

TY Bulletin

Autumn 2019

TY Class Names 2019-20



Ash



Cherry



Oak



Rowan



Year Head: Ms Butterly: Programme Coordinator: Ms Mathews



TY Theme 2019-20

Our theme for TY 2019-20 is BE THE CHANGE. TYs are encouraged to be proactive and take responsibility in all areas of their lives, including in their homes, school, workplaces and community.

ACS 25 Years Educating in Ashbourne

Ashbourne Community School opened its doors 25 years ago. In the staffroom on Friday 6th September 2019, we celebrated a quarter of a century educating the youth of Ashbourne. Pictured are the first principal of ACS Mr. Ciaran Flynn with Mr. Pat O'Shea and Ms. Niamh Kelly who started as teachers in ACS when the school opened 25 years ago. Also pictured are Ms. Lisa Smith and Ms. Paula Heavey who were some of the first students when the school opened its doors.



Junior Certificate Results 2019

Congrats to all the students who received their JC results on Friday 4th October 2019.



First Day of TY

The first full day of TY 2019-20 began on Monday 2nd September 2019!



Work Placement

Thanks to all the employers, businesses and organisations who support our work placement programmes in ACS... we really appreciate it.

The students are lucky to have these experiences in the world of work.

[#SupportLocal](#) [#CommunityLinks](#)



25 Year Celebrations

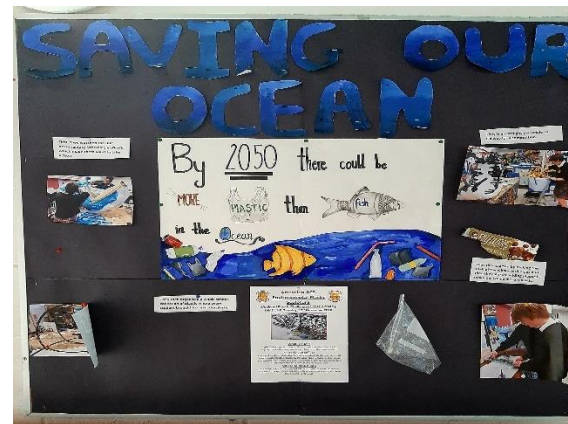
ACS – celebrating 25 years of secondary education in Ashbourne

[#WeAreACS](#) [#memories](#)



Noticeboards

One of the fabulous noticeboards created by Ms Hughes TY Science class. Our TY theme for 2019-20 is Be The Change. Be The Change can be applied to all areas of our lives, for students, staff and our community. [#BeTheChange](#)



Think voluntary for your work placement

A work placement helps shape young peoples' perceptions of the world of work and gain valuable personal skills. TY, LCA and LCVP students, including those doing Gaisce, interested in volunteering with @SVP_Ireland should call into their local Vincent's and chat with the manager about placements



TY Noticeboard

Our TY noticeboard in Red Area looks super. Thanks to TYs Niamh Battersby and Aibhe Cronin for their work on this.

[#busyTYs](#) [#ActiveLearning](#)



Key Dates Calendar Autumn 2019

August 2019

Monday 26th August 2019

- TY Induction 11.30 am-12.30 pm in GP

Wednesday 29th August 2019

- Deadline TY Option choices 3.00 pm

September 2019

Monday 2nd September 2019

- TYs commence timetable
- FAI Kick Start PDP (Player Development Plan) 1 Programme for primary school coaching (in school) – 29 TY students

Thursday 5th September 2019

- TY Class Photographs

Friday 6th September 2019

- TY Team Building Day, Causey Farm 8.10 am-1.00 pm

Monday 9th September 2019

- PALS (Positive and Assertive Life Skills) Workshop – facilitator Bee Flanagan – Ash and Cherry
- AWARE Beat the Blues Talk – facilitator Helen Chan – Rowan and Oak

Tuesday 10th September 2019

- AWARE Beat the Blues Talk in GP – facilitator Helen Chan – Cherry and Ash

Friday 13th September 2019

- TY Work Placement Workshop 10.25-11.45 am

Monday 16th September 2019

- PALS (Positive and Assertive Life Skills) Workshop – facilitator Bee Flanagan – Rowan and Oak

Wednesday 18th September 2019

- FAI Journalism Allan Williamson and Karl O'Kane (Journalist with The Star) 10.25-11.05 am – 4 TY students
- St. Andrew's Athletic Club Talk in GP 3.05 pm – speaker Michelle Girard

Friday 20th September 2019

- TY work placement commences

Monday 23rd September 2019

- Dublin Zoo Conservation Workshop 8.50 am-3.45 pm

Tuesday 24th September 2019

- FAI Safeguarding (10.00 am-1.00 pm) and Coaching (1.30-3.30 pm) at Ashbourne United – 29 TY students
- Eco-Unesco Science Workshop Ms Hughes Science Group 11.25 am-12.45 pm – facilitator Eimear Manning

Thursday 26th September 2019

- TY Show practice in GP, rotational – 40-minute slots

Friday 27th September 2019

- 5K Fun Run

TY Hoodies

Our 2019-20 TY hoodies arrived in September 2019. Wear with pride TYs. All 96 TYs will have TY hoodies this year. Thanks to TYs Niamh Battersby, Jack Dunne and Scott Sweeney for sorting out the TY hoodie order, ensuring all were accounted for and sorting them into classes.

[#TYacs](#) [#WearWithPride](#)



October 2019

Tuesday 1st October 2019

- Tidy Towns Mural Committee Meeting 11.25 am-12.05 pm – 6 TY students
- Young Entrepreneurs Workshop with Meath Local Enterprise Office 1.25-2.05 pm – small group of TY student

Thursday 3rd October 2019

- TY Show practice in GP, rotational – 40-minute slots

Monday-Friday 7th-13th October 2019

- Road Safety Week

Monday 7th October 2019

- Irish Society for Autism Talk in GP 8.50-10.10 am – speaker Denis Sexton
- Bank of Ireland School Bank Meeting 10.25-11.45 am in GP – TY Bank Team

Thursday 10th October 2019

- TY Show practice in GP, rotational – 40-minute slots
- Irish Society for Autism Rose Week Collection at Ashbourne Town Centre and High Street Mall 9.00 am-3.30 pm – 6-8 TY students rotational

