### TY Newsletter

#### **November Edition**

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#### Introduction

November was a fantastic month filled with new experiences and fun-the first month of the year in which our TY students were sent out into the real world to complete a little thing we call ...work experience. This gave students the chance to explore their interests. Some students went to two work experiences, one for each week, while others remained at the same pace for the two weeks. Whether it was in an office, cafe or an old primary school, the overall impression of work experience from the TYs was highly positive. Here is a taster of what some of our students thought!

## **Work Experience:**

"For my two weeks of work experience I went to a Real Estate Agency in Clontarf called Grimes. I learned how Real Estate works and got to visit some houses which was really interesting. In my second week, I went to Raheny vets and got to see what a vets daily job is like. I watched things like surgical prep, operations and X-rays. Since I'm really interested in becoming a vet, it was really helpful and enjoyable. Overall, I had a great time and learned a lot from both places" Lily O'carrol 4I

"I did my work experience in a local Cafe and Maternity Hospital, I enjoyed the first week as it was a really educational experience. I loved the second week because it really helped me get a feel for possible careers I would like to do in the future" Laurie Casey 4L

"For my first week of work experience, I worked in a Property Management and Facilities company called AraMark. It was very interesting and I learned a lot of new things from many different professionals in that field. For my second week, I worked in Oxfam, which is a charity shop on Georges street. While I was there, I was taught lots of new skills and it was very engaging and fun" Adam Baxter 4U

"In the first week, I was in the Criminal courts and we just got to sit into loads of different cases and see what is like to be a barrister. It was interesting but also like really boring" Emmet Donohue 4D

"For my two weeks of work experience, I went to Trinity and the Matter Private Hospital. During my week at Trinity, I helped with paperwork, I made tea and coffee and learned loads about what it's like to work in Trinity. During my week in the Matter Private, I helped members of the public sign into their appointments, and I learned about MRI scans and CT scans" Emma Engelstad 4I

"I was doing my work experience in Auto-Maintenance Ltd. I spent most of my time shadowing my boss Kieran and fixing some cars on my own. I fixed an Alpha Romeo Sprint and Alpha Romeo Guilia and a Fiat 500. Overall, I really enjoyed my work experience and I feel I learned a lot" Adam Byrne 4U

"For my first week I worked in SK Biotech. I loved working in all the different departments and seeing how all the jobs work to make medicine. For my second week, I worked in a primary school with mainly junior infants but I also worked in several other classes as an SNA. I found it fun to see how schools work behind the scenes" Millie Dyson 4B

# Architect in schools programme.

This month, a group of TY students have been getting together every Wednesday to work with an architect Muhammud Achour as part of the architect in schools programme. One of the students involved had the following to share....

"Every Wednesday from 9 until 1, we have a workshop where a qualified architect comes in to teach us about what it's like to work in architecture. We are designing a site in Clontarf, and each of us has to come up with our own ideas for it. We then present our designs to the architect and to a local councillor, Donna Cooney, who gives us feedback and guidance. It's been helpful for understanding how real projects are developed and too see how real architects work."

This workshop is extremely helpful to these students who are interested in making it into their future career. It is to me, what TY is all about.

## **Mount Temple Careers Night**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, the annual Mount Temple career night was open to all tys, fifth and sixth years. This was not a compulsory event, but many TYs were seen taking a peek into what their future career could be. In each classroom in the main building of the school, there were different career sections representing fields like computer science, nursing, engineering, the arts and so much more. There were also people who work in these fields talking to students that walked into the classroom. This gave TYs the opportunity to ask the professionals questions on what they would need to do to get into that profession. Leaving cert subjects and points as well as salary's were very commonly asked. Mount Temple opening the careers fair to TY students gave them an amazing opportunity to start thinking about their future career, as well as getting inspiration for future work experience.

