



# Coláiste Cois Siúire Transition Year Newsletter

December 2020

## Dear Parents...

As we reach the end of the first term, the staff and management of CCS are exceptionally proud of how our TY students have made the most of their TY programme so far. In this end-of-term newsletter we ask a selection of TY students to give their perspective on how their year is going. We sincerely hope that, as the programme grows in term two and three, our students will continue to flourish.

### Jack Drennan

"TY so far has been great! At first I was reluctant to do it because I thought it was going to be a waste of time, and that I was not going to get anything out of it, but now I realise it's the complete opposite!

I really enjoyed the work experience, but when we moved to level 5 restrictions we had to stop work experience and instead we were signed up to complete and get certified in online computer courses with IACT, which I am finding great too!

I feel like I've already achieved a lot in TY, a lot more than I expected to be honest. Between work experience, online courses, and guest speakers and Thursday afternoon activities. We also did a full day course and got certified in First Aid which was great"





### Becky Byrne Brogan

"I think TY has been as good as it can be considering the times we're in. I am disappointed work experience had to be postponed but it's great that we don't have to go to school on a Friday! The online courses we do on a Friday instead at the moment aren't bad and will definitely be useful in the future.

I enjoyed organising a rounders event for first years as part of our GAA Future Leaders module, because everyone had to step up and take charge of their own job/role, and we felt very independent!

I'm glad we got to do mock interviews because none of us had ever had an interview before so it was good to get the experience, it will definitely stand to us when we have to do a real interview!

I hope to go on a trip before the end of the year - everyone is mad for a day out!"



### Kyle Finn-O'Brien

"Unfortunately, due to Covid19, we haven't been able to go on any trips, which I was really looking forward to as part of TY, we have however had lots of different guest speakers come to our school and we have engaged in several different activities on the school premises, we do something different every Thursday which is great, but I still hope we can go on some trips before the end of TY.

One of my favourite parts of TY has been the Work Experience, and I hope we get back to doing more, I do find the online courses good too and it's great that we're learning lots and getting lots of certificates.

TY has also helped us to catch up on the schoolwork we missed due to school closures."



### Alannah Jordan

"In TY we have guest speakers or activities every Thursday and so far we have had a great selection and they have been very good.

We have did online courses and got certificates in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and many more. We have also completed a full day of First Aid training and got certified in that too!

I'm enjoying doing TY and its allowing us to catch up on all the work we missed last year due to Covid19!"

We are delighted that work experience will recommence for Transition Year students on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 (subject to government regulations). We will do our utmost here in Coláiste Cois Siúire to proceed with Work Experience for the remainder of TY every Friday.



## Transition Year Activities from Term One...

The Transition Year Team have endeavoured to provide varied and exciting in-school activities, skills and experiences for our students while we navigate COVID-19 control measures

Activities from Term 1		Cost Per Student
September	Fitness Freak	€4.40
	Project One Sky (online - Wellbeing)	€17
	School Of Life (Etiquette and life skills)	€11.11
	Athletics (with former Olympic race walker)	€1.38
	Entrepreneurship (2019 Female Entrepreneur of the Year)	€1.38
October	Sara Morrissey (Modern dance)	€1.38
	Boxing (Professional Boxer Rhys Moran)	€1.38
	Drugs Awareness (Darren Butler)	€2.22
	IACT Online Certification Modules	€20.50
	Ukuleles (music module)	€10
November	Garda Armed Response Unit	€0
	First Aid Certification	€30
	Zumba with Adriana	€2.5
	Bulb Planting (Biology)	€0.83
December	T-shirt Block Printing (with Richa)	€3.33
	Mock Interviews	€0
	Christmas Window Design Competition	€0

<b>Total spend per student to date</b>	<b>€107.41</b>
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Activities booked for Term 2 so far...		Cost Per Student
	Driver Education	€30
	Sculpture	€2.50
	Personal Safety	€9.72
	Segways	€15

Dear Parents, as you can see, the TY budget is being carefully managed to deliver variety, quality and value while we all await further updates around TY trips and other activities.