in a guided bicycle tour of the city, visit Parc Guell, hike to Montserrat, take a cable-car, swim in the sea, explore Roman ruins, interact with Amazonian river monsters, and have an exciting day of adventure rides at the popular Port Aventura World theme park.

The students got to form even closer bonds whilst building a deeper understanding of Spanish culture and we feel that great fun was had by all.

Where to next year you may ask!

MR FITZPATRICK





5 SLANEY

Our year in pictures

5 Slaney hit the ground running with teambuilding activities on their first day back to school in August. This was a worthwhile activity as the new group came together for the first time. Immediately immersing themselves in their tasks they set about planning the School Fun Run as part of their General Education Task. The event and subsequent interviews were hugely successful, and this really set the tone for a wonderful year in 5 Slaney.

They had guest speakers from Bodywhys, Irish Rail and various

charities. They completed certified First Aid and Hospitality Skills courses and took part in fieldtrips with their Science and Social Education classes. They have developed wonderful cookery skills and learned how to use a sewing machine.

There were also interviews for their Vocational Preparation Task and their Gaeilge Oral test. A jam-packed year for 5 Slaney was finished off by a lovely lunch out with Marie, Ms O'Neill and Bodecia. We wish all the students' luck in their upcoming Gaeilge written test.

MS. HAND



5 SLANEY AWARDS

SUBJECT

CRAFT & DESIGN

COMMUNICATIVE IRISH

ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION

HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM

INTRODUCTION TO ICT

LEISURE AND RECREATION

MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS

DISTINCTION

Eva Fox

Ellie Berry Brack

Conor Martin Cousins

Eva Fox

Daryl Murray Cole

Conor Martin Cousins

Conor Martin Cousins

SUBJECT

MUSIC APPRECIATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SCIENCE

SOCIAL EDUCATION

VOCATIONAL PREPARATION GUIDANCE

SPIRIT OF THE YEAR

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

DISTINCTION

Ellie Berry Brack

Daryl Murray Cole

Eva Fox

Eva Fox

Ellie Berry Brack

Conor Martin Cousins

Eva Fox

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)

Woodbrook College's **Model United Nations (MUN)** has had a year full of exciting activities and accomplishments. In this article, we will highlight some of the key achievements of the MUN team, including the presentation of project work at a Feilte event, the implementation of Virtual Reality in Woodbrook College, the presentation of work on improving our public spaces to be more sustainable and inclusive to Minister Paschal Donohue, and President of UCD Orla Feely, and the creation of two exhibitions at a collaborative event between UCD and Microsoft regarding Minecraft in Post-Primary Education.

Feilte is a national event organised by the Teaching Council to showcase examples of excellent work in schools across the country. Freya Dempsey and Lily-May O'Brien represented their MUN colleagues and presented their work to hundreds of teachers, university-based lecturers, and industry-based professionals in DCU's Helix theatre.

The project work presented focused on a variety of topics related to the MUN, including human rights, climate action, and international diplomacy.

The implementation of Virtual Reality (VR) in Woodbrook College was another significant achievement for the MUN team. The MUN students were part of a pilot programme for UCD, working on how to use Virtual Reality Technology in Post-Primary education to support student learning and understanding of concepts. Students used VR technology to support their research of sustainable and inclusive spaces across the world.

This project not only expanded students' knowledge of technology but also broadened their perspectives on the world around them.

A group of MUN students presented their projects on redesigned public spaces under a technological innovation



and cyberspace project announced by the government and UCD to Minister Paschal Donohue and President of UCD Orla Feely. The presentation was a huge success, and both Minister Donohue and President Feely discussed how projects by students like those from Woodbrook College are the future of development for this country.

The students' work focused on innovative solutions to improve public spaces, considering sustainability, inclusivity, and accessibility.

The MUN team also had the opportunity to showcase their work at a collaborative event between UCD and Microsoft regarding Minecraft in Post-Primary Education.

22 Woodbrook College students presented their work to over 120 other secondary school students from across the country, teachers, university-based lecturers, and industry professionals on the application of Minecraft in Post-Primary Education. The two exhibitions presented by the MUN team were a huge success over the course of the year and increased Woodbrook College's capacity to continue innovating into the next couple of years, as the school continues to receive support from UCD and Microsoft on improving teaching and learning in the school.

In conclusion, the MUN team at Woodbrook College has had a productive and exciting year.

They have demonstrated creativity, initiative, and a strong commitment to improving their knowledge and understanding of global issues.

The achievements of the MUN team showcase the outstanding work of the students and their teachers in making a difference in their community and beyond. We look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the coming year.

MR O'DONNELL



DIGITAL LEARNING LEADERS

Woodbrook College has successfully implemented a **Digital Learning Leaders Programme** to promote digital learning skills amongst its junior school students. The programme is aimed at developing Digital Learning Leaders in Transition Year who will promote digital learning skills in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students.

It provides TY students with an opportunity to take up a structured student leadership position in Woodbrook College, providing them with experience and direct links to progress to the **5th Year Mentor Programme** and **Senior Leadership Team**. The programme is designed to develop five exemplary leadership skills in TY students.

TY Digital Learning Leaders gain experience and opportunities to develop these five exemplary leadership skills by facilitating digital learning workshops. TY students are upskilled and trained to facilitate these workshops by the Student Leadership Coordinator. After receiving training, TY Digital Learning Leaders



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deliver sessions during Tutorial Classes across 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year.

The Digital Learning Leaders in Woodbrook College are also expected to complete a Leadership Reflective Journal. This journal is designed to deepen their understanding of the five exemplary leadership skills at both conceptual and applied levels.

