ST. ANGELA'S SECONDARY SCHOOL
SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

Thursday, 24th August	6thYear Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 1.30-2.30
Friday, 25th August	3rd Year Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 1.30-2.30
Monday, 28th August	1st Year Induction. Assembly, Ceannaire / Prefects, Tutor Time: 9-12.30
	1st Year Induction Continued: Guidance Team: 1.30-3.30
	2nd Year Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 1.30-2.30
Tuesday, 29th August	4th Year Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 11-12.30
	5th Year Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 1.30-2.30
Wednesday, 30th August	Full school day for all. Tutor Time for all at 9am.

Mid term I	Friday, 30th October to Monday, 6th November, 9:00.
Christmas	Friday, 22nd December to Monday, 8th January, 9:00.
Mid term II	Friday, 9th February to Monday, 19th February, 9:00.
Easter	Friday, 23rd March to Monday, 9th April, 9:00.
Summer Holidays	Friday, 1st June.
School Mass	Friday, 26th January, St. Angela's Day.
	Junior Certificate results - expected 13th September. JC Recipients will be

Parent—Teacher Meetings

- Sixth Year : Thursday, 9th November
- Third Year : Tuesday, 24th October
- Fifth Year : Tuesday, 16th January
- Second Year : Tuesday, 20th February
- First Year : Thursday, 8th March

Staff Meetings.

A number of staff meetings will take place during the school year. Dates and time to be confirmed.

School Insurance

The school insurer can provide insurance cover for your daughter. Payment is made through VSWare, using your username and password (see instructions at the end of this newsletter.)

The cost of this policy is:

- **€10.00** per pupil (school cover only)
- **€13.00** per pupil (24 hour cover).

Please note that we are not permitted to administer any medication, including over the counter medications, to students.

Student Health

Your attention is drawn to the extract from our Medications and Illness Policy which appears in the school journal. A full copy of this policy is available from the General Office.

Please inform the Class Tutor ***IN WRITING*** of new or ongoing health issues at Tutor Time in September. New students are asked to complete and return the Medical Letter sent in May to Ms. Gorey.

Evening Study

Evening study is offered to 3rd, 5th and 6th Year students.

Payment is made through VSWare. Please print and retain your receipt.

Students may attend on presentation of Receipt of Payment and Study Contract, which is available from Mr. Cadogan or Ms. Donovan in September.

Drop-in study is for 1st and 2nd Year students only. Students pay €3 on arrival.

Encounter Retreat

Encounter retreat is a wonderful experience for 5th years. It is a well supervised weekend where each student will look at the areas:

How am I doing in my life right now?

How am I in my relationships with family and friends?

How is my relationship with God?

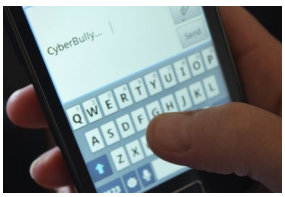
This coming year, Encounter will take place in Glencomeragh. The cost of the weekend is €110. This covers everything from bed to all meals and use of the facilities for the weekend. Spending money is not required.

The first Encounter will take place on November 10th - 11th, the second taking take place on February 2nd - 3rd. If your daughter wishes to take part in this special experience, she is asked to bring a deposit of €20 to Sr. Mary or Ms. Kinsella, by Monday September11th, stating which Encounter she wishes to experience, November or February. (Please note Encounter is not payable on VSWARE.)

Please put payment in an envelope with your daughter's name and Tutor. The balance can be paid in instalments.

School Uniform

The School Uniform Policy is outlined in the Code of Behaviour section of the school journal. The white polo shirt has been phased out since 2012, meaning that ONLY 6th Years may wear the white polo. All other students are required to wear a white, stiff collared shirt. Trousers and skirt (either is acceptable) and jumper must the be school version, available from the Excel Promotions or KSport.



Personal Technology Policy

For child protection purposes, St. Angela's School does not allow students to have phones or other electronic devices in school. Breach of this element of the Code of Behaviour will incur confiscation of the device for 10 school days and a sanction.

Our Personal Technology Policy is outlined clearly in the school journal and is subject to periodic review.

Lockers and School Journal

Locker and school journal charges are included in the annual subscription of €100.00 which is payable on VSWare – this charge also covers Project Maths copy, photocopying, school exams (not Mocks, JC or LC exams) etc. A full breakdown of the school contribution is available in the school journal.

