

Presentation Perspective Newsletter



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Principals Address

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DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STUDENTS,
HAPPY NEW YEAR! AS WE STEP INTO 2026, THIS IS A WONDERFUL
TIME TO REFLECT ON THE SUCCESSES OF THE PAST YEAR AND
LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD.

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR BRINGS WITH IT A SENSE OF
RENEWAL AND POSSIBILITY. IT'S A CHANCE FOR ALL OF US—
STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES—TO SET NEW GOALS AND
EMBRACE CHALLENGES WITH OPTIMISM.

BEFORE THE BREAK, WE WITNESSED OUTSTANDING EFFORTS
FROM OUR STUDENTS IN ACADEMICS, SPORTS, AND CREATIVE
PURSUITS. THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS REMIND US OF THE
INCREDIBLE POTENTIAL WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.
THANK YOU TO OUR DEDICATED STAFF AND SUPPORTIVE PARENTS
FOR MAKING THESE SUCCESSES POSSIBLE.

LOOKING AHEAD

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO STAY ENGAGED AND INVOLVED AS
WE WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A POSITIVE AND ENRICHING
ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

LET'S MAKE 2026 A YEAR OF GROWTH, COLLABORATION, AND
ACHIEVEMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND
PARTNERSHIP. TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE THAT EVERY STUDENT
THRIVES.

WARM REGARDS,

PRINCIPAL

William Ryan



MR. BILLY RYAN

In this newsletter
you can expect:

Sporting
Achievements

Geography Field
Trip

Art Gallery Visit

Choir Opera
House
Performance

Swimming
Team Update

Christmas
Preperations

Celebrating Sr Mai Pender's 70th Jubilee

Our school community is delighted to celebrate a remarkable milestone in the life of Sr Mai Pender, who recently marked her 70th Jubilee as a Presentation Sister. This extraordinary achievement reflects a lifetime of dedication, compassion, and service.

Sr Mai has devoted decades to the Presentation order, contributing generously to its mission and embodying the values of its foundress, Nano Nagle. Her commitment has touched countless lives, and her legacy continues to inspire both students and staff.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Sr Mai on this joyful occasion and hope the celebrations were filled with the appreciation and affection she so richly deserves.



Bronagh and Layla Selected for Wexford Squad

Congratulations to Bronagh and Layla, who represented the Wexford Gaynor Cup squad at the recent Pat Ronan Memorial Tournament in Ferrycarrig Park. Well done to both on this fantastic achievement.



Caoimhe Carley Crowned League Champion

Congratulations to Caoimhe Carley, who was part of the WU19 Waterford FC team recently crowned 2025 League of Ireland Shield Champions. A fantastic achievement and a proud moment for our school community.



