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Editor's Note



Welcome to the 2025 - 2026 school year at Presentation Listowel! This year, the TY Media classes will again be running the school newsletter, and piloting a TY Podcast. We are a big class, and so will be running the publications on a rotating basis. Keep eyes on our socials for the latest!

- TY 4B Class

For this edition of the Pres Times, we aim to show all those who may have interest in our amazing school all its awesome qualities. The fun activities both the TY's and the rest of the school get to enjoy. all the inclusive extra curriculars us students get to enjoy and try out whether it be sports or sowing.

-Erin O' Dwyer, 1st edition editor



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School News

PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL

SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



Welcomes You!

As part of the TY programme, we get the opportunity to be mentors to our first-year students. In our experience this has been very helpful for first-years, helping them get settled and having a friendly face to say hi to them in the hallways. At the beginning of the year on the first year introduction day the first years scurried into the P.E. Hall and were assigned to their TY.

Safe to say there were a few nervous first years but after having a chat with their mentors they definitely felt more comfortable and at ease. We then played a few ice breaker games to learn a bit about each other, plenty of football players and pet lovers to say the least. after a tour with each of their mentors they started their first official class.

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Fast forward to mid-September, the TY's organised and put together a fun mentoring day for the first years. This involved a quick catch up with their first year, and lots of fun games such as rounders, tug-of-war, an obstacle course, soccer and dodgeball. This was a great day for both the TY's and First Years, and a great opportunity to make new friends and have fun.

Mentoring is a great way for TY's to become confident leaders and for first years to feel welcome.

To give you a perspective on mentoring we asked some of the TY's what it meant to be a mentor - some said, "it's an honour to be a friendly face for a first year because they might be scared or lonely." While another said, "we can give them advice based on our experience."





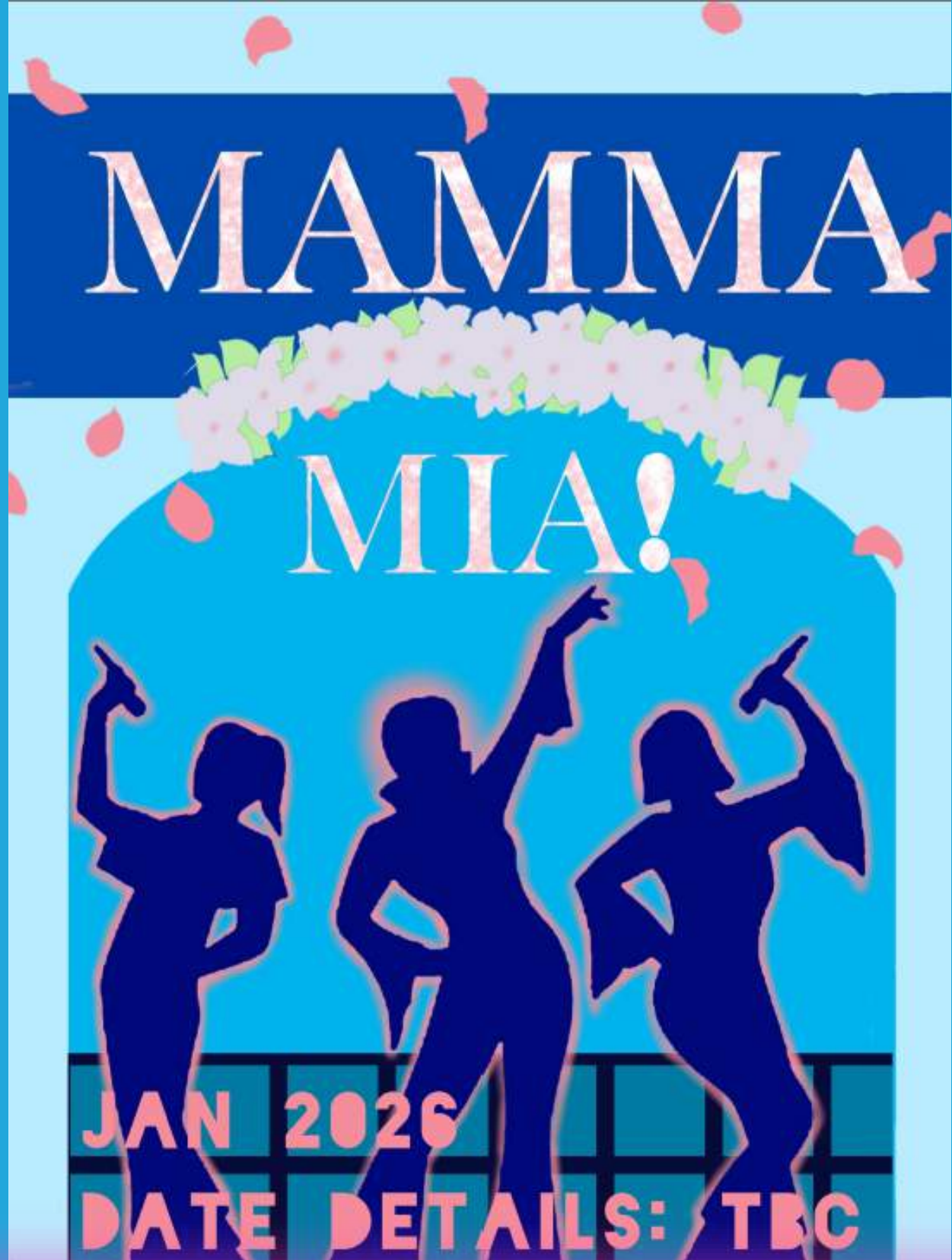
2025 LEAVING CERTIFICATE STUDENTS RECEIVE THEIR MARKS

