

# Transition Year Programme

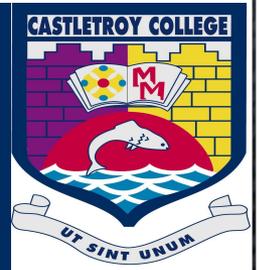


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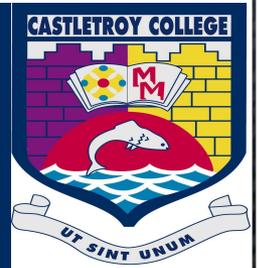
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## Summary:

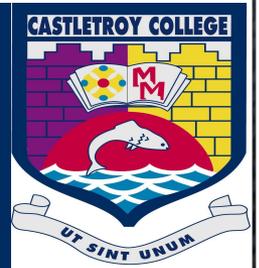
- Transition Year Google Classroom
- Philosophy of Transition Year
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- Different base classes
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- Google Classroom is the main communication forum for all TY events.
- Each Student will be given the class code at the beginning of Transition Year.
- Every Parent/Guardian is required to download the Google classroom app onto their digital device and check it daily to ensure that they are kept informed off all TY activities that have been offered.

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Brid 4 (2025-2026)

Stream

**Classwork**

People

Grades

Analytics

New

September Announcements

November Work Experience Information

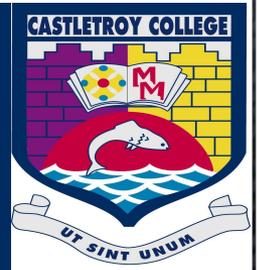


Work Experience



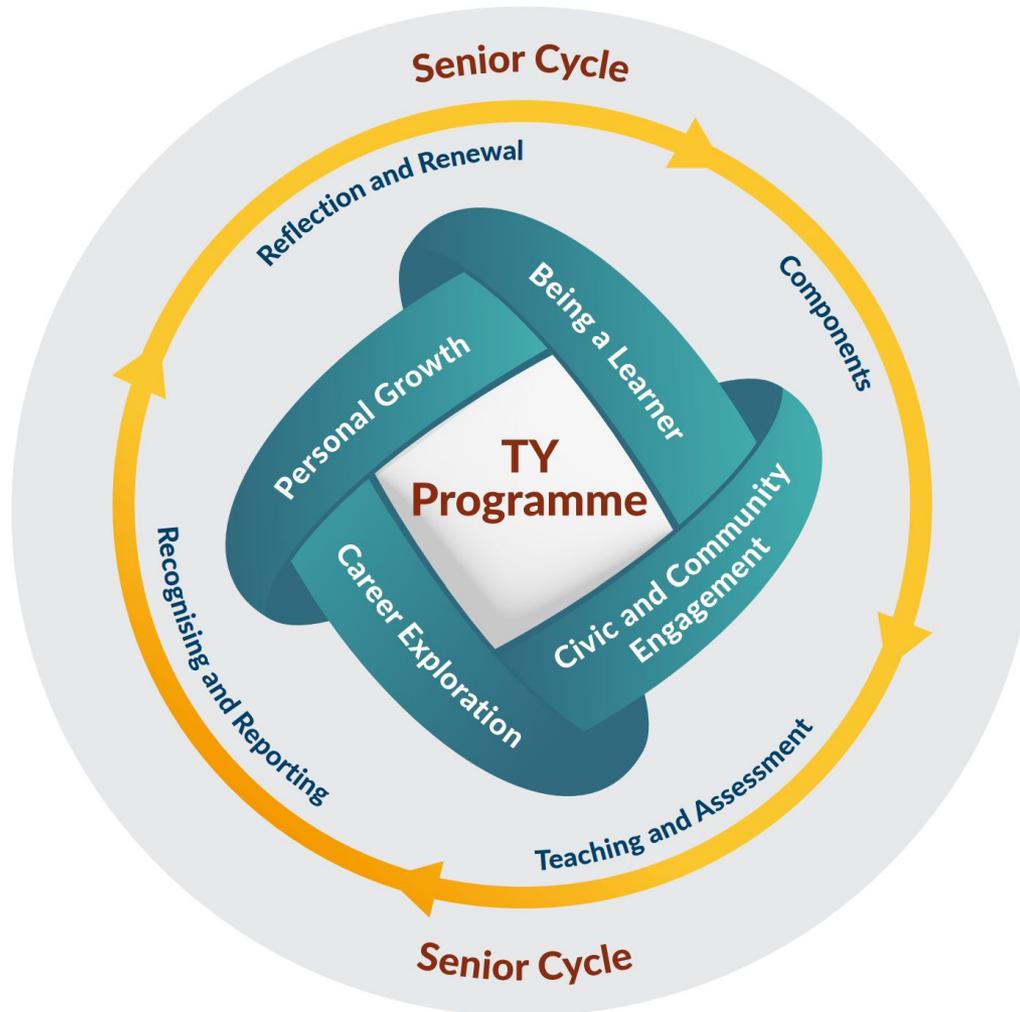
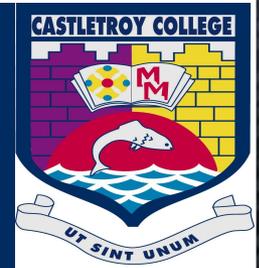
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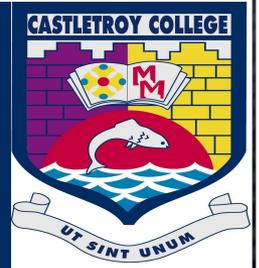


