



OUR
LADY'S
SCHOOL
TERENURE

OLS Summer Newsletter

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Message From The Principal

Congratulations to all of our students on completing a successful 2026/'27. Energy, innovation and creativity abounded this year, and our summer newsletter provides you with an insight into the joy of school life in Our Lady's.

I hope that all of our students and families have an enjoyable summer break and return to us refreshed and ready for the year ahead. I would like to thank Ms Brennan, our Librarian, for her hard work on compiling this newsletter which I hope you enjoy perusing.

Best wishes,

Gráinne Byrne
Principal



Message From 2025/26 School Leadership Team

Spirit Day

We think everyone will agree that the highly anticipated 'House Spirit Day' was a worthy finale to the competitive interhouse season this year. The day was packed with fun games, friendly rivalry, and an incredible sense of House spirit as students from every Year group proudly represented their Houses. Spirit Day was the perfect way to round off another memorable Interhouse competition. We can't wait to see who takes home the highly sought-after House Cup!

Darkness Into Light

Over the past number of weeks, the Amber Flag group worked tirelessly to promote the Darkness Into Light walk that took place on the 8th of May. From classroom presentations to tuck shop fundraisers, the group did a fantastic job encouraging members of the school community to join them in support of Pieta House and its vital services.

It was very uplifting to see so many members of the OLS community coming together to take part in the walk for such an important cause.



Graduation Preparations

On top of our studies, we Sixth Years were also busy preparing for our graduation ceremony. A huge amount of time and effort went into making sure the occasion was as special and memorable as the last six years!

From organising decorations and preparing performances, to choir rehearsals and graduation t-shirt designs, everyone played their part in the lead-up to the big day. The ceremony itself was a great success and a lovely way to celebrate all the friendships and memories made over the past six years. Thank you to all of our teachers who prepared us for the ceremony.

Incoming Council

Finally, we would like to congratulate the incoming Student Leadership Team on their new roles. We have already seen their enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and positive energy that they have brought to the school. We can't wait to see what the team gets up to over the next year! We hope everyone has an amazing summer and we look forward to hearing all the exciting news from OLS!

Go raibh míle agaibh,

Sadhbh, Estella, & Aoife.





Message From 2026/27 Head Girl

I am delighted to be Head Girl of Our Lady's School for 2026/27. Since First Year in Our Lady's I have looked up to every Head Girl each year and aspired to be like them and carry myself the way they did. They inspired me to put myself forward for this role and the moment I found out that I was selected for the position will be one I remember for the rest of my life. It truly is a privilege and honour that I am so grateful for.

I am excited to step into my role in September and follow in the footsteps of this year's amazing Head Girl, Sadhbh. She has been so helpful in guiding me about what to expect in my new role. I look forward to continuing Our Lady's School traditions and representing the four pillars of Ethos, Academic Excellence, House, and Wellbeing.

I am excited to work with the staff and student body, especially the Senior Leadership Team for 2026/27, in organising and taking part in all school ceremonies and, of course, House events. I hope to enjoy a successful year filled with fun.

It is slightly daunting moving from navy jumpers into green jumpers as we have been in navy jumpers for 5 years now, but the class of 2027 is ready for a busy and exciting year ahead. We hope to leave a legacy of kindness, inclusion, cairdeas & cineáltas. Táimid ar bís!

Ruby McCabe L5



Student Achievements



May Brennan had a play entitled 'Eternal Hope' performed in the Abbey Theatre.



Debut for our School Choir at Emmanuel in the Helix Theatre, DCU.



5th Year LCA received their results.



OLS were awarded the Active School Flag.



Coiste received the Irish flag.



Abbie Rhatigan, Lucy Lawlor and Grace Joyce won the Freestyle Irish Dancing World Champions.



Éabha Booth was added to our Wall of Inspiration for International Women's Day.



Sadhbh King was shortlisted for the top 5 in a National TY Short Story Competition for her short story 'Nick of Time'.



Emilia Clarke competed in the UCD Junior debating competition and progressed all the way to the semi finals.

OLS were awarded a second Green Schools Flag. The Blue Flag is awarded for increasing awareness about water conservation. Congratulations to our Green Schools Committee for being awarded the 'Water School of the Year'.



Students from M2 led 'No Mow May' as part of their CSPE Project.





Sports Awards





1st Year



2nd Year



3rd Year



4th & 5th Year Academic Achievement Awards



OLS Leading Light Ethos Award
(Cozn na Ceannaireachta)



The OLS Ann Brodie Student of the Year Award



Leaving Cert Certificates of Excellence



Academic Awards



Art Cup



PATRICIA MURPHY MUSIC MEDAL



English Cup



Senior Debating Cup



B2 Malala Peace Cup



Angel of Peace Trophy



OLS Academic Excellence Cup



Physical Education Cup



IRENE FITZGERALD GEOGRAPHY AWARD



Junior Debating Cup



MARY O DHUBAIN HISTORY CUP



Eileen Malone Cup



Sreda Bolger Friendship Trophy



Student Events



OLS Careers Expo.



TYs collaborated trialled an app based on career investigation.



Stripe Young Scientist Exhibition.



The LCA Spanish class eating Spanish tapas.



OLS hosted its first-ever Jigsaw-athon!



The Amber Flag and Coiste held a Rincethon in aid of Pieta House.



TY students accessed their imagination at Fighting Words workshops.

TY Bake Off



**LCA flower workshop
with Florist.**





TY Gaisce Hike in Glendalough



TY trip to Emerald Park.



TY trip to EPIC Museum.



OLS Colour Run
2026





6th Year Graduation





TY Graduation





TY students took part in Terenure College's production of 'Hairspray'.