Friday 11th October 2019

- Irish Society for Autism Rose Week 9.00 am-1.00 pm – 2 TY students

Tuesday 15th October 2019

- Green Schools Ireland's first ever Ocean Assembly 10.00 am-2.00 pm

Wednesday 16th October 2019

- TY Bank Team meeting with Matthew from Bank of Ireland – 2.50-3.45 pm

Thursday 17th October 2019

- TY Show practice in GP, rotational – 40-minute slots

Monday-Friday 21st-25th October 2019

- Financial Awareness Week

Monday 21st October 2019

- Digital Skills for the Elderly Week 1 with Third Age 10.25-11.45 am – 6 TY students

Tuesday 22nd October 2019

- Aviation Expo in Croke Park 9.30 am-12.30 pm – 9 TY students

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

- Dental Health Peer Ed Training Programme in Boardroom 10.25 am-1.05 pm – 8 TY students – facilitator Mary Carr HSE
- CPR Information Workshop in St Declan's National School 8.50 am-1.05 pm – 4 TY students

Thursday 24th October 2019

- 1st Year Table Quiz in aid of National Council for Blind Ireland in GP – 3 1st Year base classes (Blackwater, Foyle and Moy) from 11.45 am-1.05 pm and 3 base classes (Liffey, Nore and Shannon) from 1.45-3.05 pm
- PTA Bag Pack in Dunnes Ashbourne 9.30 am-9.00 pm – Class Oak and Ash – groups of 10 TY students for 2-hour slots

Trips

Causey Farm TY Team Building Day

Fantastic day was had at the TY team building day at Causey Farm on Friday 6th September 2019. Thanks to the TY tutor team of Ms Kavanagh, Mr Murphy, Mr Sheerin and Ms Vipond for accompanying the students. Well done TYs!

[#GreatStartToTY](#) [#FunOnTheFarm](#) [#TeamTY](#)



Dublin Zoo Conservation Workshops

Our TY students had a wonderful time at Dublin Zoo on Monday 23rd September 2019. The students took part in an animal conservation workshop, where they discussed the threats faced by animals in the wild, from poaching to climate change, as well as learning about the measures taken to conserve and help these animals. They also learned about the lengths the zoo goes to in order to make the animals feel at home in replicas of their own habitats. The TYs were allocated time after the workshop to look around the zoo with their friends.

Written by Neil Finnegan (TY Journalist)





Irish Aviation Students Association Career Expo

A big thanks to our past pupil Saoirse Kearney, Student Engagement Officer, with the IASA (Irish Aviation Students' Association) who extended an invite to our senior students to the [Irish Aviation Students Association](#) Career Expo. This was the second year of the event, which was held in Croke Park on Tuesday 22nd October 2019. This excellent networking event promoted career opportunities in aerospace, space, aviation, MRO and air transport operations. Exhibitors included The Law Society of Ireland, ASL Airlines, Lufthansa Technik, Ryanair, Aer Lingus, Dublin Aerospace and the National Flight Centre. There were also Seminar Talks including from representatives from the Atlantic Aviation Group, Aer Lingus, LinkedIn and Ryanair. A group of TYs, 5th and 6th Year students attended. Thanks to Ms Rahilly for accompanying the students.

[#CareerOpportunities](#) [#PastPupils](#)

Saoirse is pictured in the centre of the middle row of the photo.



Talks, Workshops & Courses

TY Assembly

The TY Class 2019-20 assembly on Monday 26th August 2019. TYs received option forms and got an overview of TY in ACS. Big thanks to Donal from [Ashbourne United F.C.](#) and Martin from [Donaghmore Ashbourne GAA](#) who spoke to students about their TY work placement programmes in local primary schools for soccer and Gaelic football respectively.... initiatives unique to Ashbourne that ACS is proud to be part of. Students had time off to prepare for Monday 2nd September 2019 at 8.42 am for the start of their TY journey.

[#YouGetOutOfTYWhatYouPutIn](#) [#BeTheChange](#)

FAI Kickstart Coaching Course

On Monday 2nd September 2019, a group of our TY students took the FAI Kickstart 1 coaching course, which was delivered by FAI Meath Development officer Barry Ferguson. The course is the first step on the coaching ladder and the students will now have the opportunity to use what they have learned as part of their work experience. Our very successful primary schools coaching program in conjunction with Ashbourne Utd will continue to grow this year with this group of students.

PALS Workshops

Thanks to Bee Flanagan from the [PALS Programme](#) who worked with TY Classes Ash and Cherry on Monday 9th September 2019, and Classes Oak and Roan on Monday 16th September 2019. The students learned about Positive Assertive Life Skills and were given reflective journals to keep, looking at all the positives in their lives daily. Hopefully the students will take the skills they have learned and apply them in their lives. Great participation by all classes.

[#LifeSkills](#) [#positivity](#) [#gratitude](#)



Aware Beat the Blues Workshops

All 4 TY Classes took part in the Aware Beat the Blues Workshops on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th September 2019. Thanks to Helen who actively involved the students in the process of learning to cope with stressful situations and hard times. We encourage any student in need to reach out, talk and ask for help.

[#LifeSkills](#) [#GoodToTalk](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/AwareIreland/>

Work Placement Workshop

Thanks to our TY students who attended an 80-minute Work Experience Workshop on Friday 13th September 2019. It was a lot to take in, but the group were extremely attentive and engaged. The presentation was emailed to all TYs and TY parent/guardian(s). TYs felt ready to join the workforce on Friday 20th September 2019 for their first day of work placement.

