

Academic Excellence

University Entrance & Scholars Awards

Congratulations to Aoife, Class of 2019 on receiving an Entrance Scholar's Award to UCD where she is currently studying Engineering.

Congratulations to Inés, Class of 2018 and Ursula, Class of 2019, recipients of Trinity's Entrance Exhibition Awards. Inés is studying Physiotherapy and Ursula is studying Law and International Politics. Well done girls!

English Department

This term, first years got a tour de force introduction to Dublin's literary giants as they travelled from WB Yeats Birthplace to Patrick Kavanagh's Leafy-with-love Canal; visiting Ireland's oldest library one of whose readers was the teenage Bram Stoker; and of course stopping by Trinity College alma mater of Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift and Samuel Beckett. It was a super day that gave the girls insights into some of our literary greats while also encouraging them to broaden their literary scope. Ms Kelly



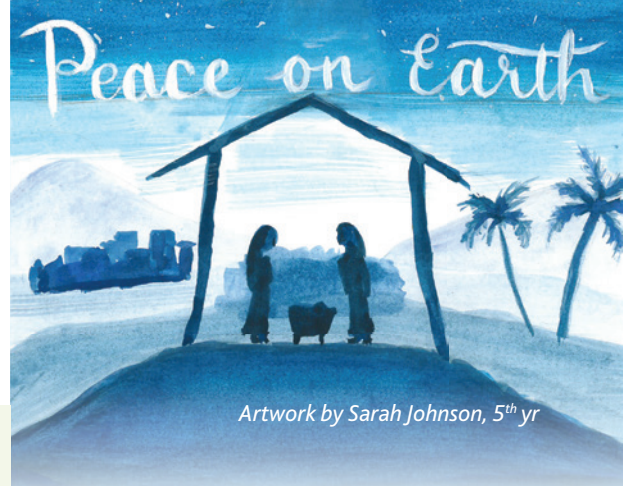
Rosemont Library

Our Library is open every Thursday during lunch from 1:40 to 2:00. Students come to take books on loan and now we have a special recommendation section thanks to our senior students who told us about the books they love. On December 12th, Library Leaders hosted a Library Festival during lunch. We had quizzes on popular authors and novels. There were 4 rounds of 6 questions each, every round had a specific theme. We had festive Christmas carols playing while we were doing the quiz. The library was also open for anyone who wanted to pick up a good read for the Christmas Holidays. The prize distribution took place on Friday during Whole School Assembly, with the winners being Tara, Alejandra and Lorena from Team Autumn.

Rosemont Library also has a Book Club. Michael Morpurgo is a popular author and this term, the great novel *Animal Farm* gave rise to much discussion. As a bonus, you get a nice, warm cup of hot chocolate if you participate!

Here's wishing all book lovers a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Siddhi S and Kaci M 3rd year



Note from Principal

Rosemont School has been a hive of activity this academic term. I hope you are enjoying reading our weekly bulletins on our school website to keep up with all the events, curricular and extra-curricular in Rosemont School. Christmas is always a special time in Rosemont, the carol service being one of the very special events in the school calendar which embeds students both past and present in the Rosemont school community. The girls' performances were heavenly, well done to you all and sincere thanks to Ms Reisz and Ms Mahon for preparing the girls so well.

I would like to thank the parents who have given of their time, in big ways and small, to contribute to the work of the school through the many activities that take place for our students and the wider community we are part of. Your input makes a significant contribution to the energetic ambiance of our school. Thank you!

I would like to thank all the teachers and staff, who work so hard every day to create an environment for every student to be happy and receive a first-class education. Thank you!

To all of the Rosemont School families for your ongoing support, thank you!

I wish you all good health and happiness for 2020.

Janet Dean
Principal



Home Economics

First year cooking skills have been ongoing since the start of term. Group work, kitchen safety and healthy food preparation skills have been the focus of this unit. We linked with the Green School Project by collecting waste such as eggshells, to compost and focus on what is recyclable and what is not.

The textile module began after midterm. The first years followed a design brief process to design and make a felt animal suitable for use as a locker decoration or key ring.

The skills of needle threading were new to some but all succeeded in making a pattern, cutting it out, assembling their animal by hand stitching and most had the job done within three weeks. Texture was achieved by the use of embroidery stitches and stuffing the animal.

There was a focus on sustainability with students swapping felt, repurposing buttons and using ribbon from shopping bags to enhance their creations.

