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NEWSLETTER

COMERAGH COLLEGE



Welcome

TY Journalism students have created this newsletter for the school term.

Students have written articles and worked together as a team with the help of Ms. Eyre and Ms. O'Mahoney to produce this newsletter.

We hope you enjoy reading and we look forward to the upcoming issues that will be produced each term. We would like to wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Important Dates for next term

- 28th March** - LC Oral Exams Begin
- 13th -14th April** - LC Music Practical
- 21st April** - Home Ec. JC Practical begin
- 22nd April** - LC Art Practical
- 29th - 30th April** LC Construction Practical
- 6th - 7th May** LC Engineering Practical
- 7th May** - Sports Awards Ceremony
- 20th May** - LC Graduation

DARE TO BELIEVE

We were delighted to welcome Ameer Leigh Costigan to our school as part of the Dare to Believe Programme. Organised by Ms. O'Friel, the visit was a fantastic opportunity for students to hear first-hand about life as an Olympian. Ameer-Leigh spoke openly about her journey to the Olympic stage, sharing the dedication, resilience and hard work required to compete at such a high level. Students were inspired by her honesty about both the challenges and rewards of elite sport, as well as her encouragement to set goals and believe in their own potential. The session was engaging and interactive, with students asking thoughtful questions and gaining valuable insight into balancing sport, education and personal wellbeing. It was a truly memorable experience for all involved and a great day for our school community.



WRITTEN BY TY JOURNALISM STUDENTS



TERM HIGHLIGHTS

DCMUN and LCMUN

Written by Rose Gannon

The Transition Year students recently engaged in two prestigious Model United Nations conferences: DCMUN and LCMUN. During these events, each student stepped into the role of a national delegate, representing their assigned country's interests on the global stage. This required extensive research and the ability to debate complex international issues from a specific geopolitical perspective. Our trip to Cork for DCMUN provided an immersive, multi-day experience, while the sessions at LCMUN in Clonmel allowed us to sharpen our diplomatic skills closer to home. Despite the travel, the consensus among the group was that every journey was worthwhile; the experience was instrumental in developing our public speaking, negotiation, and critical thinking skills as we defended our nations' stances against tough opposition.



Rubbish Film Festival

Written by Sophie Mooney

Recently, TY students were given the opportunity to participate in the Rubbish Film Festival; this is a festival where students are given the opportunity to create and star in a one minute film promoting sustainability.

Our TYs created a short film titled 'Let Them Eat Cake,' which focuses on food overconsumption and food waste. They made this film over the course of two days and after the film was completed they got a chance to travel to the Rubbish Film Festival awards which were hosted in the Horse & Jockey Hotel where they won an impact award for their film



TY NEWS/EVENTS



TY Barber Workshop

Written By: Ana Lopez



In this Barber Workshop they explained to us the importance of hair and that there are a lot of different types. We also learn how each style does not match with each person because not all colors match with all hairs style match

What we did to practice was cutting our partners hair. In my case I curled my friends hair and it was a really good practice because we learned a lot.

TY SETU Carlow Trip

Written By: Ana Lopez

TY students had a really interesting trip to Carlow's college where they attended to two talks about two different careers. One was about technology and how to create new things or just to repair and the other one was about science. They explained what they do and also they explained the facilities for this career.

Later they show all the facilities and what are each one is for.

When we finished all of these we went to Carlow town and had lunch and then we came back home.



TY HerMoves

Written By: Rose Gannon

Some TY girls are participating in a programme called HerMoves. They have done a life guarding work shop where the ty girls were taught how to save some that is drowning and how to swim correctly. They used life saving rings and they learned how to save a person in many different ways. This took place at Sean Kelly's. All that went said that they thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and was well worth going.



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TY Stem

Written by Rose Gannon

The TY STEM workshop was hosted in Sunlife as part of the STEM Passport for Inclusion programme. This is where the TY girls learned how to code and were introduced to their final assignment from the programme.

The assignment given was to create a programme linked to the Sustainable Development Goals. Through completing these assignments and successfully finishing the full programme over TY and 5th year, students can become eligible to earn up to 50 extra CAO points for their Leaving Certificate, if they continue with a STEM-related course in college. It was a very valuable experience, giving students the opportunity to develop their coding skills and learn more about future pathways in STEM.



Wheelchair Basketball

Written by Rose Gannon

A group of TY boys and girls recently headed up to DCU to take part in an exciting wheelchair basketball session. It was a fantastic experience where everyone got stuck in, learning the unique skills and techniques required to play the sport. Beyond the game itself, the day was packed with brilliant team-building activities that brought the class closer together. It's safe to say there was non-stop laughter, loads of fun, and a great buzz among everyone who attended!