[#TY](#) [#WorkPlacement](#) [#NewBeginnings](#)

St Andrew's Athletics Club Talk

<https://www.facebook.com/St.AndrewsAthleticClub/>

🏃🏃 All teenagers are very welcome to join [Ashbourne St. Andrew's Athletic Club](#). The club would really welcome TY or senior students who would like to help our coaches as part of their Gaisce Award. 🏃🏃 They train every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7-8pm for the juveniles and also do cross country training in local fields on Friday evenings. Thanks to one of the club reps, Michelle who spoke to our TYs on Wednesday 18th September 2019. [#LifeSkills](#) [#HealthyBodyHealthyMind](#) [#CommunityLinks](#)

Irish Society for Autism Talk

In TY Life Skills on Monday 7th October 2019, we welcomed volunteer, Denis Sexton from The Irish Society for Autism. Denis spoke to TYs about the valuable work this voluntary organisation does, as well as his own family's journey with autism. Enlightening and heartfelt stories were heard by the students, who were so attentive. During Rose Week, some TYs sold Rose pins in Ashbourne on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th October 2019. [#LifeSkills](#) [#TY](#)



FAI coaching and safeguarding training

Thanks to James O'Sullivan for this great write up on the FAI coaching and safeguarding training. On Tuesday 24th September 2019, 24 FAI coaching course students from ACS TY attended [Ashbourne United F.C.](#) top class facility to complete their Safeguarding and Child Protection Basic Awareness Workshop and Coaching Course. In the morning workshop, the students learned how to protect the children and themselves as future coaches. This information is invaluable, not just in soccer but all forms of sports that involve children. The afternoon was spent on the astro turf where students learned how to organise a training session for primary school children of all ages and abilities.

By James O'Sullivan (TY Journalist)

Cancer Information and Support Day

Cancer Information and Support Day was held in the City North Hotel on Saturday 21st September 2019. 5 ACS students with an interest in medicine or nursing attended as a valuable out of class learning experience... Marie Heffernan (6th yr), Olivia Kelly, Faramade Owoade and Daphney Kamau (all 5th yr) and Emily Simpson (TY). There was an excellent panel of speakers at the conference organised by the North East Cancer Research and Education Trust (NECRET) in conjunction with the North East Oncology and Hematology Unit. Thanks to Necret for inviting our interested students.

[#OutOfClassLearning](#) [#FutureFocused](#)

Bank of Ireland School Bank

Thanks to Matthew, Youth Officer, from Bank of Ireland who spoke to TYs about their Financial Wellbeing Programme and setting up a school bank on Monday 7th October 2019. From Monday 21st to Friday 25th October 2019, ACS ran its first Financial Wellbeing Week. 5 TYs ran a bank for the week at lunchtime helping students to open accounts. The bank team was chosen after TYs completed a written application form.

[#LifeSkills](#) [#FinancialWellbeing](#) [#teamwork](#)



Dental Health Peer Education

Our TY Dental Health Peer Education team who completed their training on Wednesday 23rd October 2019 with Mary Carr from the HSE. The team will deliver dental health workshops to 1st year classes after midterm. Well done to TY students, Neil, Olivia, Kate, Aoife, Leah, Jake, Niamh and Aibhe. Thanks to Mary from the HSE also.

[#PeerEducation](#)



Aoi Chainteoir / Guest Speaker: Bean Uí Ghríofa

Tháinig Bean Uí Ghríofa go dtí an rang Gaeilge Dé Máirt 23ú Deireadh Fómhair 2019. Bhí caint an-suimiúil aici agus bhí a lán ceistanna ag an rang di!

Glaonn a lán daoine Múinteoir Máirín ar Bhean Uí Ghríofa. Rugadh agus tógadh í sa Ghaeltacht.

Gaeilge a céad teanga agus d'fhoghlaim sí Béarla ina dhiaidh sin. A tuismitheoirí na chéad daoine a fuair teilifís sa cheantar i gCois Fharraige.

D'fhreastail Máirín ar scoil chónaithe agus ní raibh cead aici dul abhaile de ghnáth. Bhí sí go maith ag aisteoireacht agus mhol múinteoir di a bheith ina haisteoir. Fuair sí an chéad áit i gcómortas drámaíochta sa bhliain 1960.

Ina dhiaidh sin chuaigh sí go Baile Átha Cliath.

Fuair sí post sa Roinn Oideachais. Ag an am sin, bhí cara aici sa Stáit Shéirbhís (Civil Service). Thug a cara post do Mháirín agus bhí sí ag obair in Áras an Uachtaráin. Éamon De Valera a bhí mar Uachtaráin. Bhí sé caoch (blind).

Labhair Máirín faoi Raidió na Gaeltachta a osclaíodh sa bhliain 1972. Bhí aithne ag Máirín ar Chaitlín Maude, file Gaeilge. Chabhraigh Máirín agus Caitlín leis an eagraíocht Cearta Shibhialta na Gaeltachta (Gaeltacht Civil Rights Movement). Bhíodh deartháir Mháirín, Seán Bán Breathnach, ag obair le RTÉ, ar Phop Seó na Máirte. Fuair Máirín obair le RTÉ freisin. Bhí sí agus bíonn sí ag obair le Raidió na Gaeltachta.

Module : An Scéalaíocht agus Iriseoireacht na Gaeilge

Múinteoir : Uasal Ó Maitiú



Initiatives

TY Music

TY Music students learning their choice of ukulele, guitar or bass in week 2 of TY. Thanks to Mr O'Donnell for the photos.

[#music](#) [#LifeSkills](#) [#SubjectSampling](#)



Ashbourne United Soccer Journalism Initiative

TY students Flynn Munroe, Josh McGrath and Josh McNally pictured after their introduction to sports journalism on Wednesday 18th September 2019. Thanks to Allan Williamson, who looks after communications in [Ashbourne United F.C.](#) for involving these students in reporting on club matches. Allan brought along Karl O'Kane who's a sports journalist with The Star. Great advice given to the students. Another initiative linking with our community.

[#soccer](#) [#TYjournalism](#)



GAA Coaching Programme

TY students Ben Mather, Tomas Gaughan, Shannan Condon and Clodagh Millington TYs on Week 1 Work Placement Programme on Friday 20th September 2019, with @DonaghmoreAshbourneGAA Club...560 children took part this first week in 3rd and 4th Class in the NS Hurling Programme. Thanks to Martin Lynch for the info and photos.

[#GAA](#) [#COACHING](#)



Class Rowan Bake Sale in aid of St Francis Hospice Blanchardstown

Congrats to our TY Journalism Team for the first article of the year. On Thursday 18th September 2019 in ACS, Class Rowan held a bake sale in Red Area at lunch time. It was a great success as many people donated, while also getting to eat yummy treats. They raised an amazing €132! All the proceeds went to St. Francis Hospice. It was a great success. This was added to a Coffee Morning in the staffroom - in total €380 was raised for this worthy cause.

