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# BERNARD CASEY

On the 12 of the October Bernard Casey came in to do a drama work shop with the TY students. He introduced them to the world of drama through a variety of fun activities.



This will be useful in the future months as the time is ticking on the lead up to the TY's musical. During this work shop the girls found themselves submerged in the art of drama.

They mainly worked on improvisation, and producing ideas and lines on the spot. One activity that was thoroughly enjoyed by all was the creation of a humorous and witty advert.



# DOGS TRUST

By Sacha Dubois

## Fashion Daily

The TY pupils heard a guest speaker from Dogs Trust on September 28th, during which they learned about a dog's body language. On the basis of it, they had learned the symptoms of dog's behaviours and how they felt. The students discovered that just like people, dogs experience stressful days that might result in them snapping. They had also taken part in the board's answer guessing exercise. Overall, the students enjoyed this educational talk.



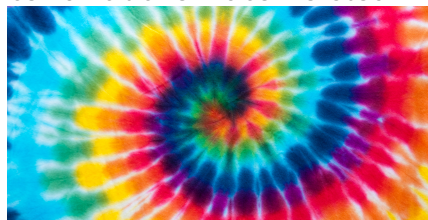
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## Tie Dye

The ty students got to experience tie dyeing on October --, they got to make tie dye socks with Georgina who showed them how to make it step by step. They really enjoyed the process of making it and even got to keep the socks with them.

### What is tie dye?

Tie dye is where you have a piece of clothing for example socks, you get colourful dyes and put them separately into containers. You then grab the socks and twist it in different areas and put rubber bands on to secure it. After that you dip the socks in the dye and hold it for a minute and repeat with different colours. Finally, you wait a few hours for the dye to fully settle and then wash the sock in the sink with water until the water is clear.







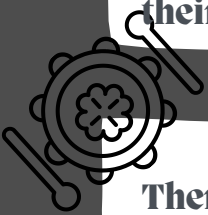
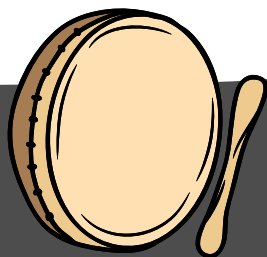
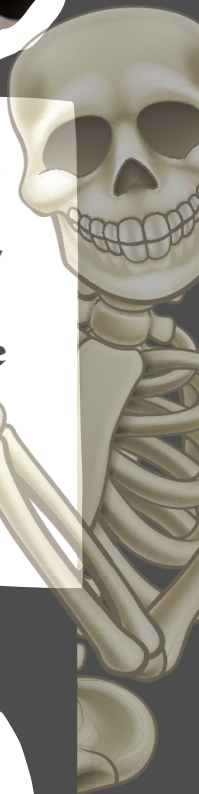
# BODRHAN MAKING



They were given the chance to design their bodhran however they choose to. Most girls chose their family crest.

On Wednesday October 5th the transition year students attended a bodhran making workshop. This gave the girls an opportunity to make their own bodhran from scratch. Michael Vignolos gave the girls a step-to-step guide on how to create their own bodhran.

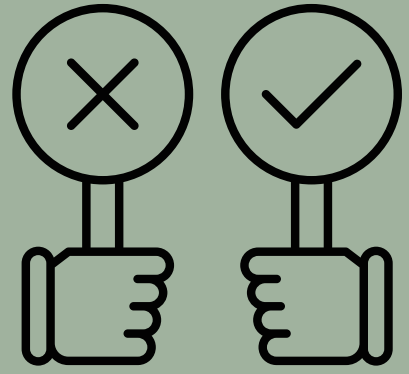
Then Michael played some tunes and taught the girls how to perfect their rhythm. It was a fantastic treat that the girls got to keep their bodhrans and bring them home as a display, sell them on Ebay or play for the family.







# Concern Debating with Ms O'Loughlin



## NATALIE GORCYZK – OPENING SPEECH

Chairperson, adjudicators, members of the audience, and members of the proposition. My name is Natalie, and I am here with my team to strongly oppose the motion “GMOs are necessary in the fight to end world hunger.”

Allow me to begin by defining the key words of this motion. The Oxford dictionary defines the word necessary as something that must exist or happen and cannot be avoided. Let's let that sink in – something that ‘cannot be avoided’.

According to the same dictionary Genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, are any organism whose genetic material has been altered using genetic engineering techniques. Is this not avoidable even just by looking at its very definition?

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Firstly, I will remind you all that GM foods are not the cure to ending world hunger; they may offer medicinal support but they are not to be relied on and they are certainly not necessary.

Our Second Speaker Eimear will speak about the unnecessarily large cost of GMO production and the impracticality of GMOs.

Noelle, our Third Speaker, will discuss how GMOs affect humans and the effects they may have on the environment through increased use.

Lastly, our fourth speaker Nichola will discuss how the planet already produces enough food without our intervention and modification.

The proposition will argue that greed has led to food poverty and GMOs are the solution. But are they? We have always witnessed how 1st world countries have abused their power over 3rd world countries. Rich countries exploit poorer countries by taking materials such as diamonds and oil at extremely low prices and not offering much in return; leaving these places with limited resources. Do we really believe that the rich countries will make elite GMOs to help solve some of the problems they've created? Eimear will attest to the inaccuracy of this!

