

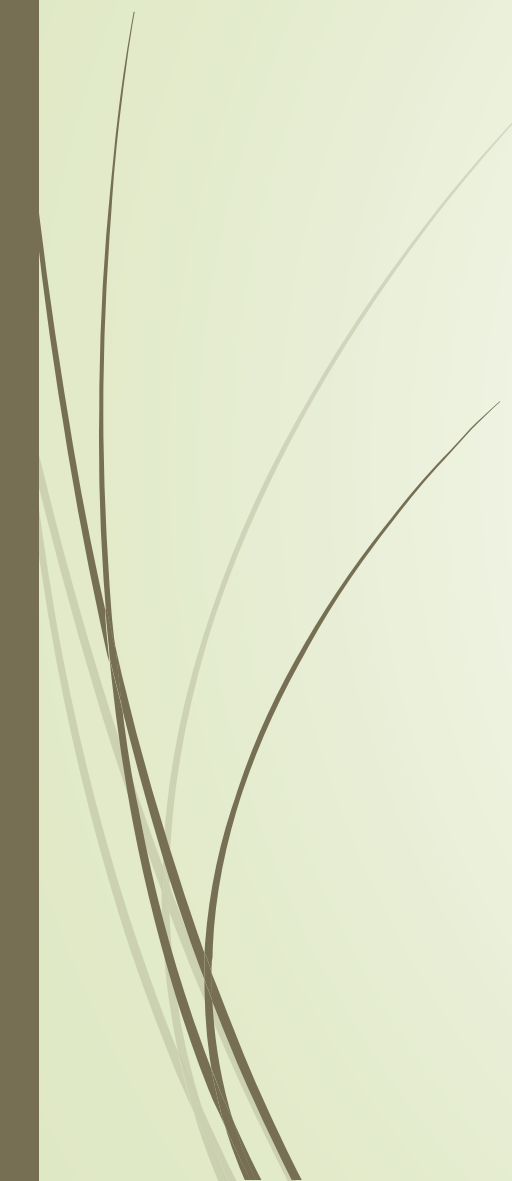


Holy Family Secondary School

TY Programme Overview 2021-2022

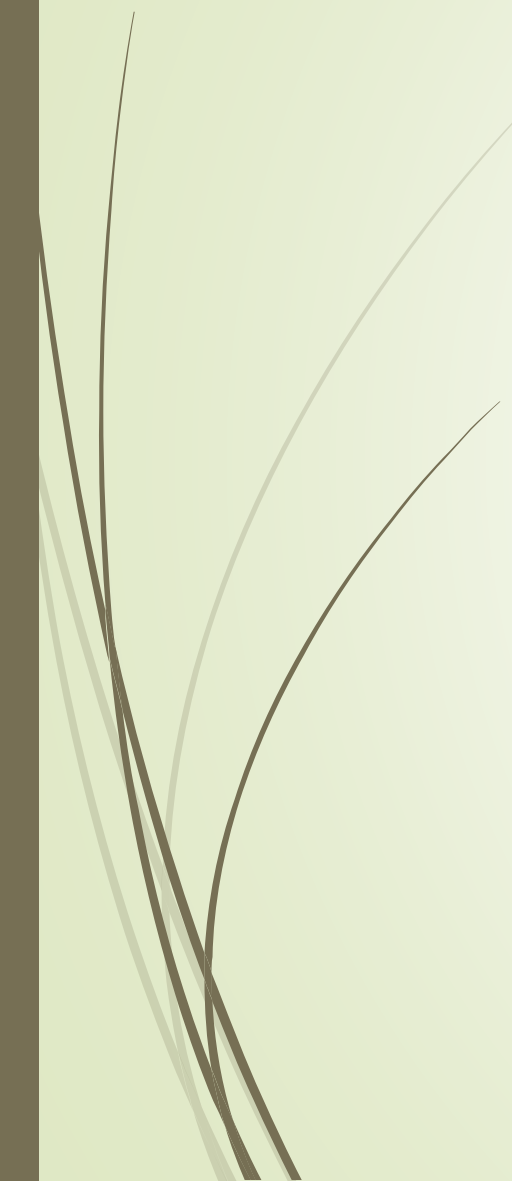


Aims of Transition Year

- 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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