The workshops for Junior School students are designed to develop their IT skills and digital literacy, empowering them with the skills necessary to function at Post-Primary school. The workshops contain significant practical components involving experiential learning, encouraging the integration of skills, knowledge, and understanding through practical-based activities. The use of real-life contexts makes it relevant to the experience of students at Junior School, and the delivery of the workshops from fellow students provides a layer of

reliability and experience.

The learning outcomes for the Digital Learning workshops are to develop students' digital literacy, increase their confidence in using digital technology, and improve their ability to communicate and collaborate effectively online. By developing these skills, students will be better equipped to navigate the digital landscape of today's world.

In conclusion, the Digital Learning Leaders Programme at Woodbrook College has been a successful initiative to promote digital learning skills among its junior school students. The programme provides TY students with valuable leadership experience and opportunities to develop their skills while also empowering junior school students with the necessary digital skills to succeed in Post-Primary school and beyond. We look forward to seeing the continued success of this programme in the coming years.

Distinction recipients 2022-23

DATE	NAME	CLASS	REASON	AWARDED BY
31/08	Aoife Mohan	6 Dodder	Excellence in soccer, selected for Irish U19 side	Ms O'Gorman
31/08	Jaden Buckley	3 Avoca	Excellence in boxing, gold medal Irish Cadets	Ms Sinnott
04/10	Lidia Cojocar	6 Dodder	Excellence in Chemistry	Mr Watson
04/10	Dariia Matskiv	6 Avoca	Excellence in Chemistry	Mr Watson
11/10	Karol Hotek	6 Dodder	Winning gold at National Jui Jitsu competition	Ms O'Gorman
17/11	Dean Warner	3 Avoca	Excellence in Religious Education	Ms Troy
28/11	Abi Santhoshkumar	6 Vartry	Excellence in English with a flawless essay	Mr Johnston
27/01	Bobby More	3 Avoca	Excellence in Cross country athletics	Mr Cullen
10/03	Aisling Tapley	TY1	Excellence in production of their Junk Kouture piece	Mr O'Loughlin
10/03	Emma Louise Kenny	TY1	Excellence in production of their Junk Kouture piece	Mr O'Loughlin
10/03	Lily O'Keefe	TY1	Excellence in production of their Junk Kouture piece	Mr O'Loughlin
10/03	Holly Davis	TY3	Excellence in production of their Junk Kouture piece	Mr O'Loughlin
10/03	Sofia De Luca	TY1	Excellence in production of their Junk Kouture piece	Mr O'Loughlin
10/03	Reizylenne Joy Samsin	TY1	Excellence in production of their Junk Kouture piece	Mr O'Loughlin
10/03	Kayleigh Aranas	3 Vartry	Excellence in English	Ms Troy
05/05	Bobby More	3 Avoca	Excellence in athletics, qualifying for Leinster schools	Mr Cullen
18/05	Ruby Roche	5 Vartry	Excellence and consistency in Biology	Ms O'Gorman
18/05	Cillian McCormack	5 Avoca	Excellence and consistency in Biology	Ms O'Gorman
18/05	Michelle Dolores	5 Dodder	Excellence and consistency in Biology	Ms O'Gorman



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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'BACK TO THE OLD DAYS'



Woodbrook Colleges' Student Leadership team has had an eventful year, marked by various activities and initiatives aimed at improving the school experience for students. In this article, we will highlight some of the key accomplishments of the student council, mentoring programme, and Senior Leadership Team.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has been busy this year with several initiatives. They created a Student Council Constitution, which sets out the rules for how the Council operates and the responsibilities of its members.

They also attended the National Irish Secondary Students Union (ISSU) Conference, where they gained valuable insights into student representation and leadership.

The Council created Agreed Reports following meetings, which were then distributed to teachers and staff to keep them informed of Council activities.

The litter picking policies in the school were revised, which has helped to keep the school environment clean and tidy. House colours were assigned to tutor groups, which helped to create a sense of belonging and pride among students.

The Council also worked with Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Co. Council on



changes made to Shanganagh Park, which is adjacent to the school.

The Council created a student Council budget to fund related activities. A special mention goes to Jason Tamayo for his external work with the ISSU this year.

Finally, the Student Council also organised a stock drive for people impacted by the Turkey-Syria Earthquake in which over €600 worth of supplies was donated to the areas affected.

MENTORING PROGRAMME

The Mentoring programme has been instrumental in helping 1st year students transition into their new school environment.

The 5th year mentors held six events over the school year to provide multiple opportunities for 1st year students to check in and connect with each other. Events such as World Cup Bingo, Board Games and Team building challenges helped to build relationships and support networks.

The Mentoring Programme has been a huge success, with many first-year students feeling more comfortable and confident as a result.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Senior Leadership Team has also been active this year, creating a student-run podcast that has been released on Spotify. The podcast covered a variety of topics, including *The Future of Woodbrook College* with Mr Hurley, *The Importance of Extra Curricular Activities* in Woodbrook College, and an Interview with 1st year students.

The podcast has been a great way to showcase the opinions and perspectives of students and staff, as well as a way to share valuable information and insights with the wider school community.

In conclusion, Woodbrook College Student Leadership has had a productive and exciting year. The Student Council, Mentoring Programme, and Senior Leadership Team have all made important contributions to the school community. From revising litter picking policies to creating a student-run podcast, the student leaders have demonstrated creativity, initiative, and a strong commitment to improving the school experience for everyone. We look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the coming year.

Leading from the front

Mr O'Donnell creatively led the impressive Student Leadership Team this year. Alongside him were Head Students, **Adam Cahill (A)** and **Milly Swan (M)**. Ms. Doyle met with both students to ask them about their experiences of leading from the front...

Adam, leading the student leadership team this year was a challenging task, what would you say was your leadership style?

(A) Sit back and let everyone do the work for me! But no, seriously, I attempted to create an environment where it allowed everyone to have a platform to speak freely and I achieved this well.

