

THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

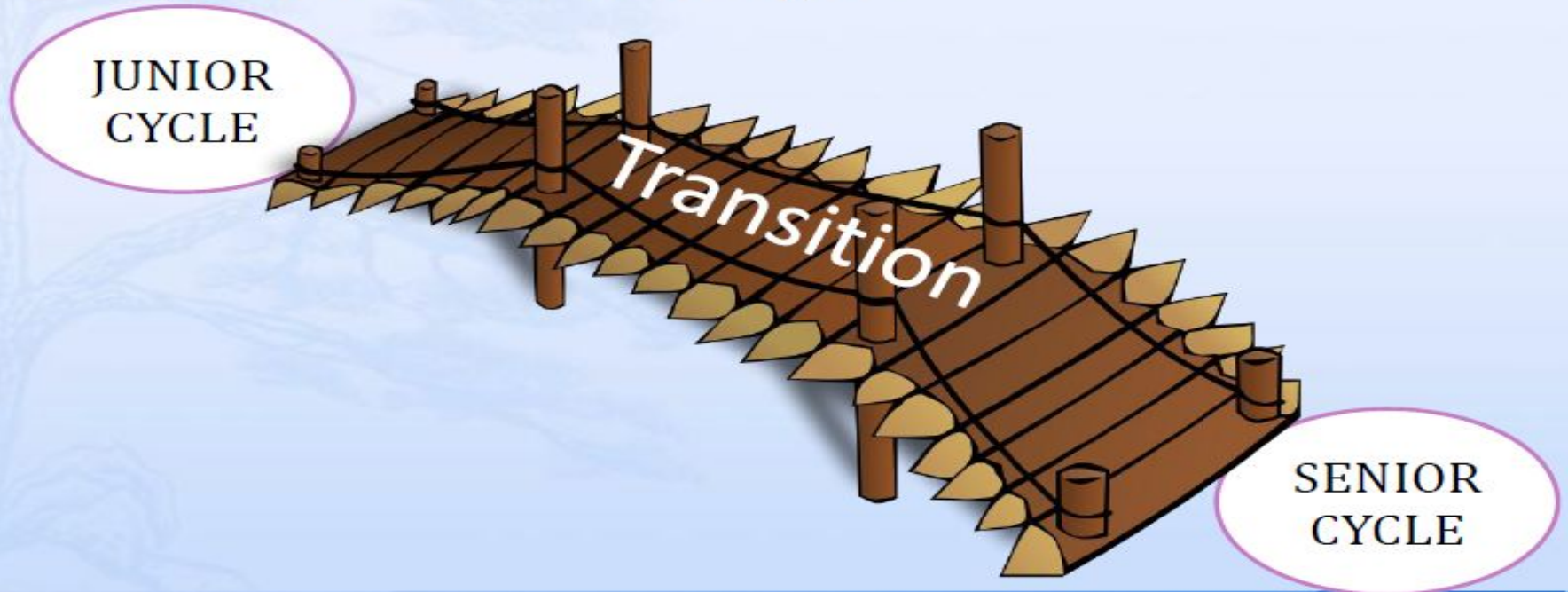
AN OVERVIEW

Parents Information Evening 2025/2026



WHAT IS TRANSITION YEAR?

