



**TRANSITION YEAR**

**INFORMATION**

**MEETING**

**26/01/2016**

# WHAT IS TRANSITION YEAR ALL ABOUT?

- TY is a one year school based programme between the Junior and Senior cycle.
- It is designed to act as a *bridge* between the two, by facilitating the smooth *transition* from the Junior Cycle to the *more independent* self-learning required for the Senior Cycle.
- It is also designed to allow the students a year in which to mature & better prepare for the senior cycle.

# WHY DO TY???

- It encourages the student to develop independent critical thinking which will be of benefit to them at both senior & college level.
- It allows the student the experience of an adult working life through their work placements on Fridays.
- It gives the student an opportunity of new experiences such as Mini-Company, the Leisure Programme & the School Musical.
- It provides the student with the opportunity to learn new skills with modules such as First Aid.

# WHY DO TY???

- The student will also take part in the many of the workshops such as Car & Road Safety & Yoga to name but a few.
- It gives the student the opportunity to do all of the subjects available for the Leaving Cert, thus helping them in what subjects to pick in 5<sup>th</sup> year.
- It provides your son/daughter with the opportunity to mature & make new friends.

# IS TY FOR EVERY STUDENT?????

While the TY programme is open to all third year students, *it may not be suitable for all.*

## TY students are expected to do the following;

1. To see TY as providing opportunities to discover their personal strengths and to develop their potential.
2. To *participate in all that TY has to offer* & to be open to new challenges and opportunities, especially those outside of their comfort zone.
3. To realise that while there may not be exams, *they are still expected to do work.*

# WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A TY STUDENT.

- To follow the school rules & regulations at all times.
- To be present for every class as per time table.
- To be *motivated & participate* fully in all activities.
- To attend all class modules & talks that are arranged.
- To see TY as an opportunity to try new experiences, make new friends & learn new skills, not to see it as a “*year out*” from study & exams.

# COURSE CONTENT FOR TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

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

1. The Core-Subjects.
2. Modules & Workshops.
3. Work Experience & Community Work.



# CORE SUBJECTS

**The core subjects are all time-tabled.**

These include:

- Gaeilge/ Irish Language & Heritage studies.
- English.
- Maths.
- Geography.
- The Sciences.
- French/German.
- Spanish.
- History.
- Art
- Music.
- Religion.
- SPHE.
- Construction/Design.
- Business/Enterprise.
- CSPE.



# MODULES & WORKSHOPS

- First Aid.
- Work Health & Safety Course.
- Food Hygiene.
- Enterprise/ Mini-Company.
- Leisure Programme (Monday afternoons)
- CSI , forensic science workshop.
- Interview Skills.
- The School Musical.
- Toastmasters (Public Speaking)
- Debating.
- High Rock Irish Language Workshop.
- Personal Safety Workshop.
- BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition.
- Food Festival .
- Career Interest Testing & subject choices.
- Car & Road Safety Workshop.
- Car Simulation Module.
- Worker's Rights Workshop.
- Goal Workshop.
- Mental Health Workshop.
- Career Interest Workshop & Subject Choices.
- Build a Bank.
- Sky Dome Planetarium.
- Walking history tour of Abbeyside & Dungarvan.
- GAA Munster Coaching Course

# CLUBS

This academic year the TY students have had the opportunity to become involved in new clubs that have been set up for them.

***Each student is actively encouraged to join club.***

At present we have the following on offer to the students, the same will be on offer again next year:

- The Goal Club.
- Toastmasters Youth Leadership Programme designed to teach the skills of public speaking.
- Dungarvan Smarter Travel Club.
- The Debating Club.
- The Amber Flag Team.
- Build a Bank.
- Gaisce, the President's Award.

# LEISURE MODULE

- Each Monday afternoon the students take part in the Leisure Module.
- **From September until after the school musical the afternoon is designed for auditions & rehearsals. While this is taking place the students will also have the option of one of the following:**

*Soccer/ Engineering/ Art & Crafts/ Dancing.*

After the school musical until the end of the year, for the Monday afternoons the students will do a number of activities on a rotation bases for example;

- Bootcamp Fitness.
- Zumba dance.
- Clonea pool or gym.
- Self-defence.
- Beauty Therapy.
- Clonea bowling.
- Bodyboarding in Clonea beach.
- Pilates.

# TY WEEK

*A week in TY would typically be as follows:*

## Monday:

- English/ Maths/ SPHE/ Irish / double Science/ Leisure Programme.

## Tuesday:

- French/ History/ CSPE/ double computers/ Mini-Company, Enterprise/ Geography/ Religion.

## Wednesday:

- Assembly/ Art/ Irish/ Maths/ Spanish/ English (debating)/ double P.E/ Computers.

## Thursday:

- English/ Mini-company, Enterprise/ Maths/ Work-Experience/ French/ Geography/Irish/ double cookery, Food Hygiene.

## Friday:

- Work Experience.

**Monday Goal Club meeting at 1.30. Tuesday Car Simulation 11.15-11.55. Thursday 2.00-3.00 Yoga.**

# WORK EXPERIENCE

- The students will do work experience & community work each Friday for the entire year.
- The students are required to do two work experience placements & one community work placement.
- Each of the placements are ten weeks long.
- This is a great opportunity for the students as it provides them with an on-going experience of the adult world of work.
- Classes are timetabled for the students each week to assist them in their experiences of the world of work.

## **POINTS TO NOTE**

- Students must look for their own work experience & community service.
- Anne Pender is in charge of Work Experience & will be meeting all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year classes to speak to them in detail about their work experience.
- Students must work from 9.00 am-2.30pm each Friday.
- If a student is unable to find work on a Friday or something unexpected happens, the student is expected to come to school.

# HOMWORK

- Homework will consist of research, project work, preparation for oral presentations & written work. It may not be homework in the traditional sense.
- We are encouraging the development of critical thinking & creative problem solving skills and to prepare them for the Senior Cycle.



# ASSESSMENT

TY students are assessed twice a year from September-Christmas & January - Easter.

Assessment is based on a number of criteria such as;

1. Written exams.
2. Class work.
3. Presentations.
4. Project work.
5. Attendance.
6. Participation & practical work.
7. Portfolio work.
8. Behaviour.





# REPORTS

- Formal school reports will be issued at Christmas & Easter.
- However at the end of September a report will be sent out to parents/guardians of those students whom teachers feel are failing to get involved in the TYP.
- Reports will also be communicated through the students' school diaries if the need arises.



# **COST**

The fee for TY is 325 euros.

This includes;

- Leisure pursuits & all transport cost.
- All class materials & photocopying.
- Student Journal & Portfolio folders.
- Modular work, such as First Aid.
- All guest speakers & workshops.
- Educational school trips.
- Personal Accident Insurance Scheme.
- Career Interest Testing.

## **EXTRAS & PAYMENT.**

The 325 euros does not include the following;

1. 125 for ECDL.
  2. 15 for Gaisce.
  3. School trips.
- The main trip is to Baltinglass Outdoor Adventure Centre in April at a cost of 160 euros.

## **CONCLUSION**

I hope that you have found the information provided useful in helping you make your decision in relation to the Transition Year Programme.

If you have any further queries please contact me at the school.