



# Loreto College Crumlin Road

Newsletter, February 2016

## A New Beginning

In mid January, we found out the good news that the Loreto Education Trust had appointed a new Chairperson of our Board of Management. Ms. Nuala Mannion paid a visit to our school on January 28th and went on a tour of our many rooms and corridors, accompanied by Ms. Colhoun.

Before arriving in Crumlin, Nuala Mannion held the position of Deputy Principal in St. Thomas' Community School, Bray from 2002-2005. In 2005 she was then appointed to the position of Principal of Loreto College Foxrock, a position she held for seven years. She currently works with student teachers in UCD, Trinity College and Mater Dei Institute of Education.

She chaired her first meeting of our Board of Management on 1st February and we in Loreto College, Crumlin Road warmly look forward to working with Nuala and benefiting from her leadership and guidance.

## Getting the Best from the Teenage Years

A course to guide parents in getting the best from their children's teenage years will commence on Thursday, 25th February 2016 and run for 6 weeks. This course is being organised under the Home School Community Liaison scheme. It follows Dr John Sharry's Parents Plus model. Dr Sharry is a Child and Family Psychotherapist in the Mater Hospital who has written a number of books on parenting and positive psychology.

To register please contact Máire on 0862657430 or email [ociarain1@gmail.com](mailto:ociarain1@gmail.com) or leave your name with Kathryn, our secretary at Loreto College.

## LORETO IN THE HOODIE

3rd year College For Every Student scholars have been very busy this term preparing for their mock exams and thinking about Transition Year. Lots of meetings with mentors have taken place and mentors have given great study advice and support to nervous scholars! Our CFES hoodies have arrived and are available to 3rd years at a reduced cost of €10. Look out for our new CFES noticeboard which will display mentor information and times of upcoming meetings



3RD Year Students proudly wearing their brand new CFES Hoodies.



Orange Juice and hot buttered toast available every morning from 8.15am-8.45am. A chance to enjoy some good food before the day begins and chat with your friends. And it's all FREE!!!

**The Breakfast Club is back in the front hall from Monday 22nd February.**

## A Prayer At Exam Time

Gracious God, some of us are anxious, worried, or tense about exams.

we ask you for your gifts of peace and calm during this time.

Help us to do our best so that we can reap the rewards of our study.

Help us also to be true friends and a support to others.

We give you the gift of our work so that we can use our talents now and in future in your service.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Mary Ward Week

Our school, along with every other Loreto School in Ireland made a special point of marking Mary Ward Week which took place this year during the last week of January. Each day, the Ember team took one of Mary Ward's core values of Sincerity, Freedom, Truth, Justice and Joy and spoke about it on the intercom during Morning Prayer. They also made a beautiful display in the hall of our school.



## LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The book club meet once a month.

Each month we review two featured books which are borrowed from the local public library. They are usually books not currently available in the school library. The students who have volunteered to read them come back and tell the group what the book was about and if they liked it or not. We give it a star rating and if it gets a really good rating, a copy is bought for the school library. Then, two more books are described and I look for volunteers to read them. New students are always welcome and because I borrow the books from the library, it costs nothing and is a good way for students to develop and expand their reading by reading a style of book they wouldn't normally buy. **Our current featured books are:**



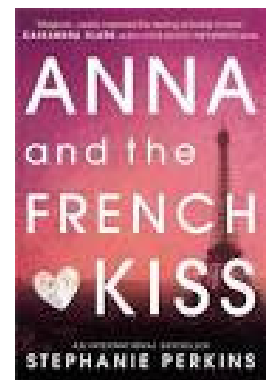
### Throne of Glass by Sarah J Mass

When magic has gone from the world and a vicious king rules from his throne of glass, an assassin comes to the castle. She does not come to kill, but to win her freedom. If she can defeat twenty-three killers, thieves and warriors in a competition to find the greatest assassin in the land, she will become the King's Champion and be released from prison.....

### Anna and the French Kiss by Stephanie Perkins

Can Anna find love in the City of Light?

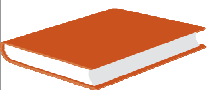
Anna is happy in Atlanta. She has a loyal best friend and a crush on her co-worker at the movie theatre, who is just starting to return her affection. So she's less than thrilled when her father decides to send her to a boarding school in Paris for her senior year. But despite not speaking a word of French, Anna meets some cool new people. Will a year of romantic near misses end with the French kiss she's waiting for?....



## Numeracy Question



Yorkshire woman Mary Ward founded the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Loreto) in 1609. How many years ago was the Loreto order founded? *(Answer on the back page)*



## Literacy Corner

In this Newsletter, and on the new Navy Hoodies our 3rd Years will be wearing, you will see the initials C.F.E.S?

But what does C.F.E.S. stand for?

