



September



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NEWSLETTER**

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1 Surfing at Inch Beach

ISK Transition Year students recently enjoyed a fantastic day out at Inch Beach, packed with activities, laughter and plenty of fun. From surfing to litter picking and a variety of games, there was something for everyone to get involved in. One of the highlights of the day was surfing. Getting into the wetsuits, however, was a challenge in itself! They were certainly not the easiest things to get on, but once everyone was suited up, we were ready to hit the waves and give surfing a go.

We also took part in a litter-picking activity, helping to keep the beautiful beach clean while doing their bit for the environment. There was also plenty of time for games and other activities, which kept everyone entertained throughout the day.

Of course, there were a few minor mishaps, with one or two students getting slightly injured. Thankfully, nothing serious happened, and it certainly didn't stop anyone from getting involved and enjoying the rest of the day.

After all the activities, everyone was more than ready for some food. The pizzas at the end of the day were the perfect way to finish things off - definitely the cherry on the cake after an action-packed day!

Overall, it was a brilliant day filled with new experiences, teamwork and plenty of memories that will last long after the sand has been washed out of everyone's clothes!





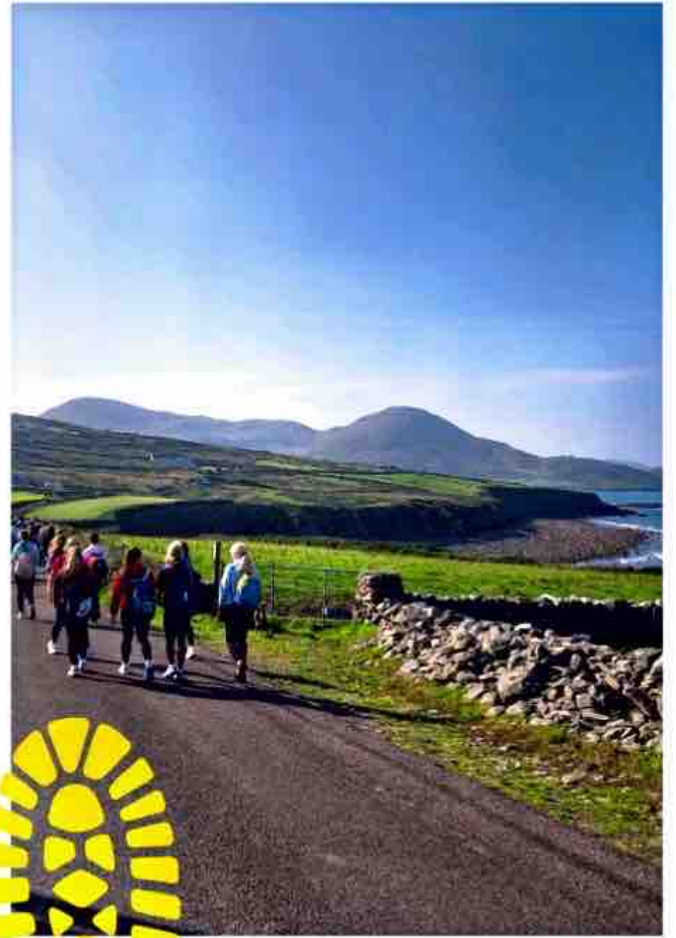
2 Walking the Kerry Way



The Kerry way walk took Place on Friday 11th September with buses departing the school at 9am. The students took on a 14 kilometer walk from beginning at Hogs Head in Waterville and finishing at Derrynane house, the birthplace of famous politician Daniel O Connell.

Fortunately, the weather for the walk was Sunny and it made it a very enjoyable experience for all. Along the way, students were provided with excellent views of the Derrynane Bay and surrounding Caherdaniel area. When students arrived at Derrynane house, food was provided as they prepared for the walk back towards the buses in Waterville

Tony Griffin



3: The Ploughing Championships



On Tuesday, our school headed off to the National Ploughing Championships for a brilliant day out. It was a very early start, as we had to be at school at 5:20 in the morning! Even though it was early, everyone was in good spirits and the bus journey was full of music, chats and plenty of laughs.

