



# TY NEWSLETTER



March 2026

## Welcome

This is the fifth edition of the TY Newsletter! March came with many new exciting trips and activities. In this newsletter we will be taking a look back on what we did and keeping you up to date on what's to come. We remembered our TY theme of BÍ Cineálta throughout the month of March!

## TY Social

This month TY students enjoyed a Barista Workshop, visited Shannon College to learn about Hotel Management, took part in a Self Defence class, spent 3 nights in Killary Adventure Centre and lit up the runway in the TY Fashion Show!

## Upcoming TY Activities

- Jiving Lessons
- Law Ed Workshop
- Knock Trip
- Bernard Casey Improv Class

## U15 Boys Soccer

We are happy to announce that our U15 boys soccer team were victorious in the Munster Final. The boys came out on top 5-4 on penalties after an exhilarating 120 mins. While the entire squad deserves great credit, we want to give a massive shout-out to our Transition Year boys - Emmet Lyons, David Erswell, Oisín Crowley & Darragh Lee Fitzgerald who assisted Mr. O'Sullivan and his management team on the day. Well done boys!



## Dates For Diary

- Knock Trip April 15<sup>th</sup>
- E-Portfolio Interviews 13<sup>th</sup> May
- End of Year Trip May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation Fri May 22<sup>th</sup>
- Work Experience May 25<sup>th</sup>

## Editors

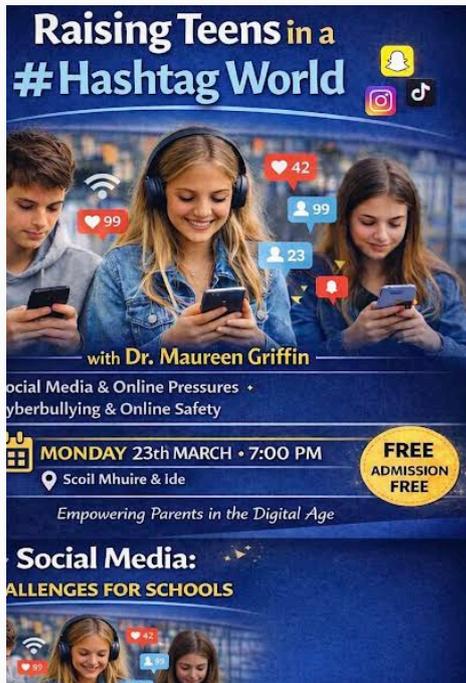
Isabelle Ahern and  
Darcey O'Doherty

## Certified Irish Angus Schools Competition

Aoife Curtin, Ella Sheahan and Aileen Curtin eagerly await to hear if they have been crowned competition winners. They are expecting the results on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Well done to the girls on their fantastic achievement, representing the school in the finals in Croke Park.



## Raising Teens in a Hashtag World



We were delighted to welcome Dr. Maureen Griffin, forensic psychologist and Director of MGMS Training Limited, who delivered a special presentation for parents. This informative talk empowered parents to navigate online safety, digital boundaries, and healthy technology habits with their teenagers. Dr. Griffin explored the platforms and trends currently popular among young people, highlight potential risks, and provide practical advice on how to protect ourselves and our teens online.

## TY Movie In The Making

Matthew Brouder, Matthew Walshe, Rafe Cussen and Oisín Kelly have sent in their Movie, “Better Off Here” and will receive the results the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. They are competing to win our school €5000 and an iPad each! This is for a competition ran by Compass group.

## YSI

Kate Dowling, Madison Lynch and Emma Curtin have presented their YSI project on gender equality in Cork City Hall. The girls worked extremely well on their project. This competition took place on March 4<sup>th</sup>, and are expecting results sometime after Easter.



## TY Killary Trip

On March 25th, 65 TY students and 3 teachers ventured to Killary Adventure Centre in County Galway for three exhilarating days of culture, landmarks, and memories.

It was an unforgettable experience with over three action-packed days and two nights. We had the chance to explore the stunning landscapes of Ireland while taking part in exciting outdoor activities like kayaking, zip-lining, and rock climbing.

The instructors were friendly and supportive, helping us challenge ourselves while ensuring everyone stayed safe. In the evenings, we enjoyed team games and campfire stories, which brought everyone closer together. The combination of adventure, teamwork, and breathtaking scenery made this trip a highlight of the school year that we'll remember for a lifetime.

## Ty Fashion Show

On March 19<sup>th</sup> we had our TY Fashion Show, it was a brilliant and memorable event that brought the whole year group together. We had the chance to model a wide range of outfits from local boutiques, charity shops, and sports shops, showing off everything from stylish everyday wear to sporty looks. It was great fun walking down the runway with our friends and building confidence in front of an audience. To make the night even more entertaining, we also sang songs throughout the show, which added energy and kept the crowd engaged. Overall, it was a fantastic experience full of laughter, creativity, and teamwork that we will always remember.



## TY India Trip

From the 26th of February to the 5th of March, nine students and two teachers embarked on a life-changing journey to India with The Hope Foundation.

The Hope Foundation works tirelessly to support vulnerable children in Kolkata, providing access to education, healthcare, protection, and opportunity. Our visit gave us the chance to see first-hand the incredible impact of this work and the resilience of the children and communities supported by the foundation.

Throughout the week, we visited a number of Hope projects, including education centres, healthcare facilities, and residential homes. At each location, we were welcomed with warmth, and joy. We spent time playing games, helping with lessons, and getting to know the children. Despite differences in language and culture, smiles and laughter quickly became our common language.

One of the most powerful aspects of the trip was hearing the stories behind the projects. We learned about the challenges faced by many families in Kolkata and the importance of safe spaces, consistent education, and community support. Seeing the dedication of the staff and volunteers was truly inspiring.

Outside of our project visits, we experienced the vibrant culture of Kolkata. The city left a lasting impression on us all. The energy was unlike anything we had experienced before. The trip challenged us to step outside of our comfort zones and to reflect on the privileges and opportunities we often take for granted.

We are incredibly proud to have represented our school and community on this journey. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts and made this trip possible.

