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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

Plans have already commenced for the Transition Year final term and we ask for your continued support and understanding as we encourage our TY students to continue to engage and finish out their year strong.

We intend to proceed with TY assessment with the same spirit and determination as we did pre Covid-19 but of course there may be changes, losses and a lot of positive and creative thinking required.

We hope the students will enter enthusiastically into the final term of our programme and continue to gain socially, emotionally and intellectually from the year.

We would like you to encourage your son/daughter to commit fully to this final term. Students must continue to strive for excellence in their academic studies. Homework/Project work is very important and must be completed each night.

The following is an outline of our end of year plan:

### **April 12<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>:**

Classes and activities as normal - it is vital for students to get back into the school setting, socialise, take part in the curriculum.

### **End of year interview: Week 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April**

“Reflection on your Year” - these interviews will be held by members of our TY Team.

**Class Assessments:**

All class assessment to be completed by Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

**ePortfolio: Week 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May:**

This will be assessed by class tutors.

**May 10<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>:**

Classes and activities continue for TY Students.

**End of Year Grad Ceremony: Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Live streamed into base classrooms from a central location

Students will receive awards / cert booklets after the ceremony at a central location – these would be left out for them to collect, each class arriving separately.

**Credit System 2020/21:**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Assessment Details</b>	<b>Credits Awarded</b>
<b>Core Subjects</b>	10 credits per subject (whole year)	120 credits
<b>Subject Sampling Modules</b>	5 credits per subject (per half year/split)	75 credits
<b>ePortfolio</b>	Content, presentation, writing skills	30 credits
<b>Interview</b>	Interview, content, presentation, reflection	30 credits
<b>Extra-Curricular Participation</b>	School Activities <u>outside</u> school hours	5 credits
<b>School Community Participation</b>	School groups, committees, choir	5 credits

This may be subject to review.

## **TY Activities / Workshops / Competitions: January - April 2021**

The following is a list of the activities/workshops that our TY students have had the opportunity of taking part in since the beginning of January. Please ensure that your child has uploaded a review of each activity/workshop to their ePortfolio explaining what they learned and what they enjoyed about it.

- Design a “home for everyone” competition
- Historical Walking Tour of Waterford(took place after Portfolios were submitted)
- Healthfest
- Walk in My Shoes Tik Tok Competition
- RTE Photography Competition
- Dungarvan Leader Photography Competition
- Dublin Zoo webcam
- TJ Reid Health and Fitness
- Wolves of Wellbeing online – 4 courses
- House of The Oireachtas Work Experience
- Creative Clusters Collaboration-Creative Writing/Photography/Art
- Webinar on studying a European Language
- Dreamspace TV
- Global Schools Workshop
- Global Schools Teaching Training
- Irish Guide Dogs Virtual TY Programme
- Inspireland Poetry Slam workshop
- Mini Med Work Experience Programme
- DNG Work Experience
- Glór na nGael Irish Language award scheme
- RCSI Health and Happiness Course
- Health and Social Care information event
- Shine Festival
- Career Path Expo
- YSI
- Gaisce
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Home Management booklet
- Development of the North Quays workshop
- Urban Orienteering
- Drumabelievables Workshop
- Class retreat
- Any work experience you took part in outside of school

Full co-operation and willingness to participate in all elements of our TY Curriculum is expected from students.

We would advise that students spend the next few weeks working on their ePortfolio, preparing for their interview and catching up on work if necessary.

Yours Sincerely,

Claire O Rielly & Anne-Marie Doherty