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TY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of this year's TY Newsletter! In this issue, we'll be taking a look back at some of the activities and highlights from the past two months, as well as giving you a preview of some important dates and upcoming events to mark in your diary.

Trips & Tours

Ballyhass

The TYs kicked off their year with an exciting trip to Ballyhass Lakes in Co. Cork! They had a fantastic time exploring the different activities on offer. They put their teamwork skills to the test through a series of team-building challenges before enjoying plenty of fun and laughter on the inflatable water activities on the lake.

Ploughing

In September, the TYs visited the National Ploughing Championships in Screggan, Co. Offaly, enjoying a great day exploring all that the event had to offer.

Gaeltacht

Ag tús mhí Dheireadh Fómhair, thug na TYanna cuairt ar Ghaeltacht Chorca Dhuibhne, áit ar fhan siad le teaghlaigh áitiúla agus chleacht siad a gcuid Gaeilge le cainteoirí dúchais. Bhain siad an-taitneamh as an turas agus as áilleacht an cheantair!









TY Additional Subjects Options

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



Junior Cycle Results

On Wednesday, 7th October, the TYs received their Junior Cycle results after a long wait! There were lots of smiles as students celebrated their achievements and looked forward to the year ahead.

UL Road Safety Show

Some of our TY students attended the UL Road Safety Show, where they witnessed a simulated car crash scene and learned about the importance of road safety. They also spoke with other students about staying safe on the roads.





TY Social

Every Wednesday from 12pm to 3.30pm, our TY students take part in a variety of activities and experiences. So far this year, they have enjoyed team-building challenges, a trip to Ballyhass Activity Centre, the National Ploughing Championships, a cycle along the Greenway, a forensic science workshop, a Brennard Casey comedy workshop and a golfing session. There has certainly been plenty of variety and fun along the way!

Upcoming TY Social Activities...

- Poetry Workshop
- Segways
- First Aid Programme
- Drivers Ed Programme
- John Lonergan talk
- Mr. Maths Weeney Workshop
- Cooking with Tom Flavin

SMI Podcast

Season 5, Episode 1 of SMI's podcast is in the making! We look forward to chatting with Aoife Brosnan, who will share her insights into what it takes to run a successful business in Newcastle West. Stay tuned!

LSP Programme



The V.I.P. TY Programme aims to identify and support students with potential to become future leaders in sport. Each Monday, 35 students attend the UL Sports Arena from 9.30am to 4pm. This year, Ella McAullife will proudly represent SMI. We wish her the very best of luck!

Gaisce

As part of their Gaisce Award, TY students commit to one hour per week for 13 weeks in each of three areas: Personal Skill, Community Involvement and Physical Recreation. They also choose one of these areas to continue for an additional 13 weeks, giving them the opportunity to develop new skills, get involved in their community and stay active.

Dates For Diary

- Work Experience week 1; 19th to 23th October 2026
- Work Experience week 2; 8th to 12th February
- Paris 25th to 29th January 2026
- Killary 12th - 14th 2027

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