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Fáilte Romhaibh go Cumarsáid

Students and staff have settled in well to the academic year 2019/2020 and I am delighted to report that the first-year cohort and students joining us from abroad are making a great contribution to our school. On 24th September we celebrated Mercy Day. The entire school community attended mass in the Sacred Heart Church Templemore. The story of Reverend Mother Mc Auley was explored, and students learned about the contribution of the Mercy sisters in Ireland and abroad. The School Self-Evaluation (SSE) focus for this year is teacher collaboration. The SSE team and classroom teachers are working together to enhance student reflection on their learning. Assessment for Learning techniques are used to facilitate student learning. Teachers involved in the Erasmus project are immersed in the flipped classroom initiative which is implemented to augment the student experience. The extra-curricular programme got off to an early start with rehearsals for the musical and training commencing in late August. Students' commitment to music, sport, debating and the wider extra-curricular programme is to be complimented. We are thrilled with the success of *High School Musical*. Great performances on the pitches and courts have been a strong feature of this term at Our Lady's. We wish all our teams well as they continue to represent Our Lady's with pride in sporting activities. Students participating in the UCC Philosophical Society Debating competition had a great first round and have secured places in the next round which will take place after the mid-term break. We wish the students and their coaches well in the next round.

Beannacht Dé oraibh go léir, Patricia Higgins

Leaving and Junior Certificate students of 2018

Congratulations to both our Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students on their results. Pictured with Ms Higgins and Mr Fogarty are just some of our High Achievers. Well done to you all, we are so proud of all of your achievements. We wish our the Leaving Cert class of 2019 every success in their future lives.



OPEN EVENING



Thursday

21st November 2019

6.30pm

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Primary School Experience Days

7th & 8th November

Any 5th/6th class pupils interested in attending

please contact

Our Lady's on

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Welcome to our First Year Students

A warm welcome to our First Year students who have all settled in very well at Our Lady's.

Our four groups, Aran, Skellig, Kells and Durrow under the guidance of their year head Ms Therese Boland and class tutors, Ms Sinead Harding, Ms Eimear O'Callaghan, Mr Joe Gallagher and Ms Martina Butler are making new friends and memories.



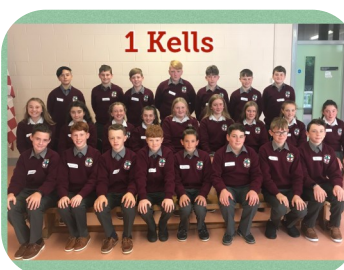
1 Durrow



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Dr David Coleman (Clinical Psychologist) pictured with Ms Patricia Higgins and Niamh Butler (Chairperson of Parents' Association)

‘High School Musical’

High School Musical - Superb!

The standard of Musicals at Our Lady's has been reaching new heights in recent years and this year's show certainly did not disappoint! The singing, acting and overall performances were top class.

High School Musical ("on stage") is based on Disney Channel's original and very successful movie of the same name. A colourful show filled with catchy numbers, energetic dance routines, comedy and romance. The plot centres around the blossoming relationship between Troy (the captain of the school the school basketball team) and Gabriella (a new student who is shy and who excels at Maths and Science).

Ciara O'Brien was perfectly cast as the understated Gabriella who tries to keep her brilliant maths skills undercover as she finds herself drawn to the charming star of the basketball team. Beni Varadi gave a wonderful performance as Troy and their beautiful singing voices were a perfect blend. Their duets were absolute show-stoppers - in particular "When there was You" and "Breaking Free".

Emma Grant was super as the jealous, overpowering Sharpay while her brother /"side -kick" Ryan played by Daniel Tuohy was very endearing as Sharpay's brow-beaten twin brother. These two are no strangers to the stage and their experience showed in their great performances. Coach Bolton was convincingly played by Jonah Ryan and Denis Hennessy was entertaining as the passionate Drama teacher Ms Darbus. Aisling Meehan (Taylor) and Kerry McCormack (Martha) were solid in their singing roles and gave great performances as Gabriella's "brainiac" friends. Kyle Whelan and Cian Sheedy did a great job in their portrayal of Chad and Zeke respectively (Troy's Jocks-buddies). Cian's entertaining (and relentless!!) offer of "crime-brûlée or tirimosu?" will undoubtedly be a refrain he'll be associated with forever more! Kyle, Cian and the other Jocks (James Grey, VJ Corpez, Adam Sage, Jack Nevin and Colm Gleeson) were convincing throughout and along with Beni gave a memorable performance in their number "Get'cha Head in the Game"

School DJ was played by Jack Nevin and Akvile Reinyte was lovely as the clumsy, gifted composer Kelsi.

The chorus was strong throughout and the big chorus numbers were excellent with top -class singing and energetic choreography. The brilliant megamix "We're all in this together" which concluded the show was testimony to the fantastic work done by the very talented production team, director & choreographer Therese Maher and musical directors Pat Marnane and Fran Garry Marnane. Huge congratulations to all involved in this fantastic production - in particular to dedicated music teachers Ms Anne Marie Johnston and Ms Eimear O'Callaghan. It was standing ovations and full houses at all of the performances last week (16th, 17th, & 18th October) Audiences left humming and singing and believing that .." Anything is possible.... there isn't a star that you can't reach"



Sixth Year Geography Fieldtrip

On Wednesday 9th of October, the 6th year geography students completed their geography field study. The group went to Leihinch in Co. Clare to complete the field study which is a very important aspect of the Leaving Certificate Geography course. A great day was enjoyed by both students and teachers.



