

TY Bulletin

New Year 2020

TY 2020-21

On Friday 24th January 2020, our 3rd years attended a presentation on Transition Year for 2020-21. Students heard about work experience, subjects, trips, opportunities, the TY show, TY journal, etc. The presentation will be emailed to 3rd years and their parent/guardian(s) also. TY 2020-21 application forms were given out to 3rd years on Thursday 30th January 2020. A meeting for parent/guardian(s) on TY and 5th year options took place on Wednesday 12th February 2020. There was a brief overview of TY at the start

of this meeting, with a more detailed meeting taking part in May 2020 for students who are offered and accept a place in TY for next year. #TY2021 #TY - the next crew!



TY Wood Projects

Carving Scroll Saw Projects completed by TY students in Session 1 which finished on Thursday 9th January 2020. Our modular system in TY allows students to sample subjects that they have not studied already. Students also learn to see the learning the subjects in a new way. Great work guys.





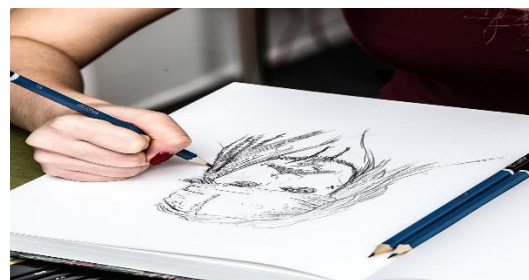
Business Studies Awards

On Tuesday 4th February 2020, TY students Sophie Lee and Cian Lawless-Hanlon accepted the school award and the 18 certificates for our top Business Studies results in ACS in the Junior Cycle Business Studies exam in June 2019. Congrats to our Business Department and 18 students. Maynooth University and the Business Studies Teachers Association of Ireland wanted to publicly recognise excellence in Junior Cycle Business Studies and acknowledge all students who achieved a Distinction (90%+) or Higher Merit (75%+) grade. The Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting, School of Business and Department of Law invited 2 students to attend the presentation ceremony in Maynooth University. Congrats to Cian Lawless Hanlon, Sophie Lee, Jack Walters, Adam Murray, Caolan Kearney, Emma Donovan, Adam Mc Keown, Aine Logan, Shannan Condon, Leon Kinsey, Leah Duffy, Niamh Battersby, Matthew Doran, Éabha Delany, Tadhg White, Jamie Power, Sean Byrne and Ava Power. Sophie Lee and Cian Lawless-Hanlon are pictured with Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University. Ms Ryan, Business Teacher, is pictured with some of those who received their certificates before mid-term - Tadhg White, Eabha Delany, Shannan Condon, Cian Lawless-Hanlon, Emma Donovan, Leah Duffy, Caolan Kearney and Leon Kinsey.



LC Mock Art Models

Thanks to TY students Kate Beggy, Clodagh Millington, Neil Finnegan and Caolan Kearney who offered to be the models for the Life Drawing section of the LC Art mock exam on Friday 7th February 2020 instead of going to their work placement.



TY Work Placement at Ashbourne Garda Station

From Monday 10th to Friday 14th February 2020, a group of TY and LCVP students completed a weeklong placement with Ashbourne Garda Station. The students completed a variety of activities throughout the week to see what the work of a member of An Garda Síochána involves. Thanks to TY student Amy Jordan for these photos and a massive thanks to all the Gardaí in Ashbourne and elsewhere, who made this week possible for the students - this was the third opportunity this academic year for students to complete this very popular placement. A wonderful opportunity for all the students who have completed it. [#Career](#) [#WorkPlacement](#)



Keep It Local

To the organisations, schools and businesses, who support ACS by taking on our work placement students from our 3 programmes; TY, LCA and LCVP, we say thanks. We really appreciate it. Please support local, when you can. Thank you. [#SupportLocal](#) [#ShopLocal](#)



Midterm

We wish all the ACS staff, the students and their families a safe and restful midterm. It has been a busy term, particularly for our 3rd and 6th year students who completed their mock exams. Thanks as always to everyone who supports and links in with ACS, particularly all the organisations, schools and businesses who support our work placement students. We remind students to stay safe and look out for each other. [#midterm](#)



Work Placement Reflection

Thanks to our TYs who continue to send in their work placement reflections. Thanks to Ellie McCaul for this reflection. As always thanks to all the businesses, schools and organisations who take on our students for work placement.

