

Presentation Secondary School
CHRISTMAS
NEWSLETTER 2025

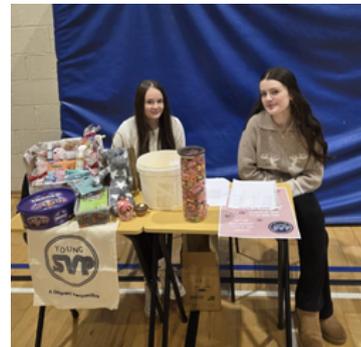


ADVENT SERVICE

On the 16th of December the school held their annual Advent service in St Paul's Church. A lot of our TY students who are participating in JPPI awards helped in the mass, from ushering people in to singing and doing readings. It was so nice to gather as a school community and listen to our choir sing Christmas Carols and hear prayers and readings.

YOUNG SVP CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2025

On the 9th of December everyone brought in €2 to wear Christmas jumpers to raise money for St Vincent De Paul. There was also a raffle for a hamper that contained many gifts, including products that were sold at the trade fair. During the week a 'guess how many sweets in the jar' was held at lunchtimes. All money raised went towards SVP to raise Christmas spirit for families in need.



2ND-YEAR STUDENTS RECEIVE LETTER FROM UACHTARÁN NA HÉIREANN MICHAEL D. HIGGINS



Our 2nd year students from Ms McInerney's class created a card and wrote letters to President Higgins, wishing him the best of luck in his upcoming retirement. Not long after sending their handmade card, they received a letter from him thanking them for their card, and accompanying the letter was a signed postcard for each student.

BINGO FUNDRAISER 2025

On Tuesday, November 4th, we held our annual TY Bingo Fundraiser. A fun-filled night was had by all, and as always there were some lucky winners! This fundraiser is an important event in the school calendar which raises vital funds needed to support the production of the TY Musical; this year's musical is The Lion King! Tickets go on sale in January!

SUPPORTS
**PRESENTATION
SECONDARY SCHOOL**
TUES. NOV. 4th
TICKETS €10*

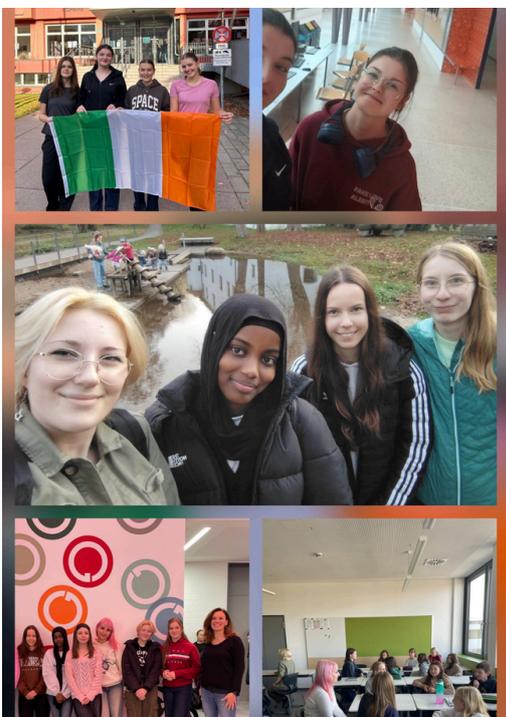
* Ticket Children Under 10 in a Paper Duck or can be used as an addition to a purchased Standard Package
One Ticket Per Person

Tickets available from:
The School Office (051) 376584

**€2,500 Guaranteed Prize-Money
& fantastic Jackpots**

Forum Bingo, The Glen, Waterford

ERASMUS TRIPS 2025



Our TY students had an amazing two-week experience in Graz, Austria, and Neumarkt, Germany.

Lily and Julia spent two wonderful weeks in Graz, Austria, exploring the country's rich culture and everyday life! They attended our partner school HLW Schrödinger and stayed with warm and welcoming host families.