Milly, as Adam said, he tried to create a platform for students to speak freely, how have you contributed to the school as head girl?

(M) As head girl this year I tried my best to contribute to the school as much as possible. Firstly, I was part of the Student Council which was a fantastic opportunity as I got to hear and discuss many innovative ideas and suggestions for the school itself, and most importantly letting everyone's voices be heard and valued.

I believe I have given everyone an equal opportunity to perform in a way that they see fit, whether that be in school or out. I hope I was able to encourage, or even maybe inspire some of the younger students, to become leaders in their everyday life.

It's clear that student voice is not only encouraged but valued at Woodbrook. Adam, how did you motivate your student led team?

(A) It's always hard trying to motivate students especially 6th years for the year that's in it. We set out targets and goals to work towards. With the help of Milly and Mr O'Donnell, we ensured that the team stayed on track!

What was the most challenging part of leading the school leadership team this year?

"I attempted to create an environment where it allowed everyone to have a platform to speak freely."

"I hope I was able to encourage, or even maybe inspire some of the younger students to become leaders in their everyday life."

(M) To be completely honest, both Adam and I could not think of many challenges throughout the year. The only thing that came to mind was the planning and organising of certain events and trying to get everybody on board, and then finally having to make a decision that everyone agreed on but, as our prefects, Student Council team and Mr. O'Donnell were so helpful and hardworking the whole way through, it made it an even easier and thoroughly enjoyable opportunity for us all!

A successful year, no doubt, what was the highlight for you?

(A) My highlight of the year would have to be the 6th years winning the Leinster Shield. This is a memory I will have for an exceptionally long time. Although I wasn't playing, I felt like I was part of the team and will be remembered as Woodbrook's Head Ultra for years to come.

Milly, you have the final word, would you like to share some advice/tips for potential school leaders?

(M) Tips for success of Head Student would be communicating with students and teachers, stay organised always! Producing effective ideas to resolve or prevent any issues that may occur, be confident, determined and patient. Always let voices be heard and take all opinions into consideration and, most importantly, enjoy every second of it. 🥰

A special thank you to Adam Cahill and Milly Swan for sharing their experiences of student leadership in Woodbrook College with us, it's clear that the standards and expectations have been set high!



ISSU - Student Leadership



A Chairde! Jason Tamayo is ainm dom, I've recently been elected to serve on a regional and national level for the Irish Second-

Level Students' Union (ISSU), the Republic of Ireland's national representation for second-level students. As of this year, the Kildare/Wicklow region has amalgamated, so I will be working with Student Councils from both regions. I will be working on both a regional and national level with the Coiste Gnó na nDaltaí (National Student Executive).

In addition, I will be consulting with the Department of Education, government officials, the local

County Council, the NCCA (National Council for Curriculum and Assessment), the TUI (Teachers' Union of Ireland), the ASTI (Association of



Secondary Teachers in Ireland), and other unions. I've also attended conferences and events with Woodbrook College representatives. I visited the Department of Education and met Norma Foley and other Department staff. At Debate Your Decision Makers 2023, I also spoke with local TDs and Senator Pauline O'Reilly (Green Party).

Currently, I'm working with other Regional Officers to address concerns in the Kildare/Wicklow region such as period products for all, more Gaeilge in the education curriculum, an increase in school income for low-income schools, mental health support during examination years, and other issues and challenges. If you want further information, go to issu.ie or email me at jason.tamayo@issu.ie if you have any questions. Go raibh míle maith agat!"



TY Awards Night

TY's had their award night on Thursday May 18th. The lovely event was kicked off by sharing teas and cakes with parents and family with their great work for the year forming a backdrop on the walls.

Awards and memories were aplenty with everything celebrated, from Gaisce and the musical to the wonderful Barcelona trip. Malachy Blunden took home the awards for the Musical and Student of the Year, while Lola Forsyth won Spirit of TY.

MR DWYER



AWARD WINNERS

DISTINCTION

ART 1

Hannah Nahlik

ART 2

Chris Lin

BIOLOGY

Aisling Tapley

CHEMISTRY

Marcos Hidalgo

CLASSICAL STUD

Jake Leonard

DIGITAL MEDIA/DESIGN

Chris Lin

DRAMA

Holly Davis

Megan Stone

Chris Lin

DRESS DESIGN

Aisling Tapley

ENGLISH

Adam Abila

Josh Gray

Chris Lin

GAISCE

Malachy Blunden

GERMAN

Lola Forsyth

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Leyla Kelleci

GREEN SCHOOLS

Ruby Nolan

HOME ECONOMICS

Malachy Blunden

Chris Lin

Ava Cummins

HISTORY & HERITAGE

Zichen Wang

Josh Gray

Ava Rose Byrne

MERIT

Megan Stone

Iliya Emami

Jake Leonard

Sam Moynihan

Ciaran Cathain

Leyla Kelleci

Kyrylo Borovyk

Jake Leonard

Leyla Kelleci

Sofia DeLuca

Yevhen Bazhan

Aaron Murphy

Megan Stone

Chris Biju

Reizylenne Samsin

Lola Forsyth

Aisling Tapley

Aisling Tapley

Megan Stone

Sam Moynihan

Kyrylo Borovyk

Luke Daly Rush

Darragh King Keane

DISTINCTION

IRISH

Malachy Blunden

Darragh King Keane

Ben Kavanagh

LINGUISTICS

Holly Davis

MATHEMATICS

Malachy Blunden

Cameron Sinnott

Chris Lin

MEDIA (ICT)

Adam Abila

MINI COMPANY

Leyla Kelleci

MUSIC APP

Chris Lin

PE

Malachy Blunden

Callum O'Connor

Sam Moynihan

PHYSICS

Damien Kosmulsk

POETRY

Malachy Blunden

POLITICAL ED

Malachy Blunden

SOLID MODELLING

Malachy Blunden

SPANISH

Marcos Hidalgo

Malachy Blunden

YOUNG SOCIAL INNOVATORS

Jamie Perry

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

SPIRIT AWARD

MERIT

Emma Louise Kenny

Marcos Curley

Damian Kosmulski

Ruby Nolan

Jerry Wall

Darragh King Keane

Daniel Lavrinovics

Leyla Kelleci

Adam Abila

Aisling Tapley

Emma Kenny

Tadhg Cahill

Sean McGovern

Kyrylo Borovyk

Chris Biju Nadackal

Aisling Tapley

Eriks Roblovs

Chris Lin

Maddy Farrell

Ali Waters Martin

Malachy Blunden

Lola Forsyth

THE TRANSITION YEAR EXPERIENCE...