For the first work placement in TY, I worked in [Adrian Dunne Pharmacy Ashbourne](#), I was working there with 2 other TY students, Shannon and Niamh. I worked there for 5 weeks and really enjoyed it. I was taught how to work the cash register. I cleaned and organised the shelves and the storerooms. In the last 2 weeks I was sent next door to sort the Christmas selection. I printed stickers for all the stock and put them on. I learned about

the medicines and how to answer the customers questions. I learned people skills as customers had plenty of questions for me. I really enjoyed my placement there. It is a social job, with lots of interactions with staff and customers. A lot of planning and organising goes into running a successful pharmacy. I learned to work as a team and work under pressure as it gets very busy. I learned about health and safety in the workplace also. On the last day, the ladies gave me a hamper full of make-up, which was so kind and so much appreciated. Thanks to all the staff there for such an enjoyable few weeks.

Written by Ellie McCaul, TY student



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I spent the week before Christmas 2019 doing work experience in [McFadden's Est. 1977](#) in Balbriggan. It is a haberdashery/fine furnishings shop. This was my first placement that was not a TY-specific programme or me shadowing someone. I had more responsibility than I was used to and it took me a while to get used to it. It was assumed that I just knew how to do things and did not need to be guided constantly. This meant I had to think on my feet. This was a good learning opportunity. My duties working at the shop were restocking various stock, customer service and general cleaning and organisation. Tidying and cleaning is something I was used to already and I think I carried out well. I learned the layout of the stock room and could efficiently acquire whatever I was looking for. This was my first time working in customer service and I got used to it quickly enough. Customers were

polite, which made for a good experience. A member of staff taught me how to use various contraptions around the shop such as the cash register and the fabric cutter and also taught me some general knowledge, such as how a metre is equal to a yard plus 3 inches. I used my new skills to help customers as best I could. As well as this, I learned a little about how the business side is run; how they take appointments, advertise, etc. I learned a lot about the world of work during this placement. I also developed my communication skills, practical skills and learned to work on my initiative. I was very tired at the end of each day. This was one of my favourite work placements I've completed.

Written by Éabha Delany, TY Journalist



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For my week placement I went to Little Buddies Playgroup & Montessori from Monday 16th to Friday 20th December 2019. I was given the responsibility of helping to watch the children and making sure they were happy. I helped the staff when they needed it. I played with the children and helped them with different activities, and at break time. I developed my communication skills because the children are young and are learning how to talk correctly. I had to communicate with simple vocabulary so that they could understand. I also learned organising skills as I had to tidy up and organise their toys after

their playtime. Also, for this work, you have to have a lot of patience as the children ask loads of questions and are very inquisitive. They are so positive and happy there. I learned about confidentiality and the health and safety procedures followed in this sector. I really enjoyed my time there and am grateful for the opportunity. The staff, parents and children were so welcoming to me.

Written by Clodagh Millington, TY student



TY Section of Website

We are currently updating the TY section of our website so please bear with us.

<https://www.ashcom.ie/ty-bulletin> We have uploaded the first 2 TY bulletins for Autumn and Winter 2019 to the website. We hope they give you a flavour of the opportunities that TYs have had so far this year in ACS. Many of the articles have been written by the TY students, and some of the teachers. We are very proud of all that we managed to fit into the first 2 terms. Lots more exciting times ahead for our TYs. [#TYopportunities](#) [#WeAreACS](#)



ACS Transition Year Bulletins

2019-2020

Ski Trip 2020 written by Ms Suzanne Kavanagh

Never in my wildest dreams did I think that ski trip 2020 would be my only trip out of Ireland this year!! But to be honest if I am to look back on the highlights of 2020 it is indeed the ski trip. The ski trip takes a full year of planning, but it is worth every grey hair....

We left for the snowy landscapes of Norway on the 16th of February 2020; 71 students, 7 teachers and far too much singing on the bus. Students had four hours of lessons every day which meant that everyone had the time to learn how to ski achieving the different slopes that were in their capabilities. No matter how difficult the day was you embraced it together, whether that was patiently waiting for someone who was struggling or encountering new fears, you worked together. So many new friendships forged, and I hope these last a lifetime. Ski trip 2020 was our last visit to the hotel Birkenbeineren and I was so proud of the students who came together to complete a woodwork project in their own time. I felt honoured to present this to the staff at the hotel on behalf of all the students who have travelled to Lillehammer over the past number of years. I feel so proud to have taken this amazing group of talented young people to Norway. You embody the ACS spirit. You were so polite, your behaviour impeccable and my goodness were you full of enthusiasm and energy. Everyone who we met from flight attendants, hotel staff to the ski instructors remarked on how great the students were. Of course, there were a few scary moments, outstanding falls, accidental somersaults, snow planting but we made it home exhausted but pretty much in one piece!! A big thank you to Mr Smyth, Mr Walsh, Mr Byrne, Ms O'Connell, Ms Oates and of course Jo for giving up their free time, without them the trip there would be no ski trip.

