

THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

AN OVERVIEW

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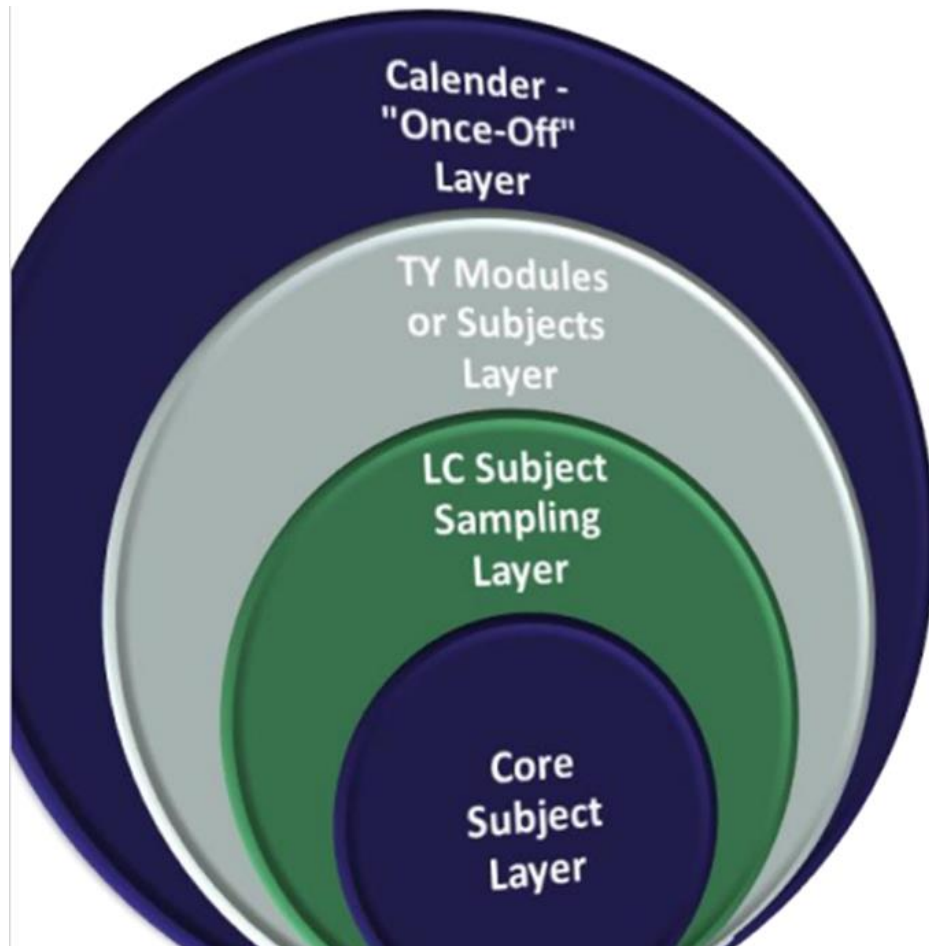
Transition Year is a One year programme designed to act as a bridge between junior & senior cycle.

TY facilitates a smooth transition to the more self directed learning model of the leaving cert.

Opportunity to Grow, Develop New Skills, Make New Friends, Experience The Working World & Mature.

STRUCTURE

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4 Layers to the TY calendar and timetable

CORE SUBJECTS

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Core Subjects



- English
- Irish
- Maths
- Language (French/German)
- P.E
- Career Guidance
- I.C.T.

TY SPECIFIC SUBJECTS

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- Enterprise Education
- GAA Future Leaders
- Theatre & Stage
- Personal Development
- Digital Media Literacy
- European Studies

TY SUBJECT SAMPLING

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- World of Science
- Music
- Woodwork
- Engineering
- H.E.
- Art
- History

WHAT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES MIGHT TRANSITION YEAR PROVIDE?

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- Trip to Outdoor Centre
- Mini-companies
- Carnival
- Drama Competitions
- Connect Mental Health
- Psycho Spaghetti
- Fire Safety Talk
- Road Safety
- Christmas Fair
- BT Young Scientist
- Junk Kouture
- First Aid Course
- Gaisce
- Sports Leaders Award
- LYIT Taster Day

WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Two separate weeks: February & March
- Education through life experience
- Practical exploration of the world of work
- Contacts with the wider community
- Evaluation by work providers and students
- Monitoring by TY teachers

WHO SHOULD DO TRANSITION YEAR?

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- Someone who is **positive** and interested and who wants to gain additional skills
- Someone who wants 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

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAID ABOUT TY?

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- ☛ “Making new friends, learning outside the classroom, having the opportunity to have a say in what we did throughout the year”
- ☛ “I got a lot closer with my year group, I benefited by learning more about 5th year such as subject choices. Because before TY I wouldn't have had a clue what subjects to pick”
- ☛ I didn't know what career path to choose before going into TY and now I know what I want to do thanks to the 2 weeks of work experience.

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- ☛ "It made me think about what I want to do now as a career. I bonded more with the year group. It built my confidence"
- ☛ "To carefully think about their decision as I think TY is not suited for everyone. You have to be willing to get involved and its really true that you get out of TY what you put into it."
- ☛ "I gained confidence made friends broadened my horizons and had the chance to try out loads of different activities with no exam"

QUOTES FROM PARENTS TRANSITION YEAR:

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A time to grow or just an excuse to doss? Irish Times Article Mon, Mar 5, 2018,

- As well as being a year to mature before facing into serious study and career choices, it's a chance “to explore different facets of oneself” through lots of different opportunities.
- “It's all about engagement and if the student won't engage, it can be a very negative experience,”
- “But I think it's better when it's not forced upon the student – either by the school or by their family. There is no right or wrong decision about it, but if the child makes the decision themselves, they are more likely to be happy.”

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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- Get out of TY what you put into it
- You have to be willing to get involved in all aspects of TY
- Fee but students do have to pay for some trips and courses.
- Joe's Jotter: My Top Forty Benefits of Doing Transition Year

NOTE FOR EVERY STUDENT

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“What you put into TY you
will get out of TY”