

TY INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday 5TH SEPTEMBER



WELCOME EVERYONE & THANK YOU
ALL FOR COMING



Aims for TY



- It is our aim here at St. Augustine's College to make Transition Year a beneficial one for all of our students.
- During TY one of our key aims for our students is that they mature.
- We endeavour to develop the life skills of the TY students, especially through their work experience & community service which they do each Friday.
- We aim to give the students the tools & skills for dealing with both their Leaving Cert & College.

Course Content for TYP

The TY Programme is divided into three sections that run simultaneously.

1. Core subjects & TY Units.
2. Modules, workshops & speakers.
3. Work experience & community work.

Core subjects;

Gaeilge/English/Maths/
Religion/Language/
Practical/Science/SPHE.
These are all timetabled.



TY Units



- The students will do the core subjects throughout the year.
- Short courses called TY units have also been introduced this year.
- Examples include; local history, film studies, environmental studies and so forth.



Rotation



- Each class group will rotate 5 times during the year;
 1. 5 weeks long
 2. 7 weeks long
 3. 7 weeks long
 4. 7 weeks long
 5. 5 weeks long
- (the middle three are 7 weeks to allow for school activities such as the musical)

Modules

Many of the modules are class timetabled others will be done during class times throughout the year;

- Yoga.
- First Aid.
- Enterprise/ Mini-Company.
- Career Investigation.

- Leisure Module.
- The School Musical.
- Interview Skills.
- Mini-Company.
- Inter-Class Maths Challenges.
- Junior Achievement
- Sustainable living.

Workshops & Speakers

Throughout the year the students will be taking part in numerous workshops & have many speakers.

Examples include:

- Traffic School.
- Road Safety with the Gardaí.
- Forensic Science.
- Build a Bank.

- Sky- Dome Planetarium.
- Focus Ireland Talk
- No-Name Talk
- Stock-Market.
- Personal Safety.
- Poetry Slam
- Anti-Bullying.

Many more workshops & speakers pop up during the year.

Clubs



I am encouraging each student to get involved in at least one of the clubs that will be established in the next few weeks. All will provide certification.

Examples are:

1. School Sustainable Travel.
2. Build a Bank.
3. Lunch Time Sports Club.
4. Lunch Time Board Games Club.
5. Green School Club.

Mini-Company



- The aim is to provide the students with the opportunity to become aware of how a business operates.
- The students work in groups & classes are timetabled.
- The mini-company is a great experience but a challenging one, as the students must do the work required.
- Students will be involved in competitions during the year with their mini-companies. They hold two fairs a year;
Christmas Fair & Easter Fair.

The mini-company provides a great opportunity for the students & we encourage them to get involved.

Gaisce/ President's Award



The TY students have the opportunity to do the Bronze Medal. In order to receive the award students must do the following for a minimum of one hour a week over 13 weeks;

1. Community Involvement.
2. Personal Skill.
3. Physical Recreation.

This is all voluntary & done during the students free time. Again I encourage the students to get involved especially considering the extra free time they have in the evenings.

Leisure Programme



On Monday afternoons the students have their Leisure Programme. This runs every Monday afternoon for the entire year.

September- School Musical:

- During this time on a Monday rehearsals, set & programme design, costumes and anything else required for the play will be done.
- Those not needed for rehearsals will be provided with other options such as yoga/ soccer.

After the school-musical on Mondays the students will be taking part in the following activities on a rotation base.

- Yoga. Clonea gym.
- Clonea Bowling.
- Clonea Swimming.

Folders/ Portfolio



- Each student has been given a folder for the year.
- We call it their portfolio. The students must have it with them for each class, module, workshop & presentation.
- It is a record of the work that they will do during the year.
- At the end of the year each student will be interviewed by the Year Head & Principal and /or Deputy. In the interview students will have to present their portfolio with examples of their work throughout the year .

Homework & Assessment



- Homework in TY is different from the Junior Cycle. Most of the work is done in class & tends to be project & group based.
- At the end of each TY unit an example of the student's work must be recorded in their portfolio. For core subjects 2-3 examples must be recorded.
- Teachers will assess this work.
- Once a month the students will fill out a template of their key learning outcomes for each subject & module. This will be kept in their portfolio.
- At the end of the year each TY student will be interviewed about what they did during TY.

Assessment & Reports



TY students are assessed twice a year from September-Christmas & January- Summer. Assessment is based on a number of criteria such as;

- Written exams.
- Class work.
- Presentations.
- Project work.
- Participation.
- Behaviour.

Reports:

- Formal school reports will be issued at Christmas & Easter.
- Reports can also be communicated through the students school diaries when the need arises.

CERTIFICATION



The school will certify the students at the end of the year. Students will receive one of the following certifications at the end of TY.

- Not completed.
- Pass.
- Merit.
- Distinction.

Students also have the opportunity to receive external certification during TY in some modules for example; First Aid, Car Safety, Mini-Company etc

Certification will only be given to those students who have fulfilled the requirements.

Excursions



The trips that have been organised so far are;

- Ploughing either the 18th or 20th of September. This is optional & will cost approximately 25 euro.
- Baltinglass Outdoor Adventure Centre; April 29th – May 1st for the girls/ May 1st - May 3rd for the boys.
- This is optional and will cost approximately 165 euro.

If you have any queries about the trips please speak to me at the end of the presentation.

How students get the most out of TY



- ✓ By joining a club, if none of the ones available interests them students can always suggest one.
- ✓ By doing the Gaisce Bronze Medal.
- ✓ Getting involved in the school musical.
- ✓ Getting stuck into the Mini-Company.
- ✓ Trying *everything* the year has to offer.
- ✓ Doing *something outside of school*, they have lots of free time.

Communication



Each Sunday I post the events for the coming week on the school website under TY news.

I would also encourage parents to have a copy of their child's timetable .

Students have the opportunity to try new things this year such as :

- Mini-Med.
- Engineering in CIT
- Sports in WIT

I post all of these opportunities on the students notice board & on the school website.

Conclusion



My hope for TY is that ;

- Every student will get involved in as many activities as they can in the year and that by doing so they learn life long skills, mature & form new friendships.
- That the students develop the ability to self learn which will better prepare them for both their leaving cert & third level.
- Again I thank you for coming tonight & if anyone has any questions please come and speak to me.