



# Transition Year 2024 / 2025

Parents Information Night

Tuesday 20th 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. Coordinator



# 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/ Computer Science	Accounting
Music	Geography
Biology	Physics
Chemistry	Technology
History	Construction
Engineering	PE





# Sample Activities 2023/24

## Portfolio Class:

- Sign language
- Spanish
- Chinese
- Knitting

## Module Rotations:

- Podcasting
- Career Guidance
- Future Leaders



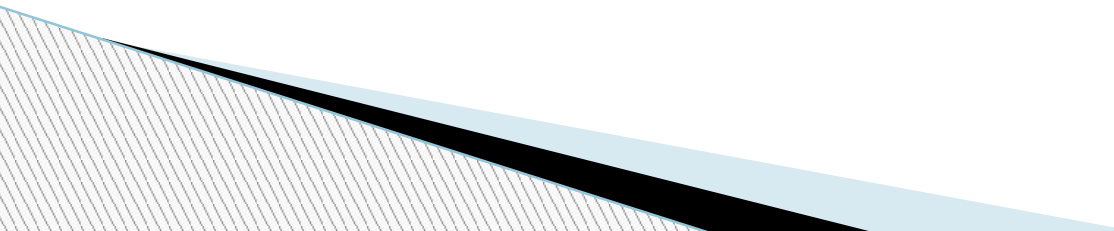
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## Activity Class

- First Aid
- Rebel Óg GAA coaching
- Photography workshop and photoshoot
- GMC Beats
- Yoga
- Mixed martial Arts for Self Defence



# Sample Activities 2023/2024

- Energy therapy guided lesson
  - Work Safety
  - Modern Dance
  - Drumming
  - DC Fitness (Darkness into Light)
  - Nutrition and Fitness
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# Potential Competition Modules:

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

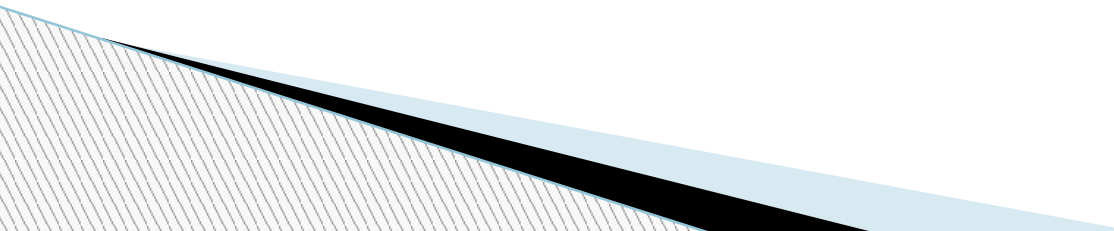


# Optional Activities 2023/24:

- TY Choir
- Pope John Paul II
- Meitheal
- Safe Pass course (additional Cost)
- TY Newsletter
- Setting up the Foroige Club in Blarney
- Intergenerational Quiz & Garda Quiz
- DLD Awareness Competition
- Dogs for the Disabled Committee



# Optional Activities 2023/24:

- Flag Day - Cork Cancer Care
  - Barista Training (Additional Cost)
  - MTU School of Music Work Experience
  - Hamper Packing St. Vincent de Paul
  - Committee to set up Foroige
  - Darkness into Light Committee
  - Gaisce
  - Debating
  - Mental Health Workshop
  - Various Work Experiences Eg. DNG, Crawford Art & design, Tyndall Institute etc (TY Specific)
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# Important Dates

- Work experience 11th - 22nd November 2024 (2 weeks)
- Work experience 24th -28th March 2025 (1 week)
- Volunteer week 16<sup>th</sup> - 20th December 2024 (1 week)
- **All organised by the students themselves for September**
- Colaiste Uisce Trip TBC
- Parent and student induction evening Thursday 29th August 2024
- TY classes commence Monday 2nd September 2024



# Benefits to the student

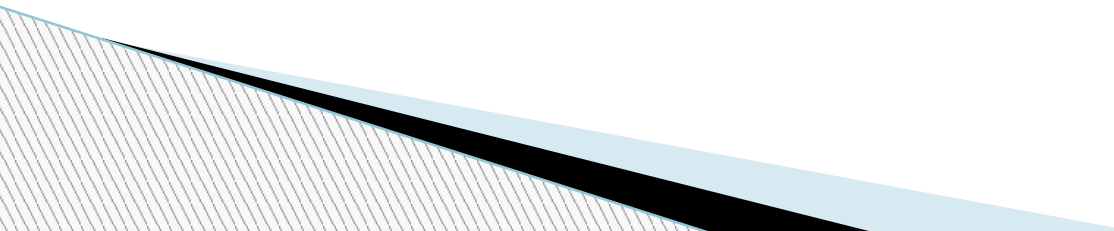
- ❖ Greater uptake of higher level in subjects at Senior Cycle
- ❖ Work experience helps with career choice
- ❖ Gain maturity
- ❖ Improve self-confidence
- ❖ Improve relationship with teachers
- ❖ Increase knowledge of subjects to help make an informed choice of 5<sup>th</sup> Yr. subjects.
- ❖ Bridging 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 23rd August
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# Payment Plan

Friday 8th March 2024 - €200 First payment

Friday 19th April 2024 - €200 Second payment

Friday 7th June 2024 - €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 20th February at 8pm for all 3rd Year students via their TY 2024/2025 T.Y. google classroom.
- Application forms to be returned by Friday 23rd February at 8:30am via google classroom.
- Places will be offered on Friday 1st March.
- Acceptance of place by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March along with €200 deposit.



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