



TRANSITION YEAR

IN RAMSGRANGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

CELEBRATING RESPECT, COMMUNITY, SUCCESS

WHAT IS TRANSITION YEAR (T.Y.)?

- TRANSITION YEAR IS A ONE-YEAR PROGRAMME AFTER JUNIOR CYCLE AND BEFORE SENIOR CYCLE.
- IT IS AN EXTRA OPTIONAL YEAR AS PART OF A 3 YEAR SENIOR CYCLE
- STUDENTS WHO DO TY CAN OPT TO DO LCA OR TRADITIONAL LEAVING CERTIFICATE AFTER THE YEAR.
- SCHOOLS HAVE FREEDOM (WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF THE TY PROGRAMME STATEMENT 2024) TO SET OUT THEIR OWN TY PROGRAMME

CELEBRATING RESPECT, COMMUNITY, SUCCESS

AIMS - ARE BROAD & VARIED

As part of senior cycle, TY AIMS TO EDUCATE THE WHOLE PERSON

Senior cycle guiding principles

Wellbeing and relationships

Choice and flexibility

Inclusive education and diversity

Continuity and transitions

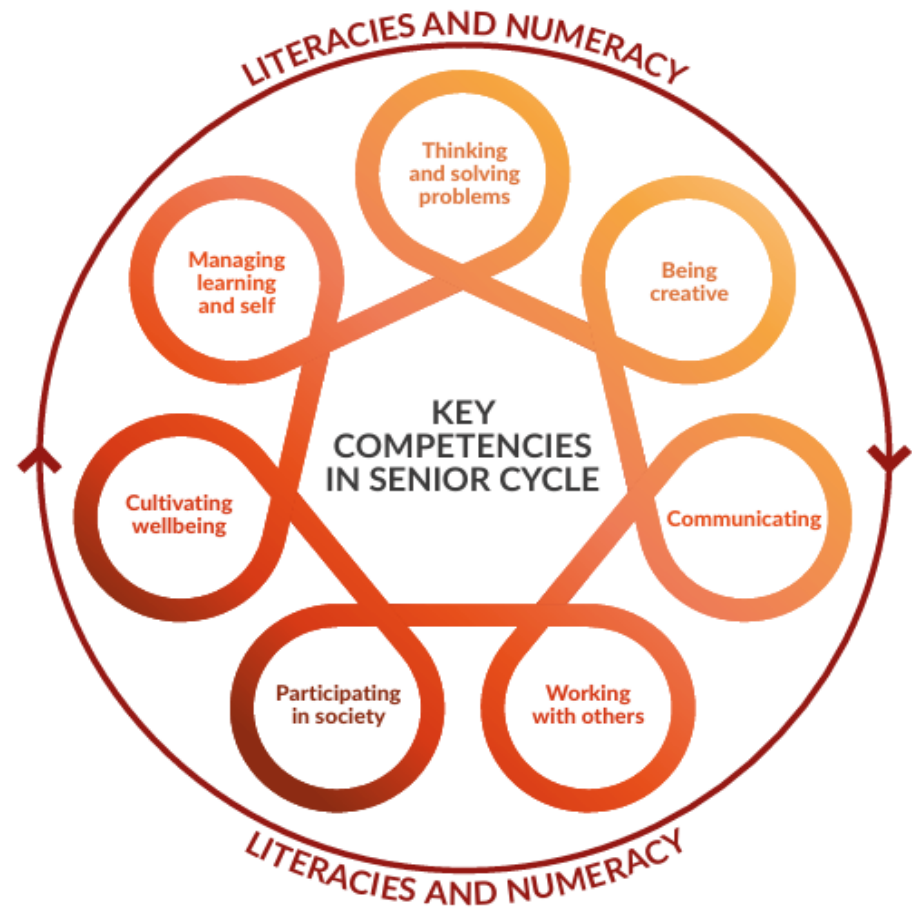
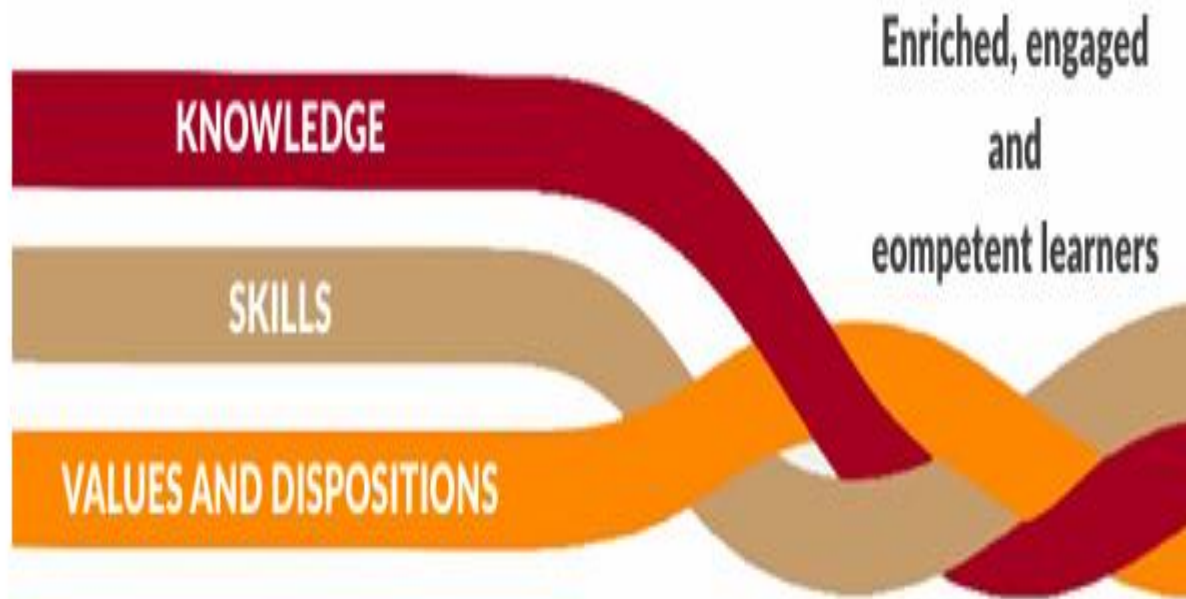
Challenge, engagement and creativity

Participation and citizenship

Learning to learn, learning for life

Learning environments and partnerships

EDUCATION AIMS TO DEVELOP KEY COMPETENCIES



TRANSITION YEAR OFFERS?

- TIME, SPACE AND AUTONOMY TO CREATE ENJOYABLE & MEANINGFUL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES
- A BRIDGE TO OPEN UP A BROADER RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES & PATHWAYS
- A CHANCE TO DEVELOP A GREATER CAPACITY IN OUR STUDENTS TO RESPOND TO UNCERTAINTY, MANAGE COMPLEXITY, NURTURE PERSONAL INTERESTS & ENGAGE IN PERSONAL GROWTH
- A CHANCE TO DEVELOP MORE MATURE RELATIONSHIPS & BECOME RESPONSIBLE AGENTS OF CHANGE
- A CHANCE TO BECOME MORE ADAPTABLE, EMPATHETIC, COMPETENT & RESILIENT HUMAN BEINGS

HOW DO WE DESIGN THE RCS TY PROGRAMME?

BY CAREFULLY PLANNING THE FOLLOWING DIMENSIONS.....

