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## Newsletter

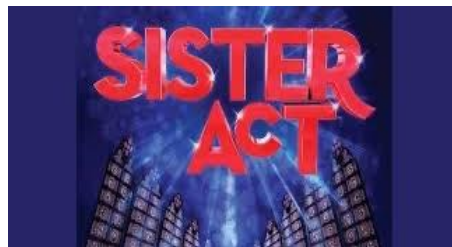
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## Sister Act – Transition Year Musical

Thanks to everyone who made Sister Act, such a huge success last week. The 4<sup>th</sup> years played to full houses for the three nights of their performance and the audiences went home happy every time. Here are just a few images from the week.





## ICONNECT 2020

From the 13- 17th January, Molly Dillon, Amina Chegrani and I, (Reka Gemes) went to Trinity College to take part in the "I Wish 2020 programme". This programme introduced us to the career opportunities we can have with STEM subjects. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and maths. Every day they would organise different speakers who had PhDs and masters in one of the STEM

subjects. They would also take us to the smart city to introduce new technology and a construction site to explain what STEM element each rope holds in the industry. We also went to a cancer research lab and learned about the science side of it. For example how cancer is formed and treatments. We also played lots of games and activities, for example we built a city out of LEGO with the Science Gallery. We discussed conspiracy theories about Google Alexa, virtual reality and self-driving cars. Overall all it's a good experience because the speakers encourage you to do what you love.

## More Great Debate News

On Thursday, 23rd January, Erin Crowe from 2nd year (*pictured right*) won 1st place individual in the Octo-Finals for the Junior Schools Debate. This as mentioned in the last newsletter is a massive achievement for Erin as she is the first student in Loreto College, Crumlin Road to reach this stage of the competition. She debated the motion that "This House regrets the rise of voluntourism (volunteer tourism). She is now through to the quarter finals. Best of luck Erin. On Tuesday night three teams took part in round 2 of the Leinster Schools Debate. The teams consisted of six students; Siofra Kildee-Doolan and Zahra Benyala, (Both in TY), Becky Mbu and Aishah Buzakhar (TY and 5th yr), Chloe Pingol and Eva Amino (Both 5th year). All three teams ended up qualifying for Quarter- Finals, which will take place in two weeks. We wish them all the best in their next round.





## Ember Team

On Thursday, 30th January, the 5th year Ember Team went to a gathering with other Ember Teams in Clonliffe House. At the event there were speakers from Trócaire and St. Vincent de Paul. They participated in several activities and presented a beautiful poster which was made in less than two days. The poster outlined the challenges and achievements of the team so far. They also got time to discuss future projects they had in mind for the rest of the year. It was a great day and we can't wait for what else they have in store.

## New Computer Room Officially Opened

Our new computer room in Marian House was opened on January 21st. Room 49 is now equipped with sixteen Apple Mac computers thanks to a generous donation from Griffith College.

Speaking at the official opening, Principal, Ms. Murphy said "With our new facilities, all of our students now have improved access to IT.

Thanks to Griffith College for such a wonderful initiative. Our Parents' Association raised money for the new furniture and local business



man, Paul Crampton of Keogh Interior Fitout, fitted the work tops and electrics. It was a great community effort. Ní neart go cur le chéile."

A special thanks to Sinéad O Callaghan, Paul Finegan and Stephen Roberts from Griffith College who donated the Apple Macs, alongside four other Macs for classrooms. They also officially presented a generous €2000 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) Bursary which we mentioned in last summer's newsletter.