Please note that lockers will be distributed in the new school term to students who have made this payment.

Contact Details

Please ensure your contact details are updated regularly through the General Office. We strongly recommend adding a trusted adult to your contact details, so that your daughter can always be collected if unwell.

We are not permitted to allow your daughter leave the school for any reason unless she is signed out by a named adult (except at lunchtime).

School Policies

All School Policies are available on request from the General Office. Please also check www.ursw.ie

Permissions and Agreements

Parents / Guardians are asked to sign the Permission pages in the school journal in September.

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Student Car Park

The student car park is located in the red-lined tarmac area at the far end of the tarmacadam area by the Sports Hall. A student may park her car or motor-cycle there subject to the following conditions (as stated in the School Code). The safety of all members of the school community is paramount at all times.

- Students must park in the allocated area.
- The Rules of the Road apply in the school grounds.
- Students must get prior permission from the Principal or Deputy Principals and return the form co-signed by a parent or guardian (Form enclosed for 6th year students).
- Students may not drive out of the school grounds during school hours (including lunchtime), without express permission from the Principal or Deputy Principals.
- Students may not leave the grounds until at least five minutes after finish of class in the interests of student safety.
- The Principal and Deputy Principals reserve the right to decline or to withdraw parking permission to a student should circumstances so dictate.
- Students are advised that during any building work / maintenance work that may occur, additional conditions may apply.
- Students are required to submit a photocopy of their FULL driving licence and insurance details to the Deputy Principals.
- **Students are NOT permitted to carry any passengers to and from school, other than sisters.**

Clarification on Attendance/Absence

1) If a student is absent from school, a note explaining the absence must be brought to her Tutor for signing and then the note must be brought to Reception.
(**Remember: Bring from home, Bring to Tutor, Bring to Reception**)
If the note is not presented to the Tutor within a reasonable length of time, discipline points will be given.
2) If a student is absent for a full day without permission, a detention is given.
3) If a student is absent for part of a day without permission, 6 points or more may be given. This sanction is at the discretion of the Deputy Principals and it may be referred to the Principal.
4) If a student needs to LEAVE EARLY, the following steps must be followed:

Please note that students must be signed out by a Parent/Guardian

- A note explaining the reason for early departure must be brought to the Student's Tutor/ Year Head/ Deputy Principals/ Principal for signing.
- This signed note is then brought to Reception where the student waits to be collected by Parent/ Guardian. The student and parent then sign the DEPART EARLY BOOK. (Mrs. Fitzpatrick at Reception to witness collection).
- If Mrs. Fitzpatrick is not available, the student must fill in a DEPART EARLY SLIP which is located beside the red post box at Reception. This must be signed by both student and parent.

If the above procedure is not followed correctly, 6 points will be given.

Please note that just putting a note from home into the Red Post Box at Reception is not sufficient.

5) If a student is late to school, the ARRIVE LATE BOOK must be signed by the student before going to class.
6) If a student does not return to school after lunch, a phone call to the General Office to explain the absence must be received before the end of the school day. Otherwise this is considered to be Absence without Permission and 6 points will be given. A note to explain the absence is also required when the student returns to school.

NOTE: STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE SCHOOL, EXCEPT AT LUNCHTIME, WITHOUT BEING SIGNED OUT BY AN ADULT NOMINATED BY YOUR FAMILY. This is true, even if the student has a note from home granting her permission to leave unaccompa-

News from the Music Department

The Music Department had a very busy year with all the musical groups in the school working extremely hard and committing a lot of extra time to practices this year.

The year began with the choir and traditional group performing for the Bicentenary mass which took place at the beginning of the school year. The choir then had the opportunity to film for the Nationwide special for the Bicentenary followed by the annual Carols by Candlelight concert. The choir competed in the Kilkenny Music Festival for the first time this year and achieved a very high score.

The other musical groups in the school which include the Ukulele Group and the Bonanza Band also participated in various performances throughout the year which include the Primary School Concert in St. Ursula's, the Christmas Bonanza and finished with a Coffee Morning concert in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre which was a great morning of entertainment. Well done to everyone involved.

Foróige and Ceannairí.

This was the second year of the School's Foróige branch, attended mainly by 1st and 2nd years. Always a great bunch of girls, this year was no exception. See Ms. Power Murphy in the new year, if you are interested in getting involved.

