

Kylemore College

Newsletter



OCTOBER 2025

Welcome First Years!

A warm welcome to our First Year classes Friel, Joyce, Keane and Yeats. We hope you have settled into the school and you have enjoyed your (busy) first term. May the year ahead be a happy one for all of you.

Congratulations!

Junior Certificate 2025 Results Day

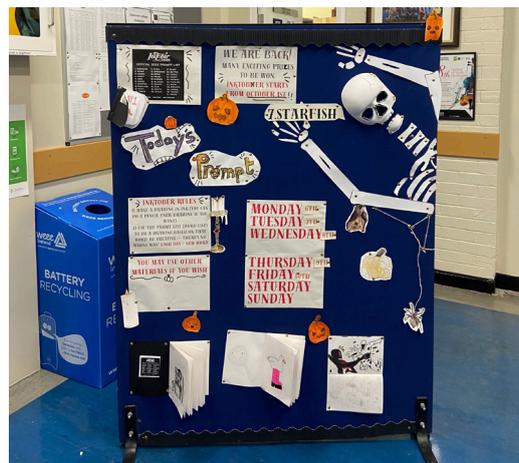
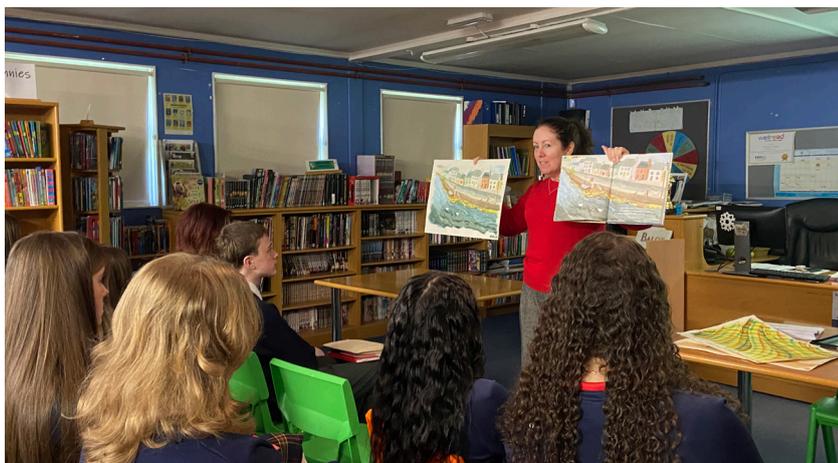
Well done to all students who received their Junior Certificate results on 8th October. This is the result of 3 years of hard work from students, teachers and parents. Congratulations to all involved.



Art / Library

Creativity in Full Bloom: Art Department Kicks Off Exciting Projects!

The Art Department has started an exciting collaborative project through **Blast** with artist **Caitriona Sweeny** and the **JCSP Library**, where students are creating a **stop-motion animation**. Our **whole-school Inktober initiative**, also in partnership with the **JCSP Library**, is underway with over **250 students and staff** taking part in the daily drawing challenge. Meanwhile, our **2nd Year Mural Initiative** has started with artist **Garreth Joyce**, creating a vibrant new mural in the **school garden**. (J. Filip)



Senior Cycle Army Talk

Back in September, 2 soldiers from the army came to the school to speak to our 6th year students. They delivered a very interesting and informative presentation, explaining how you can apply for one of the many careers within the army. Our students were given an in-depth description of a typical day, travelling overseas, pay scales, fitness levels required and all of their questions were answered. This talk really opened the students eyes to a very exciting potential career opportunity.



Sports

GAA

It was a clean sweep for Kylemore College in the GAA 7's tournaments with our First Year, Junior and Senior boys all on the winning side. Each team displayed fantastic skill and attitude in their performances and did the Kylemore badge proud. (D. McCarthy)



Holly Conway, Patricia Maniak and Abigail Cunningham

TY Pitch and Putt Trip



SCC Badminton Tournament

A great day out for some of our 5th and 6th year students who took part in a senior badminton tournament in Larkin Community College as part of our SCC events. Our students put up a good fight against Larkin, Coláiste Eoin and Clogher Road schools and came out with two silver medals. Holly Conway won silver in the girls singles competition, and Patricia Maniak and Abigail Cunningham together won silver with their efforts in the girls doubles competition. Well done to all students who took part!



