

ST. ANGELA'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2019-2020

Registration for students that did not do so online will be available in the Finance Office 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after each Induction. **VSware will be open for online payments from 9am Monday 12th August 2019.**

Friday, 23rd August	6th Year Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 11.30 -12.30 Ceannaire Training (5th Year) - 11.30 -12.30 3rd Year Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 13.30 - 14.30
Monday, 26th August	1st Year Induction. Time: 9.00 - 3.00 2nd Year Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 13.30 - 14.30
Tuesday, 27th August	4th Year Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 11.30 - 12.30 5th Year Induction. Assembly and Tutor Time: 13.30 - 14.30
Wednesday, 28th August	Full school day for all. Tutor Time for all at 9am



Mid term I	Monday, 28th October to Friday ,1st November
Christmas	Monday, 23rd December to Friday, 3rd January
Mid term II	Monday, 17th February to Friday, 21st February
Easter	Monday, 6th April to Friday , 17th April
Summer Holidays	Monday , 1st June
School Mass	Friday, 24th January, St. Angela's Day Junior Certificate results - expected late September (tbc)



Parent—Teacher Meetings

- Transition Year : Thursday, 19th September
- Third Year : Tuesday, 22nd October
- Sixth Year : Thursday, 14th November
- Fifth Year : Tuesday, 14th January
- Second Year : Thursday, 27th February
- First Year : Thursday, 12th March

Staff Meetings

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

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.

Evening Study



Evening study is offered to 3rd, 5th and 6th Year students. Study will commence Monday, 2nd September and continue until Wednesday, 18th December.

1-4 Days €150; 5 days €190.

Payment is made through VSWare. Please print and retain the receipt in your school journal.

Payment must be made before students attend study. The Study Contract will be available at Induction in August.

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

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.



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 Ballymacarbry Community Centre and the cost of the weekend is €50. This covers everything from bed to all meals and use of the facilities for the weekend. The first Encounter will take place in November 8th—9th and the second will take place on January 31st—February 1st. If your daughter wishes to go, she will need to bring in a deposit of €20 by Monday, September 9th and state which Encounter she wants to experience -November or January.

Money should be in an envelope with her name + tutor name on it and given it to Sr Mary or Miss Kinsella. She may pay the balance in instalments.

School Uniform

The School Uniform Policy is outlined in the Code of Behaviour section of the School Journal and will be fully implemented. Reminder... 1. White polo shirts are not allowed; 2. Skirts must be an adequate size to be worn at an appropriate length for school uniform; 3. Grey knee length socks OR mid grey tights; 4. Black runners/sport shoes are not allowed; 5. Exhibitionist hair colour is not allowed.

Please refer to Uniform Information sheet issued to all students in May.



Personal Technology Policy



For child and data protection purposes, St Angela's Secondary 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. Our Personal Technology Policy is outlined clearly in the school journal and is subject to periodic review.

Lockers and School Journal

€100 Registration which is payable on VSWare covers the cost of locker, School Journal and Project Maths copy as well as photocopying, school exams (not Mocks, JC or LC exams) etc.

Please note that lockers will be distributed in the new school term to students who have made this payment. Locks will be available at a cost of €3.50 from the Tuck Shop.



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.

Your daughter is not permitted to leave the school for any reason unless she is signed out by a nominated adult who is on our system.

School Policies

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

Permissions and Agreements

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

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TUCK SHOP UPDATE

Hot soup and buttered blaas will be on sale again from September:

Blaa - 60c Soup - €1.50

Soup & blaa - €2.00



Catholic Schools Week



The entire school community embraced the annual Catholic Schools Week, an international event to reflect on the contribution of the Catholic Church to education today and to encourage all who attend or work in a Catholic school to promote a culture of respect and equality in all ones actions.