CURRICULUM COMPONENTS

CORE SUBJECTS, SENIOR CYCLE SUBJECT SAMPLING & TY SPECIFIC MODULES IN A 4 DAY A WEEK TIMETABLE PLUS WORK EXPERIENCE & VARIOUS OTHER EXPERIENCES GIVEN

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

CAREFULLY PLANNED LESSONS, VARIOUS TEACHING METHODOLOGIES USED, STUDENTS ARE ASSESSED USING A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES, SUCH AS PERFORMANCE, PRODUCTION OF A WORK ETC & NOT JUST BY WRITTEN EXAMS

RECOGNISING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT & REPORTING ON ACHIEVEMENT

OUR TY'S ARE AFFIRMED & CELEBRATED VIA ASSEMBLIES, TEAMS, SOCIAL MEDIA, ON NEWSPAPERS, TV – LOCALLY & NATIONALLY
STUDENTS MAINTAIN AN E-PORTFOLIO, CREDITS ARE AWARDED. STUDENTS ARE ASSESSED & DO GET REPORTS & HAVE PTM.

REFLECTION AND RENEWAL

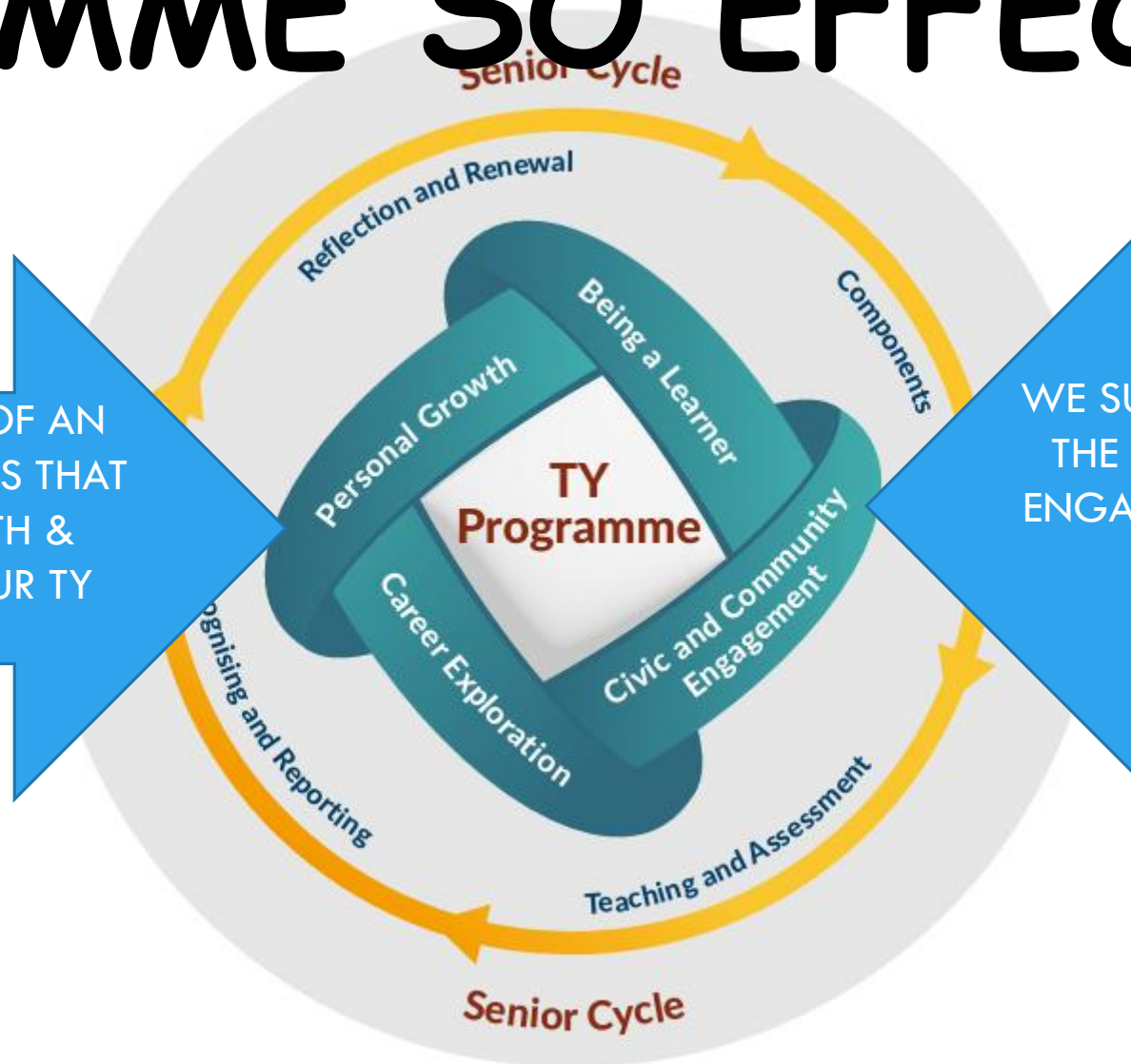
TY TEAM & STUDENTS SET GOALS & REFLECT PERIODICALLY ON LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS . OUR TY PROG IS RENEWED ANNUALLY & VARIES TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF OUR TY COHORT.

OUR COMPREHENSIVE WEEKLY TIMETABLE IN TY INCLUDES..

CURRICULUM COMPONENTS	DURATION	WITH A VARIETY OF LEARNER EXPERIENCES
MATHS	2 HOURS PER WEEK	BUILDING ON JUN CYCLE, PREP FOR SEN CYCLE
ENGLISH	2 HOURS PER WEEK	DRAMA/FILM/POETRY & CREATIVE WRITING
IRISH	2 HOURS PER WEEK	BUILDING ON JUN CYCLE, PREP FOR SEN CYCLE
SPHE (INCLUDING RSE)	1 HOUR PER WEEK	RELATIONSHIPS & SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION
PE/GAA FUTURE LEADERS/OTHER EXPERIENCES	2 HOURS PER WEEK	PICKLEBALL, TAG RUGBY WITH CUMAS
REFLECTION/TUTOR CLASS	1 HOUR PER WEEK	IMPACT OF LEARNING/GOAL SETTING
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES & SUSTAINABILITY	1 HOUR PER WEEK	CONNECTION WITH OUR GLOBAL WORLD
SENIOR CYCLE SUBJECT SAMPLING (TASTERS) CONDUCTED ON 11 WEEK ROTATIONS	2 HOURS X 11 WEEKS 2 HOURS X 11 WEEKS	HOME EC/MUSIC/BUSINESS ENGINEERING/SCIENCE/ART
TY SPECIFIC MODULES - JUNK KOUTURE YSI LIFE SKILLS EUROPEAN STUDIES COMPUTER STUDIES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	1 HOUR PER WEEK 1 HOUR PER WEEK 1 HOUR PER WEEK 1 HOUR PER WEEK 2 HOURS PER WEEK 1 HOUR PER WEEK	COSTUME FROM RUBBISH/COMPETITION ENTRY INVESTIGATE A SOCIAL ISSUE (PROJECT) LAW ED/LIFT TRAINING/ PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER EU STUDENTS DULANN/IACT/E-PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT
WORK EXPERIENCE/COMMUNITY SERVICE & OTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCES	EACH TUESDAY.	

WHY IS THE RCS TY PROGRAMME SO EFFECTIVE ?