TYs and 5th Year students who attended the Ski Trip 2020, along with the staff, would like to say a massive thanks to Ms Kavanagh for ALL her hard work over the years, including this year, organising the ski trip.



Key Dates Calendar New Year 2020

January 2020

Monday 6th January 2020

- WhizzKidz ICT Workshop 8.50 am-3.45 pm – Class Ash

Tuesday 7th January 2020

- WhizzKidz ICT Workshop 9.50 am-4.05 pm – Class Cherry

Thursday 9th January 2020

- Chartered Accountancy Talk 9.30 am in GP – interested senior students

Friday 10th January 2020

- TY Module Session End

Monday-Friday 13th-17th January 2020

- Student Wellbeing Week

Monday 13th January 2020

- WhizzKidz ICT Workshop 8.50 am-3.45 pm in WA12 – Class Oak

Tuesday 14th January 2020

- WhizzKidz ICT Workshop 8.50 am-3.45 pm in WA04 – Class Rowan
- Ski Trip Meeting 7.00 pm in GP

Thursday 16th January 2020

- The Value of Life Mental Health Talk with Mike O'Sullivan 10.25-11.45 pm in GP – all TYs

Friday 17th January 2020

- Wheelchair Basketball Match in Sports Hall 11.45 am-1.05 pm – YSI project group

Monday 20th January 2020

- SKIPnROPE Skipping Workshop – all in the Mezzanine for double class 8.50 am-1.05 pm

Thursday 23rd January 2020

- TY Show practice in GP, rotational – 40-minute slots from 8.50-11.45 am

Monday 27th January 2020

- 5th Year Subject Options Talk 8.50-11.05 in GP – all TYs

Tuesday 28th January 2020

- TY Show practice in GP, rotational – 40-minute slots from 8.50-11.45 am
- Dog's Trust Visit Out at 1.00pm – Class Rowan plus 8 students from Ash

February 2020

Monday 3rd February 2020

- Awesome Walls in Finglas AND I Wish Conference in RDS 9.00 am-3.45 pm – TY girls
- Croke Park Tour AND Awesome Walls in Finglas all day 9.00 am-3.45 pm – TY boys

Tuesday 11th February 2020

- David Gough GAA Referee Mental Health Talk in GP 9.50-10.50 am
- Breast Cancer Ireland Talk in GP 12.05-12.45 pm – TY girls
- Dog's Trust Visit Out 12.40 pm-2.30 pm – Class Cherry plus 8 students from Ash

Wednesday 12th February 2020

- Ash2020 presentation by Ciaran Flynn in GP 11.45 am-1.05 pm
- Senior Cycle Options Evening in GP 7.00 pm

Thursday 13th February 2020

- TY Show practice in GP, rotational – 40-minute slots from 8.50-11.45 am
- PTA Bag Pack in Dunnes Ashbourne 9.30 am-3.30 pm – groups of 10 TY students for 2-hour slots

Friday 14th February 2020

- Irish Heart Foundation Bucket Collection at Dunnes and Aldi 9.00 am-1.00 pm – 4-8 TY students with no work placement or flexible work placement

Sunday 16th-Sunday 22nd February 2020

- Ski Trip

Trips

Dogs Trust Visit Out

On Tuesday 28th January 2020, another group of TYs mainly from Class Rowan went on a visit out to [Dogs Trust Ireland](#) in Finglas. Dogs Trust is Ireland's largest dog welfare charity. They established the Dublin re-homing centre in November 2009. Thanks to Audrey for an informative talk and tour, giving students lots of facts and advice. The staff of this wonderful organisation do incredible work to care for and re-home dogs. Thanks to the students who were very respectful for the tour. Thanks to Ms McNamee for accompanying the students. [#VoluntaryOrganisation](#) [#TY](#)



Amazing Walls, I Wish Conference and Croke Park

Busy day ahead for TYs on Monday 3rd February 2020. TY girls went to Awesome Walls in Finglas before heading to the I Wish STEM Conference in the RDS. TY boys went on the Croke Park Tour followed by some climbing in Awesome Walls.