EMMA KENNY



Over the years, The TY programme in Woodbrook College has gone from strength to strength. It offers students an array of both classroom and worldly activities.

EMMA KENNY (TY) is here to explain the benefits of this programme and why young people should be jumping at the chance to participate.

“We’ve learnt and used a lot of skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication.”

We hear about the benefits of TY all the time, but do you think the programme was beneficial to you?

Yes, because it gave me a break from things like exams, so I was able to do more things I was interested in, or things I wanted to try. I got to try out lots of new things and I talked to lots of new people, people I wouldn’t usually socialise with. So, yes it was definitely beneficial to me!

What new skills did you learn this year?

This year I learnt to dance, to sing, to sew, solid modelling, to give CPR, to wait tables, first aid, to speak in front of others, navigational skills, leadership, and teamwork. It was amazing!

The aim of a TY programme is to develop work related, academic and social skills, do you think this programme has taught you these skills, and how to use them in senior cycle next year?

Yes, I think that over the year we’ve learnt and used a lot of different skills like teamwork, leadership, communication, time management, public speaking and we’ve had the opportunity to use all these skills ourselves. These are all skills that we can use in senior cycle, and we’ve already used them at some point or another which will help us to successfully apply them next year.

It sounds like you had a busy year! What was the highlight of the year for you?

The highlight of my year was the musical and Junk Kouture. I loved doing the musical because the entire year got to do it together

and it was real fun. It was something we had never done before. I loved doing Junk Kouture because we got to design our own dress and then figure out how to make it, which was hard, but also really cool when it was finished.

It’s clear the TY programme offered you a lot of new experiences and you fully engaged! Did you contribute to the programme itself in anyway?

I did! I got involved in a lot of things this year in the TY programme that I feel like I contributed to, for example the Musical, Junk Kouture, Digital Learning Leaders, the EIL awards, Gaisce, the Food and Beverage course, the First Aid course, the RCSI TY Mini-med and Mini companies. I even created the school yearbook theme with my two friends, Aisling and Megan!

I think I know the answer to this question, but I should ask it anyway. Would you recommend the TY programme to other students?

Yes, I would highly recommend TY because you get a break from exams for a year. Instead you get to spend time trying and doing things you enjoy. It also teaches you a lot of new skills and helps with your confidence.

Thank you, Emma, for sharing your positive experience of TY with us. We wish you all the best in senior cycle!

“The highlight of my year was definitely the musical and Junk Kouture.”

BACK TO THE 80s

A TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!



This year the students in TY put on the first musical production to take place in the Mermaid Arts Centre in Bray from Woodbrook College. The TY students were very proud to present their production of *'Back to the 80s'* and take everyone back in time to relive the past through fashion, songs, and extreme hairstyles.

The students worked extremely hard over the course of September to March to put on a memorable show for all. From the very first auditions that took place, all the way until

closing night, the students showed dedication and hard work throughout all the ups and downs that occurred.

Throughout the year, the excitement around the entire school grew as students from other year groups wanted to come and watch the performance.

The props and costume team worked hard leading up to the Musical to have a great show and make the experience as good as it could be. As the Musical neared, the students in TY grew closer to one another as it was a completely new experience for most

students, and they were all in it together.

The dances, songs, costumes, and props really helped make the performance what it was. The students that put on the performance all had a blast showing off their hard work and all the fun that was had throughout the process of putting this production on.

To future TY's, the musical would be recommended as it is a way to step out of your comfort zone, get closer to others and just have a great time!

AISLING TAPLEY



Gaisce 2023

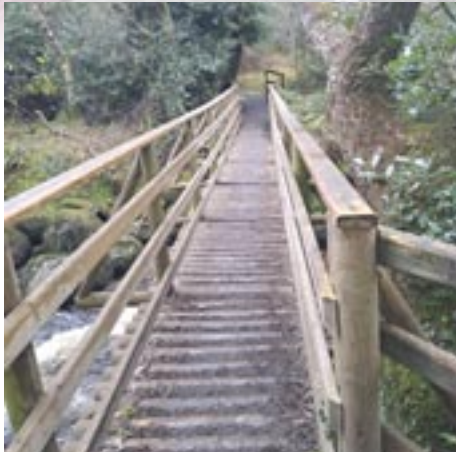
'BACK TO THE OLD DAYS'



Gaisce is a challenge set by the President of Ireland, aimed at 14-25-year-olds across the country. There are different levels for the award (Bronze, Silver and Gold).

The participant is required to complete an hour a week, for a set number of weeks, for three different challenge areas and an overnight hike.

The first challenge area is a physical skill, for example some people in our class chose basketball, dance, soccer or kickboxing. The next challenge area is a personal skill e.g., baking/cooking, learning a new language or instrument or improving a skill you already have. The final challenge area is community involvement e.g., assisting coaching, volunteering, litter picking...We have just completed our bronze level of Gaisce and a few people in the class are planning to go on to do the silver award. The overnight hike was our favourite part of the Gaisce experience.