WE EXCEL IN THE PROVISION OF AN ARRAY OF STUDENT EXPERIENCES THAT SUPPORT PERSONAL GROWTH & CAREER EXPLORATION FOR OUR TY STUDENTS

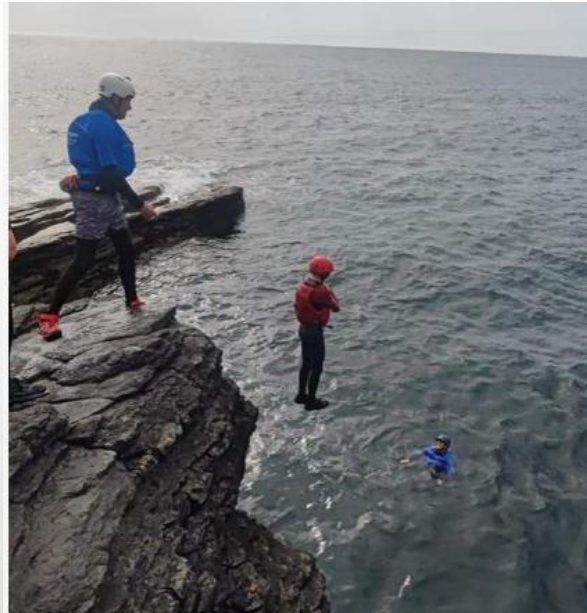


WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS IN BEING THE BEST LEARNER POSSIBLE AND IN ENGAGING FULLY IN THE COMMUNITY & IN TAKING ON CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PERSONAL GROWTH
IN TY

ALL STUDENTS ENGAGE IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS & DEVELOP TEAM BUILDING SKILLS



**Coast-steering & Team
Building Games**



ALL TY'S RUN A SOLO OR TEAM ENTERPRISE AND DEVELOP KEY ENTERPRISE SKILLS!



LEADERSHIP SKILL DEVELOPMENT WITH LIFT PROGRAMME - DELIVER TO 2ND YRS



Listening



Positive Attitude



Competence



Honesty
& Integrity



Dedication &
Determination



Respect



Empathy &
Understanding



Accountability

PEER TO PEER LEADERSHIP

LIFT PROGRAMME DELIVERED TO 2ND YEARS



LEADERSHIP SKILLS VIA GAA FUTURE LEADERS AWARD

- Future Leaders Introductory/Overview Module
- Future Leaders Event Management & Sports Administration Module
- Future Leaders Fundamental Movement Skills & Coaching of Hurling/Football Module
- Future Leaders Refereeing Module
- Future Leaders Sports Journalism Module
- Future Leaders Performance Analysis Module
- Future Leaders Nutrition Module
- Future Leaders Wellbeing Module
- Future Leaders History Module
- Future Leaders Sustainability Module
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- Pupils will receive an e-Certificate for each completed module.



TY'S, FOLLOWING TRAINING, FROM HSE/DENTAL NURSE WILL DELIVER 2 LESSONS TO RCS 1ST YRS



Tooth Led Teen (TLT)



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

'Fianna Fiacail'



Oral Health Promotion Programme

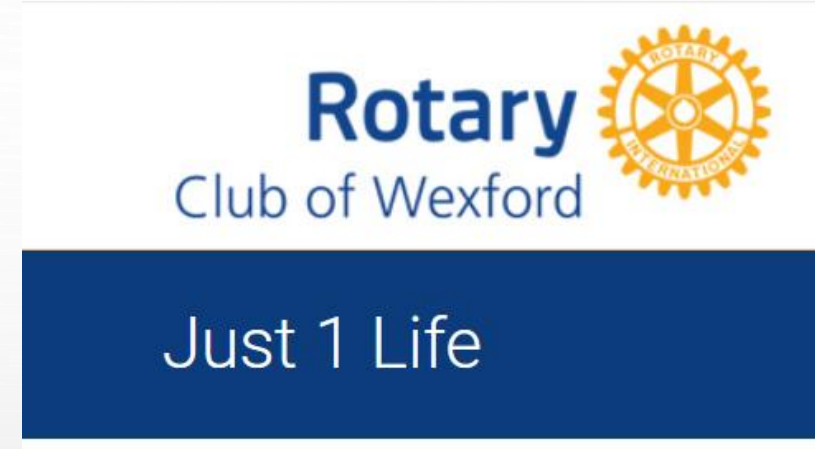


PERSONAL WELL-BEING & SPHE

EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE WORKSHOP



DRIVER SAFETY DAY



DRUGS & ALCOHOL ADDICTION TALK



AUTISM AWARENESS TALK



ASSISING WITH SHOE BOX APPEAL FOR TEAM HOPE



LEADING CAMPAIGNS/PROJECTS THE "OUR SHOES" CAMPAIGN FOR SHOES FOR CHILDREN IN AFRICA



OUR
SHOES

WE CHALLENGE
OUR TY'S TO
PUSH
THEMSELVES



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BEING A LEARNER
IN TY

TY TIMETABLE ALLOWS FOR SUBJECT SAMPLING

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:50 - 09:50	Leadership Skills 4Lea-B RM6 Leanne Moore		Mathematics 4Mat-1.1 LIB Alanna Roche	Physical Education (Wellbeing) 4PEWB-7.2 PE1 Shane O'Hanlon	Special Tuition 4Iri-Ex DEM Louise Walsh
09:50 - 10:50	Tutorial 4Tut-B 20HEC Shane O'Hanlon		European Studies 4Eur-B RM6 Katharine Curtis Jones	Special Tuition 4Iri-Ex Art 2 Michelle Ryan	Computer Studies 4Com-B RM 3 Louise Walsh
10:50 - 11:10					
11:10 - 12:10	Computer Studies 4Com-B RM 3 Leah Molloy; Louise Walsh		Junk Kouture 4JK-B ART Niamh O'Leary	Science 4Sci-5.4-R2 LAB17 Jonathan Reynolds	Engineering 4Eng-6.2-R2 METAL William Gillard
12:10 - 13:10	English 4Eng-2.1 LIB Deirdre O'Donohoe		Life Skills 4Lif-B RM 3 Louise Walsh	Science 4Sci-5.4-R2 LAB17 Jonathan Reynolds	Engineering 4Eng-6.2-R2 METAL William Gillard
13:10 - 14:00					
14:00 - 15:00	Environmental & Soc. Studies 4Env-B RM6 Jane Healy		YSI 4YSI-4.2 RM 3 Aoife Roche	Religious Education 4Rel-B 20HEC Christina Scallan	
15:00 - 16:00	Mathematics 4Mat-1.1 LIB Alanna Roche		Career Guidance 4CG-B RM6 Hayley Miller	English 4Eng-2.1 LIB Deirdre O'Donohoe	

LEARNING COOKERY & ANIMATION SKILLS



LEARNING HOW TO BE & LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY



LEADERSHIPS SKILL TEACHING UKULELE IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL



LEARNING TO RUN MY OWN BUSINESS



LEARNING DESIGN SKILLS

BARISTA SKILLS



ALWAYS LEARNING NEW SKILLS & ENHANCING EXISTING ONES IN TY



DEVELOPING MOVIE MAKING SKILLS



- WORK IN GROUPS
- DECIDE ON THEME
- WRITE SCRIPT
- CAST FOR POSITIONS
- FILM
- EDIT
- ADD SOUND/MUSIC
- FINAL EDITS
- CREDITS/SHOW

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PART OF A TEAM - JUNK KOUTURE

TEAM WORK IN ACTION

INVOLVES DEDICATION & PERSISTENCE

INVOLVES EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

MEETING DEADLINES

MANAGING STRESS!!!! (PHOTO-SHOOT!)

