



Student Representative Council Annual Report 2024–2025

Message from the Student Representative Council

As the 2024–2025 academic year comes to a close, we are proud to present our Student Representative Council Annual Report. Throughout the year, we worked to represent the views of students, promote wellbeing, organise events and contribute positively to school life in Loreto Secondary School, St. Michael's, Navan.

This report highlights the initiatives, achievements and projects we undertook during the year. We would like to thank our fellow students, teachers, school management and the Board of Management for their support and encouragement throughout the year.



Student Voice and Representation

Representing the views of students was at the heart of our work throughout the year. Following our election in September, we consulted regularly with students in our year groups and brought their ideas, concerns and suggestions to Student Council meetings.

To ensure that as many students as possible had an opportunity to share their views, we created and distributed a student feedback form early in the school year. The responses helped us identify issues that were important to students and guided many of our priorities and activities.



Our Head Girl and Deputy Head Girls met regularly with Principal Mr. Sean Kelly and members of the Board of Management, ensuring that student perspectives were represented in discussions about school life and future developments.

One proposal that emerged from our discussions with students was the introduction of a school-wide

StudyClix subscription. We raised the idea with school management, highlighting the benefits of providing easier access to examination questions, marking schemes and revision resources. We were delighted when the proposal was approved. The initiative is now being expanded further to provide all teachers with access to the full package, including past examination papers and additional teaching resources. We are proud that this is a lasting improvement that will continue to benefit students in the years ahead.



We reintroduced the Student Council noticeboard and used it to keep students informed about our activities, upcoming events and achievements throughout the year. We were delighted to create a new Student Representative Council logo, helping to strengthen the identity of the council and increase awareness of student leadership within the school community.

Supporting Student Wellbeing

Student wellbeing was a key focus of our work throughout the year.

One of our most successful initiatives was the introduction of the Student Hub, which took place every Friday lunchtime in Room A7. The Student Hub provided a welcoming and supportive environment where First Year students could meet, socialise and feel more connected as they adjusted to life in secondary school.

Following discussions with students and school management, designated lunchtime areas were introduced for First Year students. This helped younger students settle into school life and provided a comfortable space where they could meet and build friendships.

Through these initiatives, we aimed to create a school environment where students felt welcomed, supported and included.

Events and Initiatives

We organised and supported a wide range of initiatives throughout the year.

A major achievement was the reintroduction of the Subject Choice Fair. Sixth Year students representing a variety of Leaving Certificate subjects, alongside students from Transition Year and the Leaving Certificate Applied programme, met with Third Year and Transition Year students to share their experiences and answer questions. The event gave students valuable insight into subject choices and helped them make informed decisions about their future studies.



One of our most meaningful projects was the Walk for Aweil campaign in support of Loreto Aweil, South Sudan, our partner Loreto school. All First Year students participated in the event, which raised awareness of the global Loreto community and encouraged students to learn more about the experiences of young people in Loreto Aweil. The initiative raised funds for the school while promoting the Loreto values of justice, compassion, solidarity and global citizenship.



We attended a national Loreto Student Council gathering where we met student leaders from Loreto schools across Ireland. The event provided an opportunity to exchange ideas, discuss common challenges and learn from one another's experiences.

We were proud to participate in the "Your Plastic is Our Pitch" initiative in partnership with Meath Camogie. By promoting the collection and recycling of plastic bottles, we encouraged students to support environmental sustainability while contributing to a local community project.

Celebrating Our School Community

Throughout the year, we worked to promote a strong sense of community within our school. Our noticeboard, social media platforms and school activities provided opportunities to celebrate student achievements, promote events and encourage participation in school life.

The introduction of our new Student Council logo helped create a stronger identity for the council and increased awareness of student leadership within the school community. We were proud to contribute to a positive school atmosphere and to strengthen connections between students across different year groups.

Leadership Development and Mentoring

Serving on the Student Council provided many opportunities for personal growth and leadership development.

Throughout the year, we developed skills in communication, teamwork, organisation, problem-solving and advocacy. Representing our peers taught us the importance of listening, collaboration and responsibility.



Attending the national Loreto Student Council gathering allowed us to learn from student leaders in other schools and bring new ideas back to our own council.

The Student Hub provided opportunities for mentoring and peer support, helping First Year students settle into school life while allowing council members to develop leadership skills in a practical and meaningful way.

Current Projects and Future Plans

As the year came to an end, we identified a number of areas that we hoped future Student Councils would continue to develop, including:

- Expanding student wellbeing initiatives and support programmes.
- Building on the success of the Student Hub.
- Increasing opportunities for student consultation and feedback.
- Strengthening communication between students and school management.
- Developing further sustainability initiatives.
- Expanding leadership opportunities for students.
- Continuing collaboration with Student Councils across the Loreto network.

We are confident that future councils will continue to build on the foundations established during this year.

Conclusion

We are proud of what we achieved during the 2024–2025 academic year. Through student representation, wellbeing initiatives, fundraising activities, sustainability projects and leadership opportunities, we worked to make a positive contribution to school life and ensure that student voice remained an important part of our school community.

We are particularly proud of the reintroduction of the Subject Choice Fair, the establishment of the Student Hub, the Walk for Aweil campaign, the creation of a new Student Council identity through our logo and noticeboard, and our successful proposal for a school-wide StudyClix subscription. These initiatives have made a positive contribution to school life and will continue to benefit students in the years ahead.

Serving on the Student Representative Council has been a rewarding experience, and we are grateful for the support we received from students, staff, management and in particular our liaison teacher, Ms Watters. We look forward to seeing future Student Councils continue to build on these achievements and make a positive difference within our school community.

Student Representative Council 2024–2025

Student Leadership Team

- Sarah Jane Donnolly
- Ciara Flanagan
- Lucy Lynch
- Praise Olorryunio

Student Representative Council Members

Fifth Year:

Lera Gulbe

Chloe Keane

Grace Murphy

Transition Year:

Eimear Doherty

Sophia Gammell

Bronagh Harmon

Third Year:

Siofra Gleeson

Aoibhe Harding

Robyn O'Neill

Second Year:

Kayla Boland

Tessa Flynn

Riona McCoy

First Year:

Ella Behan

Fiona Ni Mhairtin

Isabelle O'Flaherty