RESULTS 2025

On Friday, 22nd August, our sixth-year class of 2025 returned to school to receive their long-awaited leaving cert results. There was a mix of excitement and nerves as students gathered to open their envelopes alongside both teachers and friends.

It was great to see two years of hard work pay off, with plenty of congratulations to go around. Our schools' teachers and staff were present to offer encouragement, support, and celebrate the special moment with everyone.

The day was an important milestone for many of the students as it marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next. The results the students received are a reflection of years of hard work, commitment, and determination from all. Our whole school community is proud of what they achieved. We offer our congratulations and wish them every success in the exciting chapters to come!



Sophie, a young bride to be on a Greek island, secretly invites three men who could possibly be her father to her wedding! Will she find out who her true father is and walk down the isle with him? Come to the musical to find out!

The auditions have fully taken place, where those hoping to play a main part had to sing one of the main songs in the musical, the main cast are all up for grabs - Sophie, the bride to be; Donna, Sophie's mother; and the three possible fathers, along with many more. Rehearsals for the ensemble are in full swing, dances are being practiced continuously for the musical to songs such as Dancing Queen.

We all hope to see you at the main show of Mamma Mia In January!

Lunchtime Clubs

In our school we are fortunate to have many Lunchtime clubs. Students are highly encouraged to attend at least one lunchtime club as they foster student engagement, empowerment and are a break from the academics throughout the day.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

Student Council Meeting

In student Council Meetings, we discuss and debate different upcoming school events and policies. We work with the school staff to find out how we can improve our school.

The aim of the Student Representative Council is to encourage participation, responsibility and loyalty among students. It provides a voice for students within the school and assists management and staff. It supports school values and deals with issues relating to the school.

Textiles Club

In Textile Club, students get to explore the world of slow fashion and the art of making their own garments and textile projects. Students are welcome to work on their own personal projects, or follow along with taught skills. While some are using this time work on Junk Kouture, others are currently starting with pattern reading and sewing skills. Come try it out for a chance to destress and learn a new practical skill!

Walking Club

In Walking Club, students take a 20-minute walk during breaktime, typically walking up Convent Road onto Greenville Road, then back to the school. – It is a chance to take a break from school and get some physical activity. It helps students' physical health and subsequently mental health.

Recipe Sharing Club

During this time, students share their favorite recipes, and what makes them special or enjoyable. Students get to share a passion and ideas.

Taking measurements for Textile Club



MONDAY

TUESDAY

Lunchtime Clubs

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:

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Mindful Colouring

In Mindfulness Coloring Club, students color in Mindfulness coloring sheets for approx. 20 minutes. – It is an opportunity for students to relax and make friends. They get to relax their brains before going back to their daily class schedule.

THURS

Games Club

Students get to participate in many different types of games with their peers such as Dobble or Jenga, with music playing in the background and a fun atmosphere. – Unquestionably, this is a super fun club to participate in. It is an opportunity to play games with others in the schools and take a break from the stress of tests. It helps students to make new friends and talk to people they would not have talked to otherwise.

STEM Club

The STEM Club is a good club for everyone in the school, anyone who has an interest in science, technology, engineering or math. The last couple of weeks they have been focusing on getting projects and applications ready for the Young Scientist Competition, which had great interest with 26 entries from the school. After this they will be focusing on science week, and planning for that, and then finally planning for sci-fest towards the end of the school year. – You don't have to be good at science or really into science, it's for anyone that has an interest in asking questions such as Why is the world working this way? Why is this happening? Anyone that's curious about a problem.



