

TY Update No.3: January 2022

Dear Parents, host families and students,

Happy New Year to you all. We continue to negotiate our way through this Covid-pandemic and I must acknowledge the cooperation and resilience of our students, their positive engagement with the Transition Year Programme, and their understanding when we need to adjust activities etc. The ability to adapt to change is a skill that will stand to them in the years ahead. Students' first term assessment reports were issued in December and are available on VShare.

Students, well done on your efforts and it is great to see you engaging so well with projects, presentations and modules, as well as your ongoing academic progress in your core subjects. These learning experiences should help you make informed subject choices for 5th year. A reminder that the School Journal is an important element of the final summer interview assessment. Daily entries are expected, as well as evaluations of significant learning opportunities and project reports (Pages 127-143 of Journal).

A few important dates, notes and updates:

Dates	Activity	Notes
January Performance Deferred	Musical The Addams family	The performance planned for end of January will be deferred until a later date due to the Covid pandemic and the expected uncertainty in the next few weeks. Musical module will change to RE as planned, in February.
Jan-Mar	SPHE	RSE Module in Course-Resources used-TRUST Pack
2 weeks beginning 7 th February 14 th February	Work Experience	All details of work experience and employer contact details must be shared with Ms O Shea . Parents/Students: Please confirm your work experience, start/finish times, lunch arrangements etc. with your employers before January 30th . Complete Journal entries Pages 150-153
21 st Feb	Midterm Break	Enjoy!
Week of 28 th Feb	Scheduled activity week- Covid Pandemic and Public health advice permitting.	Mon -Naval Base/ Marine College NMCI/Haulbowline Pk Tues : 2 Groups Zipit (Coachford) Cycle (Waterford Greenway) Wed : In-school workshops- Magic/Dance/Art/ Animal Care Thursday : Hill Walk Gougane Barra- via Ballyvourney Fri : 2 Groups Zipit (Ovens) Cycle (Waterford Greenway)
Various Dates	In-school Speakers	Various speakers to visit classes in the next few months: Cormac Gebruers NCMI- The future and opportunities for Cork Harbour Jim Wilson- Climate change, nature and the harbour Alexsaventure- Drugs education talk

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Looking forward to the term ahead,

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