THE ISD MONTHLY





FARAWAY, SO CLOSE

This time last year we prepared for the unknown. In March we set sail into a sea of uncertainty and along the way discovered where our ship was water tight and where it needed mending. Together we have fastened the rivets, weathered the storm and forged our course. Now with an end seemingly in sight, we turn our sails into a new wind; to carry us home.

At ISD we adapt, we inquire, we take risks. This past year has exemplified all of these traits. We have banded together to nurture our community through virtual learning.

Our resilience has created a virtual environment where the students continue to push the boundaries. An environment that we are immensely proud of and to our surprise was heralded as the "gold standard" of virtual learning in Ireland during the pandemic.

Virtual learning can never truly replace the experience of being in school; in a classroom with your friends, peers and teachers. However, it has been a lifeline for students and families around the world in these trying times and will inform the future of education forever.

At ISD we are continually reviewing and refocusing our virtual programme with the aim to keep it vibrant, interactive, fun and informative.

Like a canvas without a painter or a band without a song, a school would be nothing without its students. Please take the time to view first hand accounts from our virtual learners on page 2. Simply click on each short video. Who can say it better than them?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 13-21 Midterm Holidays School Closed
- February 26 @ 6pm ASPI & ISD Promotional Event Register - Click Here
- March 5 Virtual End of Unit Sharing 4

ISD FEATURED ON 14/01/21 RTÉ'S PRIME TIME



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What challenges have you faced through virtual learning?



How do you manage your virtual learning schedule and workload?



What advice could you offer other students new to virtual learning?



Overall, how do you feel about virtual learning/lockdown?



How has virtual learning at ISD changed over time?



What skills have you developed thanks to virtual learning?



How are you able to collaborate online?



Tell us about your home workspace(s)...