



# INFORMATION EVENING: TRANSITION YEAR

Norma Dowling Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2019

# The Aims of Transition Year

To provide a transition between Junior and Senior Cycle and to lay the foundations for further study

To introduce a new range of experiences beyond the scope of the traditional curriculum

To encourage initiative, self-reliance and responsibility



# Research carried out on TY

- Students engage better with their studies for the Leaving Certificate
- They spend significantly more time on homework in fifth and sixth year, and are more likely to persist with difficult questions, according to new research.
- *Teens who do TY tend to perform better in the Leaving Cert.*

The new study, conducted by Aidan Clerkin of the Educational Research Centre, Drumcondra, Dublin, involved about 5,500 students, in 20 schools, over three years. It is published in the current edition of the 'Irish Journal of Education'.

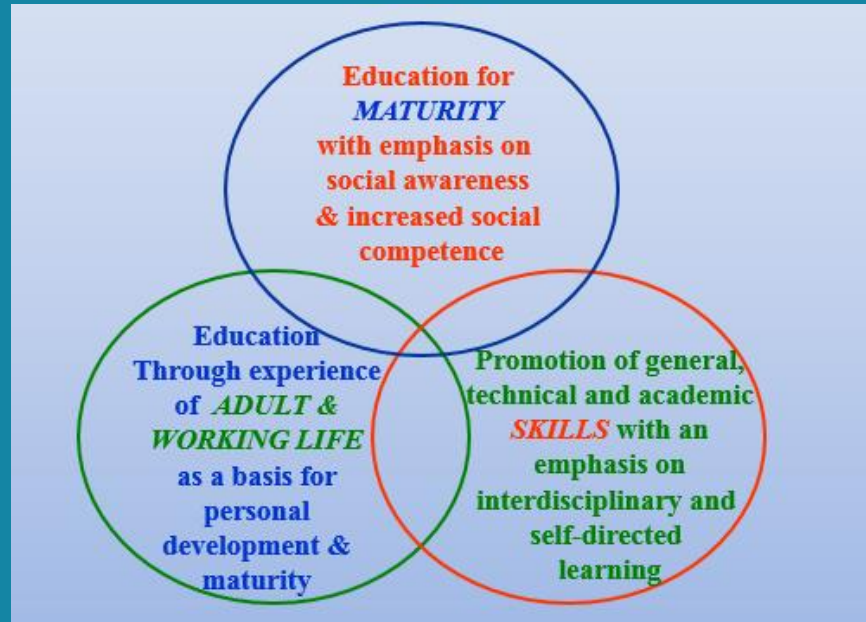
*(Irish Independent January 30<sup>th</sup> 2017)*

# Focus Point: Mission Statement



To promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participative, and responsible members of society.

# AIMS of Transition Year



# Aims



- Maturity
- Experience of Working Life
- Gaining Skills: General and Academic

# Skills



## General Skills:

- Communication
- Decision Making
- Ability to Work Under Pressure
- Time Management
- Conflict Resolution
- Leadership
- Working with a Team

## Academic Skills

- Core Subjects-Maths, English, Irish
- Foreign Language
- Music
- Option Sampling
- Presentations
- Project Work
- Drama

# Work Experience and Social Justice on Tuesday

Group A

Work Experience every Tuesday from September to Christmas -then to Social Justice

Group B

Social Justice every Tuesday from September to Christmas -then to Work Experience



# Work Experience



- Every Tuesday for half the school Year plus one full week in lead up to Easter
- Four Different Placements in the Year - the student must have these arranged before September 2020
- Garda Vetting
- Important to start looking now-places can be limited
- Opportunity to sample possible career choices

# Work Experience Placements-a few samples

- Primary Schools/Creches
- Chemist Shops
- Law firms
- Physiotherapists
- Milliners
- Fashion Designers
- Hospitals/laboratory
- Online company-Tralelee
- Graphic Designers
- Opticians
- Music Academy
- Garages
- Printers
- Newspaper Offices

# Garda Vetting



- Many employers request Garda Vetting especially if the employee is **16 years old** or over and working with children and vulnerable adults
- Applications from **16-18 years olds must be accompanied with a signed parental consent form**
- **The application form is processed through the school.**
- **Delays with Garda Vetting may result in changes.**
- Some organisations do not accept Transition Year Students now because of Health and Safety and Insurance restrictions.

# Social Justice



- **Three placements (approx) in half the school Year**
- **Arranged by the school and the student must attend the placement offered**
- **Most placements are in Nursing Homes, Nano Nagle and Charity Shops.**
- **Requires careful consideration.**

# Activities and Modules- examples



- Surfing-Orientation Day
- National Ploughing Championships
- Visits to Colleges such as UL and UCC
- Transition Year Exhibition
- Activity Centres
- Art Museum
- French Singing Workshop
- Manuela Sexual Educate Programme
- CPR Training
- Nano nagle Place, Cork
- Siamsa Tíre-Dramas
- English Literature/ Poetry Festival
- Trip Abroad Belfast
- Holocaust Survivor-Tomi Reichental
- School Bank
- Food Fair
- Guest Speakers.
- Gaisce Awards

# Gaisce Awards Programme

## How can I get a Gaisce award?

To achieve a Gaisce award, you set a demanding challenge for yourself in 4 different areas of activity:

- Community involvement - for example, helping older people or learning first aid or lifesaving skills
- Personal skill - for example, learning a musical instrument, computer skills or driving
- Physical recreation - for example, swimming, football or tennis
- Adventure journey - for example, a cycling, canoeing or hiking group trip

# Assessment



- Projects
- End of Term Written Examinations-Compulsory
- Portfolio Assessments Presentations -Christmas and May-Compulsory
- Class Tests

# Student Mentoring

- Students are divided into pairs
- Each pair is assigned to a teacher on the TY team
- The teacher provides support to the students with their work
- Particular emphasis on supporting students to work independently
- Emphasis to monitor and encourage students to use their time outside school effectively





# Student Activities and Performances

- Students organise the Halloween Quiz
- Students engage with Theme Weeks in most subjects
- Students organise Seachtain na Gaeilge Activities
- Students Perform a School Play: 2018-Shrek, 2019-Mama Mia

So put on the thinking Caps!!!!!!



# Annual Trips

- Annual School Trip- Activity Centre Galway
- Parents will be surveyed on Trip Abroad in the first term- two-thirds majority required.
- Orientation Day is on the last week of August-surfing in Ballybunion or a similar



# Finances



- Fees to be paid before June, 2020 €550. Deposit €150-When place accepted.
- Foreign Trip Cost to be paid by Parent –partially subsidised by TY fund-Trip is OPTIONAL
- Be mindful that some spending money for meals, shopping etc will be needed in trips but packed lunches encouraged
- Every effort will be made to keep costs for students at a minimum.
- Value for Money-the Transition Year Team will endeavour to get the best value possible.



# GO RAIBH MÍLE MAITH AGAIBH

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