As part of the theme for this year, there was a particular focus on giving back to the community. There were a number of activities lined up including a question trail with clues hidden around the school and a poster competition on the theme of Catholic Schools week. Santamary Thambi (2nd Year) won the Junior Competition while Mariam Awoniyi (4th year) won the Senior Competition. A number of classes also went out into the local community to help to tidy up the area surrounding the school. In addition, we took time out of our day each day to reflect on the thought of the day, which focused on the different ways we can all help each other in daily life.

Young St. Vincent de Paul

St. Angela's has a strong tradition of charity work and the SVP student committee led by Daisy Drohan and Heather Eoghan had a very busy year!

Students were involved in organising various events during the year including the Christmas Crib offering, a Halloween disco, bag packing, hosting coffee breaks with the Ursuline sisters, and representing the school at the SVP Youth Development Day in W.I.T.

Young SVP in the school volunteer and engage in activities within school and in the local community. These girls are making a difference!

Niamh Prendergast

SVP Co-ordinator



News from the Music Department

The Music Department were busy again this year with all the musical groups in the school working hard and committing time to weekly practices. We began with the Choir, Traditional Group and Ukulele preparing for the annual Christmas Concert in St. Ursula's Primary School and for Carols by Candlelight in the Sacred Heart Church.

January saw the second Battle of the Bands competition in our school. Trish from Beat102103 and Christopher Halligan had the hard decision of picking the winners and Chloe Jacob (3rd Year) won the fantastic prize of a recording session in Manor Street Music.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was around the corner in February and the Traditional Group took to the stage along with dancers and singers from across the school to showcase their talent for the 1st and 2nd year audiences.

The TYs and 6th Year LCA Music class took part in a Samba drumming workshop in March which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

At the end of May, the Choir participated in the AIMS Choral Festival Competition in New Ross and after a fantastic performance of "Mamma Mia" and "Cerf Volant" they were awarded 1st place in the Senior Chorus category for the second year in a row. There was great excitement on the bus to Kennedy Park and in delivering two trophies back to the school again. Well done to all for your commitment throughout the year.

Your daughter's School Information and Online Payments

VSWare allows you to pay your daughter's school contribution and other occasional fees online.

The school has already sent you a text notification to give you your user name and password. If you have not been receiving texts from school, please inform the General Office by phone in August (051 876510) or email office@ursw.ie



- To view online details, visit the VSWare website: <https://ursw.vsware.ie>

NOTE : You must use Google Chrome as your browser.

- Login with your username and password. Please note log-in details are case sensitive and may include numbers and keyboard symbols.

Once logged in, please visit the Fees tab down the left hand side, select the fee(s) you wish to pay for and click Pay. You will be prompted to select a card type and enter payment amount. Print and retain receipts for your own records.

You can also check your daughter's timetable, attendance and school reports using this facility. From September 2019, we will also use the behaviour tab. More information to follow.



The ground floor of St. Joseph's House, including the Refectory and the Study Hall will be painted during the Summer holidays.

The 'Additional Contribution' listed under VSWare payments will contribute towards the cost of this work.

We appreciate your support.

PSAC (Parents' School Advisory Committee) News

Once again the PSAC have continued to thrive here in St. Angela's. The commitment of the members is to be acknowledged. As well as meeting 5/6 times throughout the year, they have continued to provide the tea / coffee for parents at all of the Parent Teacher Meetings.

The time and effort spent fundraising throughout the year has enabled them to pay for all Junior Cert students to attend 'Sirius Science' (a 3-D experience), to purchase two new Cross Trainers for the school gym, provide new sandwich toasters for the senior lunch areas as well as provide much needed additional water drinking fountains for the students. The most recent purchase was a portable digital piano and speaker for Music.

Activities to raise all this money included 'Casual Friday', 'Wear Something Christmassy' and our Easter Raffle which raised nearly €4,000.

The students have been very supportive of the fundraising activities, especially since they have been involved in the discussions of how the money raised will be spent. Plans for next year already include providing much needed new tables for the dining areas in St. Joseph's House.