Students who took part: Holly Conway, Shauna O'Keefe, Abigail Cunningham, Vincent Quipit, Patricia Maniak, Tyrese Dempsey, Sophia Baird, Reece Monahan, Ellie Kenny, Zack O'Prey

Class Oak Hike

In September, Class Oak set off on their hike through the beautiful Crone Woods, Co Wicklow. Despite the miserable weather, the students showed great spirit and enthusiasm and had an absolute blast exploring the trails! (L. O'Neill)



Class Ash Hike

Class Ash at Donabate beach. They had an absolute blast of a time with Ms Maslin and Mr O'Hara



LCA

LawEd

LawEd, a multi-award-winning law workshop provider visited the school on Friday 3rd November 2025. Class 503 had a 2-hour workshop on their legal rights and responsibilities as teenagers today. The students found it informative, engaging and interactive. The workshop educated students on how law impacts their daily lives. (J. O'Keeffe)



World Skills Ireland

Class 603 went to a World Skills Ireland Event in the RDS on 19th September 2025 with Ms O'Keeffe and Mr O'Hara. There were competitors from up to 30 disciplines showcasing the best of their skills and professions. It was a brilliant opportunity for our 6th year LCA students to get a taste of the wide range of careers in skills available to them after secondary school.



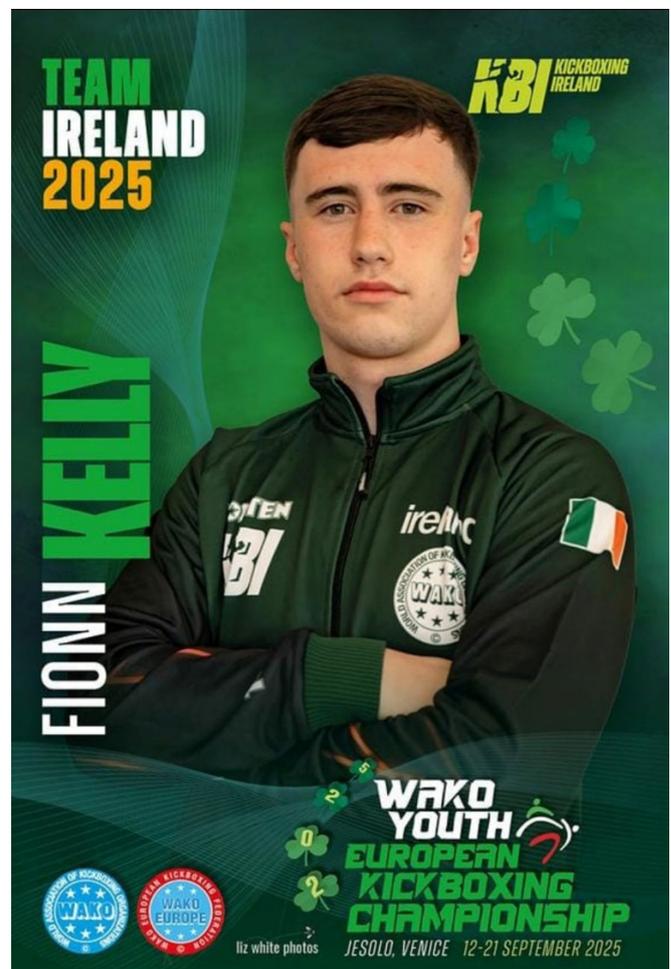
European Day of Languages

A selection of posters from class 401 in celebration of the **European Day of Languages**. They will be submitted to a competition which is organised by the European Commission!



