



Transition Year Programme

De La Salle
College



TY

Transition Year Co-Ordinator



Mr. McGrath

- » Run the programme – co-ordinate events, programmes, work experience, assessment etc.



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1. What are the Benefits of Transition Year?

What is Transition Year?



- TY is designed to ease the 'transition' or change from the Junior Cycle to the more important Leaving Cert.



What is Transition Year?



TY eases the transition by providing:

- Students with time to explore different subjects & areas that they may not get to do in LC.
- Students with time to explore potential careers through Work Experience placement.
- Students with the skills needed to perform better academically at LC.
- Students with the life skills to be a better, more-rounded person in life.



The Benefits of Transition Year



- **MATURITY**

with an emphasis on personal development,
social & communication skills.

Students should be more self-confident, resilient
& adaptable.



The Benefits of Transition Year



• SKILLS

with an emphasis on acquiring actual skills (work in & out of school).

Students should be better equipped to cope with the demands of the LC & life in general!



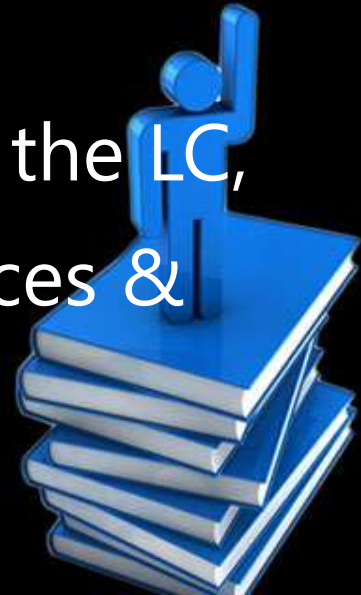
The Benefits of Transition Year



- **STUDY**

with an emphasis on acquiring independent & self-regulated study habits.

Students should be better equipped for the LC, making more informed subject choices & course/career choices after LC.



The Benefits of Transition Year



RESEARCH INTO TY

carried out by the ESRI, NCCA & Dept. Inspectorate

- ✓ Higher points score in LC in comparison with students who went straight from 3rd-5th Year.
- ✓ More 'educationally adventurous' - take higher levels, new subjects.
- ✓ Take a broader range of courses at Third Level.
- ✓ Develops self-confidence & self-esteem.
- ✓ Develops study, entrepreneurial, coping & social skills.



The Benefits of Transition Year



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Four transition year students are posing in a kitchen. From left to right: a boy in a dark jacket, a boy in a green Vodafone t-shirt, a girl in a black top, and a girl in a green t-shirt. They are all wearing blue gloves and making peace signs. The kitchen counter in front of them has various food items and containers.

Zoe Williams
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Transition year students Jasper Bisora, Adam McGarry, Robyn Duffy and Kacey Kennedy at Kishoge community college, Dublin. Photograph: Brid O'Donovan/The Guardian

The transition year led Paul Mescal and Cillian Murphy to become actors - and has had similarly seismic effects on



The Benefits of Transition Year



- If the student is willing to push themselves, get involved, embrace new challenges & try something different.
- If the student wants to know more about LC subjects & potential career areas.
- If the student wants to develop as a person – social & personal skills



3. The TY Programme



What Happens in TY?



TY is a combination of Academics &
Experiences...



Inside The Classroom



Subjects are grouped into three categories:

- 1: Core – English/Irish/Maths/MFL
- 2: Carousel choices - all other subjects
- 3: TY only subjects



Inside The Classroom



1: Core Subjects – English/Irish/Maths/MFL

- Subjects are co-timetabled & may be streamed
- Excellent preparation for LC Courses
- End of year exams



Inside The Classroom



2: Carousel Choice Subjects

- Students get an introduction to potential LC subjects for one week.
- Students will then choose at the end of the fourth week which subject to retain for the rest of the year
- Up to 30 subjects can be covered



Inside The Classroom



Carousel Choices To Be Made

Monday 10.15	Maintenance*	Physics*	History	Music*
Monday 13.54	Applied Maths	Home Economics*	Agricultural Science*	Accountancy
Tuesday 8.50	Computers	Look Into Law	Personal Development	Computers
Tuesday 11.13	Global Citizenship Education (GCE)	Classical Studies	Lasallian Studies	Health Education
Tuesday 12.11	Art	Biology*	Chemistry*	Business
Wednesday 12.08	Environmental & Social Science	Financial Life Skills	Film Studies	Future Leaders
Thursday 11.13	Future Leaders	Technology*	Politics & Society	Green Schools
Thursday 12.11	Economics	Drama	Design & Communication Graphics (DCG)*	Enterprise

Inside The Classroom



3: TY only subjects

- Specialist subjects or modules for TY
- GAISCE, Classical Studies, Global Citizenship Education etc.



