

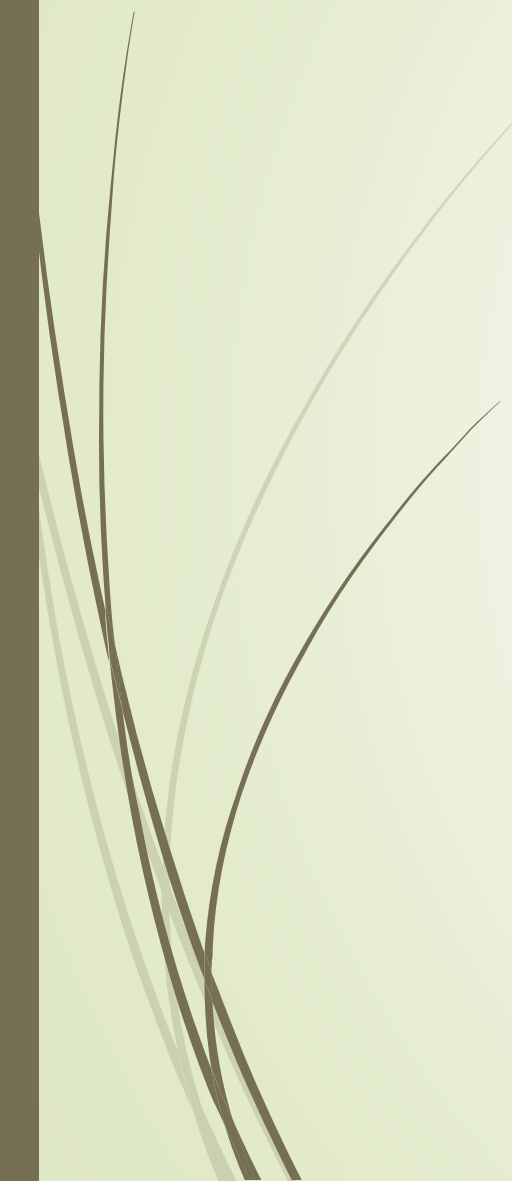


Holy Family Secondary School

TY Programme Overview 2023-2024

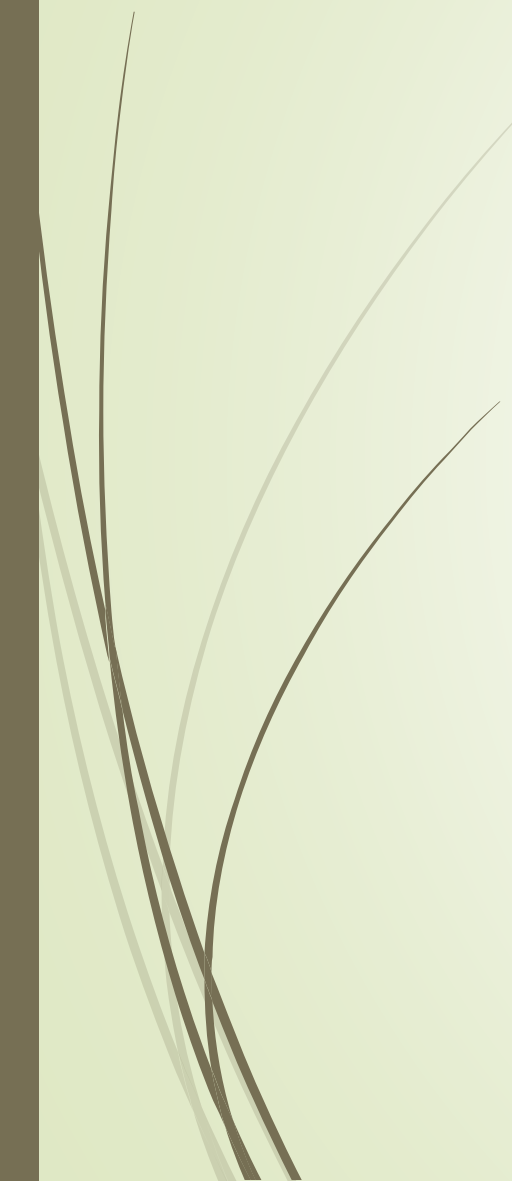


Aims of Transition Year

- 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 personal, social, holistic 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 methodologies
- Student focused – PROJECTS
- Group and Pair work
- Negotiated learning
- Practical work and Fieldwork
- Active and Learner focused
- Visiting speakers
- Teachers' expertise is used
- School based with activity weeks/days and block work experience
- School based/agency certification
- Department support and monitored by inspectorate

