



WorldSkills at the RDS

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

“At WorldSkills, we had the opportunity to speak to many industry professionals who were keen to discuss their own career paths. There was a wide range of professionals to speak to, for example engineers from Dublin Aerospace, architects from ATU, and construction workers from SISK. There were apprentices competing in fields such as cooking, plastering, craft butchering and beauty therapy. The TYs took part in hands-on activities where they made corsages, laid bricks and fitted pipes. Thank you to Ms Shortt and Ms Brophy for organising such an insightful day.

- Lauren Creevey, TY

Mark your Calendar

Sept 21st	Parents' Association AGM
Sept 22nd-23rd	Residential training for 5th Year Ember group
Sept 25th	School closed
Oct 1st	Open Evening for 2027/28 admissions, 4-7pm
Oct 9th	Focus Ireland Sleep Out
Oct 13th	6th Year Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings
Oct 19th-22nd	6th Year Autumn exams
Oct 22nd	Deadline for accepting 2027/28 admissions
Oct 23rd	School closed for Oide Staff Training Day
Oct 26th-30th	Midterm break

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



Like to Sing? Join our Parents' Choir!

The choir is a fun and relaxed way to meet other parents, enjoy some singing and be part of the school community. There is no audition and no previous choir experience is necessary – just come along and have fun!

The choir meets every Monday evening from 7:15pm to 8:45pm in the Concert Hall, starting on Monday, 21st September. The cost for Term 1 is €65.

During the year, we perform at the Carol Service in December and the Music Evening in May. We would love to welcome lots of new parents to the choir, so come along and give it a try!



Loreto Abbey Dalkey SLEEP OUT!



October 9th
A fundraiser
to combat
homelessness
in Ireland.

**In Ireland there is
5,659 children with
no place to call
home. If you can
please donate to
make a difference.**



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Ember Breakfast

'Passing on the flame of faith' was clear to be seen in B08 on Tuesday morning as the outgoing 6th Year Ember team created a delicious breakfast for the new 5th Year team. As well as providing breakfast, the 6th Years advised the new team and explained the different elements of the Ovoca Manor training, which takes place next week. We wish the new team every success in their new role.



Well Done Lara

Congratulations to Lara Dallaghan (5th Year) who represented Ireland last week:

"Recently I traveled to Valencia, Spain with the Ireland Under-17 national team for two international friendlies against Belgium. Our first match was tough, ending in a 3-1 defeat. However, we bounced back and, in the second game, put in a massive effort to secure a 3-0 win. This was a great experience for the team and I."



Recycle for Rumbek

Don't forget to drop your empty recyclable cans and bottles in the designated purple recycling bins with this logo around the school and the Sports Hall.

All funds raised from recycling these items are donated to our sister school in South Sudan, Loreto Rumbek.



Culture Night 2026

The 21st year of Culture Night takes place this Friday September 18th across the country, celebrating culture, creativity and the arts. This is a great opportunity to enjoy unique music, art, tours and heritage events for all ages - check out www.culturenight.ie to find something near you.



Higher Options

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.



Getting to Grips with Granola

Ms Quirke's 2nd Year Home Economics class learned how to make homemade granola this week, setting themselves up for a great breakfast choice with yoghurt and fruit. Mr Dunne even popped in for a taste test and the seal of approval!



LORETO ABBEY SECONDARY SCHOOL, DALKEY

OPEN EVENING

FOR FIRST YEAR 2027

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1ST 2026

FROM 16:00 TO 19:00

PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS AND THEIR
PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO OUR
SCHOOL FOR TOURS ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 2026

NO NEED TO REGISTER.
COME ALONG
FROM 16:00,
CONCLUDING AT 19:00

WWW.LORETOABBEYDALKEY.COM

TEL: 01 271 8900



Self-Defence Workshops

Last Monday and Tuesday, the TYs took part in self-defence classes. We learnt about different ways to protect ourselves in dangerous situations, such as being alone on public transport. We had great fun practicing our new skills against punching bags with help from the instructor and our classmates. Thank you to Ms McHenry for organising such an important class.

- Sophie Keane, TY

Rugby Training

Contact rugby was new to Dalkey last year, with great success.

With the first rugby blitz coming up later this month, any students who would like to play are encouraged to come along to practice - all are welcome!

Weekly training takes place on Tuesdays after school at the grass by the primary school. All players must have a gumshield.





What Will You Read this Month?

September is a chance to start fresh with a new school year, a new routine and the chance to create some new habits along the way.

It also gives us lots of scope for this month's reading challenge! Try reading a book that fits one of this month's reading prompts - the choice of book is completely up to you!

The theme this month is **'School Life'**, so you could read:

- A book set in a school or academic setting
- A book with 'school', 'learn' or 'class' in the title
- A book that fits the 'dark academia' genre
- A non-fiction book about a topic you enjoy
- A biography or memoir



This Week in Hockey

Congrats to all teams who took to the pitch this week for trial matches against St Andrew's, Holy Child Killiney and Wesley.

Well done!



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Parents' Association Annual General Meeting and Seminar



**Monday September 21st 2026
19.00 in the School Lecture Theatre**

Agenda:

1. Welcome and report on the work of the Executive: Ms. Karen Kavanagh, Chairperson
2. The year past and the year ahead: Robert Dunne, Principal
3. Seminar

AI in Education... What the Future Holds

Speaker: Mr. Steven Duggan

Steven Duggan is Vice President, International of Teravue, a global technology solutions & services company serving both blue chip and SME clients across 12 different industries. As a member of the Governing Board of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education, where he represents the global IT Industry, Steven recently authored the UNESCO policy brief on the use of AI in Education, 'Change at the Speed of Learning'

which was provided to the governments of the 193 UNESCO member states.



4. Refreshments