



KEY CALENDAR DATES IN SPRING/SUMMER TERMS

- **6th January** First day of term
- **24th January** Multicultural Day
- **25th January** Entrance Assessments
(2020-2021 First Year students)
- **30th January** Staff Training
(school closed for students)
- **3rd February** Written Mocks begin
- **17th – 21st February** Mid-Term Break
- **9th – 13th March** Seachtain na Gaeilge
- **17th March** St Patrick's Day (school closed)
- **25th – 27th March** TY Killary Trip
- **6th – 17th April** Easter Break
- **17th – 25th April** German Exchange: St Kilian's
hosts students from Würzburg
- **25th – 29th May** Summer Tests
- **29th May** Last day of the school year
- **3rd June** State Examinations begin

MS KATE D'ARCY R.I.P.



Ms Kate D'Arcy, a member of the school's teaching staff, passed away on Thursday, October 9th, after a year-long illness.

Ms D'Arcy was first appointed to the teaching staff of the school in 2003, and made an exceptional contribution to the life of St Kilian's, as a dedicated classroom teacher and in her work in the area of special educational needs. She will be greatly missed as a teacher, colleague and as a friend.

The Board of Management extends its sympathy to Ms D'Arcy's husband Pat, her children, her mother and her extended family and friends.

Solas na bhFlaitheas uirthí.



DAINA MOOREHOUSE

Congratulations to **Daina Moorehouse (6th Year)** on her first **National Senior Boxing title**, in the light-flyweight division.

Daina is already a double European champion in the Junior ranks. Well done, Daina – we are so proud of you!



GERMAN EXCHANGE

The school is looking for families to host students from our partner school in Würzburg, Germany, who will visit in April 2020. Those who host a student this year will be guaranteed a place on the trip to Germany in 2021.

Please see the attached letter for full details.

STAND UP AWARENESS WEEK 2019



Stand Up Awareness Week 2019 took place from November 11th to 15th. There was a full programme of interactive events, encouraging friendship with and understanding of LGBTQI+ young people. Events included a **flag-signing**, **table-quizzes**, **cinema screenings**, **discussions** and an **LGBTI+-themed lunchtime concert**. Well done to **Ms O'Regan** and the **Yellow Flag Committee** for the great work that they do in raising awareness of issues around identity, acceptance, tolerance, support and friendship in our school.

RETIREMENT

Ms Adrienne Hume has retired from her position as an Art teacher. Ms Hume was first appointed to the teaching staff in 1985. In 1998, she was seconded to work at a European Commission school in



Luxembourg, but returned to St Kilian's in 2009. Ms Hume made an invaluable contribution to the school as a dedicated and hardworking teacher, who

inspired a great love of the arts in her students. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

COLLEGE-CAREERS AWARENESS WEEK 2019

College-Careers Awareness Week was held from December 2nd to 5th. Organised by the Guidance Team, **Ms Casey** and **Mr Keane**, there was a wide range of guest speakers from universities, colleges of further education as well as training and apprenticeship bodies.

Fifteen of the talks were given by past-pupils, who made presentations about their career paths since they left St Kilian's CS. These included **Sharon O'Reilly (Director, Evros Technology Group)**, **Brian Devlin (Radiographer, Royal Liverpool Hospital)**, **Alan Prendergast (Partner, Prendergast & Keogh Accountants)**, **Oran O'Toole (Paramedic, Dublin Fire Service)**, **Richard Lagan (Senior Analyst, Merrill Lynch, Bank of America)**, **Jordan Mooney (Journalist, Food & Wine magazine)** and **Kate Marrey (Partner, AMOSS Solicitors)**. The week was an outstanding success and the school is very grateful to everyone for supporting our students so generously with their time.

ART EXHIBITION

Another past-pupil, **Mark 'Rasher' Kavanagh**, recently hosted a group of the senior Art students, accompanied by **Ms Casey** and **Mr Connolly**, at a private viewing of his most recent exhibition, '**Chrysalis**', at the Eden Hotel. The students had an amazing time and felt privileged and grateful for having this great opportunity.

EVROS / JUNIOR ACHIEVERS IRELAND

The school's new partnership with **Evros Technology Group** has been an outstanding success. All of the Transition Year students have taken part in the first phase of the programme. This involved a **Launch Day** at the Evros site in Cherrywood, and two follow-up workshops at the school called '**Marketing Myself**' and '**Building A Team**'. Twenty Evros volunteers facilitated these high-energy, interactive sessions.



Twenty shortlisted students will now work in teams with five Evros engineers on an **app development** project during second term. This will culminate in a 'Dragons' Den' event in March. All TY students involved will receive certification from **Junior Achievers Ireland (JAI)**.

EMBED PROGRAMME

The EMBED programme has gone from strength to strength. **Dr Daniel Crean**, through the **UCD Access Office**, has been working with the 6th Year students since early September.

The programme is in its pilot stage, and is unique to St Kilian's. It involves large and small group discussions covering areas such as **ambition, goalsetting, commitment** and **study skills**. It is hoped that there will be significant, real and very positive benefits for the students involved.

Daniel Crean, as a past-pupil, has a unique insight into the life of St Kilian's and has unparalleled loyalty and commitment to the school. We greatly appreciate his enthusiasm and hard work.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

On behalf of the Board of Management, Ms Leah Bools (DP) and all of the staff of the school, I would like to extend best wishes to everyone for a very happy Christmas and for peace and good health throughout 2020.

John Murphy, Principal

December 2019