



Transition Year 2026-2027

Parent and Student Information
Evening

Overview



Co-Ordinator:
Elizabeth O'Dea

Core Team:
Ian Carter
Conor Mansell
Abbie Molloy

Aims of TY

Career Exploration

- Work-place skills & behaviours
- Career investigations
- Digital Skills
- Career Profiling & Aptitude Testing

Being a Learner

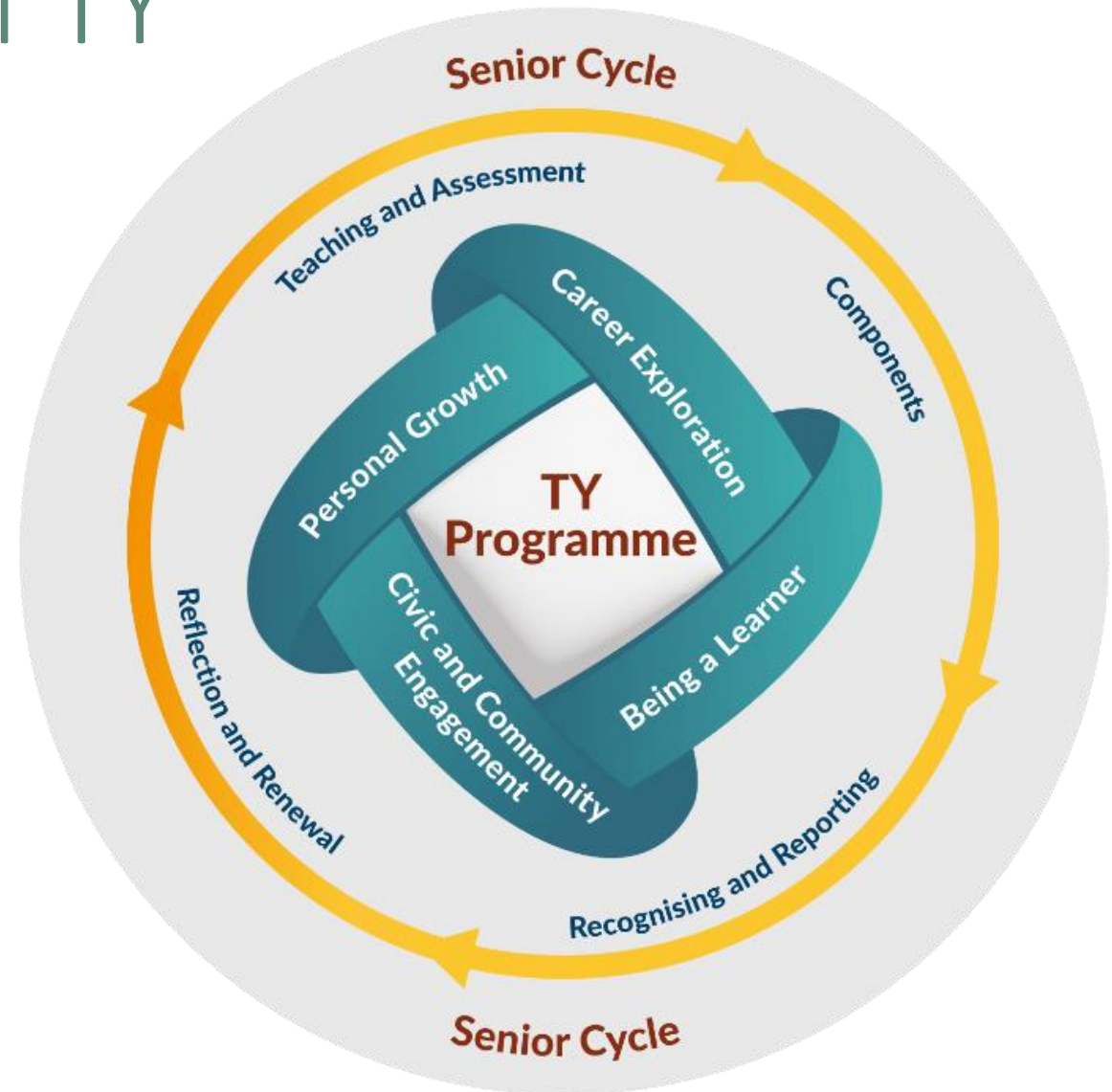
- New skills & active learning
- Reflection

Community Engagement

- Social Awareness
- Volunteering

Personal Growth

- Maturity
- Resilience
- Inter-personal skills ... **CONFIDENCE**



Continuity with Junior Cycle	Senior Cycle Subject Sampling
English	Art
Irish	Business Studies
Maths	Home Economics
Religion	Physics
Language	Biology
Computer Applications	Chemistry
	Music
	History
	Geography
	PE
	Religion (Philosophy)
	Applied Maths
	Politics & Society



