

# Transition Year 2018/19



# What is Transition Year?

- ▶ Transition Year is a one-year programme after Junior cycle and before Senior cycle.
- ▶ It is an extra year optional programme
- ▶ It acts as a bridge between Junior and Senior Cycle, by facilitating the smooth transition from the more dependent learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent self-directed learning of the Senior Cycle



# Transition Year History

- ▶ First introduced into Schools in 1973
- ▶ In 501 schools by the Year 2000
- ▶ Approx 70-75% of all post-primary schools offer the programme
- ▶ It is compulsory in 30% of school.



# Aims of Transition Year

- ▶ To experience a Broad Curriculum of subject options
- ▶ To develop New Skills
- ▶ To avail of New Opportunities
- ▶ To experience the World of Work
- ▶ To improve on areas of Academic Weakness
- ▶ To experience the World Abroad
- ▶ To give time to Mature
- ▶ To give time to think about the Future and potential Career Options



# Transition Year Curriculum

## Subjects

- ▶ English
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Irish
- ▶ History
- ▶ Environmental Studies
- ▶ Enterprise
- ▶ Languages: French and Spanish
- ▶ Religion
- ▶ PE
- ▶ Substance Abuse
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Work Experience
- ▶ Development Education
- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Horticulture
- ▶ First AID
- ▶ Careers

## ▶ Options

- ▶ Leadership Course
- ▶ FETC IT Level 4
- ▶ Peace Bytes



## NOTE:

The Curriculum changes from year to year to meet the needs of the students

# Skills Development in T.Y

- ▶ To Develop new Skills such as:
  - ▶ Social and Interpersonal Skills
    - ▶ Through project work & teamwork
    - ▶ Co-operation & group work
  - ▶ Personal Skills
    - ▶ Maturity/Confidence/
    - ▶ Independent learning
    - ▶ Leadership (Competitions/An Gaisce)
  - ▶ Enterprise Skills
    - ▶ Mini Enterprise (Group & Individual)
    - ▶ Build a Bank

- ▶ Practical Skills
  - ▶ Art & Crafts
  - ▶ Cooking
- ▶ Presentation Skills
  - ▶ Self - At Interview
  - ▶ Work - through projects
  - ▶ Creativity Skills
  - ▶ Time Management



# Preparation for the World of Work

- ▶ To get Experience of the World of Work
  - ▶ 2 Work/Community work Placements
  - ▶ 2 Opportunities to build up Practical Skills
  - ▶ 2 References on CV
  - ▶ 2 Chances to Impress Potential Future Employers
  - ▶ Networking!



# What Other Opportunities Might Transition Year Provide?

**Vary from year to year**

- ▶ GAA Leadership Course
  - ▶ First Aid Course
  - ▶ Photography Course
  - ▶ Trips
  - ▶ Drama workshops & public speaking as part of many projects
- ▶ An Gaisce Awards
  - ▶ Young Scientists Competition
  - ▶ Musical Opportunities
    - ▶ Céile Dancing
    - ▶ Samba Drumming
  - ▶ Driver Awareness Programme





# Other Experiences?

- ▶ Outdoor Pursuits
- ▶ Development Education
- ▶ Voluntary Work/Fundraising
- ▶ Green Schools & Recycling
- ▶ An Gaisce Awards/Young Scientists Competition
- ▶ Seachtain na Gaeilge
- ▶ Activity Week
- ▶ Drama - Visit to Dublin to Theatre



# Personal Development?

- ▶ Substance Abuse Programme
- ▶ Cycle against suicide
- ▶ SPHE programme - Dealing with Emotions
- ▶ Activity Week - Healthy promoting schools



# Assessment Methods in TY

- ▶ Traditional Subject Tests
- ▶ Formal Examinations
- ▶ Completion of Project Work
- ▶ Presentation of Work/Portfolios - Photography Exhibition
- ▶ Performance - Drama/An Gaisce/Skills Demonstration
- ▶ Christmas and End of Year Reports
- ▶ Parent Teacher Meeting
- ▶ End of Year Graduation/TY Night



# Who should do Transition Year?



- ▶ Someone who is **positive** and interested and who wants to gain additional skills
- ▶ Someone who wants a chance to build up their **CV**
- ▶ Someone who wants to become more confident, mature and independent
- ▶ Someone who is willing to get involved in group activities and project work

# Who should do Transition Year?

- ▶ Someone who is young and could afford to spend an extra year in school
- ▶ Someone who missed out academically in Junior Cycle
- ▶ Someone who is still unsure of what they want to do in the future and wants time to decide
  
- ▶ Students Interested will be given an Application Form in the coming weeks and all students who apply will be Interviewed



# Other Considerations



- ▶ Not a “doss year”
- ▶ **Get out of it what you put into it**
- ▶ You have to be willing to get involved in all aspects of TY
- ▶ Cost - €100 but students did have to pay for buses also and some trips.

# What our Students Said about TY?



- ▶ “I am far more settled now and more focused having done Transition Year”
- ▶ “I got to do so much more in TY and this helped me build up my CV”
- ▶ “I am more mature and confident now going into Senior Cycle”
- ▶ “If you treat TY as a doss year it is very hard to settle into Senior Cycle after it”

# What others say about Transition Year?

- ▶ [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
- ▶ [www.independent.ie](http://www.independent.ie)
- ▶ [ESRI report](#)
  - ▶ A REPORT BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE SHOWED THAT STUDENTS WHO DO TRANSITION YEAR TEND TO SCORE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER POINTS ON THE [LEAVING CERT](#).
  - ▶ TAKING SOCIAL BACKGROUND INTO ACCOUNT, THE AVERAGE CAO POINTS ADVANTAGE IS 25.





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Thank You

