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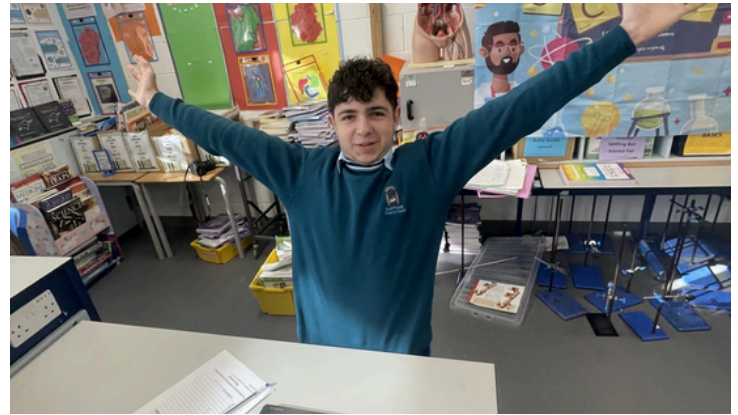
TY TYPING COMPETITION

By Dylan Tobin

During the year MS Fallon's TY computer applications classes have been learning how to type fast on IO fast fingers. She had them track their scores and get an average score on how much words they typed in a minute. The fastest typing students from each class got entered into a competition. On the 20th of March the competition was held in Ms Fallons class at 9am. The finalists were Godson Onyebuchi, Ruby Harrington, Oisín O'Donnell, Luke Mulvihill and Seán Healy.



Every competitor had a few minutes to practice their typing and get their hands warmed up before starting the competition. Ms Fallon rang her bell, and the typists were off, each typist had their own way of typing fast. Each typist did 12 one-minute rounds of typing in IO fast fingers. When all the typists had all their 12 rounds done, the typists got out their calculators and started to get their average scores.



When all typists had told Ms Fallon their averages, she had her winners of the fastest typer competition. At 5th place was Godson Onyebuchi with an average score of 44 WPM (words per minute), Luke Mulvihill at 4th place with an average score of 52 Wpm, Oisín O'Donnell in 3rd place with an average score of 56 WPM, 2nd place was Ruby Harrington with 59 WPM and finally in 1st place was Sean Healy with an Impressive score of 67 WPM awarding him the fastest typer of TY in 2025.



Each typist received a prize for participating Godson and Luke won a pen and Oisín Ruby and Seán won a stationary set sticky notes and pens.





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LC1 German Trip to Wie Nacht So Gross Wie Wir

By Dylan Tobin

The 5th year German classes went to the University of Limerick on the 13th of March to attend a German play performed by some of the German students at UL. The play was called Wie Nacht So Gross Wie Wir. The German spoken was very good and if u couldn't understand some of the words they had subtitles on display at the top of the stage, so you could follow along with out being fluent in German.

I got interviews from two of the German students that attended the play.

Daniel Murphy said: "The play was so good and I really liked one particular part I thought it was very interesting and was laid out well. I liked the character choice and they played there character really well especially Suse and Bo."

Maria Gordeev said: "The play was very enjoyable and the use of the subtitles was very helpful as there were a few words most of us wouldn't have understood. The play was easy to follow yet still very good and it portrayed the anxieties of leaving school really well.

There was roughly 300 students that attended the play from different schools from Clare and Limerick. When you looked around the room you could see every student was interested in the play with no one talking or making noises.

All the German actors on stage were very good and spoke out well in German. There was even a former St Caimins student named Raoul Murphy as one of the charaters called Bo. He played his character really well and you could tell he was very fluent in German along with all the actors on stage. All together the play was very interesting and done well. It definately had students that attended the play thinking about going to UL and studying German.

DIE NACHT SO GROSS WIE WIR

„Das ist die Nacht, in der wir sterben müssen. Vom Ungeheuer verschlungen und dann wiedergeboren.“

Suse, Pavlow, Maja, Tolga und Bo gehen zusammen zur Schule und sind seit Jahren gut befreundet. Am Tag der Zeugnisverteilung beschließen sie, sich ihren „Monstern“ zu stellen und ihre Jugend loszulassen. Im Laufe des Stücks überwinden sie persönliche Hürden, bei denen ihre Freundschaft jedoch auf die Probe gestellt wird.

Ein Theaterstück über fünf Freund:innen, ihre persönlichen „Ungeheuer“ und das Erwachsenwerden.

