



TY NEWSLETTER



October 2025

Welcome

Here's the first edition of our TY Newsletter! This month, we'll be looking back at some of the activities we've been involved in over the past 2 months and giving you a heads-up about key dates for your diary. Our theme for this year's TY Group is Bí Cineálta - Be Kind.

TY Social

Every Wednesday from 12pm to 3.30pm TY students partake in activities. Since the beginning of the year students experienced a wide variety of activities including team building activities with inflatables, we spent a day in Ballyhass Activity Centre, went to the Ploughing Championships, cycled the greenway, completed a Barbering/Hairdressing Workshop and learned Sign Language and how to fence.

Upcoming TY Social Activities...

- Chess
- Segways
- Cooking with Tom Flavin
- Lifesaver Programme
- Drivers Ed Programme



LSP Programme

VIP TY PROGRAMME



The V.I.P TY Programme identifies potential in students, that with the right support could become future leaders in sports. 35 students attend the UL Sports Arena every Monday from 9.30-4.00. Iarla Kileen will be representing SMI this year and we wish him the very best of luck!

SMI Podcast

Season 4, Episode 1 of SMI's Podcast is now available on Spotify. On the latest episode of the Podcast Brenna, Lily Mai & Hazel interviewed Social media influencer and iRadio presenter Dave Duke. Well done ladies!



Other Activities

Kristians, Antoni & Gearoid participated in the Army Barracks Programme in October. Micheal in Stryker and Jack in UL.

Dates For Diary

- Work Experience 20th to 24th October 2025
- Paris 26th to 29th January 2026
- Killary 25th to 27th March 2026
- Ice Skating 9th Dec 2025

New TY Programme

The new TY Programme was introduced in September 2025. It has 4 main domains. Being A Learner, Civic and Community Engagement, Career Exploration and Personal Growth. Each TY subject has been developed around these 4 key elements.

TY Subjects

TY students will study the following subjects this year: English, Irish, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Business, Home Economics, Construction, Art, Music, PE, Religion, Gaisce, French/German, SPHE, Careers and E-Portfolio.

Additional Subjects Options

Each student gets the option to take part in Vex Robotics, Young Social Innovators, Future Leaders or Soccer Coaching.

Journals & Half Zips

The journals are filled in every class as a reflection of what is being taught in the classroom. They keep a record of the work experience we have completed.

This years TY Half Zips were designed by students. The students had the option of blue or pink stripes.

Gaisce

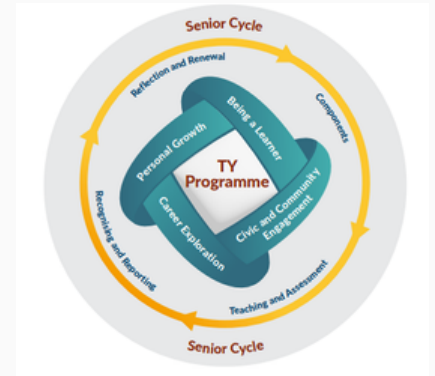
TY students must commit to 1 hour per week for 13 weeks in three areas: Personal Skill, Community Involvement, and Physical Recreation. Plus, choose one area to focus on for an additional 13 weeks

Make a Wish

This year 7 TY's were selected to be on our new Make-a-Wish committee They kicked off the year with a "Wear Something Blue Day" to raise much needed funds

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TY Fees

The second instalment of €250 for TY is due - we are extending the deadline to the Monday after midterm - Monday, 3rd November.

A small number of payments have been made to date, thank you to those who have already paid.