It was a long journey up, but we eventually arrived at around 10:30am. There was so much to see and do at the Ploughing Championships, with huge crowds, farming machinery, competitions, food stalls, shops and lots of different stands. There was a great atmosphere throughout the day, and it was interesting to see just how big the event was.

Fionan Sexton





Of course, one of the highlights for many of us was the shopping! There were plenty of stalls to choose from, and lots of us came home with new jerseys and other souvenirs.

We left at around 2:30pm and started the long journey home. Once again, the music was playing on the bus, which made the trip much more enjoyable. After a long but very enjoyable day, we finally arrived home at around 7:30pm.

Overall, it was a fantastic school trip and a great experience. Despite the very early start and the long journey, we had a brilliant time at the Ploughing Championships and made plenty of memories along the way.

Fionan Sexton



Dáil
Éireann





Yesterday we went to Dublin to visit Dáil Éireann and Leinster House. We were invited by TD Michael Cahill.

We got the train up in the morning. When we arrived at Leinster House, we were brought on a tour of the building and the grounds. After that we got to sit in on the Dáil while it was sitting, which was really interesting because we got to see the TDs debating in real life. We also got to visit the Seanad.

We met TD Pá Dáil as well. Everyone was very welcoming to us.

After the tour we went into the city centre and had some time to go shopping. Then we got the bus around the city before getting the train back home.

It was a long day but we all really enjoyed it. We would like to say a big thank you to TD Michael Cahill for inviting us and looking after us on the day.

5: Interview Workshops

Mary Lucey Interview Workshop

In our workshop with Mary Lucey, she told us on how to prepare a CV, giving detailed notes on what to include and not to include, such as education, personal summary, contact information, being both an email and phone number, and how to poise a cv to the employer's interests, depending on the job.

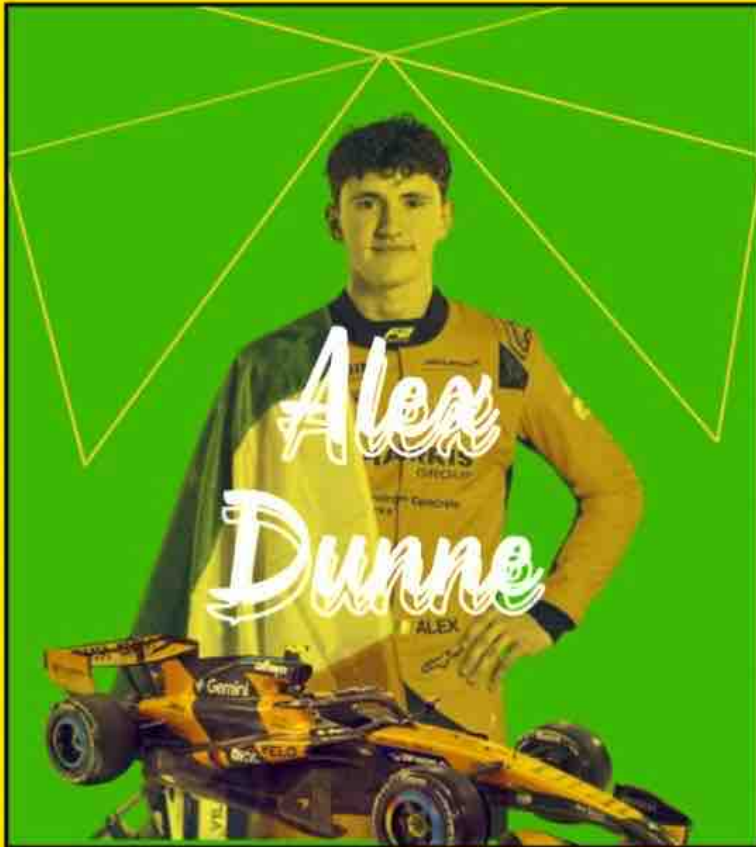


Mary Lucey also said taught us about dressware, and when to arrive for an interview. We also learned how to act in an interview and among other things. She also gave us information on how to budget when given a salary or a paycheck. Overall it was very beneficial.

Aaron O'Shea

6: CONTENT CREATION

In our Content Creation class we are experimenting with Canva, learning how to make graphics for Social Media.