- **Transition Year (TY)** is a one-year programme designed to act as a bridge between Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate programmes.
- Each school designs its own Transition Year programme, within set guidelines set out in the Transition Year Programme Statement to suit the needs and interests of its students.

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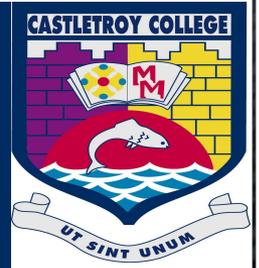
## Benefits

- ESRI report: TY students get Higher points. average in LC.
- Informed choices.
- Broaden skills set.
- Experiences.
- Teamwork.

## Concerns

- Not for everyone.
- Not 'Year 1' of a three year Leaving Certificate.
- A lot of the onus on student participation.
- Reduced homework.
- Different base classes.

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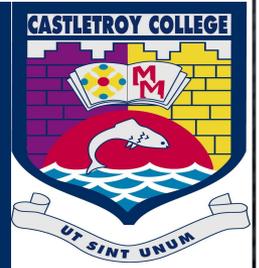


## Different Transition Year Base Class

Transition Year Base classes will be a mix of students from all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year base classes.

- Normal part of school progression and often happens due to curriculum demands, scheduling, or efforts to balance class sizes and dynamics.
- Aim is to link each student with one person they list on their application form.
- Form new friendships and become more independent and resilient.
- Develop a valuable life skill.
- Acknowledge all student's successes in navigating this base class change.

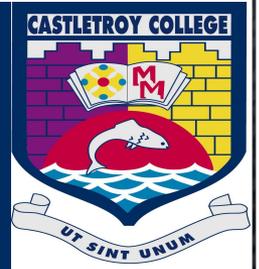
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## Advice from Parents to Parents.....

- It is not for every student, but if your child chooses TY they need to embrace it.
- The students won't necessarily enjoy everything but that is good. We've all done jobs or part of a job we didn't enjoy – welcome to real life.
- It is true what they say - what the student puts in, they get out.
- It is important that parents encourage their child to get involved & turn up for everything.

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**Be Open  
Minded**

**Role  
of T.Y.  
Student**

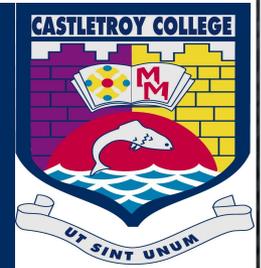
**Participate**

**Positive  
Attitude**

**Reflect &  
Record**



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**Online  
Application Form**

**Role  
of Parents  
/  
Guardians**

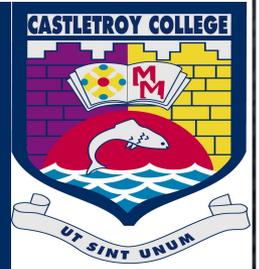
**Encourage**

**Support**

**Communicate**



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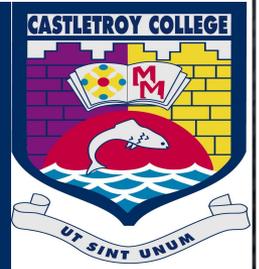
## Transition Year Fee Per Student: **€600**

- A payment link will be sent to parents/guardians following the Transition Year letter of acceptance.