I Wish Conference

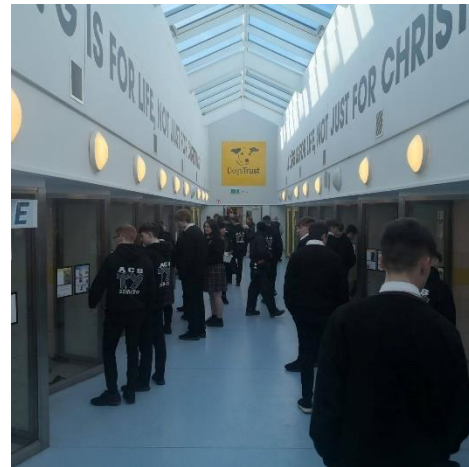
On Monday 3rd February 2020, TY girls attended the I Wish Conference in the RDS. This STEM event encourages girls to look to careers in science, technology, engineering, and maths.





Dogs Trust

Our final group of TYs along with our LCA class attended [Dogs Trust Ireland](#) on Tuesday 11th February 2020. They had a tour of the facility and learned about the work of this wonderful organisation. Thanks to the staff who have facilitated 4 visits from ACS this year. Thanks to Mr Howlin for accompanying the students and for the photos. [#VoluntaryOrganisation](#) [#LifeSkills](#)



Ski Trip 2020

'As the sun sets on the 2020 ski trip to Lillehammer, Ms Kavanagh would like to thank all those who made this week possible, the parents/guardians, the ski instructors in Hafjell, our wonderful hosts at the Birkebeineren and of course the ACS staff and students. The ski trip would never be possible without the teachers who give up their time and of course all the wonderful students. As always, they did the school proud; their resilient and witty personalities made this week a week never to forget. Thank you all so much.

Ms Kavanagh

TY students Rebecca Kane, Holly Stafford and Sophie Lee presented the staff at the Birkebeineren Hotel and Apartments in Norway with this beautiful plaque to thank them for the kindness and warm hospitality which they have shown so many students over the years. The girls created this piece of work under the guidance of Mr Deasy. Well done girls. [#creativity](#)





**SKI TRIP
2020**

Talks, Workshops & Courses

Chartered Accountants Talk

On Thursday 9th January 2020, a group of TYs, 5th and 6th years attended for students interested in learning about a career as an accountant. Students heard first-hand how Chartered Accountancy offers fantastic career opportunities across all industries and sectors internationally and at home in Ireland. Thanks to Rachel who spoke on behalf of the [Chartered Accountants Ireland](#) for all her information and advice.



Whizzkids ICT Workshop

Thanks to TY journalist, Neil Finnegan for this article on the recent Whizzkids ICT workshops. Over the Mondays and Tuesdays of the weeks of the 6th and 13th of January 2020, all of our TY classes have taken part in Whizzkids. These excellent workshops focus on teaching young people the skill of coding. In today's advancing society, it is almost a necessity to have a comprehensive understanding of ICT, and the workshop taught the students these skills in an engaging, enjoyable way. Each student had the opportunity to create their own website based



around an interest of theirs and learned how to get it up and running through HTML code. Next, they got to have a go at 3D design using the 3D design software app SketchUp. TYs also had to chance to code their own video game. It was a fun experience for all the students as well as teaching them useful computer skills. Thanks to Hannah and Gary, the workshop facilitators, who were very knowledgeable and great to work with. Written by Neil Finnegan, TY Journalist

Ski Trip Meeting

Parent/guardian(s) information evening was held on Tuesday 14th of January 2020 at 7pm in the GP for Ski Trip 2020.

DkIT Computing Week

From Monday 13th to Thursday 16th January 2020, 6 TY students attended [Dundalk Institute of Technology](#) for a 4-day TY Computer Programme. TY students Sara Thompson, Emma Donovan, Ben Duffy, Jack Ryan, Oscar Jarvis and Adrian Donnelly had a brilliant week as computing students. Topics covered included hardware, digital systems, the web, programming, animation, security and artificial intelligence (AI). Another wonderful opportunity for TYs from ACS. Thanks to Philip and staff of DkIT for giving our students such a great opportunity and for the photo. [#TYopportunities](#)

SKIPnROPE Workshop

Thanks to TY journalist James O'Sullivan for this article on the SKIPnROPE skipping Workshop. On Monday the 20th of January 2020, all TY students took part in a skipping workshop in the mezzanine run by Mark from SKIPnROPE. Over the double class, Mark covered basic skipping all the way up to a relatively high level of skipping. In this time, Mark explained how to skip effectively, did an example of it before we got to practice and master it. The workshop was enjoyed by all the students and was also beneficial because it showed how such a great form of exercise can be very enjoyable.

