



Student Council Leadership Workshop

On Monday, the Student Council took part in a team-building and leadership skills workshop led by our 6th Year Leadership Team and Ms O'Dwyer, the Student Council Liaison teacher.

The workshop was a great opportunity for members to get to know one another and begin building a strong, collaborative team. As the student voice in our school, the Student Council plays a vital role in representing the ideas and concerns of the student body.

During the workshop, students engaged in activities focused on active listening, identifying core values, and planning events — all important skills for effective leadership.

The next meeting of the Student Council will take place at lunchtime on Tuesday September 23rd.



**Save
The
Date**

Dates for Your Diary

The full school calendar of events and other important dates can be found on both the school website and via our school app.

Sept 16th, 7pm

Meeting for 1st Year Parents, Lecture Theatre

Sept 17th, 7.30pm

Social Meeting for 6th Year Parents, Concert Hall

Sept 19th, 7.30pm

Social evening for TY Parents, National Yacht Club

Sept 26th

School closed



Lourdes Pilgrimage

Last week, 6th Year students Anna Barry, Maya O'Reilly, Rosa Corrigan, Annabel Greenwood and Lauren Callaghan travelled with their teacher Ms Hayes to Lourdes as part of the annual Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Throughout the week, the girls undertook duties at the Accueil Notre Dame, which is 'a place of welcome' close to the Grotto with many of the facilities of a modern hospital. More than 100 sick pilgrims stay here during the pilgrimage and the girls assisted at the hospital reception, as well as on the wards.

Over several days, the students took part in a number of different liturgies, such as the torchlight procession and the Stations of the Cross. They took time to light a candle for our school community and submitted petitions on behalf of the staff and students of Loreto Abbey Dalkey.

The girls spent time with pilgrims in the town, visiting the Grotto and the Basilica, and found that they formed deep connections with their fellow pilgrims from schools and communities within the diocese. The whole experience was undoubtedly memorable, and left everyone feeling uplifted, and immensely fulfilled.



Cross Country

Cross country running started back this week, and it was great to see so many girls out in challenging weather conditions - well done!

Any students looking to join are more than welcome to attend practice. Training takes place on Tuesdays from 3.40-5pm

Food Village

Hot and cold food options, including vegan and vegetarian choices, are available to order 24 hours in advance via the Food Village app. Every student received their Food Village key tag at the start of term and the school registration code is 'LORAD'.

Payment should only be made via the app or key fob, and **NOT by phone**.



Best of Luck Lara

Huge congratulations and very best wishes to Lara Dallaghan in Transition Year who has been included in the Ireland U17 squad for an international tournament in Italy this week. Well done Lara!



Contact Rugby Comes to Dalkey

The girls were delighted to be joined this week at our first training session by Leinster coach Emily McKeown who came to Dalkey to show the girls how to play, offer essential tips and advice, and provide plenty of encouragement.

The first rugby tournament is coming up on September 23rd so any students who would like to play are encouraged to come along to practice - all are welcome! Weekly training takes place on Tuesdays from 4.00 to 5.15pm.



School Traffic Reminder

Given the large numbers of students and staff who are approaching the school morning and evening, we ask parents to drop/collect their daughter on Harbour Road only, and **NOT on Loreto Avenue** (the road approaching the school and Sports Hall). This causes a backlog of cars, as well as posing a safety risk for students.

The school grounds are a designated parking area for staff of both the primary and secondary schools. Consequently, it is not possible to drop students in the grounds during school hours.

Foundit and Lost Property

We use the FoundIt system in school to reunite students with their lost items. It is most important that your daughter has **everything** labelled with her FoundIt stickers, as this will ensure a prompt return of her missing property.

When an item is found in the school, it is scanned and an automatic email is generated and sent to the student informing her that her item has been found and can be collected from the Lost Property office.

The opening times for the Lost Property are:

Monday at 15.40
Wednesday at 13.00
Friday at 15.40



International LITERACY DAY

September 08, 2025



International Literacy Day

Monday September 8th was International Literacy Day, a UNESCO day to highlight the importance of literacy in all forms.

Despite progress, at least 739 million youth and adults worldwide still lacked basic literacy skills in 2024. At the same time, 4 in 10 children are not reaching minimum proficiency in reading.

“UNESCO is celebrating this year’s International Literacy Day under the theme of ‘Promoting literacy in the digital era’, inviting us to rethink what it means to be literate today. Indeed, reading and writing alone are no longer sufficient. Countries must also integrate media and information literacy into their school curricula – and UNESCO is supporting them in doing so.” - Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO

Digitalisation has been changing ways in which we learn, live, work and socialise, in both positive and negative ways. While digital tools can help expand learning opportunities for marginalised groups, this digital shift also risks creating double marginalisation – exclusion not only from traditional literacy learning but also from the benefits of the digital age.

