

Transition Year at St Oliver's goes Russian...



This year, for the first time in St Oliver's Community College, Russian classes were included as part of the TY curriculum. Students were introduced to Russian culture and language. They have learned the basic Russian greetings, the Cyrillic alphabet, numbers, etc. Students learned a lot of interesting facts about the biggest country in the world, which has eleven time zones and a population of around 150 million!

By introducing students to a new language and a new culture, this course gives its' participants a wider perspective and broader understanding of the world in which we are living. It also provides an opportunity to acquire knowledge which could be of relevance to the student's future studies and career. For example, in Trinity College Dublin, the faculty of Russian and Business provide third year students with the opportunity to study Russian in Moscow, or in St Petersburg, the cultural capital of Russia.

At the end of the term students presented projects on Russian culture, tourism, famous Russian people, the FIFA world cup 2018 - to be held in Russia, and Russian cuisine. Students in St Oliver's held a competition between TY groups to present the best project. Russian teacher Oksana McNiff announced Emer Doyle and Méabh Hickey as the competition winners.