



Ursuline College Sligo



NEWS BULLETIN – 15/10/2021

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

Celebrating the Start of a New School Year

Our opening of the year Mass was celebrated on Tuesday 12th October, which was livestreamed from the Sports Hall. The themes of hope, light and love permeated through the whole celebration. The readings gave a message of hope saying “Do not be afraid, I am with you... I have called you by name. You are mine”



The Gospel passage reminded the students to let their light shine and share their gifts and talents for the good of all.

In his homily Fr. Michael Drumm reminded us that with God’s love our inner selves will grow strong, and we can achieve great things. He shared some history about the Ursuline Sisters and how our school began. He talked about the difficulties people were facing during that time due to the famine, and how they showed strength. We as a school can learn from their bravery and strength as we move closer to the end of the pandemic in the coming months, and return to normal life.

Thank you to our Chaplain Ms. Murray, the Religion and Music Departments and to the students for enriching the mass with such a beautiful liturgy. #FriendsForLife



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Ms. Murray has taken on the role of school chaplain this year. She is excited and energised to plan the year ahead and is very much looking forward to working with students on their faith journey in UCS. We wish her all the best and can’t wait to see her positive and creative approach in action.....#Faith #Hope

Student Council

Class groups are busy electing their student council members for the coming year. This is an important leadership role and is a key way for student voice to be facilitated in our school community.

We would like to congratulate Roshia McDonnell (6E) on her appointment as Head Girl and Cliona Walsh (6D) as our Deputy Head girl. These are certainly challenging times for our students but we are confident that our student councillors will steer a steady course.

Congratulations and well done to all of our councillors in the coming year. Please keep an eye on our Socials to see all of our School Council

[#Hope](#) [#PositiveAttitude](#) [#SchoolSpirit](#)

Board Of Management

The final meeting of the current Board of Management took place on Tuesday the 12th of October. We would like to thank all of the Board Members who so willingly give of their time and for their invaluable contribution and commitment to UCS.....Go raibh mile maith agaih.

The incoming Board of Management will meet next term. We would like wish good luck to the parent representatives; Debbie Woodward & Denis Haran.

We wish the Board every blessing as they begin their work [#Respect](#) [#WeAreUCS](#)



2nd years - CBA's (Classroom Based Assessments) will be taking place over the coming year. Please make note of the time frame below to help with planning and engagements.

2nd Year CBA Dates 2021/2022

Modern Foreign Language	8 th – 26 th Nov
Geography	10 th – 28th Jan
Business	24 nd Jan – 11 th Feb
English	28 th Feb – 21 st March
Religion	28 th Feb – 21 st March
Maths	28 th Feb – 21 st March
Science	7 th March – 28 th March
History	25 th April – 13 th May
Art	2 nd Nov – 14 th May
HE	2 nd Nov – 14 th May
Music	2 nd Nov – 14 th May
Technology	31 st Jan – 18 th Feb

Irish CBAs will be completed in 3rd Year

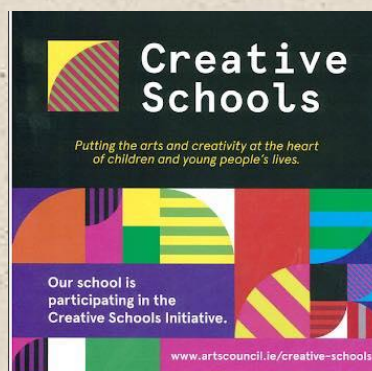
BT Young Scientist and Technology 2021!

We would like to wish our BT Young Scientist and Technology groups the best of luck on their projects this year. The nine groups have entered into the competition in a variety of areas including Technology, Biology, Sociology, and Physics. The girls will work on their projects over the next coming months as they prepare for their exhibition early next year.



Creative Schools Initiative

Some great news to end your week! UCS has been chosen to take part in the 2021-2023 Creative Schools Initiative. As part of this, UCS have been awarded €4000 and appointed a Creative Associate by the Arts Council to support the students in developing and carrying out a plan to make our school a more creative place. This will be an amazing opportunity for students and teachers to work together in promoting a creative atmosphere in UCS, and for students to show off their artistic abilities.



We're so excited to get started next month and can't wait to see what ideas students come up with!

This week our Friday Feels is the communion reflection from our school mass.

Mr McIntyre spoke to the students about the importance of including everyone, celebrating friendships and the difference we can have by being a good friend

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A FRIENDSHIP BLESSING



May you be blessed with good friends.

May you learn to be a good to yourself.

May you be able to journey to that place in your soul where there is great love, warmth, feeling and forgiveness.

May this change you.



May it transfigure that which is negative, distant or cold in you.

May you be brought in to the real passion, kinship and affinity of belonging.

May you treasure your friends.

May you be good to them and may you be there for them;

May they bring you all the blessings, challenges, truth and light that you need for your journey.

May you never be isolated.

May you always be in the gentle nest of belonging with your anam cara.



John O'Donohue