Beyond reading and writing on paper, literacy in the digital era enables people to access, understand, evaluate, create, communicate and engage with digital content safely and appropriately. Literacy is also central for fostering critical thinking, discerning credible information and navigating complex information environments.

Clubs & Groups

There is something for everyone with a wide variety of co- and extra-curricular activities taking place in school throughout the week. Everyone is welcome to join, just turn up and have fun!

Monday

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
1.00 - 1.40pm	Justice & Peace Group	Ms Flood	B10	A student-led group who raise awareness about issues of injustice in our world and what we can do about it
1.00 - 1.40pm	Trad Group	Ms Penston / Juliette Hannon	E01	Play a traditional Irish instrument? Come and have some fun with us!
1.00 - 1.40pm	Art Club	Mr Meagher	A08	1st, 2nd and 3rd Years are welcome to come and get creative. No experience necessary.
1.00 - 1.40pm	YSI	Ms Dervan	TBC	Become a Young Social Innovator. Identify something in our world that could be better and work to try and fix it
3.45 - 4.30pm	Junior Choir	Ms Penston	Concert Hall	Have fun singing with your friends in the school choir (also takes place on Thursdays at 8am)
3.45 - 5.00pm	LEGO Club	Mr Cullen	B11	Have fun in the world of LEGO and robotics

Tuesday

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
8.00 - 8.40am	Orchestra	Ms Penston	E01	New members are always welcome. Just come along!
1.00 - 1.40pm	Green Schools	Ms Scott, Mr Oman & Mr Cullen	C09	A student-led group whose focus is to create a more sustainable school
1.00 - 1.40pm	Songwriting Club	Ms Glass	Music Room	Take the opportunity to refine your songwriting skills
1.00 - 1.40pm	Senior Choir	Ms Penston	E01	Have fun singing with your friends in the school choir
1.00 - 1.40pm	Knitting Club	Ms Quirke	A02	Knit, crochet, craft and have fun with Ms. Quirke. No experience necessary

Wednesday

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
8.00 - 8.40am	Journalism Club	Ms Manning	Library	Want to learn how to write for print or online media? Come along and give it a try!
1.00 - 3.00pm (monthly)	Film Club	Ms Glass	TBC	Grab some treats and watch a fun movie with your friends

Thursday

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
8.00 - 8.40am	Junior Choir	Ms Penston	Concert Hall	Have fun singing with your friends in the school choir (also takes place on Mondays at 3.40pm)
1.00 - 1.40pm	Chess Club	Ms McBreen	C11	Become a Chess Master in a fun and relaxed atmosphere
1.00 - 1.40pm	EMBER & SOLAS Faith Leadership	Mr P. Byrne	B08	A student-led group who promote school ethos and spirituality

Friday

Time	Club	Teacher	Location	What is it?
1.00 - 1.40pm	Musical Theatre	Ms Penston	Dance Studio	Have fun in the world of musical theatre
1.00 - 1.40pm	Quiz Club	Mr Flanagan	Lecture Theatre	Test your general knowledge in a fun way with your friends and win some prizes
3.45 - 4.45pm	Dungeons & Dragons Club	TBC	A01	Enter the fantastical world of Dungeons and Dragons. Come along and have fun

More clubs coming soon!

Stay tuned for details of the following clubs in the coming weeks...

- Photography Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Debating Club
- Book Club
- The Light Soles Club (after-school walking club)
- Art Portfolio Club (for Seniors)
- YES (Young Entrepreneurs)



TY Barista Training

Our TY students swapped the classroom for the coffee machine and a caffeine buzz with a 90-minute hands-on and engaging barista induction this week.

Not only did they have great fun and enjoy tasting the results of their efforts, but they also learned some tricks of the trade, from frothing milk to making the perfect espresso. There was even some latte art on show!



More photos can be found on Instagram @loretoabbeydalkey_



Musical Rehearsals

The Transition Year musical rehearsals take place every Thursday afternoon in the concert hall for the whole year group.

Over the past two weeks, the girls have been learning the first few dance routines and, judging by all the laughing to be heard, great fun is being had!

TY Mornings of Reflection

This week, Transition Year classes 4A and 4E each took part in reflection mornings. The remaining classes will also take part over the coming weeks.

“On Wednesday morning we participated in a reflection morning. This morning was hosted by Felicity and Colette from Loreto Education Trust, who spoke to us about the importance of self love and respect for others.”

“We took part in games and challenges to test our knowledge of ourselves and our classmates, and also thinking about how these tests were linked to real life situations and events.”

“Collette and Felicity taught us about the importance of listening to our bodies and the relevance of our emotions and the reasons behind them. This morning was a great opportunity to reflect on ourselves and the world around us. Thank you so much Colette and Felicity!”