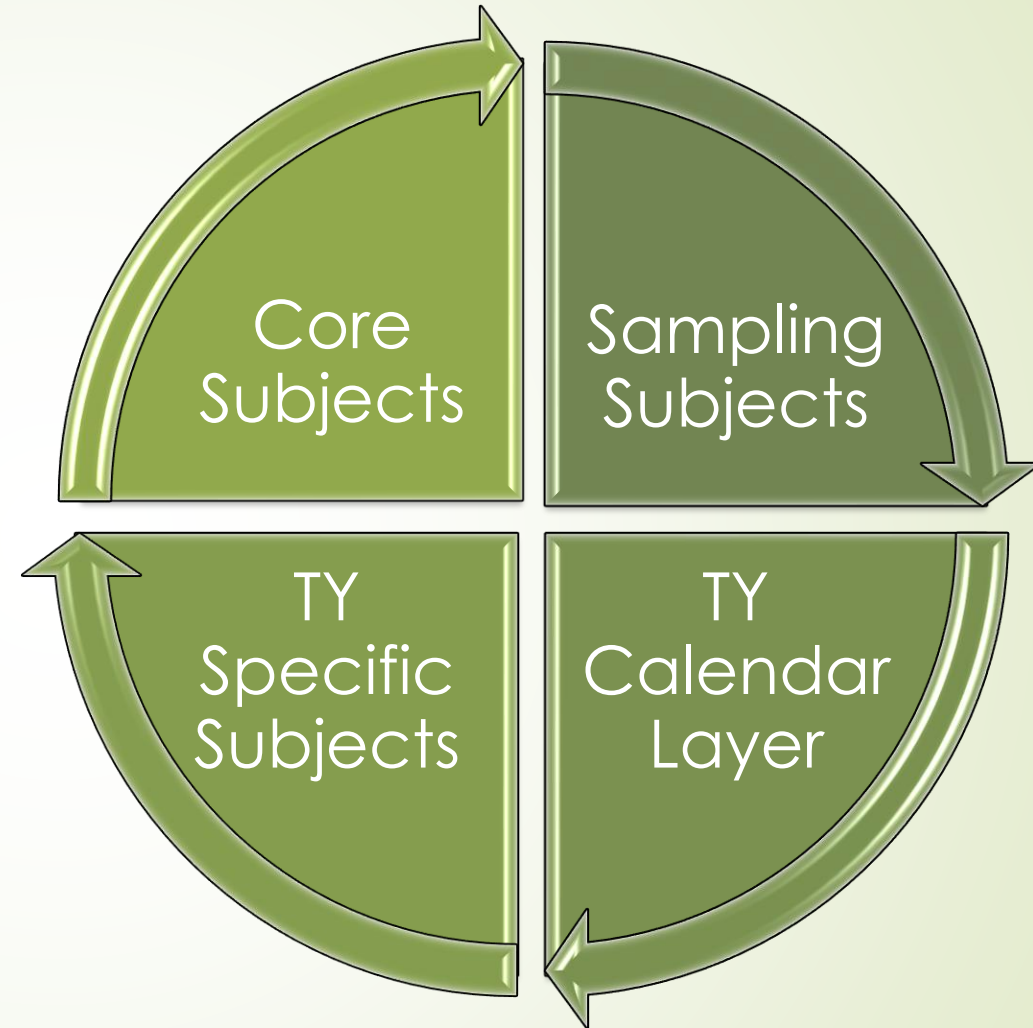
TY Layers

From 2019-2021, three new Leaving Certificate subjects were sampled in Transition Year:

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

Since 2021, four new Leaving Cert subjects that are sampled in Transition Year are:

