

Transition Year

Why TY? An ERSI study has established that students who had undertaken TY had a higher Grade Point Average in the Leaving Certificate as well as increased entry level to higher education. Students were also found to take a broader range of courses at third level than non TY Students.

Transition Year Finances:

Scoil Dara's transition year programme is supported by the student contribution of 300 Euro. Each year the fund paid for by you provides the resources necessary to provide the rich educational experiences that our students enjoy. The fund is used to provide transport, pay for event entrance fees, purchase educational resources, pay for specialised PE coaching, fees associated with Young Social Innovators but to name a few. Payments can be made using the online Easy Payments Plus system on the school website or directly to the school. At year end a detailed income and expenditure report will be available to all Transition Year students and parents.

Highlights of TY



Believe in it. Act on it.



Approach Required: What a student gets out of TY depends hugely on the attitude he or she takes to it in the first place. An open minded, motivated individual with the courage to grasp the opportunities afforded to them will gain most from the year. What you get out of TY is heavily dependant on what you are prepared to put into it.

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What is Transition Year?

Transition Year is a one year programme taken after the Junior Certificate and before the Leaving Certificate programme.

What is its purpose?

- The purpose of TY is to promote maturity in students.
- To help them become more independent and responsible individuals through the variety of subjects they sample throughout the programme and activities they partake in during the year.
- TY should assist each student develop himself or herself as a person.
- TY aims to help young people prepare for adult life especially through contact with workplaces and career interests.
- Transition Year will help develop study skills that will enhance their performance in leaving certificate exams.

TY gives students the opportunity to...

- Become a more independent learner
- Develop more confidence
- Work as part of a team
- Learn about the working world and add valuable experience to your CV through work experience
- Go on school exchange to France
- Sample and discover new subjects to make more informed choices for the Leaving Certificate.
- Become more motivated for the Leaving Certificate
- Discover interests and skills that you may have an aptitude for
- Improve your computer skills
- Develop a more mature relationship with your teachers
- Visit Third Level colleges and workplaces
- Practice meeting deadlines for assessments
- Learn about leadership, co operating and dealing with conflict
- Undertake projects on topics that interest you



What subjects are studied?

Core Subjects: Irish, English, Maths, French or German, Religion, Physical Education, Health Education, I.C.T., Young Social Innovators, Public Speaking, Chemistry, Ag. Science, Biology, Young Scientist

Option Subjects: Spanish, Chinese, Cultural Studies, Art, Home Economics, Food Science, Friends for Life, Music, Enterprise, Metalwork, Woodwork, Community Care

Work Experience: While work experience is a mandatory part of transition year many find it is possibly the most beneficial and rewarding of the TY experiences. It serves to guide and inform students as they enter into the Senior Cycle and in the process of selecting subjects and eventually college courses.

Assessment in Transition Year: Our TY students are assessed using our new Credits system. This system endeavours to reward our students for not only their academic ability in exams but also their participation in class, project work, social work, group work and work experience. Students will at years end be awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction grade for their TY year.