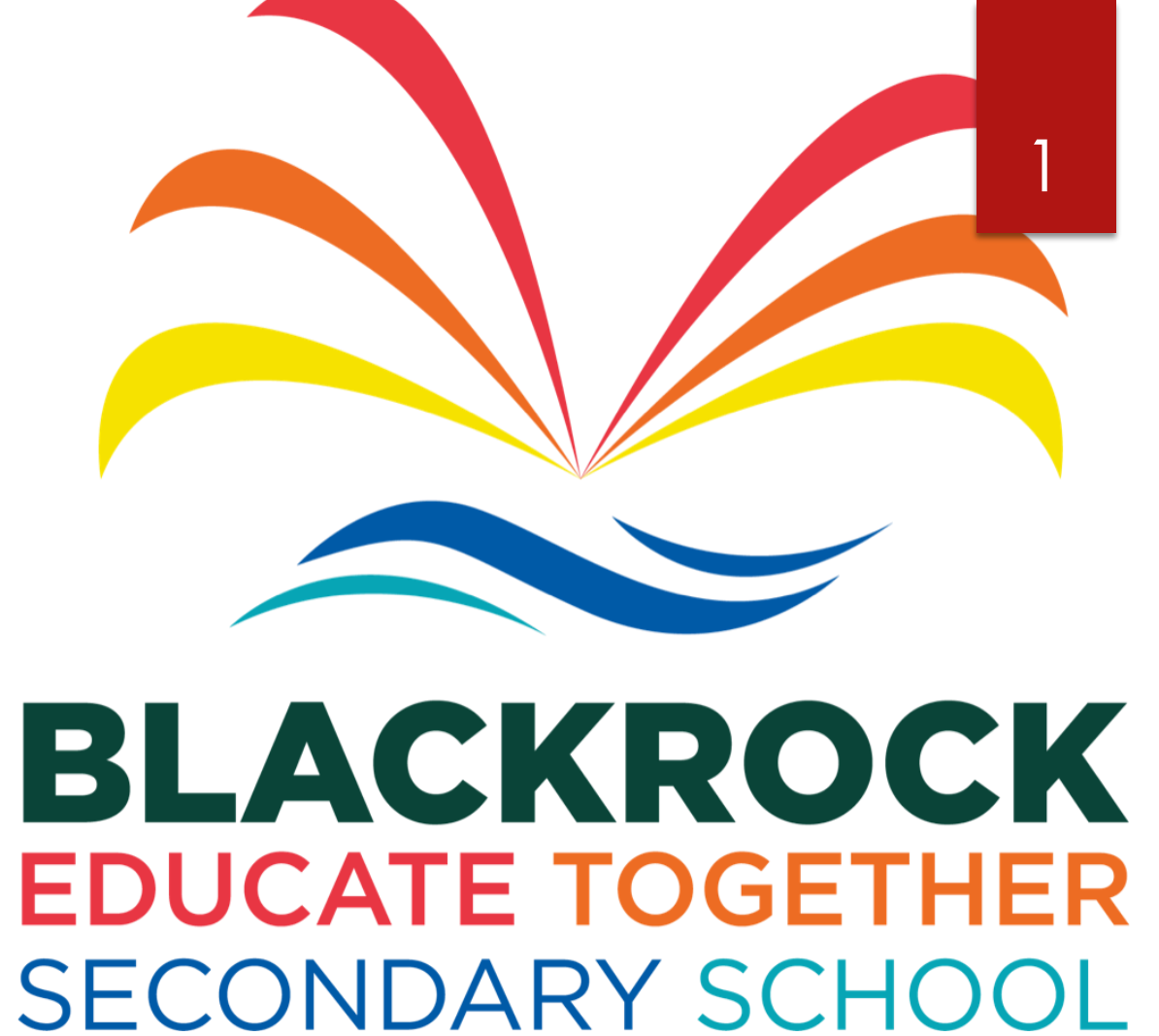


TRANSITION YEAR 2026-2027
Information Seminar



