

Presentation Perspective Newsletter



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Principals Address

A very warm welcome to all of our new First Year students who are beginning their educational journey with us here at Presentation Secondary School, Wexford. We also extend a heartfelt welcome to the many new transfer students who have joined our school community. We hope that each of you will enjoy many happy and fulfilling years with us.

I would like to congratulate the Leaving Cert Class of 2025 on their outstanding results in the recent state examinations. The achievements of our students were exceptional, with many surpassing expectations. In particular, we are proud of those who faced additional challenges—emotionally, socially, or otherwise—and yet excelled. This success is a testament not only to their determination but also to the dedication and professionalism of our staff who supported them throughout their five or six years here. We wish the Class of 2025 every success as they embark on the diverse pathways they have chosen for the future.

At Presentation Wexford, we pride ourselves on the strong relationships that exist between our enthusiastic students, supportive parents/guardians, and our committed staff. Together, we strive to provide a holistic education that nurtures each student's academic, social, and personal growth. We encourage all students to actively participate in every aspect of school life, helping them to achieve their full potential in a caring and supportive environment where every individual is known, valued, and respected.

Our recent Open Night was another wonderful occasion where we welcomed prospective students and their families to experience life at Presentation. The campus was alive with energy as visitors explored classrooms, met staff, and enjoyed a wide range of activities. From science experiments and language tasters to sports demonstrations and musical performances, the evening showcased the breadth of opportunities available here. What made the night truly special was the leadership shown by our own students, who guided guests around the school, shared their experiences, and gave a genuine insight into daily life on our campus. We continue to uphold our proud tradition of academic excellence, while also offering a wide range of extracurricular opportunities. From Camogie, Gaelic Football, Basketball, Equestrian, Couch to 5K, Badminton, Soccer, Debating, Athletics, Deep-Green, Games Club, Choir, Green Schools, Library Club, and the Feminist Society—there is something for everyone. I strongly encourage all students to get involved in at least one of these activities, as they are an invaluable part of the holistic education we provide.

I would also like to remind parents/guardians and students that entrance to the school is via the Grogan's Road entrance only. If you are dropping your daughter into the school grounds, please be mindful of speed limits. In addition, all students must be collected when leaving for appointments during the school day. As Principal of Presentation Secondary School, my door is always open to staff, parents, and students. I look forward to working with all members of our school community in the year ahead, in a spirit of positivity and collaboration, always upholding the values upon which our school was founded.



MR. BILLY RYAN

In this newsletter you can expect:

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William Ryan

A Warm Welcome to Our New First Years

We're delighted to welcome our newest First Year students to the school community. Their induction days, held recently over Thursday and Friday, were filled with energy, excitement, and plenty of opportunities to learn and connect.

Guided by our dedicated staff and the ever-supportive Meitheal leaders, the students took part in a range of activities designed to help them settle in, get to know one another, and begin their journey with confidence. From team-building games to school tours and icebreakers, the two days were a wonderful blend of fun and learning.

It was heartening to see so many new friendships forming and smiles all around as our First Years began to find their feet. We're thrilled to have them with us and look forward to watching them grow, thrive, and make their mark in the years ahead.

Welcome to our school — your adventure starts here!



Celebrating the Class of 2025: A Triumph of Dedication and Support

We're thrilled to celebrate the outstanding Leaving Certificate results of the Class of 2025. The achievements unveiled recently are more than just numbers—they are the culmination of years of perseverance, resilience, and growth.

Each student has demonstrated remarkable commitment to their studies, and the results reflect not only their hard work but also the unwavering support of their families and the dedicated guidance of our teaching staff. Together, this partnership has created an environment where excellence could flourish.

To the Class of 2025: we are proud of every single one of you. Your success is a testament to your determination and the strength of the community that stood behind you. As you step into the next chapter of your journey—whether it be further education, training, or new adventures—we know you'll continue to shine.

Congratulations once again. Let this be the beginning of many more milestones to come.