Meanwhile, the Ceannaire programme had another very busy year. Next year's Ceannaire team is trained and ready to go for our new 1st Years in September and throughout the year.

Bayonne Exchange Programme.

This is a teacher and student exchange programme with an Ursuline school in Bayonne. This exchange has been running for almost 25 years. Two teachers travel with the group of usually 20 students. Our students are paired with a French student; the Irish family host the French student and vice versa. The students attend school and participate in trips of the local area.

This year, our students did a walking Tour of Bayonne. They also visited a local chocolate factory, Musée de la Marne, Biarritz, and the Musée Science, San Sebastián. The girls participated in the Basque game of "pelota", which is a cross between Gaelic Handball and Squash. The highlight of these exchanges are the friendships that are made over the two trips between the families.

News from Home Economics Department

The HEC Department is busy working out the final details of next Year's Foodie Tour to Italy. Our mouths are watering already!

The Great Bake Off

We had another fiercely fought competition this year, with a staff section garnering lots of attention. This year's judges were Celebrity Chef, Edward Hayden, and Beat 102-103 radio presenter, Emma Nolan.

The brief was to make a celebration cake with two hours baking time. 24 teams entered. From 3 heats , 8 finalists were chosen to bake again. Over 30 local businesses sponsored prizes. The beautiful perpetual trophy was sponsored by Waterford Crystal.

Winners – Staff: Ms. Crowley and Ms. Power

First Finished: Sorina Magaleas

Students Choice Award: Abigail O'Neill and Zoe Fanning

1st: Joanne Quinn and Kate Murphy

2nd: Laoise Fitzpatrick and Sarah Jane Walsh

3rd: Aoife Cadogan and Sarah Barber

¡Arriba, Barcelona!

A group of very happy students and teachers had a wonderful trip to Barcelona this year.

Touring the beautiful sights of this amazing city, improving their language skills, experiencing the thrills of Port Aventura, a little bit of "de compras", even having an evening swim...what a great way to spend the time.

The language departments are planning another European trip for senior students next year.

Parents' School Advisory Committee 2017 Grand Raffle Winners

Charisma Blinds €200 voucher	**Winner** Valerie Kirwarn	**Sponsor** Charisma Blinds
Specsavers €100 voucher	**Winner** Brian Barry	**Sponsor** Specsavers
Official Waterford Jersey	**Winner** Leslie Hanrahan	**Sponsor** Azurri
Decleor Hamper	**Winner** Mrs. Crean	**Sponsor** The Molloy Family
Bellissimo €50 voucher	**Winner** Elaine Faloner	**Sponsor** The Browne Family
Nolke Opticians €50 voucher	**Winner** Ber Barry	**Sponsor** The Nolke Family
Emilianos €50 voucher	**Winner** Jana Molloy	**Sponsor** The Browne Family

