

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As Transition Year Coordinator I am very excited for the school year 2021-2022. We were somewhat restricted the last couple of years in terms of travel and activities. This year we hope to be able to offer a wider range of active experiences to our TY Students.

We are very fortunate where we live, and the activities we have on our doorstep in Corca Duibhne. While the weather and sea conditions are fair, I hope to do most of our water-based activities in the first term. I have negotiated with the local companies and they have agreed favourable discounts. One activity wasn't considered as we felt it was too expensive and poor value for money. The activities we have chosen (weather permitting) are:

Stand Up Paddling - €26

Sea Safari - €45

Sailing – €15

I acknowledge that when these activities are combined with the other activities like Driver Education and ICDL, the first term starts to look very expensive. ICDL is optional and is 50% school financed. The First Aid course in November will be 100% school financed. The majority of the other activities are optional. We will make that clear on any future announcements on the school app. As a parent, I also understand that we don't want our children to miss out. That is why fundraising activities in TY are so important. If we can successfully raise funds then it will enable us to help pay for a lot of the activities, without putting undue pressure on parents and guardians.

The TY students have received sponsorship cards this week. If they sell the entire card (25 lines x €2 = €50), they will be able to keep €10 and the other €40 goes into the TY Fund. This could reduce the Stand Up Paddling to €16, and the remaining money in the TY Fund can be used to further reduce the cost of the Sea Safari. If they are particularly enterprising, they can sell more than one card!

I hope that is of help to you in understanding the financial requirements and workings of the TY Activities. If you have any questions, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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John Ó Flannúra

