

Transition Year Newsletter



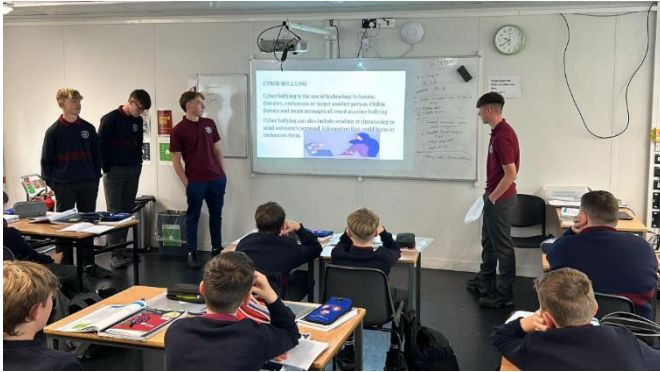
Hamilton Performance in The Bord Gáis Energy Theatre

Transition year students enjoyed a trip to the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre in Dublin where they experienced a live performance of the highly anticipated musical, Hamilton. The performance was excellent, providing an insight into life in America during the revolution. Students found the Q&A session with the actors very informative as they learned about costume changes, stage commands, lighting and sound effects. Students are feeling very inspired for the Variety Show that they will host next year.



TY Students Deliver Anti-Bullying & Friendship Modules to First Years

Transition Year students have taken the lead in promoting a positive school environment by delivering anti-bullying and friendship modules to first-year students. TY students from Classes Aontacht, Eagna, and Neart worked hard to create engaging presentations that raise awareness of bullying and encourage friendship and inclusivity.



The sessions featured discussions, interactive activities, and worksheets to reinforce key messages of kindness, respect, and standing up to bullying. This student-led initiative reflects the school's dedication to peer support and fostering a respectful, inclusive community. A huge thanks to TY students for their leadership and commitment to helping first-years transition smoothly into secondary school life.



Chef of the Week

Over the past few weeks, Class Neart has been actively engaged in their Home Economics classes, with a particular focus on the 'Chef of the Week' competition. This friendly rivalry has really taken off, motivating students to put extra effort into their cooking. One of the highlights has been the challenge of making brownies, with students competing to perfect their recipes and presentation. The competition has created a fun and exciting atmosphere in the class, pushing everyone to do their best in the kitchen! Thanks to Ms. McCarthy for implementing this initiative.



Class Neart Complete CPR Module & Practical Session for JCSP Students

TY Class Neart successfully completed their CPR module, culminating in a practical session delivered to our first-year JCSP students. As part of their end of module assessment, the TY students demonstrated their CPR skills and guided our first year JCSP students through the basics of this life-saving technique. The session allowed TY students to apply their knowledge in a real world context while engaging and educating our JCSP first-year students on crucial emergency response skills. Well done to Class Neart for their hard work and for sharing these valuable skills!



Driver's Education Course

Classes Neart and Eagna have successfully completed the Transition Year Driver's Education course. Each student had the opportunity to ask questions on the rules of the road and prepared for their theory test by completing a mock theory exam. Students also learned about car safety and covered essentials such as changing tyres and checking engines. The effects of mobile phones and drink and drug driving were discussed in detail. The highlight of the day was when each student had the chance to put into practice what they had learnt and drive the dual controlled car with a qualified driving instructor. Many thanks to Jenny Woods Driving School for facilitating the course with our students. Thanks also to Drogheda and Trim Credit Union who generously sponsored this module.



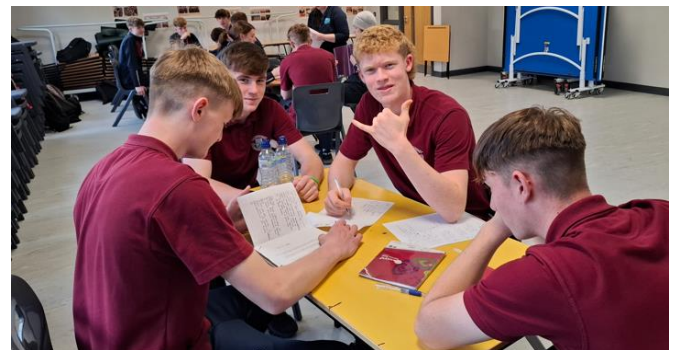
As I Am – Autism Awareness Workshop

As part of Values Month our TY Students attended the AsIAm workshop which provided a deep understanding of Autism. The story of AsIAm began in 2014 when CEO Adam Harris founded the organisation based on his own experiences growing up as a young autistic person in Ireland. Diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome from an early age, the condition was far less understood or even known as it is today. Frustrated at the lack of any real understanding of autism and by the many barriers to inclusion the autism community were and are subjected to, Adam's aim was to amplify autistic voice and start a national conversation. What began, in 2014, as an online platform for the community to access information and share experiences quickly grew into a movement for change for the autism community.



Script Writing Workshop

Transition year students have been participating in a script writing workshop as part of their preparation for their upcoming variety show. This hands on workshop provided aspiring writers with the opportunity to practice writing and bring their story ideas to life. Students received feedback and guidance to help them strengthen their scripts. They are looking forward to bringing their stories to life.



Goal Jersey Day - €1300 Raised

Well done to Ms Phelan's 6th Year LCVP class, along with TY students, who raised over €1300 for GOAL Jersey Day. Thanks to everyone who donated to this worthy cause and well done to all our prize winners on the day.



Variety Show & Dance Workshop

All transition year students participated in a dance workshop last week. The workshop was a fun and enjoyable way for students to continue with their preparations for the variety show. Many thanks to Ms Maguire for organising this activity.



Transition Year Students Complete Go Quest Challenges



As part of Maths Week, students spent the day at GoQuest in Carrickmines completing a selection of physical and mental challenges. Each challenge gave them the opportunity to work on their teamwork and communication skills and required a lot of logical thinking. Many of the challenges incorporated numeracy and literacy skills and required students to think quickly and adapt to changing situations.



Work Experience

Best of luck to our transition year students who are currently completing their first work experience placement. Career exploration plays a significant role in the programme as students gain first-hand experience of the world of work. We are very grateful to all the employers who take on our students during this time.