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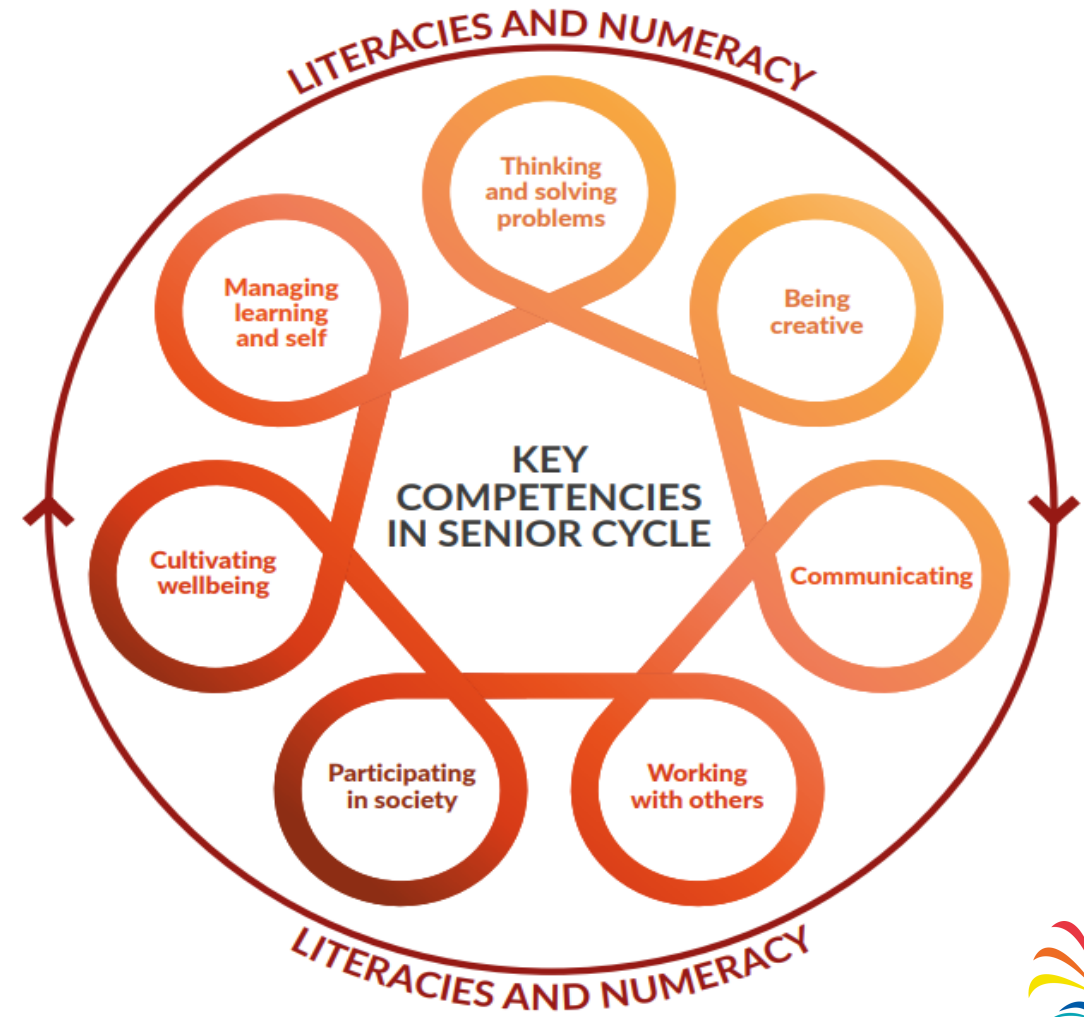