Bei Interesse, melden Sie sich bitte bei Dr. Anita Barmettler (Anita.Barmettler@ul.ie) und registrieren Sie sich hier:





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3rd year option choices

By Oisin Byrne

In March 2025, all 3rd year students were called to the school canteen at 11.55 by Ms Glendon Garry.

The students entered the canteen and took their seats and waited for the speech to begin.

The speech began by Ms Glendon Garry doing a quick 5-minute introduction going through the stages of the talk.

She talked about the aims of the talk and how she wanted it to give the students a better understanding of their 5th year subjects choices.

After her brief introduction she called upon the first teacher to talk about what their subject is like in 5th year and all the changes. [practical work, more theory]

The first teacher up was Mr Duddy the Engineering teacher.

Each teacher had 5-10 minutes to explain why you should choose their subject and what the students will be taking part in.



He talked about the careers involved in engineering and how many different routes you can go down.

After he finished up his brief talk the students applauded him and Ms Glendon Garry called upon the next teacher.

The next teacher up was Ms Masterson the Art teacher. Like Mr Duddy, she followed the same format he took. She began explaining the change in senior level art, from junior level she spoke about how the Leaving Cert Exam will be split into different percentages. And the type of people that should be taking part in 5th year Art.

After her time was complete, she stepped away for the next teacher. The same rules applied for the rest of the teachers each teacher doing relatively the same talk some teachers included [Ms Fallon (physics teacher)] [Mr Aherne (construction teacher)] and Ms McPhillips the chemistry and agricultural science teacher.

Ending the presentation

After each teacher gave their speech to the students, they all went back as Ms Glendon Garry returned

She first thanked all the teacher for their work and then the students for listening. She asked the students to think carefully about their subject choices and to make sure they discuss it with their parents.

The talk ended with a big clap from the students, thanking all the teacher's hard work.





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Phone pouches 2026

By Oisín Byrne

This year in St Caimin's there was a notice sent out to the students of the school about phone pouches. These phone pouches are set to be in place for the 2026 school year.

The pouches ensure that students will be unable to use their mobile phone during the school day.

Ms Sheehan held year group assemblies going through the reasoning for the pouches. Some of her main points being students have become far too attached to their mobile devices and she believes that without the phones on students at all times, it will make students engage more with their classmates and schoolwork. Although most students won't like the change at first Ms Sheehan believes that as a long term result it will be very affective.



I interviewed a TY student on his thoughts about the Phone pouches. Some questions I asked the students included (What are your main thoughts on this change), (Do you think the policy will help the students advance) and do you think the policy should be included for all students and year groups?

The student answered the questions and here are the responses. 1 - "I feel the change will be ineffective for many students and will only make students more attached to their mobile devices. I know I personally am not too pushed for the change".2- "I do think that in a long-term result the phones not being in student's hands all day will help students advance in schoolwork. My reasoning being students will spend more time studying and learning" 3- "I think if the policy does come through it should not stand for all year groups for example TY students. I think TY students should have phones during TY and on their days out; I feel without phones it can make students duller making days harder and enjoyable.



As students enter school, they place their phone in their assigned Yondr Pouch.



Students close and secure their Pouch, keeping it on them throughout the day.



When leaving school, students tap their Pouch on a Base to retrieve their phone.

Ending

That was the end of the interview, and I feel there are many arguments for both sides. And there will be a long debate on which side is right.

In my opinion I think the policy could really help students in exam years (junior Cert, Leaving Cert) as it will give more time for learning and study. I feel there are many more policies to be introduced and hope they lead to school advancements.





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Seachtain na Gaeilge

By Tadhg Keane

On the 13th of March, students from St Caimin's Community School travelled to 3 different primary schools for Seachtain na Gaeilge to perform Irish traditional music and Irish dancing for the primary school students. The three schools that they visited were St Conaire's in Shannon, St Aidan's in Shannon and St Finnachta's in Sixmilebridge. The group started in St Conaire's where they started off with an introduction of the musicians in Irish. The performance started with traditional music being played by the schools music group, then went into Irish dancing and a solo performance sang by Scott McCoey. The show was then finished by the river dance and a thank you message that was said in Irish, which Ms. Gregan then translated for the students. When they had finished their performance the group then moved on to St Aidan's school.



When the group arrived to St Aidan's school they started the same way as they did at St Conaire's and finished again with the Riverdance which the students loved. We then listened to the students at the school sing and the principal of the school invited us back to watch the students do their own show for Seachtain na Gaeilge. One of the readers for the performance Hugh O'Donnell said "it was a great experience visiting all the different schools and showing them the talent we have at St Caimin's. I really enjoyed our own performance and it was nice to go back to the school the next day and see what their school had prepared for Seachtain na Gaeilge".