IMPROVE IT SKILLS - VIDEO CLIP, MUSIC FOR PERFORMANCE, UPLOADING, WRITING UP ENTRY, CONNECTING TO SUSTAINABLE GOALS



OPPORTUNITIES TO BE CREATIVE & PERFORM



LEARN FIRST-AID & DEFIBRILATOR SKILLS AS A FIRST RESPONDER



LEARNING TO PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD TO COMPETE!!

BT YOUNG SCIENTISTS COMPETITION



**Ramsgrange Community School
Wexford**
An investigation into the potential gender
diagnosis and treatment of chronic pain
Ireland
SOCIAL & BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES



LEARN LOTS OF IT SKILLS - IACT - SELF DIRECTED LEARNING ONLINE (H/W)

Computer Skills	Career Skills	Driving Skills
Essential Computer Literacy Skills That Everyone Needs	Essential Skills That All Employers Look For	Skills and Practical Techniques To Be A Safe Driver
8 Courses	9 Courses	8 Courses
30 Hours	20 Hours	20 Hours

Students get access to all 3 Skills Programs.

ALL COURSES ARE ASSESSED & CERTIFIED

14 DULANN MODULES - WORK PREPARATION COURSES (H/W)

Certified Safeguarding Children

Certified Hospitality Customer Care

Serving Alcohol Sensibly

Certified Retail Customer Care Awareness

Fire Safety Awareness

GDPR for Frontline Staff

Certified Food Allergen Awareness - Consumer Information

Food Safety Level 1

Manual Handling Blended Course

Work Placement 1 - Readiness

Work Placement 2 - Employment

Managing Martin - Dealing with Difficult Customers

Health & Safety Induction (Office)

Drug Awareness

ALL MODULES ARE ASSESSED & CERTIFIED & WIDELY RECOGNISED (BRANDON/DANONE)



**LEARNING
HOW THE LAW
AFFECTS THEM
AND THEIR
LIVES**

Dream Space Ambassador Values



Student voice

Inclusion

Respect

**AND BECOME A
DREAMSPACE
AMBASSADOR &
TRAIN OTHERS!**

**CHANCE TO
BE
TRAINED
BY
MICROSOFT**



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR
CAREER EXPLORATION
IN TY

CAREER EXPLORATION VIA WORK EXPERIENCE

2 PLACEMENTS IN A BUSINESS SETTING (TWO LOTS OF 7 X TUESDAYS FROM OCT)

TIP: TRY GO SOMEWHERE OF RELEVANCE TO STUDENTS INTEREST/CAREER AMBITION/SEE NOTICE BOARD

1 X COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION (ONE LOT OF 7 X TUESDAYS)

TIP: THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK/HELP IN YOUR AREA EG: IN A CHARITY SHOP

EXTRA PLACEMENT ENCOURAGED (USUALLY 1 WEEK - OPTIONAL)

TIP: WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO DO ADDITIONAL PLACEMENTS THAT THEY ARRANGE THEMSELVES OR APPLY VIA OUTSIDE BODIES (EG: MID WEST RADIO, DÁIL EIREANN, NASA)

WORK EXPERIENCE HELPS YOUR STUDENT IN THESE AREAS:-

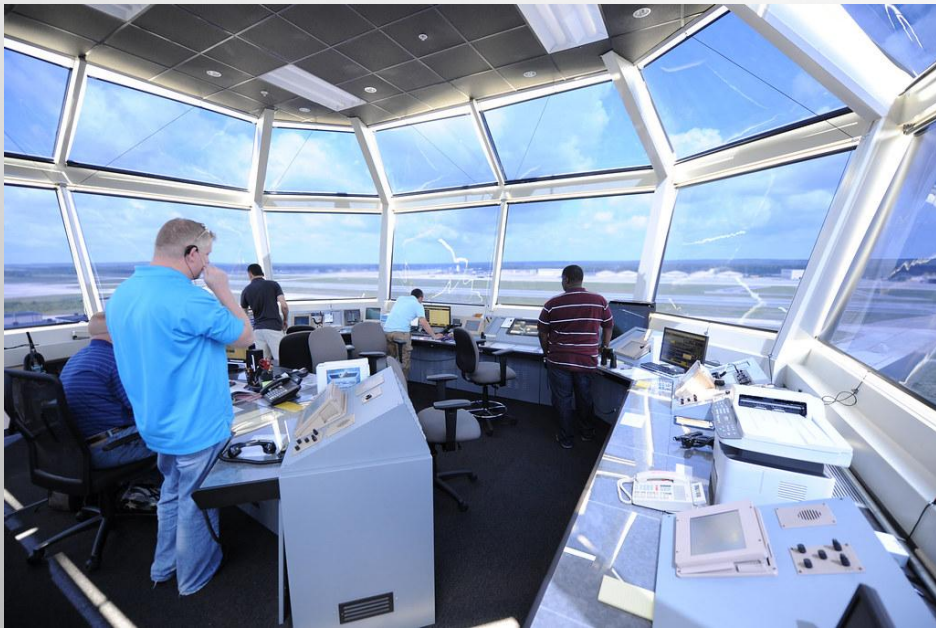
PRACTICAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT/REFERENCE BUILDING/ CV PREPARATION/ IMPRESS POTENTIAL FUTURE EMPLOYERS/NETWORKING - MAKE CONTACTS/HELPS MAKING SUBJECT AND CAREER CHOICES/HELPS SECURE PART TIME OR FUTURE WORK

WORK EXPERIENCE



CHOOSE WISELY - NOT JUST WHAT IS CONVENIENT

DUBLIN AIRPORT -
AIRNAV



PHYSIOTHERAPY



TY TRIPS & COLLEGE VISITS



**AV-CON TRIP ON
AVIATION INDUSTRY &
ASSOCIATED CAREERS**



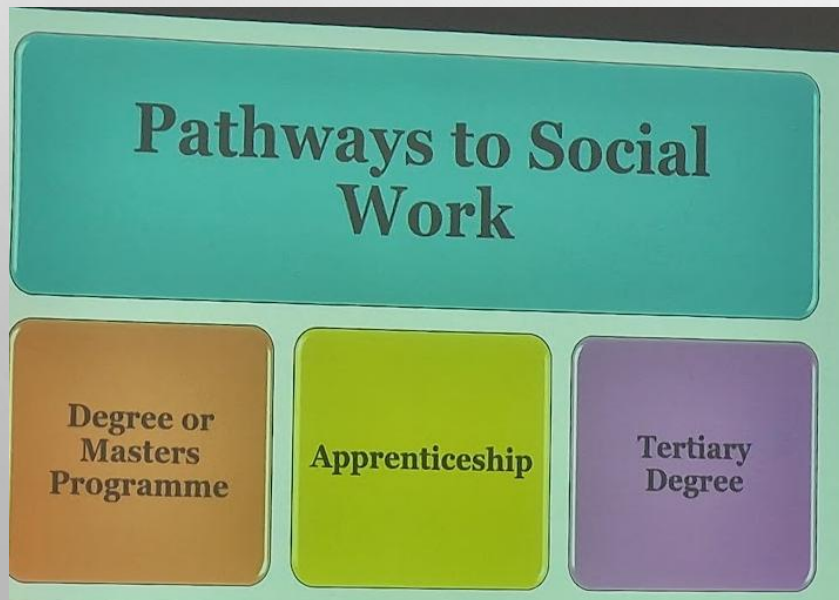
TY CAREER TALKS & PRESENTATIONS



**Hello
and Welcome**

TUSLA An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

Post Primary Schools Programme




**Pathways to Social
Work**

- Degree or Masters Programme
- Apprenticeship
- Tertiary Degree



Nolan Transport relentlessly search for the best staff for our growing transport services throughout Europe / GB