TY Specific Modules	Full year options. Choose one of:
Coding	Young Scientist
Philosophy	Sustainable Design
Performance Arts	Mini-Company
European Studies	GAA Future Leaders
Body Right	
Floristry	
Sports (Rugby, TRX,)	
Dance	
Sustainability	
Child Care	
Driver Education	
Forensics	
Interior Design	
E-Portfolio	
Careers	



TY Modules 2025/2026

Modules vary from year to year



Additional Growth Experiences

2 Overnight Trips: Glendalough & Carlingford

Day Trips

Day long courses on site with expert facilitators

Community Involvement

Guest speakers

Work Experiences

Aptitude Testing & Career Profiling



Significant Learning Events Examples 25-26

Trips examples

- SHINE festival: empowering young Irish women
- Croke Park
- Secret Tour of Dublin day trip
- Explorium Science Museum
- Model European Union
- Kayaking
- Young Scientist

On Site examples

- African Drumming & Dance Day
- Dave's Jungle
- Law Education Day: The Law Uncovered
- Rubbish Film Festival
- Self-Defence Day Course

Community/Sustainable Examples

- 10k hike
- Kayaking
- Tidy Towns Clean Ups with CBS

Significant Learning Events Examples Continued

Online Talks examples:

- Women in Tech
- Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland
- EU Commission MFL & Translating
- RNLI Water Safety

Courses:

- Code Plus Camp
- Microsoft Dreamspace
- ALISON Microsoft Office Certification

Guest speakers examples:

- Volunteer Services Wicklow
- Tony Ten
- Enterprise Board

Workshops examples:

- Engineering with Eirgrid
- Healthy Relationships with Anu Women's Refuge
- Trinity College Chemistry Workshops

Community

Paired Reading at Primary School

Collaboration with Sun Beam

Volunteering opportunities

Gaisce: community challenge

Collaboration local groups & charities



Work Experience

- Three separate weeks, one per term
- Evaluation by work providers and students
- Monitoring by TY teachers
- Preparatory and reflective analysis with Tutors
- My Future Choice: Career Profiling & Aptitude Testing



Work Experiences open only to school applications

Royal College of Surgeons Ireland

Vodafone

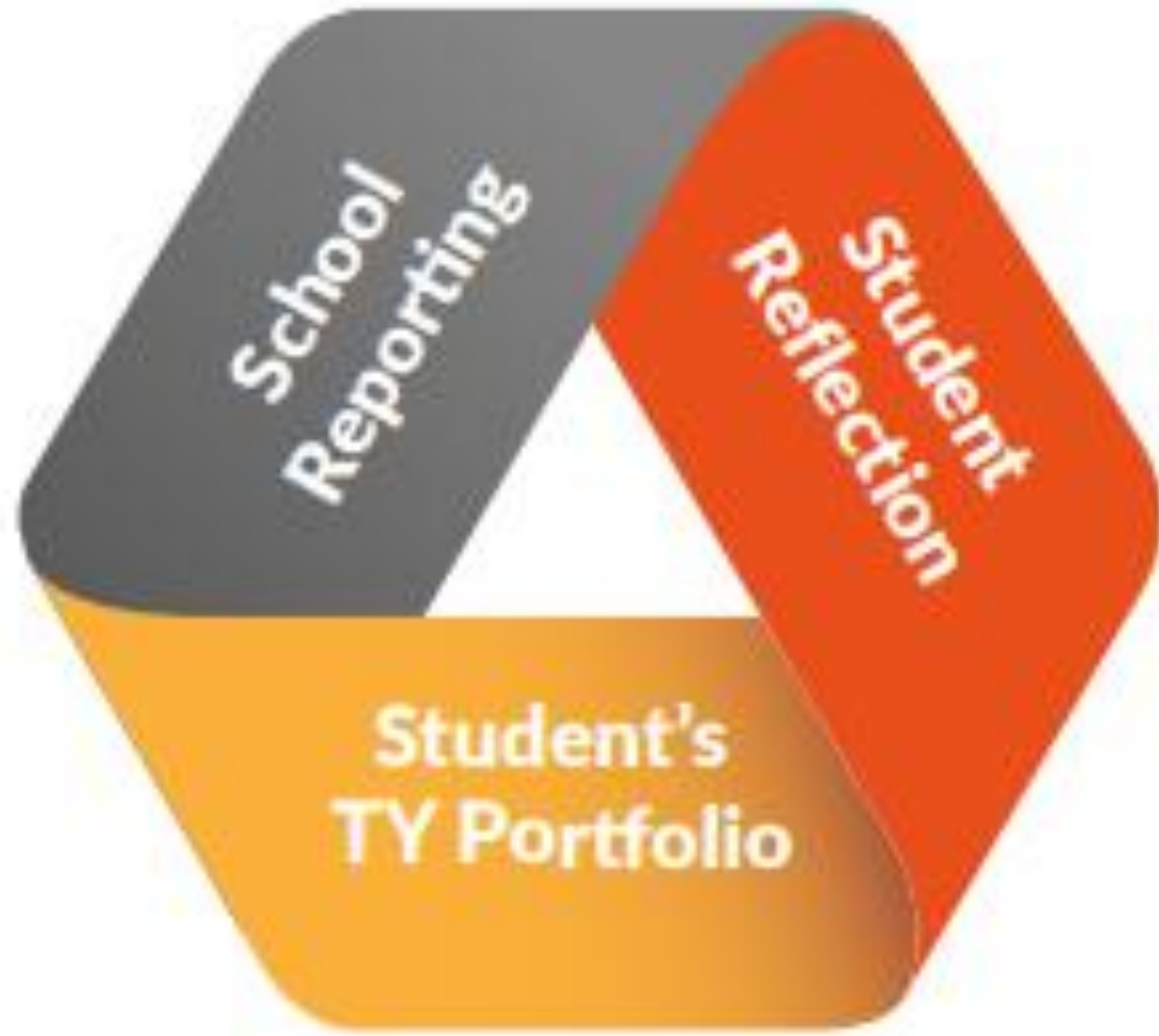
Eirgrid (Engineering)