Foot Spa	**Winner** Brian Barry	**Sponsor** The Molloy Family
Phelans Chemist €50 voucher	**Winner** Maria Costello Moore	**Sponsor** Phelans Chemist
Thalgo Hamper	**Winner** Stella Burke	**Sponsor** The Landy Family
Granary Hamper	**Winner** Owen Duffy	**Sponsor** The Granary
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The Lemon Tree €50 voucher	**Winner** Ann O Brien	**Sponsor** The Lemon Tree
Fire Extinguisher & Blanket	**Winner** Miriam O Donaghue	**Sponsor** Fire Sentry Systems
Make up set	**Winner** Teegan Stephenson	**Sponsor** Aura Salon
Mulligans Hamper	**Winner** Suzanne Gaynor	**Sponsor** Mulligans Chemist
Electric Toothbrush	**Winner** Michael Telford	**Sponsor** The O Shea Family
Lady's Scarf	**Winner** Kathleen Halligan	**Sponsor** The Hanger
Sporthouse Schoolbag	**Winner** Jamie Doyle	**Sponsor** K Sport
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Art Set Markers	**Winner** John Stratton	**Sponsor** Colourtrend
Greenway €30 Bike Hire voucher	**Winner** Dylan Gaffney Hayes	**Sponsor** The Jacob Family
2 tickets Theatre Royal	**Winner** Eileen Mc Gookin	**Sponsor** Theatre Royal
Akai Radio	**Winner** Elizabeth	**Sponsor** Kelly & Dollard
Bottle Hennessy	**Winner** Tommy Moore	**Sponsor** The Curtin Family
2 in 1 Globe	**Winner** Kjell Nolke	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Book Centre €20 voucher	**Winner** Vera Madigan	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Food Factory €20 voucher	**Winner** Caroline Hoctor	**Sponsor** The Food Factory
Newgrange Cutlery Gift	**Winner** Aoife Mc Hugh	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Stonewall Pottery Mug Set	**Winner** James Kennedy	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Newgrange Candle Holder Gift	**Winner** Donal Jacob	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Brennan's €20 Fast Food voucher	**Winner** Robert Moore	**Sponsor** Brennan's Fast Food
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Beautorium Gel Nails voucher	**Winner** Mrs. Westphal	**Sponsor** Beautorium
Blow Dry voucher	**Winner** Jenny Guiry	**Sponsor** Headmasters
Hook & Ladder €20 voucher	**Winner** Elaine Faloner	**Sponsor** Hook & Ladder
Penny's €20 voucher	**Winner** Meskill Family	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Chocolate Hamper	**Winner** Mark Mulhern	**Sponsor** The Curtin Family
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Acrylic Paint Set	**Winner** Liz Russell	**Sponsor** Scribes
Xmas Tablemat Set	**Winner** Bridie Kehoe	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Pan Rack	**Winner** Siobhan Tweedy	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Box Roses	**Winner** Carol Mc Auliffe	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Box Quality Street	**Winner** Paul Kelly	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Xmax Gift Mug	**Winner** Jana Molloy	**Sponsor** Family Donation
Cuddly Toy	**Winner** Mary Guinan	**Sponsor** Family Donation

Awards Day; Individual Awards 2017

Board of Management **School Spirit Award**:	Ellie Power
Sr. June Fennelly Award **(Head Girls)**:	Lorna Aylward and Louise Drohan
Nicole Weldon Memorial Award for **Art**:	Sarah Barber
Addie Butler Memorial Award for **Woodwork**:	Aoife Stafford
Jim O'Halloran Memorial Award for **Horticulture**:	Leah Sheridan
Sports Person of the Year:	Ciara Silby
Sr. Carmel Memorial Award for **Home Economics**:	Emma Cunningham
Sr. Concilio Memorial Award for **Biology**:	Emma Elliot and Claudia Mayer
Eddie O'Keeffe Memorial Award for **Mathematics**:	Katie Kirby
Angela Allison Memorial Award for **History**:	Tara Anne Sheridan
Sr. Joseph Memorial Award for **English**:	Aoibh Manning
Sr. Bernadette Memorial Award for **French**:	Ella Bailey and Alex Bolster
Mr. Kieran McCarthy Award for **Geography**:	Louise Drohan

Class Spirit Awards 2017

FIRST YEAR:

Mrs. Barber:	Lucia Muniz
Ms. Dawson	Aoife Kelly
Ms. Fitzpatrick	Gwen Murray
Mr. Barry-Murphy	Amy O'Flaherty
Ms. Leacy	Jelena Vujaklija
Mr. Devine	Fiona Sharpe

SECOND YEAR:

Ms. Phelan	Cliodhna Doherty
Mr. Schwartz	Eva Kissane
Mr. Rush	Sarah Maher
Mr. Treacy	Abigail Brennan
Mrs. Cox	Cathy Jacob
Ms. Hayes	Olivia Mitchell

THIRD YEAR:

Ms. Cheasty	Charlotte O'Loughlin
Mr. O'Toole	Cherie Pageot
Ms. Crowley	Holly Rogan
Ms. L. O'Brien	Adele Renehan
Ms. Cunningham	Maeve O'Sullivan
Ms. Shanahan	Jessica Chitas

FOURTH YEAR:

Ms. Mullhall	Ellen Casey
Ms. M. McCarthy:	Saoirse O'Sullivan
Ms. Hogan	Aisling Queally
Ms. Strappe	Emma Flynn
Ms. Keane	Lynsey McGuire

FIFTH YEAR:

Ms. C. Power	Katelyn Myler
Ms. M. O'Keeffe	Orlaith Kidney
Ms. Burke	Liadain de Paor
Ms. Gorey	Megan Ryan
Ms. Kinsella	Niamh Denn
Ms. Long	Erin Nolan
Ms. McGovern	Bronwyn Daly

SIXTH YEAR:

Ms. Butler	Emma Frampton
Ms. Breen	Tara Stanley
Ms. M. Kelly	Emma Cunningham
Ms. Donovan	Angel McDonagh
Ms. C. Flynn	Tara Corbett

"Non Sibi, Sed Cunctis."