Written by James O'Sullivan, TY Journalist



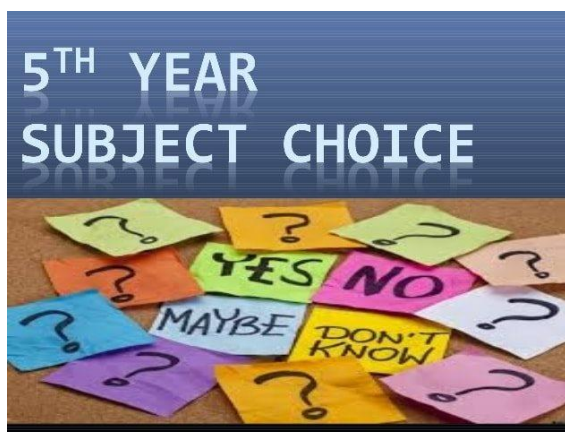
Amber Flag Committee

The Amber Flag Committee members would like to thank all students for their participation in the kindness initiative undertaken during student wellbeing week. The feedback from the student body was very positive and it underlines how much a kind word or act can mean to someone. The committee members also met with Shane Carthy on Monday 20th January 2020, who congratulated them on their work and highlighted to them the value of Pieta House and the services it provides. Committee members: left back row; Emma Flynn, Niamh Battersby, Jake Farrell, Barry Kane, Emma Mather, Aibhe Cronin. Left front row: Anna Skelton, William Cronin Fleming, Jamie Fennelly, Luke Richardson, Amy Richardson, Suzanna Owczarek. Thanks to Ms Hanahoe for the info and photos, and to Ms McKenna who her assistance also. [#BeKind](#)



Senior Cycle Options Talk

On Monday 27th January 2020, TYs attended a presentation on senior cycle subject options. A teacher from each subject area presented information on each of the option subjects and gave some advice to help students so that they can make the right decisions. A parent/guardian meeting took place on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7pm in the GP. At ACS, students have lots of choice, so there are subjects and programmes to suit everyone. 5th year option forms are available and the deadline is early March. Thanks to Ms Rahilly and all the teachers who gave their time this morning. [#SubjectChoice](#)



LCVP Presentation

TY students attended a presentation on Monday 10th February 2020 on the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme - Link Modules. At ACS, students can do this programme along with their other LC subjects. It can be taken instead of a language or as an extra subject. The PowerPoint was emailed to all TY and 3rd year students. It was also covered at the Parent/Guardian Senior Cycle Options Meeting at 7pm in the GP this Wednesday 12th February 2020. 3rd Years will hear all about the LCVP in the first few days after midterm. There are 2 Link Modules in LCVP - Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education. 60% of the final mark is based on the portfolio, and 40% of final mark is based on the written exam. [#LCVP](#)

David Gough Talk

On Tuesday 11th February 2020, TYs and 5th year LCA Class Vincents attended a talk by David Gough. David is a teacher by profession, a GAA referee and a member of the LGBT community. As well as his story, David covered respect for all and positive mental health. The students were so attentive and respectful as always. We thank and commend David for his honest account. One of the most powerful speakers we have had in ACS. [#RespectForAll](#)

Breast Cancer Ireland Talk

Thanks to Kate Beggy, TY Journalist for this article on the Breast Cancer Awareness Talk for TY girls. On the 11th of February 2020, all TY girls got educated on breast cancer, and most importantly the signs and symptoms and how to check for it. The conversation in the room flowed openly and freely, and there was great interest among us as we listened to our Guest speaker Adrienne from Breast Cancer Ireland speak. She informed us that breast cancer in Ireland has an 85% cure rate, which is also growing in its number, as much more people are becoming aware of how to correctly check for it. The mood in the room while serious was not uncomfortable or fearful, just very concentrated on the important matter being discussed. We were told expressly not to worry, as the biggest risk to us for breast cancer is simply being female - something we cannot help and must enjoy all the great things about.



Thanks to Ms Beharic for organising this very informative talk for TY girls.

Written by Kate Beggy, TY Journalist

The boys will have a talk after midterm on cancer awareness.

Environmental Studies Class

Aoife Moggan joined our TY team on Wednesday 12th February 2020 for a crash course in running a fashion swop shop. Plans are shaping up for these Climate Ambassadors to take on [#fastfashion](#) [#sustainability](#)

Senior Cycle Options Evening

Thank you to those who attended our Senior Cycle Options Evening. All info is available through the school website in the Career Guidance section or has been emailed to students.

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Initiatives

January Words of the Month!

As part of the ACS Literacy Initiative, Ms Jacob assisted by TY Enterprise students, Niamh Battersby, Jack Dunne and Scott Sweeney promoted the Words of the Month for January and February 2020.

