

TY Sports Overview 2017-18

Just a flavour of some of the sports in TY

Boys 17's Soccer

The boys have been proving themselves to be an excellent footballing team to date. With a penalty shootout win against a very strong St. Fintan's side, they were through to the North Metropolitan Cup Final, which will hopefully be played soon. Unfortunately, after coming so close to another final, we got knocked out of the North Leinster Schools Football Competition. We won all our games early on, but eventually our winning streak came to an end, when we were up against a fierce talented Salesian's School. With some lads injured and other lads away for games, this team could be deadly on its day with a fully fit squad. No doubt the lads will go on and take home the trophy in the final. One more win and we're through to the Leinster Champions League.

Unfortunately, after coming so close to another final, we got knocked out of the North Leinster Schools Football Competition. Winning streaks are great when they last. Sadly, we ended our victory run. It was very sad when we got knocked out. A 2-0 loss to a Salesian's School team left the boys heartbroken. Unfortunately, this team has lads with little injuries or illnesses lately, but even at that, we're winning. Imagine how dangerous we could be with a 20-man-panel. Good luck boys, please take home the trophy. One more win and we're battling it out in the Leinster Champions League. We're doing brilliantly. Keep pushing it lads. A huge thanks to Mr. Leahy for all his help this year to date.

Boys 19's Soccer

With the 4 TY lads doing the Sports Leadership Course on the same day as the vital match, unfortunately we were short of players and lost 3-2. We got knocked out early on, but next year, we will bounce back. Thanks to Mr. Cullen and Mr. Roberts for your time. Some great football has been played this year. Well done boys.

Boys TY 11-a-Side Football League

Trials soon. The FAI are launching a new competition for up to 16 Irish schools. ACS are going in it to win it. Mr. Leahy is to thank for arranging this competition for our school.

Boys Under 16's GAA

Unbeaten. Yes, that's right, we are #Unbeatable. The 16's lads have won every game they've played so far this year. Fair play to Mr. McIvor and Mr. Deasy for the fitness and strength work and the football-packed trainings. It looks like it's paying off. On Tuesday 23rd January, we played at Dunganny aiming to beat a Ballymahon side. Unfortunately, Ballymahon beat us... After having such a great year, it sadly ended. The tough semi-final knockout we had to face will only make us more determined and more focused next year, as this team has potential. Brilliant year though boys, that's all for now folks!

Boys Senior GAA

3 of our TYs, Conor Harford, Killian Hogan and David Carr have been playing with the older lads and have been coming out of all the important games with wins. Mr. Finnegan and Mr. Gibney are devoting plenty of their own time to the team, with lots of training sessions and team meetings being held, it looks like this could be a massive year for ACS football. It's only 4 games away to an all-Ireland final, which would be played in Croke Park! We also have the league (North-Leinster) to play for. Well done lads keep it up.

Boys Senior Golf Team

Well done to Simon Purcell and Stephan Campbell, who were playing on the school's senior golf team. These 2 TY students have been practicing golf all year round and it's paying off. In the last 16 of the Leinster GUI Schools Golf Tournament, ACS beat Coláiste na hInse by 1 hole. A very tight game it was, but a well-deserved win. The quarter finals will be held in Ashbourne Golf Club, where ACS will be playing against St. Gerrard's of Bray. All the best lads, no doubt you'll smash it.

Boys Junior Rugby

Huge congratulations to the lads that are involved in the Junior Rugby Team, who came out on top against St Joseph's CBS of Drogheda. The game that was played on the 19th of December ended with a score line of 29 – 17. There are plenty of TYs involved with this team, with the likes of Ethan Tormey, Darragh O'Brien and Seán Murray scoring tries for the team, while being coached by lads such as Samuel Casey, Michael Morgan, and Eoghan Murphy, who unfortunately are slightly too old to be playing. Speaking of rugby, a massive fair play to the 4 TY students who spent a whole day in January, down at the local rugby club, refereeing primary school's tag rugby matches. From what we've been told from our sources, you rugby lads are flying. Well done.

Girls Senior GAA

We were very unlucky to have been knocked out quite early this year, after being thrown up against extremely strong sides. However, there is a chance there may be a blitz coming up soon for the ladies. Although we didn't take home any medals, a great and fun year of football was had by all our senior girls and well done! There is potential there. Thanks to the 2 teachers for your time.