### **Payment Plan**

- A deposit of €300 is required by the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026.
- The balance of €300 is due before 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.
- Standing Order 3 x €100 payments in , April, May & June 2026.
- Or you can pay the full amount of €600.

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## The admissions criteria includes the following.

Each student application will be considered on its own merit. The following key areas will be used in assessing a prospective Transition Year student's application:

### **Student's attendance and punctuality record**

- The student consistently shows excellent attendance and punctuality demonstrating a strong commitment to their academic responsibilities.

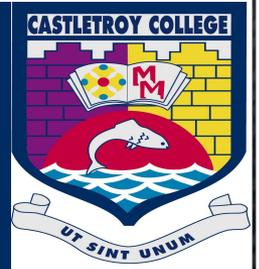
### **Student's record of compliance with school's Code of Behaviour**

- The student must have a proven commitment to good behaviour and work ethic

### **Student's personal statement and overall suitability for Programme**

- The student must demonstrate a level of interest in Transition Year through the online application form.

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## Online Application Process.



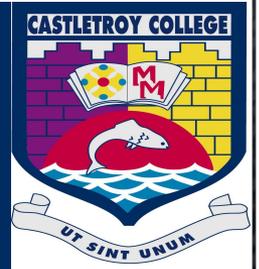
**Friday 23rd January 2026:** Online application form available on vshare mail to all parents/guardians

**Thursday 29th January 2026 @ 12pm:** Deadline to complete the **online** application form

**Before February mid-term break:** Letters of acceptance for Transition Year posted.

Any queries please email: [admin@castletroycollege.ie](mailto:admin@castletroycollege.ie)

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## Online Application Process.



Section 1 of 6

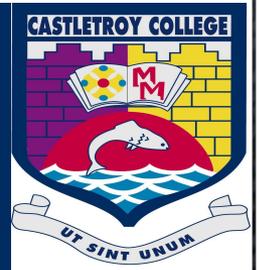
## Castletroy College Transition Year 2026/2027 Application

**This application is to be completed by students and parent/guardians together**

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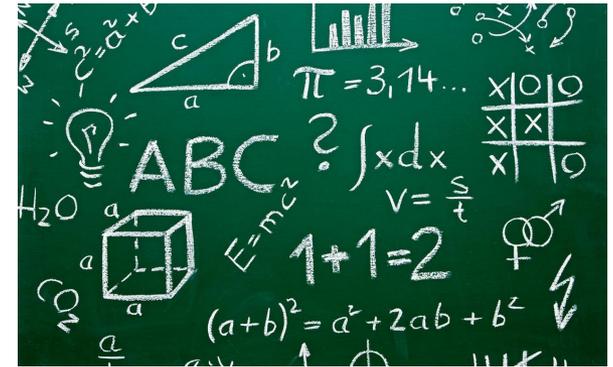
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## Core Subject

- Mathematics
- English
- Gaeilge
- Language
- Religious Education

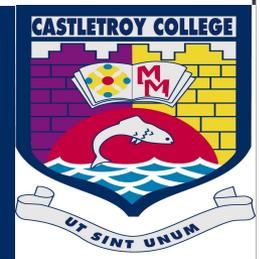


## Weekly Subjects

- Information Technology
- Physical Education
- Reflection
- Career Guidance
- Social, Personal and Health Education



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Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Art	Accounting	Biology
Developing News & Information Literacy	Business	Chemistry
Leadership	Economics	Computer Science
Music	Geography	Construction
Politics & Society	History	Design & Communication Graphics
PE	Horticulture	Engineering
Signing	Journalism	Home Economics
		Physics
		Sustainability

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## Assessment through the Credit System

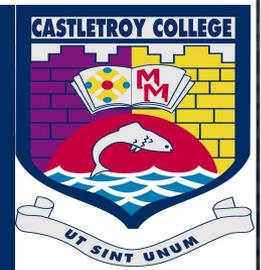
Student assessments are carried out on an ongoing basis

- Group work, presentations, written exam, etc
- Participation in class, project work, Journal work
- Digital portfolio, work experience, miscellaneous etc.

