



TY ASSESSMENT

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE, DUNDALK

BASIC PRINCIPLES



Assessment is a **credit-based system**. Up to 2000 credits will be awarded over the course of the year (explained in more detail later).

Assessment is **continuous**. **Every piece of work** you do can count towards your grade.

You will be assessed approximately **every ten to eleven weeks** (at the end of every module).

You will be assessed in **all subject areas**.

ASSESSMENT HEADINGS



In every subject, you will be assessed under four headings;

Development & Application of Knowledge & Skills

Motivation, Workrate & Effort

Social & Personal Skills

Behaviour & Attitude

Teachers will have the **option** of including a **grade** (e.g. test/assignment score) should it be applicable.

Teachers will also include a **comment** on your performance in class during that module.



THE REPORT ON VSWARE

When the scores, grades & comments are inputted by your teachers, they will be made available to your parents/guardians via **VSWare**.

Your parents/guardians will be **notified** via SMS/school app.

If your parents/guardians **cannot access** VSWare, they must contact the school office – secretary@delasalle.ie



SUBJECT SCORING

In each of your subject areas, you will be **ranked** from 5 to 0 **under each of the four headings**.

The **maximum** you can score in one subject area is 20 (4 headings x 5 points).

The **minimum** you can score is 0 (4 headings x 0 points).

The total score you get in each subject is called the **SUBJECT SCORE**.



GRADES, COMMENTS & ABSENCES

Also included on the report are:

Grades in each subject – where applicable – may not apply in all cases

Comments – from all teachers.

Absences – explained (note supplied), unexplained (no note) & lates (This will also be factored in to the credits scoring system).

Form teacher comments

CREDIT SYSTEM: INTRODUCTION



This process will be **repeated** for each of the three modules.

A **workbook** will be kept during the academic year to record your credits.

The **credit based system** works as follows:



CREDIT SYSTEM — CREDIT TYPES

There are three types of credit that can be awarded:

- 1. Academic Credits** (up to 900 credits)
- 2. Engagement Credits** (up to 900 credits)
- 3. Discretionary Credits** (up to 200 credits)



CREDIT SYSTEM — ACADEMIC CREDITS

1. Academic Credits (up to 900 credits)

Core Subjects:

4 subjects (English, Irish (or SEN), Maths, MFL (or Communication Skills) x 20 credits x 3 modules

(Total = 240 credits)

Rotation/Modular Subjects:

25 subjects x 20 credits x 1 module

(Total = 500 credits)

Summer Exams:

4 core subjects x 40 credits

(Total = 160 credits)

CREDIT SYSTEM — ENGAGEMENT CREDITS



2. Engagement Credits (up to 900 credits)

Timetabled Subjects:

5 subjects (ADC/Enterprise/YSI/PE/Careers) x 20 credits x 3 modules

(Total = 300 credits)

Points awarded based on levels of participation & engagement.

Work Experience:

300 credits available (see note on next slide)

Extra-Curricular Engagement:

300 credits available (see note on next slide)

CREDIT SYSTEM — ENGAGEMENT CREDITS



- **Work Experience credits** to be awarded based on

- a) **timely notification** of placement & **successful completion** of placement
- b) the **feedback report** supplied by the employer.

Points to be decided based upon the number of placements to be done (assuming three).

- **Extra-curricular credits** to be awarded based on

- a) **signing up for programmes & initiatives**
- b) **successful completion** of same (e.g. GAISCE, Look Into Law).

Distribution of credits will depend on the number of programmes on offer.



CREDIT SYSTEM – DISCRETIONARY CREDITS

3) Discretionary Credits (up to 200 credits)

200 discretionary credits can be awarded, at the end of year, by the TY Co-ordinator/TY Form Teachers.

This will be based on the overall student performance for the year, to cover areas such as coping with difficulty etc.

Student attendance/punctuality will be factored in here.

TY teachers will be asked for input prior to this process commencing.

GRADUATION GRADE



At the end of the year you will be awarded a **Graduation Grade**.

The grade awarded will be based solely on the **number of credits** that you have received during the academic year.

GRADUATION GRADE



Commendation	1750-2000 credits
Distinction	1400-1749 credits
Higher Merit	1200-1399 credits
Merit	1000-1199 credits
Achieved	800-999 credits
Partially Achieved	0-799 credits

GRADUATION GRADE



The **GRADUATION GRADE** will appear on your official DES TY Certificate & will be the centrepiece of your **TRANSITION YEAR PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT (TYPA)**.

TY PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT



The contents of the TYPA will include;

- The official **DLS TY Graduation Grade Certificate**.
- A breakdown of your **credits**.
- A copy of all **modular reports** issued on VSWare.

TY PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT



- **Any/all certificates** earned for participation/completion/qualifying in any areas that they are involved in over the course of the year.
- Any **selected pieces of work** that the student/teacher chooses for inclusion in the TYPA.