Company	Warehousing	System	Customs
			
Driver	Truck	Trailer	
			

ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

From Foal to Race
Transition Year
Programme (Equine)



Environmental Innovators Transition Year
Programme



Farm Safety First

OTHER CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES (ON TEAMS)

- MINI MED – BY ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS – IF INTERESTED IN CAREER IN MEDICAL FIELD (NURSE, DOCTOR, PHYSIO, RADIOGRAPHER, SURGEON) - ONLINE COURSES PLUS IN PERSON COURSES (1 PER SCHOOL BY LOTTERY)
- ST PATRICK'S "WALK IN MY SHOES" –IF INTERESTED IN CAREER IN MENTAL HEALTH (NURSE, DOCTOR, PSYCHOLOGIST, CARE ASSISTANT, SOCIAL WORKER)
- LAW – RUN BY THE IRISH LAW SOCIETY–SOLICITOR/BARRISTER
- BEAT FM
- DEFENCE FORCES EG: AIR CORPS/ NAVY
- BUSINESS – "TRY BUSINESS" = SETU ("TRY NURSING")
- STEAM – RUN BY VARIOUS COLLEGES OR INSTITUTIONS THOSE INTERESTED IN CAREERS IN SCIENCES, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHS
- DRAMA/THEATRE/MUSIC WORKSHOPS.....AND EXPERIENCE OF THE DÁIL
- HEALTH SCIENCES/ENGINEERING TASTER DAYS/WORK EXPERIENCE

OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW FOR POSITION AND RUN SCHOOL BRANCH OF BANK OF IRELAND



- STUDENTS CAN
 - - OPEN ACCOUNT
 - - ACCESS ONLINE BANKING
 - - GET A DEBIT CARD
 - - MAKE A LODGEMENT
- ALL DONE ONLINE
- TY STUDENTS ARE INTERVIEWED FOR PROPER BANK JOBS (MANAGER, SALES, MARKETING, DIGI-ADVISORS, AUDITORS)



OPPORTUNITIES FOR

**CIVIC AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

IN TY



TY'S TAKE PART IN MANY ASPECTS OF RCS LIFE EG: THE RCS OPEN NIGHT



CONNECTING WITH OUR LOCAL AREA FROM GROUND TO TUMMY!



CONNECTING WITH OUR LOCAL AREA

KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL



FOOD HAMPERS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES
FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL



WALKING HISTORY TOUR OF NEW ROSS



DUNBRODY FAMINE SHIP VISIT



I AM PILGRIMAGE IN WEXFORD



BECOMING MORE SOCIALLY AWARE (LEARN THEN ACT)



THE ALZHEIMER
SOCIETY of IRELAND

DSiDC

Dementia Services Information
and Development Centre

**Dementia Awareness Programme
Creating a Dementia Inclusive Generation**



**Irish
Guide
Dogs**
for the blind

**DENIM DAY
FOR DEMENTIA**

28 FEBRUARY
2025

the Alzheimer
SOCIETY OF IRELAND

WEAR YOUR DENIMS ON THE 28TH FEBRUARY
AND HELP SUPPORT OVER 64,000 PEOPLE
LIVING WITH DEMENTIA IN IRELAND



CONNECTING WITH OUR LOCAL AREA ABILITY AWARENESS WITH CUMAS NEW ROSS (TAG RUGBY)



CONNECTING WITH THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

OUR
SHOES



TEAM HOPE
Helping vulnerable children overseas



TY'S ACTIVELY CONNECT WITH
ISSUES THEY CARE ABOUT.....