TERM HIGHLIGHTS

Fís Festival

Students from 3rd to 6th year attended the 'Vision' event in Dublin last Thursday with Ms. McCole and Ms. O'Connor. There were special guests there who were speaking about the growth of Irish and how to use the language daily and as a profession. The students had a chance to speak with different colleges, societies and organisations and to get information about different courses, events that do be on during the year and professions that are available to them. The students took part in competitions and different events (like yoga). They had a great day.

D'fhreastail daltaí as 3ú bliain go 6ú ar imeacht 'Fís' i mBaile Átha Cliath ar an Déardaoin seo caite le Ms. McCole agus Ms. O'Connor. Bhí aíonna speisialta ann a bhí ag caint faoi fhás na Gaeilge agus conas í a úsáid go laethúil agus mar ghairm. Bhí seans ag na daltaí labhairt le coláistí, cumainn agus eagraíochta éagsúla agus eolas a fháil faoi chúrsaí difriúla, imeachtaí a bhíonn ar siúl i rith na bliana agus gairmeacha beatha atá ar fáil dóibh. Ghlac na daltaí páirt i gcomórtais agus imeachtaí éagsúla (cosúil le ióga). Lá den scoth a bhí acu!



Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Ghlac daltaí ó gach bliain i gColáiste an Chomaraigh páirt in imeachtaí difriúla le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Comhghairdeas do chách a ghlac páirt i Seachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana agus bhur gcuid Gaeilge a úsáid le linn na Seachtaine. Is fiú é! I measc na himeachtaí, scríobh daltaí idirbhliana i rang Ms. McCole cártaí poist chuig O'Carolan College i gContae na Mí. Chomh maith le comórtais do na daltaí, i mbliana bhí comórtas idir na múinteoirí chomh maith. Roghnaigh na daltaí múinteoir amháin a bhí ag caint as Gaeilge den chuid is mó laistigh den rang nó lasmuigh den rang. Comhghairdeas do Ms. Casey! Ar an Aoine, bhí Lá Glas againn ar son an Lauralynn Foundation. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir! Mar a deir an seanfhocal: Is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste!



TERM HIGHLIGHTS

English Week

Written by Rose Gannon

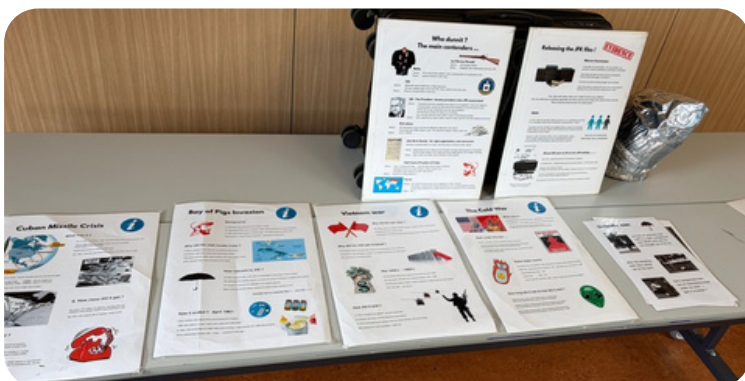
English Week was the week when the whole school got to celebrate and appreciate the English language and enjoy all the English Week activities. Some of the activities included a hunt to find all the teachers' favourite books, and another was a book quiz over the intercom. There was a book hint read out, and those who wanted to take part could put their answers in a gold box for a chance to win a prize. There was also a literacy hunt that was hung up around the school, where students had to read and match the questions to the correct answers. Many had fun and can't wait to do it all again next year.



JFK Workshop

Written by Jessie Walsh

The Forensic Fun workshop gave TY students the opportunity to learn about how crimes are investigated in real life, including the death of JFK. It was a great workshop and everyone really enjoyed it. Students also got to try out some of the activities there, such as fingerprinting and learning about different types of guns. It was a great day.





ERASMUS

French Erasmus Visitors

Lycée Assomption Sainte Clotilde in Bordeaux.

We were delighted to host our Erasmus visitors in the school recently, and it proved to be a fantastic week for everyone involved. During their stay, the students took part in a wide range of activities including subject classes, Irish dancing, hurling, and a tour of Carrick-on-Suir. They also enjoyed attending our school talent show, which was a real highlight of the week. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange, with both our students and the Erasmus group learning from each other and creating lasting memories. A sincere thank you to our host families for their generosity and for accommodating the visitors so warmly. Overall, it was a hugely positive experience and one that will be remembered fondly by all.



ETB TALENT SHOW



Written by Sophie Mooney

On the 10th of March students from our school travelled to Borrisokane to participate in the 2026 ETB talent show.