TY MUSICAL FROZEN



CONCLUDING REFLECTION FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

We are indeed blessed to be part of a caring, compassionate community in Our Lady's School. There are many examples of these qualities evident throughout this publication.

As your School Chaplain I have witnessed the commitment and example of the Le Chéile Group throughout the academic year. Their example has inspired our Transition Year students to form their own Le Chéile group. The acronym of TLC stands for their Transition Le Chéile group but also for tender loving care.

That's exactly how God cares for each and every one of us. We often forget that in the busyness of our lives. God became human just like us as the infant Jesus to show the depth of that love. When we look at the life of Jesus Christ, we see a powerful example of how to treat others—
with tenderness, love, and care.

Jesus showed great tenderness in the way he met people. Jesus welcomed children when others pushed them aside, and touched the sick when others kept their distance. Jesus spoke gently to those who were judged or rejected and this kindness made all he met feel valued and accepted.

Jesus' life was filled with love. Jesus taught people to love not only their friends, but even their enemies. Love has no boundaries. Sometimes we love others by sacrificing our own wishes, putting others before ourselves

Jesus showed deep caring in his actions. Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick, comforted those who were grieving, and even washed his disciples' feet to teach humility and service. Jesus didn't just speak about caring—he lived it every day.

God loved us all first. Jesus was and remains the living God with us and within us. Yet it was Mary who uniquely carried the message and the flesh of God ,within. Mary showed her unique tender, loving care for Jesus.

She inspires us to continue to carry God within us so that we can talk to others about our faith. Given the name of Our Lady's School, it is fitting that Mary's life continues to inspire us. Mary is the fitting role model for our school.

That's my prayer for all our students and staff, that we try to follow the example of Mary in our daily lives in the way we treat ourselves and others. It is only when we accept that God loved us first that we can fully accept ourselves and pass on that tender, loving care to others.



Picture of our new Eucharistic Ministers this term.



Florence



Clubs

Maths Club

Maths Club is on every Tuesday at lunchtime, providing students with additional support in a relaxed and approachable setting. The club offers help with classwork, difficult topics, and exam preparation, enabling students to build confidence and strengthen their understanding of mathematics outside the classroom.



Chinese Club

Chinese club focuses on exploring traditional Chinese culture, with a particular emphasis on celebrating Chinese festivals and creating crafts related to traditional elements such as clothing and music.



Zine Club

Zines are DIY magazines. We have been making zines using collage from old magazines during lunch time in the library. The zines are very imaginative and there are lots about nature which is beautiful, it is very important we care for nature.



Camogie





Tennis





Badminton



Hockey



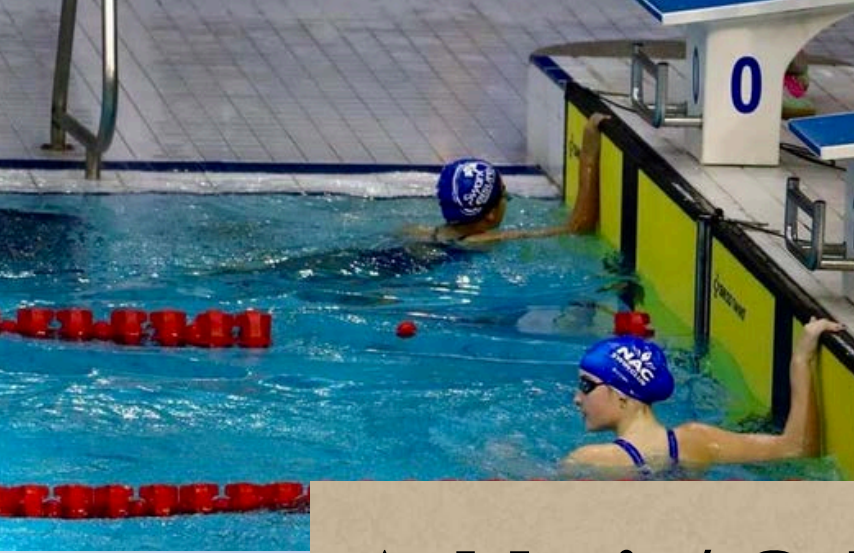


Basketball



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Athletic/ Other Sports



Summer Reading List

Junior

1. Fox 8 George Saunders
2. Watership Down by Richard Adams
3. The Tailor of Gloucester by Beatrix Potter
4. The Rabbits Shaun Tan
5. Moominsummer Madness by Tove Jansson
6. Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
7. Poison for Breakfast Lemony Snicket
8. The Seventh Most Important Thing Shelley Pearsall
9. To Night Owl from Dogfish Holly Goldberg Sloan Meg Wolitzer
10. The Smell of Other People's Houses Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
11. Fatty Legs Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton, Christy Jordan-Fenton, Liz Amini-Holmes (Illustrator)
12. Tree. Table. Book. Lois Lowry
13. The Poet's Dog Patricia MacLachlan
14. The Girl Who Drank the Moon Kelly Barnhill
15. The Ogress and the Orphans Kelly Barnhill

Senior

1. The Summer Book by Tove Jansson
2. Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson
3. Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie
4. Into The Wild by Jon Krakauer
5. A Prayer for Owen Meany
6. Thirty-Two Words for Field: Lost Words of the Irish Landscape by Manchán Magan
7. House of Spirits by Isabel Allende.
8. Little by Edward Carey
9. Marigold and Rose by Louise Gluck
10. When The Wind Blows by Raymond Briggs
11. Convenience Store Woman Sayaka Murata
12. The Great Hunger Patrick Kavanagh
13. Almond by Won-Pyung Sohn
14. Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin
15. Why The Moon Travels by Oein DeBharduin