



Our Lady's Templemore

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A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter. The last number of months have been filled with excitement and engagement as students departed, joined our school and the Our Lady's story entered a new chapter. The start of the school year saw the completion of a new extension, with special classes provision, and new classrooms and a new fully illuminated astro and ball. Students were busy with sports, music, and all in between. German students also enjoyed a wonderful trip to Rhineland & Köln and the first term ended with a wonderful performance of our musical 'Footloose' which had the largest cast of students on stage in our school history.

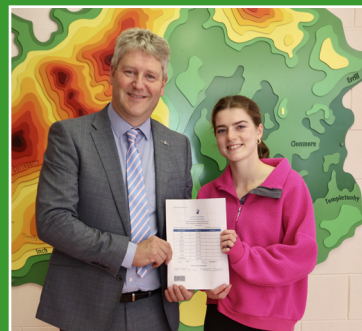
With the busy schedule of school proceeding over the past few weeks, we have engaged the Inspectorate from the Department of Education in a Whole School Evaluation process. The inspectors were highly complementary of our students and school, and we look forward to the publication of the report in early 2024.

I congratulate and say well done to all our students, I admire the commitment of their teachers who leave no stone unturned to ensure that every student who attends our school gets a fair chance. I take this opportunity to wish all in our school community, parents/guardians, students, teachers and families a happy Christmas and a healthy and fulfilled new year

Paul Fogarty, Principal

Fantastic Results at Our Lady's Templemore

August 25th saw the culmination of 5/6 years of hard work and effort for over 100 Leaving Cert students who received their results at Our Lady's Templemore. This year students performed in line with the national average in many subjects with over 17% of Our Lady's students scoring over 500 points. Congratulating the students, Principal, Mr Paul Fogarty said 'We are very proud of the achievements of all our students, today's results are a just reward for the efforts of students, their teachers and families. We look forward to these young people taking their places in college, training courses and the work place.



Ellen Delaney who scored 613 points in her Leaving Cert, receiving her results from Principal, Mr Fogarty.



Orlaith Treacy who scored 613 points in her Leaving Cert, receiving her results from Principal, Mr Fogarty.

SCHOLARSHIP

We extend our congratulations to Aideen Bourke who received an Entrance Scholarship to Maynooth University based on her performance in the Leaving Certificate 2023. Aideen is one of the 8.75% of students nationally who scored 575 points or above in LC 2023. Aideen is currently studying Science and Education at Maynooth University. Congratulations and best wishes to Aideen from all at Our Lady's.



Back row L-R, Martina Butler (Deputy Principal), Jamie Bergin, Molly Nevin, Jill Johnston, Katie Johnston, Orlaith Treacy, Ned Delaney and Paul Fogarty (Principal). Front row L-R, Ellen Delaney, Sarah Hogan, Fiona Bourke, Niamh Ryan, Aideen Bourke and Abbie Stapleton.



LCAI Coffee Morning

Congratulations to our LCAI students who presented a donation to Mary Meagher and Mary Guidera, from the Templemore Branch SVP - Society of St Vincent De Paul Ireland. The donations were raised through a coffee morning organised by the students. On the day it was a pleasure to welcome their friends and family members to the event.



Our Lady's visit Köln and the Rheinland

On 26th October, 94 students and 12 teachers from Our Lady's, travelled to Köln and the Rhineland on a German School Tour. This trip included visits to the Lindt Chocolate Factory, the German version of Euro-Disney called 'Phantasialand', a visit to the world-renowned Nürburgring rally track, the EL-DE Haus, a Gestapo prison museum, the Rhein Stadium which is the home of FC Köln. The students were a credit to Our Lady's and exemplary to their families. A special thanks to each and every one of the students and teachers for their cooperation. We are sure that they have enjoyed their experience of German culture and traditions. Hopefully one day, they will retrace their steps.



GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

A wonderful celebration of German Culture took place at Our Lady's this term when TY German students organised the Annual Weihnachtsmarkt, The Christmas Market. With Festive



German Carols and themed outfits worn by TY students, the Apfelstrudel and Sachertorte tasted even better. Students also loved the German Wurst and Bratkartoffeln. Students really enjoyed having their photos taken with Santa Claus.



