



Loreto Annual Dinner 2026

Thank you to all who attended the Loreto Annual Dinner last Saturday in the Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire. A great day was had by mums of current and past pupils, as well as past pupils who used the day as a great opportunity to organise reunions and get-togethers. The Class of 1996 celebrated their 30 year reunion with us, reminiscing and recounting tales of their years in Dalkey. Well done to the organising committee for another memorable event!

Thank you also to members of the choir and Miss Penston who showcased their talents, as well as some of the TY catering team who helped out on the day.



Mark Your Calendar

May 6th
May 7-8th
May 9th
May 11th
May 15th
May 19th
May 21st
May 25-28th
May 29th
June 3rd

A Summer Evening of Music, Concert Hall
TY Gaisce Hike
Darkness Into Light at Loreto Abbey Dalkey
Orientation (1) for incoming 1st Years from 4-6pm
Spirit Day
6th Year Graduation Mass, Dalkey Parish Church
TY Graduation, Killiney Court Hotel
TY Trip to Italy
End of school year
State examinations begin

The full school calendar can be found on both the website and via our school app



The LAD Cycle Bus is Back!

On Wednesday May 6th at 8am, the LAD Cycle Bus will start at Blackrock DART station, then follow along the coast, before joining the Metals at Dun Laoghaire. It will then head down Barnhill Road, through Dalkey village and into the school.

Grab your helmet and come join the Cycle Bus! You can join us anywhere along the route and enjoy nice company as you roll all the way to school!

TY Gaisce Hike

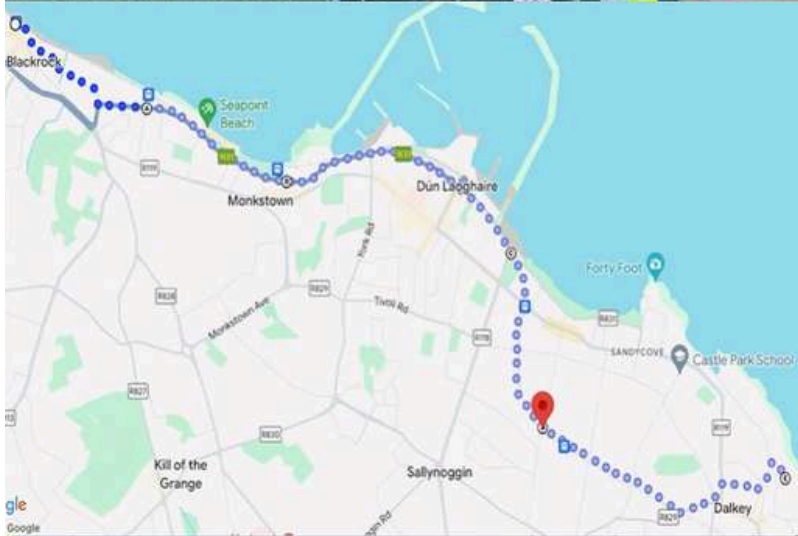
TY students who have completed their Gaisce activities are due to participate in the overnight Gaisce hike and camping trip on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May.

This hike, organised by Go Beyond Adventures, is the final stage in completing the Bronze Gaisce Award, and is mandatory for those looking to receive the award.

A link for the Gaisce hike payment was sent during the week via the school app and must be paid **by Tuesday May 5th**. Also included was a packing list of essentials and further details of the trip.

Students must meet at Bullock Harbour at 8:30am on Thursday 7th and will return at 3:40pm on Friday 8th.