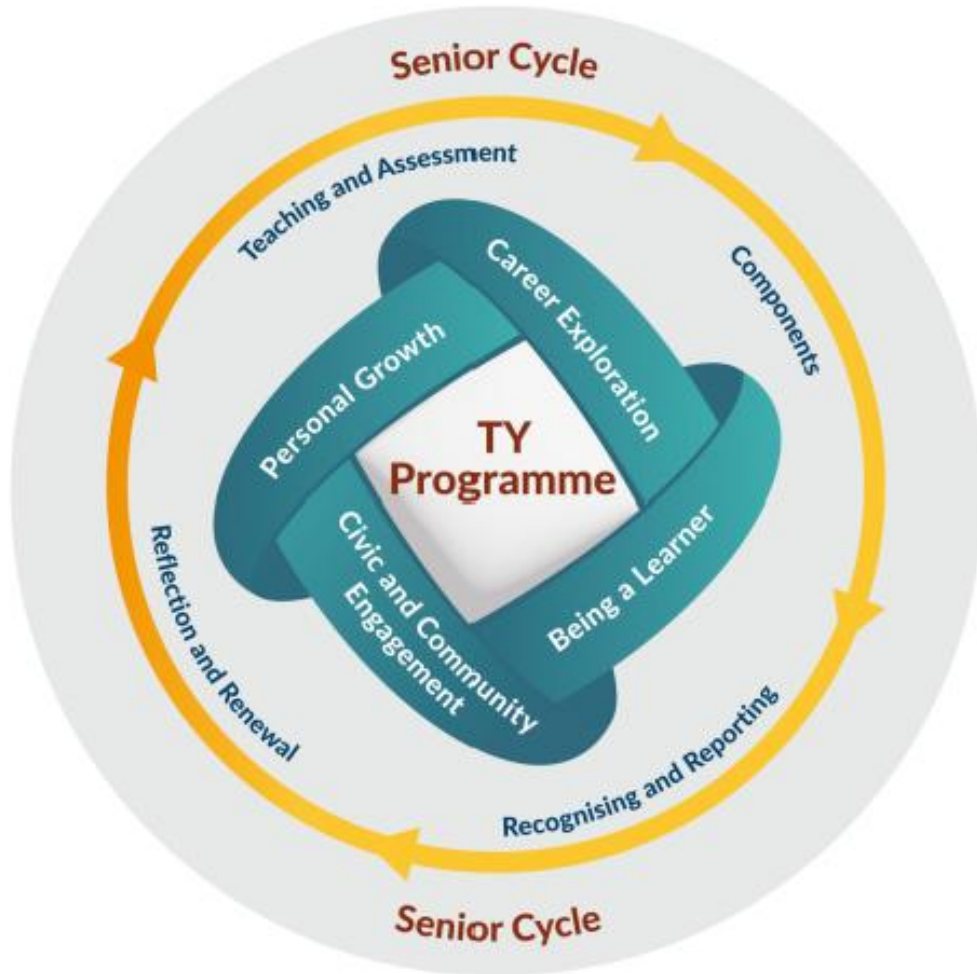
Aims of the Transition Year Programme