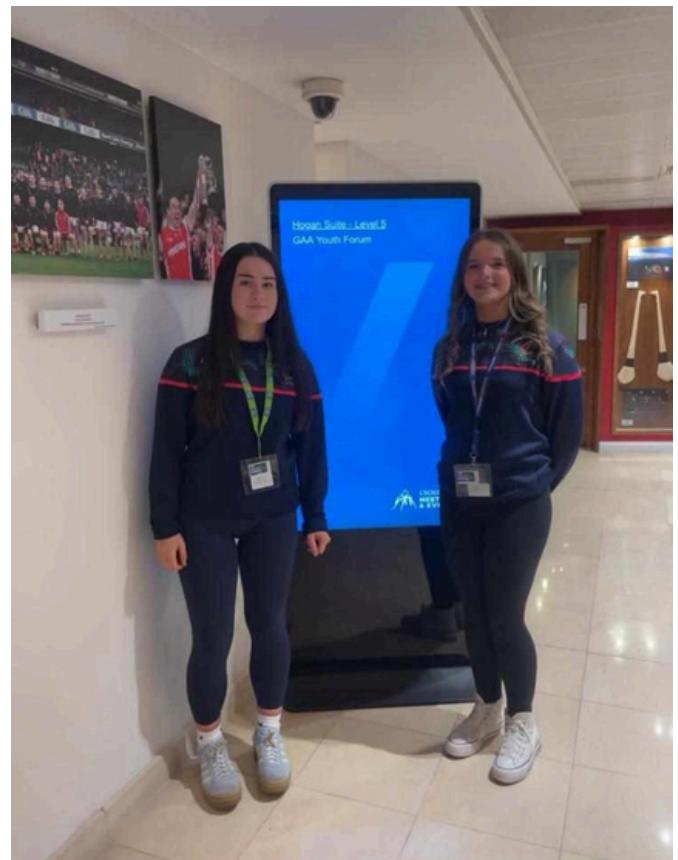


Éabha Keane Impresses at Leinster Championships

Well done to Éabha Keane, who delivered an outstanding performance at the Leinster Cross Country Championships, finishing 4th in the U18 category and 5th in U20. A fantastic achievement and great representation for our school.

Liadh Leonand & Annie Furlong at GAA Youth Forum

Well done to Liadh Leonand and Annie Furlong, who recently represented their club and Wexford at the GAA National Youth Forum in Croke Park. The event brought young leaders together to share ideas and discuss the future of the GAA. A great achievement for both students.



Rang Cliodhna Get Creative in Geography

Ms Carr's 1st Year Geography class, Rang Cliodhna, have been busy exploring their topic on the Earth — and they've done it in wonderfully imaginative ways. Over the past few weeks, students have been creating a range of colourful and creative projects to showcase their learning, from models and posters to detailed diagrams and artistic displays.

Their work highlights not only their growing understanding of our planet but also their enthusiasm for learning and their ability to express ideas in unique and thoughtful ways. The classroom has been filled with energy, curiosity, and creativity as students brought their ideas to life.

Well done to all of Rang Cliodhna for their fantastic effort and impressive work. Their projects are a credit to both themselves and their teacher.





Angel Boby Excels at National Chess Championship

Congratulations to Angel Boby in First Year, who delivered an outstanding performance at the Irish Girls Schools Chess Championship in Dublin before mid-term. Angel narrowly missed out on first place after a close final match, finishing an impressive 5th overall.

Chloe Murphy & Joslin Estafan Shine for Southeast Leinster U18s

Well done to Chloe Murphy and Joslin Estafan, who lined out for the Southeast Leinster U18 rugby team in their recent match. The team delivered a strong performance, securing a great win over the Northeast. A fantastic achievement for both players.



New Home and Away Jerseys Make a Winning Debut

Our school is delighted to unveil our new home and away jerseys, proudly sponsored by GrassMaster. A special thank-you goes to Trevor and Linda Rankin for their generous support in bringing the new kit to life.

The team couldn't have asked for a better debut — wearing the new jerseys for the first time, they secured an impressive 5–0 victory over Holy Family Newbridge. A fantastic start, both in performance and in style.



Anna Sarsfield Wins Novice 90cm Competition

Huge congratulations to Anna Sarsfield, who won the Novice 90cm individual competition at Wexford Equestrian over the weekend. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to her skill and dedication.



Caoimhe Keating Represents Ireland at U15 Level

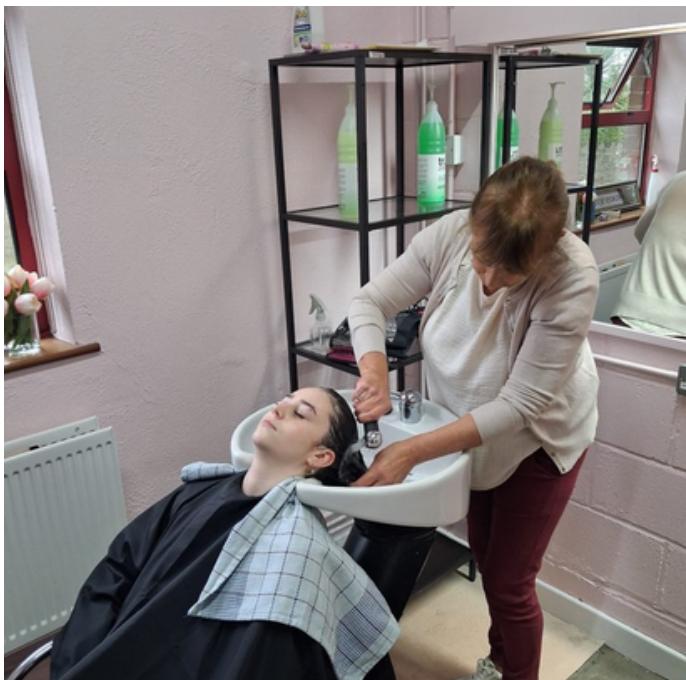
Massive congratulations to Caoimhe Keating, who was selected for the Irish U15 Girls Squad. Caoimhe travelled to Spain, where she competed against Spain, Norway, and Poland in a series of international fixtures.

