



Ursuline College Sligo



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Key updates and information for parents/guardians, staff & students

Winner of Foróige National Enterprise Competition!



Congratulations to Fiona Karki, a transition year student of Ursuline College Sligo. She is the National Winner of the Foróige NFTE Awards for Best Idea Category 2021. Over 5,000 young entrepreneurs from all over Ireland competed. Fiona will now go to Switzerland and represent Ireland at the European Youth Entrepreneur Awards.



Fiona is a determined, creative and adventurous person. She designed a sensory traffic light system for pedestrians, functioned by the BBC Micro bit programme and a PIR motion sensor. She came up with the idea when she noticed that to activate the green light for pedestrians at road crossings, countless people per day would press the same

This facilitates the spread of infectious microbes. Her mission is to minimise the spread of germs and viruses with an environmentally friendly approach. She will now bring her idea to the next level as she heads to compete in Switzerland for the European Awards.



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Congratulations also go to both Anna Clarke and Anna Callaghan, “The 2 Annas,” Transition Year students of Ursuline College Sligo. They also secured a place in the TOP 9 National Finalists in the NFTE Awards for Youth Entrepreneur of the Year 2021. The “2 Annas” created a colourful enterprise making homemade face masks made from sustainable materials. Face masks are a priority for health and safety measures. Their masks are eco-friendly, so leave a very small imprint on the environment. The environment is something that the girls both feel passionately about.

The Foróige competition aims to celebrate young people who participate in the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) programme in their school. The top nine young entrepreneurs then pitch their businesses to an expert judging panel. Well done to all the students who took part in the competition this year, and very best wishes to Fiona in her future endeavours. Sincere thanks too, to her mentor, Mrs Walker.





YSI Schools of Excellence Award

Ursuline Colleges is proud to announce that we have been recognised as a YSI School of Excellence. This prestigious Award is given to secondary schools who have achieved excellence in its social innovation programmes over a number of years. The YSI School of Excellence flag/plaque recognises the resilience and commitment of young people, staff and management to Social Innovation education and to building a fairer, inclusive and more equal world. UCS has participated in many youth lead social and civic innovations. We foster and value the voice and opinions of our students and foster their commitment to social issues such as Human Rights, Equality, Inclusion, Respect & Fairness.

This is a wonderful achievement. Huge congratulations to all of our students and teachers who have been so involved in this project over the years.

May Altar

Many people create a small altar in their home during the month of May. The altar is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the mother of God, who intercedes for us with her Son Jesus; Mary who is gifted to us as our mother too. This beautiful tradition is alive and celebrated by some of our Transition year students, who made a May altar in the prayer room.



Thank you girls for the care and attention you have taken to make this a sacred space for all of our students.



Girls Active

Well done once again to our first year students on keeping active this week. It is really important to keep active especially at this time of year. Remember to take a break from the screens and from studying for the summer tests. Why not go outside and get some fresh air even if it is for just a short walk?

Last week's top 3 runners were:

Kate O'Donovan (1B)	36.7km
Mariam Amer (1A)	12.1km
Molly Sproule (1B)	9.1km



Keep an eye out for more activities coming very soon.

Keep up the great work girls!

Friday Feels

Simple but true!