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- **Holistic Development:** Promote personal, social, vocational, and educational growth.
- **Education for Maturity:** Focus on social awareness and competence.
- **Smooth Transition:** Bridge Junior Cycle dependency to Leaving Cert independence.
- **Talent Development:** Discover and nurture new & existing skills.
- **Collaborative Relations:** Build positive partnerships with all educational stakeholders.
- **Proven Impact:** TY graduates are more mature, confident, & likely to take on leadership roles.



Aims of Transition Year Programme (TYP)



Benefits of Transition Year

Academic Advantages.

- On average, students achieve 40-45 more CAO points.

Career & Work Experience

- Provides hands-on work experience and career exploration.

Personal Development.

- Builds essential life skills for adulthood.

Self-Confidence & Leadership

- Boosts confidence through teamwork and responsibility.

Certification & Experience

- Earns valuable certifications (e.g., Gaisce, First Aid, LIFT).

Social Contribution

- Fosters a sense of social responsibility and empathy.

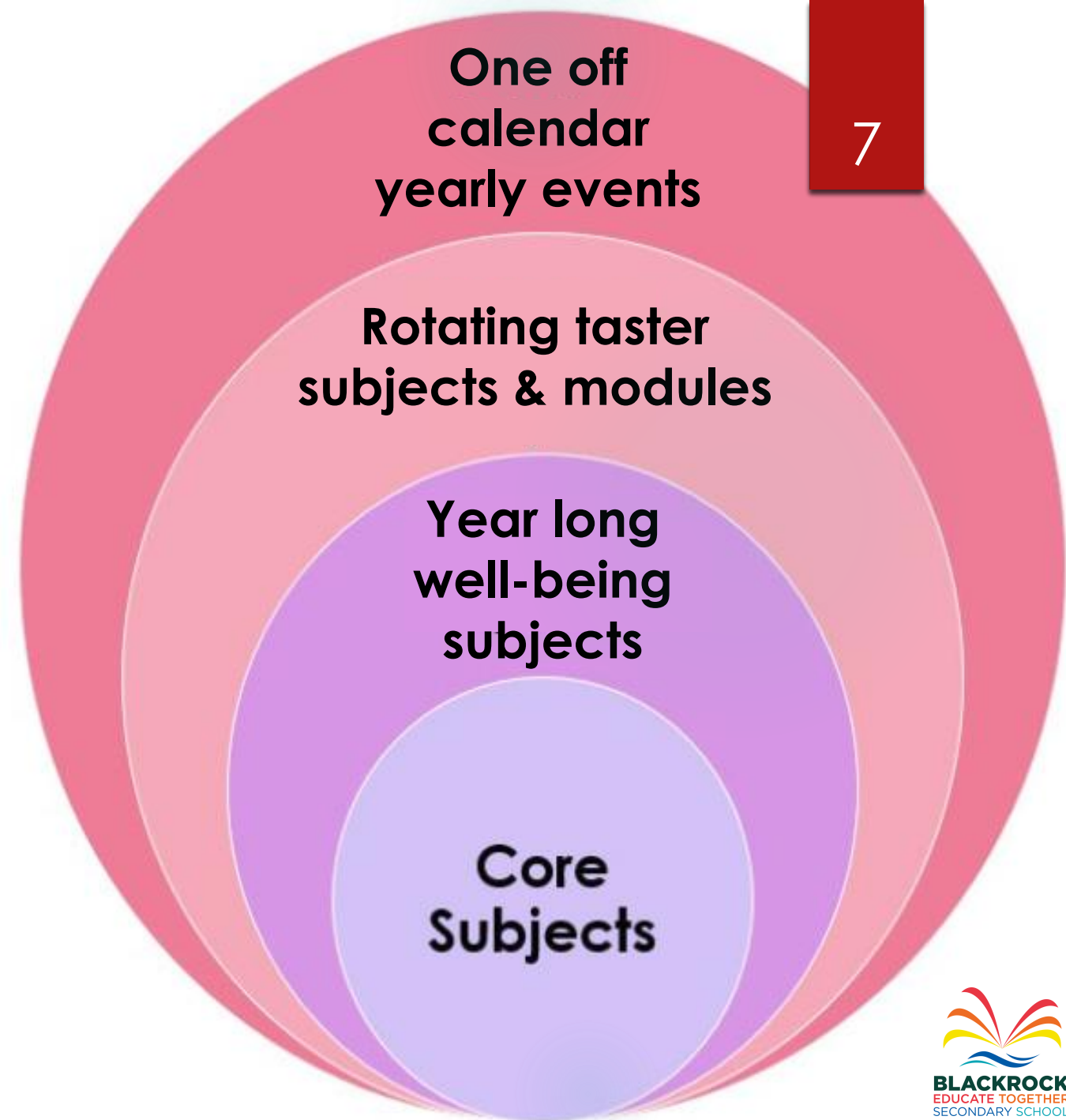
Maturity

- Promotes independence and decision-making skills.



Academia & Classes

- ▶ Develop skills needed for Senior Cycle
- ▶ Deepen knowledge from Junior Cycle
- ▶ Develops opinions
- ▶ Improve communicative styles
- ▶ Learning Goals & Lifelong Learning
- ▶ Digital Technologies
- ▶ Out of Comfort Zone
- ▶ Breaking the Mould








Additional Learning Experiences: Sample list of events from the Activities Programme

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SPORTS & OUTDOORS

-  Schools Sports Day
-  Sailing INSS Dun Laochaire
-  Avondale, Parnell
-  Hike Lead Mines
-  Glendalough Round Tower & Lake Visit
-  GAA - Blitz - Organisation & Planning
-  Mini Golf

ARTS & CULTURE

-  Hugh Lane Gallery (Guided Tour)
-  National Art Gallery, Merrion Sq
-  GPO Museum Trip (Guided Tour & Film)
-  Street Art & Graffiti City Walking Tour
-  Molly Malone Tour
-  Customs House Tour
-  Irish Famine & Workhouse Tour

WORKSHOPS & LEARNING

-  Life Design Workshop
-  Economics - TY Outreach
-  Self Defence
-  Driving Modules
-  Sustainable Ed Workshop
-  Personal Development Coach
-  First Aid

