

TRANSITION YEAR TALK FOR THE CLASS OF 2026-2027

ARKLOW CBS

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

New TY Programme Statement

Aims of Transition Year

Student Dimensions

Student Portfolio

Benefits of TY

Subject Sampling

Work Experience

Assessment

Fees

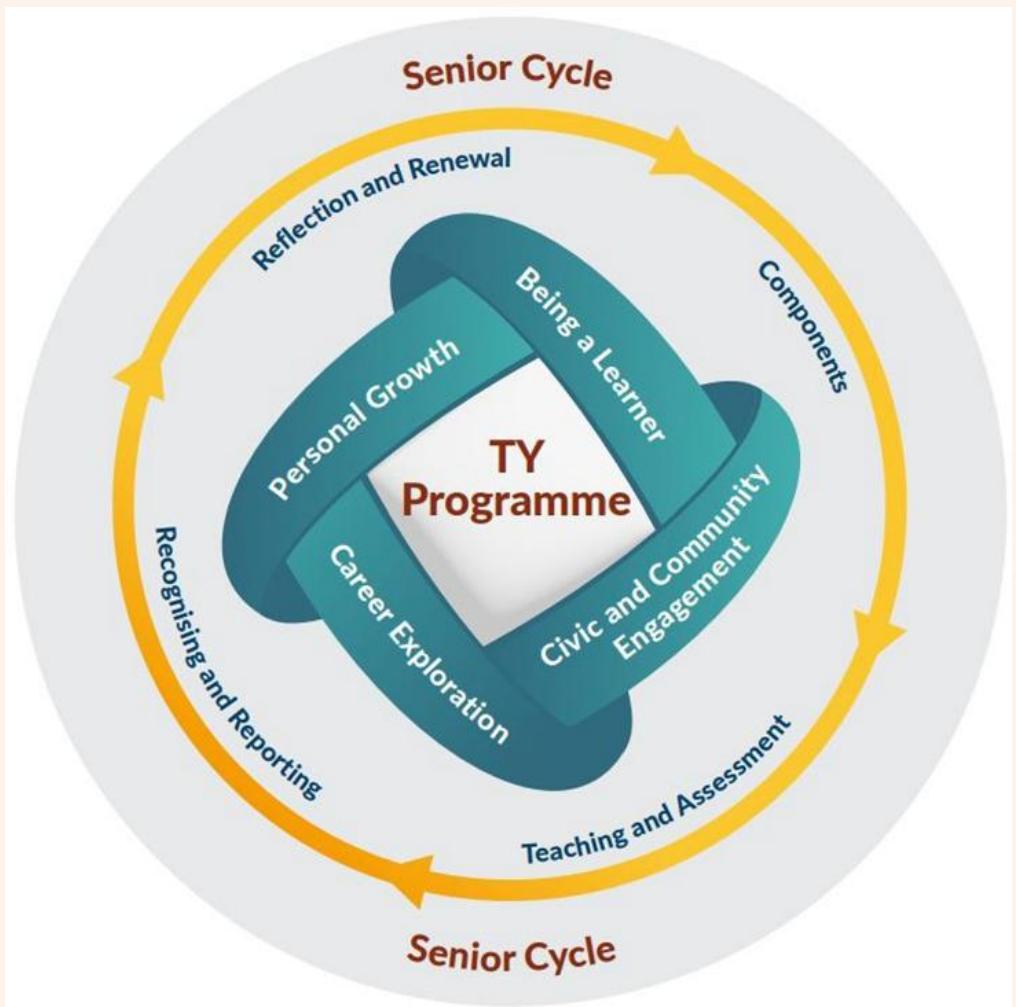
TY PROGRAMME STATEMENT



- The TY Programme Statement is designed around the development and learning of students moving from junior cycle into senior cycle, and as they prepare for their future lives as local, national and global citizens. The statement offers guidance to schools on how to develop a TY programme for all students. Schools have autonomy and flexibility to design their TY programme within the parameters of this TY Programme Statement

This school's TY Programme will;

- To nurture the development of the students as a whole person by building on their previous experiences, through a curriculum designed by the school that is aligned to the TY Programme Statement.
- Create space and opportunities for meaningful, enjoyable learning experiences through which key competencies of the student can be developed in the classroom and school, in the home and in their role as local, national and global citizens.
- Expand the student's experiences and awareness of diverse future pathways and nurture the student's capacity to sustain their growth and development through the process of lifelong learning.
- Evolve continuously to support the learning and development of the student through reflection and renewal process involving students, teachers, school leaders, parents and community partners.



STUDENT DIMENSIONS

- Personal Growth
- Being a learner
- Civic and Community Engagement
- Career Exploration

STUDENT DIMENSIONS

Personal Growth

Students mature socially and emotionally over the course of the year, developing in areas that include health and wellbeing, autonomy, identity, empathy and leadership.