- **Appraise**- to assess the performance of someone or the value of something.
- **Infer**- to make an educated guess or deduce something; the reader or listener infers.
- **Imply**- to hint at something or communicate indirectly; the speaker or writer implies.

Inner City Helping Homeless

Well done to 6th year student Soroya Pirabazari who along with many TYs raised enough money to buy 250 foil blankets for the homeless in Dublin for the charity Inner City Helping Homeless. A wonderful cause.

WORDS OF THE MONTH



PenPal Letters

At TY assembly on Monday 6th January 2020 our TYs received their PenPal letters from our PenPal school [Holy Rosary College Mountbellew](#). In Life Skills class the letters of reply were started. Looking forward to continuing this link for the rest of the year. [#ArtOfLetterWriting](#) [#TY](#)



The Amber Flag Committee.

We are a cohort of senior and junior students in ACS who have regular meetings about how we can make our school community a more positive and inclusive space. To coincide with this week's student wellbeing week, we will be distributing positive post-it's that students have composed, we have created this display at reception and will make a daily kindness announcement over the PA system. Our message is to simply be kind to each other and ourselves.



Wheelchair Basketball

Well done to the TYs in Young Social Innovators who organised a staff v students wheelchair basketball match to raise money for the Irish Wheelchair Association on Friday 17th January 2020. Over €200 was raised. Big thank you to the Irish Wheelchair Association who came out and provided the wheelchairs and to all the staff and students who participated and donated. The final score came to 16-10 with the students winning. Thanks to Ms Jupe for all her work with the YSI groups. [#YSI](#) [#TY](#)



GAA Coaching Programme

Thanks to Martin Lynch GPO with Meath GAA for this photo of our TY GAA coaches and Senior Infants in Gaelscoil na Cille on Friday 17th January 2020. Another wonderful link with our community. [#GAA](#) [#TYcoaching](#)

TY Show Rehearsals

TY show rehearsals resumed on Thursday 23rd January 2020 with Grainne in the GP. Students were emailed the schedule of practices and the list of students in each group. Our TY show takes place on Thursday 26th March 2020 with a matinee and evening show in the Sports Hall. [#TYshow](#)

Climate Ambassadors Meeting

Thanks to TY student Leah Duffy for this article on the Climate Ambassadors

Our school's 2 new Climate Ambassadors, Aoife Byrne and Neil Finnegan, met with a group of fellow TY students on Thursday the 23rd of January 2020. The group brainstormed goals they had and events they could organise before the end of the year. [The Climate Ambassador Programme](#) is a programme that allows young people to promote climate action and make positive changes in their community. The meeting was incredibly interesting with every student fully engaged and offering great ideas. Aoife and Neil will continue to meet with this group of students, nick-named the Cli-Mates, once a week for the rest of the year. A big thanks to Ms. Hughes for allowing the students to use her classroom and for all her continued hard work with the Climate Ambassadors. Expect to see exciting work from Aoife and Neil in the coming months, and remember you are never too small to make a difference.

Written by Leah Duffy, TY Journalist



**TY Show
Rehearsals**



Green Schools

Thanks to TY Journalist Neil Finnegan for this article on the [Green-Schools](#) Conference. On the 30th of January 2020, this year's Climate Ambassadors, Aoife Byrne and I, attended a Green Schools Conference in the Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire, where last year's ACS Climate Ambassadors presented. Alice McGrath, Faramade Owoade and Jessie Huang, the Climate Ambassadors for ACS for 2019 have done tremendous work. They were speaking at the conference about the tasks they've carried out and how primary school students can make positive changes to better the environment. Also speaking at the conference were the students of Glor Na Mara, a primary school in Tramore. They have carried out a range of tasks for the sake of the environment in their community. It was so inspiring to see how much primary school students care for the environment, and everyone left feeling relieved, inspired and content.

Written by Neil Finnegan, TY Journalist

Climate Ambassadors

Thanks to TY Journalist Neil Finnegan for this article on the [The Climate Ambassador Programme](#) Training Day.

On Friday, 31st of January 2020, this year's Climate Ambassadors, Aoife Byrne and I, attended a training day in Dublin's Ashling Hotel. We were 2 of 50 Climate Ambassadors in-training present, and we learned all that we need to know in order to achieve the actions they want to carry out. We got the opportunity to meet the other ambassadors and felt encouraged to see the diverse mix of people from all areas and of all ages. We feel prepared and enthusiastic for the coming months and are working on various projects to carry out. Thanks to Ms Hughes for all her work with us and all "green" projects in ACS. We look forward to starting our journey.

