



TY NEWSLETTER



November 2025

Welcome

Here is the second edition of our TY Newsletter! This month, we'll be looking back at some of the activities we've been involved in over the month of November, and other activities and important dates for the run up to Christmas. Remember our theme of TY, Bí Cíneálta- and continue to be kind!

TY Social

Every Wednesday from 12pm to 3.30pm, TY students take part in various activities. Since early November, they've enjoyed cooking with Chef Tom Flavin, Segways, Chess, a Lifesaver Program, Sign Language, Driver's Ed, and an Equine Assisted Learning course in Abbeyfeale. More activities are coming later in the month, including ice skating, extra driving sessions, and a mocktail-making class in the Longcourt.

Upcoming TY Social Activities...

- Ice skating
- Drivers Ed Programme
- Equine assisted learning
- Longcourt Hospitality Tour



House Exams

Transition year students will be going ice skating, on December 17th. The week before is scheduled for Christmas House exams. Students should begin preparing for these classroom based assessments, that will test them on everything they've learned so far this year!

French/German Breakfast

The French and German Transition Year students were treated to a Breakfast, courtesy of Ms Nicole McCarthy on Thursday October the 16th. The students enjoyed a variety of French pastries such as the Pain un Chocolat and Criossants.



Paris Information Evening

The Paris Information Evening is scheduled for Thursday, 15th of January 2026 at 7pm. At least one Parent/Guardian for each student travelling must attend. All details of the TY Paris trip will be discussed on the night.



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Dates For Diary

- Ice Skating 17th Dec 2025
- Work Experience 9th to 13th February 2026
- Paris Information Evening 15th of January at 7pm
- Paris 26th to 29th January 2026
- Killary 25th to 27th March 2026

The Eoin Reardon Experience

The Transition Year students of SMI enjoyed a Woodwork Workshop with influencer and TikToker Eoin Reardon. With guidance from Mr Brouder, Mr O'Keeffe, and Mr Reardon, the students built an original Irish sugan chair from scratch. Thank you to Eoin Reardon for visiting, and to Mr Brouder and Mr O'Keeffe for organising the workshop.



The Hope Foundation

On Tuesday, February 10th 2026 a group of TY students will travel with the Hope Foundation to Kolkata, India. To fundraise for the trip, bake sales and tuck shops have been held at the school. The next fundraiser will be a coffee morning at the Longcourt House Hotel on Thursday, December 18th featuring performances by the SMI Trad Group and choir. Everyone is welcome to attend and support this great cause. Additionally, a separate bake sale was organized for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Health Sciences Academy Early Careers Event 2025

TY students explored an exciting range of future pathways during the Health Sciences Academy Early Careers Event 2025 (Nov 11th & 13th). Students heard directly from UL students and HSE Mid West professionals on careers like Medicine, Nursing, Paramedicine, Physiotherapy, and Clinical Psychology. These sessions provided invaluable first-hand perspectives to help guide future study and career choices.

UHL Radiography Work Experience

Well done to TY students Aisling McMahon, Aileen Curtin, Kate O'Riordan, Muireann Donelon, and Isabel Hurley who visited University Hospital Limerick (UHL). They gained hands-on experience in Radiography, observing the latest diagnostic technology and learning about this dynamic healthcare profession.

TY Volunteers Support Monagea All Stars

We are proud of the TY students who are volunteering their Friday evenings to support the Monagea All Stars GAA team (for young children on the autism spectrum). Their commitment and enthusiasm are helping run training sessions, developing skills, and building confidence—a wonderful example of community spirit in action!

Work Experience

TY students completed their first Work Experience week from 20th-24th October 2025. The next block runs from 9th-13th February 2026. Students should now begin securing placements and arranging Garda vetting if required to make the most of the experience and gain useful career insight. Employers have praised students for their attitude, effort and maturity- an achievement everyone can be proud of.