Being a Learner

Building on their previous experiences, students begin to develop as senior cycle students, embracing opportunities and strategies for learning that work best for the student now and into the future.

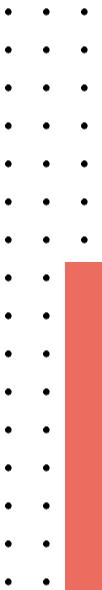
Civic and Community Engagement

Students make a positive difference in their schools, communities and society. They learn to act on their responsibilities and exercise their rights as local, national and global citizens in ethical and sustainable ways

Career Exploration

Students explore diverse future pathways in a guided and coordinated manner, gaining first-hand workplace experience, and developing career related competencies.

HOW WILL WE FULFIL STUDENT DIMENSIONS



PERSONAL GROWTH

- PE
- SPHE
- TY Specific Subjects
- Guest Speakers
- Out of School Competitions
- School Events

BEING A LEARNER

- Continuity - Core Subjects
- Subject Sampling
- Additional Learning Experiences
- Portfolio Development

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our Own Community

Our Global Community

Sustainable Development

Collaborative Action Plans

CAREER EXPLORATION



Work Placement



Career Guidance



Additional Career Related Experiences

STUDENT PORTFOLIO

- Each student will complete a **TY Portfolio** on their TY Experience. It will include
- Goal setting and ongoing review of goals
- A chronological review of student experiences and learning over the year
- Overall progress across each of the four Student Dimensions: Personal Growth, Being a Learner, Civic and Community Engagement, and Career Exploration
- Critical reflections on key learning and achievement

THE TY TEAM

- Ms C Garvey - TY Coordinator - cgarvey@arklowcbs.ie
- Guidance Department
- TY Tutors & TY Core Team
- TY Class Teachers
- Senior Leadership Team

HOW CAN A STUDENT BENEFIT FROM TY?

-  Become more mature and prepared for the Leaving Certificate
-  Become a more self-directed learner
-  Sample a wide range of leaving certificate subjects
-  Gain experience in the world of work
-  Gain insight into future career possibilities
-  Explore new skills and talents
-  Gain a sense responsibility and independence
-  Catch up on areas you may have missed at Junior Cycle

HOW CAN A STUDENT BENEFIT FROM TY?

Improve	Improve your CV
Become	Become a socially responsible citizen
Undertake	Students can undertake projects of interest
Take	Take part in learning opportunities beyond the traditional classroom setting
Set up	Set up a company
Organise	Organise learning experiences for the whole school
Compete in	Compete in national competitions

TY TIMETABLE BREAKDOWN

- Core subjects are completed for the full year.
- All modules are done on a 10 week block rotation

CORE SUBJECTS

English

Irish

Maths

Religion

Physical
Education

Computers

Enterprise

French/German

Portfolio class



MODULE SUBJECTS

- Art
- Music
- TG
- Construction
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- History
- Classical Studies
- Chinese
- Careers
- Geography
- Economics
- Accounting
- Ag Science



TY MINI COMPANY

- The Programme runs from September to May, and students get to do everything a real-life entrepreneur would do from producing the business idea to marketing, sales and preparing a business plan.



TY MINI COMPANY

- With the support of their teachers, our young entrepreneurs have the opportunity to:
- Form a company.
- Discover their 'million-dollar idea'.
- Create a business plan.
- Bring their product to the market

GAA FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME

- It is a cross-curricular programme comprising of a series of modules designed to encourage maturity, initiative, responsibility and leadership skills in pupils.
- The Programme gives pupils the knowledge and skills to support all roles required in the effective staging of Gaelic Games.
- As part of the Programme students are challenged to organise and run both on-field and off-field events for younger students.



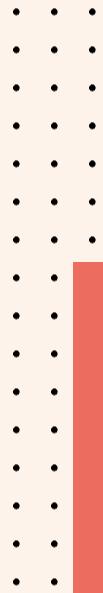
CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Collaborate with the Green School Committee
- Help out with the Return Scheme
- develop students' capacity for informed and meaningful action for a just and sustainable world as they engage with key sustainability challenges, including the climate crisis.



CODING IRELAND

- Introduction to Coding
- Exploring Microbit Programming
- Exploring Digital Media
- Exploring Artificial Intelligence
- Robotic Cars and Automation
- Exploring Electronics and Light



DAY COURSES

NBK
Survival

Self
Defence

Glow
Group

Guest
Speakers



TRIPS

Surfing

Secret Street Tours

Go Quest

Zero Latency

Waterford Green Way

And many more





CHARITY WORK

- Students get involved with lots of charities for example
- Talk to Tom
- Arklow Cancer Support
- The Hope Foundation plus many more



GAISCE

- All transition year students will complete the Bronze President's Award.
- Gaisce encourages self-directed learning and empowerment of students in three main areas: personal skills, community involvement and physical skills.
- Students must also complete a hike in the Wicklow Mountains over two days.