One year school based programme between Junior and Senior Cycle

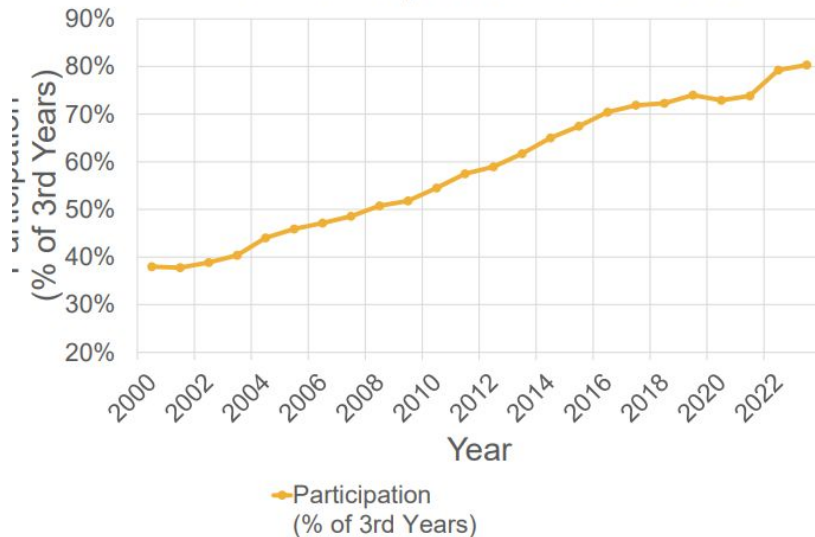


- Facilitate the smooth transition from the more dependent learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent self-directed learning required for the Senior Cycle.

History of Transition year

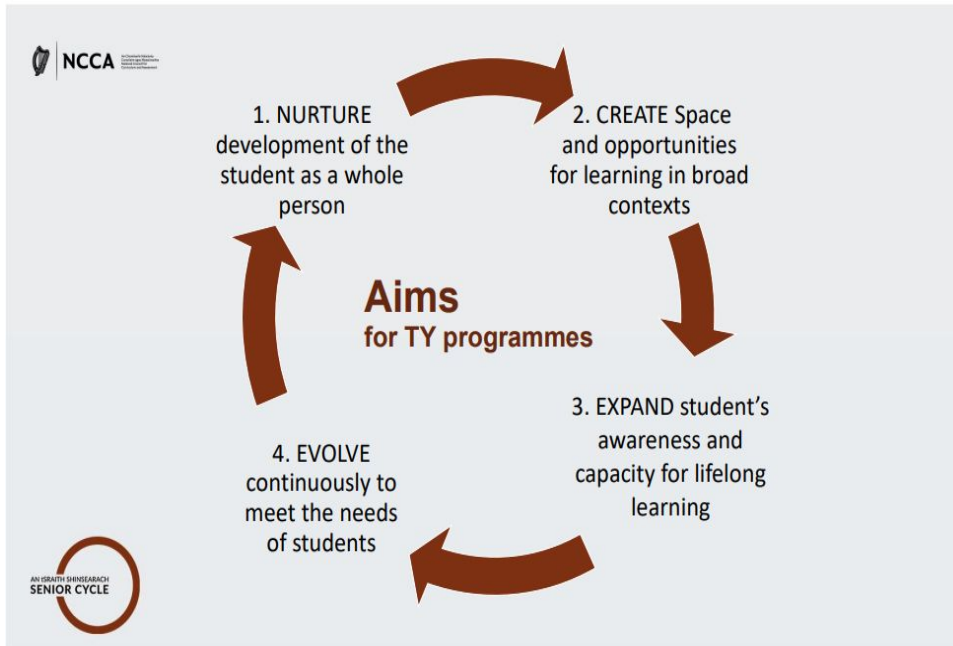


TY Participation 2000-2023



- Pilot programme in 1974
- Available to all schools since 1994
- TY Guidelines
 - *Each school designs its own TY programme*
 - *Standalone programme within Senior Cycle*

Transition Year Aims



AIMS of Transition Year- Why opt for TY ?

