

# Crescent Express newsletter



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Crescent School - A Catholic Comprehensive School

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Welcome all to the first Crescent Express newsletter of 2020. We welcome back all our students of Crescent and hope for the best year possible.

We give a big welcome back to our new principal, new vice principal, new teachers, new students and our new first years.

We are trying to keep Crescent as safe as possible especially during these uncertain and unsafe times. The school has made many changes; new classrooms in the central area and changes in the canteen, many safety precautions have been placed around the school such as a one way system. Each class from 1st to 4th year have been given boxes due to not having lockers. 5th and 6th years have received their lockers within the social distancing regulations.

In Crescent we are trying our very best to keep our school safe and to keep everyone happy.



**Our new resource rooms in the central area**



# Changes to our school



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ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE

Due to the pandemic the school has changed drastically, the new classrooms , the mandatory to wearing masks, social distancing from our friends , the cancellation of school trips and many more. It has been a big change. We have gone from huge assemblies in our central area to virtual assemblies. It has been a shock to our system but we are working as well as we can to keep everyone pleased and safe.



Each classroom has seats at least a metre apart to keep social distancing .



**Schools Ash Wednesday mass 2020**



**Our school has hand-sanitising stations all over the school.**

# Thank you



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Crescent College S.J. Comprehensive S.J.



Our school would like to thank Karin Fleming for being a wonderful Principal for many years. Thank you for your dedication to the students, teachers, parents and staff during your time at Crescent , you certainly did us proud.

Best wishes on your retirement and whatever your pursue in the future.

Your commitment and passion for our school at Crescent College S.J will not be forgotten!

We would also liker to welcome our new Vice Principal Hugh Flavin for joining our school. Hugh came from St Mary's s Secondary School in Newport.

Mr Flavin has a background in ICT and he has been a leader in digital learning and development. We hope Mr Flavin enjoys his time here in Crescent. Best of luck!





# Welcome



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CRESCENT COLLEGE S.J. COMPREHENSIVE S.J.



As one door closes another one opens. Congratulations to our new Principal Diarmuid Mullins. Mr Diarmuid Mullins has been Vice Principle now for the Last few years. During this time Mr Mullins has shown he is hardworking and very dedicated to his students. He is a keen sports person who also coaches the Limerick Minor hurling team. We wish him the best of luck in his new position and know that he will continue the long tradition of Jesuit education in Crescent College S.J



Hello to all our new teachers and student teachers here in crescent we hope you all get the best experience in crescent and enjoy every moment here. We would also like to wish Caroline Waters who retired. Our very best wishes and hope she has many enjoyable years ahead. We thank her for care, kindness and her professionalism for her students and with her role of the Student Council.



# School captains



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Congratulations to our new school captains of class 2020-2021. Our school captains were chosen by an online election this year. Our captain's of the school are Jonah Colgan and Jilly Edwards, while our vice captains are Emma O'Sullivan and Tom Morrison. We are so proud to be represented by these students and are sure they will do Crescent proud!

We would like to say thank you to our school captains for our recent Captains half day, which is a great tradition in Crescent College Sj

**Our school captains and vice captains with our principal and 6 year year head**



# Women's Mini Marathon



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On the 25th of September, Crescent College hosted the Women's Mini Marathon on its grounds for the first time ever. The event went off without a hitch with all of the sports pitches being used to accommodate the finish line and five kilometre track. Before starting, the students warmed up with some stretches. Fourth year class groups Hopkins and Meyers began first at 9:00 in the morning. Mr. Mullins ran with them promising to donate €2 extra for each student who passed him out in the run. Ivin Matthew won the first of the two races, beating Mr. Mullins in the final sprint. Mr. Mullins kept his promise and donated an extra €2.

Classes Ogilvie, Fielde, Arrupe and de Chardin began at the later time of 11:00. Finlay Parbat won the second of the races with the quickest time of the day. After finishing the marathon, each student was treated to a sausage roll and a bottle of water courtesy of Hungry Lyons. Overall the event was great fun as well as being a huge success for St. Gabriel's Hospice with almost €4,100 raised and counting. A big thank you to all who took part and made the day a success.





