



Holy Family Secondary School

TY Programme Overview 2020-2021



Aims of Transition Year

- 1. Education for *Maturity*: emphasis on social awareness and increased social competence
 - 2. Education through experience of adult and working life as a basis for personal development and maturity
 - 3. promotion of general, technical and academic skills with an emphasis on interdisciplinary and self-directed learning.
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Transition Year Guidelines

- Enable students to take a greater responsibility for their own learning and decision making
 - Help students to develop a range of transferable critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills
 - Prepare students for the world of work
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TY Programme

- Varied teaching and learning
 - Student focused
 - Teachers' expertise is used
 - School based with activity weeks and block work experience
 - School based/agency certification
 - Department support and monitored by inspectorate
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TY Layers

Core Subjects: Irish, English & Media Studies, Maths, French, German, Spanish (only one European language can be taken in transition year), P.E., R.E., S.P.H.E.

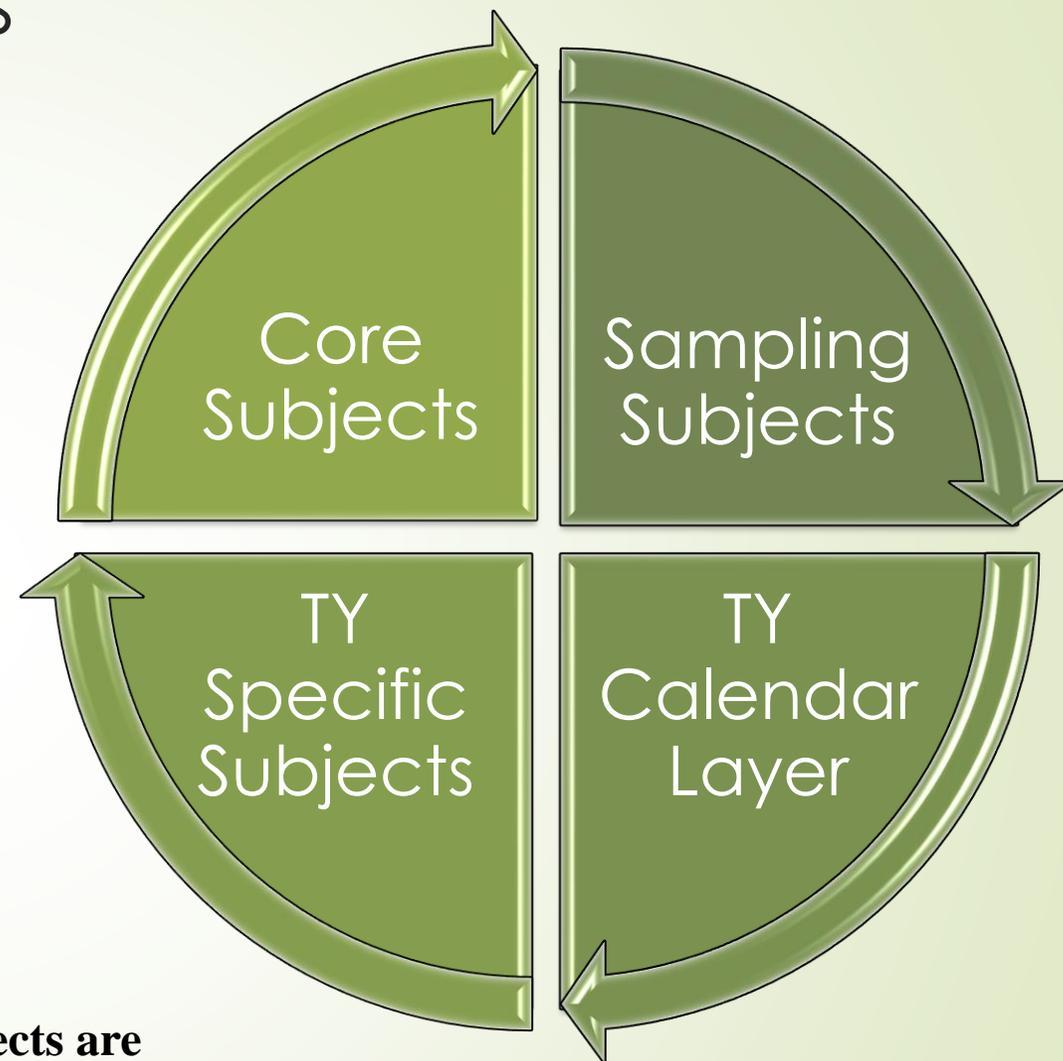
Sampling Subjects: Art, Science & Ag. Science, Politics & Society, Healthy Living & Culinary Skills, PE and Music, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, Business & Mini Company

TY Specific Subjects: Young Social Innovators, Law, Mini-Company, ePortfolio, Gaisce, HFY, John Paul 2 Award, Careers, Work Experience, Voluntary Placement.

