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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you are all keeping well during these different times. We have endeavoured to keep Transition Year as normal as possible for the students by providing several workshops and activities since they returned to school in August including the following:

- HEAT and PAD training
- Trip to Dunmore East adventure centre
- Personal Safety training
- CSI workshop
- Team building- drama(Little Red kettle)
- Kangoo Jumps
- Bowling
- Circuits x2 WIT
- Walk/Hike

As a Transition Year group they are very privileged to have the opportunity to participate in so many workshops and activities during this pandemic. Many schools have not provided any activities /workshops for Transition Year students. These activities are heavily subsidised by the school. Through their TY Team they are given information of online courses and competitions that they also have the opportunity of engaging in. The more your son/daughter engages in the TY Program the more they will gain from it!

Ms O'Rielly will be starting a new initiative with TYs this term "The TY Weekly Challenge". This initiative will promote DOSS "Developing Other Skill Sets" including communication, self directed learning, personal skills and IT skills in a fun way. Students have a chance to gain & develop new skills which they would not have had a chance to do in Junior Cycle, your support and encouragement would be greatly appreciated.

The students have also received feedback from Ms. O' Rielly and Ms. Doherty on their E-Portfolios.....we would encourage you to have a look at their portfolio's and discuss it with your son/daughter. I have introduced a new initiative this year called Project 165 which encourages the students to focus on the positive's in their lives...."not every day is good but there is something good in every day!"

You may have heard of the recent announcement from An Post where they ensure free delivery of all card and letter/ mail posted to and from residents of Nursing and Care homes in the State until January 31st 2021. This is an initiative that we hope to avail of in the school and it is very timely due to the fact that the students can't carry out their social studies module in the care homes. We are proud of the link that we have with our community and this will be endorsed by the students writing to the residents during their Religion Education classes. Due to GDPR consent is required. Please note that students will only be using their school address. If you do not wish your son/daughter to take part in this initiative please let their Religion teacher know in writing before Friday November 5th.

Thank you for your support as we continue to make TY a great year for your son/daughter.

Kind regards,

Anne Marie Doherty



ePortfolio - Information

The ePortfolio is a very important part of the TY Curriculum, it is worth 30 credits at the end of the year and your TY end of year interview also 25 credits will be based on its content.

55 credits in total

Many students have done some great work on their ePortfolio and have everything up to date, however there are some who need to start working on this asap and have a lot of work to do!!

If you were absent for any reason, include the title in the relevant tab and then say that you were absent on the page.

The following is an outline of what needs to be included in your ePortfolio and tab:

After reading this some students may need to move some of their work to the correct tab.

My Goals:

Student induction form from TY Journal, fill in and upload image

Letter to future self, completed in Personal Dev class

Weekly Reflections:

Fill out your weekly reflection, this **MUST BE DONE EVERY WEEK**, when it is complete you can take a photo and add it to this section with a page for each week.

There should be 7 up to 23rd Oct.

If you were absent as you went on work experience you can still fill this in.

Guest Speaker Evaluations:

Templates for these are available in your TY Journal, you must fill these in at the relevant times. Again, you can take a picture of your completed piece in your TY Journal and upload it to the tab

- HEAT and PAD training
- Personal Safety training
- CSI workshop
- Team building- drama(Little Red kettle)

Trip Evaluation:

Template available in TY Journal

- Dunmore East

Samples of Coursework:

You should have several examples included from term 1

In this section you will upload samples of work from all your core subjects/modules. It can be a written piece, eg an essay you were proud of, a poem you wrote, an assessment piece you did well in etc.

You can be creative here and upload written pieces, audio files, photos (piece of work from a practical class), drawings etc.

When you upload a samples of work you MUST use a separate page for each sample and you also have to say why you chose/included this piece.

Photos:

Any photos that you take during your TY Experience can be uploaded here, again there should be many in here.

Extra Curricular Activities:

In this section you can write about the extra curricular activities that you have become involved in.

These are school based activities that take place in school outside of class time

- Gaisce
- YSI
- Green schools
- Volunteer work etc.

My top 3 experiences so far:

At the end of each term you will be asked to include 3 items which represent your top 3 experiences of that term.

You need to write about these experiences and explain why you have chosen them as a highlight.

This can be handwritten & image uploaded or you can do a word doc and insert it.

This needs to be done for term 1 now.

Project 165:

Photos and an explanation as to why you have included the photo

Work Experience:

The students who chose to continue with work experience need to fill in Template to their Journal and upload.

Include some photos if you have them

Module Evaluations:

You have all completed module 1 in the following subjects:

- **Mon afternoon activities:**

- Kangoo Jumps
- Bowling
- Circuits x2 WIT
- Walk/Hike

- **Drama**
- **Future Leaders**
- **Lib/Shared Reading**
- **Social Studies**
- **European Studies**
- **Sociology**
- **Yoga**
- **Media**

Fill in the template for each module in your TY Journal & upload, include photos if you have any.

Term 2 starts this week and there will be many more experiences that you will be adding to these tabs, keep an eye on TY Year team as Ms Doherty & I will remind you to complete your evaluations and we will mention which tab you should upload the work to.

This work is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY and is part of the skill INDEPENDENT LEARNING that you are all working on developing this year.

Feel free to ask your tutor, Year Head or Co-Ordinator for further guidance if you need it, your classmates may also be able to help you out.