*Answer on the back page)*

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

First Year Students Sian Murphy, Salwa Aboudinar and Elvira Esim-Enoh participated in the Dublin University Women's Graduate's Association public speaking competition in Trinity College. They had around 30 minutes to prepare a 3 minute speech on issues such as Family Life, (what it's like to be an only child), School Life (Exams) and Culture and Heritage (are Festivals really worth it?).

They were highly commended by the judges. .



Elvira, Salwa and Sian with their certificates.

## TY'S TAKE US "BACK TO THE '80'S"

It was three nights of big hair, legwarmers, bright colours, Jedi knights and synthetic music sounds. Our fabulous Transition Year students brought the house down each night of their fast-paced, energetic performance of Back to the 80's.

Audiences were brought back the Senior year of William Ocean High School courtesy of 30 year old Corey Palmer Snr (Reanne Devlin). Corey narrated the story of his Graduating Year as Corey Jnr (Rebecca Bohan) and his two best friends, Alf (Ariana Colamarco) and Kirk Shauna Bowden) all those years ago,



Through some of the best music hits of the decade, we experienced the fun, the heartbreak, the loves and the loneliness of growing up. Corey had his heart set on Tiffany Houston (Erica Kiernan), however, she barely noticed this as she was too busy mooning over the ever cool and athletic Michael Feldman (Nicole Kelly). All this time, Corey and Michael were competing for class president, along with the class geek, Feargal McFerrin III (Erica Byrne), who introduced us to a CD, the biggest mobile phone you've seen in years and his two quirky sidekick friends of Laura and Debbie (Holly Ward and Ciara Graham-Byrne).

Other stars included: the "Material Girl", Cyndi Gibson (Lauren Graham), nervous new girl and Eileen Reagan (Jessica Dore), whose life became a nightmare when Michael and his gang (Sophia Hunt, Niamh Redmond and Rebecca Labour) sent her fake love letters. There was even a set of identical(ish) twins, Mel and Kim (Kayleigh Harris and Rachel Hennessy). The stage was alive with the singing of a belting chorus of stars and energetic dancing that literally, took your (and their) breath away. Special thanks to Rachel Ward for her dedicated eye, keeping all the stars in the spotlight.



And it wasn't just the students of William Ocean High having the fun, the teachers were having issues of their own. Mr Cocker (Jeffrin Benita), after being in a relationship for a two years with the apparently conservative English teacher, Miss Brannigan (Megan Kenny) found out more than he needed to know about the love of his life. The "Kids in America" came to Loreto College...and the crowds loved it.

## COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK

A bumper week of events took place in November to raise awareness of opportunities for our students at Third Level. Here are just some of the activities that took place.

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> years:** Illustrated what their dream job would be. They then researched the various steps necessary to achieve this dream.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Years** went on a visit to Trinity College, a place where they are getting used to visiting with their contact through College For Every Student.

**4<sup>th</sup> Years:** Students were asked to draw up what their Curriculum Vitae for the year 2022



**5<sup>th</sup> Years:** Also received a talk from Aobhain Kennedy from Google (image right) on her journey to Google and also her experience in Google thus far

**6<sup>th</sup> Years:** Received a Talk from TAP about HEAR, DARE and foundation courses. Three pupils of Trinity also came in and talk to the 6th years about their experience in getting to Trinity via the foundation and HEAR schemes (*image left*)

All through the week, teachers also talked about their own college experiences and Ms. Horgan's students created "College of the Day" posters for the Noticeboard.





# SPORT



## Basketball

It has been a very busy start to 2016 in Basketball. On 13th January, our Senior team headed out to Loreto Foxrock where they competed against teams from other Loreto Schools. They proudly came runners-up in the tournament.

This Senior Basketball team have since pushed on by reaching the All Ireland Final. Having won a round robin tournament in Dundalk at the start of the year, on Wednesday 3rd February the Senior Basketball Team beat St Joseph's Castlebar in a very exciting All Ireland Semi Final in the Basketball Arena. Well done girls and to Darren McGuinness their coach on this fantastic achievement. The score was 28- 40. It is 21 years since we have been in an All Ireland Final. We are looking forward to a huge turnout and a great day out for our school later this month when the final will take place in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght.



## Soccer



January was another terrific month for our U-15 Soccer team. They had a comprehensive 6-0 local derby victory over Warrenmount. Abbie O'Hara was Player of the Match with goals scored by Rachel Redmond, Megan Reid-Quinn and Taylor Smith. An even more impressive victory was achieved over Mercy College Mourne Road with Kerri Duffy excelling in a 9-0 victory. Kerri herself scored alongside the above mentioned Abbie, Rachel and Taylor.

Our First Year Soccer team took part in another 5-a-side soccer competition in Mullingar. They were unlucky not to qualify for the semi finals putting in an unbeaten run.

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### Numeracy Quiz Answer:

407 years (2016-1609 = 407. The Loreto order has existed for over four centuries.

### Literacy Corner Answers

C.F.E.S. = College For Every Student