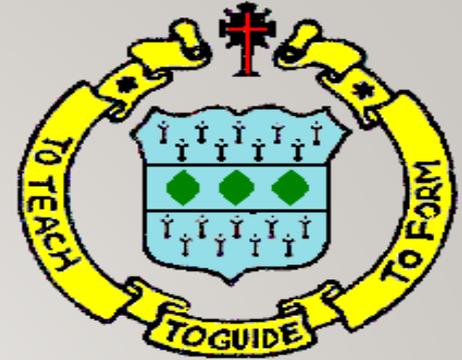




# COLÁISTE BRÍDE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

“YOU ONLY GET OUT OF IT WHAT YOU PUT INTO IT”

# TRANSITION YEAR TEAM



- Ms. L. Lawlor – TY Co-Ordinator and Year Head
- Ms.G. Gontyte– Tutor and Co-Ordinator
- Ms. L Kelly- Tutor
- Mr. M Conlon- Tutor
- Mr. S Connell – Tutor
- Deputy Principal for September 2026 **Ms. N. O Brien**
- Apart from the above tutors there are over 45 teachers involved in the TY programme.
- 120 places on the TY programme in Coláiste Bríde.

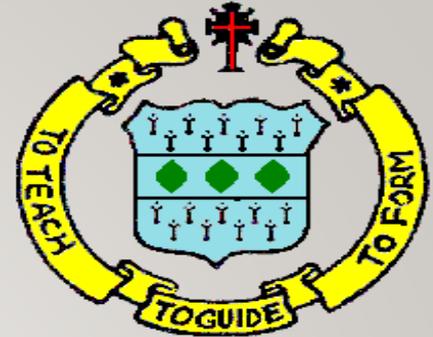


# MEET SOME OF OUR PAST & CURRENT TY STUDENTS.....

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LEAH, AVA  
LAUREN, HOLLY,  
JOANNA

# AIMS OF TRANSITION YEAR



- Develop new skills
- Work as a team
- Self-directed learning
- Mature for adult & working life
- Develop links with our local community
- Promote independence
- Explore new & varied subjects
- Help with subject choice for 5<sup>th</sup> year
- Increase self esteem
- Develop new & long-term friendships



## WHY SHOULD YOUR DAUGHTER DO TRANSITION YEAR IN COLÁISTE BRÍDE?

- Transition year is seen by many students and parents as a welcomed break to exam focus that continues to dominate the junior and senior cycles.
- The whole idea of transition year is to extend the learning environment beyond the classroom.
- Develop new friendships and skills.

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- TY year can also be used to revise for 5<sup>th</sup> year subjects in order 'to bridge the gap' if indeed there is one- especially in their core subjects- Irish, English, Maths.
- Chance to taste subjects that they have not had an experience with
- Work experience
- Age

# WORK EXPERIENCE

- Work Experience is a very important part of our TY programme.
- All Students undertake **two work experience placements** during TY.
- Each student will complete work experience each Wednesday as outlined on the timetable below;

## Term 1: September- December

- Start work experience on first Wednesday of September.
- Finish work experience in December.

## Term 2: January- May

- Start work experience on second Wednesday of January
- Finish work experience in April/May.

## Total number of weeks on work experience:

- 12 weeks before Christmas
- 12 weeks after Christmas



# BLOCK WORK EXPERIENCE (1 WEEK)

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- Students may be selected by organisations such as HP, National Museum of Ireland (who self-select the student often based on an application form sent to us)
- Students may apply themselves to organisations for a block week that is a unique experience- e.g. an Embassy or Dáil Eireann

# GARDA VETTING

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- If your child intends to work with children or elderly / vulnerable people (e.g. creche, nursing home) they must have Garda vetting
- In order to get Garda Vetting a person **must be 16 years old**
- We can supply the forms BUT it is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to complete the form
- The completed form is to be returned to Bernie in reception- not the tutor or year head.
- It can take some weeks for the vetting to come back so if required, do this ASAP, as some employers may not take on a work experience student without it
- If in doubt, please ask the employer.

# **SUBJECTS: BASED ON 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON TEACHER AVAILABILITY**

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## **Core Subjects:**

- Irish, English, Maths, PE, Work preparation/Pastoral Care, SPHE, Religion, IT, Modern Foreign Language

## **Dedicated option subject for the year:**

(students choose ONE of these for the entire year)

Art, Music, Science, Social Science, Home Economics\*.

- Option form fill out via TEAMS (Easter 2025)

Applications made in September for, full year of:

ASF, Mini-Company, Politics and Society\* and Spanish\*

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## **Subjects swap at Christmas:**

History & Geography, European Studies & Holocaust Studies

**Modular subjects:** change 3 times per year

Business, Economics, Accounting, Art, Home Ec, Music, Agricultural Science, Forensic Science, Céilí, Podcasting, Development Education, Sign language, RSA

# TIMETABLE ADDITIONS

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- Note that we are often offered some wonderful and unique opportunities after the timetable has been completed and we try to take these! Example: Chinese

So, in one or two instances there may be some slight changes to, some modules if this is the case

# Some activities and trips

Bonding day trip- Redhills/ Causey

Bonding day

Charity work e.g. ISPCC, Daffodil Day, Holly Pins

Garda Work Experience

Midwifery work experience

Nursing home visits

TY Sleepover

Parish trip to Lourdes

Med Week Trinity

Dublin city scavenger hunt

Ploughing Championships

End of year trip- Emerald Park



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Mini Company (NEFTE):  
Create, Market & sell own  
creations