Learning new card games in the library at Games Club



Interview with: **MS. HENRY**

Teaches 5th year maths, 1st, 2nd and 3rd year P.E and has a few learning support classes

Her favourite year was her 5th year maths class "5th year maths, are great, I have them twice a week and I love it-" "-I love maths"

She's been teaching for 12 years and has taught in 4 schools, her favourite being her last school in Australia where she taught for 9 years "I miss it very much, I loved it."

Her favourite things to do in P.E is "any throwing and catching games" and in maths she has a game, called marble slid, where you make a graph for a marble to slide down "you have to make maths fun"

In school her favourite subjects where maths, naturally, and DCG

Her advice to her 15-year-old self and all of pres. is "don't stress too much about studying" and "enjoy playing sports, enjoy socialising with everyone-" "School ends very quickly."

Her favourite holiday she's been on was one to Sri Lank, near India, where she went on safari with her family

If she was a dessert, she would pick a tiramisu, because "I love coffee-" and "-I remember being in Italy."

A fictional Character she could relate to was Paddington bear because "he likes travelling" and she always wanted to go to Peru.

And of course, the most important question of all, her tea preferences are Barry's over Lyons..

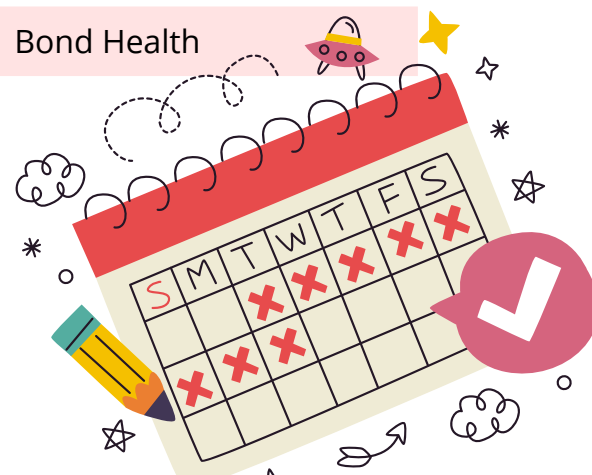


TV News

UPCOMING TV EVENTS

We have an exciting few months coming up in our TY Calendar! Come back next month to see what we've been getting up to.

Date	Day	Event
Oct 6 th & 7 th	Mon & Tue	Gaisce Dingle Trip
Oct 13 th - 17 th	Mon - Fri	CPR Training
Oct 15 th	Wed	STEM Passport
Oct 16 th	Thu	Open Evening
Oct 24 th	Fri	Personal Safety
Nov 5 th	Wed	Bodhran Workshop
Nov 12 th	Wed	STEM Passport
Nov 13 th	Thu	LGFA Coaching Certificate
Dec 4 th	Thu	Christmas Market
Dec 10 th	Wed	Bond Health





The Burren TY overnight trip took place on Tuesday 9th September and Wednesday 10th September in The Burren Adventure Center Co. Clare.

The girls had an early rise and left the school at 7:00am. Unfortunately, due to some minor delays they missed the half 7 ferry and had to wait for the half 8 ferry. However, this didn't burst their bubble as they indulged in a beautiful sunrise on the water.

The Burren Trip



The girls arrived at the centre at around 11:00 and straight away got into some team building games with their instructors. After the games the girls had a quick lunch and prepared for their next activity. They were split into three different groups and took turns doing each activity. Group 1 did rock climbing, group 2, caving, and group 3, hiking. Many of the girls were unsure about the caving but in the end overcame their fears and had a blast learning about the different cave features and exploring the Aillwee caves.

The girls then showered and changed and began making their dinners. The girls had prepared and decided what dinners they would make and who would be making them. We saw all different dinners from pizzas and pasta to fajitas and salads. Before settling into their dorms for the night the girls played football and soccer outside and a few games inside as well as karaoke.

The girls awoke the next day, made their breakfast and prepared for their next activity. Rock climbing was a favorite for many of the girls. They timed themselves to see the fastest climbers as well as embarking on a more difficult climbing course that took more time and agility.

Once the girls returned, they ate their lunch and packed up their stuff before preparing for their final activity. Hiking was a much less challenging activity where the girls took in the breathtaking views of the Burren. The TY's learned some of the history of the local land and even learned about some of the wildflowers growing on the Burren. Once they returned from the final activity, they packed up the bus with sleepy but content and glowing faces.