By Sara Thompson and Emma Donovan (TY Journalists)



Ash2020 Committee

Our 12 member TY [Ash2020](#) Committee met for the first time on Wednesday 25th September 2019 to begin brainstorming for ideas to celebrate Ashbourne's 200th year. This is also the 25th year of ACS providing education in Ashbourne. So, a special year of celebrations ahead. Some great ideas from the group.

[#GenerationYouth](#) [#WatchThisSpace](#)

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PenPal Schools Initiative

Our TY PenPal initiative began in October 2019. ACS are delighted to be linked with another mixed school, Holy Rosary College in Mountbellew, Co Galway. Letters are handwritten. The first letter was addressed, Dear PenPal. Once each student receives their first letter, they will then have their PenPal for TY. Letters will be exchanged regularly during TY. The art of handwritten letters will be revived! [#LifeSkills](#) [#letters](#) [#writing](#)



TY Journalism

Thanks to Niamh Battersby for this piece from 1st Year English on Thursday 26th September 2019. 1st Year Class Liffey were hard at work this week practising their letter writing skills. The 1st years will be writing to Year 7 students in Rainham, Essex. They all really enjoyed writing their letters and are very excited to get a reply from the students in England.

By Niamh Battersby (TY Journalist)



TY Journalism

Thanks to Neil for this article on Thursday 26th September 2019. 3rd Year classes O'Kelly and Childers have been creating posters in solidarity with the strikes for climate action taking place around the world. Decorated with eye-catching designs and emphatic slogans, the signs went on display around the halls of the school. The international movement was inspired by climate activist Greta Thunberg, who in 2018 staged a protest urging adults to take responsibility and act.

By Neil Finnegan (TY Journalist)

Words of the Month

"Words of the Month": Students: try to use these words in your work and highlight them for your teachers. Words of the Month for October are: Courage, Diligent, Portray.

5K Fun Run

Well done to the TYs who took part or helped with our annual 5K Fun Run on Friday 27th September 2019. Most had work placement, but we appreciate those who did take part or helped. Congrats to TY student Hannah Slattery who finished overall top girl in a time of 18:58 minutes! #WeAreACS

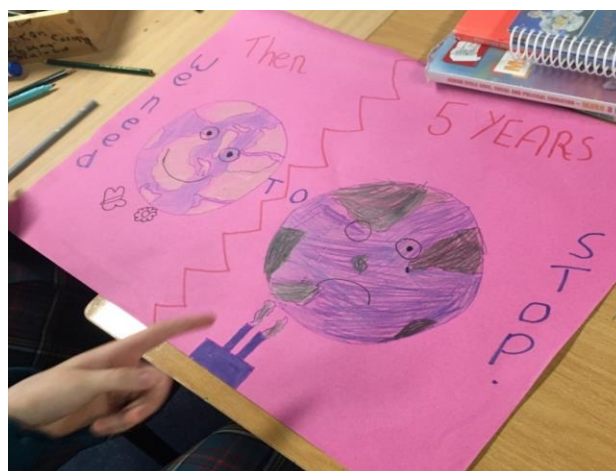
Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal

Some 1st years and TYs are taking part in this initiative. Here are some ideas for filling your Team Hope Christmas Shoebox this year! Absolutely everything you include will be treasured by the boy or girl who receives it.

www.TeamHope.ie #ChristmasShoeboxAppeal

Road Safety Week

Monday 7th October 2019 marked the start of Road Safety Awareness week in ACS. Our theme was "look out for each other" As the evenings draw in and the mornings are not as bright, we would like to highlight to staff and students alike, to look out for other road users. Safety first! Students examined road safety in SPHE lessons. Senior students explored the penalty points system. Junior students examined their



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responsibilities as pedestrians and car passengers. A big thank you to our Road Safety Ambassadors who spoke at general assemblies and delivered a road safety talk in Irish to 5th and 6th class pupils in GaelScoil Na Cille. Remember to take care on the roads and “let’s look out for each other.”

What is your mindset?

One of our noticeboards in Red Area in ACS introduces the idea of Be The Change to staff and students. It reminds you that the person who is responsible for your success, actions, choices and words is you, the person looking back in the mirror. A great mindset to have. Be The Change. Our TY Theme for 2019-20 is Be The Change.

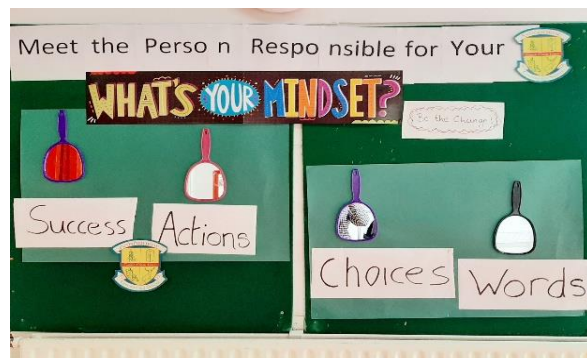
[#WeAreACS](#) [#BeTheChange](#)

Open Evening

Open Evening for incoming 1st Years 2020-21 took place on Thursday 10th October 2019 from 4.00-6.30 pm. Current 6th Class Students, Parents/Guardians and 6th Class teachers were invited to ACS. TYs helped prepare for the evening as well as on the evening.

ACS Open Day article by TY Kate Beggy - the photo is of the work in Red Area, created by TY students Kate Beggy, Aoife Byrne and Aimee Ennis on the area where our Whale Sculpture is displayed.

On Thursday 10th October 2019, we held our annual open day at ACS to give all 6th class students, a taste of what school life here is really like. The school was alive with the buzz of excitement, anticipation and community. Classrooms were open to show off each subject and its benefits, with subject teachers and students bustling around the room to greet guests and exhibit its assets. The ring of tunes and piano keys sung out from the Music room, the Science



labs were filled with experiments being performed by students in every seat carrying out different fascinations, and the Home Economics kitchens were wafting glorious smells into the corridors. Two talks took place across the evening with words from our Principal and Vice Principals, Head Students and reps from our Student Council, Green Schools and Senior Prefects. The evening went off fantastically well and was enjoyed by all.

Written by Kate Beggy (TY Journalist)

Green Schools

Green Schools students busy making "insect motels" to protect the biodiversity in ACS on Tuesday 8th October 2019. Well done all.

