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Maths Week

On Monday at the start of maths week the first years took part in a logic puzzle quiz. Each student was part of a team and tried to solve 4 different puzzles in four minutes. Puzzles were completed at 12 stations, with students moving every four minutes. Well done to all those who participated. Second years took note of all the maths that are part of their everyday world in a



"Maths Eyes" challenge. Meanwhile, A group of 5th year students attended a maths week lecture in Hamilton building, Trinity College on Wednesday. Popular mathemagician, Andrew Jeffrey, gave the lecture which included lots of interactive maths tricks, visual tricks, and shapes tricks with numbers etc. with an emphasis on motivating students and building confidence. Topics included your chances of winning the euromiillions! Ask some of the 5th year students, perhaps not a good gamble. Thanks to Ms Rowan, Ms Hynds and Ms Murphy.



Sr. Eileen Cullen Visit

Our dear Sr. Eileen Cullen came to visit us on Tuesday, October 15th. Sr Eileen taught in the Commercial College in Loreto Crumlin in the 1960s and 70s. After returning from South Africa in the late 90s, she helped out in the school, teaching English as an Additional Language. She also played with our school orchestra on occasion and gave a memorable speech to the students at prizegiving in 2011. Her kindheartedness and encouragement for both students and staff is as much a part of her personality today as it ever was. Thank you for all your commitment to our school over the years, Sr. Eileen. You are an inspiration to us all!

UCD Mace Debates

On Saturday, four of our senior debaters took part in the UCD Senior Schools' MACE - Ekenenna Chukwuewuzie (4th yr), Ifunanya Chukwuewuzie (5th yr), Chloe Pingol (5th yr), and Becky Mbu (4th yr). All four girls debated brilliantly and Ekenenna and Ifunanya made it to the final of the competition. This is a terrific achievement for both girls.



College Fair

4th, 5th and 6th year students had the opportunity to speak to a range of third level colleges as part of our annual College Fair, organised by Ms. Horgan and Ms. Clifford. Representatives from IT Blanchardstown, Trinity College Dublin, NUI Maynooth, Griffith College, TU Tallaght, Crumlin College, NCAD, DIT, DCU, UCD, Marino College, Rathmines College, St Kevin's College and Pearse College dotted our concert hall with stands, prospectuses, and flyers and were on hand to give helpful advice to our senior students on their future career paths.

In a welcome change to previous college fairs, it was our pleasure to have the 6th year boys from Drimnagh Castle in to attend the College Fair with us. Drimnagh Castle are new to the Trinity Access 21 programme and the event on Thursday provided a great opportunity for our two schools to share in a very worthwhile event.













Ember Retreat

The Ember Team went on a retreat in the Solas centre in Tallaght on Tuesday, 15th October. There were students from many south Dublin schools there. Three speakers who spoke to them who were all very inspirational and talked about how they overcame adversity in their lives. After each speaker the girls played a round of guessing songs. Although we they missed the first round, they ended up getting 3rd place. Overall, the day was very enjoyable. *Chloe Pingol*



TRINITY ACCESS Engage, Innovate, Inspire

In our regular newsletters, we 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.



Sign up for Taste of TAP Deadline: <u>25th October</u>

Taste of TAP is an opportunity for interested 6th year students to experience the Foundation Course before applying for it. This year, it takes place on 6th November. Two sixth-year students (plus one reserve) from each linked school will get the chance to meet tutors, attend lectures and have lunch on campus - click here for more information. To sign up 2 students (plus reserve), click here to fill in their details by 25th October. Please find a pdf of the online application here and a link to the parental and medical consent each student will need to attend here. Please note students who wish to attend should be familiar with and met the eligibility criteria (click here for more information) for the Foundation Course. For more information, you can email diane@ta21.ie.