

Transition Year 2023 / 2024

Parents Information Night

Thursday 23rd February

Introduction

- Optional year
- Forms an integral part of the curriculum in the school
- Students are chosen based on a range of factors
- Programme of study to suit students is decided upon by management and T.Y. coordinators



Our Aims

- Help students to discover and develop their own personal strengths and abilities
- Help them to work independently
- Introduce students to the concept of working in groups and learning with and from each other



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- Give students an opportunity to build a solid foundation for their Leaving Cert. studies
- Give students an opportunity to sample new subjects and modules
- Introduce students to the world of work through work experience and career guidance



Admissions Policy

- Application form (Explaining reasons, expectations, commitment to philosophy of Transition Year) This form is up in the classwork section of your google classroom.
- Preference to J. Cert students from S.M.G.S.
- If vacancies arise, students from other schools may be considered

Final decision rests with the Principal



Transition Year Programme

- Core subjects
- Taster subjects
- Activity modules
- One off events
- Guest speakers
- Workshops
- Overnight trip
- TY Competitions
- Optional extras







Core Subjects:

Gaeilge	Maths
English	PE
Religion	French / German



Taster Subjects: (TBC)

Art	Agricultural Science
Home Economics	Business
Economics	DCG
LCVP	Accounting
Music	Geography
Biology	Physics
Chemistry	Technology
History	Construction
Engineering	PE



Sample Activities 2022/23

Portfolio Class:

- Sign language
- Spanish
- Chinese

Module Rotations:

- Podcasting
- Career Guidance
- Future Leaders



Chinese & Kung Fu



Sample Activities 2022/2023

Activity Class

- First Aid
- Rebel Óg GAA coaching
- Photography workshop and photoshoot
- GMC Beats
- Yoga
- Mixed martial Arts for Self Defence
- Energy therapy guided lesson
- Work Safety
- Modern Dance
- Ceili
- DC Fitness (Darkness into Light)
- Stain Art Workshop









Rebel Og GAA Coaching





Photography







Potential Competition Modules:

Young Social Innovators	Drama
Mini-Company	Robotics
Young Scientist	Junk Kouture
Relove Fashion	Light Entertainment
Choir/Band	This is Art



Optional Activities 2022/23:

- TY Choir
- Pope John Paul II
- Meitheal
- Unfinished Book of Poetry
 Houses of the Oireachtas TY Work Experience
- National Gallery of Ireland Work Experience
- Intergenerational Quiz
- **DLD Awareness Competition**

- Flag Day Cork Cancer Care Barista Training (Additional Cost) MTU School of Music Work Experience
- Hamper Packing St. Vincent de Paul
- Centre for Talented Youth online course (Additional Cost)Student Council
- Gaisce
- Debating



Important Dates

- Work experience 13th 24th November 2023 (2 weeks)
- Work experience 15th -19th April 2024 (1 week)
- ☑ Volunteer week 18th 22nd December 2023
- 2 All organised by the students themselves for September
- Colaiste Uisce Trip 29th April 3rd May 2024
- Parent and student induction evening Thursday 31st August 2023
- TY classes commence Monday 4th September 2023



Benefits to the student

- Greater uptake of higher level in subjects at Senior Cycle
- Work experience helps with career choice
- Gain maturity
- Improve self-confidence
- Improve relationship with teachers
- Increase knowledge of subjects to help make an informed choice of 5th Yr. subjects.
- Bridging the gap between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle

https://acesolutionbooks.com/the-many-benefits-of-doing-transition-year/



Class Selection

- Classes will be allocated on random selection with 3 or 4 from each 3rd base class.
- All classes will have a balance of boys and girls
- Base classes and Competition classes will be published by Friday 25th August

Payment Plan

Friday 10th March 2023 - €200 First payment

Friday 21st April 2023 - €200 Second payment

Friday 9th June 2023 - €200 Final payment

Places are secured when final payment is received.

There is a waiting list and places will be allocated to the next on the list

What's next?

- Application forms were available on Tuesday 21st February at 6pm for all 3rd Year students via their TY 2023/2024 T.Y. google classroom.
- Application forms to be returned by tomorrow Friday 24th February at 8:30am via google classroom.
- Places will be offered on Friday 3rd March.
- Acceptance of place by Friday 10th March along with €200 deposit.



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