TY Enterprise Christmas Market

Our TY enterprise students were very busy this term with their mini companies. On the 5th of December students had the opportunity to display their projects for our guest judges Tina Mulhearn from the Local Enterprise Office and local entrepreneur Catherine Egan from Core Templemore. Well done to all our winners. First prize was sponsored by Templemore Jewellers and it went to Store and Score who will go forward to represent Our Lady's at Tipperary Regional Finals.

Footloose – School Musical

This year's school musical 'Footloose' certainly lived up to everyone's expectations. With over 180 students on stage, we were treated to an amazing show from start to finish with high energy, great colour, brilliant dancing and superb acting. It was full houses and standing ovations every night which was no less than this exceptional group of performers deserved. Congratulations to the entire production team and to all students involved. We were promised a "foot-stomping", "heart-pounding" experience and the cast and crew of Footloose certainly didn't disappoint. An absolutely super show!

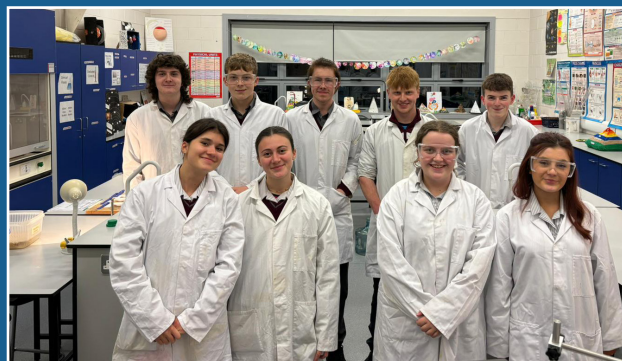


Junior Cycle Results

In October our Transition Year, LCAI and 5th year students received their Junior Cycle results. These results reflect their hard work and dedication. It is indeed a great stepping stone as they head into senior cycle. Well done to all involved.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening was held on Thursday 16th of November. It was a resounding success. We were delighted to welcome pupils and parents to our vibrant learning community and to showcase our students and our school.



ONE GOOD SCHOOL AWARD

Emer Leahy from Jigsaw Thurles presented the One Good School, Gold Award to students and teachers. This award was presented to acknowledge the school's commitment to the OGS initiative and the promotion of positive mental health in the school community. Our Lady's will continue to be part of this initiative for the year ahead and because of this, students, parents, and staff will have an opportunity to participate in a broad range of workshops and programmes in relation to Mental Health.



State of the Art Post Primary School for Templemore

September 25th saw the culmination of generations of work to deliver state of the art facilities to Templemore and the surrounding areas. Students finally gained access to the new building which



is the final piece of the school facilities development and completes a campus that caters for all students and families in the wider Templemore community. Students now enjoy two AS classes including a multi-sensory room and sensory garden, seven new classrooms,

Guidance Suite and pastoral offices and Toilet facilities. The extension has also allowed the Board of Management to deliver a fully illuminated Astro and Ballwall for the school community. We are fortunate to be able to provide a Prayer Space, Gym and multiple recreational and social spaces for our students at Our Lady's'



New beginnings for our first years

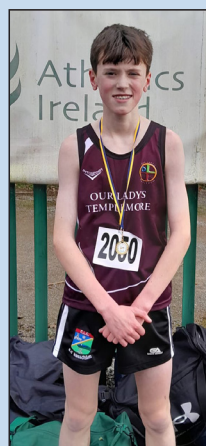
A warm welcome to our First Year students who have all settled in very well at Our Lady's. In September they enjoyed team building and wellbeing activities. An afternoon of team activities on campus gave all our students a chance to build new friendships while having some fun outdoors.



Tipperary Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Fionn Slevin who produced a great sprint finish to claim the Junior boys race and win first place.

The girls Junior team claimed 3rd place with Amy Cahill leading the team home in 5th place individually. Sierra Hogan and Katie Bergin made up the final places for bronze overall.



SENIOR CAMOGIE

Congratulations to our Senior Ladies Camogie team who have qualified for the Munster Final which is due to played in the New Year. We wish them the very best of luck.



HARTY TEAM

Our Harty Cup team bowed out of the competition at the hands of John The Baptist CS Hospital. A huge thank you to the squad, their parents, supporters and mentors this season and in particular to Mr. Brian Carroll, Mr. Joe Gallagher and Mr. Peter O'Rourke for their commitment to the team.

