



Transition Year in Maynooth Post Primary School



A space to grow



Iar Bhunscoil
Mhá Nuad
Maynooth
Post Primary School

Aims of TY

- ❑ **A chance to find and develop individual strengths**
- ❑ **To become more independent**
- ❑ **To become more responsible for study & self-directed work**
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A photograph of four students sitting around a table in a library, looking at a laptop and papers. The background shows bookshelves filled with books. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the left side of the image, and a semi-transparent red overlay covers the bottom. The text is overlaid on the blue area.

The space and opportunity to mature and grow

To develop greater self-confidence

To become better at making decisions

Become more skilled at getting on with other students & those in authority

To develop clearer goals & aspirations for life

To prepare for personal, leisure & working life

Our vision for TY

The TY Team

Programme

Coordinator: Ms. J. Byrnes

Year Head: Mr. Winders

Tutors: To be confirmed

Core Subjects

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- French/Spanish/German
- World of Science
- Religious Education
- PE
- Computer Applications
- Career Guidance
- Work Organisation/VPG
- History
- Geography
- SPHE

Modular Subjects

- Leadership
- Cookery
- Crafts (Woodwork)
- Art
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Polish
- Horticulture
- Media Studies
- Economics / Business
- Road Safety
- Community Studies
- Annual School Musical

These are the core and modular subjects for 2025/ 2026. There may be changes next year due to number of class groups and timetabling constraints.



TY ACTIVITIES 2025 - 2026

Nutrition / Fitness

Sexual Consent

Law Workshop

Christmas Panto

Driving

Hospitality

Barista Workshop

Trip to Causey Farm

Sniffer Squad

Personal Safety

Visit from National Reptile Zoo

Just 1 Life

Acting Workshop

EiSHT Mental Health Workshop

Forensic Fun

Kairos TV Production Workshop

Redhills

Christmas Boxes

Christmas Appeal in aid of the Homeless

SIPTU

Presentations by Credit Union & Irish Army

Science Quiz

Genetics at Dublin Zoo

Magic & Stage Confidence

*An advance payment of €400 is required to cover the cost of activities.
Please forward to the school by Thursday 30th April 2026.*

Optional Extras

Mentor Programme The Rubbish Film Festival (Kildare County Council & Createschool)

Organising GAA blitzes for 1st Year Students

Bakesales in aid of Charity Science Club

ISTA Photograph Competition RCSI (Royal College of Surgeons Ireland) TY Programme

Junk Kouture Fashion Competition Fáilte Ireland TourismCareers.ie

An Garda Síochána One-Week TY Programme

EPAS (European Parliament Ambassador School) Programme

Houses of the Oireachtas TY Work Experience National Gallery of Ireland TY Work Experience

Helping with School Library

Gaisce

TY Defence Forces One-Week Programme Career Fair

National Short Story Competition

Maynooth University Short Film Competition

STEPS Engineer Your Future Programme

Christmas Shoebox Appeal Team Hope Law Ed Tik Tok Competition

ASLFL Leadership Conference Maynooth University July 2026

Glenveagh Construction Placement

DNG Placement Gas Networks Ireland Placement



Key Elements



TY Portfolio

After each activity, students must write a reflective report and put it in their digital portfolio



Credit System

This is in place to monitor participation, attendance & behaviour.

Certification at the end of the year will be based on the Credit System. Each student will be given credits at the beginning of the year. It will be the student's responsibility to keep them



Work experience takes place one day per week.

Session 1: From the first or second week in September 2026 until the week before the Christmas holidays.

Session 2: From after February midterm break until May 2027.

Students on work placement are covered by school insurance.

Work Experience



- In addition to the compulsory one day per week work placements students may avail of block week-long placements. However, students **MUST** be at work on the chosen work experience day.

Each student will receive a Work Experience Journal with each work experience day date printed. The employer should stamp and sign the relevant spots. Tutor follows up every week in VPG class

Communication Methods



- Microsoft teams is our information/communications forum
 - A new group will be set up and the code provided to students and parents.
 - Students must join.
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- Information for parents will be sent via Vsware / TYRO



THANK YOU



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