



Transition Year Programme 2018-2019

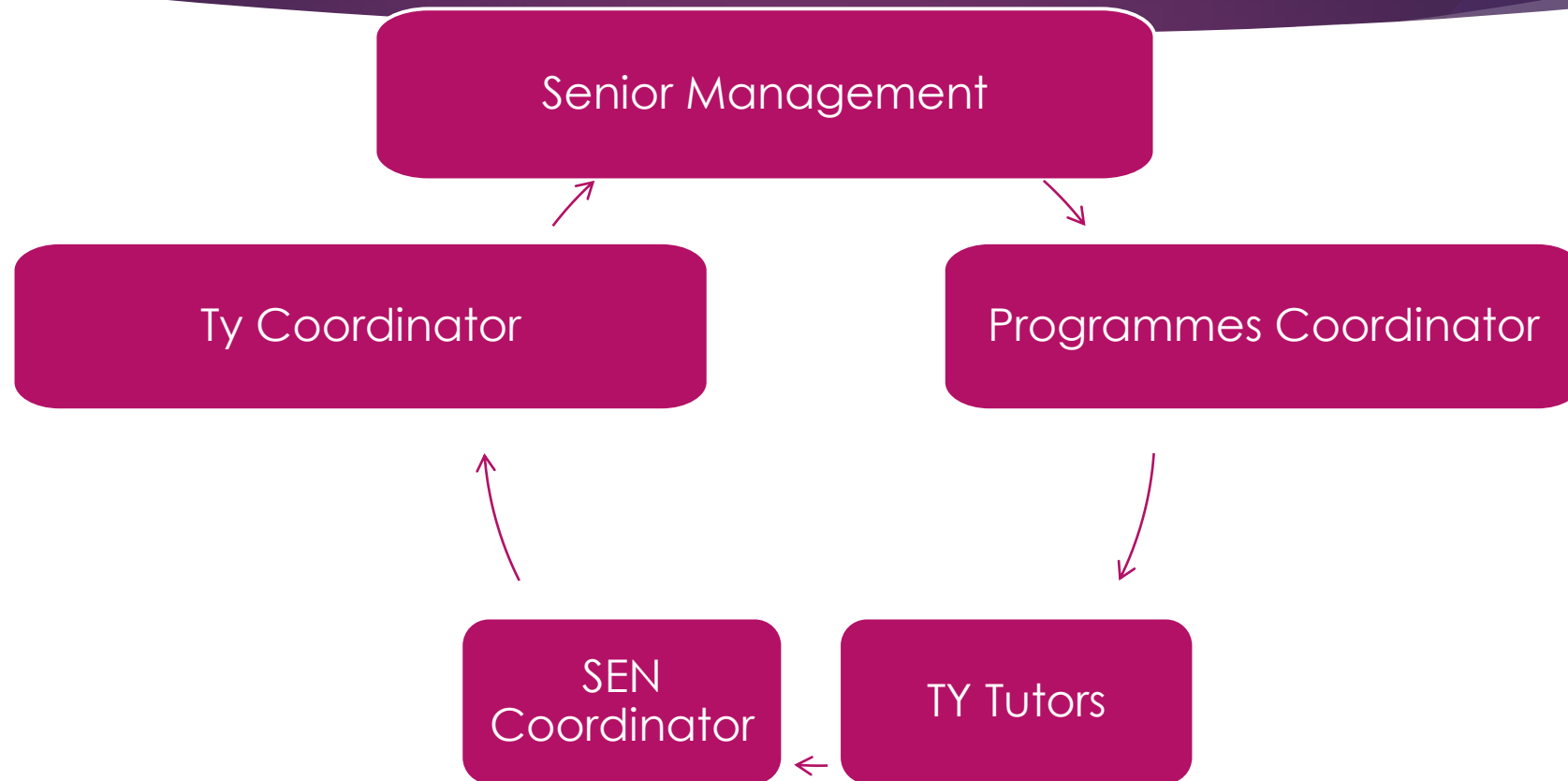
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What is Transition Year?

- ▶ A highly structured one year school based programme with a full weekly timetable.
- ▶ An educational bridge between Junior and Leaving cycles.
- ▶ Promotes the personal, educational and vocational development of pupil
- ▶ Prepares them for their role as responsible, participative and mature members of society.
- ▶ Smooth transition to the more independent, self-directed learning required for the Senior Cycle.

The TY Team at Coláiste Bríde



Why opt for Transition Year?



**PEELING THE
LAYERS OF
OUR T.Y.
PROGRAMME.**

1. CORE SUBJECTS.

2. SUBJECT SAMPLING.

3. TY SPECIFIC SUBJECTS

4. CALENDAR ACTIVITIES THAT
ENHANCE LEARNING.

Transition Year Subjects -Modules

- ❑ IRISH
- ❑ ENGLISH
- ❑ MATHS
- ❑ FRENCH / GERMAN / ITALIAN/ CHINESE
- ❑ ICT/COMPUTERS / AG. SCIENCE
- ❑ CAREERS
- ❑ ETIQUETTE
- ❑ HOME ECONOMICS/ JUNK COUTURE
- ❑ P.E
- ❑ RELIGION
- ❑ GAISCE / PRESIDENT'S AWARD
- ❑ REFLECTIVE PORTFOLIO CLASS
- ❑ ACTIVITIES
- ❑ BUSINESS – MINI COMPANY
- ❑ HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY
- ❑ SPHE
- ❑ ART
- ❑ SCIENCE/ ART



Subject Sampling for Senior Cycle

BIOLOGY.

CHEMISTRY.

PHYSICS

HISTORY.

GEOGRAPHY.

French /
German

BUSINESS

ACCOUNTING.

