

THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

PARENTS' OVERVIEW

2019-2020



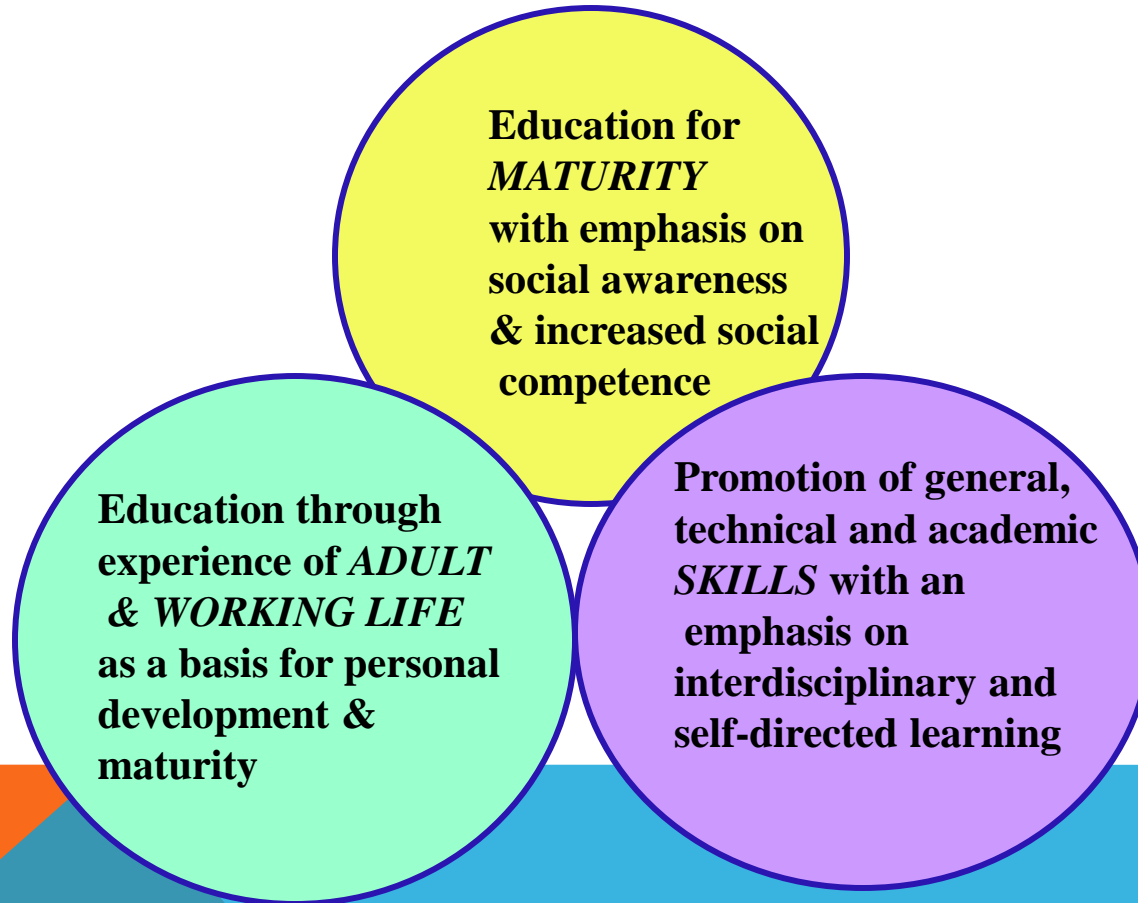
TRANSITION YEAR

Mission Statement of Transition Year

“To promote the personal, social, vocational, and educational development of students and to prepare them for their role as autonomous and participative members of society”

(Dept of Education , Transition Year Guidelines 1994/1995)

AIMS OF TRANSITION YEAR



Challenges Facing Young People

Leaving Certificate :

- Helpful in terms of informing Subject Choice
- Helpful in terms of Study Skills/Learning Styles
- Helpful in terms of promoting Independent Self Directed Learning
- Promoting Assessment For Learning
- CAO choices/Course requirements

ATTITUDES TO TY – NUIM REPORT TO DES

Outcomes of T.Y. :

- Students more mature as result of TY experience
- Promotes young people's confidence
- Improves bond between classmates
- Facilitates better relationship between students and teachers
- Opportunities to explore adult & working life seen as distinct benefits
- Teachers indicate that TY has positive impact on school climate