For our junior act, TY students performed a 'Grease,' megamix and were given the opportunity to play roles throughout the performance such as Danny, Sandy, Rizzo and Kenickie.

For our senior act, 5th year student Clodagh Carroll performed 'The Winner Takes It All,' which earned her a standing ovation that was well deserved after her beautiful performance.

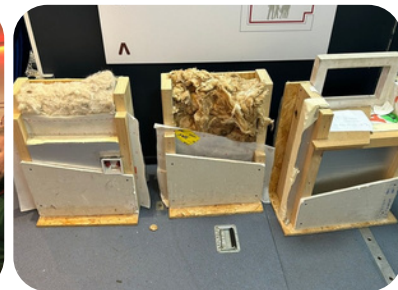


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Apprenticeship Truck

Written by Rose Gannon

The apprenticeship truck was an opportunity to get a little insight into the lives of those who are real-life apprentices. In the truck, we learned the correct way to build walls and roofs. We also learned how to weld and how scary it can be to do it on top of a building site via VR. We learned about plumbing and how we could get training to become an architect and plan out whole housing estates. Altogether, we had a good time with our teachers and we really enjoyed it. We hope to have a go at it again in the future. It was in partnership with LOETB, Cairn Homes, EcoVision and Mount Lucas Construction Training Centre.



Story telling workshop

Written by Rose Gannon.

The storytelling workshop featured a celebrity guest, Shane Casey, who came in to speak to the TYs about writing your own story and how you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it. During the workshop, the TYs had to act out different emotions and learned about not giving up on their dreams, being happy in what they do, and not being embarrassed by it.

In his wise words, "you do you, boo". We all had a great time, and the workshop was very entertaining and inspiring. All TYs enjoyed his company and hope to see him again.



TERM HIGHLIGHTS

Enterprise Awards

Written by Danny Nugent 3rd year

On the 6th of March, we made the journey up to TUS for the Tipperary Student Enterprise County Final. I had done lots of preparation for this day, as I knew it was a great opportunity to showcase my business and hopefully earn a place in the national final. There was lots of competition on the day, with representatives from schools all over Tipperary. I set up my stall as best as possible and spoke to the judges about my process and my journey, from having nothing at the start to now being a fully established and well-performing maker. After a long day of judging and talking, it was time for the awards ceremony. There were lots of awards up for grabs, but everyone had their eye on the overall winner and the chance to become a national finalist. When it came to my category being called out, I jumped up to receive my award. I was absolutely delighted, and it marks a huge milestone for my business. I would also like to say a huge thank you to my business teachers, Mr Foran and Mr Lyons, for all their help and support along the way.

Well done also to second year students Shay Smith and Bill Vaughan for entering the competition with their own enterprise.



Maths Quiz - 3rd Year

Well done to our 3rd year students who achieved 3rd and 5th place in the IMTA Pi Maths Quiz in Clonmel. This is a national competition where teams of students work together to solve challenging maths problems across a number of rounds, testing their problem-solving and teamwork skills. It was an incredibly close competition on the day, with our team finishing just one point behind the overall winners, while another team drew on points. The standard was extremely high, making their achievement even more impressive. It was a great day overall, with fantastic participation, effort and enthusiasm shown by all students involved. A big thank you to Ms O'Friel for organising the trip and supporting the students throughout.

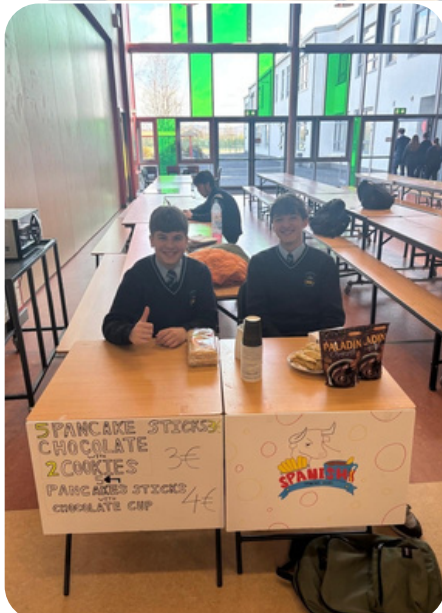


TY EASTER MARKETS



Well done to Mr D. Lyons and his Transition Year students who recently organised and hosted Easter Markets in the school as part of their enterprise programme. The students put in a fantastic effort planning, creating and selling their products, showcasing great creativity, teamwork and business skills throughout.

The event was a great success, with a brilliant atmosphere around the school and strong support from staff and students. It was a fantastic opportunity for the TYs to put their enterprise skills into practice and gain real-life experience.



STUDENT TEACHER MATCH