Overall, this was an incredible experience for all the TY's, where they not only had a blast but grew closer together working in teams and creating new friendships!



Interested? Follow this link to find out more about the venue:
burrenoec.com



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Ballyhass Trip

Before our trip to Ballyhass, I knew it was an inflatable waterpark in Cork, but that was about it - I didn't have much knowledge on it, although I was really excited because I knew I would have a very fun time with my friends.

My favourite activity on the trip was definitely the inflatable water park. The water was freezing! But you warmed up when you were in it. There were slides and jumps you could do.

We also did archery and rope climbing. They were so much fun! A lot of people got to the top of the rope climbing and loved the challenge of the archery.

Everyone was with their friends and enjoyed it a lot. I was happy when we left as I had participated in everything and liked all of it.

Future TYs should look forward to this trip as it is something that you can step out of your comfort zone with and push yourself but without pressure. You will have so much fun with your friends at Ballyhass 😊



Picture description



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INTERESTED? FOLLOW THIS LINK TO FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT SCHOOL TRIPS AT THIS VENUE: |
[BALLYHASS - SCHOOL TRIPS](#)

STEM PASSPORT



The STEM Passport for Inclusion Programme provides girls in Transition Year the opportunity to develop university accredited module based in STEM. They have worked with Industry and Educators, from across Ireland. The students learn to code, collaborate and create, providing students with a pathway to college courses and careers in STEM.



The Transition Year students have already done one trip where they made different activities that involved coding and programming, they also had an online mentoring meeting with successful women in the STEM area.

In the upcoming sessions of the STEM Passport for Inclusion programme, they will continue building their skills in coding and computational thinking. They will also work on team projects, learn more about innovation and design thinking, and explore real-world STEM careers. There will probably be more mentoring sessions with professionals from the industry, and they might begin preparing for the final assessments or presentations as part of the university-accredited module.

TY Workshops



DRIVERS EDUCATION

AutoStar Driving School and Irish school of Excellence provided the Drivers Ed experience on Tuesday the 16th of September. This company goes all around Ireland in order to educate TY students on how to drive. The TY's learned valuable life lessons where they learned to change a tyre, learned the mechanics of a car, practiced theory tests, price a car along with insurance and were given tips for when they sit their driving test. I really enjoyed the experience, and I feel more confident in taking a theory test now.



PUBLIC SPEAKING & COMEDY WORKSHOP

We did a workshop with Bernard Casey on September 22nd. TY and fifth year students participated in this workshop where they learned about stage presence, comedy, improv, and drama.

I really enjoyed this workshop as it was something new that I haven't tried before.

SHORT-FILM WORKSHOP

The film workshop hosted by professional film maker, Jesse, was on of the many workshops the TYs did in September.

In this workshop we watched a number of short films - all only a few minutes long and many with no dialogue; however all showed the use of lighting, camera angles, music and acting that made the stories clean and evoked strong emotions.

We were then shown how to work in a team making a short scene from a script. Through lighting, prop use and camera use we were able to make the scene look like a stressful situation. We all deeply enjoyed this workshop, finding it fun and very interesting.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ADDRESS



Coming from Tenerife, in the Canary Islands, moving to Ireland for an exchange has been an unforgettable experience. Life here is very different from what we are used to, but it has taught me a lot and given me many new opportunities.

One of the first things we noticed was the weather. In Tenerife it is usually sunny and warm, while in Listowel it is much colder and often rainy. At the beginning it was a big change for us, but we have learned to enjoy the cozy atmosphere and the green landscapes that the Irish climate creates.

At school, We have felt very welcome from the first day. The teachers and students are incredibly kind and helpful. They are always ready to explain things and make sure we feel part of the class. This friendly environment has made it much easier to adapt to a new school system and to improve my English every day.

Being an exchange student is not always easy, but it is a unique opportunity to grow. We have learned how important it is to be open to new cultures and to step out of my comfort zone. We have also made new friends and experienced traditions that are very different from those in Tenerife.

Overall, our time in Presentation Secondary School Listowel has been extremely positive. We am very grateful for the kindness of everyone here and for the chance to live this adventure. We would definitely recommend the exchange experience to other students, because it is something that stays with you forever.