Our final class for the term is biscuit making and packaging as a little Christmas gift.

Since we returned after midterm, second years have been enjoying and making steady progress on developing their sewing machine skills. They have been working hard to achieve their sewing machine licence. This background work is essential as they will be starting their CBA1 when we return to school in January.

Third years are in the process of finishing their Creative Embroidered Wall hangings which will be examined in March/April. They have also started their preparation for their food and cookery skills exam.

Any practice students can get at home, to enhance and develop their skills over Christmas would be a win-win all round! So, ask your daughter to make a batch of scones or prepare a homemade soup for you and your guests over the holiday!



Ms Byrne

STEM – Science Department

The edible Periodic Table was to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Periodic Table and 2019 is the International Year of the Periodic Table. Special thanks to the Senior Science students, the HE and Art Departments, Carmella, Ms Carolan and Ms Nesbitt.



Science Week

The second week in November was Science Week in Rosemont School. The girls in 1st year did a science quiz. It was very interesting and it really racked our brains. Later in the week we did a scavenger hunt in which all years could participate, during lunch time. In 1st year Oak Charlie came 2nd and Carla came 3rd. There were sixteen questions about science and the answers were hidden all over the school, so we got to run around the school which was extremely fun. During the week our science teachers asked some of the years to find a funny science joke and the funniest one would be shared with the rest of the school on Friday at assembly. On Friday, the 4th years generously baked cupcakes, that had the elements of the periodic table on it for the whole school for international periodic table day! They were beautifully designed and decorated and also absolutely delicious. Andrea J & Ali H, 1st year

The Genetics Revolution

On Monday 13th November, the fifth and sixth years got to attend a presentation on 'The Genetics Revolution' in Tech University. The talk was given by a biology lecturer from the university. The topic was very interesting and was linked to our biology course. We learned about the composition of DNA and many genetic disorders. We also saw how genetic testing is used in forensic science to identify criminals. Sarah, Meghan and Isi were even called on stage to demonstrate some experiments, such as separating strands of DNA from cells. The presentation gave us a clearer insight into genetics, and we learned how our knowledge of genetics can be applied to everyday tasks in different careers. We definitely enjoyed the presentation and learned a lot from it. Thank you to Ms Carolan, Mr Fitzpatrick and Ms Fallon for bringing us. Ellen MM, Alex K and Róisín M, 5th year



Mathematics Department:

During the first term in 2019/20, the mathematics department introduced some 'rich tasks' with first and second years to prepare the students for their CBAs in the coming years. To promote mathematics as a subject, we participated in 'Maths Week' (14th – 18th October 2019). One of the highlights of Maths Week was the Hamilton Walk on 16th October. The Hamilton Walk commemorates the life and work of William Rowan Hamilton, one of Ireland's most famous mathematicians, retracing Hamilton's steps from Dunsink Observatory to Broombridge. His work on quaternions forms the basis of and have applications in astronautics, robotics, computer visualisation, animation and special effects in movies, navigation and many other areas. Before the walk began, we spent some time in Dunsink Observatory, where we saw some of the telescopes that are used. It was an incredibly interesting day! Ms Boothman

Gaisce – The President's Award

Congratulations to Ellen, Laura, Alex, Tess, Ruth and Saidhbh from 5th year and Isabel, Caoimhe, and Alexandra from 6th year on receipt of their Gaisce Bronze Awards.



Business Department

All students have been busy engaging with the Business Studies, Business & Accounting subjects since September. Business Studies is now running from 1st to 3rd year at Junior Cycle. 3rd years have been busy carrying out their 2nd Classroom Based Assessment while 2nd years are preparing for their first one after Christmas. 1st years have been learning all about resources, financial lifecycles and being a consumer. TY's have been letting their innovative and creative sides flow as they set up and run their mini-companies while also learning the skills of preparing accounts for the first time. They also got the opportunity to visit the Butler's Factory to see how their business is run. 5th and 6th year are working hard on their Leaving Certificate courses and developing their skills and knowledge on the various business and accounting concepts.

This year saw Rosemont hold its first Enterprise Week. All students had the opportunity to engage with a series of business-related workshops including Financial Literacy, Money Management, Business Start-ups and Entrepreneurship. Our annual Christmas Fair took place on Monday for all the TY Mini-Companies where there was lots of competition, activities & Christmas music. During the week there was also a Business Dingbat competition, Business Quiz, Rosemont Dragon's Den & the Apprentice Business Game. A fun and educational week of all things business. Well done and thanks to all the students and teachers who got involved.