If there are any parents interested in joining the PSAC or simply volunteering to help with the fundraising or PTMs, please contact office@ursw.ie. Come along to our next meeting on Monday 2nd September 7-8 pm in the library.



Leaving Certificate 2018 – 2 Gold Medals



Two Leaving Certificate students and their teachers were honoured for obtaining the top results in the 2018 Leaving Certificate Accounting and Biology examinations. Karen Chandrankanth and her teacher Ms. Donovan received the Accounting Award.



Caoimhe Mahony and her teacher Ms. Enright received the Biology Award.

All-Ireland Soroptomists Public Speaking Competition 2019



Holly Rogan, 5th Year was the deserved winner of the Soroptomists Public Speaking Competition for second level students. Holly wrote and delivered an impressive and thought-provoking speech on 'Empowerment of Women'. She won the Perpetual Mildred O'Brien Trophy, plus an Apple iPad and a prize worth €1,000 for the school.

To reach the final, Holly had passed through challenging local and regional heats. The competition was sponsored by HSBC and saw a total of 303 students from over 180 secondary schools around the country compete for a place in the final.

CoderDojo - European Parliament, Brussels.



Lucy Brennan and Caragh Bolger from 2nd Year and their teacher joined 40 young coders from all over Europe in the EU Parliament to showcase their coding and technology skills, teaching MEPs how to write their first lines of code, and demonstrating projects which they had already created.

Both students were afforded the opportunity to speak in the Parliament, Lucy presented her scratch project called 'Piano Pal'. The project is about teaching the basics of playing the piano. Caragh presented her project on 'How to make the world a better place' which is about the little things that make the world a better place.

Brebas Computational Challenge 2019

Congratulations to Nicole Stanley 1st Year who qualified for the All-Ireland final of the Brebas Computational Challenge 2019.

WIT Computers for Schools

The advent of the new computer courses and the need for a high degree of computer literacy creates an increasing demand for high quality computing facilities at second level. The Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) Computers for Schools initiative aims to enable schools in Waterford to meet their growing IT demands. It is challenging to equip computer labs in schools on an ongoing basis. As part of this scheme Sun Life Financial recycled their 3-year-old computers. St. Angela's are delighted to have received 20 laptops under the scheme.

BT Young Scientist 2019

This year we had two successful entries to the BT Young Scientist Exhibition. Both groups used their TY Young Scientist module to help prepare their projects. Anna Duffin presented her project on "High Intensity Interval Training", while Deanna O'Brien and Rachael Walsh used their knowledge of camogie to research "The Optimal Hurley Length for Use In The Modern Game". The girls impressed so much at the Exhibition in January, that they were selected to present their findings to experts in Physical Education and Sports Science at the University of Limerick in May. They were two of only 27 projects from the BT Young Scientist selected to participate in this event, furthermore, Anna Duffin has been invited back by one of the University Professors to continue her research over the summer – we wish Anna the best of luck with this.

GREAT URSULINE BAKE OFF 2019

The 'Great Ursuline Bake Off', which has become an annual event, was a huge success again this year. The competition was open to all Transition year students. As the 'Bake Off' was held in October, students were given a Halloween theme again this year, which saw creations from eyeballs to zombies and many other gruesome things in-between.

In the run up to Halloween, three heats were held where the Home Economics department had the very difficult job of choosing ten pairs to progress on to the final. The chosen finalists then baked their creations again, with some tweaks made to their original designs, for our two judges, Winnie Power and Niamh Crowley (former staff members and previous winners of the Staff Bake Off). Winnie and Niamh had a very difficult task to decide on the winners as all the cakes were of an exceptional standard. After much tasting and deliberating a decision was agreed on.

In first place was Anna Grogan and Kate Quinlans 'Graveyard Ghouls' cake. The girls received a full days cake decorating workshop in Decobake Clane.