This was a wonderful achievement and an unforgettable experience. Well done, Caoimhe.



Future Baristas Shine in Presentation Wexford

Students from Rang Sadhbh and Rang Caoimhe took part in a barista workshop this week with Niamh from Cool Beans Coffee School. They learned the basics of brewing, steaming, and pouring—and impressed their teachers with some delicious coffees. Well done to all involved.



Hair and Beauty Students Enjoy Professional Demonstration

Our 6th Year Hair and Beauty students were treated to a hands-on demonstration in hair washing and blow-drying, delivered by our wonderful receptionist — and former hairdresser — Lorna. The session gave students valuable insights into professional techniques and salon-standard skills. A big thank-you to Lorna for sharing her expertise.

Recent Success at Wexford Equestrian

Our equestrian teams recently enjoyed a fantastic outing at Wexford Equestrian, showcasing skill, teamwork, and school spirit throughout the event. Three teams represented the school—two Novice teams and one Open team—and each rider gave an impressive performance in a competitive arena.

The Novice Green Team secured a strong 5th place finish, while our Open Team also earned an excellent 5th place. On top of these achievements, all of our teams were awarded Best Turned Out, a testament to the riders' preparation, presentation, and pride in representing the school.

A huge well done to every student who competed. Their dedication and enthusiasm made it a memorable and successful weekend for our equestrian community.



6th Year Geography Students Complete Field Investigation

Our 6th Year Geography students recently travelled to Cullenstown Beach to complete their Field Investigation as part of their coursework. The group spent the day gathering data, observing coastal features, and applying the skills they have developed in class to a real-world environment.

A big thank you to Ms V. Redmond, Ms Croke, and Mr O'Leary for guiding and supporting the students throughout the trip.



Annual Visit to the National Gallery of Ireland

Our Sixth Year Art students recently enjoyed their annual visit to the National Gallery of Ireland, a highlight of their senior art studies. During the trip, students were treated to a guided tour, giving them the opportunity to explore a wide range of artworks up close.

Seeing paintings, sculptures, and installations in person offered a valuable learning experience, deepening their understanding of artistic techniques, styles, and historical context. It was an inspiring day that brought classroom learning to life.



Success for Past Pupil Claragh Keane

Congratulations to past pupil Claragh Keane, who recently competed with the Adams State Cross Country team at the NCAA Division II South Central Regionals. Her strong performance helped the team secure overall victory and qualify for the NCAA Nationals in Wisconsin in two weeks' time. Well done, Claragh.



Ella Colgan Represents at Seanad na nÓg

Well done to Ella Colgan, who recently attended Seanad na nÓg on Friday, 14th November. She joined 60 youth delegates from Comhairle na nÓg and other youth organisations across Ireland in Leinster House for the 2025 session. A fantastic achievement—well done, Ella.



Thank You to Our Past Pupils

A huge thank you to Orla, Stacey, Sara, and Jamie for their wonderful input and contribution to our ever-growing past pupil profiles. Their stories and insights will be displayed on campus in the coming weeks, celebrating the achievements of our school community.



Subjects studied in school and if they helped you in any way on the course:
I studied Biology, Maths and Home Economics, all three were the most helpful since I began my third level education. Obviously Maths and English were the most helpful in my Leaving Cert, and I cannot recommend it enough if you plan to or even think that a Science course at third level might be for you. Along with Biology and Home Economics have really helped me in my first year of college.