GAISCE
THE PRESIDENT'S
AWARD

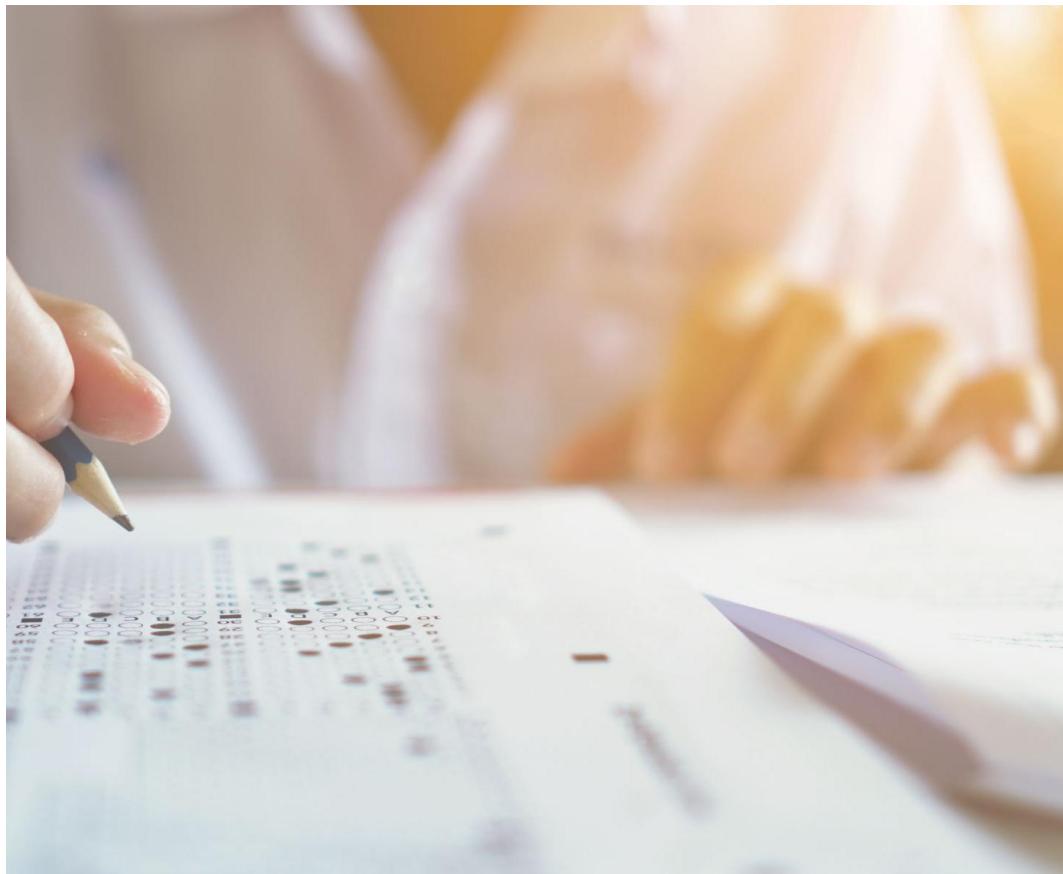
WORK EXPERIENCE

- Transition year is an opportunity to explore career opportunities and 'learning through doing'
- Work Experience Pack provided
- 3 Weeks of work experiences is expected to be completed, one per term on set dates on the school calendar.
- Block weeks can be taken however, these must be cleared with Ms Garvey in advance via email. Maximum of 2 per year
- Garda Vetting is required by students over 16 when working with young people/vulnerable people/the elderly



ASSESSMENT

- Achievement is recognised in TY using a credit system.
- Students are awarded credits based on their efforts and participation throughout the year.
- Teachers assign credits based on completion of work and participation in class
- Credits are also awarded for Christmas and summer reports, extra-curricular leadership, reflective practice and participation in the school trade fair.
- At the end of the year students will be awarded either distinction, merit, achieved, partially achieved or fail based on credits awarded throughout the year.



FOREIGN SCHOOL TRIP

- French exchange
- German exchange
- Sailing trip with JST
- Senior Student Trip



TY FEES

The fee for Transition Year is **€500** for activities.



As we understand that this is a very difficult time for families, there will be an option to pay in instalments for anyone who wishes to do so. Please contact Mary in the office if you wish to discuss this. Fee payment can commence from March 2026 but must be paid in full by August 2026



Please be aware that there will be an optional foreign tour Spring 2027 and there will be an additional cost involved

Please check out
Arklow CBS Facebook
and Instagram page
for regular TY updates
of all activities.

There will be an
updated parents'
handbook on the
website soon.

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Information requests

Name	For	Due date ↑	Status
Arklow CBS Parental Questionnaire	 Akut, Vicente	21 Feb 2025 10:00	Complete
Senior Cycle Options 2026-27	 Akut, Vicente	15 Jan 2026 12:00	Incomplete