Written by Neil Finnegan, TY Journalist and Climate Ambassador

PTA Bag Pack Dunnes

On Thursday 13th February 2020, over 30 TY students helped at a bag pack in Dunnes Ashbourne organised by the PTA. Thanks so much to all who supported. Thanks to all the TY students who volunteered across the day.



Irish Heart Foundation Bag Pack

A team effort with TYs and 5th year students who helped out at the [Irish Heart Foundation](#) Bag Pack in Dunnes Ashbourne on Friday 14th February 2020. Thanks to Luke, Samuel, Colin, Scott, James, Caolan, Jack and Alex. Missing from the photo is Princess who also helped out. Many thanks to all who supported. [#volunteering](#)



Safer Internet Week 2020

From Monday 10th February 2020, for the week, we ran a Safer Internet Week. Our TY Digital Leaders Group created PowerPoint slides of advice for effective and safe use of the internet. There is lots of information and advice on [Webwise Ireland](#) for both students, parents and teachers. The theme of the 2020 Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February 2020, was "Together for a Better Internet".

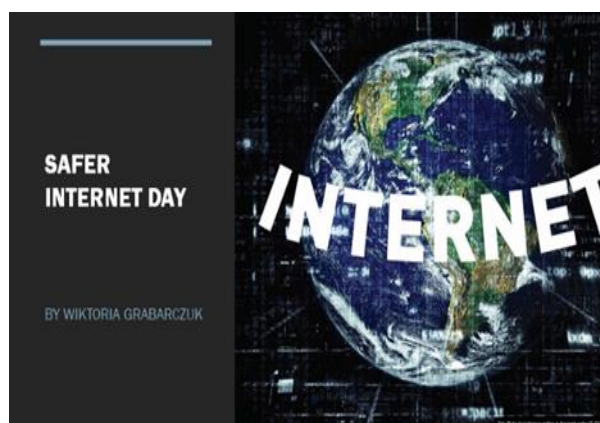
[#StaySafeOnTheInternet](#)



Safer Internet Week Tips Day 1

Thanks to Wiktoria Grabarczuk, TY student and Digital Leader for these tips on internet safety based on the sharing of pictures online.

[#SaferInternetWeek](#)



TIP FOR STAYING SAFE ON THE INTERNET - SHARING PICTURES



Be careful of what pictures you're posting online as it can be shared to millions of people within seconds, you don't have control over them after that.



The pictures can't be removed from the internet.

TIP FOR STAYING SAFE ON THE INTERNET - SHARING PICTURES

- Think of the consequences the picture you're posting might cause. Will it impact your future? Will it hurt someone? Will it affect your safety?
- Make sure the picture doesn't contain hurtful imagery, your address or anything that might reveal something you don't want to share with strangers online.



Safer Internet Week Tips Day 2

Tuesday 11th February 2020 is Safer Internet Day
Thanks to Jake Farrell, TY student and Digital Leader for these tips on internet safety based on respect, kindness and privacy online.

[#SaferInternetWeek](#)



Safer Internet Week Tips Day 3

Thanks to Adam Power, TY student and Digital Leader for these tips on internet safety based on password security.

[#SaferInternetWeek](#)

Safer Internet Week Tips Day 4

Thanks to Ben Mather, TY student and Digital Leader for these tips on internet safety based on cyber bullying.

[#SaferInternetWeek](#)

A big thanks to Wiktorja, Jake, Adam and Ben for their advice for Safer Internet Week in their role as Digital Leaders in ACS.

KEEPING YOUR INFORMATION PRIVATE



- Make sure that your account settings are set to private and not public.
- Don't give out your information to anyone online.
- Once you post/comment something online, it is online forever and can be found.
- Be cautious when websites are asking for your personal information to create accounts with them.

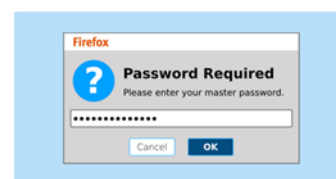
BEING KIND & RESPECTFUL ONLINE



- Always be respectful of others online.
- Be careful what you say online, think about how you would feel if you received the message.
- If you spot anybody being bullied online, make sure to report it to the website/app's moderators.
- Don't like, comment, or spread negativity that you may come across online.

PASSWORDS

- Remember passwords provides protection for everything so don't share your password with anyone



TIPS TO BETTER PASSWORD SECURITY

- Make sure you use different passwords for each of your accounts.
- Be sure no one watches when you enter your password.
- Always log off if you leave your device and anyone is around, it only takes a moment for someone to steal or change the password.
- Include numbers, symbols, and uppercase and lowercase letters



Cyber Bullying

Safer Internet Week



What is cyberbullying?