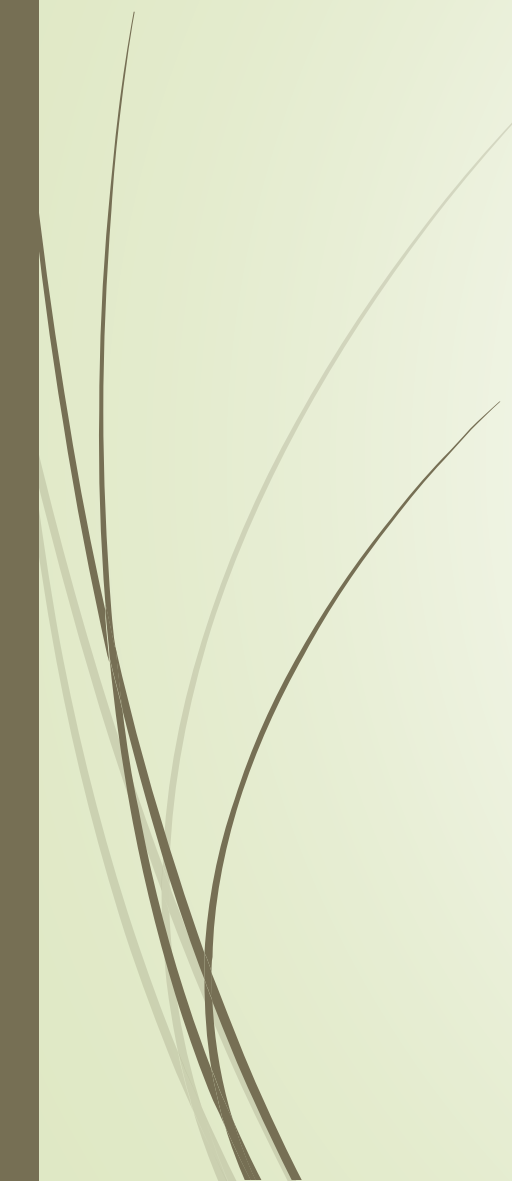


Transition Year Guidelines

- 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

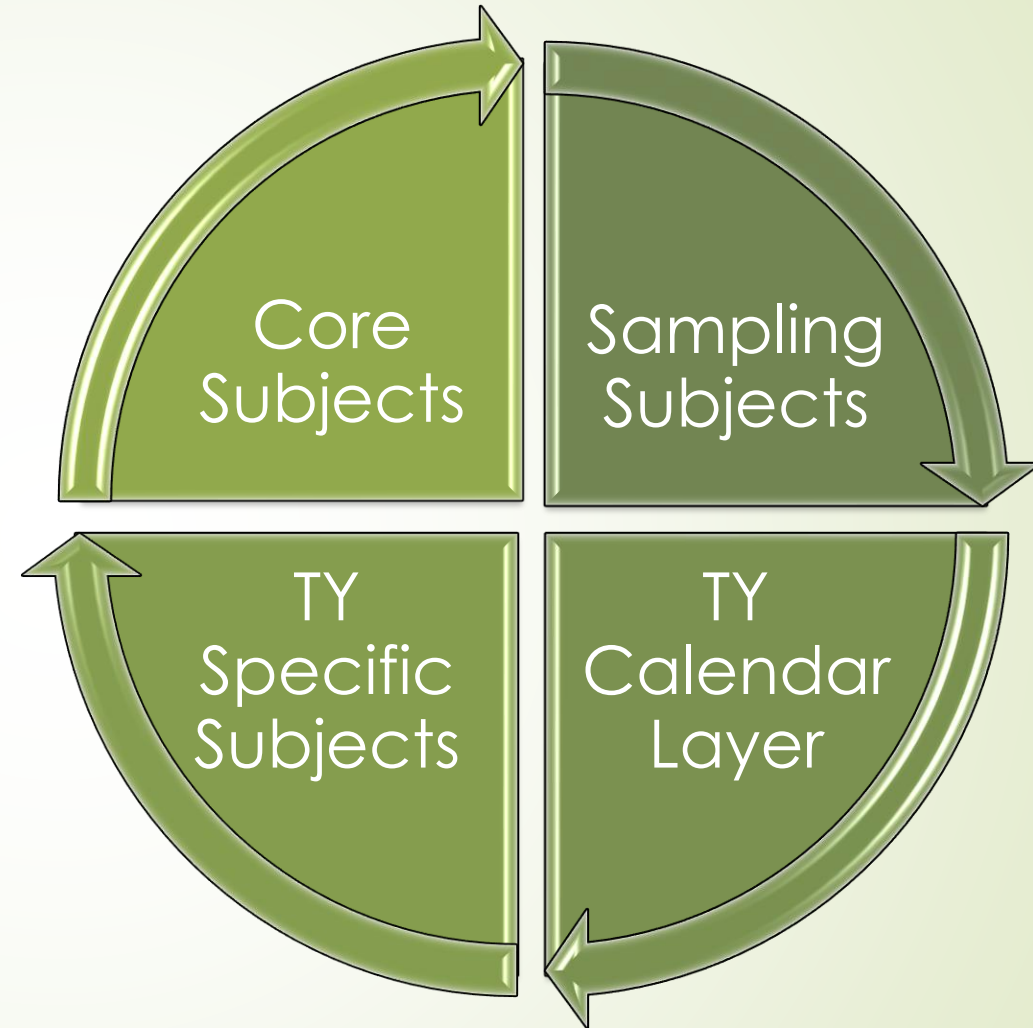
From 2019-2021, three new leaving certificate subjects were sampled in Transition Year:

