

Transition Year

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Transition Year Class 2019/2020

A note from the year head



Our 4th year students have had a very busy and successful first term in Transition year. 2019 has been another fantastic year for Coláiste Chú Chulainn in

many ways. Our state exam results were very pleasing and we enjoyed many successes in our extra-curricular activities. The year has got off to a flying start with students now settled into a new system of modules and credit reporting. We would like to take this opportunity to invite all parents/ guardians to the TY parent teacher meeting on 28th January 2020. We ask that you continue to support your son/daughter by checking his/ her school journal and by encouraging steady, punctual attendance. Please enjoy this TY newsletter as a sample of some of the class of 2019/2020's achievements and activities so far this year.

Wishing you all a pleasant and restful break this festive season.

Best Wishes,

Cíara Goring, Year Head



TY trip to the National Gallery as part of 'sampling/ tasters' for senior cycle subjects.



TY's with their work for International Day of Languages



Some of our TY students involved in the Peer Education programme locally in Dundalk. They will teach 4 lessons to 1st year groups after Christmas.



Open Night

Some TY students volunteered to help and assist at our very successful open night in October.



Spanish Language Trip

Niall, Cormac, Dáire & Alix jetted off to Madrid in October with Ms Astruc & Bean Uí Riodal for the senior language trip.



Gael Linn Scléip went well in Tyrone. Dáire, Shona & Niamh travelled to Tyrone with In. Ní Channen to perform for Scléip, well done!

TY work so Far



Bank of Ireland recruited some of our TY students after a formal application & interview process. They worked hard promoting the bank and signing people up to opening bank accounts. In return, Robert Cashman delivered a series of financial literacy talks to students.



This year students are branching out with the subjects and modules they are partaking in. YSI (young social innovator) gives students the opportunity to use their creativity to respond to social issues and contribute to building a fairer, more caring and equal society. GAA Future Leaders is a series of modules designed to encourage maturity, initiative, responsibility and leadership skills in pupils.



Next term we will focus on the decisions and options for Senior Cycle.



Volunteering

As part of Transition year, we ask the students to use the time to give back to the community as much as they can. Louth volunteers came in to speak with the students about iVol, the app that allows you to check and connect with local charities and organisations about volunteering. We encourage our students to engage with as much volunteering this year, and in the future, as they can.

So far, 4 Tesla have been involved with:

- The Irish Wheelchair association and helped fundraise for the Angel days. They helped raise over €8,700 in Dundalk over 2 days.
- The North East crisis centre to help them raise vital funds for the local organisation.
- 'Winter Wonderland' in aid of the Irish Cancer Society on the 18th Dec 19.

WORK EXPERIENCE

For the week of 21st – 25th October 2019, each of our TY students embarked on 1 week of work experience as part of the TY programme. Work experience locations ranged from eBay, the GPO, An Táin, Dundalk courthouse, Irish Cement, The Food house, various architects, hairdressers, Carraig Donn, local café's to becoming the apprentice of our caretaker David!

All the employers involved commended our TY students throughout the week on their enthusiasm, professionalism and kindness.