Outside The Classroom



Students will participate in some courses on

- a) A whole-class basis
- b) An individual basis



Lifeboats



Outside The Classroom



Examples include:

- First Aid & CPR Qualification
- Film Making Workshop
- European Youth Parliament
- Digital Champions Ireland
- Erasmus+ Programme (TBC)
- Work Experience Preparation Workshops



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT



Outside The Classroom

- Activity Centre Trip
- RNLI Clogherhead Visit
- Consent Education Programme
- Driving School/Online Driving Course
- GAISCE Awards
- GAA Future Leaders Course



Lifeboats



Outside The Classroom



- e-Portfolio & CV Preparation
- Clar Raídio
- Go Quest Adventure Zone
- Go Karting
- Internet Safety Workshop
- DkIT TY Weeks



Learning Is Different in TY...



- Learner-led, not exam-led



Project Work

- More responsibility on the student – deadlines, self-directed learning etc.
- Working in pairs, groups
- Project based work



What Happens in TY?



It is a DOSS year!

- D – Doing
- O – Other
- S – Sorts of
 - S – Stuff!



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4. Work Experience

Work Experience



- Work Experience (WE) will take place in week-long blocks during the year – autumn, spring & summer terms. There will be 3-4 blocks – exact structure to be finalized.
- WE should take place in an area the student is considering for third level or a career.
- Students should not be afraid to look beyond Dundalk!



Work Experience



- Students will take part in a 'Work Experience Preparation Workshop' in September.
- Students needs to get placements sorted asap due to demand.
- Additional placements, over & above the assigned weeks, can be allowed.



Work Experience



- Students will be required to complete a 'Work Experience Diary' during each placement.
- There may also be a 'community placement' organised for the student – more details will follow
- There is no such thing as a 'bad' work experience – even a 'bad' week can have a positive outcome.



5. Assessment & Reporting



Assessment & Reporting



Assessment & Reporting is different in TY:

- Reports 3 times a year – December, March & May
- Not just academic – development of skills, social & personal skills, behavior & attitude, motivation & effort.
- Reports direct to parents through VSWare.



Assessment & Reporting



- Students will reflect on assessment periods & set targets for the next module.
- Ongoing assessment in all subjects, on a regular basis.
- End of year exams in the Core Subjects & Languages.



Assessment & Reporting



- A 'credit' system is used to calculate final grades at the end of the year.
- Credits will be awarded in four areas:
 - 1) Academic – based on scores given in reports & end of year exam
 - 2) Engagement – based on scores given in reports & involvement in activities during the year
 - 3) Attendance – based on attendance records
 - 4) Discretionary – based on students approach & attitude to the year



Assessment & Reporting



- Students will also complete an e-Portfolio, recording their TY experience.
- Graduation takes place in May.
- TY Profile of Achievement (TYPA) will be presented to all students, containing:
 - Final grade
 - Summary of credits
 - All certificates received
 - Work Experience Feedback forms



5. Application



Application Forms



- Applications for TY are conducted in line with the TY Admissions Policy available on the school website.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted in early January to ascertain their preference for Senior Cycle – TY, LC or LCA.
- TY applicants will be contacted by me with an application pack.
- If students wish to proceed to Fifth Year or LCA, they will be contacted by the LCA coordinator (LCA) or Guidance Team (LC)



Application Forms



- Completing the form requires thought & information – reasons why, work experience plans etc.
- Terms & conditions apply, as per the Admissions Policy.



Application Forms



- A waiting list applies to late applicants.
- Places are limited – 106 maximum.
- Candidates may be interviewed.
- Past behaviour may be taken into consideration when places are being allocated.
- Places confirmed in late February.
- Contract of learning to be signed upon offer of a place.



Costs of TY



- Currently €500 – same cost since 2020.
- Very few books needed – most materials provided
- Registration fee covers all year-wide courses, events, buses etc. Does NOT cover individual events.
- Rental of TY laptop for the year.



Costs of TY



- €250 deposit to be paid with your completed application form by the date indicated. To be paid via VSWare or by cash to the school office.
- Payment of deposit does not guarantee a place in TY.
- €250 balance due by the end of May 2025 – can be paid in instalments.
- Families having difficulty meeting costs can contact Mr. Breen.