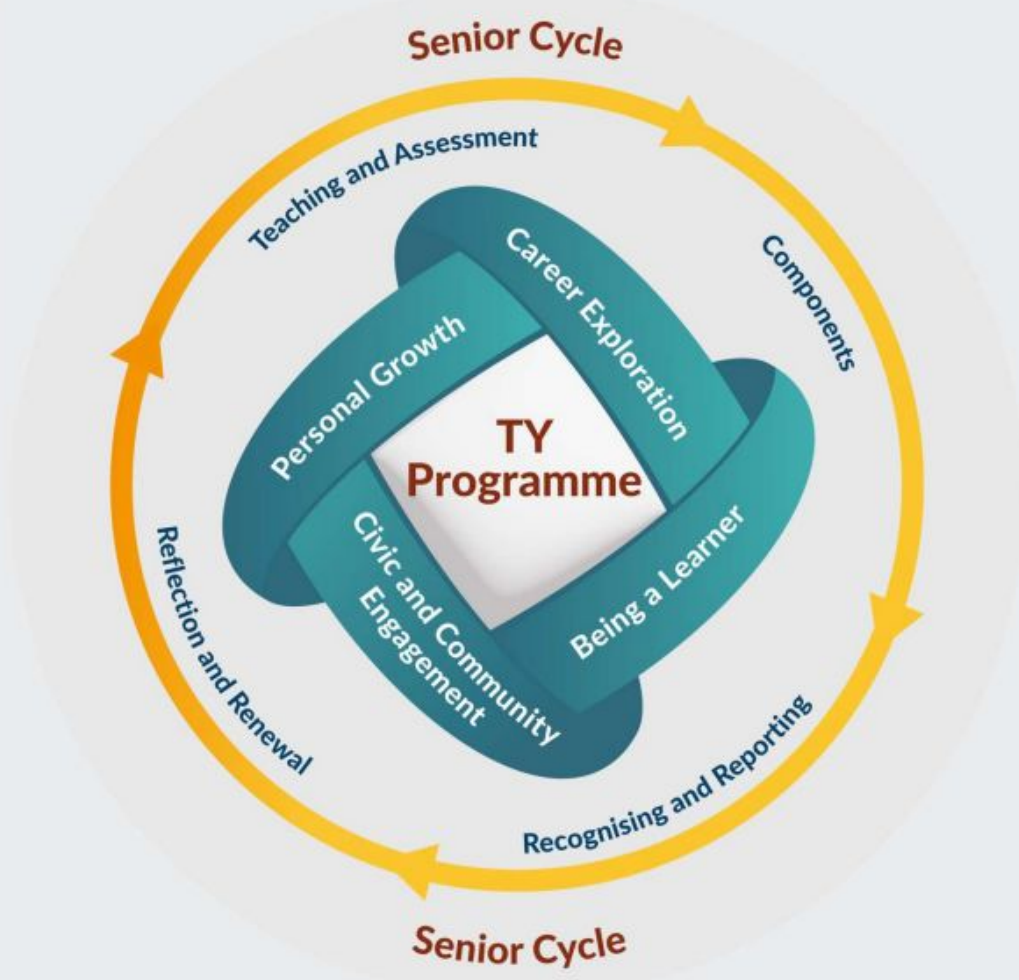


Education for
MATURITY
with emphasis on
social awareness
& increased social
competence

Education
Through experience
of **ADULT &
WORKING LIFE**
as a basis for
personal
development &
maturity

Promotion of general,
technical and academic
SKILLS with an
emphasis on
interdisciplinary and
self-directed
learning

“National Council of Curriculum and Assessment found that TY students achieved an additional 26 CAO points compared to those who went through straight to Leaving Certificate. (Smyth et al, 2004)”