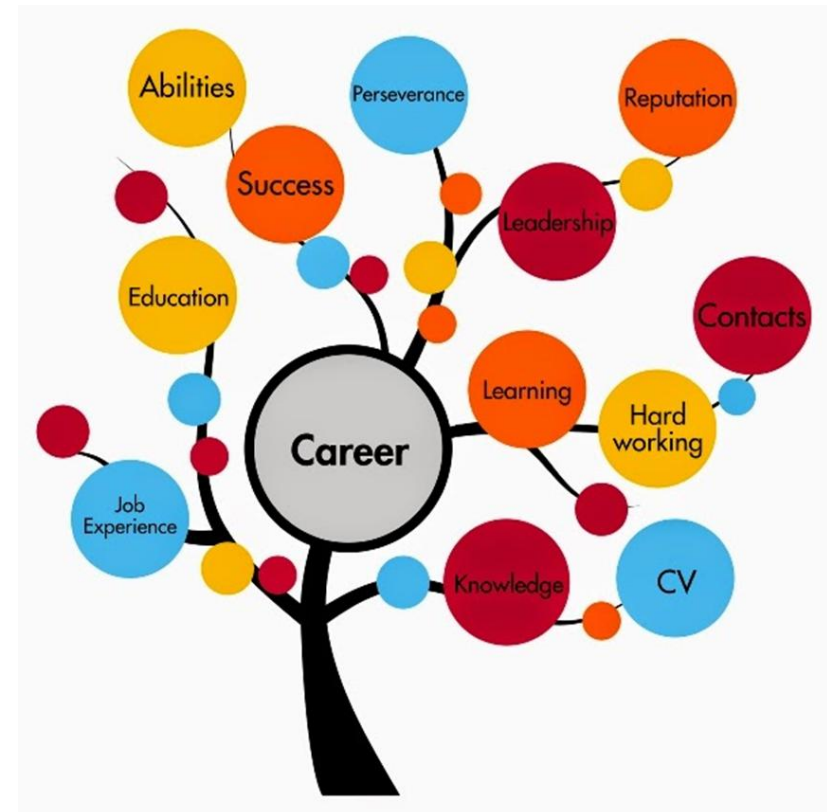
Guidance in Transition Year: Student Growth

- ▶ The purpose of the programme is to assist students to develop a 360 vision of themselves.
- ▶ Students get to learn about their values, interests, personality and skills.
- ▶ Students complete a career assessment tool which will give them feedback on career interest areas.
- ▶ The tool will also assess them over 7 aptitudes. This provides the student with key information which assists them in understanding their strengths across various areas.



Guidance in Transition Year: Careers

- ▶ The 2025 OECD report on [The State of Global Teenage Career Preparation](#) stated that young people were not career ready.
- ▶ Getting work experience is key may become part time job.
- ▶ Sample career activities organised by Guidance
 - ▶ Virtual work experience in Law - Legal Ambitions, NRH, TUH, RCSI - Mini Med, I want to be a Doctor – UCD
- ▶ TY Abbott Internship,
 - ▶ 2-week work experience in Business, Finance and IT for 6 Blackrock ETSS students in April.



Guidance in Transition Year: Careers

- ▶ Partnered with SETU virtual cybersecurity programme run after Easter
- ▶ Talk from Industry about Cybersecurity
- ▶ C.V., role play interview skills
- ▶ Practise active listening, making eye contact, non-verbal communication
- ▶ Role play asking an employer for a job
- ▶ Earn a micro credential through doing a short course from various career options



This Years Speakers Included

- ▶ A European Movement Ireland Representative
- ▶ A Technology Entrepreneur
- ▶ A Virologist from UCD
- ▶ Speakers from APC - a local pharma company
- ▶ The Chief Commercial Officer of the GAA
- ▶ An Ag Science UCD Representative
- ▶ Chartered Surveyor will talk about sustainability in building



