

About TAP

Established in 1993, TAP is part of Trinity's contribution to tackling social exclusion, through a range of innovative, targeted initiatives for individuals who, for socio-economic reasons, have not yet realised their full educational potential.

Following on from our second level programme, the primary schools programme began in 2000 and we are currently linked with 19 schools in the inner-city and greater Dublin area. These schools are mainly feeder schools for our second level link schools.

The programme aims to work with schools, pupils, parents and communities to assist in breaking the cycle of educational disadvantage. Approximately 1000 students, teachers and parents from our link schools participate in targeted outreach activities each year. The activities aim to encourage pupils' curiosity about learning. They also emphasise the value of third level education through age-specific, interactive developmental activities.



TAP Primary Schools Activities

School Visits

Over the course of each academic year, TAP primary school programme staff visit all TAP link schools. Staff members meet with 5th and 6th class students, teaching staff and the school principal. The aim of the visit is to strengthen the relationship between the school and Trinity College and to share information about upcoming outreach activities.

Maths and Science Exploration Programme

Each year, students, parents and teachers from TAP linked primary schools are invited to the Trinity College campus for a day-long exploration of Maths and Science topics. Activities include academic and fun Maths and Science workshops, an on-campus Scavenger Hunt and lunch in the Old Dining Hall. The workshops are developed and delivered by TCD academic volunteers from the Mathematics, Nanoscience, Zoology, Geology, Physics and Chemistry departments. Recent activities saw students exploring fossils in the Geology Museum in TCD, finding out first-hand about the various species of bees in the Zoology Department, playing roulette in the School of Mathematics and using Nanotechnology to play computer games. Approximately 400 students, parents and teachers take part each year.

The programme aims to stimulate interest in Maths and Science among 5th and 6th class students and increase participation in Maths and Science at secondary school, particularly at higher-level. It also seeks to develop an increased awareness among primary-school teachers and students of careers and opportunities in the areas of Maths and Science.

"I would love to study Science in college now....it seems really exciting!"

Student, Our Lady of Good Counsel Boys, Drimnagh

"The day was practical, simple and engaging – the key to learning!"

Teacher, St. Enda's NS, Dublin 2



The Bookmarks Programme And Awards Ceremony

The Bookmarks programme is a story-writing, illustration and bookbinding workshop series for 5th class children, developed by TAP in association with The Ark, a Cultural Centre for Children. The programme aims to encourage children from TAP linked primary schools to utilise The Pollard Collection, Trinity's outstanding collection of children's books covering three centuries, as a stimulus for their own creativity.

Taking place over a period of 2 months both in the participating schools and on the Trinity campus, the programme aims to help children discover a love of reading, learning, writing stories and the visual arts. Workshops are facilitated by visual artists from The Ark, children's writers and storytellers and Trinity staff. The project culminates in an awards ceremony in Trinity for students, teachers and parents.





School Partners

Assumption Senior NS, Walkinstown.
 City Quay NS, Dublin 2.
 Drimnagh Castle Primary School, Drimnagh.
 Loreto Senior Primary School, Crumlin.
 Marist Senior NS, Crumlin.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel Senior Boys, Drimnagh.
 Our Lady of Good Counsel Senior Girls, Drimnagh.
 Our Lady of Lourdes NS, Inchicore.
 Scoil Chaitriona, Dublin 4.
 Scoil Cholmcille, Ballybrack.
 Scoil Eoin Senior NS, Kilbarrack.
 Scoil Mhuire Senior NS, Blakestown.
 O'Connell's Primary School, Dublin 1.
 St Anne's NS, Fettercairn, Tallaght.
 St Brigid's Prinary School, Dublin 4.
 St Enda's NS, Dublin 2.
 St James's CBS Primary School, Dublin 8.
 St. Laurence O' Toole Girls NS, Dublin 1.
 St Laurence O Toole CBS Senior NS, Dublin 1.

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