# Lahinch Surfing



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On the 30th of September, the fourth year students went surfing in Lahinch. They left the school at 9:15 in the morning. A 52 seater bus was booked so that they could maintain social distancing. One person sat per row and masks were worn at all times. Each class was accompanied on the bus by two teachers to supervise.

They arrived at 11. Shortly after, they made their way to the surf school. After getting into surfing gear, they were divided into groups of seven or eight.

They carried their surf boards down to the beach and learned the basics of surfing. They were taught three different ways to stand up on the surf board. Straight pop up, knee pop up and slow pop up. There was many surf instructors at the surf school, including Olly and Dylan.

Next, they tried these techniques in the water. It took a while to get used to but eventually most of the students surfed the waves. They surfed for an hour and a half and then got changed back into their warm clothes and had a quick lunch break before returning to the bus to head home.



Students learning how to surf

This trip was a great success and all of the students enjoyed a trip out of the school, especially in the current situation. Hopefully there will be more days like this for the Tys. Thanks to all the people who made this possible.





# Our first years



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CRESCENT COLLEGE - COMPREHENSIVE XI

To our new first years, we hope you are finding school alright. School at Crescent normally isn't like this, it is much different you aren't the only ones finding this strange. We understand that the jump from 6th class to 1st year is huge and some might feel overwhelmed. Hopefully ye are enjoying school and working to the best of your abilities in these challenging times. There is always someone you can talk to.



## First years working hard!

First years would usually be heading off to Petersburg at this time of the school year for some bonding and outdoor adventure. It is a huge disappointment that the annual Petersburg trip has been cancelled, we are all very sincere about this as it is one of the best trips, but hopefully there will be fun activities planned in the near future.



# New objects



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CRENSHAW COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE

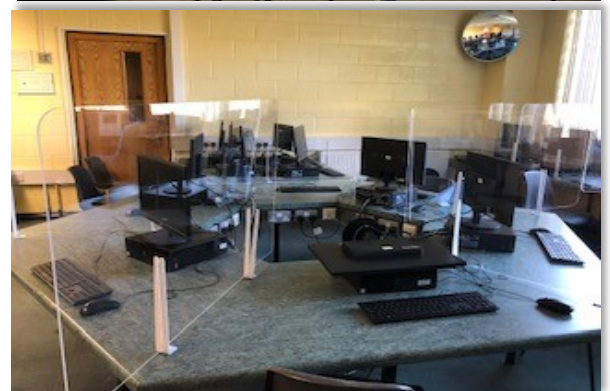
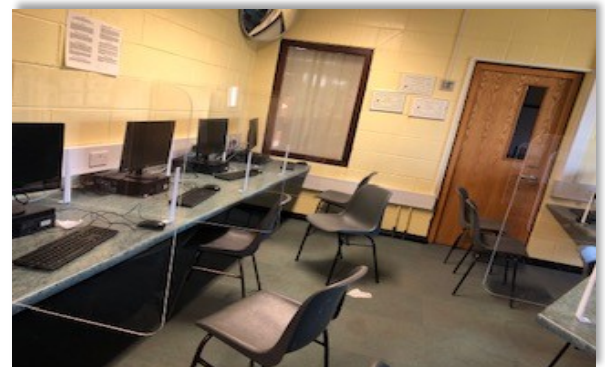
Our school now offers taps with soap and warm water to wash your hands to prevent the spread of COVID



Also additional recycling bins to keep Crescent clean



To keep our school COVID friendly there has been added perspective partitions to protect our students and teachers





# First Online Assembly at CCC



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CRESSY COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE

For the first time ever, Crescent College held an online assembly on Friday the 25th of September. Instead of students gathering in the central area, our Principal, Diarmuid Mullins and our chaplain, Gráinne Delaney addressed the whole school virtually online. Also featured in this video were the new school captains and vice-captains who were recently elected. Lastly, two first year students spoke about their hockey blitz.

