



September 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

## RE: TY 2020/21

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope this letter finds you and all your family safe and well. We were delighted to welcome our fabulous TY students of 2020/21 this September and we are so proud of how they have adjusted to what is our new normal. We fully appreciate that these new routines and restrictions are bringing daily challenges for everyone and whatever we can do to support them we will of course do.

### **Dialann**

As you are aware, we use the Dialann as the main form of communication between school and home. Teachers will regularly write notes informing you of areas where your son/daughter is excelling or areas where they need improvement, also of any important notices or discipline issues. It is also a record of their TY points. This is a system we use with our TY students as part of our Mol an Óige ethos. It is imperative that you check the Dialann daily to monitor and keep abreast of your son/daughter's progress. Please sign notes in the comment section daily to let us know you have received and read the same.

### **Work Experience**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and in the interest of public health advice, we are not in a position to offer a two-week block of work experience before Christmas, which would be the norm. We are however able to add to the TY calendar for February and April two separate blocks of work experience. This is of course provisional and always subject to change on the instruction of public health advice.

Work Experience Block 1: Monday February 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>

Work Experience Block 2: Monday March 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>

The career guidance department will work with students over the coming weeks on this.

### **Programme of Events**

We are planning a programme of events for what would have been the two-week block in November. This will include Covid complaint trips and activities both in and outside of school over the course of this two-week block from Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> until Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Many of these activities will be on a class by class basis. All classes will have the same experience but at different times. A timetable of these events will be made available to the students before midterm break

We are delighted to be able to accommodate a day trip to Lilliput adventure center on Tuesday next September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a whole year group one day trip which will give the classes an opportunity to engage in fun activities as well as an opportunity to bond. While the full menu of Lilliput activities will not be available due to restrictions, the team there have worked tirelessly to offer a great day that is both safe and fun. Students should bring a packed lunch, snacks, change of clothes and travel to and from the venue in their PE uniform. Showers and water sports will not be available. We will leave school directly after registration is taken at 8.50 and we aim to be back at school at 3.30, depending on traffic. Students must always wear their face mask while travelling on the bus and should, if possible, bring a spare face mask. Please complete and sign a permission slip which can be found in the school Dialann on page 189.

***Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh sí***



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the TY programme and for your patience as we navigate TY through these uncharted waters. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the TY Moltóir Ms. Savage or your child's Caomhnóir.

Yours faithfully,

Seamus Meehan

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