We acknowledge the achievements of individual students in a wide range of areas:

Junk Kouture has been very popular in the last few years. This year was no exception. Sarah Barber and Nicole Ardenaso got to the National Finals, while Linsey McGuire, Maria Lipceanu, Yerin Seol, Emily Collum Ashley Stevenson, Lia Edjuto, Marina Foley, Robyn Flynn, Elizabeth O'Shea and Mary Hayes can also be sure of a bright future in design, should they choose it! Yet again this year, we saw wonderful ideas and incredible execution of the girls' vision. Thanks to the Art Department for its support.

Bank of Ireland Junior Cert Award: Ellen Glynn and Eleanor Power achieved a total of 23 As in their Junior Cert in 2016. That is a fantastic achievement, ladies.

Build a Bank: Our school team, Bank of Oz, came 2nd in the 2016-17 National Finals….another amazing result for our Build a Bank Programme. Well done to Katie Judge, Aoife Quinn, Yerin Seol, Eleanor Power, Anna Walsh, Thea Manolo and Sarah Carey. The girls were busy all year with a very high profile presence in the school with all their enterprising activities.

All Ireland National Soroptomist Competition

This competition pits students from all the regions against eachother in public speaking.

Students must research, write and deliver their own speech. Our own Caoimhe O'Mahony came second in the national competition; a fantastic result. Well done, Caoimhe!

Positive Mental Health Week.

We ran our second annual Positive Mental Health Week in January, with all year groups taking part in a wide variety of activities, all designed to promote balance in our lives and a positive approach to our Mental Health. Well done to all students for their fundraising efforts during this week and throughout the year.

"Non sibi sed cunctis"

"Not for self but for all"

Student Leaders, 2017-2018

Head Girl: Cadhla Duffy
Deputy Head Girl: Lisa Brosnan

School Prefects: Katie Boyle, Beth Cantwell, Karen Chandrakanth, Hallah May Costelloe, Hannah Foley, Aisling Giles, Lydia Grace, Danielle Leonard. Meadhbh Power, Saoirse Whittle.

Sports News 2016-2017

Soccer

The St. Angela's first year soccer squad competed very well this season, taking part in the first year Futsal blitz (Waterford championships) and competing in the 1st Year Munster Cup, eventually losing out in extra time to Ard Scoil na Deise from Dungarvan. Our 2nd Years also competed very well over the season, giving a very good account of themselves in the Munster Cup, before losing out in a great quarter final to a strong Abbey Community School team.

Cross Country.

Congratulations to all those students from St. Angela's who competed in cross country over the season. The school had students compete in Waterford, East Munster, Munster and All Ireland championships. Our Juniors were 3rd in East Munster, while our Inters came 2nd in both Waterford and East Munster, 3rd in Munster and 6th in the All Irelands.

Ladies' Football.

St. Angela's had teams at senior and junior level in Ladies Football this season. At senior level, the school competed very well and put in a great performance in the Munster quarter final, before losing out to a very good St. Al's team from Cork.

Our Juniors had a magical season, creating lovely memories that the students and staff will always remember. The squad showed good form in the early rounds but it was in the Munster semi-final against a strong Presentation Thurles team that real sense of belief among the girls began to show itself. Missing a few regulars, the girls pulled together to put in a performance of real character to win by 5 points.

The Munster final against St. Brigid's of Killarney was a tremendous battle, with St. Angela's winning 2-10 to 2-9 for a memorable win, the first Ladies Football Munster title ever won by the school.

Mercy Tuam provided the opposition in the All Ireland semi-final. Most of the match was very close, with rarely more than a point separating the sides. But St. Angela's was much stronger in the final fifteen minutes, winning comfortably 3-15 to 1-9.

The All Ireland Final was against Mercy Ballymahon from Longford, played in Clane on April 2nd. A superb match, really well contested by both teams. Every one of our players rose to the occasion on the day, to ensure a famous win 4-12 to 3-10. Kate Lynch won the Player of the Match award for her outstanding performance in the final. A wonderful way to end the season and a first ever All Ireland Football title for St. Angela's.