Ms Delaney

Gaeilge

Nuacht ó Roinn na Gaeilge

Bhí téarma iontach againn sna ranganna go léir.

Tá an tríú bliain ag ullmhú don Scrúdú nua sa Ghaeilge i mí an Mheithimh. Tá punann curtha le chéile ag gach dalta. Beidh cur i láthair ar siúl sa rang go luath. Obair ghrúpa agus obair aonair atá i gceist. Píosaí spéisiúla a bheidh ann faoi laochra, laethanta saoire, damhsa, sport, stair agus peataí. Chomh maith le sin, tá dhá amhrán scríofa ag na daltaí! Táimid ag tnúth go mór iad a chloisteáil sa rang.

Tá lucht na hArdteiste ag diriú isteach ar an nGaeilge labhartha agus ag cleachtadh don Scrúdú Béil.

Bíonn díospóireachtaí ranga ar siúl go minic. Ghlac Ella, Nabeeha agus Elsie páirt sa Chomórtas Gael Lin I Mí na Samhna. Ba thaithí luachmhar é.

Maith sibh go léir as an obair dhian.

Bí ag labhairt Gaeilge go minic- *Beatha teanga í a labhairt.*

Ms Brogan



Greetings from Rosemont's Modern Foreign Languages Department!

It has been a busy and exciting Term 1 for students of French and Spanish.

Firstly, huge congratulations to our Class of 2019 who achieved wonderful results in French and Spanish in the Leaving Certificate. We are delighted to see three of the students continuing with their language studies in university. Lily is currently studying International Commerce with Spanish and Chinese in UCD, Méabh is studying Spanish and Geography in Maynooth University, and Jessica is studying Spanish and History in UCD. We are also delighted to hear that Sarah McDonnell (Class of 2017) who is in the third year of her degree in Law in TCD, has opted to keep up her language skills and spend a year on Erasmus in Belgium, and that Miriam Johnson (Class of 2016), who is studying International Commerce in UCD, has recently returned from a wonderful year on Erasmus in France. We wish the all of girls the very best of luck with their studies.

The Transition Year students were delighted to receive the results of the Junior Cert in October, and were recognised for all of their hard work in French and Spanish, with outstanding results. Congratulations girls! We are really proud of all of you. Five TY students have been selected for the Senara Exchange Programme, and are looking forward to attending Senara School in Madrid for one month in Term 2.

Meanwhile, the 3rd year students are getting ready to sit the first MFL Junior Cycle exams in French and Spanish next June. The girls are busy preparing Classroom-based Assessment 2, the Student Language Portfolio. Some really creative pieces of work can be seen, from interviews, videos in Spanish on how to make nachos to presentations on countries around the world. We are very proud of the girls and the high-standard work they are presenting.

The Senior Spanish Debating team have been representing Rosemont in the ATS Spanish Debating Cup competition. The team-Sofia, Sarah Alex and captained by Lucy- have worked hard and beaten teams from Loreto Beaufort, Belvedere, King's Hospital and Loreto Dalkey. They are now through to the final which takes place in the Instituto Cervantes on Thursday January 30th and will debate against Castleknock College. Well done girls!

Students of French had the chance to showcase their skills and love of the language at Rosemont's Open Day in October. Students from 1st 2nd and 3rd year had a great time introducing visitors to their French classroom. Later on in October, 3rd year

French students had the opportunity to work with Ms. Collins in the first sample afternoon of 2019-2020. Students from 3rd, 4th 5th and 6th classes had a really fun taster session in French. Well done to all involved!

We look forward to another fun and busy term in January, and wish all of the students and their families ¡feliz navidad/joyeux Noël!

Ms O'Malley

History

History started off this year with a 6th year trip to Belfast accompanied by Ms Farrell and Ms Kelly. It was a really enjoyable day and the girls got a real sense of just how serious the Troubles in Northern have been. We did a Black Cab tour and also visited Crumlin Road Jail. Following the trip the girls were extra engaged in studying the module on Northern Ireland..

First and Second years have done several drama productions as part of their course and there are definitely some budding actors there.

Transition year did presentations on the social history of the 20th Century with different groups taking different decades. They looked at historical events, music, film, literature, fashion and dance. It was a very interesting module

Other classes have been busy working on their courses and both groups of third years finished their entire Junior Cert course 2 weeks before Christmas - a record for 3rd year. So well done to all the third years. Ms Farrell

Art

The art department has been busy this term, working on pieces for portfolios, CBAs, going on various museum and exhibition trips, never mind set design and production for Rosemont's school musical. In addition, second years were fortunate enough to have a guest ceramic artist introduce them to this new medium to work with.