Achievement		Credits
Participation	=	0-267
Pass	=	268-533
Merit	=	534-799
Distinction	=	799-1065



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Fundraising



Great Limerick Run

Milford 10K

Miscellaneous

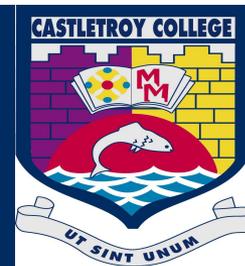


Volunteering after school with teams



Parent Teacher Meetings

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**Graduation Awards**



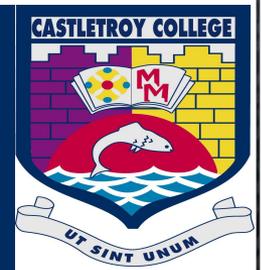
**CORE Awards**

**Student of the Year**

**GAISCE Awards**



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Work Experience will take place over 3 separate weeks  
23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> November & 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> January(Ski-trip) Week 3 (TBC)

**Garda**

**Steps in  
Engineering**

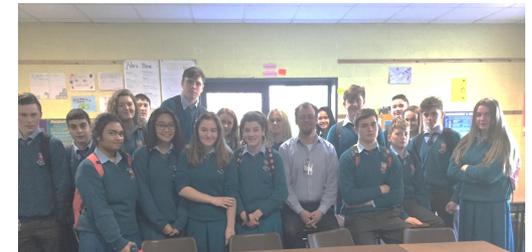
**DNG Online**

**Work  
Experience**

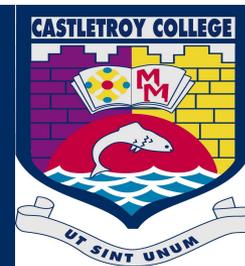
**J&J**

**Primary  
Schools**

**Dell**



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**Fire Safety & Manual Handling**



**Haircare**

**Law**

**Workshops**

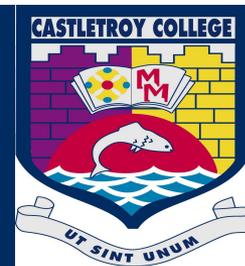


**Fundamentals**

**Bodhrán**

**Nutrition**

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**Drumming**

**Music  
Generation**

**Future Innovators  
TUS**



**Workshops**

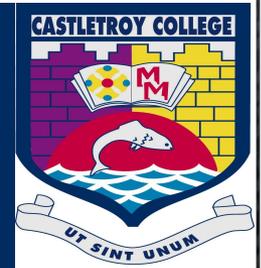


**Develop Me**

**Barbering**

**Drama**

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**BT Young Scientists**

*Law Society of Ireland*

**Photo Competition**



**Competitions**

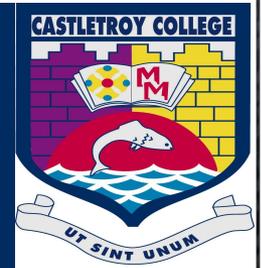
**PicTours Yearly Student  
Phone Photo  
Competition**

Excite Students with a chance to use their curriculum in a competition

The RTÉ All Ireland Drama Festival – 2026 Schools Playwright Competition

**Essay  
Writing**

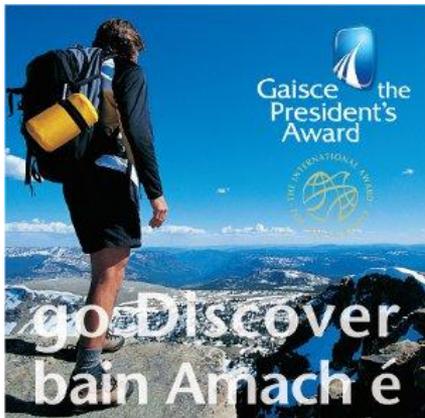
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**Gaisce**