In second place was Sandra Teniola and Violetta Salabays 'Spooky Leg' cake. The prize for second place was a hamper filled with baking supplies, kindly sponsored by Ardkeen stores.

A new addition to the Bake Off this year was a Public Choice award held on Facebook. The cake which received the most 'likes', receiving a fabulous baking hamper kindly sponsored by Supervalu Kilbarry, was Clodagh Curham and Orna Fannings 'Samantha the Spider'.

A huge well done to all involved.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS



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The Art Department had a very successful year. In the Texaco Art Competition Kelsie Obanya and Eve Phillips (1st Year students) were awarded Higher Merits.

5th Year students, Caoimhe Whelehan and Weronika Mitura were awarded Commendations for their work. Dionne Ogunfeyimi performed in the Semi-Final of the Junk Kouture Competition. Anne McDonnell, local print maker worked with 4th Year students printing an old CDs

which was funded by Creative Engagement. Ceramic artist Laura McNamara worked with 2nd Year students as part of J.C.T. Design skills programme. 5th Year students took part in a Competition to design a book cover based on the Ursulines in Ireland.



Seachtain na Gaeilge Márta 2019

Activities took place in St. Angela's to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge. Students from 1st -6th Year got involved in a wide range of events including Tráth na gCeist, Céilí, and a visit to WIT to perform in a concert there. The highlight of the week was our annual Ceolchoirm, we had rinceoirí, amhránaithe agus ceol de genre éagsúil. The concert was bitter sweet as we bade farewell to a number of 6th year students who have played with the Trad. Group since 1st year and we wish them every success in the next exciting phase of their lives.



St. Angela's Well Being Week 21st—22nd January



Each student participated in the planned activity for their year group as well as lunchtime activities.

First years saw the positive impact animals can have on our mental health with Dog Therapy sessions. The Knit and Natter workshops for second years emphasised communication and connecting with others in a fun environment. Third years participated in Laughing Yoga workshops with Mary Fitzpatrick "Sonny Holistic Therapy" showing the enormous benefits of laughter in our lives.

The Transition years were honoured to welcome Christina Noble and her assistant Jean Murtagh from the "Christina Noble Children's Foundation" (CNCF). The students hosted a hot chocolate social morning, where they brought in baked goods and treats and enjoyed an opportunity to just sit and be with friends. This provided a lovely relaxed and informal backdrop to Christina's real and powerful relaying of her life's work. What an impact she has on others and a real-life demonstration of how we can contribute to society. Her message was simple :love yourself and love others...respect yourself and respect others with kindness and love.

Aoife Hearn, Nutritionist of Operation Transformation fame gave a talk to 5th and 6th years which focused on 'the normal'. Social media's portrayal of normal is not healthy, fact "8% of models are too thin to have a baby", Remember 'eat little and about every 3 hours, with 3 main meals a day'.

5th Years also participated in a workshop on coping with stress and breathing exercises to calm our "guard dog".

The week aimed to show the students coping strategies for life's stresses and how to increase their resilience through fun, relaxation, exercise, diet, communicating kindness and connecting with others. The classrooms and corridors were full of smiles and positive affirmations, there was a beautiful display by art students on the theme of connecting with others. A healthy breakfast was provided on Tuesday and Wednesday in the library. During each school day the students were prompted to "Stop, Drop and Talk". Mrs McGlynn posed a wellbeing question on the intercom and all work stopped, dropped and that question was discussed. An excellent video "Mind Matters" by Waterford County Comhairle na nÓg was viewed and discussed by all classes. Lunchtime activities included Moving Meditation, Smile-A-Mile, Keepie Uppies Football, Camogie Pucking Wall, Juggling, Zumba, Mindfulness Meditation. Teacher wellbeing was also catered for with a staff Yoga session.

The school would like to thank staff, parents, facilitators and the wider Ursuline community for their co-operation and help which made the week a great success.