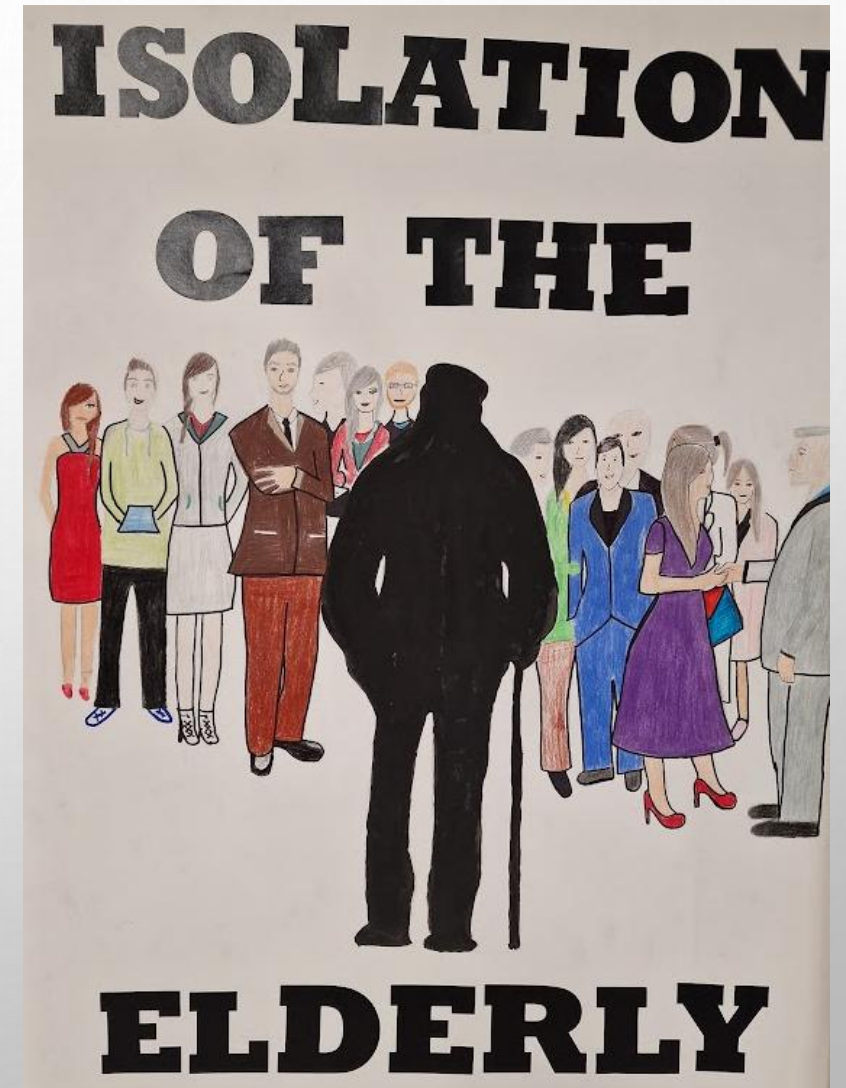
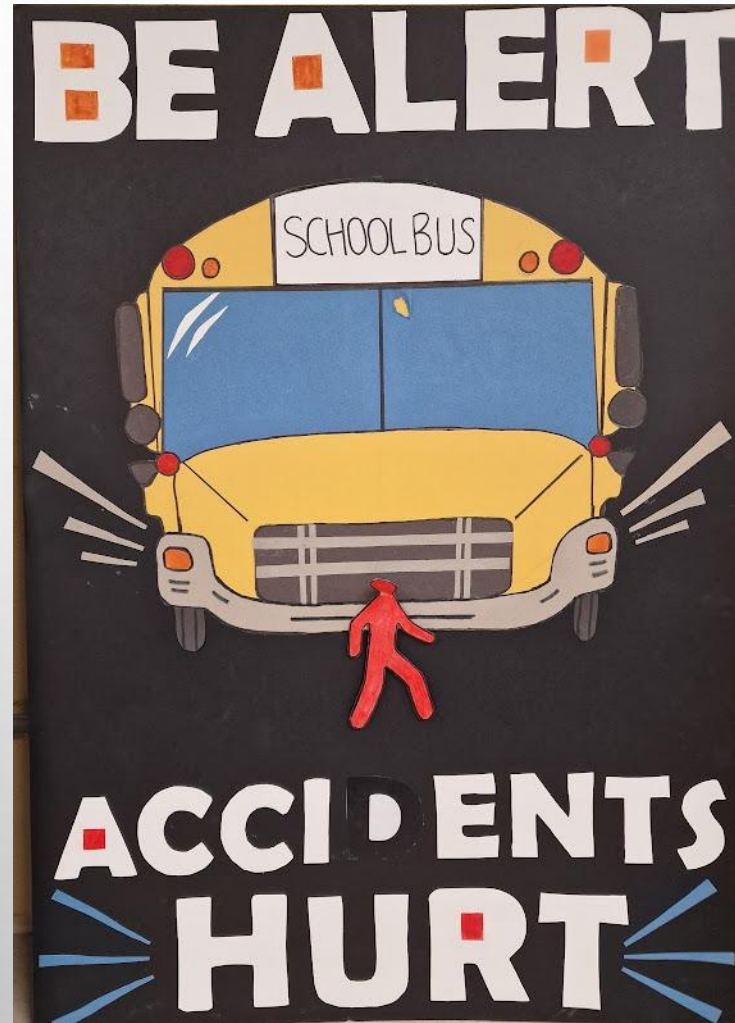
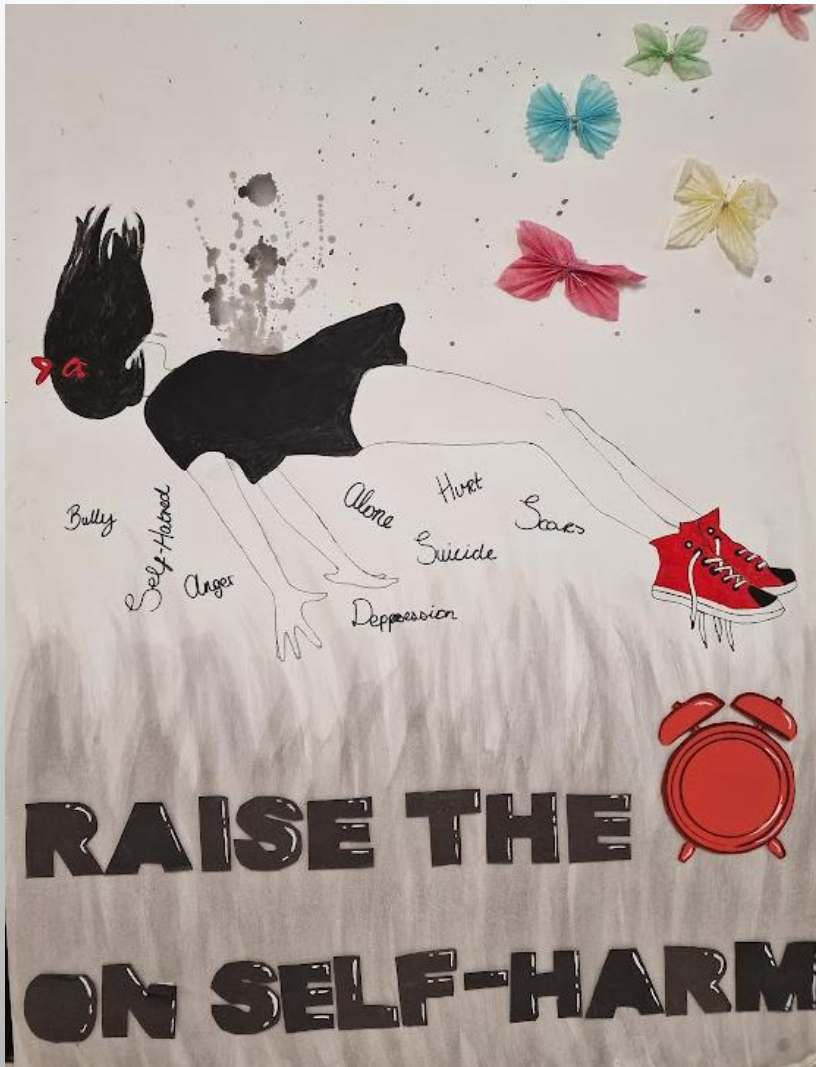
Y = YOUNG

S = SOCIAL

I = INNOVATORS

TY'S MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO
MANY IN OUR SOCIETY!

PAST TOPICS FROM RCS YSI THAT TY'S WERE PASSIONATE ABOUT



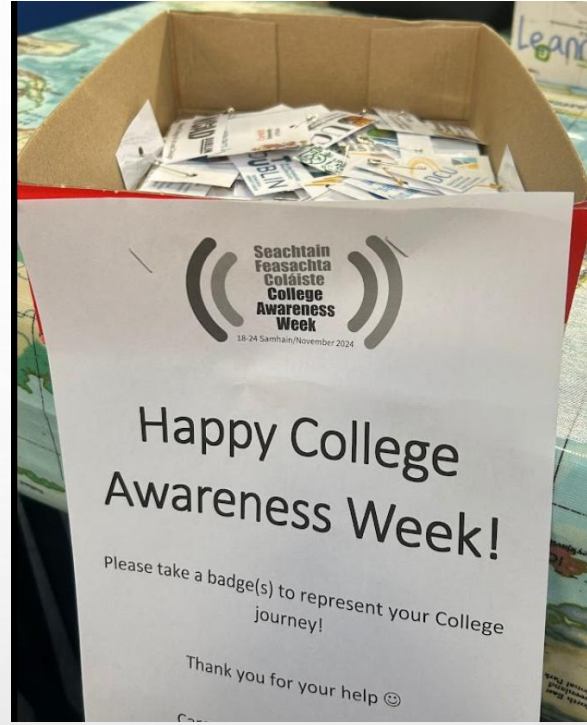
SELLING MY PRODUCTS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY



CONNECTING WITH OUR LOCAL AREA



OTHER EXPERIENCES



CHANCE TO DO AN GAISCE (PRESIDENT'S) AWARD

- PRESIDENTS AWARD/PAL
- 4 ELEMENTS EMPHASIS ON COMMITMENT
- ADVENTURE JOURNEY - 2 DAY KAYAK OR CYCLE



COMMUNITY - 13 X 1 HR PER WEEK IN LOCAL COMMUNITY EG: YSI IN SCHOOL OR GAA COACHING OR TIDY TOWNS OR CHARITY WORK

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY- 13 X 1HR PER WEEK DOING AN ENERGETIC ACTIVITY - FOLLOW FITNESS RUN/WALK, CLUB TRAINING FOR GAA/SOCCER, YOGA, DANCING, SWIMMING (CAN BE 2 X 30 MINS)

SKILL - 26 WEEKS - ONLINE IT COURSES

- ALL STUDENTS START THIS AWARD - ALL DON'T FINISH IT!!!

GAISCE ADVENTURE JOURNEY - 2 DAYS & 1 OVERNIGHT ALONG RIVER BARROW



SURVIVAL SKILLS - SELF DIRECTED LEARNING, PLANNING, ORGANISING, TEAMWORK AND BONDING



OTHER SURVIVAL SKILLS - NO PHONES!!!!



OTHER EXPERIENCES



PROJECT ON NATURAL FLOODING MEASURES



CHANCE TO WIN 5 CALVES!!!



