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NEWSLETTER

COMERAGH COLLEGE



Welcome

TY Journalism students have created this newsletter for the November to December term.

Students have written articles and worked together as a team with the help of Ms. Eyre to produce this newsletter.

We hope you enjoy reading and we look forward to the upcoming issues that will be produced each term. We would like to wish everyone a very safe and peaceful Christmas break.

Important Dates for next term

7th Jan	Staff Planning No School
13th Jan	1st year Pt meetings
27th Jan-7th Feb	3rd & 6th year Pre Exams
3rd Feb	Bank Holiday
8th Feb	Entrance Exams
17th-21st Feb inc.	Mid Term Break

Compiled By: Kevin Jones

Shoebox Appeal

Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Often these shoebox gifts are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they bring is incredible. Every year we take part in this campaign and collect shoeboxes for the Team Hope shoebox appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported the very worthy cause this year and to Ms. Doyle and Ms. Walpole for their hard work in running the campaign in school.

WRITTEN BY TY JOURNALISM STUDENTS

TY HIGHLIGHTS

TY Media Week

Written By: Eugene Chelyakh

The week of 21st of October was TY Media Week up at Beat 102-103, for which I got selected. I've got to learn a lot more about the media work and audio editing. Everybody that I met were extremely nice. Me and the other students, that got the chance to be there, have befriended each other over the course of that week. I was also live on air a few times. For the whole week we were working in pairs on an audio package on selected topic. These could vary from a podcast to a documentary type interview.



My package was called "Tech Time-out" and was focused on screen time, and it's affects on people's lives. Me and my partner got to do Vox pops and interview CyberSafeKid's Head of Education, Philip Arneill for it. Everybody who went there agrees that they've got an unforgettable experience and will definitely miss this place! I would like to thank Beat 102-103 and Learning Waves for the organisation of the whole thing, for the help throughout the week and, of course, for inviting me there! I also would thank everybody that encouraged and supported me throughout the weeks upcoming to this event!



ARTiculation group's visit to Waterford.



On the 20th of November, the ARTiculation group went on a trip to Waterford for a tour of Waterford Walls and a visit to the Waterford Gallery of Art. On the Waterford Walls tour, a tour guide walked through a selection of street art apart of Waterford Walls and explained the meaning and history of the pieces. After the tour concluded, the group visited the Waterford Gallery of Art for the "Muscle & Minds: Irish Art Olympians" exhibition.

The exhibition was a showcase of art from Irish Olympians who competed in art when it used to be an Olympic sport. One highlight of the exhibition was when a staff member of the gallery handed out an authentic Olympic medal from the 1940s and let everyone hold it. After the exhibition, the group was allowed to roam free in Waterford to get lunch and do some shopping. The trip was an interesting and informative experience and hopefully will assist the group to inspire what piece of art to talk about for ARTiculation.



TY HIGHLIGHTS

TY MUN Training Day

Written By: Eugene Chelyakh

Thursday, November 28th was the training day for this year's Model United Nations. 11 of our TY MUN students have got a chance to visit it. They've learned more about what the event is like and have also got to witness (and take part in) Mock Assembly. This training day has prepared them for the actual event happening 21-24th January 2025.



TY Rugby Course

Written By: Cody O'Sullivan



We completed a rugby course with Munster Rugby . They talked us through what we were doing for the day and told us the rules of rugby . Then we headed to the P.E. hall to do some drills in rugby and then coached some of the group ourselves and found out how hard it is and found out that to have a good training session you need to get everyone happy and everyone involved. I thought this course was really good and I enjoyed it.

Lions Club Ambassador winner



Well done to our TY student Finn McLoughlin who won the Lions Club Youth Ambassador Award recently with Carrick- on- Suir Lions Club. This is a competition that recognises young people for their outstanding community service involvement, leadership accomplishments, and their speaking ability. The programme encourages young people to see community service as an integral part of leadership skills. Finn will now go on to to the All Ireland Youth Ambassador awards in January. We wish him the very best of luck.



TY HIGHLIGHTS

TY Girls STEM Trip

Written By: Anna Gleeson

On the 10th of October, the Transition Year girls went on a STEM field trip to Sunlife Ireland in Waterford. They got to see what it is like to work at Sunlife, gained insights into charts and coding, and worked alongside their mentors, women who are established professionals in STEM fields.



Fire Safety Course

Written By: Hubert Milek

All TY students visited the Carrick-on-Suir Fire Station. They showed us the fire truck and lots of equipment they use like a hose on the fire truck and how to use a fire extinguisher properly. We also got shown how to out out a fire like if it happened in our kitchens we were told never to put water on an oil fire to always use a fire blanket. It was a very worthwhile course to do.



TERM HIGHLIGHTS

OPEN NIGHT

Written By: James Sheehan Walsh

On October 24th we held our annual Open Night. All attendees were brought to the PE Hall for The Principals Address and a talk from present an past students. They were then taken on a guided tour of the school by our students. The night was a huge success and all the parents and potential students were very impressed.