By AISLING TAPLEY & EMMA KENNY

This year for the hike, we walked along the Wicklow Way and stayed the night in a hostel in Glendalough.

The hike was 26km, 51 TY students took part as well as 4 teachers. After dropping our overnight bags to the hostel, the bus dropped us off in what seemed like the middle of nowhere.

We were not as fortunate as we had hoped with the weather as there was a thick layer of fog accompanied by rain. Mr Fitz successfully lead the way! The hike was challenging but we were determined to get back to the hostel for the garlic bread we had been promised.

For some people the challenge continued with staying upright in the wet muddy fields. This did not affect the mood as most of us found humour out of the situation (except for those who fell!). We educated the teachers on our wonderful music taste along the way, and they only rolled their eyes a few times!

Energy levels were getting low

towards the end, but Mr Fitz assured us there were only 20 minutes until we reached the hostel. Sure enough, 2 hours later we eventually got there!

In the first day, we walked for around 6 and a half hours, and we were all excited to arrive at the hostel to relax.

We were given a chance to relax, chill and play games before bedtime. Of course, we were all in our rooms asleep by 11 with no disturbances throughout the night! The next day, everyone was tired so of course the only reasonable thing for us to do was go on another walk.

It was a much shorter walk and we headed down to the lake to enjoy the scenic views of Glendalough. Mr Fitz suggested we go into the lake and only 4 students were crazy enough to agree. There was lots of splashing, but a good time was had by all. We then headed back to the bus to return home, at last. We all enjoyed the hike, and it was a good experience. We would recommend it to future TYs.



TY HISTORY AND HERITAGE

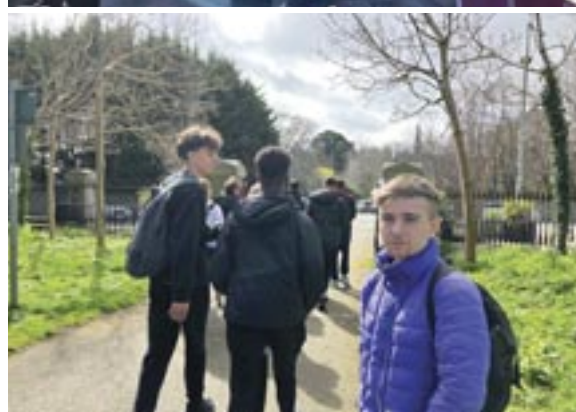
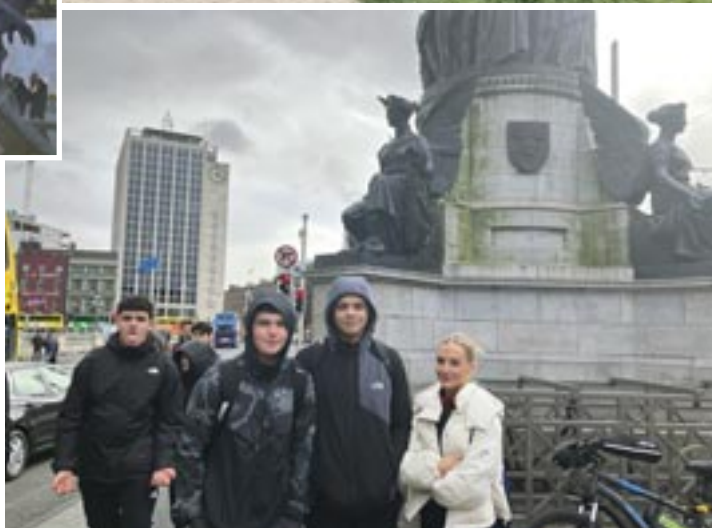
TY 'History & Heritage' was an enjoyable module for TY students in Woodbrook.

Once a week, we went on a different trip. We learnt about the history of different places, we saw a range of artefacts and architecture and had fun with our friends along the way!

This year's trips included The National Botanic Gardens of Ireland, Dublin Zoo, The Garden of Remembrance, The Witches' Hat, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin Castle, Silicon Dock, Diving Bell and many more!

We also embarked on hikes such as the Light House Walk, the Little and Big Sugar Loaf and Howth Cliff Walk.

CHRIS LIN



TY MINI COMPANIES



The TY Mini Company worked tirelessly to create bespoke Christmas cards this year. The funds were donated to the Music department to support the production of the school musical *'Back to the 80s'*.

MR McNAMARA

MATHS WEEK

17TH -21ST OCTOBER

Ms Connors and the Maths Department ran a lively, activity filled **Maths Week** this year. Over 40 students participated in the logic puzzles at lunchtime, TY students participated in the maths escape rooms (well done to TY2 who were crowned the winners), whilst 1 Dodder championed the 1st year mathematical treasure hunt. Students also had the opportunity of competing in the IMTA (Irish Mathematics Teachers Association) junior and senior competition.

Overall, it was a very exciting Maths Week. We look forward to the next one next year!



BUSY IN THE BUSINESS STUDIES DEPARTMENT!



BOI MONEY SMARTS QUIZ 2023

Students set off for the Bank of Ireland (BOI) Money Smarts Quiz on Tuesday, 18th April in the RDS. 5th and 2nd Year students were treated to several activities on the day, including a financial well-being talk, financial games and of course the Money Smarts Quiz. They were also treated to a free lunch which was enjoyed by all! Woodbrook students competed against over 150 other schools on the day, so well done to all involved.

A HISTORICAL TRIP TO **DERRY** AND **BELFAST**

A group of 6th year students from Woodbrook College recently had the opportunity to take a historical trip to Derry and Belfast. The trip was an exciting and educational experience for all involved, providing the students with a chance to learn about the rich history of these cities and to immerse themselves in their unique cultures.

