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TY Induction

Welcome to our first TY Newsletter; it's hard to believe that four weeks of this year's TYP (TY Programme) are behind us. The first fortnight was very much about induction, where students heard presentations from teachers on their subjects/modules and then did surveys giving their choices. Subject Sampling, which is an important component of TY, has begun and students by now have settled into their new classes.

Team Building



After the challenges of the past 18 months, Team Building is more important than ever; with this in mind we are planning several activities during the year where students will have the opportunity to form new friendships, as well as strengthening bonds with existing friends. We have a large intake of new students, many from overseas, and pleased to see everybody give an Irish welcome, or 'céad míle fáilte', to help them find a second home in the Villiers family.



Friday is PE day for TY students; please don't forget to bring your School PE Uniform. During the year students will rotate between Yoga, Golf, Tennis, CrossFit, and Judo. Students, in groups, will experience all of these in rotation.

The first of our hikes will take place on Wednesday, September 29th. Half of the group will walk the Purple Trail on the '12 O'Clock Hills' loop walk while the other half will walk the 'Sliabh Feilim Way'. In the hike students are encouraged to work on their fitness during the year so that they can progress and do more difficult hikes before the end of TY. Again, these activities help to foster the development of friendships .

Law Modules - October 18th



This course brings you through the Criminal and Civil Law system in Ireland. Students will learn about the role of Barrister; Solicitor and Judges and informs you how to qualify as a lawyer.

The interactive element of **running your own court room trial** helps students fully understand the role of legal practitioners; Gardaí and members of the Jury.

Solve the Murder: A crime has been committed. A husband is on trial for the alleged murder of his wife. He had a lot to gain by her death, a huge life insurance policy , and a lot to lose . Did he commit the murder...? Only you can decide.



Students will play out the role of Barrister/ Solicitor/ Gardaí/ Witnesses/ Alibi Witness/ Jury/ Court Room Sketch Artist.

The legal practitioners from TYL will act as the Judge in each class.

Annually a **Mock Trial Competition** is held at Limerick Court House. Your school can submit a team to compete with other schools. Laurel Hill, Limerick, currently hold the title and Perpetual cup for winning the most recently held competition.

Throughout the Law Module day you will be trained on the rules of evidence; advised how to become a lawyer; told about a typical day in the life of a lawyer by our visiting Barrister/ Solicitor / Gardaí. There will be a quirky law quiz/ videos of Court Room drama and the Mock Trial.

To register your interest please complete this [survey](#).

Team Building—Drama Initiation Workshop



Ann Blake and Niamh Bowen delivered a wonderful Drama Initiation Workshop on September 15th.

We would like to thank all students for throwing themselves into this challenge and for making great efforts to welcome our new students

to the School, as well as getting to know students across the year in other classes. These relationships will be important in order to sustain you all through the challenge of preparing for the Leaving Certificate / IB exams of 2024 and life after school, only 33 months away !

Languages



The Villiers School language departments have planned a rotation of teachers in TY in order to afford all students and teachers the opportunity to get to know each other's learning and teaching styles, which will greatly facilitate learning and teaching for those students who progress to Form V next year.

The rotation is particularly important in yielding a smooth transition into Form V allowing language classes to settle in quickly and get down to senior cycle work seamlessly.

There has been huge uptake for the DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française), the official French-language diploma awarded by France's Ministry of National Education—so much so that we are looking at adding an extra class. We wish all the eager students who have signed up 'bonne chance' !

Gaisce



'Gaisce' –The President's Award is a self-development programme for young people aged 14-25, which has been proven to enhance confidence and wellbeing through participation in personal, physical and community challenges.

Please watch read and watch the videos on the [Get Involved section](#) of the website and [sign-up](#). The Operating Body / Award Partner is Villiers School and you can pick any of the PALs on the list to be your PAL. We can fully agree your challenges after you Register. (PALs are staff members who will oversee your Gaisce endeavours).

Career Guidance



Our Career Guidance Counsellors post lots of information to the **TY 2021-22 Teams group**; which we urge you to read and follow the links. This group will have a name change next June when it will become **LC/IB Class 2024**; it will be very important to follow this group for Careers; students will not want to miss important notices regarding Applications for University, Apprenticeships etc. Please get into the good habit in TY of reading all information posted to this group. Please click like when you have read the posted material.

Junk Kouture



Best wishes to last year's TY students Leah, Jennifer and Marie, and their teacher, Ms. Thornton, who are representing Villiers School in the [Junk Kouture](#) Grand Final, filmed by RTE, on Friday 1st of October 2021.

No pressure on this year's TY Junk Kouture students!!!

Miscellaneous notes

- Registration for [Virtual Royal College of Surgeons Ireland \(RCSI\) MiniMed Programme](#) is now open. The Programme will run from 28th of February 2022 to the 4th of March 2022
- After today's Fashion Show induction students are asked to form themselves into small groups who will be rehearsing and modelling together, all subject to public health guidelines
- In next issue TY Subject Sampling, the Villiers TY e-Portfolio, modules and more...

Advance Notice

Fashion Show:	Radisson Hotel	Monday Dec 6th 2021 (tbc)
Mock Interviews:	Villiers School	Week of December 13th 2021
Drama:	Dance Limerick	Thursday February 4th 2022 and Friday February 5th 2022
TY Work Experience:		February 7th to February 18th 2022