Fact: As of 2020, 94% of soybeans were GM soybeans and 92% of all corn planted in the US was also genetically modified. 99.9% of sugar beets harvested were also genetically modified as they are resistant to herbicides meaning they will absorb it but will not decay. These are undeniably great advancements in the food industry. But how much of these do you really think makes it way to those who are hungry. Yes, there is a case in India where GM cotton has helped to decrease hunger but it hasn't eradicated it.

I've three questions to ask the proposition now.

Number 1. Political unrest is the primary cause of hunger? So how will GMOs solve this?

Number 2. Hunger results from inequity, not food shortage. So is more food actually needed?

Number 3. According to the National Geographic “public perception of GM foods is plagued by concerns of safety, from the potential of allergic response to the possible transfer of foreign DNA” “LOCAL REJECTION OF GM CROPS has the potential to derail efforts to use these crops as a tool. So how will GM foods fix this?

According to the UN Global Goals for sustainable development, goal 2, addresses a Zero Hunger ideal. The goal lays the foundations for combatting world hunger. The goal clearly alludes to the fact that GMOs may play a part in eradicating hunger, but even these goals believe that GMOs cannot be relied on. Thus they may help, but they are not necessary.

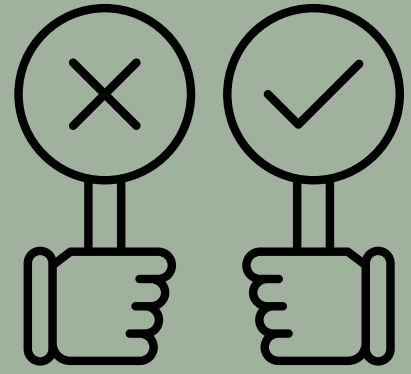
Greed for power and money is a selfish thing in 1st world countries that we try to convince ourselves is a natural primal thing we have inherited for our need for survival. This desire to hoard as many resources as we can for ourselves is no longer an option in our constantly changing environment, where many people have too much and an alarmingly increasing number have far too little. Food is accessible, but it's not getting to the people who need it very well. GMOs would simply exacerbate the problem of excess food, since we would waste even more food that is resistant to the hazardous chemicals that GMO foods absorb.

Thank you for listening, and I am sure that you are now convinced that you must oppose the motion.





# Concern Debating with Ms O'Loughlin



## NATALIE GORCZYK – CLOSING ARGUMENT

Ladies and gentlemen, adjudicators, members of the proposition and my fellow teammates. I once again stand before to remind you of the essence of this debate. Undeniably, this debate has been an incredibly emotive one. The motion 'GMO foods are necessary in the fight to end world hunger' is one that is built on idealism. The thought that we could end world hunger is one that we crave and is one that we currently seek. Everyone in this room wants to end world hunger, we all have the same goal but we must disagree on means to achieve this goal. Are GMO foods the solution? I think not.

As my teammate Eimear stated, GMO foods and their production is one that is built on the fundamentals of greed. Companies are not willing to make such investment in GMO foods without a period of exclusivity and profitability granted. She reminded us that there have been many cases where GMO foods and their seeds have been cast aside, discarded and thrown into the rubbish, because of company greed. She reminded us that companies are willing to exploit the global crisis of hunger to make profit. Can the proposition honestly state that they truly believe that these same companies will suddenly care more about charity than the margins of their profits.

Noelle reminded us of the harmfulness of GMO foods to both the humans that consume them and the environment that they are consumed in. Now let's face facts. It is undeniable that we live in a world of rapid climate change. The threat of failing crops and decreased yields hangs over us all like a ticking time bomb waiting to explode. I know one thing for sure and that is that I do not want to exasperate this problem by bringing potentially harmful food into our already fragile environment. I know that I do not want to risk a starving child's health by asking them to ingest food that as Noelle pointed out, is more resistant to herbicides. I want to feed these children with the food already in existence. Jack pointed out that GMO foods are already in our food chain and helping to combat hunger and he/she was not wrong. But that is just one or two examples of effective GMO foods. My teammates attested to the amount of food wasted every year. If we can distribute this food that is already in existence, posing no threat to the environment except filling our landfills when it is not used, well then this is the only tangible option!

Nichola reminded us all of the harsh truth – that we as a world can already comfortably feed every single citizen. This is a fact. But this is a fact the proposition has chosen to ignore. Hazel stated that we have failed to feed the world with the food we currently have access to and yes this is correct. SO why are we thinking of adding more food to the food chain? Is it just so we can waste some more?

I would love to fully believe that this motion can be supported. That GMO foods are the solution that the world has been searching for since the beginning of time. But the reality is that I do not believe this. While man lives and breathes, man will corrupt the world and lead by the ethos 'survival of the fittest'. We have all heard it in our lifetimes. It is unjust and it is cruel, but it is our reality. Better education for farmers in food poverty country is needed, better practices for the distribution of foods, better ethics. The solution is not to give the rich north more power to yield over their counterparts. The solution is not GMO foods.



# WREN BOYS



On the 7th of October, the school held a wren boy performance in the school hall. The TYs played the bodhrans that they made and learned the day before. A variety of musicians and dancers performed on the stage and provided a magical experience for all involved.

On this Friday at Pres the Irish heritage was alive and brought back to life. Two performances were carried out on the day, one for the school and another for the local presentation primary school. The day was enjoyed by all involved.





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