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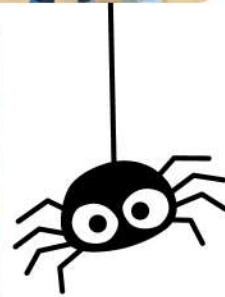
Halloween Fancy Dress

Written By: Anna Gleeson

On the 8th of October, Comeragh College held a fancy dress day, a festive event where staff and students donned costumes in the Halloween spirit. The teachers and students did an excellent job showcasing various costumes throughout the school.

Individuals received awards for their remarkable costumes, and congratulations are extended to all the winners. The day was a great success and everyone enjoyed it.

6th year students have to be given special recognition for the outstanding effort they put in on the day.



Fundraising for SVP

Throughout the month of December we have tried to raise vital funds for St. Vincent De Paul who provide much needed support to people in the local community. This year we held our annual 'toy show box' fundraiser, held a Christmas Jumper Day and TY students were selling Hot Chocolate and Ice-Cream throughout break and lunchtimes. All support has been hugely appreciated for this very worthy cause.



TERM HIGHLIGHTS

1st Year Trip to Ballyhass

Written By: Anna Gleeson

On October 15th, the first-year students had a blast at Ballyhass Adventure Centre. They enjoyed the Aquapark, which is like a big bouncy castle on the water. They also tried archery, aiming for the bullseye. It was a day full of fun and new experiences, perfect for making friends and memories.



Maths Week

Written By: Anna Gleeson

Comeragh College celebrated Math Week from October 12th to 20th with a range of activities. One of the highlights was a treasure hunt around the school, where students worked in teams to solve math-related clues and find hidden treasures.



TERM HIGHLIGHTS

HSCL 1st Year Parent Coffee Morning

Written By: James Sheahan Walsh

On December 4th 2024 our HSCL Ms. Curran held a coffee morning for 1st year parents.

We had great help from some TY students who handed out teas and coffees on the morning to all the parents.

It was a great success and a fantastic way for parents to meet each other.



HSCL Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

On December 11th 2024, we held a Christmas Wreath making workshop for parents of students in our school. It was held in the art room and it was a great morning. Parents made some fantastic wreaths that looked great. Thanks to Ms. Curran for organising and to Ms. Hegarty for the use of the art room.



SPORTS NEWS

U17 Hurling Munster Semi- Final



On Wednesday November 12th our U17 hurlers had a fantastic win over Boherbue Comprehensive school in TUS Area. The boys had a fantastic game and displayed great teamwork skills. They are now into a Munster Final on December 19th 2024 and we wish them the very best of luck

Junior Camogie

Written By: Eimear Commins

On the 5th of December, the camogie girls went to Arravale Rovers GAA in Tipp Town to play St. Ailbes of Tipp Town. In the first half Comeragh College started strong with Amy-Lee Lennon and Ava Murphy sending the sliotar in that back of the net. With St. Ailbes having home advantage getting a point from play and two from frees. At half time Comeragh winning and playing against a strong wind and the opponents with the wind giving them the go ahead. the majority of the time St. Ailbes had chances and took them scoring three goals. At the final whistle St. Ailbes took the win.



Basketball Trip

Written By: Scott Harte

This term our U16 and U19 boys Basketball teams went to watch the Ireland vs. Azerbaijan mens Basketball team in the national Basketball arena up in Dublin. Everyone really enjoyed it. it was a very exciting game to watch.



FIRST YEAR THOUGHTS

Written By: Kevin Jones & Sarah Marie Barrett

Kailey O'Sullivan

What do you like about First Year?
Some of the subjects and some of the sports.

What did you think about Ballyhass?
I liked the zipline, I also liked the wibit, but it was cold.

What's your favourite subject and why?
My Fav subject is Art because I love to draw and learn about it.

How was the move from 6th class?
It was ok. Not a big change.

Niamh Houlihan

What do you like about First Year?
I like all my new friends and I like all the new subjects.

What did you think about Ballyhass?
I was so good, I enjoyed it was so fun I would love to go again

What's your favourite subject and why?
I love engineering and art they are really fun

How was the move from 6th class?
It was a bit scary at first but ok now. I really like 1st year.

Charlie

What do you like about First Year?
I like that we move classes because staying in one class can be stressful.

What did you think about Ballyhass?
I thought the trip was good to start off the year

What's your favourite subject and why?
Home Ec because I like to cook

How was the move from 6th class?
I was a bit nervous then I settled in

Ellie Gaul

What do you like about First Year?
I like the new subjects.

What did you think about Ballyhass?
I liked the ziplining & the wibit but I got really

What's your favourite subject and why?
My fav subject is art because it is really fun and I enjoy it.

How was the move from 6th class?
I didn't really think about the transition.

Cian Ryan

What do you like about First Year?
I like that we have different teachers

What did you think about Ballyhass?
I liked the wibit

What's your favourite subject and why?
Engineering because it was fun

How was the move from 6th class?
I think that it was good because it's a new chapter

Lexie Fitzgibbon

What do you like about First Year?
Friends and English

What's your favourite subject and why?
English because I am enjoying the book we are reading

How was the move from 6th class?
It was scary but I ended up meeting an old friend of mine from 2 years ago

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