[#GreenSchools](#)

PenPal Initiative

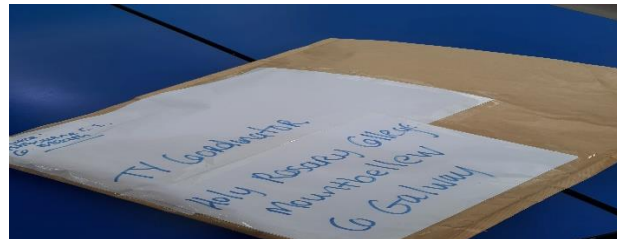
Our first PenPal letters are in the post to [Holy Rosary College Mountbellew](#)..... our TY PenPal School. Reviving the art of handwriting. Keeping it green by recycling an envelope.

[#BeTheChange](#) [#Meath](#) [#Galway](#) [#PenPals](#)

FAI/Ashbourne United Football for Schools programme

The FAI/Ashbourne United Football for Schools programme commenced in late September 2019. It forms part of the ACS TY programme where TY students train to be coaches and for their work experience they run training sessions in all our national schools. This is the third year of the programme and it has been growing each year. It ran for 8 weeks in year 1, 16 weeks in year 2 and now it will run for 24 weeks. The 25 TY students will be managed by an experience FAI coach and nearly 1,500 local children will take part. [#WeAreACS](#) [#CommunityLinks](#)

OPEN EVENING



Irish Society for Autism Rose Week

Thanks to all who donated to Rose Week for the Irish Society for Autism on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th October 2019 in Ashbourne. €1042 was lodged for this voluntary organisation. Thanks to TYs who collected on Thursday and Friday, and to 5th years Katie B, Ella F, Leah O'N and Zuzanna O who helped out on the Friday. [#fundraising](#) [#volunteering](#)

Digital Skills for Citizens

For 5 weeks of our Evening Classes at Ashbourne Community School, 5 TY students assisted our tutor, Joe, for the Digital Skills for Citizens Class on Monday evenings in late September and October 2019. TYs Kate Beggy, Leah Duffy, Jake Farrell, Caolan Kearney and Tadhg White were praised by the students in the class, as well as by the tutor. Our Digital Skills for Citizens day-time class started on Monday 21st October 2019 facilitated by Third Age assisted by a group of TYs. A wonderful learning experience for all. Pictured are Tadhg, Colum, Jake, Ben, Kate, Leah, Emma and Shannon. [#CommunityLinks](#) [#DigitalSkills](#)

Ocean Assembly

On Tuesday 15th October 2019, we hosted Ireland's first ever Ocean Assembly organised by An Taisce's Green School's Team. As the first Irish Marine Ambassador School, schools from all over Ireland were invited to join us for the day to learn about ways to protect and clean up our oceans. It started with a tour around the school to show them some of the accomplishments made by our Green Schools Committee initiatives. There were talks and workshops held throughout the day by An Taisce Green School's team. A presentation was also given by our 3 5th year Climate Ambassadors: Alice Mc Grath, Jessie Huang and Faramade Owoade. They spoke about the whale sculpture and other projects that they were involved in during their TY in order to raise awareness about the damaging effects plastic has on marine life. Big thanks to Ms Hughes and Ms Dornan who organised the ACS side of the day. Behind the scenes Ms Flanagan



produced incredible work on the posters and displays for the event, and Ms McCarthy and Ms Roberts also helped with the event. This was a fantastic day and a great learning experience, which was thoroughly enjoyed. All our visitors left with a greatly enhanced view of ACS and the work we do here. Teenagers are continuing to lead the way in environmental issues.

By Emma Donovan (TY journalist)

Photo credit: Photos By Des O'Neill



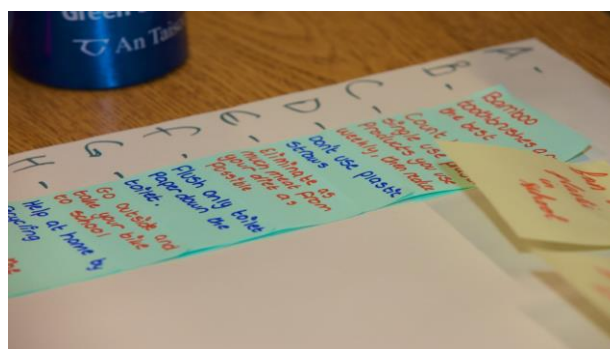
ReelLIFE SCIENCE

2 groups of TY students submitted a short 2 min clip for the "Reellifescience" competition in October 2019. The groups did well to complete their project in last few busy weeks and there was an impressive team effort by both teams. All the work on the clips is their own. Winners will be announced during Science Week in November 2019. Best of luck to Group 1: Niamh Battersby, Leah Duffy, Lisa Golden, Aibhe Cronin and Eabha Delany; and Group 2: Neil Finnegan, Ciara Wilde, Rianna Dolan, Olivia Murphy and Colum White. [#STEM](#)

PTA Bag Pack

A big thanks to our TY students who helped at the ACS PTA Bag Pack in Dunnes Ashbourne on Thursday 24th October 2019, mainly from TY classes Oak and Ash. Fantastic feedback coming back from the staff in Dunnes, the parent reps and the customers. Thanks to the PTA for all they do for the students of ACS and for involving the TYs.

[#WeAreACS](#) [#PTA](#) [#teamwork](#)



What is ReelLIFE SCIENCE?

ReelLIFE SCIENCE is a science video competition for Primary and Secondary Schools, Youth Groups, Community Groups and Clubs based in Ireland. Participants are challenged to make an entertaining and educational three minute video on their smartphone or camera, to be in with a chance of winning €1000 for their school or group. Closing date for entries is October 18th 2019.

