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Newsletter

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90 Years of Loreto College, Crumlin Road



It is 90 years since a group of nuns with a single five-pound note founded a Loreto school in the parish of Dolphin's Barn. It was with great joy that in the week before COVID-19 closed our school, we were able to come together as a family of students, past-pupils, teachers, former teachers, parents, former principals and deputy principals to celebrate all that has been great about Loreto College, Crumlin Road since its foundation in 1930. On Wednesday, March 4th, Fr. Fergal MacDonagh welcomed us all into Our Lady of Dolours Church where he

celebrated mass. Head Girl Paris Chebah welcomed everyone to the ceremony which was sprinkled with readings, prayers, symbols and music which embodied the best of Mary Ward's principles of truth, sincerity, freedom, justice and joy. Our principal Ms. Murphy gave the homily in which she brought us all through the history of our beloved school and its achievements.

After the ceremony, there was a festive reception in the school's concert hall at which chairperson of our Board of Management, Nuala Manion paid tribute to Loreto College, Crumlin Road and its legacy. She also cut a beautiful cake surrounded by the students.



Continuing the Learning

Since school closed on 12th March, we have all had to change the way we do the most day to day activities. Teaching and learning were completely transformed during this time as teachers and students went online, taking to platforms like Zoom, Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams and Edmodo. Even though we

were all far apart from each other, the learning continued and a massive thank you to everyone who took part. For students who found accessing online lessons difficult, student resource packs were distributed throughout the community thanks to Ms Dillon, Ms. Ryan, Alison Wilson and Zuzana Kopecka. These packs included worksheets and resources to help home learning continue, even when school was closed.

The Heroes of our Health Service



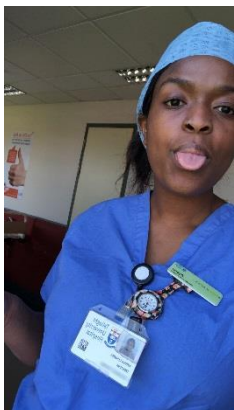
Candice Michelena



Vicky Ragas



Marjorie Porras



Ayena Lisimba



Tara Gannon



Rizelle Caones



Jeanne Brotarlo



Thomas Gannon



Loreto PPE donation

It has been with great pride that we have learned of the parents and past pupils of Loreto College who have been battling on the front line fighting Coronavirus. From local heroes in St. James's Hospital Candice Michelena of the class of 2015 and parents Vicky Ragas and Marjorie Porras to fellow 2015 graduate Ayena Lisimba in Tallaght and 2013 graduate Tara Gannon in St. Patrick's Mental Health Services. Further afield, Rizelle Caones of the class of 2012 was battling COVID-19 in Sydney Australia, while just down the road from our school, Jeanne Brotarlo is ensuring that the new babies who arrive into our world at the Coombe Women's Hospital are safe and sound. We are grateful to all of these amazing women and to all front line workers who have worked so tirelessly over the last three months. A special tribute also to Tara Gannon's father Thomas, who was part of a number of missions to Beijing to collect PPE gear for workers in the health service.

The Science department of Loreto College was also happy to donate 2,200 pairs of disposable gloves and a tub full of goggles to Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross to boost their PPE supplies.

Farewell to the Class of 2020



Loreto College Crumlin Road
Class of 2020



On May 20th, we said a sad farewell, in a unique way to the graduating class of 2020. Across Dublin, our 6th year students, staff and invited guests logged into Zoom to watch and take part in the first ever Loreto Crumlin graduation that took place online.

Masterminded by their Year Head Ms. Casey and ably steered by Ms. Ryan, this beautiful ceremony featured prayer,

speeches, a candle ceremony and a slideshow full of memories. Each student received a "Little Bag of Happiness" delivered to their door by the religion department which featured an array of symbols, among which included an elastic band to remind students to always be flexible, a colouring pencil to remind them that they make each day bright and colourful, and a tea bag...because tea makes everything better.

In her final speech as Year Head to the girls, Ms. Casey said *"Ladies, you are a group of inherently kind, thoughtful and passionate girls. Your laughter and sense of humour has raised all of our spirits on many occasions over the years...Class of 2020, we wish you every success in your future. In all aspects of your life. You are the architects of our future. This your time, build us a better world."*



Prefects for 2020-2021

Congratulations to Chloe Pingol and Holly Gorman (pictured right) who have been appointed Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl respectively for 2020-2021. Similarly, congratulations to the 13 prefects appointed: Ifunanya Chukwuewuzie, Alecsandra Cortez Grace Farrell, Jennifer Idiahoke, Lei Mabeza, Kellie Madden, Mia Martin, Angel Mikailu, Princess Omozusi, Abbie O'Hara, Emily O'Neill, Dawn Redmond and Laura Rooney-Saunders.