The trip included a walking tour of the Bogside of Derry, where students were able to learn about the history of the Troubles and the events that took place in the area. The tour was led by a knowledgeable guide who provided a fascinating insight into the history of the region and its significance in the wider context of Irish history.

The students also visited the Apprentice Boys of Derry's HQ, where they were able to learn more about the organisation's history and its role in the city. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for the students to gain a deeper understanding of the complex cultural and political landscape of Derry.

A walking tour of the Walls of Derry was also included in the trip, giving students an opportunity to explore the city's impressive fortifications and learn about their historical significance. The walls have been an important part of Derry's history for centuries and provided an insight into the city's defensive strategies.

In Belfast, students took part in a walking tour of the Shankill and Falls Road. The tour provided a unique



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opportunity to learn about the history of the Troubles from a different perspective, exploring the complex political and social dynamics that defined the region during this time.

Overall, the historical trip to Derry and Belfast was a fantastic opportunity for the students of Woodbrook College to deepen their knowledge of Irish history and culture. The trip was a success, providing the students with valuable insights and experiences that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.



SHOWCASING WOODBROOK'S Art Department

BY MR HORGAN & MR O'LOUGHLIN



The Art Department has seen another fantastic year of work from 1st to 6th year, in Art Club and Portfolio Preparation! This year saw a real commitment to raising standards within the department as showcased by the variety of works on display here. Amongst other things students excelled at drawing, painting, portraiture, batik, photography, printmaking and pottery.

As part of Creative Schools, Art Club students took part in an animation workshop run by Matchbox Mountain Animation. 5th years then got to experience copper plate etching in their workshop with print artist Clare Henderson.

Senior students and members of Art Club continued to brighten up the art room and began to add some creative flair to Mr O'Loughlin's new Art Room 2 with a variety of murals. Special mention to the hard work and effort put in by Kayleigh Aranas and her very ambitious solo mural. Also, to

Chris Lin who continues to leave his artistic impression across the school, this year with a series of murals to the walls of the new building.

TY students worked hard to design sets and make incredible props for the musical 'Back to the 80s' with the help of Ms Carey. The new Digital Media and Design module for TY proved very useful in creating logos, posters and doing lots of the hard design work for the musical program.

Mr O'Loughlin's Junk Kouture students made a big splash in the competition with two amazing dresses being designed. Reizylenne Joy Samsin,



Holly Davis and Sofia De Luca created their dress titled 'Ocean Desires' using a variety of upcycled inks, fabrics and wire. Aisling Tapley, Emma Louise Kenny and Lily O'Keeffe upcycled playing cards, books, papers and packaging to create their design 'Queen of Hearts' which made it through to the Irish regional finals.

The department had great success partnering up with the school's HSCL team to provide classes to parents in both ceramics and stencil design throughout the year.

Chris Lin (TY) won a special commendation in the Texaco Art Competition and Abby Buckley (6th year) will be continuing to pursue Art in college next year.

2022/23 has seen a great selection of work going on in the Art department and we look forward to seeing more from them next year.



A Christmas Concert

Woodbrook College hosted its very own Christmas Concert again this year. Both students and staff showcased their festive talents which created quite a spectacle! The electric atmosphere the teachers created by singing 'Jingle Bell Rock' has us wondering what's in store next year! Check out the photographs...





JUNK KOUTURE

A sustainable fashion competition

Junk Kouture challenges young people to design, upcycle and create high end Kouture from recycled Junk. It is a creative way to become involved in active climate change initiatives, empowering our students to lasting behavioural change.

Woodbrook's Aisling Tapley, Emma Kenny, Lily O'Keefe, Sofia De Luca, Holly Davis and Reizylenne Joy Samsin participated in this sustainable fashion competition this year. Check out their designs!



FUN RUN



Well done to both
EMMA KENNY
and **ANDREW MURPHY**
Winners of the
2022 FUN RUN!

And well done to **5Slaney** for organising such an enjoyable event in Shanganagh Park.

GIRLS ACTIVE DAY IN BRAY INSTITUTE



During the midterm, a group of 5th year girls participated in the Girls Active Day in Bray Institute. There were talks about Training and The Female Cycle and Sports Nutrition. During these talks, we learned about training during your menstrual cycle and recovery. We also learned a lot about what to eat during game days and the importance of hydration and nutrition. We also got involved in Mobility and Calisthenics, Strength & Conditioning and took part in competitions. It was such an enjoyable day!

SASKIA CEPILLO

AWARD WINNERS 2023

'BACK TO THE OLD DAYS'

