

# Transition Year Newsletter



## Variety Show & Cinema Trip

As a reward for all our hard work in rehearsals for our first TY Variety Show, all students headed on a trip to the cinema for some inspiration. This was not before we got a few rehearsals in in the morning! Students have been working incredibly hard all year and we look forward to seeing their performances. Many thanks to Ms Murphy, Ms Curran and Mr Moriarty who accompanied them to the cinema.



## Green Schools SEAI Workshop

Many thanks to Aidan Gray who facilitated a Green Schools SEAI workshop with our TY students. The workshop was very interactive, covering the principals of energy, current global problems and the science of climate change. Students evaluated how our everyday activities and actions, such as burning of fossil fuels for heat and electricity in our homes, can have a global environmental impact. They discussed the concept of sustainable development and students were encouraged to think about global issues and their solutions.



## AirNav Ireland Presentation

Michelle Goss and Anna Philips delivered a presentation to our students, shedding light on the operations of air traffic controllers in Ireland on behalf of AirNav Ireland. AirNav Ireland is entrusted with the responsibility of providing air traffic management services within the expansive 451,000 km<sup>2</sup> of airspace under Irish control. This airspace holds significant importance as a pivotal gateway for air traffic traversing between Europe and North America. Michelle and Anna also aimed to encourage girls to consider the profession, particularly as the presentation took place on National Women's Day.





## Gaisce Award – Trip to Glendalough

Transition Year students have successfully completed the Adventure Journey aspect of their Gaisce Award. Students visited Glendalough where they hiked the Spinc Trail. They were very impressed with the natural beauty of the landscape. The trail ascended steeply on a path up by Poulanass Waterfall before joining a boardwalk and wooden steps leading to a spectacular viewing point overlooking the Upper Lake. As students have now completed the Physical Recreation challenge area, they are on track to receive their Bronze Gaisce Awards shortly.





## Apprenticeship Exposition – Knightsbrook

Our Transition Year and Leaving Certificate Applied students had the opportunity to participate in the 2024 Apprenticeship Expo held at the Knightsbrook Hotel in Trim. The event drew a crowd of more than 2000 students throughout the day. Our students had the chance to explore a diverse range of career options by visiting over 90 exhibitors spanning various industries such as Hairdressing, Plumbing, Carpentry, Accountancy, Insurance, Robotics, Logistics, ICT, Biopharmaceuticals, Engineering, and many others.



## Work Experience

Best of luck to our Transition year students who will be completing their final work experience placement after Easter. Work experience plays a significant role in the programme as students gain first-hand experience of the world of work. Many thanks to all the companies who provide our students with this valuable opportunity.