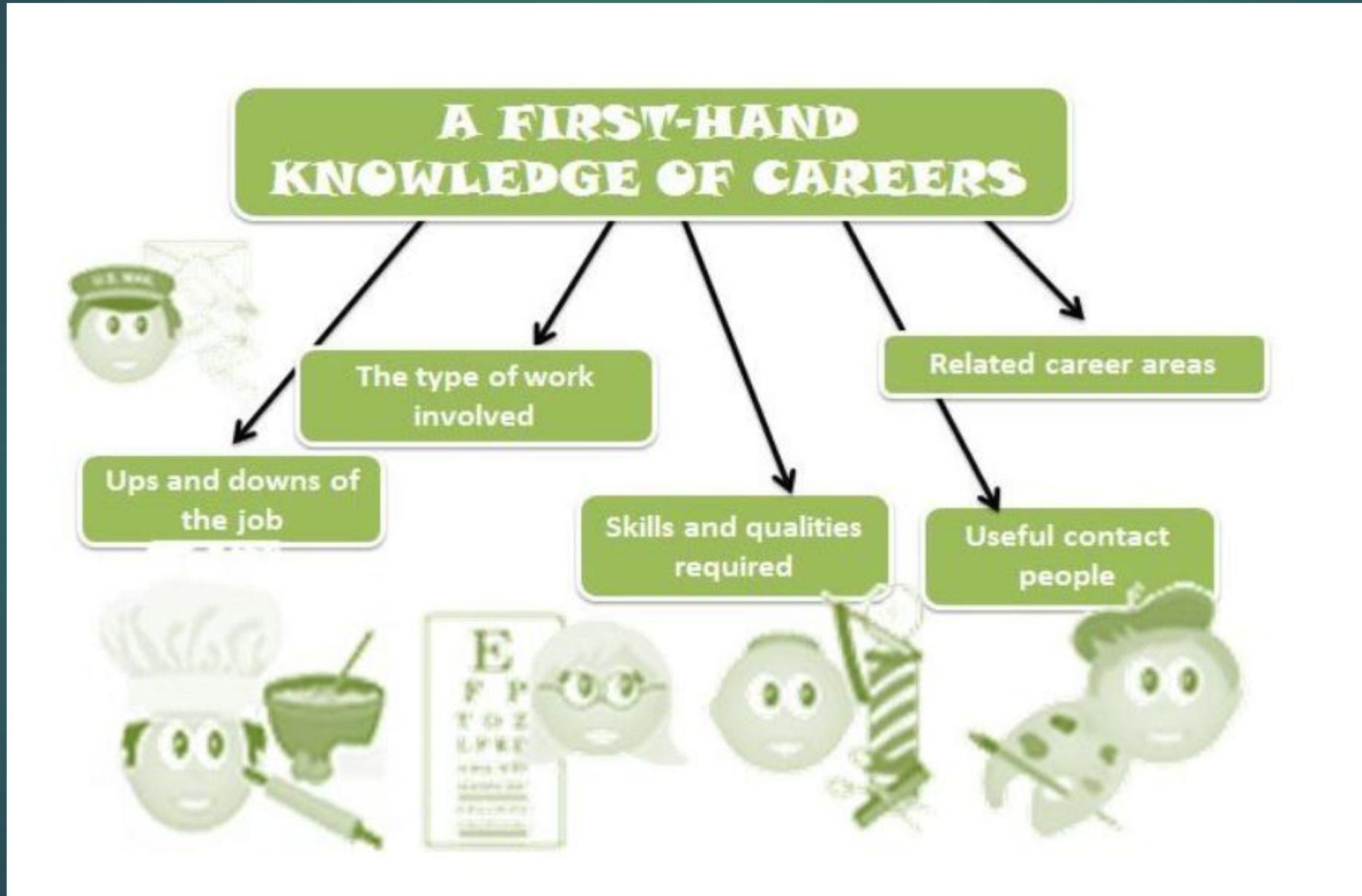
Guidance - Parent Voice & Participation

- During the year we would like if parents were available to talk to students about their work area,
- If you would be free to offer 50 minutes of your time during the week to talk about your career, and any advice that you would give to your younger self.
- Coordinated by Sheila.
- Contact Sheila/Terry through app