Why did you end up where you did:
I'm currently studying Medicine at Queen's University Belfast. I originally planned to study Medicine in Ireland through the HPAT, but I missed the required score by two points in my Leaving Cert. I was really disappointed but I still wanted to study in Queen's. Since I was still determined to study Medicine, I decided to sit the UCAT instead of repeating the HPAT, as UCAT is a much better predictor of my performance in Medicine. I did not know much about the UCAT in time to sit it during my Leaving Cert year. I studied Pharmacy at Queen's when applying for Medicine there for the following year, I preferred the UCAT to the HPAT because it is a much better predictor of my performance in Medicine. I did not know much about the UCAT and I am more suited to how I think. Queen's also had more interviews as part of their application process. My interview took place in January, and a month or two later I received an offer to study Medicine.

What are you enjoying about the course:
I really enjoy many aspects of Medicine, especially the practical and patient-focused elements. The case-based learning is great as it allows us to learn in a way that is more relevant to real clinical situations. I also love the Family Attachment Scheme, where we get to visit patients and see how medicine impacts their lives beyond the Hospital. It's inherently rewarding and reinforces why I wanted to study Medicine in the first place.



ORLA BYRNE
Medicine



Subjects studied in school and if they helped you in any way on the course:
I studied English, Maths, Biology, German and Politics independently. I completed exams in English, Maths, Biology and German which helped me to get a place of college to have a better understanding of the world and how it works, especially in 'Foundations of Law', which comprised a lot of German and English. I also completed exams in Politics which we discussed in the Politics class. However, I found English and Maths the most useful in my exams and it prepared me with a solid foundation and a structured approach to extended writing.

Why did you end up where you did:
I was actually my father who found the University, as we were all looking for a good Law School in Europe, since Italy (my home country) would not accept my Irish Leaving Cert, especially not only did I have a more Maastricht were very high in the ranking and it took a more structured look at the courses provided, I really thought that it was exactly what I was looking for.

What are you enjoying about the course:
The way the course is structured, and it being based on Problem-Based Learning, putting the students in the position to actively learn and understand together with the teachers while putting in practice the endless readings, is great.

What's the course about:
The course analyses law in general, in an European and international context. It is also interesting to see how different nations interact with each other but also within their own legal system. It provides a broad and in-depth understanding of European Union, its institutions, and its importance across the world. The course is based around the principles of European integration, with options to specialize in specific areas like business law or public governance.



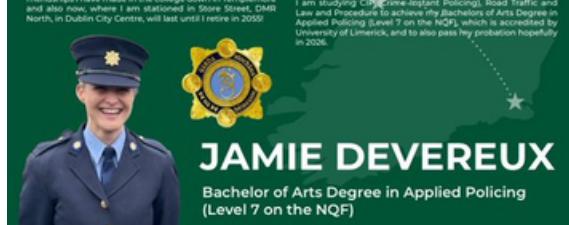
SARA ZOPPI
European Law School



Subjects studied in school and if they helped you in any way on the course:
Physical Education, Geography, Art and English.

Why did you end up where you did:
I ended up becoming a Garda because it was always a career I was interested in pursuing. I was very interested in the Defence Forces, Air Corps and the Army. The Army Brigade, but for me the team and the practical side of the Guards appealed to me the most. There are also many opportunities to progress my career in the Guards. There are also opportunities to progress my career as a Garda. I would like to pursue down the line in my career. Another big part of the job that I love is the team aspect of the job and my colleagues. I have made my friends as well as having them there. The friendships I have made in the colleges down in Templemore and also now, where I am stationed in Store Street, DMR North, in Dublin City Centre, will last until I retire in 2059.

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JAMIE DEVEREUX
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied Policing (Level 7 on the NQF)



Subjects studied in school and if they helped you in any way on the course:
I studied Maths, English, Geography, Biology, Ag Science and LCPV in Presentation Secondary School. Biology, Ag Science and LCPV were the most helpful in my first year of the course. Biology helped me even though I was studying about the human body and how it works. I found it easier to understand what I was learning. Ag Science and LCPV helped me a lot in this module as I have to do a lot of practical work. I found the learning path with animals and made me realize, I would like to be a dog groomer. I have always had a passion for dogs and I also work the business side of Dog Grooming. It helped me understand what happens in the background of a business especially if open my own Dog Grooming business.