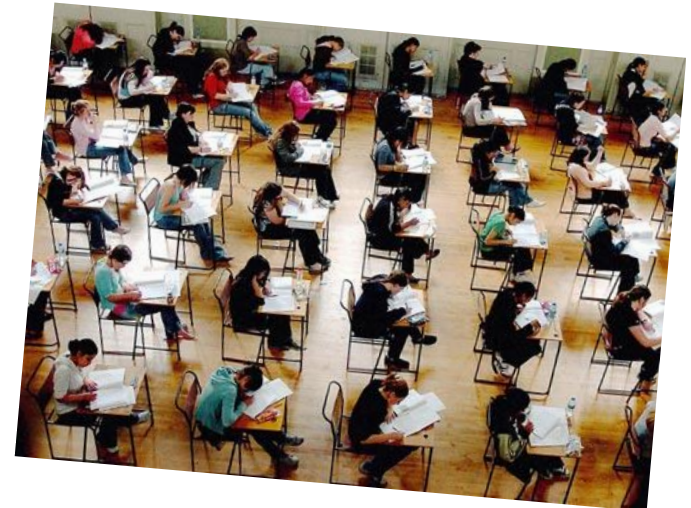


The parameters of the TY Programme Statement



Challenges Facing Young People

1. The Leaving Certificate & Points Race
2. Social Anxiety
3. Third Level Education
4. Adult and Working life



Challenges facing young people

Leaving certificate

- Informed Subject Choice
- Key Study Skills/Independent self-directed learning
- Project work
- Assessment/Self Assessment
- CAO choices / Course requirements

Challenges Facing Young People



Third Level Education

- High drop out rate / dependency culture
- Age profile / maturity
- Leaving home skills
- Group / Project work / Research skills
- Time Management/Self management skills
- I.C.T skills
- Study skills – Independent self-directed

Challenges Facing Young People

Adult and Working life

- Self esteem/Awareness / Assertiveness
- Relationships
- Teamwork / Leadership
- Maturity /Critical judgement
- Careers / Work experience
- Interviews –C.V. , Portfolios
- Technical skills
- I.C.T Skills
- Safety in the workplace
- Entrepreneurship



The Transition Year Programme

1. Core Subjects
2. Subject Sampling
3. TY Specific Module
4. “Once Off” Events



Core Subjects

1. English
2. Irish
3. Maths
4. French/Spanish/German
5. Physical Education
6. Religion
7. Career Guidance
8. E learning and Research
9. SPHE



Subject Sampling

- ❖ Art
- ❖ Business
- ❖ Accounting
- ❖ Construction Studies
- ❖ Home Economics
- ❖ Music
- ❖ Computer Science
- ❖ Politics and Society
- ❖ LCVP
- ❖ Agricultural science
- ❖ History
- ❖ Geography
- ❖ Physics
- ❖ Chemistry
- ❖ Biology
- ❖ Design and Communication Graphics(DCG)

TY Specific Module



- Safe Food for Life, (Nutrition education)
- Cookery
- Mental Health Matters
- First Aid Course
- Chinese Studies
- Active Leisure studies
- Communication Skills
- Future Leaders
- Hair and Beauty
- Electronics
- Community work (Enable Ireland, Kileline Nursing Home, Bros of Charity)
- Mini-company/Enterprise
- Gaisce
- Etiquette & Society
- Set Design/ Furniture Restoration
- Painting
- Exploring Science
- Music
- Craft

Events/Activities



- Guest Speakers (Mental Health, addiction, Autisim, Law)
- Tours/excursions
- Workshops- Soar Drumming
- Self Defence Classes
- Ploughing championships
- Limerick Sport Partnership (interview)
- Anois Leadership programme (interview based)
- School Bank (BOI) -Interview

Activities/Events



- Charity Events/ Fund Raising
- Fashion show modelling
- French exchange programme (optional)
- School Musical Show (Lime tree)
- Cultural trip
- Sailing (Foynes)
- Rowing

- Introduction to Golf- Barbara Hackett pro
- Producing / Editing School Magazine
- U.L. and L.I.T. College Visits
- Outdoor Pursuits in Killary Adventure Centre
- Driving lessons (RSA)Mog
- Crime Scene Investigation

Activities/Events



- Event managing (cross-country, school 5km , Primary school blitz)
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Hill walking (Keeper Hill)
- Mock Interviews
- UL & Askeaton gym & pool
- Nursing Home Visit
- Environment workshop
- Leadership Module
- Surfing (Lahinch)
- Cinema
- BT Young Scientist
- UL/MIC/LIT, Army , UHL open days
- Fencing
- Greenway Cycling
- Interviews
- Circus Skills

Key Dates



2025 Block

- * week 1 Monday 20th Oct – Friday 24th Oct

2026 Block

- * Week 2 Tuesday 19th Feb- Friday 13th Feb
- * Week 3 Tuesday 23rd Mar - Friday 27th Mar