- Cyber bullying involves unwanted messages, images, audio or video sent by electronic means to threaten, abuse or harm someone.
- It's like physical or verbal bullying but uses technology instead.



How to Stop Cyber Bullying

- Restrict your privacy settings to 'friends only'.
- Learn how to block and report other profiles.
- Be kind to other people online.
- Don't send a message to someone else when you're angry.
- Don't reply to the messages.
- Save the evidence, take a screenshot or print.
- If you hear about someone being bullied online or if you are being bullied talk to an adult you trust.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Senior Girls Soccer

Our ladies senior soccer team played out a thrilling 1-1 draw with Balbriggan on Wednesday 8th January 2020. They created many chances and took a deserved lead midway through the first half. Unfortunately, they were unable to extend the lead when Balbriggan equalised in the second half. ACS continued to have goal scoring opportunities and looked to have a perfectly good goal disallowed. It was a magnificent match with wonderful football played by both teams. Many of these girls are in their final year now and this group have done the school proud by reaching a Leinster Final, 2 Leinster Semi Finals and a Leinster Quarter Final in their time playing with ACS.



Senior Boys Soccer

Well done to our Senior Soccer team who reached the Metropolitan West final with a 4-1 win over Colaiste Cois Life on Tuesday 14th January 2020. Goals from Aaron Power x2, Sam O'Brien and Sean O'Donoghue. This follows our U17s great 6-1 victor on the previous day in the Leinster Shield. Thanks to [Ashbourne United F.C.](#) for use of their facilities.



Debating News

From 2 debates on Tuesday 21st January 2020 against Scoil Mhuire Trim, and Tuesday 10th December 2019 against Dunshaughlin Community College. On Tuesday 21st January 2020, Kate Beggy was the Captain and Neil Finnegan, Olivia Murphy (all TY) and Barry Kane (5th) were on the team, proposing the motion that 'nuclear energy is essential to a clean energy future'. Princess Gabari (TY) was Chair and Lisa Golden (TY) was timekeeper.



On Tuesday 10th December 2019, Leah Duffy was Captain, with team members, Olivia Murphy, Tadhg White and Neil Finnegan (all TYs), opposing the motion 'volunteering abroad does more harm than good' in Dunshaughlin. Although our ACS team were not successful in these hard-fought debates, the students put in a lot of work for these difficult motions. Lots of research is completed before the writing up the speech is required. The confidence the students have shown has been super - having to get up in front of strangers! We commend them and their mentors, Ms Leyden and Ms Pike.

[#debating](#) [#LifeSkills](#)

Senior Girls GAA

Huge congratulations to our Ladies Senior Football team on getting through to the Leinster Semi-final on Friday 24th January 2020. They beat Mountrath CS of Laois on a very good score line of 7-12 to 1-4.

Bank of Ireland Money Smarts Business Quiz

Huge congrats to our TY team in the Regional Final of the Bank of Ireland Money Smarts Business competition in Navan on Monday 27th January 2020. TY students, Caolan Kearney, Emma Donovan, Éabha Delany, and Leah Duffy finished 4th out of 53 teams! Great achievement. Well done to 5th years, Matthew Dunne, Nicole De Vries, James Coleman, Aaron McGuirk, Muireann Donnelly, Sam Murphy, Kayleigh Roche-Grehan and Anna Secka who also represented ACS. Thanks to Mr Newman for the photos and info. [#business](#)

Senior Boys Soccer

Well done to our Senior Soccer team who are Metropolitan West champions after a 3-0 win against Beneavin Finglas in the final on Wednesday 29th January 2020. The lads will now compete in the Leinster Quarter Final after midterm.



ACS Variety Show

Date for your diary: The annual ACS Variety Show will take place in the GP on Thursday 7th May 2020. Time for interested students to start thinking about a piece or song that you might like to perform. We welcome groups, singers, songwriters, bands, comedians, rappers, dance acts, beatboxers, etc. etc., all are welcome to audition. Auditions will take a place a few weeks. Please see Mr O'Donnell in the Music Room if you have any questions. [#talent](#)



What an eventful January and February, we had in TY in ACS! We have had lots of opportunities and we hope this gives you a flavour of them. We look forward to an educational and fun filled Spring term. We have attempted to include as much as we can in this Winter Edition of the TY Bulletin for 2019. There is a lot more going on in TY inside and outside our classrooms which we will let you know in final few issues. We hope that we have given a flavour of life as a TY student in ACS. The Bulletin Team from the TY Enterprise class welcome feedback and input for future bulletins.

Thank you,

Niamh Battersby, Jack Dunne and Scott Sweeney