PROJECT ON SOCIAL FARMING

CHANCE TO DO JOHN PAUL II AWARD

- COMMUNITY SERVICE & CHURCH BASED AWARD
- 2 ELEMENTS - EMPHASIS ON COMMITMENT
- CAN DO FOR 8, 14 OR 20 WEEKS
- TO GET A BRONZE, SILVER OR GOLD AWARD
- AFTER GETTING GOLD AWARD CAN GO ON TO DO
- DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH FERNS DIOCESE

[POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD |
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD](#)

□ ACTIVE PART IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY EG: HELP WITH LOCAL CLUB

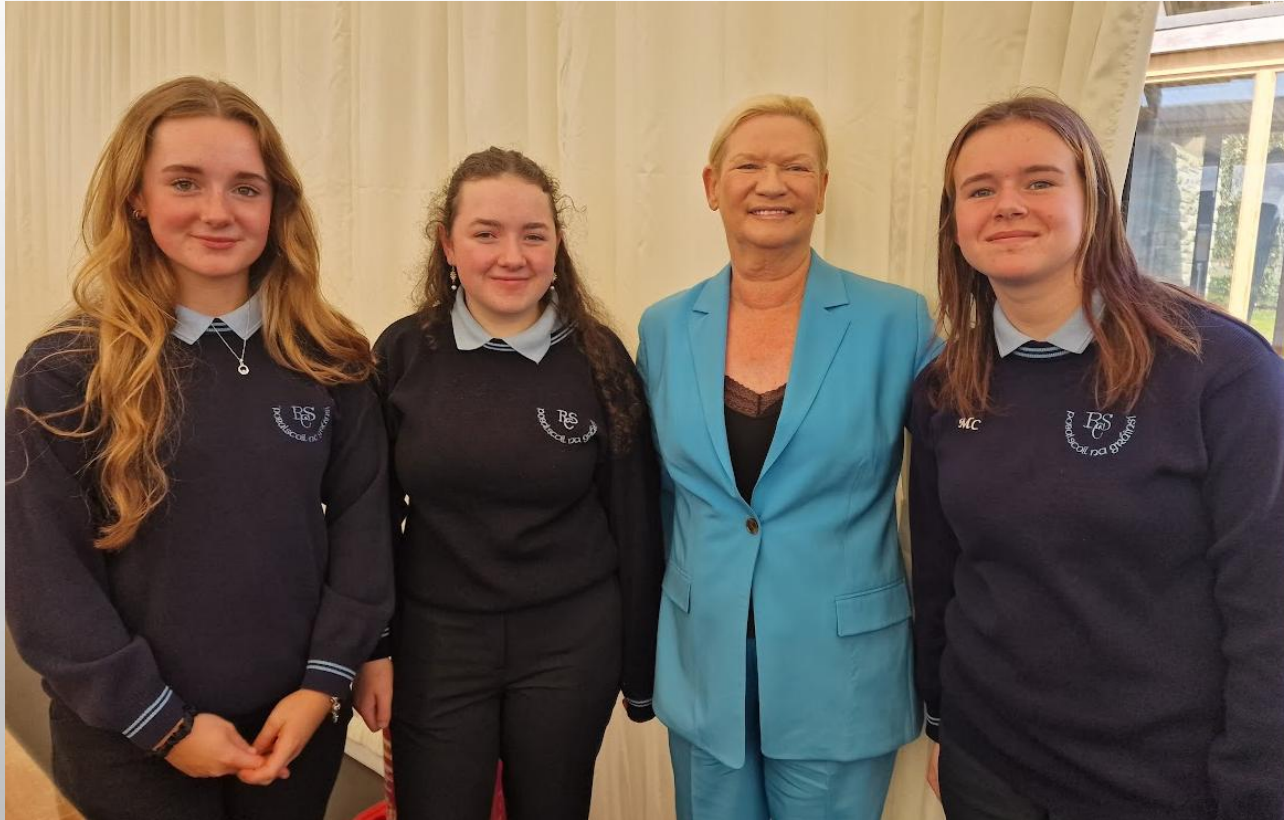
□ ACTIVE PART IN THE LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH- EG: READ AT MASS/PREPARE PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL/CHOIR AT MASS/ CLEANING/ HELP WITH SACRED SPACE IN SCHOOL



POPE JOHN PAUL II
AWARD

OPPORTUNITIES TO NETWORK!

KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL – EILEEN DUNNE



A purple event poster for the Kennedy Summer School Schools STEM Event Astrophysics. The poster features the Kennedy Summer School logo at the top, followed by the event title and date: "Schools STEM Event Astrophysics Thursday 29th August". Below this, there are six portraits of speakers with their names and titles: Eileen Dunne (Chairperson), Dr. Charles Larkin (Director), Prof. Veronica Campbell (President, SETU), Prof. Lisa Snodgrass (Associate Professor, Purdue University), Ken Murray (Journalist), and Dr. Aisling McEvoy (Head of Enterprise Partnership at Science Foundation Ireland). At the bottom, there are logos for Wexford County Council, Purdue University, Fáilte Ireland, and OPW.

PREVIOUS MINISTER FOR EDUCATION NORMA FOLEY WITH 2 TY'S AT THE LAUNCH OF NEW SENIOR CYCLE



COMPETITIONS FOR EVERYONE TO ENTER..... BUT...NOT EVERYONE DOES THEM!!!

Wexford student wins trip to European Parliament

A student from Ramsgrange Community School will participate in a special Euroscola trip to parliamentary buildings in Dublin, Belfast and Strasbourg next year after being chosen as one of two representatives from the south east region. Louise Byrne earned her place on the trip after winning through in the Zone Final of the prestigious Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition held in the Riverbank House Hotel last week.

Following selections at the respective school and club stages of the competitions, the all-female final included the chosen representatives for the Rotary clubs of Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny and Wicklow, with Louise joined by Kiera Kennedy McGrath, Ella Cantwell, and Juno Cherry-Roberts.

The finalists were put through their paces by an interview panel comprising of Ed Murphy (Director of Greentech HQ), Michelle O'Neill (FIFA referee) and Gemma O'Halloran (Owner of Freestyle PM and a former winner of the Youth Leadership Development Competition), with just two of the finalists selected for the Euroscola trip.

In a results ceremony, attended by the District Governor of Rotary Ireland, Mr. Kenny Fisher, Louise Byrne and Juno Cherry-Roberts were announced as the two people who were selected to participate in the Euroscola trip. They will join over 20 students from across the country in an all expenses paid trip that will see them visit Dáil Éireann, Stormont



Back: Ed Murphy (GreenTech HQ), Michelle O'Neill, Kenny Fisher (District Governor Rotary Ireland), Calodagh McCumiskey (Rotary Wexford), Natasha Hughes (Rotary President Wexford), Karl Fitzpatrick (Rotary Wexford) and Gemma O'Halloran (Judge). Seated: Ciara Kennedy-McGrath (St Leo's College Carlow), Louise Byrne (Ramsgrange Community School), Noel Doyle (Youth Leadership Rotary Wexford), Juno Cherry-Roberts (East Glendalough School, and Ella Cantwell (Colaiste Abhainn Rí Callan Co Kilkenny).

and the European Parliament in Strasbourg in Spring 2024.

Calodagh McCumiskey, Assistant Governor for the zone said, "Listening to the achievements, stories and insights these very talented and driven students shared is inspiring and gives me great hope and heart for our future."

Natasha Hughes, President of the Rotary

Club of Wexford, warmly congratulated all participants and wished Louise and Juno an enjoyable experience on their trip.