Killary

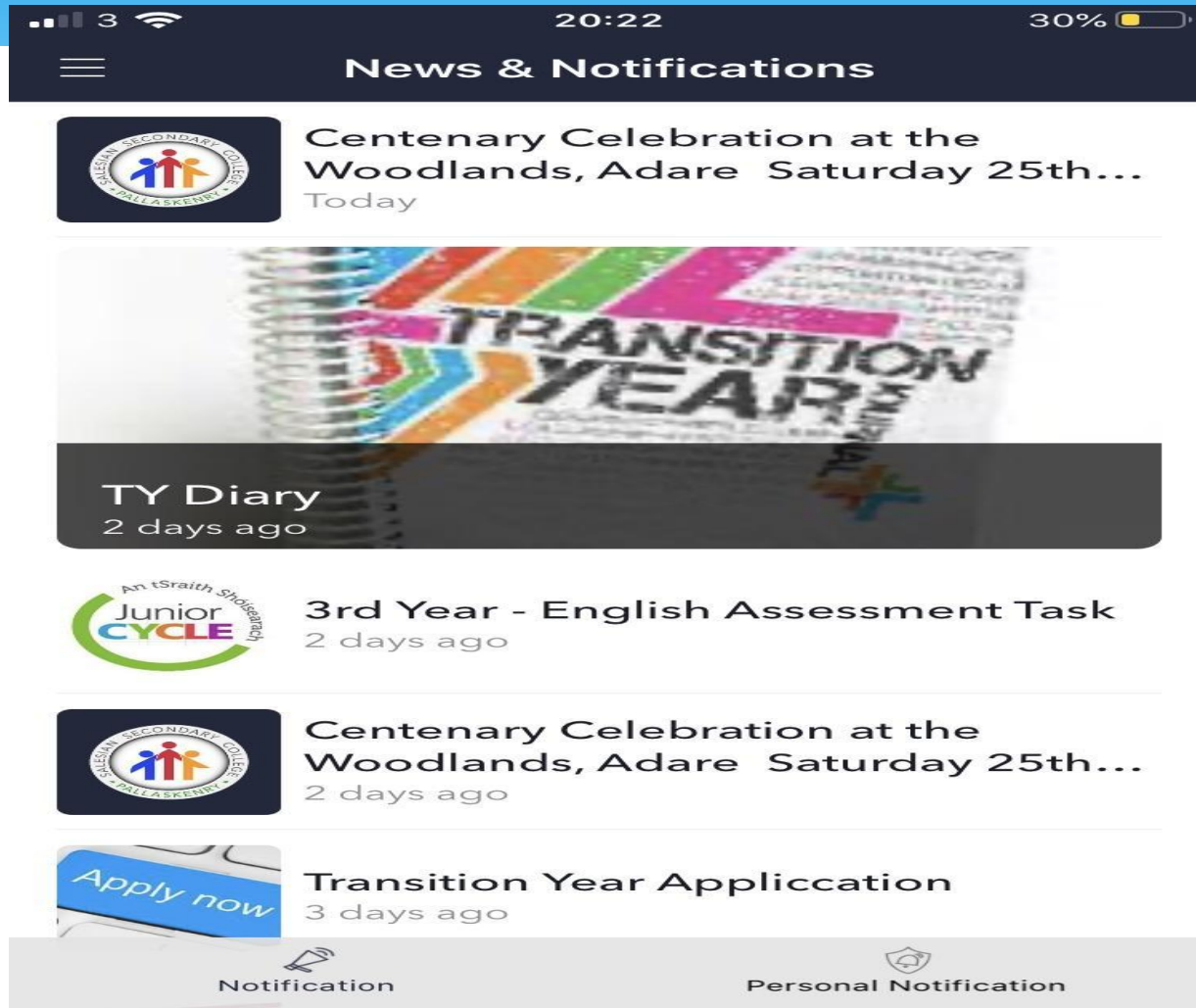
6th – 8th Oct

Show

Week of 8th Dec 2025



School App



TY- 5 classes

- Students are divided into 5 base class groups (5X27)