**Anois**

**Coaching &  
Refereeing**



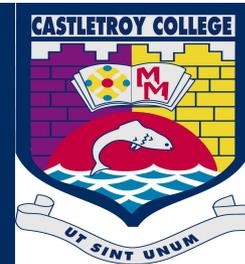
**Programmes**



**Limerick  
Sports  
Partnership**



**Fundamentals  
Ambassador  
Programme**



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Financial  
Literacy

MISE

Hi Digital

Programmes



Get Going Get  
Rowing



Barista

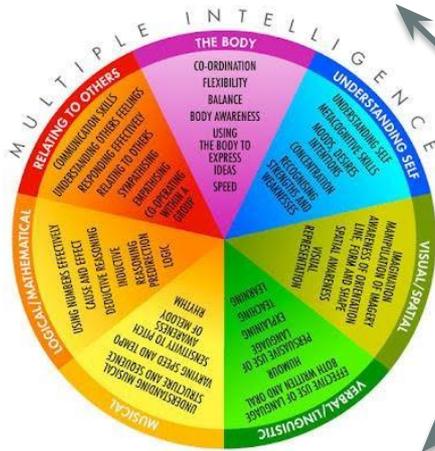


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**Cat4 Testing**

**Subject Option Fair**

**Guidance Class**



**Careers**

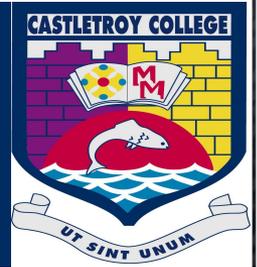


**Work Experience**

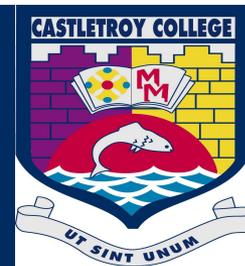
**Reach +**

**Careers Project**

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**Rowing**

**Fencing**

**Golf**



**Activities**

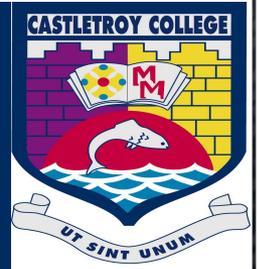


**Kilfinane/Killary/  
Burren Activity  
Centre**



**Surfing**

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## Ski-Trip

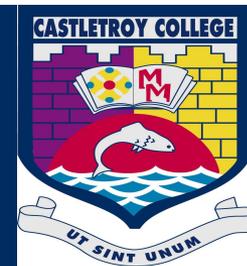
Folgarida  
/Marilleva, Italy

Camino de  
Santiago in  
northern  
Spain

International  
Experiences



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## A sample of the many other activities offered to students in Transition Year.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limerick Youth Theatre</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPR course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get Going Get Rowing Coaching course</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Garda Lifesaver Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feis Fundraiser</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stand up Week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Generation Workshop</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creative writing group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Bank Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hairdressing &amp; Creative Media Taster Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports Ability day in UL for primary school</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rugby Referees course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European Languages Week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woman in STEM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line Dancing</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shoe Box Appeal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College's Career Talks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Safety Ambassadors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cinema Trip</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breast Cancer Awareness talk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Advocates with Jigsaw</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bake Sales</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ice-skating</li> </ul>

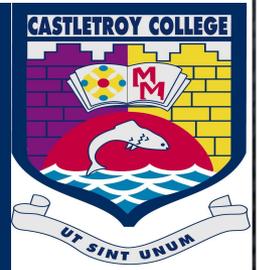
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taster Courses UL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Trust Industry Visit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bi Cinealta Ambassadors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Careers Event</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fairtrade presentations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogs Trust Fundraiser</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership Initiatives with Junior students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising Oesophageal Cancer</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catalyst International Film</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St.Vincent De Paul Christmas hamper wrapping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCSI Mini Med</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 hour row in aid of St.Gabriels</li> </ul>

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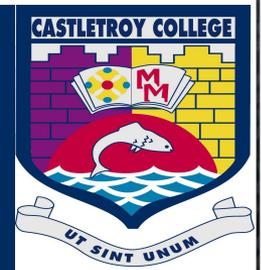
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