Aisling Roche and Aoibheann Rankin Awarded Prestigious Soccer Scholarships

We're delighted to share the exciting news that two of our talented students, Aisling Roche and Aoibheann Rankin, have been awarded soccer scholarships to Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama. This incredible achievement reflects their dedication both on and off the pitch, and we couldn't be prouder.

Their success is a testament to years of hard work, discipline, and passion for the sport. As they prepare to begin their journey in the United States, we extend our warmest congratulations and wish them every success in the upcoming season and in their academic pursuits.

Well done, Aisling and Aoibheann — your school community is cheering you on every step of the way!



Caoimhe Keating Selected for SFAI Leinster Interprovincial Team

A huge congratulations to Caoimhe Keating, Second Year, on her selection for the SFAI Leinster Interprovincial soccer team! This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of her talent, dedication, and hard work on the pitch.



First Year Scholarship Winners Announced

Congratulations to Madison Brazzill, Alannah Flanagan, Orla O'Donnell, Anna Sarsfield, and Ruth Stafford on receiving First Year scholarships. We're proud to celebrate their achievement and excited to see all they'll accomplish ahead!



Exciting Start for First Years at Presentation Wexford!

Presentation Secondary School, Wexford, recently hosted its annual Extra-Curricular Fair for our enthusiastic First Year students. The event was a vibrant showcase of the wide range of clubs, activities, and opportunities available to help students settle into school life and discover new passions.

From sports and music to drama, coding, and community initiatives, the fair highlighted the many ways students can get involved, make new friends, and enrich their school experience beyond the classroom. Staff and senior students were on hand to answer questions and share their own experiences, making the event both informative and inspiring.

A special thank you to Mr. Lynch for organising this fantastic event and helping our newest students feel welcome and excited about the year ahead!



Celebrating Academic Excellence – Leaving Cert Class of 2025

Presentation Secondary School, Wexford, recently celebrated the outstanding achievements of our Top 20 Leaving Certificate students from the Class of 2025. These students have truly done themselves, their families, and the school proud with their exceptional results. The performance across the year group was equally impressive:

- Over 60% of students scored more than 400 points
- 30% achieved over 500 points
- An incredible 4 students scored over 600 points

These results are a testament to the hard work, resilience, and commitment shown by our students throughout their senior cycle. We extend our warmest congratulations to all and wish them every success in the exciting journeys ahead.





TY Musical Announcement – Mary Poppins Takes the Stage!

We're thrilled to announce this year's Transition Year musical – a collaborative production between Presentation Secondary School and CBS, Wexford. The students will be performing the beloved classic, Mary Poppins: The Musical.

This exciting partnership promises to bring plenty of creativity, teamwork, and talent to the stage. It's a wonderful opportunity for TY students to get involved in a fun and rewarding experience that will no doubt be a highlight of the school year.

Division 1 Champions

Well done to our students who played with Blackwater & won Friday night in the under 16 Division 1 final. Kacey Coleman, Sophie Rutledge, Anna Roche, Sarah Lacey, missing from the photo is Bronagh Cullen.



TYs Enjoy a Fun-Filled Day at the Stables in Gorey

Our Transition Year students had a fantastic day of bonding and adventure at the Stables in Gorey. From team-building activities to outdoor fun, the day was packed with energy, laughter, and sunshine.

A heartfelt thank you to the incredible staff at the Stables who went above and beyond to make the experience so enjoyable for the girls. Their warm hospitality and engaging activities helped create lasting memories and stronger friendships. Here's to more days like this—full of connection, movement, and joy!



3rd Years Have a Blast at Emerald Park!

Laughter, thrills, and unforgettable memories—our 3rd Year students had an incredible day out at Emerald Park! From rollercoasters to fun-filled activities, the excitement was nonstop, and we're still not sure who enjoyed it more—the students or the staff!

A huge thank you to Ms Maher, our dedicated 3rd Year Head, for organising the trip, and to all the tutors and staff who accompanied the group. We're proud to share that the students represented our school brilliantly, with glowing reports of excellent behaviour throughout the day. Here's to more adventures like this!