Assembly in  
Crescent School  
last year.



Online  
Assembly this  
year



# Sport in the Crescent



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CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE S.J.

Although it's tough at the moment, sport in the school is continuing as usual. The first year hockey World Cup Open night continued as usual with Australia, Spain and Germany coming out on top as the victors of the tournament. Junior and senior cup trainings are continuing weekly with fixtures coming up on the horizon. As mentioned before the Women's Mini Marathon took place on Crescent grounds this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The event was a hit, with the entire T.Y. year taking part in the maintenance and participation of the event.



**Students running the Women's  
Mini Marathon**



# New Classrooms



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SALICENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE

Five new classrooms were added to the school this year because of the new coronavirus restrictions. As partitions had to be taken down between some classrooms, the school didn't have enough space for all the students. Luckily we were able to construct temporary classrooms in the central area and in the canteen.

The tables are separated a metre apart to keep social distance in the classrooms and strips of tape were placed to mark where each table should be. Windows and doors are kept open where possible to keep the rooms ventilated .



4th year students in the new central area classrooms.



Construction for classrooms taking place in the canteen.





# Home Economics



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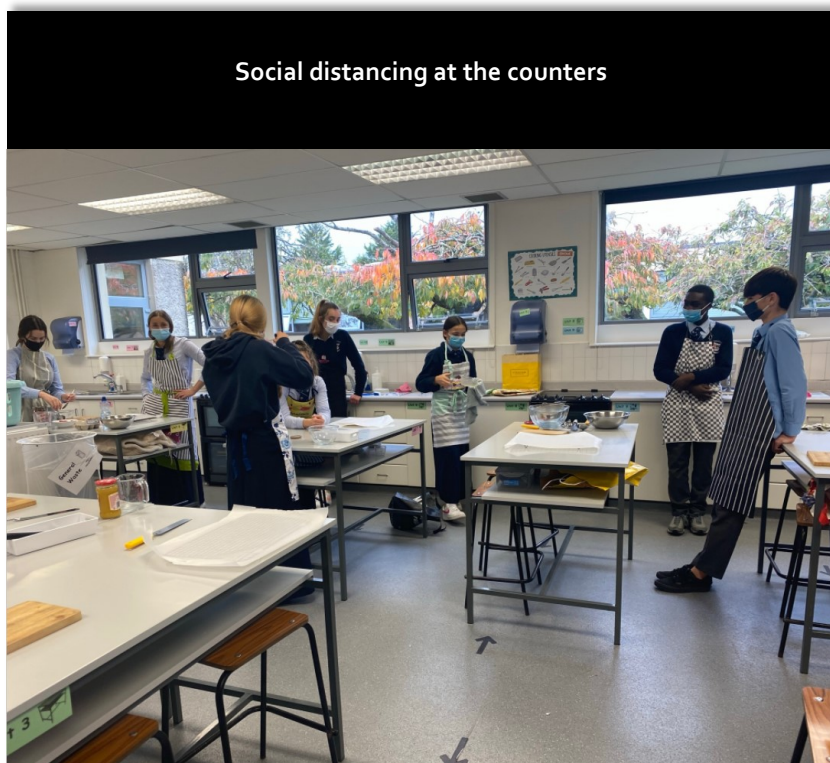
CRISTINA KALININ COMPREHENSIVE S.I.

Thankfully the school was able to take precautions so that home economics was able to continue in the school. The students are able to continue cooking and baking in the kitchen as long as they following these rules:

1. Bring in your own ingredients and materials such as gloves and aprons.
2. Social distance while at the counters, cleaning up and working at the oven.
3. Wear your mask at all times.