GRAPHIC OF ALEX DUNNE - PETER FOLEY

So far, we made posters showcasing our favourite celebrities or sports stars, as well as social media posts about cafe menu options.

GRAPHIC OF MICHAEL SCHUMACHER - TONY GRIFFIN

**TO FINISH FIRST.
FIRST YOU MUST FINISH.**
Michael Schumacher



7: RDI Climate Event



8: Teen WellFest

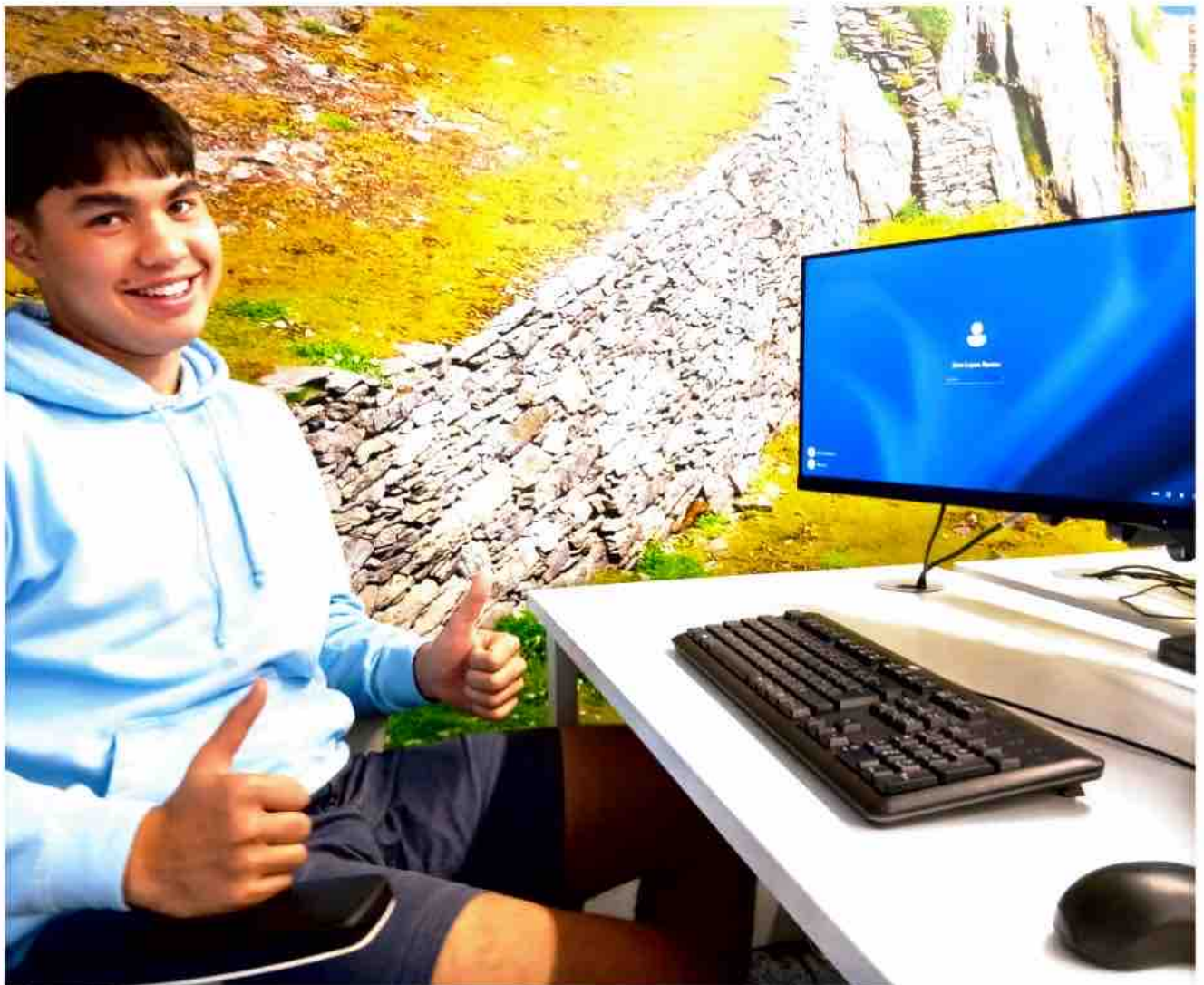
Teen WellFest 2026 took place on 18 September, and by the time we arrived the place was already buzzing with Transition Years from schools all over. The event was run by TeenZone as part of the Cromane Seafest weekend, and you could tell the organisers had thought about what teenagers actually need!

