



Clonturk
Community College

Transition Year Overview

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Transition Year

- Transition Year is a one-year school based programme between Junior and Senior Cycle.
- Transition
- It is designed to act as a bridge between the two by facilitating the smooth transition from the more dependent learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent self-directed learning required for the Senior Cycle



Aims of Transition Year

Maturity

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

Skills

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

Adult Working Life

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



Transition Year Mission Statement

“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”

(Dept of Education , Transition Year
Guidelines 1994/1995)



Challenges facing Young People

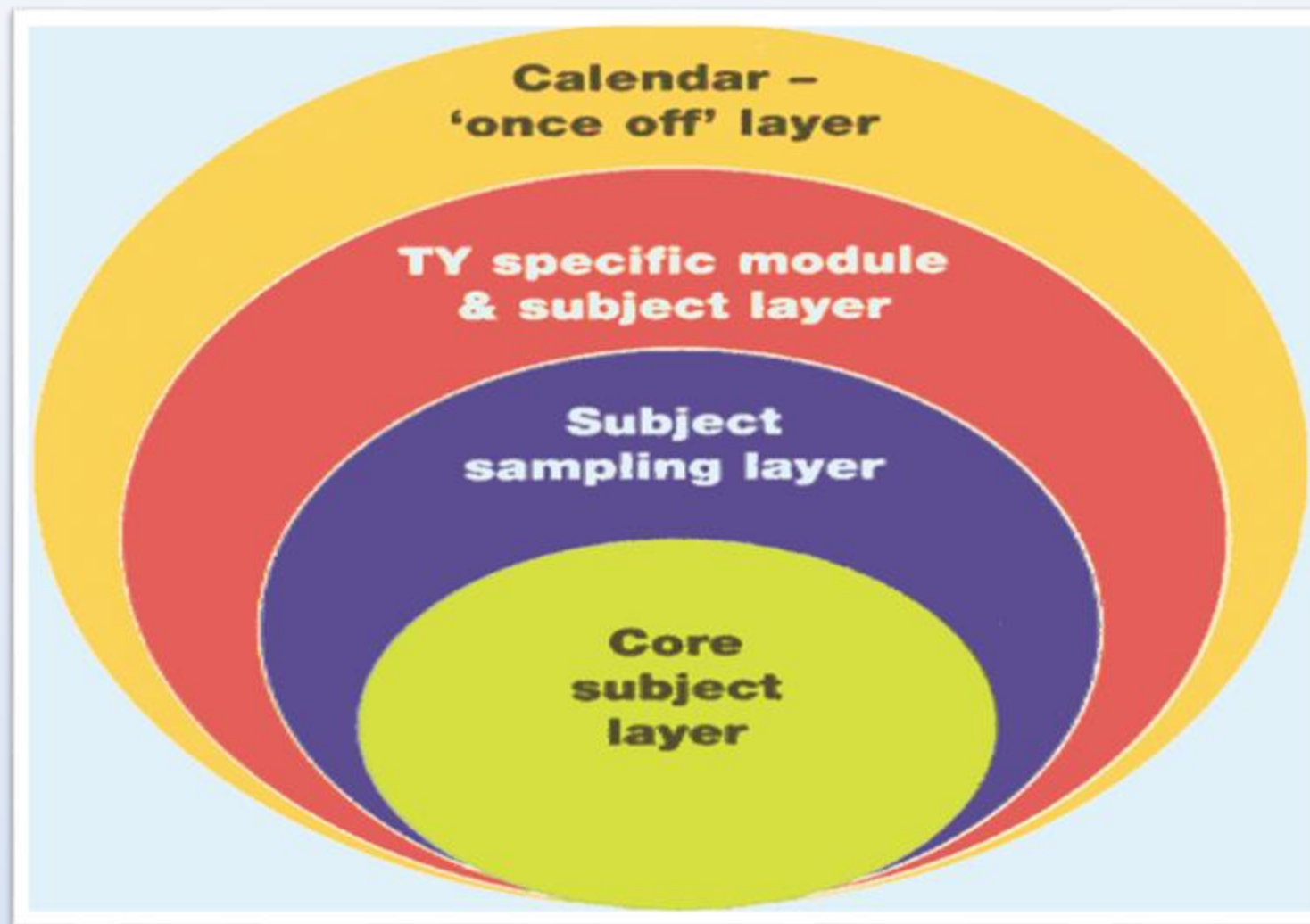
- What subjects to choose for Leaving Certificate?
- Independent self-directed learning
- High drop out rate at 3rd level
- Age profile / maturity
- Self management skills
- Time management skills
- Teamwork skills



Timetabling and Planning

- Learning led, not exam driven
- School Based- unique to each school
- Student Focused
- Teachers' expertise is used
- Varied modes/ techniques of assessment
- School based/ agency certification
- Department support/ certification
- Inspectorate Monitoring

Transition Year Calendar



Core Subject Layer

- English (Communication & Film Studies)
- Irish (Film Studies)
- Maths
- Career Guidance
- Student Enrichment
- S.P.H.E.