Why did you end up where you did:
I ended up going to do Animal Care and Grooming because I am planning on applying for An Garda Síochána. I decided that I would go for a few years before applying and do a college course that would help me to get a job. I decided that my main goal is to apply for the Dog unit once I'm in An Garda Síochána for a few years. This course would be a step towards that goal.

What are you enjoying about the course:
I am enjoying learning about animals more in depth, learning about every dog breed and how to groom dogs. I am also learning about the different breeds of dogs. The An Garda Síochána Dog Unit, you must train the dog in obedience and other forms of Canidae work and be with your assigned dog day and night. My dog is very good at this and I am learning how to take care of him and maintaining a fit and healthy dog. There are many different breeds of dogs assigned to the Dog Unit, so this course allows me to understand the different breeds.



STACEY LEWIS
Animal Care and Grooming



Congratulations to Eva Cashman

Congratulations to Eva Cashman (LC 2025), who was recently awarded the Academic Achievement Scholarship at the Marino Institute of Education. Eva received the highest CAO points—613—of all students entering the Bachelor of Education programme. A fantastic accomplishment. Well done, Eva.

Visit from Poet Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin

We were delighted to welcome renowned poet Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin to the school yesterday—a rare and memorable opportunity for our Leaving Certificate English students. She read and discussed poems from the course with exceptional insight, answered students' questions, and brought her work to life in a way that deeply enriched their understanding. It was an inspiring experience our students will long remember.



25th Anniversary of the Meitheal Programme

The school recently marked the 25th anniversary of the Meitheal programme, a milestone celebrating years of leadership, service, and community spirit. Forty-six Meitheal leaders received awards in recognition of the outstanding work they do throughout the school.

A special thank you to Bronagh Lucas and Ella Hurley, who did a fantastic job MCing the event and helping make the celebration memorable. Well done to everyone involved.



3rd Years Enjoy Festive Ice Skating Trip

Third-year students from Rang Ailbhe and Rang Meabh recently embraced the Christmas spirit with a fun and active PE trip to Wexford on Ice. Instead of their usual PE hall, students took to the ice rink, where they had the chance to practise their balance, coordination, and confidence on the ice.

The outing was filled with laughter, teamwork, and plenty of festive cheer as students supported one another, tried out new skills, and enjoyed the challenge of skating. For many, it was a highlight of the week and a great way to celebrate the season together.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone involved and a memorable way to bring some winter magic into PE.



TY Students Take Part in Public Speaking Workshop

Our TY students recently took part in an engaging Public Speaking workshop designed to help them develop stronger communication skills. Throughout the session, students explored how to improve the clarity and impact of their delivery, strengthen the structure and content of their speeches, and make confident, purposeful eye contact.

They also learned practical techniques for reducing filler words and speaking with greater assurance in front of an audience. The workshop was hands-on, energetic, and full of opportunities to practise new skills in a supportive environment.

By the end of the session, students left feeling more confident, more expressive, and better equipped to communicate effectively in both academic and everyday settings.





International and Transfer Students Visit Wexford on Ice

Our International Students and recent Transfer Students enjoyed a fantastic day out at Wexford on Ice this week. It was a great opportunity for students to have fun together, try something new, and build friendships while getting into the festive spirit.

SETU Speaker Visits 5th Year Students

We recently welcomed Noel Connors from SETU, who spoke to our 5th year students about the many pathways available to them after secondary school. He outlined different course options, entry routes, and opportunities within further and higher education, giving students plenty to think about as they begin planning their next steps.

It was an informative and engaging session, and we appreciate Noel taking the time to meet with our students.



Choir Performs at Nathan Carter Show

Well done to our amazing choir, led by Ms Mahon, who took to the stage at the Nathan Carter show in the Opera House last night. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform in a professional setting, and they rose to the occasion with confidence, talent, and enthusiasm. Their harmonies, stage presence, and teamwork were praised by all in attendance, adding a special touch to an already memorable evening.

