

Transition Year Curriculum

Transition Year is an Educational Programme between Junior and Senior Cycle which is compulsory for all students in our school. The main focus of this programme is to facilitate a smooth transition from the more dependent learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent self-directed learning of the Senior Cycle

Aims of T.Y.

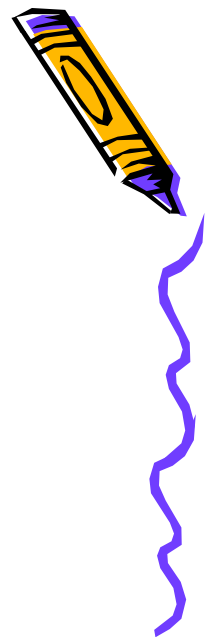
Personal: To help you develop your personality and character towards a more positive and confident self image

Study/Work: To develop independent work and study habits appropriate to the Senior Cycle.

Career: To become familiar with workplaces outside school and possible career paths

Social: to become more informed about society and more skilled at dealing with people

T.Y. The Curriculum - What we offer . . .



Structure

The structure of the programme changed 2 years ago with the introduction of modules of all subjects with the exception of the core Subjects, English Irish Maths and French, and Religion, S.P.H.E., Careers, I.T. This gives the students a sample of a wide range of 26 different modules each carried out over a six week timeframe.

One advantage to the this system is that each student is assessed at the end of each module which really has led to increased academic focus to transition year with a smooth transition to 5th year in mind.

A second advantage is that students get to enjoy a wide range of modules outside of the leaving cert curriculum for example Self defence, Spanish, Food Studies, Study Skills, Mini-Company, Young Scientists, Community Care, Driver Theory and many more. These subjects let the students learn and experience different life skills, many of which will still benefit them when school days are in the distant past.

The core subjects in which students are timetabled for the year are.... English, Irish, Maths, French, Religion, S.P.H.E., Careers, I.T. A graded sit down exam is given in Irish, English, Maths and French before Christmas and in May.

The full lists of modules are..... Work Studies, Agricultural Science, Construction Studies, Engineering, Public Speaking, Accounting, D.C.G., P.E., Art, Business, Spanish , Mental Health, Biology, Driver Theory, Chemistry, Fitness, Careers, Geography, Grooming, Green Schools, Physics, Modern Studies, History, Study Skills, Outdoor Pursuits, Young Scientists, Young Social Innovator, Mini-company. Musical/Comedy Production

Organisation of School Day

Classes run as normal from 9.05 to 3.50. For the coming year there will be 4 T.Y. classes.

Each student will be assigned to a class group in which he/she will remain in for the year.

T.Y. MODULES 2010-2011

4.A	4.B	4.C	4.D	4.E
BUSINESS	HISTORY	GEOGRAPHY	ACCOUNTING	MOD. STUDIES
ENGINEERING	ART	TOURISM	SPANISH	BIOLOGY
STUDY SKILLS	ROAD SAFETY	GROOMING	WORK ORG.	MENTAL HEALTH M.
GREEN SCHOOLS	AG. SCIENCE	PUB. SPEAK.	P.E.	ENGINEERING
PHYSICS	FITNESS	ARCH. TECH.	CHEMISTRY	DCG
YSI	YSE	STUDENT ENTERPRISE	STUDENT ENTERPRISE	STUDENT ENTERPRISE
COMMUNITY CARE	FOOD STUDIES	SELF DEFENCE	DESK TOP PUBLISHING	ELECTRONICS

Other Transition Year Activities.....

Drumming Workshop- In September all T.Y. students are involved in a Drumming Workshop in the school which culminates in a beginning of year prayer service. This plays a very important part in a team building/bonding exercise.

A.I.B. Build a Bank Challenge T.Y. students operate a school bank and then attend a competition held in Fota Island Cork.

Psycho Spaghetti- A drama held in the Quality Hotel in October.

Debating- Credit Union Competition. Science Debating.

Alliance Sexual Health- Workshop on the topic of Sexual Health and each class group attends.

Presentations- Astronomy Ireland- Hope Foundation, Just One Charity, Gaisce, Jack and Jill Foundation, H.S.E. Emergency Unit. All these groups and organisation send guest speakers to the school to speak to Transition Years on varying topics. Carol Singing: Astna Square

Careers Day—A Careers Day is held each year in October which is very beneficial in guiding T.Y. Students towards future careers.

T.Y. Times- A group of students are responsible for the publication of a T.Y. Times booklet which highlights the activities of Transition Year from a students perspective. The booklet is circulated to students and parents every 6 weeks.

Trinity College- Two students get to attend Science Lectures in Trinity College in Dublin in November

Green Schools - a core group of T.Y.'s diligently recycle and collect waste throughout the year which helps maintain the schools Green flag status.

Team Building Days---there are a series of team building days comprising of sport, games and quizzes in Sep & February;

Safe Pass Course---Each student is offered an opportunity to partake in a safe pass course before embarking on **Work Experience** in February and May.

C.I.T. Technological Experience---10 students attend lectures in C.I.T. in January