A big thank you to Erasmus+ coordinator Elisabeth and her assistant Victoria for organising the exchange and taking such great care of our girls while in Graz. In Germany, Sophie, Julija, Sahra, and Ida spent two exciting weeks in Neumarkt, Bavaria, attending our partner school, Ostendorfer Gymnasium. A huge thank you to Frau Dona Brogelly for her wonderful support in organising their stay and for looking after our students while they were in Germany.

We're so proud of our students who represented our school abroad, improved their language skills, and embraced new experiences! All thanks to the Erasmus+ Programme!

COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK 2025

In November we celebrated College Awareness Week in the Pres with a calendar full of exciting events. The theme for College Awareness Week 2025 was "Many Paths, One Future – Think College, Think You!", which celebrated the variety of opportunities open to our students as they plan their futures. Students were encouraged to explore, ask questions, and discover that there are many ways to reach their goals.

There was a great line-up of activities, including Career Profile Posters from past pupils, #RealCareerStories videos from parents, and a Career Investigation Competition for juniors and seniors. These initiatives aim to inspire students to actively engage with their interests and talents while considering various educational and career pathways. By fostering a supportive environment, we hope to empower them to make informed decisions about their futures. Students also attended talks and workshops featuring past pupils, staff, parents, and guests from UCC, Bausch & Lomb, Women in Tech, and more.





SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025

In November the Diversity Club organised a collection for the Hope Foundation Shoebox Appeal! The appeal helps bring smiles to children and families in need by providing essential items and little gifts. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we filled 78 boxes and raised €439 towards shipping and the project. A fantastic effort by the school community.



PRESENTATION DAY 2025

On 21st November we celebrated Presentation Day along with Presentation Primary School students. Both schools attended a mass in St Paul's Church to celebrate the foundress of the Presentation Sisters, Venerable Nano Nagle. It was a special occasion where both schools joined together to pray, and they enjoyed some beautiful singing from both choirs.



2nd YEAR BASKETBALL BLITZ



In November our 5th-year LCA class hosted a very successful 2nd-year basketball blitz as part of their general education task. It was a great day for all involved. Pictured above are all our winners on the day from the top two teams that made it to the final, most valuable players and top scorers on the day.

UNDER 16 BASKETBALL



Our under-16 basketball team had an impressive term with wins over Borris VS and recently had a 36-31 win against CTI Clonmel, securing their place in the South East Plate Final! Go Pres!

BELMONT CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025

Our TY students welcomed members of the Brothers of Charity and Belmont services to their Christmas party today. Our TY coaches put in a great amount of effort setting up the hall. They organised the food, the music and the decorations. A great day was had by all, and they even had a visit from Santa, who brought lots of presents to everyone. There was lots of dancing, singing, photography, food and laughter.



TY Trade Fair 2025

On Tuesday, 9th December 2025, our TY students held their annual trade fair, providing a great opportunity for students to start or finish their Christmas shopping. The school gym was transformed into a lively marketplace filled with unique items.

Students from all year groups attended and enjoyed a wide variety of choices, ensuring there was something for everyone. Sweet treats like cookies, cakes, and sweets were available to keep shoppers energised. Our Young SVP team also organised a competition to guess the number of sweets in a jar.

Handmade jewellery such as bracelets, earrings, and rings were on sale, along with pampering items like snuggle boxes (containing facemasks and cosy socks), essential oils, lip glosses, and shimmering body oils.

Other stands featured personalised painted denim and handmade soft toys. Customers could adopt a soft toy ball and buy extra accessories like glasses and decorative flowers. Book lovers could purchase handmade wooden bookmarks.

The event was also attended by Jonathan Earl who is the regional co-ordinator of the Student Enterprise programme. He has mentored the students since September and assisted in judging the three teams that will represent the school in the city and county finals in March.

Students had the chance to order TY hoodies as keepsakes from their year and to foster unity during rehearsals for the upcoming TY production of *The Lion King*, scheduled for 10th, 11th, and 12th March 2026. Tickets will be on sale soon!

The TY trade fair was a great success for the whole school community.





MERRY
Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM ALL IN
PRESENTATION SECONDARY
SCHOOL, WATERFORD