"Wexford Rotary Club was delighted to host the Zone Final this year. The remarkable leadership displayed by all the finalists not only highlights the outstanding potential within our youth but also mirrors our pledge to help empower Youth through Rotary projects."

- COMPETITIONS FOR **FREE TRIPS TO EU PARLIAMENT** / ART COMPETITIONS / IRISH ANGUS BEEF / FOAL TO RACE / TIKTOK / BAKING COMPETITIONS / CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITIONS / ENVIRONMENT COMPETITIONS...

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMPETITION (TRIP TO EU)



PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

DRAMA IN DUNDRUM THEATRE



SOROPTOMIST



**& PROJECT
PRESENTATIONS!**

ARE THERE ASSESSMENTS IN TY?.....YES!!!!

- TRADITIONAL SUBJECT TESTS
- FORMAL EXAMINATIONS (FIRST AID EXAM, MANUAL HANDLING)
- COMPLETION OF PROJECT WORK - ESS/YSI
- PRESENTATION OF WORK
- MOVIE OR TIC TOK OR POEM CREATION
- E-PORTFOLIOS & EXHIBITION (DEVICE ESSENTIAL)
- PERFORMANCE - DRAMA/MUSIC
- AN GAISCE BRONZE MEDAL ACHIEVEMENT
- JP 2 MEDAL ACHIEVEMENT
- SKILLS DEMONSTRATION - JUNK KOUTURE, INTERVIEW SKILLS, ENGINEERING, HOME EC
- CREDITS SYSTEM FOR OVERALL GRADE



OVER VIEW OF TY CREDITS

EACH SUBJECT GIVES YOU 10 CREDITS PER TERM. THERE ARE 3 TERMS WITH 200 CREDITS AVAILABLE EACH

BREAKDOWN OF CREDITS -

EACH SUBJECT AWARDS 10 CREDITS -

6 OF THESE ARE FOR "HARD SKILLS" (IE: Tasks in that subject)

4 OF THESE ARE FOR "SOFT SKILLS" (IE: time keeping, initiative)

CREDITS ARE AWARDED 3 TIMES OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR

Total number of credits	%	Award	Average per subject
540 to 600	90% or more	Distinction	9 or 10 credits
480 to 539	80% to 89%	Higher Merit	8 credits
360 to 479	60% to 79%	Merit	6 or 7 credits
300 to 359	50% to 59%	Pass	5 credits
below 299	49% or less	Unsuccessful	4 or less credits

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. APPLICATION FORM (ALL 3 Parts)

1. Student Questions (evidence of research)
2. Parental/Guardian Input
3. Student Personal Commitment

To be submitted to **OFFICE** by **DATE ON FORM (11/2/2025)**

2. ATTEND FOR INTERVIEW (to assess suitability)

- Beginning 4th March, 2025 (students will get letter)
- Conducted by TY co-ordinator or Y Head/3rd yr Head/Deputy Principal (or person appointed by Principal)
- Preparation expected

3. PROFESSIONAL FEEDBACK OF TEACHERS

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE ENGAGES IN SELECTION PROCESS & MAKES DECISIONS ON PLACES OFFERED

- Offer of Place - usually made within 10 days of interview
- Offer will be in writing (by VShare Mail or letter)
- Decision is based on
 - Application Form/Attendance Record to date/Behaviour Record to date/
Suitability/ Feedback of Teachers / Interview performance
- Student **MUST** accept OR reject in writing by **DATE ON LETTER**
- Pay deposit of €100 with acceptance (needed for booking activities/courses for Sept 2025)
- Pay remaining balance of €200 in September
- Unsuccessful candidates are placed on a waiting list

HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE WITH TY PARENTS?

- VIA TEAMS & SCHOOL JOURNAL - PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR STUDENTS PORTFOLIO OF WORK/EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS
- RCS TY FACEBOOK PAGE AND RCS FACEBOOK/INST PAGES
- CONSENT SURVEYS FOR TRIPS (PARENTS MUST COMPLETE THESE SURVEYS)
- PROGRESS REPORTS AT TIMES/CONTACT FROM YEAR HEAD AND/OR TUTOR
- CHRISTMAS REPORT AND END OF YEAR REPORTS
- STUDENT LED PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE- STUDENT PRESENTS PORTFOLIO OF LEARNING TO DATE
- VSWARE/EMAIL/NEWSLETTER UPDATES
- END OF YEAR GRADUATION

SHOULD YOU/YOUR CHILD DO TY?

- DO YOU REALLY WANT TO ENGAGE FULLY ON A JOURNEY OF PERSONAL GROWTH, LEARN NEW SKILLS AND GIVE 100% TO ALL EXPERIENCES (NOT JUST TRIPS)?
- ARE YOU POSITIVE AND WILLING TO GET STUCK IN, EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THE EXPERIENCE OR EVEN IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE?
- ARE YOU UNSURE OF WHAT THEY WANT TO DO IN THE FUTURE ?
- DO YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE WORLD OF WORK/COLLEGE VISITS?
- WILL YOU AVAIL OF EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS?
- COULD YOU DO WITH BOOSTING YOUR CONFIDENCE/MATURITY? (BEING YOUNG SHOULD NOT BE YOUR ONLY REASON FOR DOING TY!)
- ARE YOU WILLING TO CATCH UP IN TY ON ANY LEARNING MISSED?
- ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY & GET INVOLVED IN THINGS YOUR FRIENDS MIGHT NOT BE DOING?
- STUDENTS INTERESTED SHOULD COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM AND ALL STUDENTS WHO APPLY WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- IS MY CHILD GOING TO TAKE ON THE OPPORTUNITIES IN TY?
- IT IS TIME TO MAKE A DECISION FOR YOURSELF NOT BASED ON WHAT YOUR FRIENDS ARE/ARE NOT DOING!!
- TY IS NOT A "DOSS YEAR" - YOU GET OUT OF IT WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT
- YOU HAVE TO BE WILLING TO GET INVOLVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF TY
- THEY WILL NEED TO HAVE A DEVICE/LAPTOP FOR TY
- **COST - 2025/2026 €300 FOR TY ACTIVITIES**
- **EXTRA COSTS FOR BUS TRANSPORT** (EG: DUBLIN = €25) OR POSSIBLE TRIP ABROAD - EG: MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE/ LAKE GARDA/ITALIAN EXCHANGE TO IMOLA ALL COST EXTRA

NOTE: TY'S HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE COSTS

- MINI ENTERPRISES (BAKE SALE) BY TY GROUP
- PART TIME JOB

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAID ABOUT TY?

- "I AM FAR MORE SETTLED NOW AND MORE FOCUSED HAVING DONE TRANSITION YEAR"
- "I GOT TO DO SO MUCH MORE IN TY AND THIS HELPED ME BUILD UP MY CV"
- "I AM MORE MATURE AND CONFIDENT NOW GOING INTO SENIOR CYCLE"
- "IF YOU TREAT TY AS A DOSS YEAR IT IS VERY HARD TO SETTLE INTO SENIOR CYCLE AFTER IT"

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT TY?

- WWW.CAREERSPORTAL.IE
- WWW.INDEPENDENT.IE
- [ESRI REPORT](#)
 - A REPORT BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE SHOWED THAT STUDENTS WHO DO TRANSITION YEAR TEND TO SCORE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER POINTS ON THE [LEAVING CERT](#).
 - TAKING SOCIAL BACKGROUND INTO ACCOUNT, THE AVERAGE CAO POINTS ADVANTAGE IS 25-50 POINTS.

THANK YOU