The whole idea was simple: put the phone away, try something new, and learn a few ways to look after yourself. It was an absolute blast.



9: Apprenticeship Taster Week







The taster week was a great way to experience new careers. There were week-long courses on careers in Computer Networks, Coding & AI and A Career in Media Production. There was a large plethora of different subjects all of which were given a day. The courses started at half 9 and ended at half 2. The courses were very educational and very interesting as we were shown how computers work and how camera angles and lighting are set up. On the last day of the courses, we were given free rulers and listened to people talking about the advantages of apprenticeships and two people came in from Bord Gais and explained that Kerry college offers unique courses not available anywhere else in Ireland we were given logbooks that we can show to future employers so they know that we have an introduction to the subject. It was a very exciting week and I would recommend it to anyone considering joining transition year.

Rian Foley

10: ISK

Reading Corner

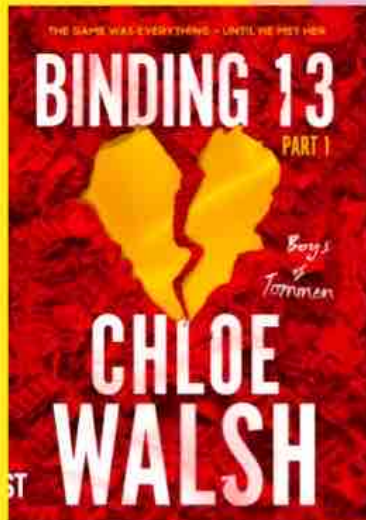
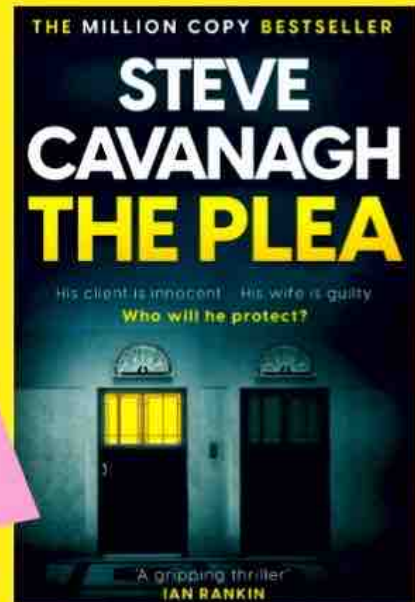
Name: Cora O Sullivan TY2
 Title of your book: The Plea by Steve Cavanagh.

An ex con-man, now lawyer, must save his wife from a life sentence in jail by working against one of the biggest law firms in Manhattan.

I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys fast-paced legal thrillers full of dark turns and sudden realizations. I definitely recommend this to someone with lots of time on their hands, as you won't be able to put it down.

The thing that stood out to me the most about this book is the recurring references to Ireland. Although the novel is set in New York, many of the characters have Irish heritage and it really adds a unique connection and relatability with the reader.

I give it 5 stars out of 5.



Name: Caoimhe Russell TY2

Title of your book: Binding 13 by Chloe Walsh

A teenage romance novel following the lives of Johnny a rugby player overcoming a recent injury, and Shannon who has endured severe bullying and has an abusive home life.

I would recommend this book to readers in their late teens as it does deal with mature and sensitive themes.

This book stood out to me as it is not your typical romance novel and delves deep into the main characters thoughts and emotions throughout the novel.

3.5/5 stars

Name: Adam O Sullivan TY5

Title: Then She Was Gone, by Lisa Jewell

My book in one sentence: A mother strives to search for her (supposedly) missing daughter.

What stood out to me about this book: The dark yet uplifting message by the end; it makes you feel.

Who should read the book: Anyone over 14.

5 star rating: 4.5



Next month:

October