Subject Sampling Layer

- Historical/Geographical Studies
- Enterprise/World of Work Module
- P.E. / GAA Future Leaders
- Coding/Digital Literacy
- Public Speaking & Speakers
- Biology, Chemistry & Physics
- Economics/Business/Politics, Society & Law
- Art/Creative Writing/Junk Kouture
- Cookery/Crafting



TY Specific Module and Subject Layer

- GAA Future Leaders
- Journalism
- Life Skills
- Ethnic Cookery
- Musical Performance
- Junk Kouture
- Enterprise
- Sustainable Architecture
- Product Design through SolidWorks

Calendar Layer



- Work Experience
- End of year fair (BBQ)
- GAA Coaching - Future Leaders Programme
- Future Leaders Event
- Gaisce
- Outdoor Pursuits – CDU
- Bonding trip at beginning of year
- Driving Experience
- Peer Education Programme
- 1st Aid Course
- Guest Speakers
- Debating
- Optional trip abroad
- Volunteering in the local community
- Focus Ireland Sleep Out
- TY Christmas Market
- Ice Skating



Work Experience Dates

Students will complete 1 day of work experience each week. There will be 3 different blocks of work experience, 1 of which must be voluntary.





Proposed Cost

Events	Cost
Subject Trips	€130
Driving Experience	€45
Buses for Trips etc.	€75
1 st Aid Course	€40
Administration Fee	€80
Other Experience	€30
Total	€400

Optional Extras:

Gaisce- Award= €15, Gaisce Journey Trip= €50 - €75

Trip abroad- Priced for 3 nights/ 4 days= €585

Compute TY- €35



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Background



- Transition year is a whole year based on how one can develop and grow as a person. It lets you explore options and gain valuable experience. It acts as a bridge between the junior cert and leaving cert programs by facilitating a smooth transition so the student can become more independent and self directed. The programme gives the students opportunities to engage in self directed learning, develop general, technical and academic skills as well as being able to mature and develop without the pressure of a set examination.



Work experience

- Work experience is a module where we must find work, we get to experience employment and what working is like after school.
- Work experience is definitely one of the most beneficial parts of transition year. It really helps you to begin to finalise a career path you would like to follow and give you a good understanding on what you would enjoy doing.
- We also found that doing work experience was a great confidence boost as positive feedback from employers would be great for our CVs and finding a part time job for the future.

Assessments

- Although there isn't any set examinations in TY we are still assessed by doing weekly class reflections, portfolios in each subject and small class tests. At the end of the year we will also have an interview about our time in transition year.
- A lot of the year is project based, this is really beneficial as it tests you in a different way. It gives students a chance to perform well without the pressure of a strict exam.

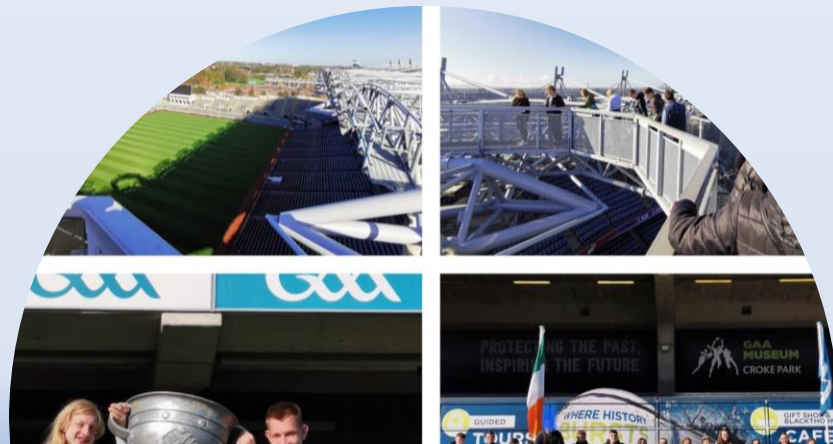


Trips

- One of our favourite things about transition year is getting to go on trips. We gain a lot by going on trips as we enhance our new experiences. A lot of our class lessons tie into educational trips as well as fun bonding trips. Not only do trips provide us with new experiences, it is also great for blossoming friendships.



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Personal view

- The year gives you time to think and evaluate about what senior cycle subjects and college courses you would like to do. Being able to sample subjects in TY is great as it gives us a taste of what we may like.
- Going on bonding trips and other school activities allows for new friendships to blossom and an emphasis on team building lets students get to know one another better than before.
- Some students may have difficulty trying to ease their way back into 5th year as transition year isn't fully focused on a rigid academic learning programme however you are learning valuable life skills which are not as prevalent through out the senior cycle, therefore we feel the good weighs out the bad as these skills will benefit you for life.



Useful Links

- **Transition Year**
- About the Programme <https://pdst.ie/TY/FAQ>

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