Student Leaders

2019-2020

Head Girl:

Daisy Drohan

Deputy Head Girl:

Holly Rogan

School Prefects

Emily Brennan

Jill Phelan

Deirdre Cotter

Rebecca Phelan

Heather Eogan

Emma Selmia

Emer McGlynn

Chelsea Teniola

Maeve O' Sullivan

Sorcha Vaughan



Awards Day; Individual Awards 2019

Board of Management School Spirit Award:	Lily Power
Sr. June Fennelly Award (Head Girl):	Daisy Drohan
Nicole Weldon Memorial Award for Art :	Dionne Ogunfeyimi
Jim O'Halloran Memorial Award for Horticulture :	Leah O'Neill
Sports Person of the Year:	Abby Flynn
Addie Butler Memorial Award for Life Skills :	Kelly McDonagh & Clíodhna Doherty
Sr. Carmel Memorial Award for Home Economics :	Sorina Magaleas
Sr. Concilio Memorial Award for Biology :	Emily Goff & Thea Manalo
Eddie O'Keeffe Memorial Award for Mathematics :	Ellen Glynn
Angela Allison Memorial Award for History :	Hannah Gibney
Sr. Joseph Memorial Award for English :	Amelia Phillips
Sr. Bernadette Memorial Award for French :	Isabelle Stratton & Eleanor Power
Mr. Kieran McCarthy Award for Geography :	Emma Norbury
Mary Lynch Memorial Award for Irish :	Kim Kelly
Sr. Stanislaus Memorial Award for Music :	Aoife Cadogan & Katie Judge

Class Spirit Awards 2019

FIRST YEAR:

Ms. N. Dawson:	Martina Bonet
Ms. E. Darmody:	Chloe Buggy
Ms. E. O'Connell:	Eva Guiden
Ms. C. Lacey:	Riham Saeed
Ms. A. O'Brien:	Emma Doolin
Ms. A. Phelan:	Robyn Power

SECOND YEAR:

Ms. A. Shanahan:	Moya Doherty
Ms. C. Fahy:	Melanie Buck
Ms. E. Strappe:	Cayetana Muniz
Mr. K. O'Sullivan:	Emma Beadle
Ms. C. Doyle:	Freya Darcy
Ms. E. Cunningham:	Emily Seol

THIRD YEAR:

Ms. H. Hogan:	Leah Quilty
Mr. G. Treacy:	Eloise Gauthier
Mr. B. Rush:	Anna Power
Mr. D. Devine:	Kate Miles
Ms. S. Finnegan:	Brooke Hanrahan
Ms. S. Walsh:	Aoibheann Meagher

FOURTH YEAR:

Ms. R. Hickey:	Leah O'Neill
Mr. M. Schwartz:	Lillie Elliott
Ms. S. Burke:	Anna Duffin
Ms. Fox/Ms. McElroy:	Emma Kiely
Ms. R. Hayes:	Janice Lachamante

FIFTH YEAR:

Ms. M. Doyle:	Jessica O'Neill
Ms. M. O'Keeffe:	Caoimhe Vereker
Ms. C. Flynn:	Jill Phelan
Ms. D. Kinsella:	Ciara Hartery
Ms. L. Gorey:	Steluta Hutu
Ms. McGovern:	Charlotte O'Loughlin

SIXTH YEAR:

Ms. I. Butler:	Emma Norbury
Ms. M. Kelly:	Aoife Quinn
Mr. C. O'Toole:	Emer Grimes
Ms. McCarthy/Ms. Lambe:	Amy Frisby
Mr. S. Foley:	Quincy Akachukwu
Ms. D. Mills:	Chloe Smith

Sports News 2018-2019

Camogie

For the third year running, St. Angela's camogie teams achieved huge success at both Junior and Senior level. The Senior team have gone from strength to strength over the past two years and progressed from winning the Senior C All-Ireland title in 2017 to winning the Senior A All-Ireland title this year. The girls fought hard to win an epic repeat clash with Cross & Passion in Ashbourne on March the 23rd. The final score was 2 -17 to 2 -11. Captain and player of the match Annie Fitzgerald hit 1-9.