Working with Ceramics

Over a period of six class hours, we were fortunate to be joined by Chloë Dowds, a ceramic artist who creates tactile porcelain tableware. These classes were supported by 'The Crafts Council of Ireland' and were arranged by the JCT Department. Chloe has won numerous awards for her remarkable work in ceramics, the most recent of which being the prestigious 'RDS Craft Award'. She has exhibited internationally

RE Department

This term the RE Department has been very busy!

The 6th year girls completed their retreat at Lismullin Conference Centre last October. It was a wonderful opportunity for the girls to reflect on what their year will bring, destress, think about their expectations for the future, as well as take time to prayerfully think about the women they would like to be. They also had a great time completing a challenge during a bake off where they experienced amazing group dynamics and teamwork, which encouraged them to think outside the box. It was a very enriching activity for all the girls!

As November is a time when we pray for those who have died, every student brought the name(s) of a deceased loved one(s) they wanted to pray for and remember.

More recently, as preparation for Advent, all years have had the opportunity to experience our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament through Adoration in our school's chapel.

First years had a busy few days at the end of term upgrading toys for Christmas gifts for children in need. A million thanks to all for your donations for such a worthy cause. Thank you and well done first years for all your hard work.



Carloads of upcycled toys were delivered to the Capuchin Centre on Saturday 7th Dec.

Second Years have been volunteering throughout the term for the Afterschool Programme and doing a great job and the third years have begun to help at Leopardstown Park Hospital. We hope their work will continue into next term. Ms Reisz



at a variety of fairs such as 'Ambient', Frankfurt, and 'Ceramic Art London'.

We acquired many new skills while participating in this program. We created tiles, imprinted with shrubberies and fauna that were found on Rosemont School grounds, just outside our classroom. Additional techniques that we learned included: how to properly print plants into clay, the correct manufacturing of porcelain tiles and how to glaze and stain porcelain.

All in all, we thoroughly enjoyed the classes and look forward to applying our newly learned abilities in the future!

Nabeeha M, 2nd yr

Rosemont Green Schools Committee

This term in Green Schools, we have some exciting news; Rosemont School will be working towards our second Green School's flag on water. This theme develops awareness around water conservation and how to effectively manage this important resource in schools.

Teachers and students alike will be forming new habits to ensure that no water is wasted, and that the water in the school goes to good use. The students can also put their new skills to practice in their own homes. The Green School's committee is so excited to begin working towards this new flag, and to spreading awareness around the local area.

Ella O'L, 2nd yr





Sports

Netball – Congratulations to all four netball teams on their great performance in the Netball Ireland league so far this year. The two first year teams have a total of six wins out of nine games played. The juniors have two wins from three games and the senior team is unbeaten. Good luck to all teams in 2020.

Basketball – Well done to the U16 basketball team in the Basketball Ireland league. The team faced some fierce opposition in their division but they pulled together, trained harder and put the other teams under pressure during matches. The team has a great fighting spirit and never gives up. Good luck to all the players next year.

Wishing the 1st and 2nd year basketball teams the very best of luck in their leagues which start in January

Hockey – We currently have three teams competing in the Leinster Schoolgirls Hockey League at Minor, Junior and Senior levels.

Well done to all teams in their performance so far, the teams have faced some very tough competition which they have learnt a lot from.

Good luck to all the teams in their final few league matches in the New Year.

Ms Mercer

Education for Life

Debating

Debating has been going really well this year. We now have 3 groups from 1st to 3rd year. We meet at lunchtime on Tuesdays and Thursdays where all students have the opportunity to debate the current topic should they wish to. In reality they all want to! We are hoping that some 1st and 2nd years will take part in a competition later in the year.

The third years are taking part in 2 competitions where they are doing extremely well. In the Mace competition our speakers are in the top 18 out of 122 speakers, with Karolina standing at 3rd overall.

In the UCD debating competition the 2 teams of Karolina and Cassie and Sabastine and Niamh have won most of their debates in the round robin section of the competition and should progress to the knockout stages. So well done to the 3rd years! Ms Farrell

Choir

Choir in Rosemont - we joined Rosemont choir because we wanted to sing as a group more often than just at special events. Choir gives you an opportunity to sing a whole variety of songs with different styles. We also joined as we heard the choir sing at the Founder's Mass and thought they were amazing, and we wanted to be part of it.