Squad: Clodagh Carroll, Clodagh Curram, Eva Daniels, Jessica Devereux, Shauna Farrell, Annie Fitzgerald, Aoife Fitzgerald, Abbie Flynn, Alisha Flynn, Emma Flynn, Hannah Flynn, Lucy Hogan, Kate Lynch, Sarah Maher, Laoise McLoughlin, Ciara O'Sullivan, Jade Phelan, Alice Sheridan, Leah, Sheridan, Jordana Simpson, Jodie Touhy.

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Camogie.

St. Angela's Camogie team had a very successful year being crowned Munster Junior B champions & All-Ireland B colleges camogie champions in 2017. The girls had a number of convincing victories in the Munster Championship. They faced a tough test against Scariff Community College in the Munster Final, Scariff came out victorious in last year's decider & revenge was certainly a factor as the girls were determined right from the throw in. Joyous scenes were evident in Clarecastle when the referee blew full time in the Munster final.

The girls travelled to Loreto Beaufort for the All-Ireland Semi final. This was certainly a battle as the Dublin outfit were strong & athletic. St. Angela's put in an outstanding second half performance to clinch victory in Dublin.

The team prepared very well for the All-Ireland final & every effort was put in by each girl to ensure victory could be achieved. The girls travelled to Freshford for the final. Playing against the wind in the first half the girls fought hard to get on the scoreboard, a goal by Rachel Walsh set them up nicely going in at half time, 1-3 to 0-4. There was no stopping the girls in the 2nd half, each & every girl gave their utmost to bring all Ireland victory back to St. Angela's. When the final whistle was blown there were scenes of sheer elation amongst players & supporters. The final score was 3-16 to 1-4. A special work of thanks to all our sponsors but particularly Rory Williams Managing Director Countrystyle Foods LTD for his extremely generous support.

St. Angela's Panel - Leah O' Donoghue, Shauna Farrell, Lucy Hogan, Emma Flynn, Sarah Maher, Leah Sheridan, Hannah Flynn (Captain), Kate Lynch, Clodagh Carroll, Annie Fitzgerald, Ciara O' Sullivan, Abby Flynn, Rachel Walsh, Aoife Fitzgerald, Sorcha Cantwell. Subs - Katie Judge, Jodie Tuohy, Shauna Gaffney-Hayes, Alice Sheridan, Gráinne Kavanagh, Aleisha Flynn, Clodagh Curham, Deanna O' Brien, Hannah Leamy, Aoife Dunphy, Sinéad Dunphy.

Athetics

We had approximately 35 athletes at the Waterford schools event, and as a result we had 28 athletes to progress to the East Munster section. Here we had 7 firsts ,4 Seconds and 9 thirds. Our Minors won the overall Minor schools cup.

At the Munster championship all our athletes did very well with many achieving Personal Best.

Katie Nolke 1st year got 1st Minor LJ and 2nd in Junior HJ

Claire Caulfield 2nd yr came 2nd 1200m walk.

Sarah Jacob 3rd year won 3rd place in both the shot and Discus.

Aisling Lowe 4th year. 2nd in 1500m steeplechase.

These progressed to national championships.

Well done to all these on their superb performances and commitment all year.

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Hockey News

Well done to all hockey participants this year. All round, it was a successful year for hockey within the Ursuline.

1st years played well but had a difficult year adjusting to the level required.

Our Minor team played lots of good hockey. They were unfortunate with some results but trained hard and are looking forward to a good season next year. Juniors were most successful with achieving a south east semi final spot, something that the Ursuline has not achieved in many years. A particular congratulations to all these girls who were part of the Waterford HC team that won both the Munster league and cup. What an achievement! Finally, well done to our senior team that competed well in both league and cup.

Basketball

Well done to all students who participated in basketball this year. First years played very competitive games in the south east league and were unfortunate not to go further.

Second years trained impressively for the whole year and are looking forward to a good year next year. A special mention has to go to the cadet team who achieved all Ireland success and are destined for success next year at seniors level. Well done to seniors who trained hard and played tough games.

