



**Meanscoil na Toirbhirte**

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**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you are well and looking forward to the Easter break.

As the Transition Year students are continuing to work from home, School Management, the TY Coordinator and the TY Teaching team would like to update you on events and planning.

Below you will see a list of activities and events in the Transition Year Programme. Given the unprecedented times in which we find ourselves, the programme has been adapted accordingly, and is continually being updated as opportunities arise.

Notwithstanding the current situation in which we find ourselves, every effort has been made to provide meaningful educational, social, and career opportunities for the students.

The list is reflective of the experiences of the programme but is not exhaustive.

A student survey was carried out recently as part of the ongoing planning in the course, to give students a ‘voice’ in the experience. To that end, new opportunities are being explored and activities are subject to availability.

### **Long - Term Purchased Programmes to date being delivered in class:**

- **“Make that Course”** Enterprise programme
- **“Project one Sky”: Wellbeing Programme in a Digital Age**
- **“Beauty & Self-Care Wellbeing Workshop”**
- **“Leading Ireland’s Future Together (LIFT)”** leadership skills programme

### **Activities & Events (Purchased or Sponsored by the School)**

- **Surfing Team- Building Day** - Castlegregory plus Transport
- **TY Walk** -South Kerry with Guide and Transport (Mangerton Mountain )
- Driving School Lessons plus Trial Theory Driving Test ( ‘ **Irish School of Excellence Driving School**’) Ennis, County Clare
- Home Economics Cookery Competition Fees
- Christmas Movie Day with Pizza
- Class Challenge Competition Prizes eg ‘Kahoot’ Class Quiz, **Pancake Tuesday initiative supporting “Mental Health Ireland”**
- **French & German Online: week- long language learning Workshop from Hewitt College , Cork**
- **“Education Insights from Industry Professionals’ Talks For TY Students”** (Purchased)
- **Computer Skills Workshops** (Purchased)-January to May



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**Additional Events -current & upcoming events:**

- **“Goalmine Future Plan Programme and Competition” in conjunction with Munster Technological University(MTU),Tralee** : Two Day Learning and Entrepreneurial Event using UN Sustainable Goals 2030 while teaching the most up-to-date business and development strategies. Two teams qualified and one was shortlisted for the grand final.
- **WISH National Virtual Event in the STEM subjects** : Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (Sponsored)
- WISH National Poetry Competition
- **GAA Future Leaders Programme”**- Ongoing
- Christmas “Decorate a Door” Competition with Fund-raising initiative in support of “ Kerry Health Link Transport” Bus
- **TY Law Programme:** ongoing over several weeks
- Local History Walks
- Individual Programmes undertaken by students eg Saint Patrick’s Hospital, Dublin
- Career Investigation Programme : Reach
- **Royal College of Surgeons Ireland (RCSI) Mini Medical and Mini Health Sciences programme** ( Medical , Pharmaceutical and Physiotherapy sciences)
- **“GAISCE”** Presidential Award Challenges
- Preparation for Leaving Certificate Academic Tuition Block in school
- Work Experience
- Tuesday Extra Tuition and TY Modules such as podcasts in Irish and Portfolio presentation skills.
- **Home Challenges** in areas such as Fitness , Cookery, Art, Music, Photography, Mental Health and Wellbeing
- **Home Challenges using Apps** such as the “ Dulingo” Language App , “ Under Armour” and “ Joe Wicks” Fitness App
- **“ The Junior Health Sciences Academy ‘Early Careers ‘ Event : University of Limerick”**
- **National University of Galway ( NUIG) Careers & Courses Talks** ( 2 Weeks)

**Events chosen in “Student Voice” Survey**

**(Events are subject to availability and health guidelines)**

- **“ Junk Kouture”** International Re-Cycled Fashion Competition
- **“ School Junk Kouture Fashion Item”** competition- prizes sponsored by school
- First Aid Course
- UL Science Talk
- **“Rory’s Stories” Mental Health Talk”**
- End of Year: **Portfolio Assessment**
- **End of Year Assessments**
- GAISCE Walk in Black Valley plus Transport or Ballymacelligot walk (Pending Health Guidelines)
- TY Fun Day sponsored by the school)
- TY Graduation



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**In addition to the above , class teaching, learning and project work has been ongoing throughout the year . Students have and will continue to sample senior option subjects throughout.**

**Student and parent suggestions and ideas are always welcome and we would be delighted if parents would like to share their expertise and provide information webinars or workshops with the students and teachers.**

### **Two Virtual Work Experience Opportunities**

Our school has been successful in being offered two virtual work experience opportunities after Easter. These will be offered to a limited number of students. Details have been emailed to the students.

These are as follows:

- **Deloitte Internship Programme:** This is a business and technology work experience with the above named company and **five students** nominated by the school can avail of the opportunity. An email was sent to your daughter last week. If she is interested she can email me on [norma.dowling@preslistowel.ie](mailto:norma.dowling@preslistowel.ie) . **The closing date is Thursday 24th March.**
- **House of the Oireachtas Virtual Work Experience :** As the name suggests this is an experience in politics. Details will be given to the students at an assembly . **The closing date is Wednesday the 14th of April.** Only **one student** will be selected from each school. Students should email me as soon as possible if they are interested.

Mrs Dowling, Programmes Coordinator, and the TY Team of teachers, endeavour to provide every educational and wellbeing opportunity that is possible within our remit to our wonderful, talented and much valued Transition Year students.

**TY Assembly has been held every Tuesday at 2.45pm since 8th January keeping students and parents up-to-date with activities and checking on their progress and concerns.**

**Should any parent wish to provide a workshop or webinar to the students or make suggestions regarding same please email [norma.dowling@preslistowel.ie](mailto:norma.dowling@preslistowel.ie) or contact the school. Your suggestions and contributions would be very welcome.**

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter and we look forward to seeing the students back in school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Kind Regards,

**Eileen Kennelly  
Principal**

**Norma Dowling  
TY Coordinator**

**TY Teaching Team**



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