Defence Forces

An Garda Siochana Operational Support Services

Houses of the Oireachtas





Recognising & Reporting

Subject/Modules

E-Portfolio

Exhibition Evening

Interview

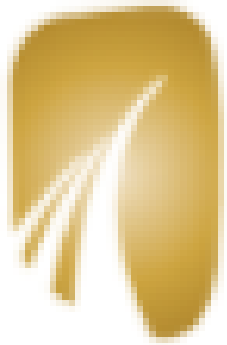
TY Awards & Certificates

End of year TY award and folder of certificates:

Distinction 90% +
Higher Merit 75 – 89%
Merit 60 – 74%
Pass 40 – 59%
Participated 0 – 39%

To achieve this award, students must earn CREDITS





GAISCE THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Four Key Challenge Areas



1. Community



2. Personal Skill



3. Physical Recreation



4. Adve

A self-development programme

Empowering young people

Voluntary element of TY

The school will register as your Gaisce PAL to support your work towards the award and facilitate the **Adventure Journey**



Common Worries

Study compiled by Irish Secondary Students Union and DES (2014)

“Teachers have noticed this within 5th year classes...students who have done TY enter the room, sit down and are ready for work...to a greater extent than students who didn't do TY”.

DOSS year?

Develop Other Skill Sets!



Transition to 5th year

'Base' Class Changes

Careers & Reflections after
Work Experiences

Senior Cycle Subject Choice

May: Peer support session
with current 5th years

Parents' Role

Support the move towards maturity by checking in with your daughter about

- Reflections in journal: weekly and for Significant Learning Events
- E-Portfolio: Responsibility for adding items
- Self- management: meeting deadlines

Spread
your
wings
and
fly

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Grow

- Reflect
- Openness

Learn

- Initiative
- Try new things
- Skills

Mature

- Attend
- Participate
- Responsibility



Costs



Total Cost: €450



Covers all trips, workshops, speakers, Career Profiling & Aptitude Testing and trips



Payment in full OR three installments of €150. First installment due 17 April



There are various payment plans. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ward

Next steps



Complete **application form** on school website by **6 Feb**

Section 1-6 to be completed by parents/guardians and students

Section 7 to be completed by students

To accept the place, the student should write a formal reply to the email from eodea@stmarysarklow.ie

Pay the **first installment of 150** by **17 April**

Wriggle Laptops – Optional Digital Device

Why?

Increasing amount of digital course work at senior cycle

Gives students an opportunity to become proficient before Leaving Certificate.

Easier to access project work

Educational Tool

What is included?

- Lenovo 300w G5 N150 11.6" Gen 5 8GB/128GB with 3 YR warranty- €529
- Heavy Duty Case €40
- Wriggle Services and Support for 3 YR €60
- Device Management license included
- Senso Class & Filter Cloud Bundle 3yr-€18
- Provisioned Educational Apps (chosen by your school) available on your device
- **TOTAL: €647**

Key Dates and Important Information

Online Store Opens:

19th March 2026

Online Store Closes:

21st June 2026

Store Code: 61780000

**Visit your Wriggle School Store
store.wriggle.ie to purchase
your device**



Any questions?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLhrUc-qVQU>