By Béibhinn O'Donnell and Fia Brennan, 4E

**COMING
SOON**

Upcoming TY Dates

Ongoing	Musical auditions & rehearsals
Sept 17th	WorldSkills Ireland in the RDS
Sept 22nd	Mary O'Donnell talk
Sept 22nd	St Joseph's Shankill Dementia Care talk
Sept 23rd	Reflection morning (4B)
Sept 24th	John O'Shea talk
Sept 29th	First Aid (4A)

WorldSkills Ireland at the RDS

All TY students will be attending the event in the RDS on Wednesday September 17th. TYs will be **making their own way** to and from the event. Details will be posted on Google Classroom.



GAISCE
**THE PRESIDENT'S
AWARD**

Gaisce Registration

All TY students who are looking to take part in the Gaisce programme are reminded that their **forms must be submitted this week**. All details are on Google Classroom and you can contact Ms Mulcahy with any queries.



Breakfast of Champions

We all know a good breakfast is an essential start to the day, and the 2nd Year Home Ec classes took that challenge very seriously. Assembling delicious and healthy homemade granola bowls was on the agenda this week, all completed with a fantastic array of toppings. Yum!



This Week's Hockey Results

Matches were back with a bang this week, with plenty of fixtures at home and away.

Saturday Matches

Minor A won 4-0 vs Holy Child
 Junior 1 drew 2-2 vs Holy Child
 Junior 2 won 1-0 vs Holy Child
 Junior 3 won 5-0 vs Holy Child
 Senior 1 drew 1-1 vs Holy Child
 Senior 2 won 1-0 vs Holy Child
 Senior 3 lost 3-0 vs Mount Anville
 Senior 4 lost 5-0 vs Mount Anville
 Senior 5 lost 3-0 vs Mount Anville

Wednesday Matches

Minor C won 2-0 vs St Andrews
 Junior 3 won 6-1 vs St Andrews
 Junior 4 won 1-0 vs St Andrews
 Senior 1 lost 3-0 to St Andrews
 Senior 4 won 3-2 vs St Andrews
 Senior 5 lost 2-1 vs St Andrews

Well done to all teams!

More sports photos can be found on Instagram @loretoabbeydalkeysport



Sports Schedule

Below is the current schedule for training throughout the week - [please note changes to the basketball schedule](#). There may be some adjustments, particularly for 1st Years once teams have been finalised.

Hockey

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Time	Wednesday
7.45 - 8.30am	-	-	Senior 1, 2 & Junior 1 S&C Training	-	1.00 - 2.00pm	1D & 1E (classes) and GK training
3.40 - 4.40pm	Junior 1, 2, 3	Junior 1, 2, 3	Senior 4	1D & 1E (classes) and GK training	2.00 - 3.00pm	1A, 1B & 1C (classes)
4.40 - 5.40pm	Senior 1, 2, 3	Senior 1, 2, 3, 4	Senior 5, 6	1A, 1B & 1C (classes)	3.00 - 6.00pm	Home/Away Matches
5.40 - 6.40pm	Minor 1, 2, 3, 4	Minor 1, 2, 3, 4	Junior 4, 5, 6	-	<i>1st Year schedule is provisional Some times may change once teams are finalised.</i>	
3.40 - 7.00pm	-	-	-	Home/Away Matches		

GAA

Time	Wednesday
1.15 - 2.15pm	2nd & 3rd Year (Junior) GAA training in Cuala
Time	Thursday
4.00 - 5.15pm	TY. 5th & 6th Year (Senior) GAA training in Cuala

Cross Country

Time	Tuesday
3.40 - 5pm	Cross Country running (all years)

Soccer

Time	Thursday
3.40 - 4.40pm	1st Year Soccer
Time	Thursday
4.40 - 5.40pm	2nd Year Soccer

Basketball

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Time	Wednesday
7.45 - 8.30am	Junior 1	-	-	-	7.45 - 8.30am	Senior 1 / Cadette 1
1.20 - 1.40pm	1st & 2nd Year Shooting in Hall	1st & 2nd Year Shooting in Hall	1st & 2nd Year Shooting in Hall	1st & 2nd Year Shooting in Hall	1.00 - 2.30pm	1st Years (Minors)
3.50 - 5.20pm	1st Year (Minors), Cadettes and Seniors	Juniors (2nd Years)	Seniors and Cadettes	Juniors (2nd Years)	<i>1st Year schedule is provisional. Some times may change once teams are finalised.</i>	
5.00 - 6.15pm	-	Senior 2 / Cadette 2	-	-		

NOTE: There will regularly be basketball on Saturdays, particularly for 1st and 2nd Years, however times and groups will vary from week to week