TY Calendar Layer: Work Experience, Outings (trip to ThinkLanguage event, bonding night away, visits to the Oireachtas, Glendalough, CarlowIT) visiting speakers, Christmas Breakfast at Newbridge Silverware, Christmas Lunch, Carol-Singing in aid of School Benevolent Fund, Walking the Camino

From 2019-2021, three new leaving certificate subjects are being sampled in Transition Year:

- **Agricultural Science**
- **Society & Politics**
- **Physical Education**





Timetabled Subject	Curriculum layer
English & Media Studies	CORE
Irish	CORE
Maths	CORE
MF Language (selecting one language)	CORE
RE	CORE
Art, Craft & Design	CORE
Enterprise & Business Studies	Subject Sampling
Wellbeing PE (LC SAMPLE)	Subject Sampling
Healthy Living and Culinary Skills	TY Specific
ePortfolio & Digital Learning	TY Specific
Science & Agricultural Science	Subject Sampling
Geography & Environmental Studies	Subject Sampling
Politics & Society & Young Social Innovators	TY Specific
Wellbeing SPHE	Subject Sampling
Music	Subject Sampling
Legal Studies & History	TY Specific
Career Guidance	TY Specific

Assessment in TY

Students have a variety of assessment means including:

- **Summative evaluation: an overall statement of pupil performance by the teachers;**
- **Written, practical, oral and aural assessments;**
- **Report of work experience;**
- **Projects, ePortfolio and exhibition of work;**
- **Student Journal to record personal progress;**

Assessment in TY

➤ **Class tests at Christmas and Summer**

Irish, English & Media Studies, Maths, Business, Science and Modern Languages (German, Spanish and French)

➤ **ePortfolio**

TY subject teachers set at least one piece of work to be completed and uploaded in each student's ePortfolio. TY students select and organise key pieces/examples of work from TY subjects. The ePortfolio represents the varied and diverse skills that they have improved or newly developed over the course of the TY year. Students are required to prepare 5 items from different subject areas for discussion at interview.

➤ **ePortfolio Interviews**

Students are required to prepare five items from different subject areas for an ePortfolio interview with a TY teacher. These interviews are held at the end of the Christmas and Summer Terms. The interviewing teacher selects one piece of work for discussion with the student for the interview and a prescribed marking sheet records the marks awarded.

➤ **Christmas and Summer Reports**

Teachers allocate marks according to the attainment of assessment criteria in their respective subjects. Each subject criterion differs and reflects the diverse range of subjects offered to our students on our TY Programme



Four Activity Weeks

- Out of school Visits: Dáil Eireann, galleries, Glendalough and Site visits
- Workshops: Forensic Science, Self Defence, Cyber Bullying Awareness, Percussion, PAL visits in preparation for Mock Trial Competition, Breast Cancer Awareness.
- In-house activities: Ultimate Frisbee, PE activities, Culinary Blitz, compiling E-portfolio content, Christmas Market, Yoga, Dancercise, crafts.



Gaisce



Gaisce or "The President's Award" is a self development programme that allows students to find their passion, get active and make a difference in their community. Students engage in three main activities which fall into the categories of personal skill, physical recreation and community involvement.

Pope John Paul II Awards



POPE JOHN PAUL II
AWARD

The Pope John Paul II Award is a faith achievement award for young people between the age of 16 and 18. It is non-competitive, inclusive, flexible and voluntary.

The Award enables participants to take an active part in the life of their Church – in the life of their community and society. It enables young people become more aware of the teaching and role of the Catholic Church in the world and to engage at a deep level with Christ.

Young Social Innovators



Young Social Innovators (YSI) A nationwide programme for secondary school students which encourages students to reflect on social issues and develop a project with the aim of initiating social change. It is currently run in conjunction with our Society and Politics module.

