



Wilson's Hospital School

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 4th September 2026

Notices / Important Information

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Staff,

Welcome back to Wilson's for the 2026/27 school year!

There is a particular moment in late August when you know the new school year has arrived. The corridors are suddenly full, the car park becomes an exercise in advanced logistics, classrooms that were beautifully tidy in June begin to acquire their usual character, and there is the familiar sound of students asking, *"Does anyone know where I'm supposed to be?"*

A particularly warm welcome to our new First Years and to all students joining us from other schools and from overseas. We hope you quickly settle in and become part of our community. For our returning students there is plenty to look forward to, whether it is a new year, new challenges, examinations, sport, boarding, TY, or simply catching up with friends.

We already had our first special moment of the year this week when the entire school community held a minute's silence in memory of Fiona McKerr, who passed away over the summer. Fiona was deeply loved by everyone who knew her and is missed by all, but in particular by her colleagues in the SNA department and by all the students whose lives she touched in so many ways over the year.

Not only that, but in her very first school Assembly, one of our First Years stepped up to play *Riptide* in front of a full house. Well done Michelle!

Finally, I would like to thank all of our staff for the enormous amount of work that has gone into preparing for the new school year and to our parents and guardians for your continued support. A school works best when students, parents and staff are working together and I look forward to continuing that partnership throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Noel Cunningham
Principal
Wilson's Hospital School

Upcoming events

September

- 10th: Welcome back chapel service for boarders at 6.30pm. All staff also welcome to attend.

Important dates

September

- 25th: Open Night
- 28th: School closed (day in lieu 1/3)

Guidance News

New items this week in **green**

- Free HPAT online course, 15-09-2026, www.acethehpat.com
- University of Galway open days, 02-10-2026 & 03-10-2026.
- Shannon College of Hotel Management open day, 20-10-2026

