



## LCA Class visit Ovoca Manor



On Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, our new Leaving Cert Applied (LCA) class went on a team building outing to Ovoca House in Co. Wicklow. They had a fun filled day of team building activities and ice breakers.

As they went with their coordinator Ms. Byrne, Ms. Doyle and Ms. Taylor the day focussed on getting the girls to face their fears and make them realise their self worth. From climbing a pole and leaping into the unknown, to a blindfolded walk from the forest led by Sagal Adan, the girls learned to trust each other and build on the bonds



they have been nurturing together over the last three weeks. It is terrific to have the Leaving Cert Applied Programme back in Loreto College, and our newest class have got off to a brilliant start.

## Ember Team

Last week we mentioned the Ember Team went on their training programme for three days also to Ovoca Manor. The team of 5<sup>th</sup> years (*pictured right*) lead faith development activities in our school. They, along with over 70 students from seven other schools combined team building exercises with faith based activities to better prepare them for the year ahead. Along with evening liturgies which channelled the girls' spiritual side, there was rock climbing, a leap of faith into the air and they all had to work together to get across the tricky Jacob's Ladder.



There were also drama activities in which they had to create their own short plays from only an opening line, closing line, a prop and a bizarre word. The girls spent valuable time in sessions planning the year with chaplain Ms. Killeen and the event was capped off with a campfire for all on the last night...where *Wonderwall* was sung over and over (and over) again. It really pushed the girls beyond their comfort zones, but brought the group together with a strong spiritual vision.

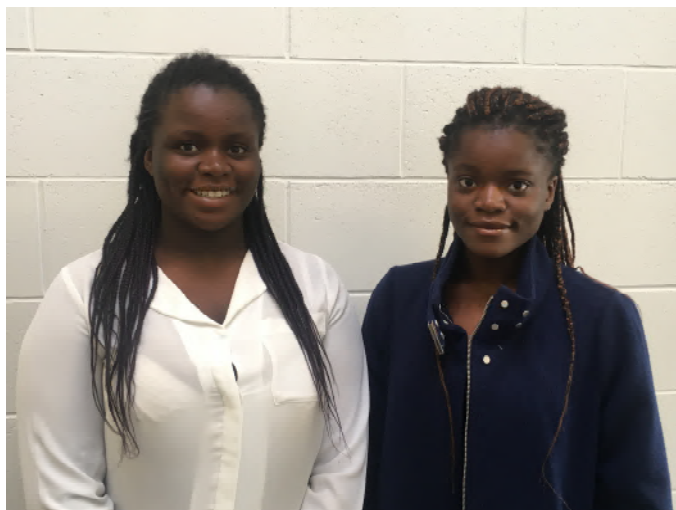
## World Debating Trials

Due to her successes at Junior Level in the National Junior MACE competition, Ekenenna Chukwuewuzie has been asked to try out for a place on the Irish team, who will compete in the World School's Debating Competition this year.

Furthermore, due to her successes and impressive debates in PhilSpeaks, Phil Pro-Am Debates, the Hist. MACE, and the Hist. Girls' MACE last year, Ifunanya Chukwuewuzie has also been invited to trial for the Irish Team as well.

The trials take place this Saturday, 21st September in UCD.

The Leinster regional trials will consist of two impromptu debates (15 minutes of preparation and a 5 minute speech) with a possible third impromptu debate. Best of luck Ifunanya and Ekenenna.



## The Great Men behind our Picnic Tables



We were delighted to welcome a visit from Ken, Paddy and Joe from Walkinstown Men's Shed on Wednesday. These great men gave generously of their time and great talent to make our wonderful new picnic tables which you can view on our website. They are pictured here with Ms. Dillon and the student council of 2018-2019 whose idea it was to get the tables in the first place. We are grateful to the Loreto order for

contributing to the funding of the tables which make great social gatherings possible on good weather days like we've had this week. Ken, Paddy and Joe also have some great ideas for future works in our school, so watch this space.

## *Some of what's on next week...*

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September Mobile Music School workshop for 1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 4<sup>th</sup> Year two-day trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre.



*Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October*  
*3.00 pm-6.00pm*



In our regular newsletters, we will feature initiatives from TAP (Trinity Access Programme) which are available to students. If you wish to apply or get further information on any of these, please see Ms. Horgan or click on the links below..



## Freiraum language and culture programme Deadline: 3rd October

Freiraum, our six-month programme for TY students interested in learning and studying languages and cultures at third level, is about to kick off once again. One student can be nominated from our school for this. If you're interested, please see Ms. Horgan. For more information, you can contact Dan at [mcfarlad@tcd.ie](mailto:mcfarlad@tcd.ie).



## English lecture series Deadline: 4th October

Just a reminder for the upcoming English Evening Lectures.

Please book in for the lectures by **Friday, 4th October.**

The course, delivered by Trinity academics, introduces major authors of poetry, drama and prose through close examination of selected texts, chosen from among those prescribed for the Leaving Certificate.

Schedule:

[Click here to download a poster print-out about the lecture series.](#)