*Gara Hernandez &
Isabela Esparza*

The TY Drama Class Proudly invite you
to their production of

Blithe Spirit

12 & 13 March 2026 | St John's Theatre, Listowel

Tickets available through St John's Theatre



TY DRAMA



WITH MARGARET O'SULLIVAN

Margaret O'Sullivan is working with the TY drama class this year. Margaret is regarded as one of Kerry's finest stage stars. Among her many roles, she brilliantly portrayed the grieving mother in the smash hit musical drama, Patrick, in Rathmore in 2017 and at the INEC in 2016. We're so grateful that Margaret has decided to work with our TY class on their drama production of Blithe Spirit.

Margaret has been working with the TY's for a few weeks now. At the start, she had them do improvisation through short descriptions of the scenes on cards. This taught them to improve their improvisation skills. She also played games which tested their eye contact when on stage. They then started auditioning in the last 2 weeks. We have read through a few scenes and tried out different roles.

We are all really excited to be acting in our local theatre St Johns. It will be a big step up for us as most of us have never performed in front of an audience before. It will be a brilliant chance for us to step out of our comfort zone and try out something new. We're really looking forward to seeing how it all comes together and to show what we've been working on.



ALL ABOUT THE PLAY

Blithe Spirit is a play about a man whose life turns upside down when the ghost of his ex-wife suddenly shows up. The story is full of funny arguments, dramatic moments, and quick, clever dialogue that makes everything feel lively. The mix of tension and humour keeps the characters on edge and makes the play really entertaining to follow. It's an enjoyable and chaotic story that will be fun to watch!

PRES ON AIR



*Look out for our JY Podcast, dealing with topics
from skincare to work experience. Now Streaming
Monthly via the school website*

<https://presentationsecondarylistowel.ie/newsletters/>



School Sports

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

➔ Camogie:

On Friday September 12th, our Camogie team took on Presentation Castleisland in Mountcoal to kick off this year's Camogie campaign.

Our girls got off to a rocky start, but showed pure grit and determination to bring back the score to 5 points between the teams at half time.

Presentation Castleisland came out guns blazing in the second half, but our girls were a match - they fought hard to stay in the game and didn't give Castleisland a moment to breathe.

With a final score of 4-6 to 2-10, Presentation Castleisland came out victorious this round. Our girls did themselves and the school proud. The Camogie team has a blitz in Causeway on the 22nd, and we wish them the best of luck!



UPCOMING FIXTURES

Return next month to see the results of the following matches:

- ★ 29/09/2025: Junior Soccer Blitz
- ★ 20/10/2025: U16 & U19 Basketball VS GCC
- ★ 20/10/2025: Junior Soccer Blitz
- ★ 22/10/2025: U16 & U19 Basketball in Castleisland
- ★ 26/11/2025: U16 & U19 Basketball

➔ Football:

Presentation Listowel's U16.5 team had a challenging match verses Kenmare on Monday the 29th of September.

The team started out strong with a two-point lead at half time. The team worked hard throughout the second part fighting for the win. It was a very close game, but unfortunately the girls were defeated with a finishing score of 0:7 - 1:2 to Kenmare. Well done to all players in the match.

**Mr.
bolton**



**Ms.
Leane**



We're excited to introduce the amazing coaches who guide and inspire our students both on and off the field. Our dedicated coaching team brings energy, experience, and encouragement to every training session and competition. They help students build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and strive to reach their full potential. Whether it's in sports, fitness, or personal growth, our coaches are committed to helping every student succeed!

Camogie

Basketball

Meet our Coaches

**Mr.
Galvin**



**Mr.
Daly**



Mr. Coffey



**Soccer
Badminton**

**Basketball
Football**

Football

Maja Wolska



Maja Wolska is a 3rd year student who has been a key player for Presentation Secondary Listowel soccer team for the past 3 years. Here are a few questions to get to know Maja better

Who is your sporting idol? Cristiano Ronaldo
What age did you start soccer? 4 years old
What is your pre match meal? Pasta
What is your favourite thing about school soccer?
Playing with my friends and having fun
What is your favourite personal sporting moment/achievement?
My goal for Kerry FC

KEY

PLAYER

INTERVIEWS

Have an introductory paragraph - why are we interviewing these players?

Do they do the school proud? Are you excited to see kids younger than you carrying on the torch, so to speak?



Irene Carol



Irene Carol is a 3rd year student who has been a part of our Pres Listowel badminton team for the last 3 years including an All-Ireland silver medal with the school. Here are a few questions to learn more about Irene!

