



Presentation Secondary School Transition Year Programme 2026



Overview of the TY Programme

- A **stand alone Programme** taken after Junior Cycle before the two-year Leaving Certificate Programme.
- **Optional** for students.
- Programme is designed by the school to suit the needs and interests of the students – each year it is **tailor made** to the students coming into the programme.
- No State Examination.
- Each year is bespoke and we pride ourselves on the fact that no TY year is the same.





TY Programme Structure

Senior Management

TY Coordinator

Year Head

Core TY Team

TY Base Class

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Aims of Transition Year



**Whole-person
development**



**Meaningful
Learning**



**Opportunity and
Engagement**



Active Citizenship



Future Pathways



**Reflection and
Partnership**





Structure of the New Transition Year Programme

Personal Growth

Being a Learner

Civic and Community Engagement

Career Exploration



Core Areas

Career
Guidance

SPHE

Digital
Portfolio

Work
Experience

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English

Maths

MFL

Sustainability
Action
Project

Religion

PE

ICT

Community
Work



Subject Sampling

- Home Economics
- Art
- Music
- History
- Geography
- Business
- Accounting
- LCVP
- Computer Science
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Agricultural Science



Some Previous TY Workshops and Activities

Research Skills workshop	Manual Handling Certified	Drama Fest	End of Year Trip and graduation
CPR4Schools Programme	Enterprise Christmas Markets	Credit Union Horizon Initiative	Mini Med Solicitors of the Future Programme
Personal Safety Workshop	Cocos Law	Trip to Kilmainham Gaol /Spike Island	Rubbish Film Festival
Fire Marshall Training	Ploughing Championships	Seachtain na Gaeilge with Pres Primary	Barista Coffee Making Course
Work Experience	STEM Passport	Team bonding/ Slievenamon Hike	Working with the Community: Tidy Towns/nursing home
Forensic Science	Soar Workshop	Ballymac Hike	Gaisce
Mock Interviews	Driver Education Programme	Careers Month/Expo	Communication Skills Wshop- Narrative 4






Previous Transition Year Trips

- Bonding Day Trip
- Ballymac Hike and Overnight Stay
- Wild Summits Camping Trip
- UCC
- Ice Skating
- Nano Nagle Place
- Achill Outdoor Adventure Centre
- Kilmainham Gaol
- Delphi Adventure Centre

BALLYMACARBRY HOSTEL



A person wearing a red jacket, blue helmet, and dark pants with red stripes is walking a tightrope high above the ground. They are holding onto a rope with their right hand. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds. Three dark blue cloud-like shapes containing text are overlaid on the image.

**“I feel like I
pushed myself a
lot and did things
I never knew I
was capable of
doing”**

**“I got out of my
comfort zone and
spoke to people I
normally
wouldn’t speak
to”**

**“I thought I’d hate
the fact that there
was no phone
policy, but it was so
liberating not to
have it. I slept so
well without it.”**



Work Experience

- **Block 1** – November/December
- **Block 2** – April/May
- **Different employer** required for each placement
- Acquiring Work Experience is the **responsibility of the student**
- If over 16 and want to work with kids/vulnerable adults, you may need to be garda vetted



Aims of Work Experience



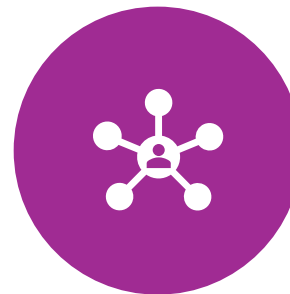
Students should sample a variety of actual, **real-life working environment**



Students should benefit from the guidance and mentoring of those who hold full time employment in the workplace



It should help students make an **informed decision** regarding subject choices in light of a future career



Students should improve communication, life and social **skills.**





Assessment

- Continuous, Formative and Summative assessment.
- Teamwork/presentations/personal development
- Christmas Report and Summer Report
- Certificates for workshops completed
- End of Year Reflection/Interview



Transition Year Fee

- **€600**
- This fee covers all workshops and activities/school insurance
- Fee Payment is through instalments
- Ring office/pay cash/card/VSWare

Payment Collection	Payment Date	Payment Amount
Deposit	Friday 13th March	€200
2nd Instalment	Friday 15th May	€200
3rd Instalment	Friday 4th Sept	€200





Student Responsibility

– Is TY the right pathway for me?

- Are you willing to buy in to the programme wholeheartedly?
- Do you understand that workshops and activities are not optional?
- Will you attend every day?
- Are you willing to embrace every opportunity given to you?
- Are you willing to be challenged to go outside your comfort zone?
- Do you understand that “I can't” doesn't exist in the TY programme?
- Am I willing to get outside my comfort zone?
- Am I willing to make new friends?



If so, do the following:

Fill in application form
Sign and return contract
Pay your deposit.



How to Apply

- Fill out the application form online via Microsoft Forms and submit (see link below)
- Sign and return the Student Agreement sheet to reception – yellow page
- Deadline for online applications is Friday 13th February 2026
- https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ls_xstUBU0CO_W33esCjtn0rwH1GRUvdFvPXPCUYmd19UOEFHM0E1SFZSNzdP_Qk9FNVZWNTJNOFQ3Ni4u