Assessment

There is no end-of-year state examination in Transition Year - a decision made by the Dept of Education to ensure that the focus of the year was learning led rather than exam driven

The Year is not examined, but rather is assessed, and is intended to be a broad educational experience encouraging creativity and responsibility for oneself



- * E-Portfolio assessment
- TY Journal
- * Core exams
- * Mid/End of year interview
- * Oral /Aural assessment
- * Project work and Skills assessment
- * Self-assessment

- * Employers / Work Providers Report
- * Written / Practical Class test
- * Subject Teacher Evaluation
- * Peer assessment
- * Cross Curricular Project

Assessment

Core exams (80)

- * English 10 credits x2
- * Maths 10 credits x2
- * Irish 10 credits x2
- * Language 10 credits x2
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*Students exempt from Irish and/or languages will be marked accordingly

Reflection (80)

- * Weekly Reflection and 3 activity report from Journal 15 credits x2
- * Subject choice reflection for LC (Document to follow) 20 credits
- * Work experience and reflection from journal

Volunteering (20)

- * Students can gain up to a max of 20 Credits for completing a minimum of 15 hours volunteering outside of class time.
- * This has to be verified and signed off on.
- * Tracking forms are available to collect.

End of year (70)

- * End of year interview (Rubric to follow) 40 credits
- * TY Showcase (individual) 30 Credits
- * Each TY student will display their journey throughout TY in the PE Hall at the end of year, parents will be invited to view these and they will be marked on their individual display and what they have

Assessment breakdown

Reflection -32%

Volunteering -8%

Subject Assessment- 32%

End of year- 28%

Graduation late May



Evaluation

REGULAR FEATURE

- SCHOOL – WHOLE STAFF
- INDIVIDUAL SUBJECT TEACHER
- STUDENTS
- PARENTS
- WORK PROVIDERS



Parental involvement



- Some parents may make their expertise or skills available to the school during the Transition Year with visiting speakers etc or others may assist in the Work Experience Programme
- While all parents are invited to contribute to the evaluation of the programme throughout and at the end of the year.
- Its hoped Parents would actively encourage their children to participate fully and positively throughout the whole of Transition Year
- * Real benefits can only be gained by full time attendance and a positive attitude to the work on hand.

Encouraging Participation and Engagement

'Students who have benefited from TY can often be the most effective communicators to students and parents.'

'The opportunity for students to participate brings with it the responsibility for students to engage as fully as possible across the entire year of the programme.'



Student Dimensions

Personal Growth: Students mature socially and emotionally in areas that include health and wellbeing, empathy and leadership

Career Exploration Students explore diverse future pathways in a guided and coordinated manner, gaining first-hand workplace experience



Being a Learner: Students build on previous experiences, embracing opportunities and strategies for learning that work best for them

Civic and Community Engagement: Students make a positive difference in their schools, communities and society

COSTS



- TY deposit €300 (April 2025)
- Killary induction €240 (Has to be paid prior to trip Oct 2025)
- TOTAL COST €600- payments to the school can be made through our School App,
- Installments

Cultural Trip €650 approx (Optional)

- Misc €20

Admissions criteria



- Completion of application form and submitted on time by Wednesday 2nd April 3.20pm through school app.
- Applicants are interviewed Beginning 7th April.
- Evidence of compliance to-date with code of behavior
- Student's satisfactory attendance record ie. Min 90% attendance
- Students require an excellent record in P.E. participation, as transition year is highly activity based

Admissions criteria_{cont'd}

- Professional opinion of year head, class tutor, and staff on programme suitability for a student and the benefits/non-benefits to a student will be considered.
- If numbers exceed the places available, a waiting list will be created.
- Furthermore, if numbers exceed the places available, and all criteria are met, random selection will apply.
- Each application will be considered on its own merit.



***You only get out of ty , what
you put into it.***

Questions & Answers



Ty Graduation video 2015-16