Girls Junior GAA

Sadly, that could be it for the Junior ACS Girls team, for this year anyways. After winning some and losing some, we just didn't get anywhere this year which is unfortunate as we had a magnificent side. The training sessions were great, so we'd like to commend Mr. Howlin and Ms. Tighe and their TY helpers again. Next year will be our year. The girls will keep training with their clubs, and we will hopefully bounce back next Autumn.

Girls Soccer

Match Reports written by our TY Commentators, Roisín Dignam, Amy O'Brien, Ciara Murray and David Carr.

Ashbourne Vs Trim

- Amy O'Brien skills her way up to the box, passes it in and Niamh Mulvany scores in the 13th minute.
- In the 58th minute Trim scored.
- Marie Heffernan passes the ball at the halfway line just as the clock hits the 75th minute and Amy O'Brien runs through and scores a stunning goal!!!!!!
- The management was great by the TYs, Adam Poole and David Carr.

Ashbourne Vs Naas

- Maebh Browne scored our first goal. #Amazing.
- Amy O'Brien scored our second fantastic goal, crossed in by Niamh Mulvany.
- Amy O'Brien scored another! Stunning strike-back of the net.
- Superb team goal scored by Amy O'Brien, with a great assist from Marie Heffernan.
- Great goal by Amy O'Brien. Putting the icing on the cake with her hat trick, can you believe it? Four goals, one player, incredible.
- Niamh Mulvany put the cherry on top with another score.

Girls Volleyball (TYs and 3rd years)

A huge achievement for girls' volleyball in ACS was earned on the 17th November 2017 when our ladies brought home the trophy in a blitz style tournament held in Trinity's grounds. What a great feeling to have come 1st on the day and what an amazing display of teamwork, skills and intelligence. Smiles all round! Wow, well done girls and fair play to Ms. Mc Loughlin.

TY Mini Companies

A massive shout out to 4Sport who sold customised GAA gloves and GAA training jerseys a very competitive price, in all sizes and many colours! Luke Barrett, Kirsty Flynn and Sam Hendrick represented ACS in the Senior Category of the Student Enterprise Awards in the Knightsbrook Hotel in Trim in March 2018.

Boys Bootcamp –30th January 2018

The TY lads are all feeling very fit and active after a long, tough but enjoyable day with Celtic Adventures. The day took place in the newly refurbished Ashbourne Community Centre Hall. Press ups, planks, running..... this bootcamp had it all. After the physical side of things was completed, the boys faced some team-building, mentally challenging games. We were all smiling and laughing and at the end of the day, that is what is important. Thanks to the school, Ms. Mathews and Ms. Murphy in particular, for organising this event for us. The girls attended the iWish Conference on the same day.

Sports Leadership Course

ACS have 20 new sports leaders. The 10 boys and 10 girls from TY completed the programme in December. Although most of us were already captains and leaders before TY, this year and this course really helped us in our communication skills and confidence. We are all aware of the organisation, commitment, and discipline that goes into sport. The course was fantastic, and the 20 students got on well with the great teacher. We appreciate your tips and we learned so much in these 4 days. Well done to all involved, and a big thank you to Ms. Tighe and all the staff involved in running this course for us this year!

Sports-related work experience

GAA (Both Hurling and Gaelic football)

Thanks to Donaghmore/Ashbourne, Martin Lynch and Maura Roche, for offering our TY students the chance to teach St. Mary's National School how to play both hurling and Gaelic football. The girls also learned how to play camogie. To date, a number of our TYs have been involved in the coaching programme. At the moment, Eoin Breathnach and Lara Gough are in with the young hurlers. This programme is great, as it is promoting both sports and it is encouraging kids to join a community team. Sport is very important, so we're aiming to host an enjoyable training session each week, to take the children on board and to improve their knowledge of each game. Well done to all TYs involved in this coaching/development programme.

Kick Start Programme

14 of our TY students, have been training with the FAI (Football Association of Ireland) since the start of the year, completing courses such as the Kick Start 1 course and the Safeguarding 1 course. They have been specifically Garda vetted for this and learned a lot while doing the Child Protection course. Since Christmas, we have been coaching kids in Gaelscoil na Cille, St. Declan's and St. Mary's. We're dealing with 5th class and 6th class students, from each school, so this makes it more challenging for us to come up with suitable drills and methods to explain our thoughts and ideas. Some are obviously very into the sport, while others are kicking a football for the first time in their lives. It's going great and we'd love to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Leahy and Dónal Murphy, for organising this whole programme for us. Also, fair play to John Broughan and Graham, who are 2 very qualified coaches, who watch us teaching the students and who teach us how to do things better. While the kids are learning, so are we! Well done to the 7 boys and 7 girls involved.