We sing in Sandyford church once a month on Sunday evening Mass at 6pm. We enjoy singing at the Mass. At the Mass, we sing as a group and after we get many compliments. Ms. Mahon is our choir teacher. She teaches us all the harmonies and songs. She puts in a lot of time and effort into choir. She organises all our events and we are grateful to have her as our choir teacher. Aimee, Amelia, Chiara, Eabha, & Kate, 1st yr

The Rosemont Choir and a few instrumentalists visited the Leopardstown Hospital recently to entertain the resident senior citizens. It was a wonderful opportunity to use our talents for good. To see so many faces filled with glee from our performance was a true gift. This event was also the debut of Rosemont's String and Wind Ensemble. We are all looking forward to many more performances in the future. Isi R, TY



Ukulele Club

The Ukulele club is working very hard at the moment preparing for Christmas. In second year, with the help of Ms Murphy and Ms Mahon I established the Ukulele Club and I am very happy to say that we are still going strong. We're always looking for new members and the enthusiasm the 1st years have brought this year is fantastic. It is a great way to get to know new people and I have made friends there that I wouldn't have otherwise. Niamh Ní F, 4th yr

Coaching

Students have engaged with their new coaches this academic term and parents have contacted and met with the coaches to stay up to speed on their daughter's development. Our three-way partnership is still full steam ahead for this academic year.



Visit to Dundrum Shopping Centre

On Wednesday the 6th November, myself and two other girls, Sofia P from 5th year and Grace O'D from 3rd year went to Dundrum Shopping Centre to play the piano for the shoppers. We were requested to by the Garda Commissioner. I, Ella, played Fur Elise by Beethoven, Sofia played the theme from Pride and Prejudice and Grace played 'Romance' by Mike McCornick, which is a jazz piano solo that has a swung quaver feel with triplet movement. We were all very nervous to play in public. But as we played we relaxed and each of us began to enjoy playing our pieces and were surprised, at how fast the time went by the time our pieces were finished. We really enjoyed listening to other students play and especially when a flute started to play with piano. Overall, we thought it was a great experience and one we would do again. It was an amazing opportunity to step into the world of performance and to further our confidence when performing in public. We're all grateful for the opportunity and enjoyed the opportunity immensely.

Sara M, TY & Grace O'D, 3rd yr.

Rosemont Musical *Beyond the Seas*

From the very start of the year, the entire school was buzzing with anticipation for the school musical. As soon as we found out we were doing a version of The Little Mermaid, we were ecstatic!

Auditions were a hectic time with over 95 students auditioning for different cast roles from dancers to mersisters, Ariel to Ursula. In addition, there were lots of people who volunteered to help out backstage and be part of the crew.

The rehearsal process was an extremely fun one. Our new director, Emer, brought a vivacity to the show and that, combined with our choreographer, Ms Collins', energy and our musical director, Ms Mahon's dedication, made our show what it was. Every Tuesday and Thursday brought our cast closer together too. Laughs, blood sweat, and tears went into our production.

There were of course loads of other teachers

that worked extremely hard to help bring the production together. Ms O'Connor and the entire art department especially the 4th and 5th year art students, brought the sea world to life. Ms Lyons, Mrs Reisz, and a whole team of parents also contributed massively to the show.

When the day of the dress rehearsal came, I think we all realised just how special what we were doing was. All of a sudden, we were under the sea! Before the last show, everyone was sad to be finished, yet so proud of what we had done. The shows went very well, and everyone brought more of themselves to the musical with each passing show.

Niamh Ni F, TY



Rosemont International

In Rosemont's international program we do more than improve our English, we also grow to become more independent, learn many valuable lessons that will make a huge impact on our future, experience a very different way of living to the one we are used to, get to know the culture and beautiful places here in Ireland and most importantly, have lots of fun and make new friends.

When we first got here it felt a bit weird because of the different atmosphere, but as the time passed we started to get used to how things work here and learned to adapt to changes. For example, here in Ireland you feel safe and free, unlike Mexico, we can walk almost anywhere, take the Luas or the bus if we want to go somewhere, and all of that with security. However, we have to be careful and inform our host family of where we are. This helps us to build up our sense of responsibility.

