



# 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

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Personal Growth

Being a Learner

Civic and Community Engagement

Career Exploration



# Core Areas

Career Guidance	SPHE	Digital Portfolio	Work Experience	Gaeilge
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





“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

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- **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



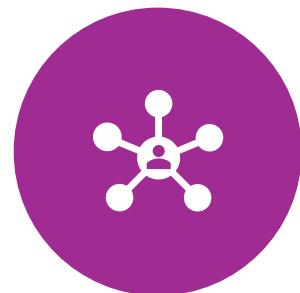
Students should sample a variety of actual, **real-life working environment**



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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	€200
3 <sup>rd</sup> Instalment	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ls\\_xstUBU0CW33esCjtn0rwH1GRUvdFvPXPCUYmd19UOEFHM0E1SFZSNzdPQk9FNVZWNTJNOFQ3Ni4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ls_xstUBU0CW33esCjtn0rwH1GRUvdFvPXPCUYmd19UOEFHM0E1SFZSNzdPQk9FNVZWNTJNOFQ3Ni4u)

