

Farewell Transition Year

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Transition Year 2021 was no ordinary year, but this didn't stop the Loreto TY students. The year began in September with all the students being mixed up in different classes with people who were new to them. This was challenging at the start but by the end of the year all the TY students couldn't be separated. The first trip that we went on was to Curracloe to go surfing. This was both an energetic and fun day with a jampacked schedule from getting to know how to surf probably to practicing our new surfing skills in the water. This was a great trip to start off our transition year.

We had many TY bonding days both in and out of school. These days brought us together more as a year group. Our first bonding day took place in school with a wellbeing theme which all TY's really enjoyed and benefited from. We then set off to Forth Mountain where we did an orienteering day. Each class group got good weather which made the trip even more enjoyable. The following bonding days were a few of many well-organized days. These days would not have been possible without our great teachers in Loreto.

As the year went on, we had many great talks from inspirational people like Adi Roche, John O'Shea to name but a few. These talks gave us a great idea of what careers we could go into and motivated us on ideas for the future. There were too many great trips to mention from pumpkin carving to rounders blitz's, we couldn't have had such a brilliant year without our TY coordinators Ms. Zimmermann, Ms. Smyth and Ms. Martin. A massive thanks to these teachers who made a difficult year easier for everyone. To quote Ms. Zimmermann "It's your year to take, it's your year to make ", and as a year group everyone in TY this year made it their own year, even though we were living in a pandemic, it definitely did not stop the Loreto TY girls.

Lastly on behalf of the Website and Magazine committee we would like to thank Ms. Smyth and Ms. Pheasy for all their hard work and commitment to our committee throughout the year. These two teachers made writing articles seem easy and put a fun element to it as well, we couldn't have done it without you both. For what was not a normal year, Loreto TYs made the most of it and have come together more as a year and as individuals. We have all matured and made new friendships which I am sure will last a lifetime. If there was one piece of advice as a TY which I would give to incoming TY's it would be to get involved in everything and be brave.

Transition Year Class of 2020/21