Social distancing at the counters





# Canteen Cashless Card



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CLASSIC CATHOLIC COMPREHENSIVE



In order to facilitate the opening of the canteen, the school has introduced a new cashless system. Students are now required to pay using a card when purchasing food from the canteen. It can be topped via Touch and you can tap your card in the canteen. Using these cards has many benefits for the students such as;



Canteen Cashless Card



- Shorter queues
- Faster service at the till
- More hygienic
- Record of all purchases online
- No need to carry around cash in school
- If your card is stolen, it can be blocked
- Quick and easy to top up from PC, laptop or mobile devices.

# Student Council



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CARLETON COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE A.S.

First of all, we would like to give a massive thanks to Ms. Walters for dedicating all the years she has into being the liaison teacher for the Student Council. Throughout her 15 years, she has taken a lot of her time out of her days to help which we are extremely grateful for.

Since Ms. Walters retired, they had to get a new liaison teacher. Ms. Roche volunteered to take over and help their first meeting on the 1st of October.

As many of the members of the Student Council graduated last year, they had to elect new officers. Sean was elected as chair person, Jonah as the vice-chairperson, Shane as the PR, Karen as the secretary and Meabh as treasurer.

On the 6th of October, each member got a CCC hat that were ordered last school year. Mr. Mullins wants them to discuss a new section in the code of behaviour about the new regulations because of the Corona Virus.



# Fourth Year Retreats



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Thankfully we were able to book a building in Raheen Industrial Estate so retreats could be organised for all the fourth year classes. While they were there they did activities with the instructor, Declan such as;

- Games
- Fun activities
- Bonding exercises
- Meditation



This trip is highly important so that the fourth years can bond with their new classmates and settle into their classes. Some of the games they did included splat and murderer's wink. Each student wrote a paragraph anonymously about each person in their class, this helps with mental health as you see what nice things people actually think about you.





# Fr. Jim's Book Launch



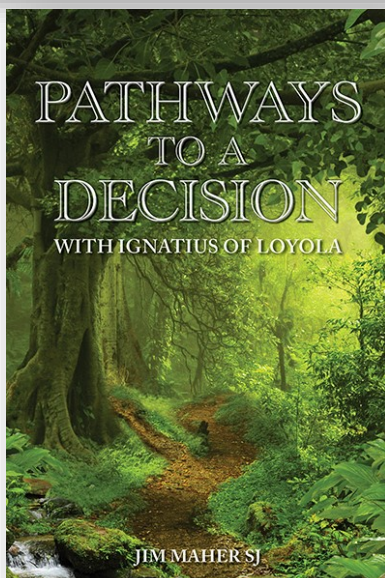
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SALESIAN COLLEGE KILKENNY, KILKENNY, CO. DUBLIN

Congratulations to Fr. Jim Maher SJ for publishing his book "Pathways to a Decision with Ignatius of Loyola". Published by Messenger Publications his book explores some of St. Ignatius' key insights that provide inspiration for Jesuits and others throughout the world.

His book offers a window to a spirituality that recognizes God's presence through our feelings, desires, and actions in unexpected places and at unexpected times. Fr. Jim hopes the book will give parents, students and staff a better understanding of St. Ignatius' Spirituality. It's an accessible introduction that's helpful to those associated with the Jesuits or those who want to find out more about their spirituality.

It can be bought on [www.messenger.ie](http://www.messenger.ie) for only €12.95.





# El Día de los Muertos



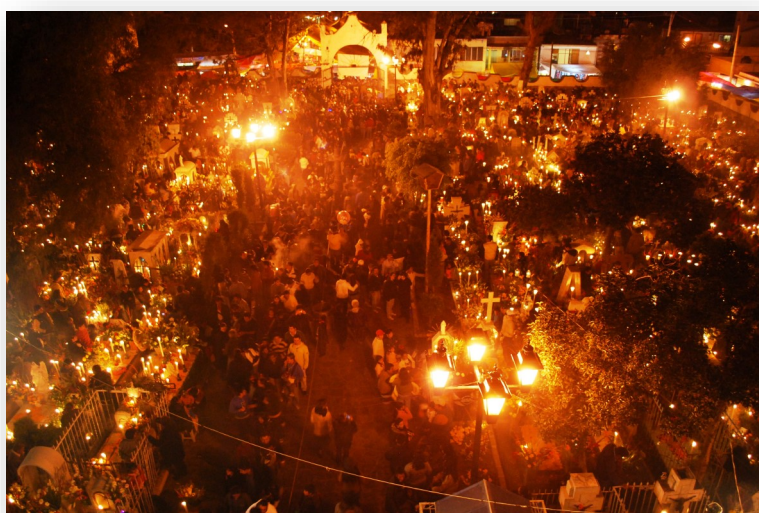
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Escuela Secundaria Crescent