	DISTINCTION	MERIT
ACCOUNTING		
5th Year	Dominic Bessler	Tudor Puica
ART		
5th Year	Saskia Cepillo	Ayse Kelleci
BIOLOGY		
5th Year	Ayse Kelleci Ruby Roche	David Nervez Cillian McCormack
BUSINESS		
1st Year	Josh Redmond Bolger Evan Warner	Joe Tapley Sivani Saseendra
2nd Year	Joe Cahill Kaiter Barreto	Alex Mooney Naomi Iacob
3rd Year	Viola Formaro Lee Cousins Jesse Smith	Tristan Hind Chris Brian Grefaldeo Dylan Lawless
5th Year	Saskia Cepillo	Emma O'Reilly
CHEMISTRY		
5th Year	Ayse Kelleci	Chad Phillips
CONSTRUCTION		
5th Year	Gareth Reid	Ellen King Keane
DCG		
5th Year	Sean Popovici	Niamh Tapley
ENGLISH		
1st Year	Patricia Kosmulska Jack Carroll Tomas Morales Jeremiah Aimee Greene Byrne Josh Redmond Bolger	Molly Weafer Keiten Barreto Isabel O'Connor Keith Manning Tamara Kane
2nd Year	Naomi Iacob Katie Healy Clara Tobias Cronin Lucy Bateson	Leah McDaid Oisin Chambers Kaiter Barreto Eoghan McCormack
3rd Year	Dean Warner David Triboi Elijah Daly	Tristan Hind Jesse Smith Kayleigh Aranas
5th Year	Ayse Kelleci Dominik Bessler Reece Gray Neo Nzobe	Niamh Tapley Gareth Reid Ellen Keane King Eve O'Brien
FRENCH		
1st Year	Ziyan Ahmad	Julia Zielinska
2nd Year	Danny O'Shea	Vanessa Calitraba
3rd Year	Oisín Bande	Freya Dempsey
5th Year	Elena Moran	Robert Munro
GEOGRAPHY		
1st Year	Emily Cruise Downey Luke Kenny Toby Farrell Osborn Ruan Kaithlyn Cole	Devin Turner Lily O'Neill Curtis Aoibheann Reish-Amistad Jake Andrews Daniel Bulat
2nd Year	Jake O'Brien Katie Healy Lucy Bateson David Owens	Keeley Nagle Andrei Jereghi Joe Cahill Jason Wang
3rd Year	Oisín Bande Maja Lukaszewicz Jesse Smith	Viola Formato Lee Martin Cousins Nathaniel Aloline
5th Year	Chad Philips Sean Popovici	Ella Redmond Molly Owens

	DISTINCTION	MERIT
GERMAN		
1st Year	Luka Vukoja	Isabel O'Connor
2nd Year	Joe Cahill	David Yan
5th Year	David Nervez	Ellen Keane King
GRAPHICS		
1st Year	Ziyan Ahmad	Sean Lepri
2nd Year	Suzanna Carey	Leah McDaid
3rd Year	Orville Ruan	Marcelina Kulanin
HISTORY		
1st Year	Lucas Baldachino Jack Carroll Evan Warner Noah O'Neill Fogarty Faye O'Brien	Aubrey Molapisi Luka Vukoja Amelia Zielinska Setanta Pagent Charlie Harvey
2nd Year	Clara Tobias Cronin Oisín Chambers Lucy Bateson Arina Lungu	David Yan Katie Healy Eoghan McCormack Naomi Iacob
3rd Year	Jamie Condren Viola Formaro Mia Roche	Max Roche Jamie McGrane Elijah Daly
5th Year	Robert Munro	Mia Hanney
HOME ECONOMICS		
1st Year	Julia Zielinska Isabel O'Connor Evan Warner	Zach Daly Lucas Baldacchino Ella Walsh
2nd Year	Oisin C. Keating Lucy Bateson	Leah McDaid Keely Nagle
3rd Year	Maja Lukasweicz Mia Roche	Elijah Daly Lucy Swan
5th Year	Cole Bateson	Gareth Reid
IRISH		
1st Year	Molly Weafer Jack Carroll Aoibheann-Resih Amistad Aimee Greene Byrne Josh Redmond Bolger	Lucas Baldachino Luke Kenny Kalem Buckley Alicia Suchy Daniel Bulat
2nd Year	Danny O'Shea Angelica Samsin Cain Mulligan Zara Whelan	Ben Kelly Vanessa Calitraba Kaelum Warner Dillon O'Neill
3rd Year	Freya Dempsey Dylan Lawless Lee Cousins	Lily May O'Brien Isabelle Labuni David Traczyk
5th Year	Cody Doyle Ayse Kelleci Ellen King Keane	Caithlin Farrell Ella Redmond Alexander Kliszcz



1ST/2ND/3RD/5TH

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	DISTINCTION	MERIT
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	LCPE	
5th Year	Ruby Roche	Reece Gray

	LCVP	
5th Year	Cole Bateson	Abigail Byrne

	MATHS	
1st Year	Oisin Twomey Luka Vukoja Evan Warner Aimee Greene Byrne Josh Redmond Bolger	Emily Cruise Downey Lily O'Neill Curtis Darren Brown Rebekah Tresson Callaghan Daniel Bulat
2nd Year	Clara Tobia Cronin Rui Xuan Lin Eoghan McCormack Danny O'Shea	Ludmilla Jerry Cox Moloney Lucy Bateson Chloe McWalter
3rd Year	Ronald Reju Mathew Orville Ruan Brian Grefaldeo	Jason Tamayo Viola Formaro Mia Roche
5th Year	Ayse Kelleci Caithlin Farrell Zi Han Yu Jack Warner	Niamh Tapley Sergiu Anton Tudo Puica Ruby O'Connor

	MUSIC	
1st Year	Aoibheann-Resih Amistad	Isabel O'Connor
5th Year	Michelle Dolores	Reece Lawlor

	PHYSICS	
5th Year	Niamh Tapley	Cody Doyle

	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
1st Year	Molly Weafer Luke Kenny Isabel O'Connor Aimee Greene Byrne Daniel Bulat	Zihan Ahmad Jack Carroll Evan Warner Rebekah Tresson Callaghan Kaitlyn Cole
2nd Year	Kaiter Barreto Terri O'Donnell Patrick Caracaleanu Leah McDaid	Jayden Warner Conor Carry Eugenia Catan Mille Waters
3rd Year	Eoin Cassidy Jamie McGrane Mia Roche	Tristan Hind Josh Yang Brian Grefaldeo
5th Year	Robert Munro Reece Gray Hari Vinodkumar	Adam O'Toole Samuel Oni Peter Miller

