



9th December 2025

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We hope you are all keeping well. It has been a busy term for Transition Year students and we would like to congratulate them on their work. Attached is an outline of the workshops/activities/guest speakers that the students have had the opportunity of engaging in or will engage in up to the Christmas holidays. All information on these events is relayed to the students through their *TY Year Group Team*. We encourage you to discuss this *Team* and check the portfolio where students write an evaluation of each activity.

As you are aware our students will be having their scheduled *Assessment Zone 1* examinations starting on Monday 15th December. TY students have formal exams in Irish, English and Maths. They have ongoing assessments in their other subjects and will receive a report on VSware after Christmas. They will receive a credit, result, and comment for each subject that they have completed since September. It is very important that students are keeping up to date with all their work in all their subject areas, completing tasks on a nightly basis and meeting their deadlines. Please see outline of credits below:

Credit System 2025/26:

Criteria	Assessment Details	Credits Awarded
Core Subjects	10 credits per subject (whole year)	150 credits
Subject Sampling Modules	5 credits per subject (per split/half year)	75 credits
ePortfolio	Content, presentation, writing skills, work experience report	75 credits
Interview	Interview, content, presentation, reflection	40 credits
Extra-Curricular Participation	School Activities <u>outside</u> school hours	20 credits
School Community Participation	School groups, committees, choir	20 credits
Attendance & Punctuality	90% min.	20 credits

Total: 400 credits

Participation:	0-49%	0-196
Pass:	50-64%	197-256
Merit:	65-79%	257-316
Distinction:	80-100%	317-400

Students are responsible for inputting information and reflections on their educational experiences in the TY programme. This is facilitated during their weekly ePortfolio class and can be completed at home also. Within each student's ePortfolio, there are sections on academic work, educational and cultural visits, guest speakers and workshops, work experience, extra-curricular, and reflections to be completed by each student on a weekly basis.

Please be mindful that the second work experience placement will take place from February 3th – 13th 2026. It is vital that each student has secured their placement before they return to school after the Christmas holidays on 5th January 2026. Please input the employer details on the Microsoft Form attached. This must be completed BEFORE FRIDAY DECEMBER 19TH 2025.

[Click here for the Transition Year Microsoft Form – Work Placement 2](#)

We are delighted with the uptake of students who have signed up for Gaisce. This is a fantastic initiative which is recognised internationally and will last well beyond Transition Year. We wish the students the very best as they undertake this initiative.

We would like to thank you all for supporting your son/daughter through Transition Year and we look forward to the remainder of the educational opportunities and activities to be provided.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy Christmas.

Kind Regards,

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Transition Year Co-Curricular Opportunities (since September 2025)

Voluntary Opportunities	Monday / Wednesday Activities	Organised Trips / Workshops / Guest Speakers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaisce • Justice Group • Library Leader • Girls Basketball • Law TY Programme • Application for TY placement with Smartply • Irish Angus Beef Schools Competition • STEPS Engineering TY work experience • Student Council Application • Oireachtas Essay Competition • Walk in my shoes placement • Debating & Public Speaking Club • Hurling & Camogie Blitz • Law Society of Ireland essay competition • The Shoe Box appeal • Mini Med Waterford Application • RCSI Application • Wellbeing week activities • MTU Cork School of Music Placement • TY Career in auctioneering application • Global schools Training application • Christmas Bake off • O' Keeffe Orthodontist placement • Red Hat Placement • Learning Leaders • TY Taster Programme with Cork College of FET 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowling • Muay Thai • Kickboxing • Laser Tag • HIIT Fitness class • Kangoo • Zumba 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip to Dunmore East Adventure Centre • Trip to Ploughing Championship • Trip to TY Skills day RDS • Visit to Signacare nursing home • Visit to Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home • CSI Forensics Workshop • Breast Cancer awareness workshop • Paired Reading-primary school • TY Enterprise craft fair • SETU Computer Science talk • Jonathon Earl Enterprise Talk • Work Experience Placement 1 • Bodhrán Making Workshop • Visit to the Public Library • Visit to Hillsfield Community Centre • TY Comedy Show -Theatre Royal • Christmas Wreath Making Workshop • Climate quiz workshop • STEM Careers Talk • Trip to WWETB Expo • Hospitality Training Workshop • Sign Language Workshop • Kindness and Goal setting workshop • TY Retreat • Consent Workshop • TUSLA Talk • Science Show • Jewellery Making Workshop