Hola mis amigos. En el lunes, 2 de Noviembre empezará el Día de los Muertos. En festejo le, hay muchas actividades en el escuela secundaria Crescent. Ayudaron un montón de alumnos con las fiestas. Hay muchas dibujas de calaveras en el centro del colegio. Las calaveras es muy colorida y bonita y es muy similar de calaveras verdederas verías en el calles de México.

Las calaveras es muy importantes del Día de los muertos. Las calaveras significa de muertos familiares. Sitúo la calavera en una ofrenda. Hay una foto del difunto y hay muchas colores y flores en la ofrenda. El Día de los muertos es muy importante de los personas de México y al extranjero. El Día de los muertos es un celebración de los muertos. Es un ocasion alegre lleno de colores, personas y almas.

Muchas gracias por los alumnos que dibujaban los dibujos.





# Junior Cert Results



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CELESTINE COLLEGE - COMPREHENSIVE

A big congratulations to our current fourth year students on their outstanding Junior Cert results which they received on the 14th of October. Sadly, there could be no big celebrations because of the pandemic but it was an exciting day for the students. Each class was called out individually and the students were given a letter containing their Junior Certificate. Grades were based of past exams and assessments done during the lockdown period. We hope everyone is happy with their results and that everyone continues to work hard at school!



# Congratulations!



# Virtual open night



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On the 12th of October our school held it's first virtual open night. Although it was a huge disappointment for the primary school students who are thinking about coming to Crescent and weren't able to physically view our school, we tried our very best to get the insights of it online. We were joined in the making of our virtual open night with some of our past pupils, our staff and our school captains. A huge thank you goes out to our past pupils who made our viewers get a better understanding of what our school is like. Thank you too:

- Father Leonard Moloney S J
- Dr. Patrick O'Donnell
- Dr. Caitriona Jackman
- Richard Oakley
- Greg O'Shea
- Roisin Upton
- Dermot Whelan
- Chris Kelly
- Helen Kelly Holmes
- Hilary Mc Gann



Our past pupils gave reasons as to why they enjoyed their time in Crescent and why you should go to our school!

The opening of the virtual video was our principle Diarmuid Mullins addressing that our school is not a catchment area our school is a comprehensive school and accepts anyone from all over limerick and the near by environs and etc...

Our deputy principle Sinead Mulcahy introduced herself and explained how the junior cert curriculum, transition year and leaving cert curriculum worked.

We also see Grainne Delaney, Fichra O'Dwyer, Brendan Lunn and Hugh Flavin speak about our school, sports and many more.

Our school captains added in as why they went to this school, their work experience in the transition year course, and some enjoyable moments such as school retreats and rules in our school.

We see our school teams and pictures.

Hopefully our viewers enjoyed and understood why Crescent may be the school for them.

The link to our virtual open night is <https://vimeo.com/469874374>





# Class of 2020



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Crescent College Comprehensive

Congratulations to the Leaving Cert Class of 2020. This year has been a year like no other; you've gone through a global lockdown, and a pandemic bigger than anything we've seen since the Spanish Flu almost 100 years ago. But throughout all this you still managed to get through the Leaving Cert. This year has been very tough, but you still persevered and never gave up and for that we applaud you. We wish you all the best of luck with whatever you decide to pursue in the future. In whatever course you head into, remember your time in Crescent and take those memories with you wherever you go!

Best of luck,

Crescent College Comprehensive.

