

Results 2007

Junior Certificate 2007

Honours	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3-0
No. of students attaining	6	5	1	4	2	1	3	2	4

Numbers of A Grades	6	5	4	2	1
Numbers Attaining	1	1	2	1	4

Leaving Certificate 2007

Points	550+	500-550	450- 500	450-400	400-350	350-300	300-250	200-100
No. of Students	0	0	0	6	1	3	2	4

Average Points: 311

Average Points in Irish Leaving Cert. \approx 305

Sixth Year Student Placement 2007

Institution	Number of Places	Courses
UCD	3	Arts
Trinity	1	Science
NUI Galway	1	Commerce
DIT	2	Hotel and Restaurant Management and Logistics
Dundrum College of	1	Pre-Nursing

Further Education		
Apprentices	2	Hairdressing
Working	2	Men's Fashion and Barman

From the Principal's Desk

Stratford students were involved in an array of activities last year which together with the pastoral and academic life of the school provided and continue to provide for the formation of them as young adults. Some of last year's highlights included the very successful Science Week which is held every two years and which included Table Quizzes, hosting a Science Exhibition, guest speakers, visiting W5 in Northern Ireland among other events. This year we are marking Arts Week in November and look forward to an exciting range of events then.

Student Leadership has become an important part of our school life with our Senior Prefects/Mentors playing an important role in Stratford. Training and mentoring for these students is now part and parcel of senior cycle. Indeed several of our students have played in Comhairle na nOg a national representative youth forum.

Sporting activity continued through the enthusiastic involvement of students in basketball and tennis with our Basketball teams qualifying for 2 finals in their leagues. Individually, we are very proud of Barry Grehan's success in being picked for the Leinster U18 squad,....and he told me at lunch time that Leinster won the Interprovincial tournament held over the weekend so congratulations to Barry!..... Anne Sweeney representing Ireland in South Africa in sailing last year and Feargal Wallace's success in Water Polo. We look forward to continuing development in the area following the very welcome appointment of Ms Finnegan as joint PE teacher to SNS and College.

Our curriculum continues to grow and subjects to be enhanced through participation in curriculum reform and through inter-school subject table quizzes; the photography workshops, Fiddler on the Roof, hosting a wonderful Art Exhibition of current and past pupils work, field trips, visits to theatres, museums, 3rd Level Open Days and, memorably, an art trip to New York city.

Our unique ethos was marked by the annual Feldman Lecture which was given by Anne Butler, past president of the Engineers' Institute of Ireland which focused on Green engineering, the celebration of Israeli Independence Day at by a musical recital of Klezma musicians. National Holocaust Day was attended by TY students and our annual trip to the Holocaust Exhibition in the Imperial War Museum in London took place. Mrs Ivers and Ms Kenny celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge and are planning it already for next year. Sadly, one of our co-founders, Mrs Elaine Feldman passed away last year. The school marked the occasion by forming a guard of honour jointly with the primary school and lowering the Irish flag. The anniversary of her death was marked by a stone setting ceremony last weekend.

We also enjoyed some wonderful evenings here in school organised by the mini-companies and were joined and supported at several occasions by students and colleagues of SNS

And, our annual sponsored walk organised by the Student Council has raised another nearly 1300 euro for Barretstown Camp last year making our total contribution to this worthwhile cause over several years nearly 13,300 euro!! .

Academically,

Our JC and LC results were very good with LC students being offered places in all of the major universities and colleges here. Special mention will be made of those with the highest results and best commitment later.

This year has already seen several activities taking place.....information meetings for parents, Open Evening, theatre visit to Long Day's Journey into Night, photography workshops, Basketball trip to London, Classics and English lectures in Trinity ,and First Aid Training.

To say that this could not be done without the tireless commitment of the teaching staff is an understatement. May I thank the teaching staff on my own and your behalf for their hard work, generosity of

spirit and their commitment to the highest academic and professional standards.

We are reminded of the school's success when we see, hear and meet our pastpupils. Indeed, Brian Green who left some 9 years ago is getting married this weekend and another of his classmates is getting married in December. Barry Murphy (2000) recently achieved 3rd in Ireland and 13th worldwide in his ACCA exams for Chartered Accountancy. I also met 3 of Elaine Feldman's grandchildren who were at the stone setting ceremony last Sunday who are all past-pupils of the school and who are working in business here, Israel and the UK.

In this context, I was delighted to welcome some pastpupils from 10 years ago and in particular Neil O'Riordan as Guest of Honour at our Awards Ceremony last week. Neil is one of three siblings who attended Stratford College. His sister, Jessica went on to study medicine and his younger brother, Luke is studying is currently studying in Irish and French in Trinity. Neil himself studied French and History in Trinity. When in school he began writing about his lifelong passion for football...indeed Mrs Kate Bateman and I were his first editors!And has been lucky to be able to work in the area as sports journalist in the Sun newspaper since qualifying.