



## Green Schools Beach Clean-Up

On a (thankfully) bright afternoon this week, students on the Green Schools Committee headed to Killiney Beach with Mr Oman and Ms Scott for a beach clean-up.

After a quick workshop with Una O'Halloran (mum of 6th Year Green Schools member Francesca O'Halloran), the Committee set about cleaning a stretch of beach from leftover wrappers, bottles, cans, coffee cups, discarded netting that had washed up onshore, forgotten items, and general rubbish left by beach-goers.

Well done to all for taking part and, for all of us, let's try harder to leave nothing but footprints behind when we visit our local beaches.

*Take only memories,  
leave only footprints*



# Mark your Calendar

Sept 26th	School closed
Oct 1st	School begins accepting applications for First Year 2026
Oct 2nd	School Open Evening for First Year 2026
Oct 10th	Focus Ireland Shine a Light Sleep Out
Oct 13th	6th Year Parents' CAO Information Evening
Oct 16th	6th Year Parent/Student/Teacher Meetings
Oct 20-24th	6th Year exams
Oct 22nd	Deadline for First Year 2026 applications
Oct 24th	School closed for mid-term break

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



## Parent Events This Week

On Tuesday night, an information evening took place for 1st Year parents in the Lecture Theatre. A presentation was given by communications expert, Dr Nadia Ramatour on navigating the transition from primary to secondary school. She highlighted the importance of parental support in guiding students through the initial weeks of term and why positive communication is always necessary.

Wednesday evening saw a presentation from Mr Dunne to 6th Year parents on navigating the challenges of the Leaving Certificate year ahead.

TY Parents are meeting for a social evening and BBQ at the National Yacht Club this evening.



## Musical Involvement

We are very proud of our rich musical history at Loreto Abbey Dalkey, and look forward to seeing how our students shape this musical life in the years ahead.

If your daughter is a singer or plays an instrument and isn't yet involved in one of the school choirs, the orchestra or other musical groups, **we would ask you to encourage her to join.** Music is a rewarding way to build confidence, make friends and express yourself, while also learning new skills along the way.





## 6th Year History Trip

This week, 6th Year History students headed into town with Ms Ni Ghabhann and Mr Oman for a walking tour of sites linked to the 1913 Lockout and the revolutionary period. These included Liberty Hall, Rosie Hackett Bridge, the Abbey Theatre, Wynn's Hotel, the GPO and Moore Street.

After taking in these historical sights, the group then had a guided tour of 14 Henrietta Street, the award-winning social history museum of Dublin life, from one building's Georgian beginnings to its tenement times. The tour connects the history of urban life over 300 years to the stories of the people who called Henrietta Street home. It is a chance to bring to life the human stories of those who lived in the house, their changing circumstances, their experience of family life, of politics, and the impact of world affairs.





# New Lunchtime Music Recitals

On the last Monday of every month, all staff and students are invited to Monthly Music Monday, an informal recital in E01 at lunchtime.

**The first recital will take place on Monday September 22nd.** All are welcome to come along and listen appreciatively!

This is an opportunity for students to showcase what they've learned so far in the term, or just to play for enjoyment, and learn from doing it in front of an audience.

Performance slots are available, so **email Ms Penston if you would like to take part.**

Even if you don't want to perform, please come and support your fellow students!



# This Week's Hockey Results

All teams are getting back into the swing of things as home and away fixtures took place throughout the week.

## Saturday Matches

Minor A lost 1-0 vs St Andrews  
 Minor B won 1-0 vs St Andrews  
 Junior A drew 1-1 vs St Andrews  
 Junior B won 2-1 vs St Andrews  
 Senior 2 drew 1-1 vs St Andrew  
 Senior 3 drew 1-1 vs St Andrews

## Wednesday Matches

Minor A lost 2-1 vs Loreto Foxrock  
 Minor B drew 0-0 vs Loreto Foxrock  
 Minor C drew 0-0 vs Loreto Foxrock  
 Minor D won 2-1 vs Loreto Foxrock  
 Senior 1 drew 1-1 vs Loreto Foxrock

Well done to all teams!





## WorldSkills at the RDS

Transition Year students visited the WorldSkills Ireland event at the RDS this week to learn more about skills, apprenticeships and career choices they may wish to consider in the future.



More photos can be found on Instagram @loretoabbeydalkey\_



# TYs Sleeping Out Against Homelessness

For years, we've watched the homelessness crisis grow in Ireland. Thousands of children are caught in the middle of it, and it's simply not right. They could be sitting in our classes, and we might not even know they're suffering.

So, on **Friday October 10th**, our school are going to be doing something to help. We have organised a School Sleep Out for Focus Ireland's Shine A Light, trading our cosy bed for a sleeping bag for the night. This isn't just about a single night of discomfort; it's about raising critical funds for Focus Ireland to help them meet the growing demand for their services.

More than that, it's about making a stand and saying that thousands of children without a home is unacceptable.

**Please show your support by donating** and helping us reach our goal - every contribution, big or small, gets us closer to creating a future where every child has a safe place to call home.

**Donations can be made via the QR code (right), or online at**  
<https://joinus.focusireland.ie/fundraisers/loretoabbeydalkey4thyears2025>

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## Upcoming TY Dates

Ongoing	Musical rehearsals
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)
Oct 1st	Alex Hibbert talk
Oct 6-8th	Self-defence workshops
Oct 7th	Engineering talk
Oct 10th	Focus Ireland Sleep Out



## TY Trip to Italy

Excitement is building for Italy 2026!

Information about the Transition Year trip to Italy, taking place next May, has been sent to all parents via our school app.

**Please note: the deadline for payment of the deposit is October 1st.**

If you have any queries, please contact  
Ms Mulcahy or Ms Noctor.



## An Intro to Seville

Our first group of Loreto Seville exchange students gave a presentation on Seville and its history and culture to the Transition Year Spanish classes this week.

After the presentation, the girls demonstrated some flamenco dancing - and even taught our students some basic moves!

## This Week's Basketball Results

All teams are getting back into the swing of things as home and away fixtures took place throughout the week.

### Saturday Matches

Junior B won 33-10 vs Holy Child Killiney  
Junior C lost 32-12 vs Holy Child Killiney  
Cadette B won 43-21 vs Holy Child Killiney

### Wednesday Matches

Junior A lost 30-25 vs Holy Child Killiney

Well done to all teams!



# Good Luck

Best of luck to our Cadette A basketball team who have their **cup match vs Mount Anville next Tuesday at 3:45pm.**

Come along and cheer from the sidelines!





## 3rd Year Trip to the Zoo

Unfortunately it was a rainy day for the 3rd Year CSPE trip to Dublin Zoo today, but even the rain couldn't dampen the girls' excitement to get exploring!

Working in groups, the goal was to learn about endangered animals and then choose an animal to complete a project on when they return to school.



## Higher Options at the RDS

This week, our 5th and 6th Year students had the opportunity to attend Higher Options, Ireland's largest education expo, at the RDS.

Here, they could speak with representatives from third-level institutions from Ireland, the UK, Europe, and further afield. They could also attend career talks covering a wide variety of industries, and hear experts discuss the best study routes, future prospects and expectations for different career paths.