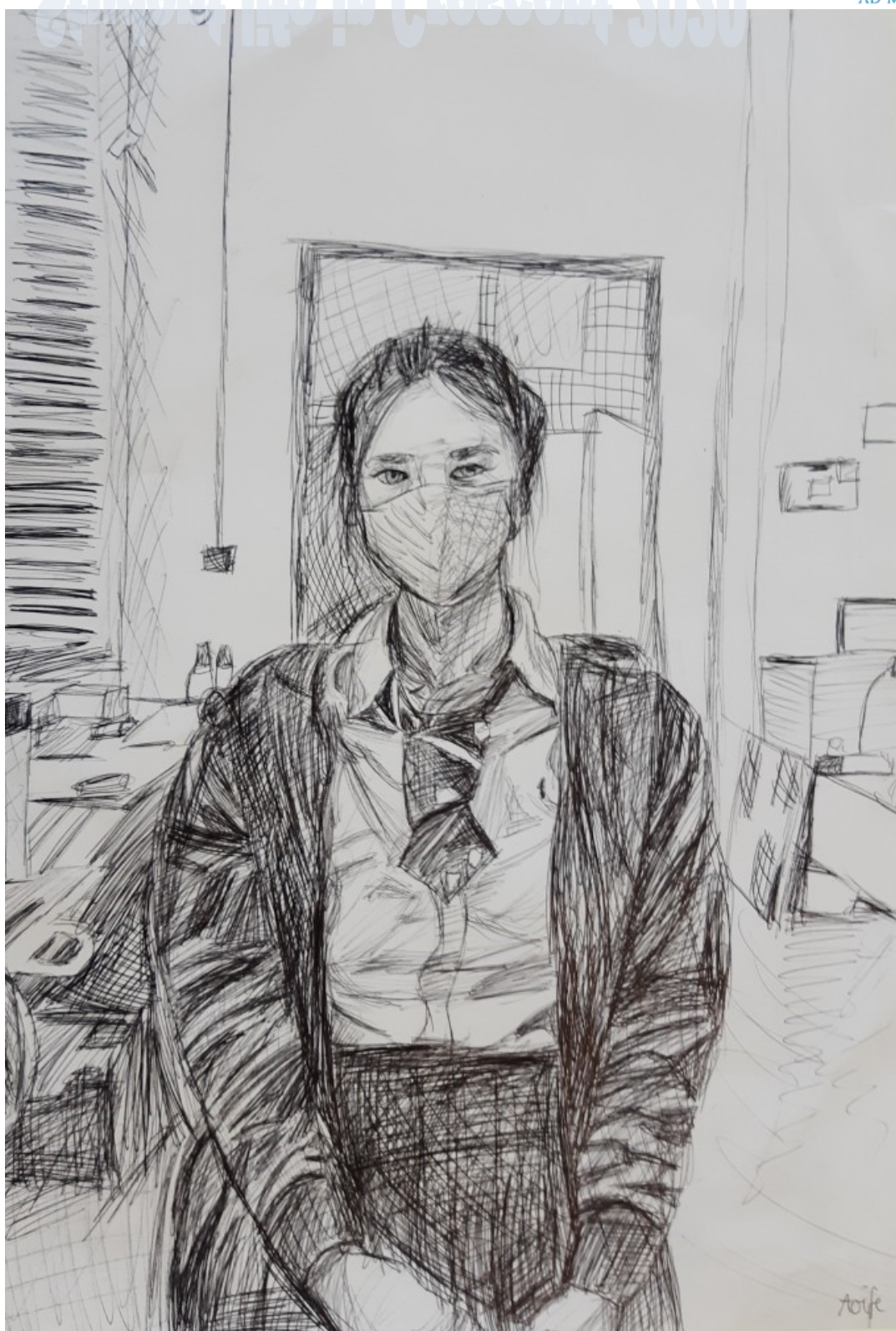




# Student life in Crescent 2020



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Picture created by Aoife Long TY student 2020 of her friend Hannah