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Dear Parent/Guardian,
We are delighted that your son is joining our Transition Year programme 2026/2027.

Your son will return to school on Monday 31st August. Please ensure that he is in school by no later than 8.40am. On his arrival, he should proceed to the PE Hall where he will be met by the Management and Staff. A return to school assembly will be held for the first class before he proceeds to his classes. He will be given his timetable at the assembly.

Transition Year is an important year for your son to develop skills and interests which will contribute towards becoming a lifelong learner with the capacity to take on the challenges of senior cycle following the completion of the year. Your son's willingness to engage and participate fully in the TY programme will provide the platform for him to have a successful and rewarding year.

Your son will be involved in a broad range of activities which will help to build confidence and improve critical thinking skills.

The cost of providing these opportunities per student in the coming year is €695.00 which can be paid in two instalments or in full before Monday 31st August.
Payment 1: €320.00
Payment 2: €375.00
A breakdown of these expenses is included with this communication below:

TY Activities

- **Day Trips/Overnight Trips (all students will go on a minimum of 5 day trips)**
  - Surfing
  - Galtees hike
  - Waterford Greenway
  - Outdoor Pursuits Trip to Ballyhass
  - Kayaking
- **Development of ICT Skills**
  - ECDL
  - Technology (including Coding and Robotics)
- **Development of Leadership Capacity**
  - Foróige Youth Leadership Programme
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- **Vocational Preparation**
  - Work Experience
  - Leaving Certificate Subject Sampling

- Driving Lessons
- Community Work Experience
- Community Link Projects
- Young Social Innovators

    - **OPTIONAL**
        - County Enterprise Awards
        - Mini Med Waterford Hospital
        - BT Young Scientist

- **Social Awareness**
    - Certified First Aid
    - Wellbeing Week
    - Green Schools Initiative
    - Road Safety
    - Irish Debating
    - Sustainability Workshops

- **Health & Wellbeing**
    - Tennis Lessons
    - Swimming
    - Strength & Conditioning in our state-of-the-art gym
    - Galtee Mór Climb
    - Cycling
    - Surfing
    - Golf/Driving Range
    - Musical
    - Dancing – Jiving/Céilí/Zumba
    - Organizing Sports Day
    - Primary School Soccer Blitz
    - Clanwilliam Rugby Club Refereeing
    - GAA Refereeing

- ***Optional Course Elements with cost (Depending on what the boys choose to participate in)***
    - European Ski Trip

Work Experience

Students will complete one day of work experience per week, and this will take place on a Friday. There are two elements to TY work experience, Community work experience and Career work experience.

We will assign the students a placement for their community work experience. However, it is up to the student (with the help of a parent) to source placement for both of their career work experiences. Students are required to source TWO different work placements for their career placements.

Attached with this letter is a TY calendar with some important dates on it to get the boys going next year (This will obviously be updated as the year goes on), along with each date of the work experience (while work experience will always take place on a Friday, not every Friday will be required, see calendar).

Also attached includes a TY Work Experience form and an insurance form. Once students have

sourced their career work experience, they need to fill out the Work experience form and get it signed by the appropriate people (see form) and then provide their employer with the insurance form.

- ★ Please observe whether your son is in TY1 or TY 2. TY1 will begin with Community work experience (organized by us here in the Abbey, while TY2 will start with career Work experience, so they will need to start looking for a placement over the summer and early next September).

Kind regards,



David Sadleir
Principal