Favourite Sporting moment? Playing with Kerry in the All-Ireland
How often do you train? 3 times a week and we also volunteer with the younger bage groups 2 times a week
Favourite memory playing badminton with the school? Going up to dublin to play in the All-Ireland and coming 2nd

Bridget Power



Bridget Power is a 3rd year student who is a key player on the pitch for our Camogie Team which was only recently set up. Here are a few questions to get to know Bridget better

Who is your favourite player? Kyle Hayes
What's you favourite sporting moment? Winning the All-Ireland with Kerry camoogie
What position do you play? Midfield or half back



Lifestyle

The Listowel Races



The September meeting at Listowel, known as the Listowel Harvest Festival, is one of Ireland's most prominent racing festivals, running over seven days in late September each year. It features a thrilling mix of Flat and National Hunt racing, culminating in the standout event—the Guinness Kerry National Handicap Steeplechase which often draws huge public and media attention.

Beyond the rails, the festival is steeped in fashion, family fun, and local culture: days include Ladies Day, best-dressed contests, sustainable style competitions, and family entertainment such as pet farms and face painting. The event also enjoys widespread broadcast coverage and draws visitors from around the country, making it both a sporting and social highlight of the autumn calendar.

The buzz and atmosphere around Listowel this year was like no other. It's always the busiest time of year here. Thousands flooded the island each day to watch the horse racing on flats and jumps. Luckily we were blessed for the whole week with decent weather compared to what it usually is in Ireland, the sun came out from time to time, with a slight chill from the breeze. Wednesday was Kerry national day, the biggest race of the week thousands flocked to the island for this. Friday was Ladies day, the style was immaculate. Women of all ages dressed in beautiful elegant dresses with matching head pieces. The evening buzz around the town was great craic, running into people you knew and taking pictures with absolutely anyone and everyone every step you take. There was live music in many pubs every night to keep the adults satisfied while the children all gathered in the amusements with their big friend groups and nights of many laughs. I can't wait for next year's races. Roll on September 2026!

We caught up with two of our TY sports players about their experiences of taking part in club football, and why they think it is a great activity for students to get involved in outside of school:

Joining a local GAA Club



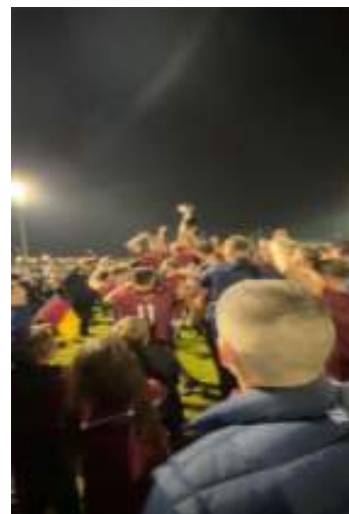
Joining or supporting a local GAA club helps teenagers stay active, build friendships, and improve their well-being. In our area, it connects us to the culture in North Kerry and gives us a strong sense of community and belonging. GAA clubs also teach us teenagers important life skills like teamwork, leadership, and commitment, all in a fun and inclusive environment. Whether it's playing, volunteering, or cheering from the sidelines and the stand, there's a place for everyone within the GAA clubs in North Kerry.

What have I gained from my experience from being involved in a GAA club in North Kerry? Personally, I have gained a lot of friendships with players and coaches from my club in Duagh and other clubs across North Kerry. I find there is a huge sense of community within the GAA in North Kerry no matter what club you're involved in, everyone involved has a passion for GAA, and we all share the common interest and love for the GAA. It's not just about scoring goals or making tackles it's so much more – I've made so many great memories while playing football and from refereeing the junior games in my local GAA club. I think it's a great way for teenagers my age to develop life skills like teamwork. I personally find being a part of the GAA in North Kerry gives me a sense of pride and belonging. Being part of the GAA improves my wellbeing as I'm socialising and I'm physically active, so it improves my fitness levels. I would one hundred percent encourage teenagers to join their local GAA club!

– Emma Long

Personally, I have gained lots of friendships and social circles from being part of a GAA club in North Kerry. I have made lifelong friends with players and coaches through my local GAA club. There is a lot of community spirit when representing your town, parish or county. I have gained many skills such as leadership through team roles. In my local GAA club, there is a sense of belonging to the local community. Being part of a GAA club has helped improve my physical fitness, develop skills, and promote a healthy lifestyle through regular training and matches. Socially, it connects people of all ages, creating friendships and a supportive community built on pride and tradition. I have made so many great memories playing football through the years that I will never want to forget. I would encourage young children and teenagers to join their local club due to all the positive benefits.

– Clodagh Houlihan



25-26TV PLAYLIST



Work

Rhianna, Drake

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