

# **Ursuline College Sligo**



## $\mathbf{NEWS} \quad \mathbf{BULLETIN} \quad -11/2/2022$

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



Sneak Peek Into the Life of a 1<sup>st</sup> Year



As our 1<sup>st</sup> years have settled in to secondary school here in UCS, we now begin preparations to welcome new incoming students to Ursuline College in September 2022. We are thrilled to offer 6<sup>th</sup> class students a sneaky peek into the life of a 1<sup>st</sup> year student in UCS. Check out our social media platforms, where you will find loads of fun TikTok's & Reel's showing you what they have been getting up to in subjects such as Art, Science, Gaeilge and Geography!



We are also excited to welcome  $6^{th}$  class students and their parents/guardians to our Open Evening on Thursday the  $17^{th}$  of February. You will have the opportunity to take a guided tour around our school to see the huge variety of possibilities we have to offer in the fields of leadership, green issues and sport. You can book your appointment by calling the school office 071-9161653.



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Make Someone Smile Week

We all need a laugh and it's so important to smile!!!

So next week, February 21<sup>st</sup> to February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Student Council are celebrating their first *'Make Someone Smile Week'*.

They will be reminding you and inspiring you to spread happiness, kindness and love. There will be a theme for each day. Get excited for a week of kindness and a belly full of laughs.....!!!!



Just look at this.... Our 6<sup>th</sup> year Council Members, pictured here deep in thought, working hard to think of jokes for *Tell A Joke Tuesday*! Make sure to send your joke by

voice note to Ms. Lee on Microsoft Teams by 4pm today (Friday), for a chance to be featured on the school intercom. **#kindness #makesomeonesmile #ucs #funnytuesday** 

We can't wait to meet you!!!

## Walk for Aisling Murphy



Throughout this week, students have been taking part in a 2km memorial walk for Aisling Murphy

during their PE classes. This was organised by our Student Council. All money raised will go to Women's Aid. Well done to all those who participated and donated to such a worthy charity. They raised an amazing €455.75. This will make a



real difference in someone's life...Thank you

#weareucs #greatcause #womensaidireland



There was plenty of laughter and some sticky hands this week as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students took part in some team building exercises. They were given marshmallows and spaghetti to use to build towers. The girls had lot of fun...and a little bit of mess! **#weareucs #teambuilding #together** 



### **Achievements In Sport**

This week, students throughout the school have swam, run, and played their way to success!

#### **A Close Race**



This has been an incredible week for our students who competed at the 'Connaught Schools Cross Country'! The Minor Girls had a big victory when Emma Carroll placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, helping to secure a firstplace win in 'Team Event' which included Caoimhe Daly, Jessica O'Connor and Ciara McGee. While our Senior Team, Ava Griffin, Una Griffin and Alannah Conlon won another gold medal for the 'Team Event!' Congratulations girls!

**#Crosscountry #WeareUCS** 





# Who Killed JFK?

You may be thinking Harvey Lee Oswald, right? Well, if you ask our TY groups you may just get a different answer. Last week they gave Lieutenant Colombo and Nancy Drew a run for their money, investigating and inspecting the suspicious assassination of former president John F. Kennedy. In an intense board game, they followed the path of both Lee Harvey Oswald and Officer J. D. Tippet, the police officer he was convicted of killing, straight after the assassination of JFK. Between suspicious police cars passing and contradicting eyewitnesses, it seemed a lot less straight forward than it was made out to be..... #whodunnit #detectives



**TY's Explore STEM** 

Our TY students looked into the world of STEM as they tuned into the *I Wish Stem* event. With guest speakers from all areas of STEM, the girls learned about different career paths and how to pursue them. This was an empowering talk that will encourage more young women to pursue a career in



# **Swimming Their Way To Victory**

Sporting success for the Ursuline students once again. This time at the Connacht senior schools swimming during the week. Taking part in the 4 x

50m relay is Danielle Farrell 6<sup>th</sup> year, Zoe Melvin 5<sup>th</sup> year, Niamh Meehan 3<sup>rd</sup>



year and Kate O Donovan 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Special congratulations to Danielle Farrell who won gold in both 100m backstroke and 100m freestyle to add to her previous success! #weareucs #swimming





### **Rugby Debut**

Rugby has come to the Ursuline (and just in time for the Six Nations!) Last week was the first ever training session with Connacht Rugby Development Officer Jake Sexton. Rugby training will take place after school every Thursday afternoon. This is a great step forward for getting women involved in such a male dominated sport, and we wish the girls taking part in the training, the very best of luck!

#weareucs #womeninrugby #startingout

## **Green Council Tackle Fast Fashion**

Our Green Council continue to do great work throughout our school community. This Thursday, under the guidance of Carrie Ann Moran, they took part in *Lets Fix Fashion – a Circular Economy Workshop*, to help them find solutions to environmental issues.



Faye Rochford, a sustainable fashion designer joined them to share her experiences. They are dazzling and informing us with their colourful new display, which focuses on how to reduce fashion waste. The girls have shared some great ways to reduce, reuse, and upcycle clothing!

#### **#weareucs #greenschools #fastfashion**



Just take a look at these Sligo Stylers!!! TY fashion fixers and influencers... upcycling in the the Junk Kouture Competiton. Here's a preview of their wonderful and crafty creations....

Stay tuned next week for an update....



**Friday Feels** 

Just a little though.... as we head into 'Make Someone Smile Week!'

> Kindness is one thing you can't give away. It always comes back. – GEORGE SKOLSKY