ECONOMICS

MUSIC

ART & DESIGN

HOME
ECONOMICS

Mini - Company

- ▶ In 'Mini-Company' a group of students think of a creative enterprise by providing a product or service.
- ▶ The group market this product and sell it to a target audience hoping to make a profit.
- ▶ The 4 Ps are vital to the process: product, price, promotion & place!
- ▶ □ Activities: guest speakers, trade Fairs, local markets, networking, business meetings, regional & national finals.
- ▶ **HIGHLIGHT THIS YEAR:** visit from Emer Doyle from the County Enterprise Board & Christmas trade fairs during December – local factory visit.



WORK EXPERIENCE

3 WEEKS OF PLACEMENT

- ▶ An opportunity to sample different jobs.
- ▶ Students complete a diary of learning whilst on work experience as one of their assessments.
- ▶ Provides skills such as team building, communication skills and commercial awareness.
- ▶ Work experience helps students to decide what to do after school (in 3RD level education, training or work)
- ▶ Eliminates options which may have appealed but where reality dawns when experienced!!



CAREERS INFORMATION FOR T.Y. STUDENTS

- ▶ Some samples from recent years:
- ▶ ☐ careersportal.ie & qualifax.ie profiles
- ▶ ☐ Women in Technology in WIT
- ▶ ☐ Open Day at the University College Dublin
- ▶ ☐ Career Investigations
- ▶ ☐ Visit to local Business
- ▶ ☐ CV Preparation – Interview Skills



CAREERSPORTAL
Ireland's Leading Career Guidance Website



Social Engagement

- ▶ In Transition Year we foster the spirit of volunteerism and giving back to our amongst the students.
- ▶ Examples of Volunteering and community involvement are:
- ▶ Bucket Collections for St Vincent DePaul / Autism / Down Syndrome Ireland.....
- ▶ Carol Singing for Temple Street
- ▶ School Fundraising Events
- ▶ Home Work Club with local Primary Schools



T.Y. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Our calendar of activities support, extends & enhances the educational experiences of our Transition Year students beyond the classroom.
- ▶ Activities within the classroom also support the creation of projects, presentations, group work assignments & skills development for Senior Cycle studies.
- ▶ Students have the opportunity to learn from the advice and knowledge of guest speakers on myriad careers, 3rd level courses, national & international topics & local expertise.

Activities

- ▶ Some samples from our Wednesday Afternoon Activities Module
- ▶ Guest Speaker
- ▶ Reflexology
- ▶ Disability / Autism / Social Awareness Talks
- ▶ First Aid Course
- ▶ Hair and Make Up Care
- ▶ Drama / Dance
- ▶ Christmas Quiz
- ▶ Film Studies
- ▶ Language Bingo
- ▶ Wexford GAA
- ▶ Wexford Youth Theatre
- ▶ Pilates
- ▶ Self Defence
- ▶ There are many many more.....
- ▶ These activities change from year to year.....



Gallery of Activities during the Year



Certificates Awarded in Transition Year

- ▶ Typically the students receive certification for some or all of the following:
- ▶ Certificate of Transition Year Completion
- ▶ First Aid
- ▶ Manual Handling
- ▶ FSAI Food Safety Authority of Ireland
- ▶ Kayaking
- ▶ Self Defence
- ▶ Car Safety
- ▶ Law Module
- ▶ Gaisce
- ▶ Mini-Company
- ▶ Driver Education
- ▶ IT skills
- ▶ Personal Development
- ▶ Academic Award



ASSESSMENT & HOMEWORK.

‘Assessment should be an integral part of the learning process in Transition Year not separate from it.’ (D.E.S. Guidelines).

- ▶ Homework will be more research, task & skills based but is equally important in TY.
- ▶ • Portfolio: reflective/ evaluative document which builds upon year's learning experiences inside & outside the classroom.
- ▶ • Peer-assessment through evaluation and discussion of learning outcomes.
- ▶ • Regular written evaluation of activities and learning outcomes from trips.
- ▶ • Christmas reports.
- ▶ • Certification at end of Transition Year.
- ▶ • DES Inspectorate monitor T.Y. within all schools.
- ▶ • Skills assessment – practical demonstrations of learning.
- ▶ • Written /Practical Class tests.
- ▶ • Oral /Aural assessment – beyond just language subjects.
- ▶ • Project work – written and creative - variety.
- ▶ • Self-assessment by students through interview and reflections



TRANSITION YEAR PORTFOLIO COMPLETION

Foreign Tour – Gaeltacht Tour

TRANSITION YEAR STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN TWO OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT TRIPS:

- 1 A CULTURAL TOUR TO A EUROPEAN DESTINATION
- 2 AN IRISH LANGUAGE TOUR TO ACHILL ISLAND GAELTACHT REGION

BOTH ARE EXTRA TO THE CURRICULUM AND MUST BE PAID FOR SEPARATELY TO TY FEES.

PREVIOUS EUROPEAN TOURS TRAVELLED TO LONDON, MUNICH, BARCELONA AND LAKE GARDA.



Gaisce

The Presidents Award



- ▶ An option for students who would like to further their own personal development, whilst giving back to their community.
- ▶ 4 Strands:
 1. Community Involvement
 2. Personal Skill
 3. Physical Recreation
 4. Adventure Journey

Junk Kouture

- ▶ Over the last seven years, Junk Kouture has established itself in Coláiste Bríde as a major school fashion competition for Transition Year students, many of our TY students have progressed to the final stages of the national contest and have won in several categories.
- ▶ Junk Kouture is a national contest which encourages young designers to create striking couture designs and impressive works of wearable art from everyday junk that would normally find its way into the bin.
- ▶ The competition aims to inspire students while at the same time educating them about the importance of recycling and reusing waste.

Junk Kouture





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