A massive thanks to our sponsors Rory Williams, Countrystyle Foods and to Erins Own GAA for the use of their grounds for training throughout the year.



Cross Country

It's been a terrific year for the school in terms of cross country success, with students from 1st Year through to 6th Year competing in both Waterford and East Munster Championships.

Our senior team achieved unprecedented success by winning the team title at County, East Munster, Munster, and for the first time ever, they also won the senior team title at the All Ireland Championships in Clongowes College.



Congratulations to Tara Ramasawmy (8th), Emma Caulfield (19th), Anna Fanning (26th), Anna Duffin (29th), Aisling Lowe (44th) and Hannah Burke (60th). A marvellous achievement by this great team.

GOLF

Our Senior and Junior teams had an exceptionally good year. Both teams won the Mid-Leinster championships, thus qualifying for the All-Ireland Schools competition in Miltown Golf Club, Dublin in April. Our Senior team of Aoife Cadogan, Anna Dawson and Clodagh O'Brien came 3rd in the All-Ireland's. The Junior team of Alannah Dunne and Casey M Power finished 4th. Well done to all the girls. Finally a big congratulations to Anna Dawson who has been selected on the Irish Under-18 Golf Team and has already travelled to represent her country, best of luck in your future events.

Chess



It has been a great year for the chess club in St. Angela's. More students are playing chess than ever before, and the standard of play is getting better all the time. This is borne out by superb results achieved at both Munster and All Ireland Championships. St. Angela's entered six teams of four players at these championships, and the top three teams in each were from St. Angela's.

Members and the winning team: Maria Ciolacu, Merlin Prasad, Dania Eltayeb, and Emma Burke.

1st Year Soccer

A very enjoyable season was held by all involved in the First Year soccer squad. Captained by Leah Browne, they were pipped on goal difference at the futsal county championships in November, and got to the quarter final of the First Year Munster Cup. Definitely lots of promise evident for next season and beyond.



Sports News 2018-2019

1st Year Hockey

Well done to our First Year Hockey Squad. It's been a very good year overall, with lots of games played and St. Angela's finishing midtable in the South East League. Great improvement was made as the season progressed, with the girls playing their best hockey towards the end of the season. Congratulations to all students involved.

Hockey

Well done to all hockey participants this year. All round, it was a successful year for hockey within the Ursuline. 1st years and 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.

Particular congratulations to all the Senior girls who progressed very far in the Senior Hockey School's Cup. They had a fantastic win on January 17th to beat Kilkenny College 4-0. What an achievement! A special mention to Lindsey Mc Guire for her dedication to hockey in school over the past six years.



Basketball



Well done to all students who participated in basketball this year. First years played very competitive games in the South East League. The numbers participating grew hugely throughout the year and we are looking forward to seeing you back training next year. Second years trained impressively for the whole year and were very unfortunate to narrowly miss out on a place in the South East Basketball play – offs. The girls have progressed hugely in the last two years and we are looking forward to their hard efforts at cadet level next year.

Well done to our seniors who trained hard and played tough games.

Track and Field Athletics

Well done to all of the students who participated in the Track and Field Competitions this year. We had a lot of success bringing home several medals from the East Munster and Munster Schools competition.

Tara Ramasawmy (Senior 1500m) Emma Caulfield (Senior 3000m) and Katie Nolke (Intermediate High Jump and Long Jump) represented the school in the All Ireland Schools Championships on June 1st.

This event is one of the biggest on the Track and Field calendar with very competitive entries in all events. The three girls performed exceptionally. Katie won a terrific bronze medal in her High Jump and finished 6th in her Long Jump. Tara finished a very credible 4th in the 1500m and Emma ran a new personal best time to finish 5th in the 3000m.

We look forward to more Track and Field success in 2019/2020! Well done all.