Students Shine at School of Sanctuary Awards

Well done to our Students Across the Globe Group who proudly represented the school at today's School of Sanctuary Awards Ceremony in Wexford County Council Offices. A special shout-out to Martyna and Joslin for volunteering and warmly welcoming guests—great work all around!

Black Belt Achievement!

Congrats to Liadh Leonard (2nd Year) and Cassie Phillips (4th Year) who earned their 1st Degree black belts in Kerry this July. A fantastic accomplishment—well done!



Winning Start for U16 & Senior Basketball Teams

Our U16 and Senior basketball teams opened their league with impressive wins against Loreto, Wexford. With matches against OLOL, St Mary's, and Ramsgrange ahead, we're excited to see what's next. Well done to all the students involved!



Support for Parents & Guardians

Free webinars and podcasts are now available for parents and guardians of post-primary students. These resources offer helpful insights, guidance, and tips to support your child's journey through secondary school—tune in and stay informed!



Show Jumping Success for Anna Sarsfield

Congratulations to Anna Sarsfield (1st Year) on winning the Leinster Show Jumping Championships! She'll now go on to represent Leinster in the All Ireland Interprovincial Show Jumping Final. Best of luck, Anna!



Kilmore U16 County Champions!

Congratulations to our students who proudly represented Kilmore in the U16 County Final and helped secure a fantastic win—bringing home the cup! Their hard work, teamwork, and dedication on the pitch truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievement.

It's always inspiring to see our students shine in local sports and contribute to such memorable victories. Well done to everyone involved!



Rang Caoimhe Bonding Day Highlights

Rang Caoimhe had a fantastic time during their recent bonding day, filled with laughter, connection, and plenty of fun activities. It was a great opportunity for students to relax, build friendships, and enjoy each other's company outside the classroom.

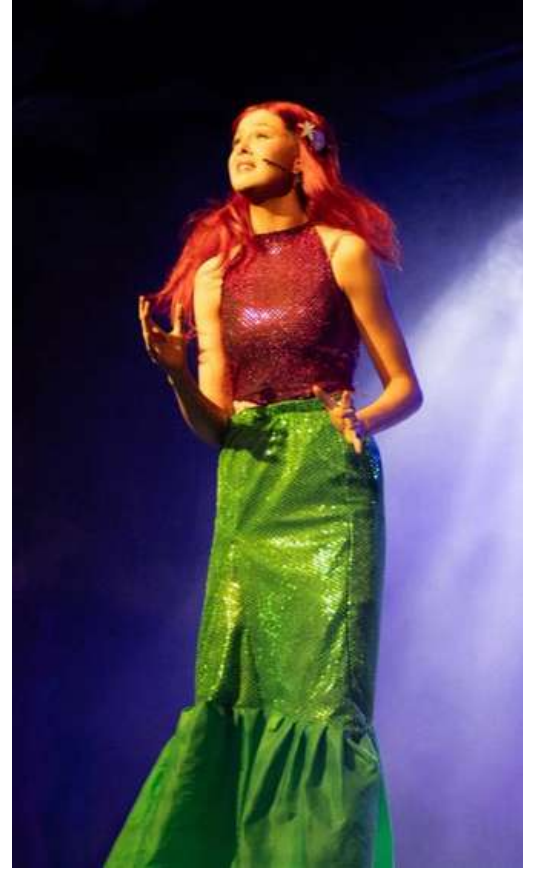
A special thank you to Mr. Ryan for dropping by and joining in the fun—his game of Guess Who? was a definite highlight and brought lots of smiles to the group. Moments like these help create a warm and inclusive school spirit, and we're grateful to everyone who helped make the day so memorable



Faye Cast as Lead in 'Sleeping Beauty'

Huge congratulations to Faye Kehoe (5th Year), who has been cast in the lead role in Wexford Pantomime Society's upcoming production of Sleeping Beauty at the National Opera House! Faye wowed audiences as Ariel in last year's school musical, and we're thrilled to see her talent recognised once again.

Well done also to all our students taking part in the chorus and choir—you're sure to make this show magical!