Student Feedback

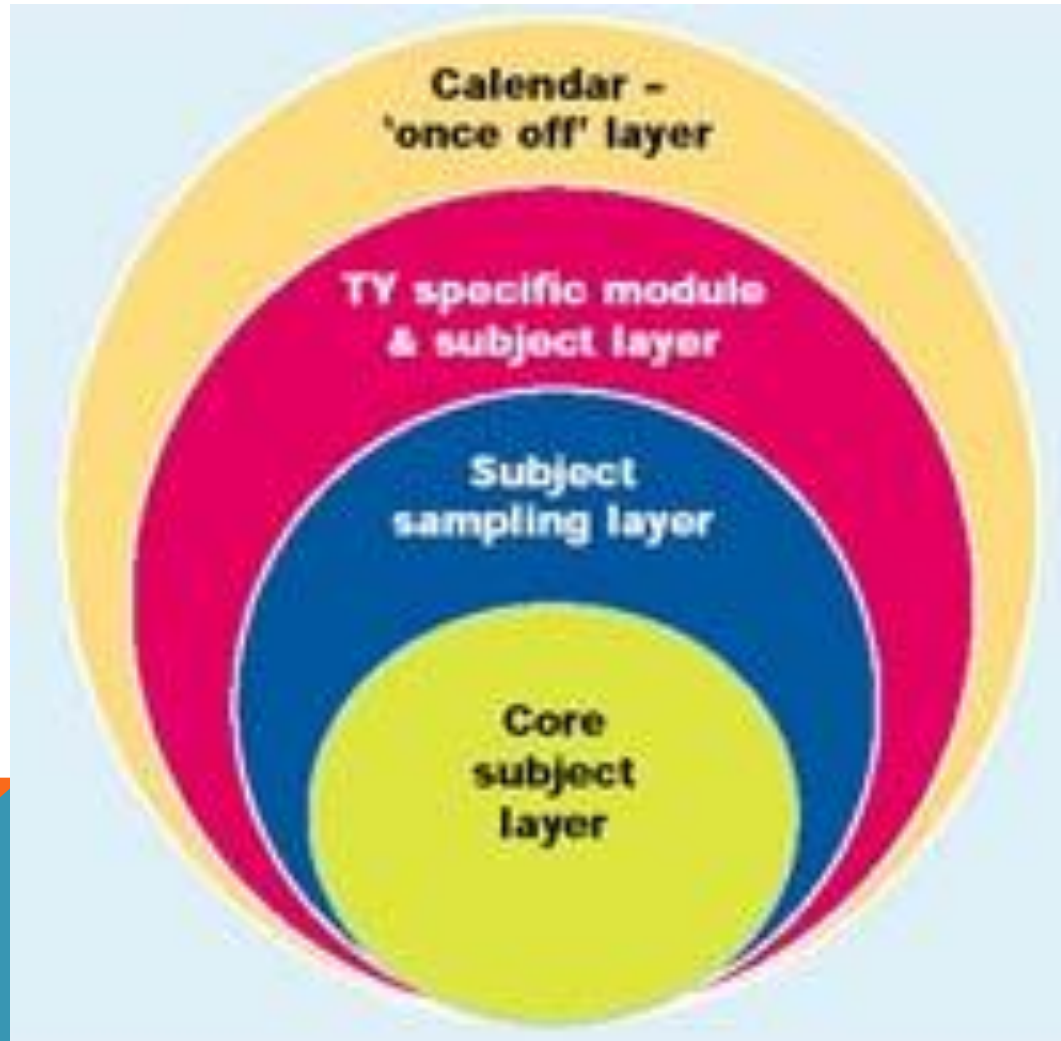
- Although the school say it over and over again, get as involved as you possibly can. It will make your year much more worthwhile, you will make so many new friends and keeping busy makes starting 5th year easier. Don't think you're "too cool" to join in on anything. TY will be as good as you want it to be if you make the effort.

