



Student Representative Council Annual Report 2025–2026

Message from the Student Representative Council

As the 2025–2026 academic year comes to a close, we are proud to present the 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 undertaken by the Student Council during the year. We would like to thank our fellow students, teachers and school management for their support and collaboration, which made these achievements possible.



Student Voice and Representation

A key priority for the Student Council this year was ensuring that student voice remained at the centre of school life. Through regular meetings, open forums and consultation with students across all year groups, we gathered feedback and worked with school management to address issues that mattered to students.

Early in the year, we conducted a whole-school survey to identify the issues that mattered most to students. The results of this survey informed our priorities and helped shape our programme of work for the year.

To ensure that all students had an opportunity to contribute, we organised an open student meeting where students from across the school could raise concerns, make suggestions and discuss ideas for improvement. We also regularly consulted with our classes and gathered feedback throughout the year.

Following these consultations, we provided updates to students through year-group assemblies and meetings, ensuring that students were informed about the progress of issues they had raised. This helped strengthen communication between students, the Student Council and school management and ensured that student voice remained an active part of school life.

As a result of student feedback, the Student Council successfully advocated for a number of improvements including the repair of Chromebooks in the Study Hall, the provision of sanitary products in school bathrooms and the installation of a boiling water tap, fridge and additional microwave in the Sixth Year area.

We also continued to work on issues raised by students, including canteen improvements, allergen information, transport arrangements for Higher Options, improvements to school jackets and additional facilities around the school.

Supporting Student Wellbeing

Student wellbeing remained a central focus of our work throughout the year.

One of our most successful initiatives was **Cookies and Chat**, where First Year students met with Sixth Year students on Friday lunchtimes in a relaxed and supportive environment. These sessions provided an opportunity for younger students to ask questions, discuss concerns and build positive relationships with senior students.

The Student Council also established a weekly **Ciorcal Cainte** for students wishing to practise their Irish language skills and introduced a **Quote of the Week**, which was shared with the school community each Monday through the intercom system.

In December, the Student Council organised a **Christmas Dinner for Sixth Year students**, providing an opportunity for students to come together, celebrate the festive season and strengthen friendships within the year group.

Events and Initiatives



The Student Council organised a number of successful events throughout the year.

A major highlight was **Christmas Jumper Day**, which raised €1,000 for Pieta House. The event received excellent support from students and staff and demonstrated the generosity and community spirit that exists throughout our school.

The Student Council also organised a highly successful **Subject Choice Fair** for Third Year and Transition Year students. This event allowed students to engage directly with senior students and subject representatives, helping them to make informed decisions about their future subject choices.

Members of the Student Council participated in meetings with Student Councils from other Loreto schools, providing an opportunity to share ideas, discuss common challenges and learn from student leaders across the Loreto network.



Celebrating Our School Community

In May 2026, the Student Council organised a retirement celebration for our outgoing Principal, **Mr. Sean Kelly**. The event combined both light-hearted and reflective presentations and provided an opportunity for students and staff to acknowledge Mr. Kelly's years of dedicated service to the school community.

The celebration was enjoyed by students and staff alike and was greatly appreciated by Mr. Kelly. The Student Council was proud to

play a leading role in organising this important occasion and expressing our gratitude for his commitment and leadership.

Leadership Development and Mentoring



In May 2026, the Student Council organised and facilitated a **Big Sister, Little Sister Event** involving the outgoing Student Leadership Team, the newly elected Student Leadership Team for 2026–2027 and all current First Year students.

The Student Council planned and delivered two class periods of activities focused on reflection, mentoring and relationship-building. Refreshments were provided for all participants, helping to create a positive and welcoming atmosphere.

The initiative gave incoming student leaders an opportunity to learn more about their future roles while also encouraging First Year students to reflect on how much they had grown and developed during their first year in secondary school. The event was a great success and highlighted the importance of leadership, mentoring and community within our school.

Current Projects and Future Plans

As the year draws to a close, the Student Council continues to work on a number of projects, including:

- A welcome booklet for new students.
- New ideas and activities for Sports Day.
- The introduction of the Shona Bathrooms initiative.
- Additional mirrors and coat hooks in student areas.
- Journal maps and organisational supports for students.

- Ongoing improvements to canteen services.

Looking ahead to 2026–2027, we are planning a number of exciting initiatives, including:

- A Freshers' Day focused on extracurricular activities.
- A Bonding Day for Fifth Year students.
- The continued development of the Big Sister, Little Sister mentoring programme.
- A Multicultural Day celebrating the diversity of our school community.

Conclusion

The Student Representative Council is proud of what has been achieved during the 2025–2026 academic year. Through student representation, wellbeing initiatives, fundraising, leadership development and community-building activities, we have worked to make a positive contribution to school life and to ensure that student voice remains an important part of our school community.

We would like to thank all students, staff and school management for their support throughout the year. We look forward to building on these achievements in the years ahead.

Student Representative Council 2025–2026

Student Leadership Team

- Leah O'Toole – Head Girl
- Esther Bakre – Deputy Head Girl
- Shauna Laverty – Deputy Head Girl
- Grace Murphy – Deputy Head Girl

First Year Representatives

- Zara Chambers (1S)
- Lucy Dunne Christie (1T)
- Olivia Swiderska (1F)

Second Year Representatives

- Ruby Farrelly (2T)
- Roisin Mekitarian (2MW)
- Saoirse Ní Ghaoithín (2J)

Third Year Representatives

- Kayla Boland (3S)
- Mairead Faherty (3F)
- Callie Carolan (3O)

Transition Year Representatives

- Ciara Farrell (4D)
- Sarah Mangan (4B)
- Leah Quinn (4N)

Fifth Year Representatives

- Sophia Gammell (5O)
 - Bronagh Harmon (5T)
 - Miska Kosalko (5F)
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