Meet Our Student Council 2025–26

Here's our newly elected Student Council for the 2025–26 school year! This fantastic group of students will represent their peers, share ideas, and help shape school life in the year ahead.

Pictured in the group photo are our council members—missing from the photo is Alex O'Brien Ottley (TY), who also joins the team. We're excited to see the great work they'll do!



Learning Hub Launches with Exciting Recruitment Drive

Our Learning Hub has kicked off the year with a vibrant and engaging recruitment drive, inviting students to join a space dedicated to peer learning, collaboration, and academic support. The atmosphere was buzzing with curiosity and enthusiasm as students explored what the Hub has to offer and how they can get involved.

Led by our passionate Learning Leaders, the Hub aims to foster a culture of shared knowledge and growth, where students can support one another in their studies and develop valuable leadership skills. Whether it's tutoring, organising study sessions, or creating helpful resources, there's something for everyone to contribute.

We're looking forward to welcoming new members and seeing the creative and inspiring initiatives our Learning Leaders have planned for the year ahead. It's shaping up to be a fantastic journey of learning, leadership, and connection!





Peer Mentors Earn Lighthouse Badges

Congratulations to our 5th Year Peer Mentors who successfully completed their training with Ms M Kelly. Their commitment to supporting younger students and fostering a positive school environment is truly commendable.

To mark their achievement, Deputy Principal Ms Ryan—who coordinates the programme—presented each mentor with their Lighthouse badge. Well done to all involved, and thank you for being such inspiring role models!

Soil Science with Karla Burke

Our 6th Year Agricultural Science students had the pleasure of learning from Karla Burke, a Teagasc PhD student and proud past pupil. Karla delivered an engaging and insightful lesson on soil science, sharing her expertise and passion for the subject.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students to connect classroom learning with real-world research, and to be inspired by someone who once sat in their very seats. Thank you, Karla!





Senior Agricultural Science Field Study

Our senior Agricultural Science students had an enriching field study recently in Rathnure. The visit provided them with valuable insights into the daily operations of a working farm. A heartfelt thank you to Michael Murphy for generously sharing his time and expertise, giving our students a firsthand experience of farm life. It was an educational and inspiring day for all!

Sinéad Swims for Charity

Well done to Sinéad McCarthy, 3rd Year Rang Eimear, who swam from the Saltee Islands to Kilmore Quay recently. She joined her Wexford Swimming and Waterpolo Club teammate, Tommy Kehoe from Bridgetown College, on his charity swim. A fantastic achievement!



Celebrating Our Incredible SNAs

We recently marked SNA Appreciation Day, a chance to celebrate the dedication and care shown by our Special Needs Assistants. Eileen, Esther, Liz, Margaret, Maria, and Ruta go above and beyond every single day, offering support, encouragement, and stability to our students. Their work is vital to the smooth running of our school, and their presence makes a real difference in the lives of those they help.

We are deeply grateful for all that they do—thank you for being such an important part of our school community!



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First School Mass of the Year

We recently gathered in Bride Street Church for our first School Mass of the academic year—a special occasion that brought our school community together in reflection and celebration. The Mass was beautifully led by Bishop Ger Nash, whose presence and words added great meaning to the event.

A sincere thank you to Mr Grannell, our chaplain, for coordinating the celebration and ensuring everything ran smoothly. We are also grateful to all the teachers who helped prepare and support the service.

A highlight of the morning was the music provided by our talented choir, led by Ms Mahon. Their voices filled the church with warmth and spirit, creating a truly uplifting atmosphere.

Moments like these remind us of the strength and unity within our school, and we look forward to many more shared celebrations throughout the year.



Niamh White Earns Irish Soccer Cap

Congratulations to Niamh White, 5th Year, on receiving her Under-16 Irish Soccer International cap. Niamh played a key role in two recent international matches as part of the Ireland WU16 squad against Wales. A fantastic achievement and a proud moment for our school—well done, Niamh!



Study Skills Seminar with Ray

We recently welcomed Ray to our school, where he delivered an inspiring and motivational study skills seminar to our 5th and 2nd Year students. His practical advice and positive energy gave students a valuable boost as they prepare for the academic challenges ahead. Thank you, Ray, for a fantastic session!