If your daughter has a food allergy or medication requirements, please contact Ms Mulcahy by email on kate.mulcahy@loretoabbeydalkey.ie





Highly Commended Delegation Award

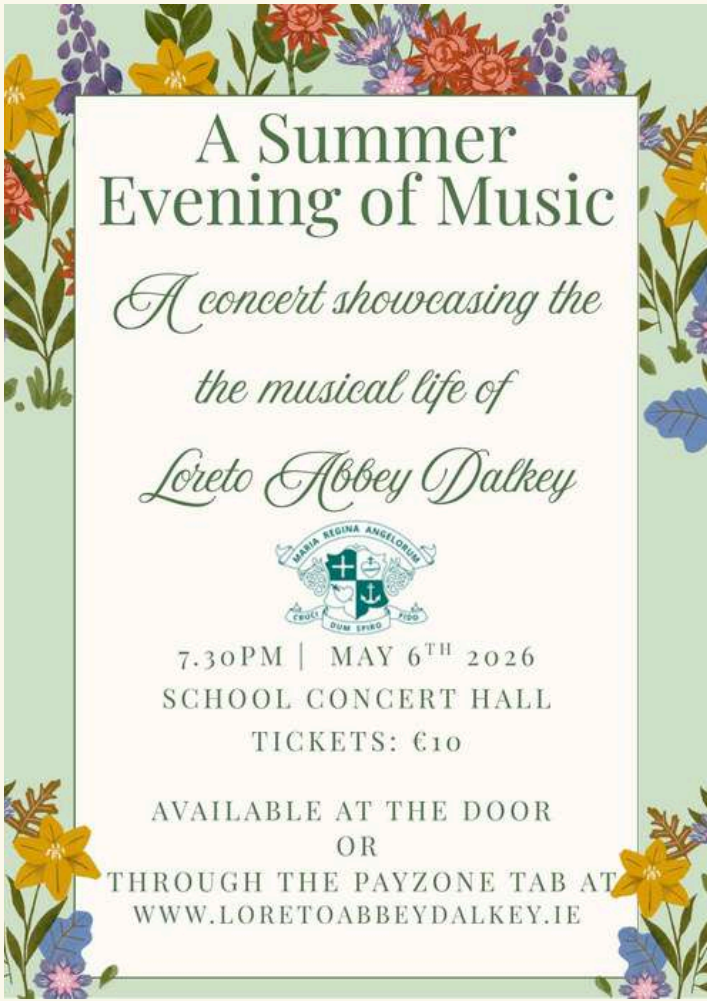
Well done to everyone who attended Model United Nations conferences in High School and Educate Together Wicklow over the past two weeks. The school represented the delegations of France, the Republic of Korea and Somalia, debating issues such as sustainable practices in nuclear warfare and the impact of AI on youth development.

Congratulations to Alexandra Egan, Neasa Burns, Chloe Leonard and Rachel Shannon who won individual awards, and to the whole team who ended the year with a big win at WICKMUN last weekend, taking home a highly commended delegation award!

Model United Nations is an experience in which students get to simulate what it is like to be a part of the United Nations, all the while learning all about international relations, global issues, and what it means to be a diplomat. The club has attended nine conferences throughout the year, representing our school with great skill, knowledge and talent for debating. Well done!

WELL DONE!

Congratulations to our 6th Year LCVP students who completed their LCVP Leaving Certificate exam this week!



A Summer Evening of Music in Dalkey

Our annual summer concert will take place on **Wednesday May 6th at 7.30pm** in the Concert Hall.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy the wonderful musical talents of our students, and it is always an enjoyable event in our school calendar.

Tickets cost €10 and can be bought via the school's Payzone (a link was sent via the school app or can be found under 'Payments; on the school homepage) and a small number will be available at the door on the night.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

The countdown to Spirit Day 2026 is on!



Loreto Student Council Network

On Wednesday, some representatives from the Student Council engaged in an online evaluation and review session with the Loreto Student Council Network.

They discussed successes and challenges faced throughout this academic year. They listened to ideas and initiatives from Student Councils in other Loreto schools and considered some that could be introduced in Loreto Abbey Dalkey.

Student Council representatives involved today were Sarrinah Saad and Laura McGarry from 1st Year, Alice Adam from 2nd Year, Olivia Barrett and Alex Cunningham from 3rd Year, and Laoise O'Moráin and Aoife Redden from 5th Year.