	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	
1st Year	Oisin Twomey Jack Carroll Aoibheann-Resih Amistad Aimee Greene Byrne Josh Redmond Bolger	Louiza Yarmolenko Ava Davis Isabel O'Connor Lidia Lucaszewicz Daniel Bulat
2nd Year	Danny O'Shea Rui Xuan Lin Lucy Bateson Clara Tobia Cronin	Chloe McWalter Eoin Fox Josh Cahill Afsa Salaman
3rd Year	Avery Copelin Freya Dempsey Maysa Salamn	Max Roche Lily May O'Brien Thomas Mullen
5th Year	Niamh Tapley Callum Kinsella Dylan Bates	Abigail Byrne Eve O'Brien Hannah Cruise

	DISTINCTION	MERIT
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	SCIENCE	
1st Year	Luka Vukoja John Redmond Bolger Daria Havryliuk Noah O'Neill Fogarty Patricia Kosmulska	Lilly O'Neill Curtis Max O'Connor Amilia Zielinska Lidia Lucaszewicz Ziyan Ahmad
2nd Year	Katie Healy Lucy Bateson Clara Tobias Cronin Chloe McWalter	Kyle Cox Moloney Suzanna Carey David Yan Millie Waters
3rd Year	Jesse Smith Iris Suaraz Dylan Larkin Oisin Bande	Ciara Smith Noonan Bobby More Alina Demcenco Kyla Browne

	SPANISH	
1st Year	Tomas Jeremiah Morales Aoibheann Reish-Amistad	Jack Carroll Noah O'Neill Fogarty
2nd Year	Chloe McWalter Lucy Bateson	Nadia De Luca Andrei Jereghi
3rd Year	Viola Formaro Alina Demenco	Jamie McGrane Lily May O'Brien
5th Year	Ayse Kelleci	Saskia Cepillo

	VISUAL ART	
1st Year	Lidia Lukaszewicz Jack Carroll	Josh Redmond Bolger Charlie Kelly Dowling
2nd Year	Chloe McWalter Danny O'Shea	Clara Tobia Cronin Suzanna Carey
3rd Year	Avery Copelin Freya Dempsey	Viola Formaro Iris Suarez

	WOOD TECHNOLOGY	
1st Year	Toby Farrell Jack Carroll Lidia Lukaszewicz	Carl Barry Chloe Mullen Ellie Rose O'Brien
2nd Year	Nadia DeLuca Eoin Fox	Alex Coogan Terri O'Donnell
3rd Year	Jake McCoy Max Roche	Lily May O'Brien Mia Roche

	STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS	
1st Year	Jack Carroll	
2nd Year	Danny O'Shea	
3rd Year	Viola Formaro	
5th Year	Niamh Tapley	

	SPIRIT OF THE YEAR AWARDS	
1st Year	Isabel O'Connor	
2nd Year	Joe Cahill	
3rd Year	Max Roche	
5th Year	Ella Redmond	



'BACK TO THE OLD DAYS'

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

WOODBROOK PARENTS ASSOCIATION have been busy this past school year.

Here are some of the things we got up to. - **SARAH COOPER**

This year we decided to run a series of parent talks starting with our AGM night.

We had Joanna Fortune come in and speak about anxiety in teens. Joanna is a Clinical Psychotherapist and a weekly contributor to the parenting slot on Newstalk's Sean Moncrieff Show, as well as being an accomplished author. Her talk was excellent and very informative.

We then had Aoife Kelly, a speaker from Cyber Safe Ireland come in to talk about keeping our teens safe online. This was very well received by the attendees with some excellent advice for parents.

For our last talk of the year, we welcomed Joanna Fortune back to the school to talk to parents and students about exam pressure and stress caused by exams.

Woodbrook's Friday night Bingo has been running all year with a loyal and regular custom attending every week. Our secretary Gaye Carroll and her son Darren have been the reason this has been possible, and we thank them both for their trojan work over the year. With help from Brother Phil, Una Geaney, Sarah Cooper and Mick Carroll it has turned out to be a staple in many locals' diary. All the funds raised by Friday Night Bingo go directly to the school for various projects.

We collaborated with the Student Council this year to help co-ordinate the delivery of items collected for the Turkish and Syrian people affected by the earthquake disaster. The collection was well supported by the school, and we look forward to working with the Student Council in future projects.



We held the annual Easter Table Quiz on Thursday, March 30th and had our biggest turnout yet, with 23 tables attending. There was a great fun atmosphere on the night with spot prizes of Easter hampers and Easter eggs for almost everyone, and some great cash prizes for the winners.

A huge thank you to Libby, Michelle, Isolde and Gaye who supplied these prizes. Our compare Ann Flynn a past member of our Parent's Association gave her time, once again, to read the questions which were set by Mr Hurley. Thank you to all who attended, and we look forward to it being bigger and better again next year.

We have to say a huge thank you to



Una Geaney who has been a member of the Parents Association for the past 12 years. This is her last year with us, and we thank her for her contribution to the school. She has given willingly of her time, organisational skills, expertise, and enthusiasm so generously over that time and will be missed by all our members.

All the parents/guardians of Woodbrook students are automatic members of the Association. We are always open to members becoming active participants in our meetings and of course helping at our social events. We would ask anyone interested to contact us at parentscouncil@woodbrookcollege.ie. It is not all work, we really do enjoy it, it's a great way to get to know other parents and to give back a little to the school.

We would like to finish by saying a huge thank you to the principal and staff in Woodbrook College for their dedication and all that they do for our students.

BRAY ENDEAVOUR YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD 2022

Aoife Mohan excelled in football in 2022. She made her senior debut for Wexford Youths this year and was trailed and chosen for Irelands' U19s squad. She travelled to England and Portugal with the team playing matches and training. Honouring Aoife with this prestigious award is of great pride to Woodbrook College, we look forward to seeing you excel on the pitch in the years to come.



Woodbrook Parents Association
Chairperson - Sarah Cooper
Treasurer - Michelle Bracken
Secretary - Gaye Carroll
Committee Members
Una Geaney, Libby Moore
and Isolde Harpur



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