If you want to discover more about STEM while having fun developing your creativity, communication and digital skills, visit our website: www.reellifescience.com

Over €5000 in prizes to be won!
Winning videos screened at the Galway Science & Technology Festival

Special Guest Judges 2019

Dr. Adam Rutherford
Author, BBC Science
Presenter

Joanna Donnelly
Weather presenter
RTÉ Weather Presenter

Adam Kelly
RTÉ Young Scientist
Winner 2019

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25 Year Celebrations

TY Science students who planted bulbs for our 25 Year celebrations. [#25YearsOfACS](#)



Financial Wellness Week

TY Bank of Ireland School Bank started on Monday 21st October 2019 and ran until Thursday 24th October 2019 as part of our Financial Wellness Week. Big thanks to all who called to RA03 at lunchtime to open an account. Students from 14 years were able to open accounts. Our TY team were Aibhe Cronin, Shannan Condon, Olivia Murphy, Shannon Russell, Shane O'Sullivan Duke, James O'Sullivan and Jake Farrell. A great first day. Thanks to Matthew, Educational Officer with Bank of Ireland for his support all week. This week marks our first Financial Awareness week in ACS. Throughout the week Matthew, an educational advisor in finance met junior and senior students in SPHE classes to highlight the importance of saving and budgeting along with a general overview of financial literacy. There was a raffle on Thursday with 2 One4All gift cards worth €30 and €20 to be won, which were won by Killian Donnelly and Ellie Davis, both 3rd Years. Thanks to Ms Hanahoe for coordinating the visits to class groups across the week.



World Sight Day Table Quiz

Congrats to 1st year teams from classes Blackwater and Shannon who were overall winners at the 1st year table quiz on Thursday 24th October 2019. A team of TY students organised the quiz to mark World Sight Day 2019 and raise funds for the National Council for the Blind Ireland. €230 was raised for the charity. Well done to TY students, Rachel Murray, Ella Webster, Hannah McGrath and Aimee Greene who did all the planning and organising. Thanks to their team of helpers on Thursday at the quiz, Ellie McCaul, Amy Jordan, Celine Cristea and Adam Power, also TYs.

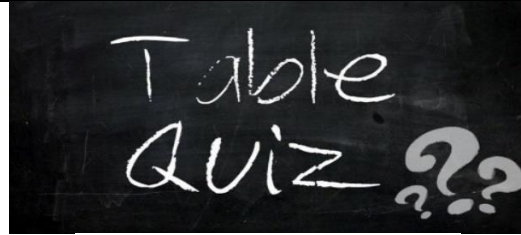
[#fundraising](#) [#teamwork](#)

Be The Change TY Theme

Our TY theme for 2019-20 is Be The Change. Our current Climate Ambassadors (now in 5th year) used this theme for their work since last year in TY and created this reminder on our red area corridor. Be The Change can be applied to all areas of our lives, for students, staff and our community. [#BeTheChange](#)

CPR in St Declan's NS, Ashbourne

As part of a TY module called YSI (Young Social Innovators), we were asked to pinpoint a social issue in our community, where we felt we could make a difference. After coming across a very touching and saddening article in the newspaper involving a young boy who had passed away in his school, it got us all thinking. We thought about whether, we and our peers would know what to do in an emergency and how to perform life saving techniques. The answer was no. So, we have based our project around CPR and teaching the youth of our community what they can do to make a difference and possibly save a life. Sara Thompson, Sean O'Sullivan, Daniel Mulvihill and



I represented our group at St. Declan's NS, having completed our own training, on Wednesday 23rd October 2019. We visited 3 5th classes for CPR training. We taught the students about what CPR is, when to use it and how to use it following the CPR rapid action plan "DRSABCD" (Danger, Response, Send, Airways, Breathing, Compressions and Defibrillator). Here are photos of Ms. O'Halloran's class learning how to give chest compression correctly. Thanks to the staff and students of St. Declan's NS who made this visit possible. We really appreciate it. The full group working on this YSI project are Emily Simpson, Emma Donovan, Sara Thompson, Daniel Mulvihill, Holly Stafford, Abbie Hanney, Sadhbh Murphy, Niamh McKenna, Max Lally and Sean O'Sullivan. **Written by Abbie Hanney**

TY Show Practices

Over 4 weeks from the end of September to mid-October 2019, TYs have been practising for our upcoming TY show in March 2020. We have begun to get a taster for what it will entail. We have learnt Jives, Slides, Polkas and Country Dances, and have been immensely enjoying it. We were taught by our show producer, Grainne Kennedy, and we were surprised every week with a new routine that got us up and moving. No week was ever the same. We also did solo singing auditions for the show so Grainne could get a glimpse of our voices which also went very well. We are all extremely excited for the show practices to commence again in January 2020, anticipating all things singing, dancing and drama. **By Kate Beggy (TY Journalist)**

In November We Remember

Anna Skelton and Niamh Redmond have been working on a giant heart for display in the reception area. In November we will display their work and allow people attach the names of their loved ones. The girls are also working on a mural to mark 25 years of ACS under the guidance of our Art department - all will be revealed in time.



TY English

Students in Ms. Hanahoe's English class are currently undertaking a module on visual literacy, with a view to comparing the old and new take on the classic that is "The Great Gatsby." In September 2019, students were instructed on how to interpret, negotiate, and take meaning from information presented in the form of an image, extending the meaning of literacy through film. It is hoped that students will develop a fuller appreciation of film, along with analytical skills that will be employed when composing their final comparative essay.

TY Business

Class Ash have been very busy doing a PowerPoint presentation on Brexit as part of their credits for TY Business with Ms Ryan. They have had to keep up to date in so far as possible with the events and explain the impact that Brexit may have on us. Very topical and value life skills for all. #BREXITready

Article on 5K written by Neil Finnegan (TY Journalist) and published in the Meath Chronicle

Riding to Victory

Ashbourne Community School's 7th annual 5K Fun Run was held Friday 27th September 2019. Almost 700 students, staff and parents ran, cycled and walked through the streets of Ashbourne spreading an ethos of fitness, wellbeing and healthy living amongst our school community. A huge thanks to our new sponsors, Alan Tobin from Ashbourne Auto Clinic, Outsource Support, Ashbourne and District Lions Club, Ashbrook Garden Centre and Landscaping and Hallinan's Centra Garden City. We are so lucky to have such huge amounts of support from the surrounding community. 2019 marks Ashbourne Community School's 25th year since opening, so it was only fitting that to start the race was the first principal of



the school, Mr. Ciarán Flynn. This year also saw the first major introduction of bicycles to our annual event. 5th Year student Cate Cooney, who recently featured in the 'AndSheCycles' promotional video for the An Taisce Campaign, was promoting cycling at the start line with her group of Meath Girls cyclists, along with the support of Ms Irene Hughes and Ms Susan Duffy. 'AndSheCycles' is a campaign that hopes to encourage more young women to cycle, as well as recognise and address the reasons that they feel it may not for them. Once again, this fantastic day proves itself to be one of the major highlights of the Ashbourne Community School calendar, with community spirit and enjoyment for all. On the day, the atmosphere was buzzing with anticipation, and in the final moments before the beginning of the race the energy was palpable with the excitement of the hundreds of participants.