CTC: Challenge to Change  
YSI- Young Social Innovators

Bridge 21: Trinity Access  
Programme

CodePlus

Future Learning

Street Law

Corkagh Park Allotments

Clondalkin Drugs and  
Alcohol Taskforce awareness  
modules

Tenderfoot

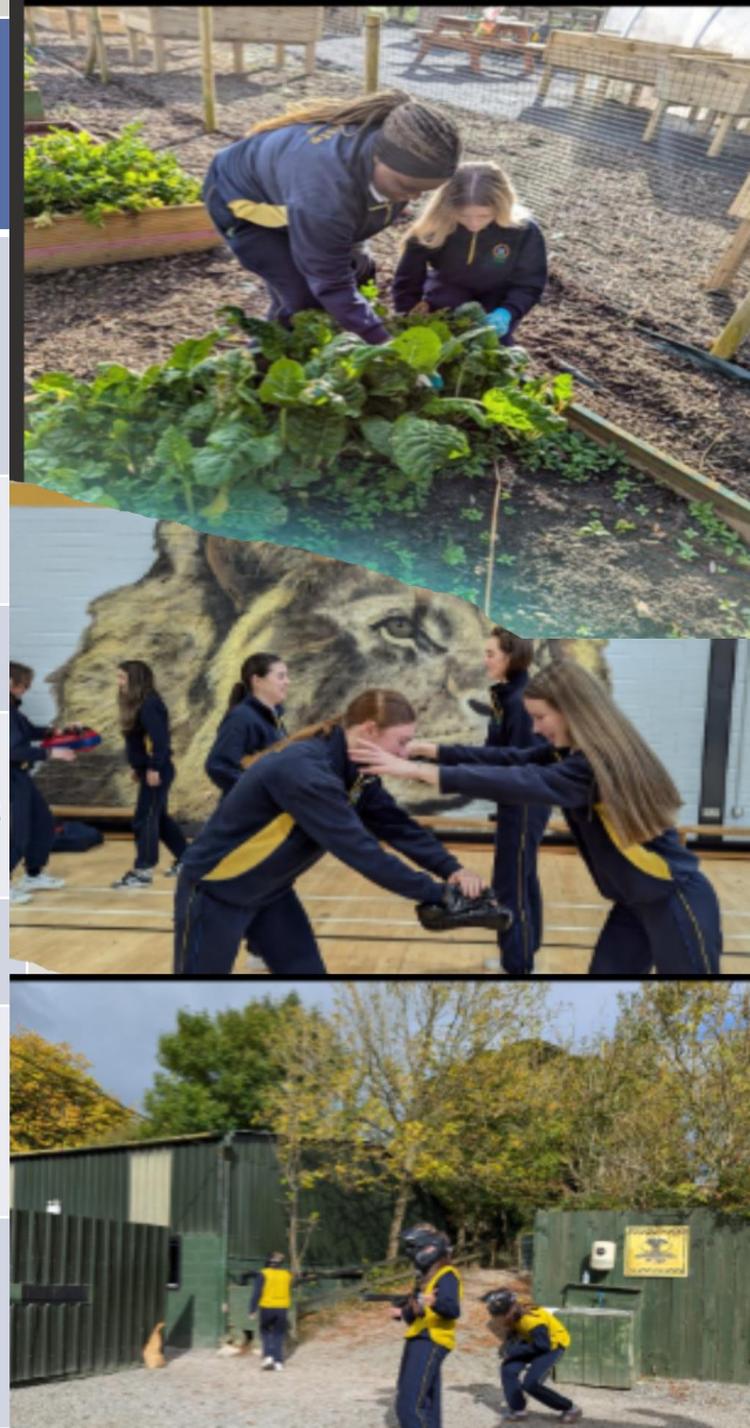
Musical trip

Opportunities to mix with  
Moyle Park/ Colaiste Cillian

Active School cluster days

National TY Competitions,  
e.g. TY Short Story  
Competition

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e.g. Travel Writing  
competition



# TY European Trip



- Ms L Lawlor is hoping to organise a trip
- **Date-** Easter holidays 2026
- **Cost-**TBD by tour operator. Initial deposit and installment plan
- Updates via TEAMS and tutor as soon as we have more details.



# ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

- **Continuous Assessment:**
- Project work & presentations
- Participation in/out of class
- Interview at Christmas
- **Examinations** at end of each module
- All students receive a **full written evaluation** at end of work experience
- **2 Reports** over the year.
- Christmas and summer exams
- **Attendance:** In school and on trips
- **Logbook/** all students reflect on their learning by keeping a logbook.
- **Awards & graduation;** May 2026
- Distinction -80% and over
- Merit – 60-80%
- Pass – 40 – 60%

# ACCEPTANCE INTO TRANSITION YEAR

- All students will fill out an **online application form** (on 3<sup>rd</sup> year **TEAM page**).
- These forms will be **reviewed** by TY Coordinators.
- All applicants are put to the Teaching staff and their **suitability** is discussed.
- We will look at a students **behavioural, attendance & punctuality record** in the school over the past 3 years.
- If problems arise with a students record, they may be required to attend an **interview**.
- Students are informed by the coordinators and a letter/email of confirmation is sent home.
- A **€100** deposit is required (paid through TYRO) with application form returned via **MICROSOFT FORMS**
- **Balance of €160** can be paid in instalments throughout the year.

**Application  
timeframe  
JAN 22TH –  
FEB 3rd**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

MS. L. LAWLOR