- Agricultural Science
- Society & Politics
- Senior Cycle Physical Education
- **Senior Cycle PE and Agricultural Science are now subject options for HFSS 5th year students**



Core subject layer	Subject sampling layer	TY specific layer may include	Calendar layer
Maths & Tech. Graphics	Geography & Environmental Studies (Intelligent Transport systems 2021/22) Enterprise, Business Studies & Mini Company	GAISCE Media Studies Legal Studies Career Guidance	Work experience weeks Activity weeks
Irish & Celtic Studies	Music & Performance	Drama Digital Portfolio & Digital Learning	Outdoor pursuits
English & Public Speaking	Politics & Society (LC Sampler)	CANSAT* SWIM IRELAND*	Social outreach
Religious Education, Faith in Action & Global Classroom	History/Home Economics/Music/Art Ag Science (LC sample) module the Sciences (Chemistry, Physics & Biology)	Healthy Living, Craft & Culinary Skills Global Schools Classroom LIFT programme	Field trips Visiting speakers
MFL & Cultural Studies	Art Craft & Design Technical Graphics* PE (LC Sampler) Computer Science (LC Sampler)	Active Schools Flag programme Life Skills (Driver theory, Health & Safety, First Aid & CPR) Horticulture Italian / Japanese / Polish*/ Sign Language	Other *New/Not guaranteed



ACTIVE SCHOOL

MORE SCHOOLS, MORE ACTIVE, MORE OFTEN

An ACTIVE School

Is a school where physical activity is valued, promoted and enjoyed by all

Our Aim

To enable schools to achieve a *physically educated and physically active school community*

Our Vision

More Schools, More Active, More Often



Student Leadership Opportunities

- **Students will nominate themselves to the different roles in the ASF programme**
 - **Research Team**
 - **Design Team**
 - **Media Team**
 - **Reporting Team**
 - **Year Group Liaison Teams**

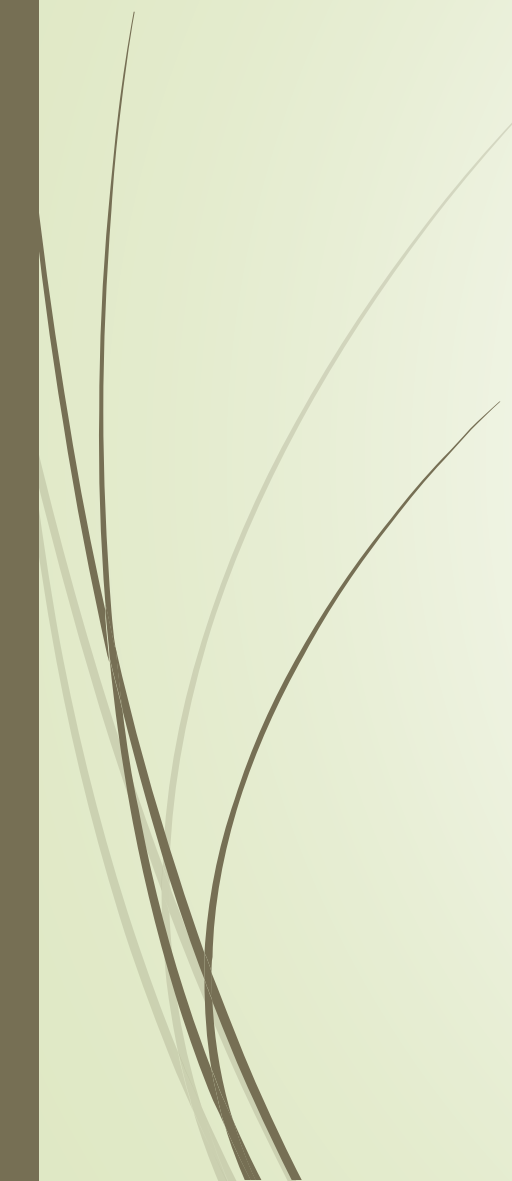
Assessment in TY

Students have a variety of assessment means including:

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



Intended Outcomes

- Offers students leadership roles and opportunities to effect change in their school.
 - Expands the range of physical activity opportunities available to students at school.
 - Raises awareness about the benefits of physical activity for teenagers in terms of wellbeing and learning.
 - Provides teachers with a variety of ways of introducing physical activity into their lessons.
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Assessment in TY

► Exams at Christmas and Summer

Irish, English, Maths, Business, Science and Modern Languages (German, Spanish and French) (Irish and English Paper 1 at end of 5th Year – DES)

► Digital Portfolio

TY subject teachers set at least one piece of work to be completed and uploaded in each student's Digital Portfolio. TY students select and organise key pieces/examples of work from TY subjects. The Digital Portfolio 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.

