Message from CTY Ireland

We are disappointed not to be seeing students face to face this term but unfortunately circumstances have dictated that we will have to run the majority of our classes online for the Autumn Term. Fear not though as we have lots of amazing teachers who have been working very hard to produce some online courses for high ability students. Many of these teachers are former CTYI students and all of them want to produce work that will be enjoyable to all talented students.

We hope to be able to run classes again as normal come November and we will email all students' parents with more details of this once we get confirmation from the universities that it is safe to do so. Every student who attends this online programme has curiosity to find out more information. This can be achieved through reading or doing and making things themselves and we believe that these courses will allow us to capture some of this and let the students thrive in an environment where knowledge is valued and opinions are welcomed.

We encourage you to join us for online CTYI this year and help these students fulfil their potential.

Colm O’Reilly
CTYI Director

How classes will work

As the courses will be online they will be taking place for one hour a day over the course of five weeks Sept 12, Sept 19, Sept 26, Oct 3 and Oct 10. There will be 4 different classes to choose from. Students may of course also sign up for more than one class. We find that online classes work better when students of a similar age are in the same group so therefore we have created extra classes for those who are currently below 2nd class or aged 6/7.

The cost of one course will be €75 for the 5 weeks (plus an Eventbrite fee of €5.93 per course).

To participate you will need a computer/tablet with a webcam and functioning sound system and a working wifi connection. CTYI takes Child Protection very seriously, and as such, each zoom class will have settings which ensure that people who are not students cannot join the class. Prior to the classes starting we will send out a document on how to use zoom for the classes, which we would ask you to review. Parents may be asked in advance to organise some materials for their child. These items will normally be things that can be found around the home.

Layout of classes:

15 minutes at start to say hello

30 minutes of classwork - both teaching and interacting

15 minutes to wrap up and ask any questions

We do ask that parents stay close by while classes are in progress to ensure their child is as focused on the class as possible.
Application Process

- These online courses are available to children below 2nd class only or in the 6/7 age group.
- If you are interested in applying for one of these courses, please follow the link provided below each timetable, which will take you to our Eventbrite listing.
- As our team are all working remotely at the moment, we will not be processing application forms and payments as usual.
- To apply you need simply enter your details & your child’s details and pay with credit/debit card for your chosen course through Eventbrite.

Please note, as staff are still mainly working remotely, you will be required to fill out a section on the application form regarding whether your child has any special educational needs as the application site is not connected to our database which usually would show this information. Only the staff of CTY will be able to access this information and it will not be shared anywhere else.

- Course places are limited & are on a ‘first come, first served basis’ so please apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
- Tickets on Eventbrite will close as soon as a course is full.
- The email address you use for eventbrite will be the email address that will be used to communicate class details such as the Zoom link which allows you to enter the class.

Refund Policy

- No Refund will be made to any student who is assigned one of their course choices but decides not to participate.
- Students who start a course but do not complete it are not eligible for a refund.
- No refunds or credit notes will be given to anyone who makes a mistake on Eventbrite by signing up twice, choosing the wrong course or incorrectly signing up for a class that is not in the age range for your child.
- Fees are non-transferable.
- CTYI reserves the right to cancel or alter any course if, due to unforeseen circumstances the course cannot be run economically or efficiently.

Discipline

In order for classes to run as smooth as possible and to make sure every student has a good time, we have created a few rules and guidelines for all students when taking part in the online classes:

- No bullying or teasing any other student. We all came to learn.
- No talking over the teacher or messing while the class is in progress. If you want to ask a question you can raise your hand.
- No Taking photos or videos in class unless you get permission from the teacher.
- Please arrive for class on time. If you log into the class late this can cause disruptions to the class.
- Students may not contact a staff member on any social network unless the account is a registered CTYI one.
- Students may not share Zoom class codes or activity codes with any other person.

Important to Note: If a student is seen breaking any of these rules to an extreme extent, they may be asked to leave the class. No refunds will be made to students dismissed from the programme.

Details on CTYI Data Protection and Equality policies can be found on our website: www.dcu.ie/ctyi/CTYI-Policies
Timetables

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To sign up for a course please click on the following link:

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/117374938601

Course Descriptions

Animals
Are there snakes in Ireland? Does Fungi the dolphin really enjoy the company of humans? Come explore the creatures on our shore from marine life off the coast of Dublin to the creatures that lurk deep in our forests and high in the hills! Then take a safari to hear about more exotic animals and their habitats in other countries.

Storytelling
Everyone has a story to tell. We will explore storytelling in all its forms: written, oral, visual, and performative. You can dream up fairy tales, develop dramatic monologues, and design comic strips. Whether you enjoy comedic rambles, epic journeys, or truelife tales, this course will give you the tools to tell them well. Come and share the stories that lie inside of you. Please note that writing skills are not essential; just a good memory and a big imagination.

The Brilliant Brain
Do you think about thinking? Or wonder how you feel what you feel? Do you believe our senses really make sense of everything? Our brain controls how we think, move, sense, and even remember, but sometimes it can trick us too! In this fascinating course, we will explore just how the brain works, as well as its faults and limits. With plenty of fun tests and experiments, we’ll get to the bottom of this big and brilliant blob!
Volcanoes & Earthquakes

This course will examine some of the natural disasters that the world experiences, and trace back the causes of such occurrences. The course will go deep into the earth to explain why volcanoes and earthquakes occur and how they affect the surrounding landscape. Examining the areas around the globe that are particularly susceptible to these natural disasters, students will learn how technology has been used to create warning systems and minimize the human impact. This exciting course will be of interest to anyone with an interest in science or geology.