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A New *Chapter Begins*

Welcome to the autumn edition of the All Ireland Scholars Newsletter!

As the autumnal feeling encroaches, so does the new educational year. With back-to-school season in full swing, our Outreach Committee has been actively promoting the mission and ethos of the All Ireland Scholarships. Through participation in events such as the annual Higher Options exhibition and university open days, we continue to raise awareness of the scholarship programme. These events also provide a valuable opportunity to encourage current scholars to engage with the work of the committee and contribute to its ongoing efforts.

The primary focus of this edition is our exciting new announcement and arguably, our biggest development to date: the launch of the All Ireland Scholars and its membership programme. The details of this initiative are outlined below and centre around the launch of a new website, including portal access to connect with the Alumni Association in a professional context.

The continuous theme running through our planning within the AIS Alumni Executive Committee has been ways of giving back to the Association and giving forward to others. The rebrand of the AIS Alumni allows us to achieve those exact aims and to equip oneself with a substantive identity as an All Ireland Scholar.

We wish you all the best of luck within your personal, educational and career journeys and good health in the colder months ahead.

As always, please feel free to contact us with feedback or queries —
alumni@allirelandscholarships.com

Best Wishes,

Úna Graham, All Ireland Scholar & Committee Member

On behalf of All Ireland Scholarship Alumni Executive Committee

MEMBERSHIP LAUNCH

Introducing the *All Ireland Scholars*

The All Ireland Scholarships Alumni Association has recently embarked on an exciting new chapter focused on giving forward and creating lasting impact. As an All Ireland Scholar, we invite you to reflect on how the All Ireland Scholarship shaped and supported your educational journey and pay that generosity forward by supporting a fellow scholar.

We have introduced a modest annual membership fee of **€50**. The funds raised will enable the Alumni Association to:

1. Fund an additional All Ireland Scholarship for a deserving school-leaver, sponsored entirely by the Alumni Association.
2. Host social and networking events that connect Scholars across the island of Ireland. Paying members of the All Ireland Scholars will attend our Christmas and Summer Parties free of charge.
3. Launch mentorship and professional development programmes to support Alumni in their future studies and careers.

JOIN TODAY

Please click [here](#) to join the All Ireland Scholars. We also welcome donations to this very worthy cause — you can donate on our new website, linked [here](#).

With this new initiative, the Alumni Association aims to build on the unwavering support and dedication of Sponsor JP McManus to third-level education in Ireland, by strengthening the impact and opportunities provided by the All Ireland Scholarships and carrying forward its legacy. This new scholarship will follow the same selection criteria as the original All Ireland Scholarship.

Thank you for being part of this exceptional and esteemed community. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas as we work together to grow our collective impact across Ireland and beyond.

Colette Scariff-Lalor, Chair of the AIS Alumni Association

UNIVERSITY CHAPTER EVENT

Trinity College *Dublin*

We are hosting a University Chapter Event for All Ireland Scholarship recipients who are currently studying at, or have recently graduated from, Trinity College Dublin on **Tuesday 11th of November**.

The event begins at 5:30pm and takes place at the Provost's House on campus. It is an opportunity for you to meet and mingle with fellow AIS Scholars, AIS Trust members, AIS Alumni Committee members, and the Trinity College team.

REGISTRATION

5:30pm

WELCOME ADDRESS

5:45pm sharp

There will be food and drinks served for all guests. We are delighted to have our AIS Alumni Committee Chair, Colette Scariff-Lalor, join us to say a few words on behalf of the Association.

You should have received an invitation from Dr Linda Doyle, Provost at Trinity College Dublin via email. Please get in touch if you have any questions about this event — alumni@allirelandscholarships.com

SAVE THE DATE

All Ireland Scholars *Christmas Party*

As summer starts to seem like a distant memory, it is officially acceptable to start planning for the Christmas period! With that in mind, we look forward to our most exciting annual event: the All Ireland Scholars Christmas Party.

The annual Christmas event takes place on **Wednesday 17th December** in The Shelbourne, Dublin. The event will kick off at **7pm** with the usual offerings of fabulous food, drinks and entertainment.

We encourage you to use this social opportunity to build stronger connections within the AIS Alumni; through meeting your Sponsor or mentor, liaising with special guests and celebrating with fellow scholars. Beyond this, it is a great opportunity to learn more about the foundations of our community.

SAVE THE DATE

We bring you this announcement as a 'Save the Date' for your diary. More details including the Guest of Honour will follow closer to the time. Keep an eye on your emails and our social media channels.

Úna Graham, All Ireland Scholar & Committee Member

EVENTS • RECAP

Queen's University *Belfast Open Day*



We were thrilled to be part of the buzz at Queen's University Belfast's Undergraduate Open Day on the 6th of September — and what a day it was! Thousands of students streamed through Queen's iconic gates, with plenty of energy, enthusiasm and, of course, questions!

Our stand was alive with activity from start to finish, with a constant flow of interest from students from both north and south of the border. In Northern Ireland, where applicants must apply directly for the Scholarship once A-Level results are released in August, awareness is everything, so we were delighted to help spread the word.

Charles Stuart (2009 scholar) and Ross Gallagher (2019 scholar), both proud Queen's alumni, were back on familiar turf to help out. As well as sharing how the Scholarship helped pave their own academic journeys, they were on hand to demystify the process and offer some guidance to the next generation — from discussing eligibility criteria to application timelines.

The response was fantastic — students, parents, and teachers alike left with the Scholarship firmly on their radar (as well as with some great AIS merch!). We're already looking forward to hopefully seeing some of the students join the AIS family next year.

Ross Gallagher, All Ireland Scholar & Committee Member

EVENTS • RECAP

RDS Higher Options *Showcasing the Scholarships*



From the 19th to the 21st September, the All Ireland Scholarships were proudly represented at the Higher Options conference in the RDS, Dublin. It was my privilege to engage with countless ambitious students, parents, and guidance counsellors from across the country.

Our stand was a hub of activity, with a constant stream of eager visitors keen to learn about the unparalleled opportunities offered by the scholarship, sponsored by JP McManus. Over the three-day event, we had the opportunity to demystify the process, outlining the significant financial support and, just as importantly, the lifelong community that students join upon receiving an All Ireland Scholarship.

“It was particularly rewarding to meet so many bright and talented students who are the very embodiment of the scholarship's mission and it served as a powerful reminder of why this initiative is so vital. Watching their understanding of the scholarship turn from doubt into excitement was the best part of the event.”

PADDY FALVEY, ALL IRELAND SCHOLAR & COMMITTEE MEMBER

COMMUNITY

Mini Socials *Calendar*

The mini-social series is back and better than ever, with three monthly events for All Ireland Scholars to enjoy!

To kick things off, we attended the famous pub quiz in McSorley's pub in Ranelagh as our first event. We also have a trip to Kilmainham Gaol lined up as well as a tour of the Guinness Storehouse, complete with a complimentary drink.

STAY IN THE LOOP

Join our AIS Alumni group chat on WhatsApp for further details.

Conor Doherty, All Ireland Scholar & Committee Member

Together, we are building a stronger, more connected All Ireland Scholars community.