Student Work Experience Programme

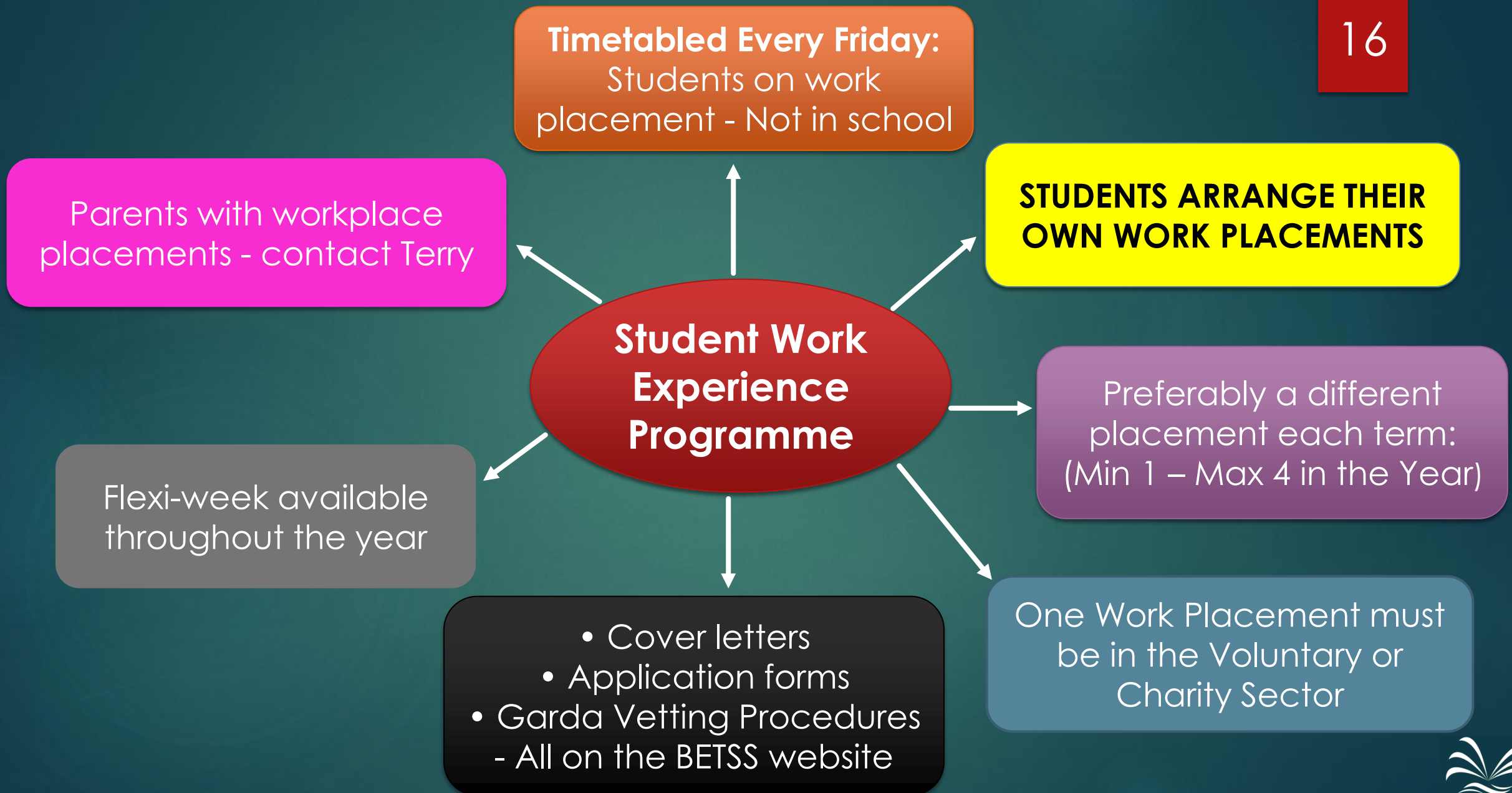
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Aims

- ▶ Gain insight into daily workplace operations.
- ▶ Develop appreciation of health and safety in the workplace
- ▶ Maturity, responsibility
- ▶ Investigate vocational interests
- ▶ Social outreach





Community Engagement

Aims

- ▶ Relationships with people, communities, nature
- ▶ Greater appreciation for human dignity & diversity
- ▶ Deepening empathy, identity & belonging
- ▶ Developing initiatives & being active

How

- ▶ Charitable Initiatives & fundraising
- ▶ Charity Evening & Darkness Into Light Night
- ▶ Work Experience & Social Placements
- ▶ Gaisce
- ▶ Student-Led

TRANSITION YEAR
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
GET INVOLVED • MAKE A DIFFERENCE • GIVE BACK

LITTER PICKING
Keep Our Community Clean

CHARITY FUNDRAISING
Raise Funds for Good Causes

WORKING IN A CHARITY SHOP
Gain Valuable Experience

VOLUNTEERING
Help Those in Need

HELPING AT SCHOOL EVENTS
Open Nights & Parent Meetings

SHOE BOX APPEAL
Christmas Gifts for Children

SPONSORED WALKS
Get Active for a Good Cause

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT
Support Mental Health

LEARN • SERVE • INSPIRE

Other TY Opportunities

- ▶ Gaisce
- ▶ LIFT
- ▶ Architect in Schools
- ▶ TY National Competitions
- ▶ Thematic Week
- ▶ Student Leaders
- ▶ External Courses e.g. Looking into Law
- ▶ Extra-curricular & Co-curricular activities