- Agricultural Science
- Society & Politics
- Senior Cycle Physical Education

Senior Cycle PE is now a subject option for 5th year 2021

From 2021, the four new leaving cert subjects that will be sampled in Transition Year are:

- Agricultural Science
- Society & Politics
- Senior Cycle Physical Education
- Computer Science **new 2021/22**



Subject	Curriculum layer
English & Public Speaking	CORE
Irish & Celtic Studies	CORE
Maths & Coding	CORE
Modern Foreign Language (selecting one language)	CORE
Religious Education, Faith in Action & Global Classroom	CORE
Art, Craft & Design	Subject Sampling
Life Skills (CPR, Driver Theory, H&S Cert) & Active School Flag	TY Specific
Enterprise, Business Studies & Mini Company	Subject Sampling
PE & Senior Cycle PE LC sampler	Subject Sampling
Healthy Living, Craft and Culinary Skills	TY Specific
ePortfolio & Digital Learning	TY Specific
LC Computer Science (LC sampler)	
Sciences (Biology/Chemistry/Physics) & Agricultural Science (LC sampler)	Subject Sampling
Geography & Environmental Studies	Subject Sampling
Politics & Society (LC sampler)	TY Specific
Wellbeing, Mindfulness & SPHE	Subject Sampling
Music & Performance	Subject Sampling
Legal Studies & History	TY Specific
Career Guidance	TY Specific

Core subject layer	Subject sampling layer	TY specific layer may include	Calendar layer
Maths & Coding	Geography & Environmental Studies	GAISCE	Work experience weeks
Irish & Celtic Studies	Enterprise, Business Studies & Mini Company	Media Studies	Activity weeks
English & Public Speaking	Music & Performance	Legal Studies	Outdoor pursuits
Religious Education, Faith in Action & Global Classroom	Politics & Society (LC Sampler)	Career Guidance	Social outreach
MFL & Cultural Studies	History/Home Economics/Music/Art	ePortfolio & Digital Learning	Field trips
	Ag Science (LC sample) module the Sciences (Chemistry, Physics & Biology)	CANSAT	Visiting speakers
	Art Craft & Design	SWIM IRELAND*	Other
	PE (LC sample)	Healthy Living, Craft & Culinary Skills	
	Computer Science (LC sample)	Global Schools Classroom	
		Active School	
		Life Skills (Driver theory, Health & Safety, First Aid & CPR)	



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



Three Activity Weeks

Out of school Visits: CCJ, Dáil Eireann, galleries, Glendalough and Site visits

Workshops: Forensic Science, Self Defence, Cyber Safety Awareness, Percussion, Comedy Workshop, Breast Cancer Awareness.

In-house activities: PE activities, Culinary Blitz, compiling E-portfolio content, Christmas Market, Yoga, Dancercise, crafts, orienteering.

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.

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Swim Ireland

Level 1 assistant swimming teachers course

- ▶ This qualification develops your knowledge, skills and abilities as an Assistant Swimming Teacher.
- ▶ This course will enable you to;
 - Deliver a pre-prepared lesson plan
 - Be responsible for up to six swimmers whilst working under the supervision of a qualified Level 2 Swimming Teacher
 - Have a basic understanding of Core Aquatic Skills and four swimming strokes
 - Provide assistance in and out of the water
- ▶ Fee: €325
 - 4 sessions of 2 hours out of school
 - 3 free CPD courses for HFSS students only
 - For more information or to register, please contact: [Johanna Rock jtrcourses@gmail.com](mailto:Johanna.Rock@jtrcourses@gmail.com)

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 Charge 2020-2021

- ▶ **TY Charge :€300.**
- ▶ This includes
 - ▶ €25 Art charge for materials
 - ▶ Competitions
 - ▶ Workshops
 - ▶ Visiting speakers
 - ▶ Entertainment
 - ▶ Short courses.
 - ▶ School charges (insurance, journal, Digital Technology etc.)

Optional Trips:

- ▶ Any trips possible in the year would incur an additional charge

Sample Activities and online courses in 2020/2021

- Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop
- Flamenco dancing
- Self Defence Class
- Trip to Redhills Adventure Centre
- LGBT+ talk
- Comedy Workshop
- Microsoft DreamSpace Workshop
- Maths Orienteering
- Pitch & Putt
- Nursing home Pen Pals and Christmas project
- Christmas Crafts
- Swim Ireland
- Forensics Workshop
- First Aid & CPR
- Ukulele Module
- Royal College of Surgeons MiniMed
- Tallaght Hospital Lecture Series
- NUIG & Trinity taster days
- Pfizer engineering talk
- Look in to the Law TY programme
- WIT/CIT engineering talks
- IADT careers in computing
- IFI careers in screen
- Shine Wellbeing Festival
- Open University Zoology course



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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