

## **Transition Year Trip to Zipit**

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On the 29<sup>th</sup> of September transition year students went on a trip to Zipit Forest Adventures.

The Students, along with teachers Ms.Phipps, Ms.Ryan Clarke, Mr.Munds and Ms.Finn left in the morning on the bus for the half hour ride to the Tibradden Wood where Zipit is located.The weather was overcast and windy however fortunately the rain held off.

The students were split into groups, fitted with harnesses and instructed on how to work the various clips and safety features when going through the courses. They were then free to spend the day making their way through Zipits 2.8 kilometres of treetop challenges. These obstacles included plank bridges, rock climbing walls, cargo nets and travelling through the woods on the many ziplines throughout the different courses.

The five different courses ascend in difficulty. Courses such as the white and orange course for example were still challenging but were on the easier side compared to the blue course which ended with a terrifying winch drop to the forest floor. The most challenging was the red course,one which few students even attempted. Containing obstacles such as a difficult climb up a large tree, and riding a bike between platforms.

Half of the group hiked to the top of Tibradden mountain at the start of the day, followed by the other half later in the day. The trail shows off incredible scenery of the Dublin mountains and overlooks Dublin Bay and Howth. The summit is home to the Tibradden cairn, a prehistoric chambered cairn dating to the Bronze Age. A notable feature is the beautiful spiral rock art carved into the ground of the chamber.

Overall students had an enjoyable trip and a great day.

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