CUS Ember Visit Loreto Abbey Dalkey

'Reflection', 'conversation' and 'fun' were just some of the words used to describe the visit of the CUS Ember team to Loreto Abbey on Wednesday afternoon. A prayer service in the convent chapel provided both teams time to reflect on the positive contribution they have made to their schools this year. Presentations showcased each school's faith based initiatives, and guided tours introduced CUS to the Loreto Dalkey landmarks.

A highly competitive rounders match ended the day and proved CUS were no competition for our Loreto girls! The partnership between the two groups is very important to both school communities and is always one of the highlights of the Ember year.



Darkness into Light 2026

Thanks to all who have bought tickets so far to take part in our first Darkness Into Light event for Pieta in Loreto Abbey Dalkey!

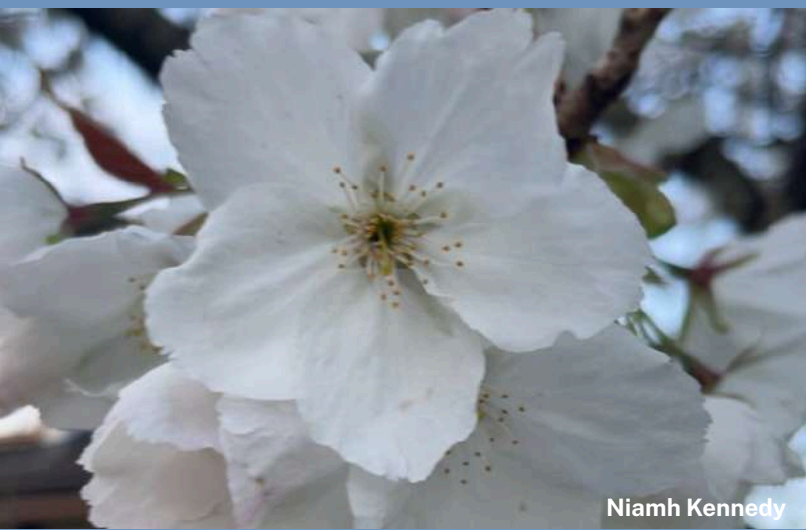
Join us at 5am on May 9th to walk our school grounds and watch the sunrise over Dalkey Island, walking from darkness into light. We can't wait to see as many of you as possible to share this special morning and raise much-needed funds for an incredible cause.

If you would like to take part, tickets (€10 adult, €5 student) can be bought via the school's Payzone (a link has been sent via the school app and can also be found on the school's homepage). Please note that we can no longer guarantee availability of t-shirts on the day.





Sadhbh Swan



Niamh Kennedy



Aoibh Richardson

2nd Year History Trip to the GPO

This week, the remaining 2nd Years went with their History teachers to visit the award-winning GPO Museum on O'Connell Street.

The students enjoyed a guided tour which focused on The Rising, War of Independence and Civil War, before they experienced the events of Easter Week through an immersive audio-visual display.

Included is a photo of the group outside the Custom House, scene of the last big attack of the Irish War of Independence in 1921, which they managed to quickly see from outside.



Photography Club

This week, the students in Photography Club were challenged with the prompt “May Day”. Students were asked to capture photos which highlighted flowers and blossoms, warm sunlight, and people enjoying the outdoors.

Well done to everyone who contributed to this week’s challenge. Some of this week’s highlights belonged to Sadhbh Swan (3rd Year), Niamh Kennedy (1st Year) and Aoibh Richardson (1st Year).

New members are always welcome! If you are interested in joining photography club, please email Ms Flood.



Loreto Green Schools Conference

This week, the Green Schools Committee were delighted to welcome representatives of the Green Schools Committees of Loreto Foxrock and Loreto St. Stephen's Green for a sustainability workshop.

In Session One, we participated in ice breakers to get to know one another and all three schools presented their sustainability achievements. All schools picked up different ideas that I am sure they will implement into their school in the coming year.

In Session Two, we welcomed two volunteers from 'Flossie and the Beach Cleaners' to give us an insight into the work that they do. They showed us many things that they find while doing beach cleanups, including Barbie dolls, AirPods and bank cards.

