

Professions Week by Sreedha Jeyachandran

The Professions Week was held during the 22nd to 26th of April. Every day we got talks from different speakers in Teresa Ball.

The professions committee organized this Professions Week where they invited lots of speakers who had an interesting career life.

On Monday we had the following speakers. Mike from RNLI, Anne Quirke who is a guard, Natasha Hughes who is the Wexford Rotary president, the National Ambulance service and Jennifer Cox, a cyber security manager.

The next day we got an amazing talk from Caramel Harrington, one of the best-selling authors in Ireland, who talked us through her struggles and motivations.

One Thursday one of the talks we got was from Louise Fanning. She outlined how life as a female prison officer is. In all the talks we had, each speaker not only tells us the good things but also the dark side of their profession. As a female prison officer, Louise faced a lot of abuse especially verbal but the part she loves about her job is when she can see change in the criminals.

The speakers all had a unique route in life. They explained to us how little the Leaving Cert impacted their careers and this reduced the pressure of Leaving Cert as there are other ways to succeed professionally. One thing we learned is that having a different and long route in life gives you knowledge and lots of experience.

