

SPC TY Specialisms

1. TY Musical

The TY annual musical is a unique opportunity for students to be involved in a creative process culminating in a public performance on a stage in a show combining music, singing and dancing.

Being involved in a musical will develop student's confidence, self-esteem and ability to communicate and above all else, students learn how to work with others in a productive, meaningful and fun way. The musical provides an opportunity for students to do things they have never done before and work with a professional stage, crew and a very real audience!

The musical is cited by students who've since left school, as a highlight of their career at St Peter's and the standard of our musicals is a testament to the effort and dedication of the TY students who select to do it every year. Some of our musical students have gone on to study musical theatre in college with much success on the national musical theatre circuit and two students have even made it onto the stage in Broadway!

2. Transition Year Physical Education Sports Specialism.

The programme aims to enhance an individual's knowledge and understanding of all aspects relating to Physical Education while all the time building a student's self-esteem and teamwork skills.

These goals and others are achieved by students taking part in such endeavours as; Rock Climbing, Kayaking, Boxing, hiking in the Wicklow Mountains, Boot Camp (which is a 10 week fitness programme culminating in TY students running in the Annual Dunboyne 4 Mile Road Race at the end of March). At the end of the year all students will have had a myriad of sporting experiences, in addition to earning a number of coaching / participation certificates which will form a central part of their TY Completion Portfolio.

3. Stage Technology and Digital Media

Students are introduced to the roles of the sound engineer and lighting technician in theatre, being able to work with professional standard PA systems and lighting rigs. Students will assist with all the technical areas involved in all types of school productions from the musical, St. Peter's Live, concert performances, assemblies, school videos and many more. In addition to live performance students will also have the opportunity to use advanced computer software to become adept at recording and then producing sound and video in the school's own recording studio. Stage technology also involves students in building staging, scenery, props and special effects for school performances.

There are many aspects to this very 'hands-on' subject, you never quite know what you will be doing from one week to the next!

The course focuses on the study of creating and sharing media in a digital environment. This module provides students with the opportunity to actively use digital media technology, an area that has become an increasingly important feature of how students communicate and engage with each other and with the wider world. Students will begin to build websites and blogs, dive into the world of photography and movie making and participate safely and effectively in online tasks. Students should choose this specialism if they have a particular interest in digital technology and how it benefits the world we live in.