The last school of the day where they performed was St Finnachta's in Sixmilebridge. The group were collected by a bus from St Aidan's and were dropped off to St Finnachta's. There was a much bigger crowd of students there than in the two other schools in Shannon. The performers started and finished like they had the other two times and at the end got a round of applause from all the students and staff in St Finnachta's. After that last performance we were collected by the bus and finished the day by getting food in McDonalds.





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TY paintball

By Tadhg Keane

On the 19th of March the three Transition Year classes visited Clare's paintball activity centre in Craggaunowen. The students got on the bus at roughly 9am and arrived in Quin village for a walk around Quin Abbey before we went to the activity centre. The group spent about a half an hour in Quin village and some people got food in the local shop before getting back onto the bus. When we arrived at the activity centre we started by getting into our overalls and were given protective gear along with protective gloves. Before we started we got a brief talk about the rules when playing, before getting our paintball guns and paintballs. We were then split up into 4 teams with 2 teams playing against each other in each section. Each player was given 3 tubs with 100 paintballs each which you had to use for 4 rounds.



When we started the first round one team started at the top of the section and the other at the bottom. They then had a break and switched the 2 teams locations before starting the second round. After the second round was finished the 2 teams had another break where they got a drink and biscuits before switching with the other 2 teams in the other section. We then had our last break after the third round and played our last round before heading back to the changing area. One of the TY students Ciarán Ryan said "it was a new experience that I had never done before, I thought it was great fun and had a great time with friends".

When we arrived back into the changing area we took off the protective equipment that was given to us and headed to the bus. Everyone really enjoyed the activity and thanked the workers at the Clare Paintball Activity Centre.





U15 football match report

By Cillian O Connor



On the 13th of March our under 15 boys footballers took on Flannans second team. The game started off with our full forward Jack Flynn getting the ball 45 yards out and carrying it all the way in to the Flannans box. He scored it in the top corner, after this Flannans had a good response firing 4 points in a row with 2 frees and 2 points from play. As the first half went on the Caimins defence were under pressure especially in the full back line, but they managed to withstand conceding only a goal. Even though the Caimins full back line were excellent they still went in to the break trailing. As soon as the second half began the lads gave it their all from Liam Mulready in the full back line to Jack Flynn in the full forward line.

Halfway through the second half St Caimin's had a setback conceding a goal and it looked like a tough challenge to get over the line from here, but St Caimin's stayed relentless and managed to pull it back to 2 points. With points from all over the pitch and a goal from Jack Flynn his second of the match and with time run out. St Caimin's had a free on the edge of the box in which they needed a goal or else they would have lost and even though it was a super delivery St Flannan's managed to clear the ball. St Caimin's lost by 2 even though they lost there was still some super performances from Jack Flynn, Liam Mulready and Liam Flannery.



Thanks to the managers Mr. Mc Mahon and Mr. Coughlan for organising the match and trainings for the season. The Football Trainings usually are on after school 4pm to 5pm. Most matches are played during school hours on a Wednesday.



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Future of TY

By Cillian O Connor

This week i spoke to two 3rd years who plan on doing TY and I asked them what they expect from it and what they're excited for.

Eoin murphy

I'm excited but also a little nervous about starting my transition year. I've heard a lot of positive things about how TY gives students the chance to explore different pathways and develop new skills. I'm especially looking forward to the workshops and extra-curricular activities like drama and sport. I also think the experience will help me grow as a person along with meeting new people. I'm most excited about the possibility of gaining independence through a work experience placement and having the chance to try things I might not have considered before. I am also really looking forward to the year trip to Killary adventure park



Mikey lyons

As I approach my transition year, I'm really excited about the opportunity to explore new subjects and activities outside the usual curriculum. I'm looking forward to gaining practical experience through work placements and being able to connect classroom knowledge with real world situations. I think TY will give me the freedom to experiment with different interests, and I'm especially excited about the chance to travel or work on a community project. Overall, I'm hopeful that TY will help me gain clarity on what I want to pursue in the future, And I cannot wait to go to Barcelona and explore the Camp Nou as im a big Barcelona Fan



Overall we can see that TY is an exciting Program and we can see how excited The third years are excited for a new experience in transition year with trips throughout the year such as visiting the biggest stadiums in the world in Barcelona to adventure parks in Killary on an overnight stay and workshops throughout the year and work experience every Friday