Chess Club

St. Angela's had another enjoyable and successful year participating in Chess. Matches with De La Salle (home and away) and Kilkenny College were great learning experiences and fun occasions. In the All Irelands in Limerick, St. Angela's had a marvellous day with the top three teams and top three individuals coming from our school. Merlin Prasad is the national champion, the first ever chess champion from St. Angela's, Merlin, Annlee Manoj (2nd Individual), Kaeenat Shirzada (3rd Individual) and Aoife Barry combined to with the Irish Team title. Chess Club goes from strength to strength. New members are always welcome to the Library, every lunchtime.

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Orienteering

We had more All Ireland Champions in the Orienteering Club this year. Well done to Ciara Silby, Sophie O'Byrne, Danielle Leonard, Orla Charters, Juliet Tosini, Nora Lambe, Alice Byrne, Helen Cahill, Aoife Harvey, Lauren Kearns and Cadhla Duffy.

There is so much to do here in St. Angela's. We really encourage every girl to get involved in something. Get yourself out of your comfort zone and do something new! Give it a try and meet new people.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to many people:

- to the parents who drove students to events in all kinds of weather and who supported the students in so many other ways.
- to the teachers, Ceannairi, students leaders and Sports' Captains who helped co-ordinate events, activities and teams.
- to the students who participated in so many team and individual events throughout the year.

RE Department

Another eventful year right throughout the school. This year's Bicentenary Celebration was a great opportunity to re-examine St. Angela's founding intention. All Tutor classes did work on what an Ursuline education means to them. We had a whole school para-liturgy on 8th December as well as Opening and Graduation masses, all of which were prepared by the students. The Sixth Year Mass saw the first ever team of St. Angela's School trained Ministers of the Eucharist administer to their own peers.

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AMPOPA French Award

This competition asked students to design posters in French, to promote French Film. Well done to Eimear Hearne, Aoife White and Zemane Fazliu. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners respectively. The girls received their awards at a special ceremony in the French Embassy.

News from the History Department.

TY History.

One of the last projects to mark the 2016 centenary year involved students studying the role played by women in the 1916 Rising and reflecting on women in Ireland today. Mr. O'Sullivan's Transition Year History class took on the challenge of researching various women in both 1996 & 2016 and four schools presented the results of their work at a special seminar in the National Library in December. The photo shows the six girls who volunteered to prepare and make the presentations at the National Library Seminar. Mr. O' Sullivan and Ms. Crowley (who travelled with them) were both very proud to see the St. Angela's girls make very substantial but also lively and engaging presentations at this national forum. Well done to (left to right): Aideen Kearns, Lily Power, Jade O' Connor, Ellen Casey, Laoise Fitzpatrick, Katie Judge.

My Adopted Soldier

Fifth year History student, Aoife Flynn will embark on the trip of a lifetime this June when she travels with 14 other students from Ireland to Louvain in Belgium to meet with 15 students from Germany and together the combined group of students will commemorate the soldiers from their countries who died in the Battle of Messines in 1917. Earlier this year Aoife was chosen to represent Munster in this unique project having written a short essay about why she would like to go on the trip. Following her selection Aoife was given the name of a soldier from Waterford who died in the battle and over the last several months she has been researching her soldier. When she travels to Belgium she and the other students from Ireland and Germany will share their research and then visit the grave of their soldiers.

Group Photo shows Aoife, fourth from left with the full group of students at the recent launch in Collins Barracks together with project organiser Gerry Moore (Donegal) and Marian Harkin, M.E.P.

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Ursuline Bicentenary.

October saw the culmination of over a year's planning, as we celebrated 200 Years of Ursuline education in Waterford. This was a huge event in the history of the school, with the convent joining forces with the Primary and Secondary schools to create a wonderful celebration. The day started with Mass in the Folly and continued with a meal and exhibitions in St. Angela's.

It was a day to remember for all involved; current and past staff and students, members of the local community, Ursuline sisters from all the Irish schools, and many invited guests.

We were delighted with all the good wishes that came from far and wide with the very positive coverage we received on RTE's Nationwide.

As the school year draws to a close, we pray our thanks for the support we have found in each other during the many highs and lows of the 2016-17 year. We thank God for learning and friendship. We ask God for special blessings for our students and our families who have suffered bereavement and other sadness during the year. For all our exam students, we pray that God will place each student on the path that He has chosen for her. And, finally, we pray for that all our staff, students and families will have a safe and sunny summer.

Amen.