Leaving Certificate Applied

Our LCA2 students were presented with their results from session 2 in September. Congratulations to the LCA class on their outstanding results. They are an absolute credit to the programme.



SPORT IN OUR LADY'S

Dr Harty Cup

Our Dr Harty Cup Hurling Team got their campaign off to a really impressive start when they beat Ard Scoil Ris in Nenagh on the 15th of October. The game finished on a scoreline of 4-20 to 3-17.

The team now face Christian Brothers Cork on the 6th of November, followed by St Francis College, Rochestown on the 20th of November.



Corn Shéamais Ui Dhonnchu

Our U16½ hurling team were defeated in the quarter final by Tulla Community School, after a very spirited display by the team.



Ladies Football

It was a great start for Our Lady's in both our Junior and Senior Ladies football leagues this year.

Our Senior team played Presentation Clonmel in the first round. After a high scoring game the final result was Our Lady's 6-13, Pres Clonmel 6-04.

The Junior Ladies football started the season with a win over Kanturk. The final score line against Kanturk was

8-07 to Our Lady's 9-15.

The girls now face

Castleisland in the second round of the

Munster

League.



Senior Ladies Football

Camogie

Well done to Our Lady's Intermediate

Camogie team who had a great win

over Kanturk Cork in the first round of the

Munster

League. They will now play St Caimins, Shannon in the second round.



Cadet and Senior Basketball

The Cadet and Senior basketball teams have started their competitions very strongly. The Cadets had two

comprehensive victories over Cashel and Ballingarry. The Seniors beat Presentation Ballingarry, Presentation Thurles

and were narrowly defeated by Cashel early in the competition. A

big thank you to, Niall Berry,

Portlaoise who travels with the

teams as their coach.



Cadet Team



Senior Team

Visit of Liam McCarthy and James Nowlan to Our Lady's

On Friday 27th of August we were delighted to welcome members of the All Ireland senior and U21 hurling panels to the school. The players were led into the gym by pipers Katie Johnston and Gillian Fogarty. They were given a tumultuous welcome by the students and staff of the school. Ms Patricia Higgins welcomed the guests while Mr John Costigan outlined the strong links between Our Lady's and successful Tipperary teams in recent decades. He paid tribute to the school for continuing to nurture players who go on to represent their County at the highest level.



Transition Year

TY Theme—Community

The theme for Transition year is 'Community'. We would like for our TY students to become active citizens in the local community and develop skills and connections that may help them in the future. This year Our Lady's has decided to link with Templemore Tidy Towns and our TY students will help with various Tidy Town

projects throughout the year such as painting, gardening, litter picking, maintaining the graveyard and other local amenities.

Shanghai—TY Chinese

This year two of our TY students, Marton Varadi and Emma Grant, have been awarded a place on the Easter Camp in Shanghai University. We are also hopeful that fellow students, Luke Hickson and Meagan Sheridan will also join them on their once in a lifetime trip to Shanghai at Easter. This programme is linked with UCC Confucius Institute and is the third year that places have been awarded to students at Our Lady's.

Caith Amach É

On Monday 7th of October, our TY students took part in an Irish Oral workshop 'Caith Amach É'. The workshop covers each of the 20 sraith pictiúir for the Leaving Cert Irish Oral Examination. The show uses a unique mix of theatrical devices such as clown, puppetry, music and audience interaction to

Debating

Congratulations to our senior debaters. In October the group travelled to UCC where they took part in round one of the UCC Philosophical Schools' Debating Competition. Each performed brilliantly with all members progressing to Round two.



TY trip to Delphi Adventure Centre

Our Transition Year pupils travelled to Delphi, Co. Mayo in September. Each student had an opportunity to do all activities which included surfing, team tasks, zip and trek, archery, climbing and abseiling. Everyone returned having really enjoyed the three days away. While there were a few tired bodies there was a great sense of achievement among the group.



Zeminar

TY students enjoyed a great day at Zeminar in The RDS, in October. The philosophy of the event is "A Life Changing Day", each speaker, exhibitor, professional and workshop reflected on this as they met with students.



Dates for your Diary

Primary School Experience Days - 7th & 8th of November

Open Evening - 21st Nov

6th year Parent Teacher Meeting – 14th November

1st year Parent Teacher Meeting -5th December

CBA's

All 2nd Year CBA's completed by Easter

All 3rd Year CBA's completed by Christmas

Higher Options

Our sixth year students attended Higher Options in the RDS on the 20th of September. They came away with plenty of information to help them with their decision making for next year.



TY Personal Development

Personal development is a TY module which teaches our students new skills that they can use in everyday life. To date they have completed a CPR course and learned how to use a defibrillator.

They have studied car maintenance, even learning how to change a tyre!! Students have also looked at the importance of blood donation and how we create awareness in our school community.

