



# DalkeyDiary

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## UPDATES



## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

‘Our journey is not just a journey between Dublin and Lourdes, it is also a journey inwards - to new places within, or to places in our hearts’.

Archbishop Farrell eloquently captured the transformative impact of becoming a youth volunteer in Lourdes this September in his homily at the Grotto Mass. Clara Morrison, Faye Egan, Saoirse Murray, Emer Hargaden and Charlotte Coyle, 6th Year, assisted elderly and infirm pilgrims with notable care and consideration over the course of their stay in Lourdes. Thank you to Ms Trant for organising this worthwhile experience for our students.

- Our Opening Year Mass will take place on Tuesday 17th September in the Church of the Assumption, Dalkey for all students.
- CAT4 Testing for First Years will be held on Wednesday 18th September from 8.45-1pm. Students must bring the following:
  - A pair of headphones/ear pods
  - Their fully charged iPad
  - Pencil
  - Novel to read
- An iPad Induction for Parents of First Years will take place in the Lecture Theatre on Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm with Mr Eoin Hughes, Digital Coordinator





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## TY UPDATES

- Friday 20th: Leadership Conversations with the Minister for European Affairs and Defence, Jennifer Carroll Mac Neill, T.D., 12pm Lecture Theatre
- Employer's Details Form for Work Experience Placement 1 due Wednesday 25th September
- The TY Weebly Site is available to view under 'Transition Year' on [www.loretoabbeydalkey.com](http://www.loretoabbeydalkey.com) should you require further details

## TY TEAM BUILDING

How better to bond with your Year group than to push each other around in wheelbarrows when blindfolded? Today our TYs engaged in a team building session with Go Beyond Adventure. This coupled with a talk from Focus Ireland in preparation for their upcoming Sleepout on Friday 11th October and auditioning for their upcoming musical 'Sister Act' meant that they enjoyed ample time with friends both old and new.





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## 'Making the Transition to Secondary School' First Year Parents' Seminar

We were delighted to welcome parents of First Years to our seminar at which Dr Nadia Ramoutar advised us on how to navigate the transition to second level both at home and at school. 'The Prophet' by Kahlil Gibran encapsulates her premise which is that if parents are the balanced bow, their daughters can be set free to fly further and faster. Thank you to our TY Catering Crew who baked for and served our guests on the evening.

### THE PROPHET (Excerpt)

**Your children are not your children.**

**They are the sons and daughters of life's longing for itself.**

**They come through you but not from you,**

**and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.**

**You may give them your love but not your thoughts,**

**for they have their own thoughts.**

**You may house their bodies but not their souls,**

**for their soul dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.**

**You may strive to be like them but seek not to make them like you.**

**For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.**

**You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.**

**The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and he bends you with his might that his arrows may go swift and far.**

**Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;**

**for even as he loves the arrow that flies, so he loves also the bow that is stable. BY Kahlil Gibran**

### PMVT Learning Centres

Thank you to all of our parents who donated books to our school for the Peter McVerry Trust Learning Centres. These centres provide alternative education for young students who are unable to engage in mainstream education due to adverse childhood experiences or mental health concerns. These text books will assist those students to bridge the gaps in their education in a way that would not have been possible without these donations.