► TY Interviews

These interviews are completed by the TY Co-ordinator / TY Assistant Co-ordinator / Class tutors and are held at the end of the Christmas and Summer Terms. The interviewing teacher utilises a prescribed marking sheet record to award marks.

► End of Term 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



Career Guidance



- ▶ One hour **Careers** class every week
- ▶ Following the “Reach+” programme, designed to help guide you towards a career that would be suitable for you (online tests and quizzes, videos and PowerPoints).
- ▶ **Subject choices** made in the second part of the year
Taster of every subject within the timetable
- ▶ You will be informed about each subject at Leaving Cert level, e.g. the exam paper layout, textbook, etc.



Three*
Activity
Weeks

Out of school Visits: CCJ, Dáil Eireann, Ploughing Championships, Ice-Skating, Glendalough, Cinema, Riverbank and Site visits etc.

Workshops: Forensic Science, Self Defence, Cyber Safety Awareness, Percussion, Taekwon-Do, Breast Cancer Awareness, Shout Out

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

Sample Activities in 2022/2023

- ▶ TeamWorks
 - ▶ Drama Module
 - ▶ Engineering workshop
 - ▶ Think Languages
 - ▶ Self Defence workshop (3 hours)
 - ▶ Trip to Redhills Adventure Centre
 - ▶ LGBTQI+ talk (Shout Out)
 - ▶ Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop
 - ▶ Public Access to Law (PAL)
 - ▶ Maths Orienteering
 - ▶ Pitch & Putt
 - ▶ Nursing home Christmas project
 - ▶ World Wide Global Classroom initiative
- Swim Ireland*
 - Forensics Workshop
 - Act FAST (Stroke awareness)
 - Bodhrán Workshop
 - Toastmasters
 - Ice-skating
 - Technical Graphics
 - TY Christmas market*
 - Rotary Leadership
 - Rotary JUST1LIFE
 - Rugby coaching (Leinster Rugby)
 - Formula 1 Engineering competition
 - Taekwon-Do
 - Forensics
 - LIFT programme

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.



Suggestions / Online Courses

- DCU modules – Psychology, Legal studies, Creative Writing etc.
- Rotary Leadership Awards
- Dermot Early Leadership Course
- Royal College of Surgeons Mini-Med/Pharmacy/Physiotherapy
- Swim Ireland - Level 1 Assistant swimming teachers course
- Kentucky Exchange – in association with KCC
- Kenya – Cara projects
- Tallaght Hospital Lecture Series
- Nursing programme – St. James' Hospital
- 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
- UCG Marine Biology module
- Defence Forces
- Garda Síochána (Droichead Nua)

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:

- Students should sample a variety of actual, real-life working environments
- Students 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.
- In Voluntary Placement, the emphasis is on experiencing a different social setting, students should improve communication, life and social skills.





TY Charge 2023-2024

► TY Charge €300

This includes:

- Student Levy (insurance, journal, Digital Technology, Stationery etc.)
- €20 Art charge for materials
- Competitions
- Workshops
- Visiting speakers
- Short courses

Over-night Trips:

- Any trips possible in the year will incur an additional charge (Achill €200 2023/24)

Payment for the ACLA trip is conditional on the TY Pupil Services Charge of €300 paid in full by 18th August 2023.



TY Work Experience Dates 2023/24

- ▶ Work Experience Block 1: October Dates TBC
 - ▶ Work Experience Block 2: December Dates TBC
 - ▶ Work Experience Block 3: February Dates TBC

 - ▶ Activity Week 1 in October
 - ▶ Activity Week 2 in December
 - ▶ Activity Days in January and spread throughout rest of school year.
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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”