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PEELING THE LAYERS OF A TY PROGRAMME



CORE SUBJECT LAYER

- English x 3
- Irish x 3
- Mathematics x 3
- Religious Education x 2
- Careers –
 Vocational & Personal Guidance x 1
- French/Spanish/German x 3
- Science x 3
- P.E. x 2

SUBJECT SAMPLING LAYER

- **Home Economics (Cookery for Today)**
- **Art**
- **Commerce – Business, Accounting & Economics- Marketing**
- **History**
- **Geography**
- **Biology**
- **Chemistry**
- **Physics**
- **Music**

T.Y. SPECIFIC MODULE & SUBJECT LAYER

- Information Technology – e portfolio,
- Computers – general computer skills, digital media and computer coding.
- Choir or Drama
- Relationships & Sexuality Education
- Aerobics
- Mind Gym (helpful for Project Maths)
- International Relations
- Debating
- Reading for Leisure

Set Module (as anticipated for 2019/20): a double period per week)

- Young Social Innovator
- Horticulture
- City Quay student teaching/learning initiative
- Political Studies: Northern Ireland (Incorporating Glenlola Collegiate exchange)
- Craft – Fashion Design Module
- Music
- French (for those who wish to pursue 2 languages)

PLACEMENTS - IMPORTANT DATES IN TY

Placements:

- Work Experience Placement

Monday 14th Oct. – Friday 25th Oct. 2019


- Community Work Placement

Monday 3rd Feb. – Friday 14th Feb. 2020

- *Additional Work Experience or Community Work Placement :*

**Monday 25th May – Friday 29th
May 2020**

Additional Work Experience

- Some TY work experience programmes take place outside those dates.
 - If any student would like to take part in such a programme then they are required to write to the yearhead and ask for permission.
 - They must explain what they believe they will learn from this placement and why it can't be undertaken during our normal work experience window.
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WHAT IS COMMUNITY CARE?

Experience in any of the community care services is a relevant element in the preparation for adult life. Services such as those concerned with social and economic disadvantage; physical, sensory and mental disabilities; and for special groups such as children, the chronically ill and the aged are most appropriate for this placement.

TY ACTIVITIES

Arts

- Song School
- Film School
- Samba Music
- Martial Arts
- Dance
- Visits to Art Galleries;

Personal Development

- Accord – negotiating relationships
- “Outside the Comfort Zone”
- Poetry Slam
- Retreat
- Public speaking

TY ACTIVITIES

Health

- Mindfulness Workshop
- Cookery School
- Karl Henry Fitness Workshop

Safety

- Fire Safety
- Road Safety – Gardaí

TY ACTIVITIES

Science

- Conservation trip (Dublin Zoo)
- Science Gallery
- Natural History Museum
- Geography Field Trip

- Humanitarian Programme
- Speakers – Concern, Gorta,...
- Visit to Irish Aid Centre
- Community Care Placement

TY ACTIVITIES

- World of Work
- Class Action Law Day
- Visit to Law Courts
- Work Experience Placement

Fun

- Adventure Centre Trip (2 nights)
- Gaisce Hike
- Chocolate Factory

T.Y. COMPETITIONS & PROJECTS

- Gaisce President's award - Bronze
- Model United Nations
- Young Scientists' Exhibition
- Subject related competitions/projects – e.g
Junk Kouture Fashion Competition
- Debating Competitions
- **Details of TY projects will be emailed to students throughout the year.**

Budget € 720

SOME ADDITIONAL & OPTIONAL COSTS

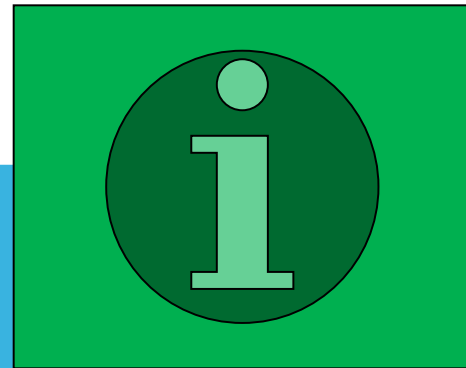
Model United Nations €180 (Starts April 7th)

TY Tour (Germany April 3rd to April 6th)

Camino (last week in May)

E-PORTFOLIO

Each student will attend an interview at the end of the year where they will present their e-portfolio



Certificate

Each student will get a certificate which will

- **State whether they completed Work Experience, Community Care and their E-Portfolio Interview.**
- **Award them a distinction, merit or pass (Based on how they embraced TY not on academic excellence).**

Certificate

Distinctions will be awarded based on attendance, completion of the TY curriculum and demonstrating a committment to embracing TY via the interview and e-portfolio.

PARENTS – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Understand importance of school attendance – it is vital for overall success of the programme

Encourage your daughter to avail of the learning opportunities provided

Show interest in her projects & activities –

Request to look at her Transition Year Website where she will be logging her experiences

Ask about the your daughter's additional reading requirement

Endeavour to adhere to school recommendations re times for work experience etc.

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Transition Year Motto

“Success is dependent on effort”.
Sophocles

Be Active! Be Involved!