Open Night 2025: A Celebration of School Spirit

We recently hosted our Open Night 2025, and the energy throughout the building was truly electric. Families, prospective students, and members of the wider community filled the halls, eager to experience what makes our school so special. From the moment the doors opened, our students stepped up with pride, enthusiasm, and warmth—welcoming guests, guiding tours, and showcasing their talents across every department.

Classrooms came alive with interactive displays, creative projects, and demonstrations that highlighted the incredible work happening every day. Visitors had the chance to meet our dedicated teachers, explore facilities, and get a real feel for the vibrant learning environment we offer.

But as always, it was our students who stole the show. Their confidence, kindness, and passion spoke volumes. If you want to know what a school is really like—ask the students. They are the heartbeat of our community, and their voices tell the most authentic story.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success. We look forward to welcoming many new faces in the year ahead!





Creative Bonding for Rang Sadhbh

Our 5th Year LCA students in Rang Sadhbh enjoyed a fun bonding day at Creative Grounds in Enniscorthy, painting their own tote bags. They wrapped up the outing with a tasty lunch at The Pantry. Well done to all!



Senior Soccer Victory

Well done to our Senior Soccer team who recently defeated St. Leo's Carlow 3-1 in the second round of the cup. Goals came from Shannon McGuire and Niamh White in a strong team performance. Great result!

Strength & Conditioning Wednesdays

Our S&C (Strength & Conditioning) classes take place every Wednesday in the school gym. It's a great opportunity to train, build confidence, and stay active. Join the girls and enjoy your fitness journey!



Rang Sadhbh Complete Barbicide Training

Well done to Rang Sadhbh, who recently completed a course on the use of Barbicide in salon settings. Through this training, they gained valuable knowledge about proper sanitation procedures and how to disinfect tools correctly—an important step in developing professional salon skills.



Junior Cycle Results Day 2025

A big day for our Junior Cycle Class of 2025! Well done to all students on receiving their excellent results. It was heartwarming to see so many smiles—and even a few tears of joy—as envelopes were opened. Congratulations to each student, their parents and guardians, and to the dedicated school staff who supported them throughout the journey.



Sustainability Quiz Winners

A whole-school sustainability quiz was held recently during tutor time, sparking great engagement and eco-awareness among students. Congratulations to Millie McGuire, Juliette Pac-Kenny, and Doireann Mullally on winning the quiz—well done on leading the way!



TY Students Visit Garda Operational Support Open Day

This term, our TY students travelled to Westmanstown, Dublin for An Garda Síochána's Operational Support Open Day. It was an exciting and informative experience, offering a close-up look at the work of specialised Garda units.

Students enjoyed live demonstrations from the Dog Unit, Mounted Unit, Water Unit, and Air Support and Public Order teams. The visit gave them a deeper appreciation of the skills and coordination involved in keeping communities safe. A memorable day for all!



Rang Muireann Visit Dunbrody Famine Ship

This term, Rang Muireann enjoyed an educational and memorable trip to the Dunbrody Famine Ship and Irish Diaspora Museum. The visit offered valuable insights into Ireland's history and the experiences of those who emigrated during the famine. A big thank you to Ms Whelan and Mr Malone for accompanying the students and making the day possible.



Exploring the Digestive System in Science Class

Mr Stafford's First Year Science students began learning about the digestive system this term in a fun and creative way. Using old white shirts, they modelled the entire system, allowing them to visually walk through each part and explain its function. It was a hands-on approach that brought science to life—great work, everyone!





Social Badminton – Join In!

Social Badminton takes place every Thursday and Friday in the school. It's a great way to stay active, have fun, and meet new people. All are welcome—just check in with Ms Colfer or Mr Moore for more details.



Senior Debate Team Impress in First Round

Well done to our Senior Debate Team on their strong performance in their first debate against Firhouse ETSS. The girls presented their arguments with clarity and confidence, representing the school with pride and professionalism. We look forward to their next debate after midterm—keep up the great work!