This year also marked our first entirely zero-waste race as part of our Green Schools Plastic Free (Ditch the Disposables) campaign, a positive step forward in a world where climate change and environmental friendliness are hotly discussed topics. Equally important is the fact that this event is a community effort in every sense of the word. Huge thanks to the local Gardaí, the Civil Defence, the PTA and our community sponsors who put in a helping hand and had pivotal roles in the coordination of the event, making sure everything ran smoothly. Last but not least a massive well done to all our student participants who completed the race. Ashbourne Community School's PE department did Trojan work training and preparing our students for the run, and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

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TY Work Placement Reflection

Our TY journalists have started off our reflections on work placement. First up, **Leah Duffy** tells us about her experience working in Oxfam Books. As always, a big thanks to all organisations, businesses and schools, who take on our students for work placement. We really appreciate it.

For my first work experience I volunteered in Oxfam Books on Parliament Street in Dublin. I chose to volunteer for my work placement as it's something I have always wanted to do, and Transition Year finally gave me the time for it. For the first few weeks I did simple tasks such as sorting through donations, shelving books and printing out prices, but slowly I built up my confidence and trust with the other volunteers and I was given more responsibility. Towards the end of my time there I was trained on how to work on the till and taught how the shop sells their products online. Before beginning Transition Year, I was very nervous to do work experience, but I learned a lot from the experience and found it very beneficial. All the other volunteers were extremely friendly, helpful and welcoming, I had the best time working with them and they made work

Sam O'Brien came in 1st place out of the boys, followed by Shane McGrath in 2nd place and Ivan Ryan in 3rd. Hannah Slattery came 1st in the girls, Aoibheann Rea came 2nd and Emily Slattery came in 3rd. Out of the school staff who ran, Ms O'Connell, Ms Kendall, and Ms Mongey were the fastest female teachers, and Mr Newman, Mr McCartney and Mr Howlin were the fastest male teachers. Major congratulations to everybody.

We are already eagerly awaiting next year for what we expect to be another wonderful community event and an enjoyable, fantastic way of promoting fitness and health for all in Ashbourne.

Written by Neil Finnegan (TY Journalist)

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experience the highlight of my week. Every week I had to travel to and from Parliament Street on my own and I believe it helped me become much more independent. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and it inspired me to continue to study English in the future when I leave school.

Written by Leah Duffy, TY Journalist



TY Work Placement Reflection

Next up, **Niamh Battersby** tells us about her experience working in Adrian Dunne's Pharmacy in Ashbourne.

For my first work experience I worked in Adrian Dunne Pharmacy in Ashbourne. I began work experience on Friday 20th September 2019. For the first few weeks I was organising shelves, getting to know the stock and the layout of the store. I was later given more responsibility to learn how to operate the tills. Coming into the busy Christmas period I was shown how to locate Christmas stock and how to prepare Christmas hampers for sale and put them on display.

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For my work experience I went to Regina Doherty TD in Ratoath, who is a TD for east Meath and also Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection. Every Friday Regina and her team bring me out canvassing with them, going around the various districts of East Meath and genuinely asking is there anything they can help with. It's shown me that there is always something you can work on and improve, and it's shown me that politics can be a very sincere and genuine profession despite what people may think.

Thanks to all staff who have worked with or facilitated initiatives both inside and outside the TY classrooms. It is very much appreciated by the TY students. One of our newest initiates is facilitated by Ms Pike – our TY journalists are learning valuable life skills.

Adrian + Dunne
pharmacy

I got to know some of the staff well and they were all very helpful and encouraging. I'm glad I completed my work experience here as I learnt a lot about the retail industry.

Written by Niamh Battersby, TY Journalist



I've also done an analysis for Regina and her team on the Meath Chronicle's Facebook page, to see what they post about and what people are enjoying and disliking. I sat in on a Meath County Council meeting about making election posters biodegradable so that when the election is finished, they can actually be planted in the ground to grow trees. Work experience here has opened up an entire world that I never knew about and I'm enjoying every second of it.

Written by Kate Beggy, TY Journalist



Extra-Curricular Activities

U16 Boys GAA Bucket Collection

Thanks to the students who gave up their time for the bucket collection at various supermarkets in Ashbourne on Saturday 14th September 2019 to raise funds for new gear for the U16 Gaelic football team.... James O'Sullivan, Sean O'Sullivan, Adam Vance, Niall Rooney, Marc O'Connell, Shane Kane, Scott Ward and Matthew Doran. Thanks to all who supported also. [#GAA](#)



Student Enterprise Awards Idea Generation Day

Young Entrepreneurs Student Enterprise Idea Generation Day at Trim Castle Hotel on Tuesday 17th September 2019. Well done to the 1st years and TYs involved. Thanks to Mr Newman for accompanying the students. Young Entrepreneurs meeting every Tuesday at lunchtime in RA03. Open to all 1st years, 2nd years and TYs.



U16 Girls GAA

Great win by ACS U16 Gaelic football girls' team on Wednesday 18th October 2019, beating Dunshaughlin Community College. 7-6 to 3-14. Great game by everyone. Well done to the team and management, Ms O'Connell and Ms McCabe. [#GAA](#) [#teamwork](#)



U19 Boys Basketball

Hard luck to the U19 Boys basketball team who lost to Templeogue College on Thursday 19th September 2019, in the U19 'A' All Ireland Cup in the National Basketball Arena. In an outstanding game Ashbourne fought back from 13 down to almost take the lead with 1-minute remaining. Missed Free Throws were the deciding factor in the end. Top Scorers Adam Mullally 23, Jake Pope 18 and Josh Flanagan 15.



FAI Journalism

Well done to TY student Flynn Munroe on his first sports report for [Ashbourne United F.C.](#) A wonderful opportunity given to a group of TYs interested in sports journalism. Thanks to all at the club who support ACS and particularly our TY programme.

[#CommunityLinks](#)

Our very first match report as part of our TY Sports Journalism initiative in conjunction with Ashbourne Community School.