In the third and final session, we welcomed a representative from 'Change Clothes' who ran a repurposing workshop in which we created scrunchies and bags from scraps of fabric.

We would like to thank Mr Oman, Ms Scott and Ms O'Keefe for organising such an engaging event and for their continuous contribution to the Green Schools Committee this year.

- Lauren Creevey (3B)



April's Monthly Music Monday

Well done to all our singers and musicians who took part in Monday's lunchtime music showcase, and thank you to those who came along to support and appreciate the music!



Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Ria Noonan (2nd Year), who achieved an outstanding second place in a recent Inter-Loreto Public Speaking Competition held in Loreto, St Stephen's Green.

Ria, along with Abi Philips (TY), rose impressively to the challenge. With no access to an iPad or laptop, both students had just 45 minutes and a pen and paper to prepare their speeches. Abi embraced the experience with great enthusiasm and determination, while Ria truly captivated the judges with her wit, excellent pacing, and a speech rich in insightful quotes and ideas.

It was a fantastic day all around, with supporters enjoying well earned ice creams and everyone heading home in great spirits – especially Ria!





Launching Bottle Rockets

This week, several of our TY students worked with Mr Cullen to create bottle rockets, using differing amounts of air pressure and measuring the rocket's velocity.

“During our Maths Applications class we made simple bottle rockets with card cones to reduce air resistance. Then we used Mr Cullen's launcher to shoot our rocket into the sky at different air pressures. The bottle contained one-quarter water and we used a bicycle pump to increase the air pressure inside, which then pushed out the water on release.”

“Using a slow motion camera we were able to calculate the initial velocity. We set up a meter stick beside the rocket launcher to accurately see the distance traveled. Then we calculated the time the rocket took to travel this distance using the timestamps from the video, taking into account that the slow motion video was 12.5% slower than the actual time. As speed is distance divided by time, we were able to use these numbers to find the initial velocity.

“From our experiment we were able to see that the pressure inside the bottle has a large impact on the initial velocity of the rocket. The initial velocity of the rocket with a pressure of 80psi was higher than the velocity of the rocket when the pressure was 50psi. With a higher pressure, the initial velocity is higher.”

- Ellen O'Rourke (TY)



This Week's Tennis Results

Well done to all teams taking part in home and away fixtures throughout the week.

Minor 4 lost vs Loreto Bray
 Minor 6 won 2-1 vs Rathdown



All-Ireland Schools Golf Championships

Congratulations to Sadhbh Kelly (5th Year) who represented Loreto Abbey Dalkey at the All-Ireland Schools Golf Championships in Lucan on Monday.

Sadhbh had an excellent round, finishing joint 11th in the competition. Well done!



Music Showcase

This week saw the third and final fantastic music showcases where students sang and performed for their peers. Thursday's audience of 1st Years and TYs were treated to solo singing and instrumental performances, as well as pieces from the choir and music groups. Well done to all who took part!

Don't forget to buy your ticket for next week's **A Summer Night of Music on May 6th**, which is open to parents and families to attend and is always a highly enjoyable evening.

Dublin Ladies Minor Football

Congratulations to Kate Hanly (5th Year) who was part of the Dublin Ladies Minor team that beat Meath in the Leinster Minor A final last Saturday on a scoreline of 4-17 to 2-10



A Trip to Emerald Park

This week, the 2nd Years were lucky enough to take a trip to Emerald Park. We all got on the bus bright and early, and headed off to County Meath. There was great excitement as we all headed in, and everyone loved going on all the rollercoasters (the Chú Chulainn and Fianna Force being strong favourites!).

We enjoyed a delicious lunch of chicken and chips at the Argentinian Grill, followed by round two of the rides. Everyone had a great day, and enjoyed having a blast with their friends!

Thank you so much to Ms Ryan for organising this year's group bonding experience, as well as Ms Sutton, Mr Cahill, Sister Mary, Mr Monaghan and Michelle for coming along to supervise.

- Ella Connor (2nd Year)