Rang Ailbhe Spread Kindness

Rang Ailbhe's 3rd Year students created Anti-Bullying projects in Wellbeing class, linking with our 'Bí Cineálta' Policy. They topped it off with a sweet act of kindness—bringing in donuts to share.



Junior Camogie Team at All-Ireland 7s Blitz

Our Junior Camogie team had an early start this term as they travelled to the Meath GAA Centre of Excellence for the Junior All-Ireland 7s Blitz. The girls had a brilliant day of competition and camaraderie, and they're now looking forward to an exciting season ahead.



First Years Become Marketeers

After learning Spanish vocabulary for stationery items, our first-year students took on a creative challenge: designing and presenting their own product catalogues. Acting as a mini marketing agency, they pitched their ideas to “clients” in Spanish. Four standout catalogues were chosen—¡muy buen trabajo!



Student Council Elections

Congratulations to our newly elected 1st Year student council members! Well done to all nominees for putting themselves forward. A big thank you to our current council and Ms Whelan for organising the election.



Celebrating Our Transfer & International Students

Recently, our school hosted a special evening dedicated to welcoming our Transfer and International students. The event provided a warm and inclusive space for students to share their experiences of joining our school community—from navigating new routines to making new friends and settling into life in Wexford.

It was a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on their journey so far and for staff, parents, guardians, and host families to hear firsthand how these young people are adapting and thriving. Their stories highlighted the resilience, curiosity, and enthusiasm they bring to our classrooms every day.

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the students who spoke so openly, and to the families and guardians who came along to support them. Your presence made the evening truly special. We're proud to have such a diverse and vibrant student body, and we look forward to continuing to support each student as they grow and succeed.



TY Gaisce Adventure in Glendalough

Recently, our six Transition Year classes embarked on their Gaisce Bronze Award overnight adventure in the scenic valley of Glendalough. This trip marked a major milestone in their Gaisce journey, challenging students to push themselves physically and mentally while building teamwork and resilience.

Over the course of two days, the girls walked an impressive 25km through forest trails, hills, and lakeside paths. Despite a few showers, spirits remained high as they encouraged one another, shared laughs, and soaked in the natural beauty of the Wicklow Mountains.

The overnight stay added to the experience, giving students a chance to bond, reflect, and enjoy some well-earned rest after a long day of hiking. It was a fantastic opportunity for personal growth, friendship, and fun—all key elements of the Gaisce programme.

A huge well done to all the girls for their determination and positivity throughout the trip.



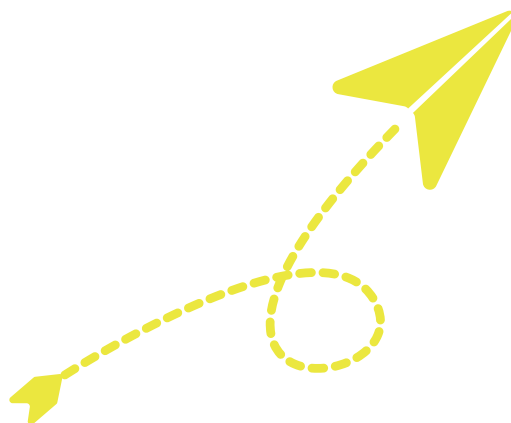
A Heartfelt Thank You from the Editor

As we begin a new academic year, I'd like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students, staff, and families. A special welcome goes out to our First Year students, who are just beginning their journey with us here at Presentation Secondary School, Wexford. We also welcome all new students who have joined us across other year groups — we're delighted to have you as part of our school community.

This first edition of the newsletter marks the start of another exciting year filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments. It's a space where we celebrate achievements, share stories, and keep everyone connected with the life of our school.

I'd also like to take a moment to congratulate the Leaving Certificate Class of 2025 on their fantastic results. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and you've made your families and our school proud. We wish you all the very best as you take your next steps into the future — whether that's further education, training, or the world of work.

Thank you for reading, and I look forward to sharing many more updates with you throughout the year.



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