Public Access Law



PAL/DDP

PUBLIC ACCESS TO LAW
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- A specially devised law programme which gives students a unique insight into law as seen through the eyes of a practising barrister or solicitor.
- The annual National Mock Trial Competition is organised every year by Public Access to Law (PAL). The national competition offers transition year students an opportunity to gain an inside view of how our legal system works. The idea is that students assume the roles of solicitors, barristers, jurors, witnesses and court reporters to form a team to compete with other schools in a mock court case.
- Each school team consists of a squad of 16 students - 6 jurors, 1 court registrar, 4 witnesses, 1 solicitor, 2 barristers, 1 legal reporter and 1 television reporter

Work Experience

- It is intended that the Transition Year should create opportunities to vary the learning environment and to dispel the notion that learning is something that happens only, or even most effectively, within the classroom. One of the ways of doing this, and of providing an orientation towards the world of work, is to include a component of actual work experience.

Aims:

- The students should sample a variety of actual, real-life working environments
- The student should benefit from the guidance and mentoring of those who hold full time employment in the workplace.
- Work Experience should help the students make an informed decision regarding subject choices in light of a future career.
- With the emphasis in Voluntary Placement on experiencing a different social setting, the student should improve communication, life and social skills.





TY Costs

- **TY Charge :€400.**
- This includes €180 Pupil Services Charge.
- The remaining €220 includes the two night bonding trip to Colaiste Acla from 26th – 28th August 2020; transport, competitions, workshops, visiting speakers, entertainment and excursions throughout the year.

Optional Trips:

- Camino – April/May 2021

Self Defence

Oireachtas Visit

Cyber Safety Workshop

Finance
Talk/School
Bank

Dutch Lessons

Work
Experience
Talk

Achill Island

Art Workshop

Christmas Carolling

Christmas Market

National History
Museum

Road
Safety Talk

CPR

Mini Company Workshop

Dancercise

Carlow IT

LGBT+ Talk



Glendalough

PE Tournament

Cookery Blitz

Christmas Breakfast

ThinkLanguage

Yoga

MFL Day

Engineering Talk

Forensics
Workshop

Music Concert

Politics Talk

Drumming Workshop

Christmas Lunch

Salsa Dancing

Maths Orienteering

Christmas Crafts

Ultimate Frisbee

Environment & Sustainability Talk

Law Day

Just1Life

Breast Cancer Awareness

The Coláiste Acla Experience





The Coláiste Acla Experience

- Students are motivated to push themselves to surprisingly high levels of achievement - and relish the sense of success this brings.
- Improved confidence in their ability to express themselves “as Gaeilge”.
- Social awareness skills are developed by appreciating the achievements of others & helping them reach their goals through teamwork.
- Personal qualities - initiative, self-reliance, responsibility & perseverance are demonstrably improved.
- Key skills such as communication, leadership, problem solving & teamwork are developed.
- Increased motivation & appetite for learning can lead to raised levels of attainment in other aspects of education.

Camino





Camino

➤ Suggested Itinerary

- Day 1 - Aer Lingus flight to Santiago, 13:05 - 16:20. Upon arrival in Santiago, you will get a private transfer from Santiago airport to your starting point, Ferreiros.
- Upon arrival in Ferreiros, Walk 8.7km to Portomarín
- Day 2 - Walk from Portomarín to Palas De Rei, 24.3km.
- Day 3 - Walk from Palas De Rei to Arzúa, 28.9km.
- Day 4 - Walk from Arzúa to Pedrouzo, 19.1km.
- Day 5 - Walk from Pedrouzo to Santiago de Compostela, 19.4km.
- Day 6 – Free morning in Santiago. Collected at 14:00 in Santiago for return to airport. Aer Lingus flight to Dublin, 17:00 - 18:10.



Price: €550-600

- 5 nights' accommodation the following basis: 4 nights in an Albergue and 1 night in 2-3* accommodation in ensuite rooms in Santiago
- Meals: 5 dinners and 5 breakfasts.
- Private transfer from Santiago airport to Ferreiros.
- Private transfer from Santiago city centre to Santiago airport for return flight .
- Bag transfer on each walking day of 1 bag per person.
- Irish Pilgrim Passport - needed to collect stamps each day as proof of completing the Camino. This is issued by Camino Society Ireland and is the only official Irish Camino passport.
- Premier Plus level travel insurance policy for each person (at a discount of 65% off retail price) - arranged through Blue Insurance, Ireland's largest travel insurance provider.
- Walking notes for each stage, full itinerary, ongoing advice and support service with Camino Groups, an Irish licensed and bonded travel agency.



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”
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