The following report comes from TY Student Flynn Monroe, a great piece on last night's Leinster Senior League game. Friday night under the lights in Archerstown showed just how tough the Leinster senior league is as we saw Ashbourne United take on St. Mochtas. The match kicked off at a slow enough pace but soon burst into life as in the 9th minute when Mochtas with their first chance of the game striker John Naughton slotted the ball neatly into the Ashbourne net.

Senior Ladies GAA

Great win by ACS senior ladies GAA team on Wednesday 25th September 2019 beating Colaiste na hInse in Bettystown. The score was 11-22 to 0-7 with goals from Shannon Russell, Katie Twomey, Amy O'Brien, Alya Hannigan, Roisin O'Connor and Niamh Linnane. All the girls played great.... brilliant game by everyone!

Written by Emma Donovan and Sara Thompson (TY Journalists)

FAI Journalism

TY student Josh McGrath's report on [Ashbourne United F.C.](#) Senior game on Friday night, 27th September 2019, as part of our TY journalism initiative. Great report Josh, well done!

**Report by: Josh McGrath TY Student
Ashbourne Community School**

An outstanding performance from the Ashbourne United Division 3A senior team in Archerstown on Friday evening.

Ashbourne didn't let the early goal get to them too much as just minutes later Dillion O'Brien tapped the ball into an empty net after he saw his first attempt fall back to him after a good save by the keeper. Ashbourne kept up their early pressing and saw multiple chances just narrowly missing and hitting the post. Ashbourne soon gained the lead just before halftime by great play in the midfield by Sean Gallagher who played a great ball into Dillion O'Brien who slotted it home to get his second of the game. Mochtas came out strong in the second half with a good attempt hitting the crossbar in the 60th minute and forcing Ashbourne back in to their own half for most of the second half. But it was Sean O'Donoghue who sealed the game for Ashbourne with a great run down the right hand side and finished in the bottom right hand corner three minutes from time to help Ashbourne secure the 3-1 victory.



Although Beech Park got an early goal in the first minutes of the game, Ashbourne came back with a fighting spirit. Only ten minutes after they had conceded a ball was put through to Sean Gallagher who finished it beautifully.

Only a few minutes after there was a powerful strike from outside the box that struck the crossbar. Then after constant pressure Dillon O'Brien from Ashbourne hit an amazing strike into top corner put Ashbourne ahead.



Young Entrepreneurs

Young Entrepreneurs Club every Tuesday in RA03 computer room at start of lunch for those interesting in setting up a mini company - open to 1st yrs, 2nd yrs and TYs. The first in school workshop with the Local Enterprise Office rep was on Tuesday 1st October 2019.

[#enterprise](#) [#teamwork](#) [#OutOfClassLearning](#).

Debating

On Tuesday 1st October 2019, our senior debaters travelled to the Carmelite Centre in Dublin to participate in a debating workshop hosted by Concern. This was to prepare for the upcoming Concern debating league beginning next week. They discussed the Global Development Goals and took part in a mock debate. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed meeting other students interested in debating. Pictured are TY students Neil Finnegan, Lisa Golden, Tadhg White, Leah Duffy and Kate Beggy.

By Leah Duffy (TY Journalist)

Girls Basketball

Big congratulations to our u16 and U19 girls' basketball teams on Thursday 3rd October 2019. Both teams were successful against Portmarnock CS. Well done to players and managers. [#basketball](#) [#GoTheGirls](#)

Shortly after there was a shot from outside the box by Sam Hendrick that was palmed out for a corner by the keeper. A lovely corner was whipped in to the box and on the second attempt for goal, Chris Condon hits the net with his first goal for Ashbourne. Overall an outstanding performance from the seniors.

Result - Ashbourne United 3 Beech Park 1



Junior Camogie

Hard luck to our Junior Camogie team who were defeated by a strong Athboy C.S side on Friday 11th October 2019. Plenty of positives to take for the upcoming matches. Thanks also to the three Transition Year students completing the GAA Future Leaders' course who did the stats for the game.



Match Report for U15 Girls Basketball 16/10/19

In the first quarter Gaelcholaiste Reachrann had Ashbourne on their toes keeping them scoreless. In the second quarter Ashbourne answered back strongly to go into the second half with a 5-point lead. In the third quarter Ashbourne were the dominant team yet again, extending their lead even more. To finish the game off in the final quarter Ashbourne secured their victory against Gaelcholaiste Reachrann with the final score ending with ACS 33-18 GCR. Fantastic win for the school, well done to the coaches and players on a well-deserved win.



By TY Journalists Jack Ryan and Eoin Murray

Senior Girls Soccer

Well done to our Senior Girls Soccer team on reaching the next round of the Leinster Cup following a 3-1 win away to St Marys Baldoyle on Thursday 17th October 2019. It was a game they were in control of with 2 Amy O'Brien goals in the first half. Baldoyle replied with a penalty but Aoife McKenna wrapped up the win with a great strike midway through the second half. The team defended superbly with Baldoyle having very few chances. With great determination and skill from all, ACS fully deserved this win.



Senior Boys Soccer

Well done to our Senior Soccer team who beat St Olivers Drogheda 2-1 in the first round of the Leinster Cup on Monday 21st October 2019. Goals from Flynn Munroe (TY) & Sean O'Donoghue.

Senior Boys GAA



Well done to our senior boys GAA team who won the Leinster Colleges A league today. The lads had a hard-fought win against a gallant Kilbeggan side, eventually winning out on a score line of 3.09 to 0.10. Congrats to the players and management. [#ACSabu](#) [#GAA](#)



What an eventful first term! 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 Winter term. We have attempted to include as much as we can in this Autumn 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 our next 4 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

TY Grad Photo Presentation

TYs Jack, Scott and Niamh have started work on the term TY Bulletins for 2019-2020, which will include all that has happened in TY during the 5 terms of the year. This is the first publication! Included will be articles written by our TY journalist team and also our TY FAI journalists.

The TY Bulletin Team have also started to design the TY photo presentation to be shown at the TY Grad in May 2020 - this will be a work in progress for the year and will updated regularly! Well done guys.

[#enterprising](#) [#teamwork](#) [#TY](#)

TY 2019-20

Welcome to our TY Photo Presentation