Congratulations Fionn Kelly

Congratulations to Fionn Kelly from class 601 who represented Team Ireland at the European Kickboxing Championships in Jesolo, Venice last month. (A. Galvin)



Wellbeing

Wellbeing Week September 2025

The first Wellbeing Week of the year took place recently, during which students and staff participated in various activities.

In sports, the basketball club met before school, Rowing Ireland held workshops for first year and TY students, and Hersport spoke to LCPE students. Staff won a “friendly” tug of war against students, and all JC classes participated in a wellbeing walk.

Cybersafe kids provided workshops on Internet Safety and SDVS ran workshops on Healthy Relationships.

Junior Cycle students participated in the “Decorate Your Door” activity and the “Riddle of the Day” competition, while SPHE classes engaged in mindfulness exercises through mindful colouring.

The sun came out for the final day, and all students were treated to an ice cream as a special treat. Mr Kelly



Teen Turn

Peace Adeyeye of Class 401 who had a summer work experience through Teen Turn at Jazz Pharma/The Digital Hub, won an HP Envy Laptop as part of their blogging competition.

Pictured is Peace with Sarah Stefan (Right) past pupil and researcher with Teen Turn and her colleague.

Teen Turn supports our senior cycle girls at Kylemore College with free Leaving Cert grinds online. Students must register online, see right for details. (L. Keegan)



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FREE LEAVING CERTIFICATE REVISION SESSIONS

online

MONDAY'S
Maths 5-6pm
Engineering 6-7pm
Physics 5-7pm

TUESDAY'S
Biology/Chemistry 5-6pm
Computer Science 6-7pm

REGISTER NOW!

STEM Passport for Inclusion Programme

21 of last year's TY students have successfully passed their assignments in the STEM Passport for Inclusion Programme organised by Maynooth University, co-funded by Microsoft Ireland. The Programme addresses unequal access to STEM courses and careers among people from under-served communities. It aims to empower learners from working class communities with a STEM qualification and an Industry mentor. The following students will graduate with university-accredited STEM qualification in January 2026: Aquila Okunnu, Preston Murray, Vincent Quipet, Zack O'prey, Alex Doyle, Tara Brannigan, Jessica Buckley, Reece Monahan, Ryan Mahon, Tyrese Dempsey, Kacie Gaynor, Vangjel Melengu, Caoimhe Roche, Ellie McCann, Piotr Szkwara, Ben McCann, Jack O'Rourke, Michal Dzedzic & Kyle Dempsey. (L. Macken)



In Memory of our former Principal, Mr Declan Mac Daid

In September we were saddened to learn of the passing of Mr Declan Mc Daid, our former principal. Declan served our school community with unwavering dedication for nearly three decades. He was Deputy Principal from March 1983 to May 1989, and then Principal from 1989 until his retirement in August 2011.

Declan had a vision where he saw that every local child would attend their local post-primary school and their lives would be changed through their engagement with Ballyfermot Vocational School (BVS)/ Kylemore College and the educational opportunities available in the college.

He worked tirelessly to build the strongest teaching team and secure the best facilities in the Ballyfermot area and in this way, he ensured our students had every chance to thrive, every chance to reach their full potential.

Under his guidance, the school introduced a wide range of new programs, including Junior Cycle, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate, and Post Leaving Certificate courses.

Declan was a caring, thoughtful, and supportive leader. His legacy lives on in the values he instilled, the lives he touched, and the community he helped shape. We offer our heartfelt thanks to him for his leadership, his friendship, and his unwavering belief in the potential of every student and staff member. He truly made a difference in the lives of so many at Kylemore College and his impact will be felt for many years to come.

May Declan now Rest in Peace.



Important Dates

NOV
3rd

Return after
Midterm Break

NOV
24th

Transition Year
Work Experience

NOV
17th

College
Awareness Week

NOV
28th

College Closed,
Staff Training

DEC
18th

Parent/Teacher
Meetings
(2nd & 5th year)

DEC
19th

College Closed for
Christmas break