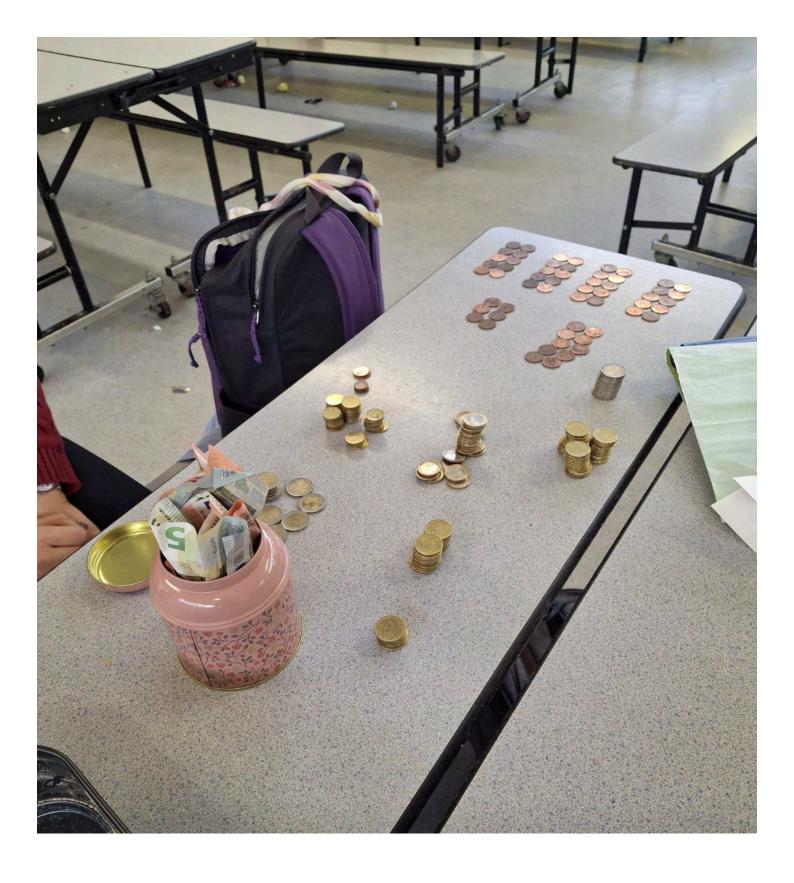
#### **Doctors Without Borders Bakesale**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of November a group of TY students set up a bake sale at lunchtime, raising money for a cause called "Doctors Without Borders". MSF is a nonprofit organisation who have been raising money since 1971. Students Emma Fennely, Julia Joyce, Siofra Costello, Zoe Haslam, Vannesa Darby and Roisin Griffith did an incredible job with the bake sale raising hundreds of money for this urgent cause.









# **Zeeko Workshop**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, out TY students were put into groups and took an hour long workshop with the company Zeeko. Zeeko is an Irish founded company which travels to schools across the country, and gives workshops to teach young people the

importance of internet safety. Amanda's talk focused on many different aspects of Internet Safety like catfishing, comparison and addiction. It was eye opening for many of our students and a further reminder of the danger that can involve in owning a mobile phone. We thank Amanda and all who was involved in making this workshop happen.

### Musical rehearsal progress

We are almost two months into our rehearsals of "The Addams Family", this years TY musical. So far, we have made it through act one, learning new songs and dances every chance we can get. During December, there will be some all-day intensive rehearsals, which are being looked forward to by the cast. All students who did not choose to do the musical, are now being taught to work the lights, sound and props, to make this musical even more spectacular. It is getting closer to the show in January, and we cannot wait to show the teachers, staff and our families what we have been getting up to!











#### **New modules**

In November, it is the start of the next eight week rotation of subjects. All students are now getting to experience more new subjects, some of which they have never tried before.

"I like mentoring because it has taught loads about teamwork, confidence and morals" Priya Hobson

This is what Mr Bunting, an art teacher who teaches Transition year had to say....

"Street Art is a great artistic module to work on in TY as anybody can give it a go (whether you have done art for Junior Cert or not). Street art is also the most democratic art form in existence as you don't need to visit an art gallery to see it, so every pupil who creates a stencil or mural in the outside space gets a chance to display their creative work to a multitude of people every day. This realisation can lead to students really embracing the module as there is a great deal of fun in getting the chance to exhibit your imaginings to the unsuspecting public, whether they like it or not!"

Other subjects in this module include Korean, Japanese, Applied Maths, Physics and Mentoring.

#### Carol service rehearsals

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, Mount Temples annual carol service will take place. Many of our TY year group are attending and it is the highlight of the year for our music students. Senior rehearsals have been going on at lunch time on Mondays and Thursday's and the TYs involved are very excited for the big night.



# Press pack update

As I have mentioned in the first Newsletter, our TY all girl press pack has been photographing many of the schools matches through this year. It is admiring to see their dedication and heart going into their work. Congrats to all the girls and keep up the good work!









#### **Outro**

Thank you so much for reading this month's newsletter. As you all know, Christmas is coming up, so you do not want to miss next months, happy December!!

