

# **Ursuline College Sligo**



#### NEWS BULLETIN -11/10/2022

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









Where: UCS

When: Thursday 27th

**October** 

Time: 5.30-8.30pm

UCS are delighted to announce that our Open Night will take place on Thursday the 27th of October from 5.30-8.30pm. Please come and join us and get a glimpse of student life in UCS. You will meet our amazing students and staff. We are proud of our diverse community where all individual personalities can shine. We are eager to welcome you to our Ursuline family.



### Cairdeas programme

The First Years have been paired with their Sixth Year Cairde who are helping them settle into the school environment. Last week they all got to appreciate the sunshine while having a chat on the benches and later enjoyed a cone from the ice cream truck. The First years were reassured by their cara, who answered all their queries, from lockers to ledgers! They also encouraged the 1<sup>st</sup> years to participate in the many clubs available at lunchtime.



### TY's Flying High

Two busloads of adrenalin filled TY's took off for Boyle Co. Roscommon on Friday to try something a little bit different.....Zip it! The experience offered a unique outdoor high ropes



adventure for everyone to enjoy. On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> they put away their smartphones, while escaping the classroom amd zipped among the trees in the Forest Park. We totally recommend this exhilarating activity! Even the teachers joined in and they screamed their way around Ireland's highest zip lines!



#### TY Knocknarea Climb

This week, as part of their PE programme, all Transition Year classes took part in an entertaining day out to climb Knocknarea mountain. The sunny weather was a fantastic bonus and no one was lost along the way! Although the 327m climb up was difficult, it all payed off as the girls got to enjoy the wonderful views and a lot of laughs at the top. Some students even brought a stone with them from the bottom of the mountain to add to Queen Maeve's cairn. With weak knees and smiley faces, the girls made the journey back down the mountain and called it a successful day.



Rumour has it that even Mrs. Lynch has spread her usual hockey propaganda and has recruited many new players (sssshhhh)! Our Cairdeas programme is a great way for the new first years to have someone to talk to and guide them throughout the year.









Since our school year has started, we have met many new

students from various different countries. In our TY classes, we have welcomed a number of Spanish students joining us on a foreign exchange programme. We hope this is an enriching cultural experience, and that our Irish weather won't be too harsh on them!

We also have new students from Ukraine, Belgium, Germany, Brazil and more. We are very happy to have so many new faces throughout our year groups and we hope that your time with us is unforgettable and full of happy memories. #fáilte

#### Going green!

Many thanks to Ms Mullaney's *Green Matters* 4C class who made use of the beautiful weather and began the process of preparing the school vegetable garden for the Autumn season ahead. The girls began by removing the weeds and clearing the beds for new plants. Our talented gardeners' green fingers made light work of this project.

# Celebrating 250 years of the Ursuline sisters in Ireland

On Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, UCS celebrated 250 years of The Ursuline Sisters in Ireland. Representatives from all six Ursuline Schools in Ireland gathered together in Cork to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful contribution the



Ursuline Sisters have made to education in Ireland.

A beautiful Mass was celebrated in St. Michaels Church in Blackrock, Cork.Fr. Cummins – a former teacher from Ursuline Blackrock celebrated Mass, with students representing all Ursuline Schools, participating in the music, readings and offertory procession.

Ursuline sisters from all around Ireland and further afield joined the congregation for the beautiful liturgy of thanksgiving.





## **Congratulations!**

We were absolutely delighted to welcome back former students Rosha McDonnell, Sarah Gallagher and Laoise Moylan after their amazing success in achieveing 7 H1's in their Leaving Cert exams! The girls' hard work has definitely payed off and we couldn't be more proud of their success. Well done to all of the Class of 2021-2022 We wish you all a all the best as you embark on this new path of life. #nextchapter #possibilities



A reception was held afterwards for everyone involved, which was a wonderful opportunity for the students to meet the sisters who have continued the legacy left by the four amazing women who landed in Cork 250 years ago.

We are grateful for their courage, their perseverance and the blessings they brought to so many people in Ireland and all over the world and we pray we will have the courage to continue their good work and be a beacon for hope to those who struggle and suffer.

"Those who instruct many unto justice will shine like stars for all eternity"



#### October feels

Autumn carries more gold in its pockets than all the other seasons!!!! #weareucs