It was a fantastic experience for the choir and a proud moment for our school community. Bravo to everyone involved.



Past Pupils Speak to Soccer Students

A huge thanks to Aisling and Aoibheann, both past pupils, who spoke to our soccer students about opportunities and sports scholarships in America. Their insights and experiences were incredibly valuable, giving students a clearer understanding of the pathways available to them.



Study Skills Seminar with Ray

We were delighted to welcome back past pupil Shannon Codd to present her with her framed Irish singlet, which she proudly wore while representing both Ireland and Presentation Wexford in the International Schools Competition during her senior years. It was a lovely moment to acknowledge her achievements and the dedication she showed throughout her time here. Shannon is now continuing her passion for sport by studying Sports Science in SETU.



TY Students Bring Christmas Cheer to St. Brigid's

A big thank you to our TY students who brought the Christmas spirit to St. Brigid's this morning. They filled the day with festive cheer through beautiful carol singing and a fun Christmas raffle, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere for everyone. These students visit St. Brigid's every week as part of the John Paul II programme, and their continued kindness and commitment are truly appreciated.





5th Year RE Students Create Christmas Cards for Local Nursing Home

Some of our 5th year RE students recently created thoughtful Christmas cards for residents of the local nursing home as part of their Generous Morality project. Their creativity and kindness helped bring festive cheer to the community and demonstrated the true spirit of giving.



6th Years Enjoy End-of-Term Trip to Dundrum

Our 6th years enjoyed a shopping trip to Dundrum recently to mark the end of a very busy first term. It was a well-deserved break, full of fun, festive spirit, and plenty of shopping along the way.



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NEWS**



Swimmers from the PresWex Swim Team have been busy this term.

Here are some highlights!

Leinster Short Course Championships 2025

Niamh McCarthy, Sinead McCarthy, Romy Furlong, Lily Murphy, Juliette Pac-Kenny were up in the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin.

Niamh swam 7 events and beat her personal records on all 7 with a very good 400IM.

Sinead swam 7 events and did a top 30 in the 400 free which will be able to swim in February at the senior school gala.

Romy swam 7 events over the weekend and finished top 30 in 3 events and top 35 in 4 events.

Lily swam 6 events and made the final in the 200m back.

Juliette swam 4 events and made the final in the 200m butterfly and in the 400IM.

U19 Cup Waterpolo

Sinead took part with her waterpolo team St Vincent, Dublin and won a bronze medal.



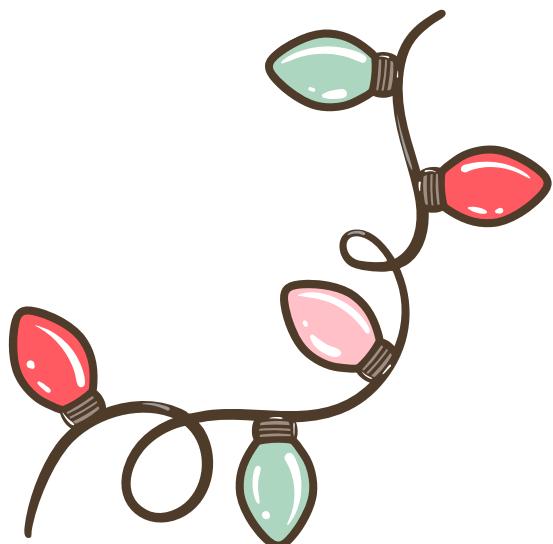
Dear Readers,

As we wrap up the second edition of our school newsletter this term, I want to extend a sincere thank-you to everyone who has taken the time to read, support, and celebrate the many activities and achievements happening across our school community. Your interest and engagement make this work meaningful, and it's a pleasure to share the stories, successes, and spirit of our students and staff with you.

As we approach the Christmas break, I wish you and your families a joyful, peaceful, and well-deserved holiday. May the season bring rest, warmth, and plenty of festive cheer.

Happy Christmas,

Mr.O'Leary



Thank you for reading!

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