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## Transition Year 2026/2027





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# An overview of the TY Programme



## Aims of Transition Year:

- To foster maturity, independence, and personal development through a bridge between junior and senior cycle education.
- Students develop self-directed learning skills and explore interests for future subject choices.
- To allow students to gain experience of the working world and community.



*"I think it just allows them to mature a little bit during that year. They're still pretty young to make decisions about a career."*

*{Joe Schmidt, The Irish Times, November 2019}*



# Subject Sampling

- All students will study both **core and optional subjects** throughout Transition Year.
- **Core areas** of study will include the following: *Irish, English, Maths, Physical Education, SPHE, Career Guidance, Civics and Community and Reflective Practice*
- Students will also get to try all Leaving Cert subjects in Transition Year on a modular basis. This is done on a rotational basis with students swapping subjects after the Christmas term.
- **Senior Cycle Choice Subjects-** Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Ag Science), Business, Accounting, Art, Music, DCG, Construction Studies, Home Economics, Spanish, French, History and Geography.



# Workshops and Guest Speakers



*A balance of academic and career focused workshops among opportunities to develop socially, physically and emotionally.*

- *Drumming workshop*
- *Mental Health Workshops*
- *Self-Defense*
- *Forensics*
- *Drama workshop*
- *Nutrition talk*
- *Strength and Conditioning class*
- *Film Production Workshop*
- *Self-awareness and well-being workshops*
- *First Aid*
- *Barista Training*
- *Dance Workshop*
- *Reptile Haven*
- *School of Life*





# Areas of Study in Transition Year

<b>Possible Modules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lift Programme</li> <li>• Lego League</li> <li>• Young Social Innovators</li> <li>• Mini Company</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restorative Practice</li> <li>• Coding</li> <li>• Drama</li> <li>• Gaisce</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photography</li> <li>• Microsoft Dreamspace</li> <li>• Driver Education/ Theory Test</li> </ul>
<b>Examples of Possible 'Once-off' Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overnight Camping Trip</li> <li>• Resilience &amp; Team building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zip Lining</li> <li>• Winter Market</li> <li>• Musical- Grease &amp; Legally Blonde</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending College for a week- UCD</li> <li>• Garda Programme</li> <li>• Solicitors of the Future</li> </ul>

# Work Experience

- *Every Friday-TY students will engage in work experience*
- *Students must find two places to complete work experience.*
- *All students are covered through the insurance policy within the school*



# Assessment and Certification



- *Progress Reports- Christmas and Summer*
- *E-portfolio and Interview - Submitted in December and May.*

## Transition Year Certificate

Pass	80 - 119 credits	40 - 59%
Merit	120 - 169 credits	60 - 84%
Distinction	170 - 200 credits	85 - 100%

Students who achieve less than 80 credits will receive a **Record of Experience**

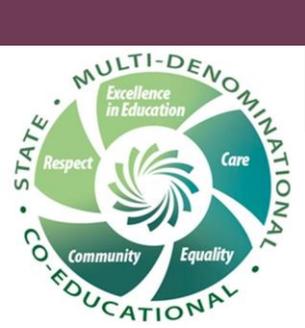


# TY Fees



- €350 plus bus costs.
- Any overnight trips will be an additional cost.
- A deposit of €150 is due by *13th February 2026*
- €100 is due by *26th March 2026*
- Balance of €100 is due by *5th May 2026*.





# Application Process



- All existing 3<sup>rd</sup> year students are eligible for Transition Year.
- Closing date for application is 12th January 2026.
- \*24 places available \*
- *Admissions Policy:*
  - *"As per the Annual Admissions Notice, the number of places is limited to 24. However, if, given the fact the current 2025-2026 3<sup>rd</sup> year group has 3 classes amounting to a max of 72, and following receipt of applications for TY, 5<sup>th</sup> year and 5<sup>th</sup> LCA in January 2026, the BOM may adjust the number of TY classes."*

# Queries regarding Transition Year



If you have any questions regarding Transition Year  
or require any clarifications, please email:

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