

>>> Monthly Newsletter

TRANSITION
YEAR
SEPTEMBER
2018

The first month of Transition Year 2018-2019 has reached a conclusion and it has been busy!! The girls have settled in so well and the feedback from both student and parent alike has been so positive! Here are just a few of the highlights!

- Junior Cert results were celebrated!
- Activities on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons up and running successfully – girls have been kayaking, climbing, adventure rooming, foresting, dancing and fencing!
- Carlingford conquered! There was a fabulous ‘gun-ho’ approach taken by the girls winning praise from the supervisors.
- 10 students successfully completed a hockey training skills camp
- Our 4 foreign students (3 Spanish and 1 German) are claiming their grasp of English has gone from strength to strength and that they feel so welcomed by all the girls.
- New subjects like *mind gym, philosophy, ethics, personal development, social studies, classics* etc are being embraced with enthusiasm.
- The project classes are in full swing planning and organising their personal objectives.
- ‘*Singing in the Rain*’ is progressing nicely and lines/songs being learned furiously.
- A very positive and informative meeting with parents of TY happened on Monday 24th 2018 where all issues were discussed relating to work experience etc
- All TY students attended a Zeeko Internet Safety talk on how to be safe on-line.
- An Gaisce is now ready to get up and running and PALs are being allocated ready to launch in October.
- The Mentoring System has officially been launched and all the TY mentors will be meeting their mentees over the coming few days for their first ‘chat’.
- The ‘Reach’ programme for work experience has been launched - and each TY student received their individual ‘Reach’ book.
- AIB financial wellness is up and running and the school bank – to be monitored and run by the TYs – is nearly ready to go and interviews for positions in the bank have been ongoing.
- Trips to France, Austria, Italy and Greece are busily being organised and there has been a huge interest in travelling abroad.

I have not even mentioned our core academic subjects – like the new maths on-line initiative - which are being concentrated on with great preparation in mind for leaving cert.

It has been a busy month. Here’s to October!!

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