Extra-curricular club schedule

Day of the week	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity
Monday lunch time	Sewing Neil (Room 14)	Tae agus Plé Méadhbh & Jade (Room 20)	Athletics Méadhbh & Gary (Park) Bi-weekly - Starting on 8 th Sept	Boys' Soccer Caelan, Jack & Thomas (Park)	French Film Jayne (Room 23)
Tuesday lunch time	Flamenco Dance Amaya (Room 17) Bi-weekly - Starting 9 th of Sept	Book Club Miriam, Emily, Eoghan & Grace (Room 18) Monthly	STEM Ciara S (Science Lab)		
Wednesday after school	Girl's Soccer Gary (Beckett Park)	Debating Miriam (Room 18)	Boy's Basketball U16 & U19 Donagh (PE Hall) 1 st & 2 nd Yrs Neil (Yard)	Tennis Thomas (Beckett Park)	Girl's Basketball Amaya (Beckett Park)
Thursday lunch time	Ping Pong/Darts Donal (Room 14)	Photography Nicole (Room 19) Bi-weekly starting 4 th of Sept	Art Club Daryl (Art Room)	Singing/Music Méadhbh (Room 20)	LIFT Prog. 3 rd , TY & 5 th Simon (Room 15)
Friday lunch time	Board Games Grace (Room 16)	Badminton Gary (PE Hall)	Meditation & Mindfulness Emily (Room 15)		

TY Bonding Trip

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Gartan Adventure Centre – Donegal

- ▶ Sept 22nd to Sept 24th – 3 Days, 2 Nights
- ▶ Part of P.E. Outdoor Pursuits Programme
- ▶ Start of Gaisce journey
- ▶ Team-building Activity
- ▶ Built into TY Fee

Costs

The fee for TY for the year will be **€450** - This includes:

- ▶ Gartan 2-night trip
- ▶ **All** Wednesday activities including day trips, & Workshops
- ▶ All subject materials costs
- ▶ Aptitude Tests
- ▶ Work Experience Insurance

Other Costs:

- Administration Fee - €140

Additional Optional Costs

- Gaisce - €15
- TY Hoodies - €32
- European Trip (€700 - €900)

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TY – European Trip

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Would you like your son/daughter to take part in a European school trip planned for Mid March 2027 – 3 nights & 4 days?

What Can I Do Now?

- ▶ All students will be added to the TY TEAMS group for Work Placement/Social Placement idea sharing
- ▶ Begin sourcing Work Experience placements for Fridays
- ▶ Investigate courses/modules/seminars to complement the year
- ▶ TY Opening Parents Information Evening, end of August 2026
- ▶ Run a programme or business which may be of assistance to the programme? Contact Terry
- ▶ Focus on the Junior Cycle assessments, keep safe, and enjoy the end of 3rd year

Junior Cycle Exams

- ▶ Punctuality & Attendance
- ▶ Attendance at Exams
- ▶ Studyclix & Teams
- ▶ School Supports
- ▶ Fees for JC – Portal Opens
March 19th – End of April



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit
State Examinations Commission

JUNIOR CYCLE EXAMINATION

TIMETABLE 2026

Each candidate should note carefully the dates and hours, as fixed on this official timetable, for the examinations in the subjects in which he/she intends to present himself/herself. The Commission will not be responsible for any errors which may occur in the reproduction of this timetable by outside agencies. Candidates are required to be in attendance at least half an hour before the examination begins in the subject in which they first present themselves. The start time for all Junior Cycle afternoon examinations is 1.30p.m.

JUNE	SUBJECT		TIME
	H = Higher Level O = Ordinary Level C = Common Level		
WEDNESDAY 3	English	- H & O	9.30 – 11.30
	Religious Education	- Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
THURSDAY 4	Irish T1	- H & O (incl aural)	9.30 – 11.30
	Irish T2	- H & O (incl aural)	9.30 – 11.30
	Geography	- Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
FRIDAY 5	History	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
	Mathematics	- H & O	1.30 – 3.30
MONDAY 8	Science	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
	Business Studies	- Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
TUESDAY 9	Graphics	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
	Italian (incl aural)	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
	French (incl aural)	- Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
WEDNESDAY 10	Home Economics	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.00
	Spanish (incl aural)	- Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
THURSDAY 11	German (incl aural)	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
	Wood Technology	- Common Level	1.30 – 3.00
FRIDAY 12	Jewish Studies	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.30
	Music	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.00
	Engineering	- Common Level	1.30 – 3.00
	Classics	- Common Level	1.30 – 3.30
MONDAY 15	Applied Technology	- Common Level	9.30 – 11.00

Parting Word

- ▶ “No matter what stage of life we are in, or what environment we are in, we are really nowhere when you compare it to where we can go” – Bob Proctor
- ▶ “Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardour and diligence.”
- Abigail Adams

Important things that tests can't measure...



creativity self-control
wisdom motivation
intuition affection loyalty
peacefulness perspective
rhythm faithfulness
honesty determination kindness
courage patience
perseverance spirituality
gentleness joy thoroughness
thoughtfulness generosity
helpfulness flexibility
discernment love character
friendliness compassion
sensitivity confidence

Questions?

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