We've also learned lots of things about Irish culture and the stunning places here during our Saturday trips, where all International Students

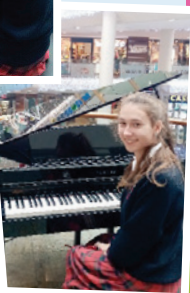
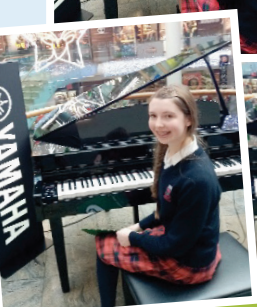
visit different parts of Ireland each weekend. We've all grown to become very good friends who trust each other completely.

The school takes great care of all of us, we have a counsellor and she is great. She is always there for us and gives us great advice in case we have any problems or feel homesick.

All year we are taken care of by our host families, they are really nice and they make us feel comfortable, happy, and at home. They are always asking if we need anything and treat us as part of the family, spending time with them is probably one of the best things here in Ireland.

This experience is a completely new one for all of us, at first it might have been a challenge, but we learned to be proactive and solve it. We are grateful for the opportunity and will never forget it, because the time living here will leave a mark on us forever.

Cristina L & Carmina L, 2nd yr, Paola A, 5th year.





ROSEMONT SCHOOL

Note from The Head Girl

As we approach the end of 2019, we look back at the many different activities and achievements in the school during the first term. From sports to academics and various subject weeks, it has no doubt been a jam packed first term!

We kicked off the school term with sports day. 1st to 6th years enjoying and playing the different games. It was no doubt a great way to integrate the 1st years and get to know the whole school community.

Our annual musical 'Beyond the Seas' was a huge success and provided a great opportunity for all students to develop relationships with other years which is a key element of our culture here at Rosemont School.

We finish off the year with welcoming in the senior citizens of the local community to our school for Christmas carols and lunch.

Finally we would like to thank our teachers for all their hard work and wish a merry Christmas to all staff, students and their families.

Grace M, Head girl.

Development

In early October we honoured our founding parents of Rosemont with a special Mass and breakfast. The choir gave a beautiful performance and 1st year students served the tea and scones. It was a wonderful opportunity to thank the parents whose vision for a Rosemont education and generosity in making it possible has given us the campus and mission that we have today for our 200 students.

With your help, the €6,000 we raised at the 2019 Rosemont Gala went towards the purchase of 24 Chrome books for classroom use! We can't wait for March 28th and the success of the 2020 Gala with all proceeds going towards our Sports Programme!

Be a part of 2020 success and enjoy a night to remember! Purchase a table with friends or individual tickets here: Network.rosemont.ie/events

Contact Kathleen Pacious at development@rosemont.ie with any questions!



Student Council

This year the Student Council has been full of activity settling back to school! We kicked off in September with lots of ideas and initiatives to start the year off on a good foot.

We began by welcoming all new student council members through a team building workshop. We then held a céilí to welcome all new students to the school. We continued from last year, with our whole school fun Fridays and introduced new initiatives such as our 28 days of kindness initiative, where everybody got involved by doing small kind acts to improve each other's day! We also introduced a football tournament, open to all years, which took place on Wednesdays at lunch.

We celebrated our different subjects through the Maths, Science and Enterprise weeks including making a giant periodic table of elements, out of cupcakes, conducting a Business quiz & Maths Bingo.

As the lead up to Christmas began, we got involved with the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal, a charitable organisation delivering presents to children in war torn and disadvantaged countries. This year a new school record was set with 117 shoeboxes being made! We are also currently organising our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Focus Ireland. We're all looking forward to the Christmas holidays and wish everyone a safe and happy break!



Transition Year

TY to date...

Everybody is thoroughly enjoying transition year so far. We've gone on many school trips such as the Butlers chocolate factory, Croke Park and of course Carlingford for our Junior Cert results.

Transition year has been a great opportunity for everybody to try new activities such as new sports and has also allowed us to experience working life through taking part in work experience.

In October, half of the Transition year took part in the October Adventure in Dublin, while

the other half travelled to Boston and took part in a student exchange with Rosemont's sister school 'Montrose'. Everybody enjoyed experiencing the typical American teenage life and having their independence away from their parents. In addition, we've sampled new Senior Cycle subjects such as Chemistry, Physics, Accounting and Business and are beginning to think about what subjects we'd like to do for the Leaving Cert. Everybody is looking forward to all the exciting trips and activities that are planned for the new year.

Jessica D and Grace B, TY & editors of TY Times