



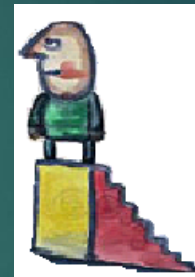
Transition Year 2020-2021

Transition Year


A Bridge Between



Junior Certificate



Leaving Certificate

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

- ▶ Learning-led as opposed to exam-driven
- ▶ School based - unique to each school
- ▶ Student-focused: skills-based project work





Aims of Transition Year:

"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"

Peer Education and mentoring opportunities: IE Programmes North-East



- ▶ 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.



Challenges facing our Young People:

The Leaving Certificate and the Points Race.

Third level Education.

Adulthood and Working Life.

Benefits of Transition Year:

- ▶ T.Y. students do better in Leaving Certificate.
- ▶ There is evidence that T.Y. students do better at Third Level.
- ▶ T.Y. offers students a chance to mature and learn in a different way.

Trade Fair



Benefits Associated with Completion of TY

Third Level:

- * Self management skills
- * Time management skills
- * Study skills -independent, self-directed
- * Group/Project work/Research skills
- * I.C.T. skills

Benefits Associated with Completing TY:

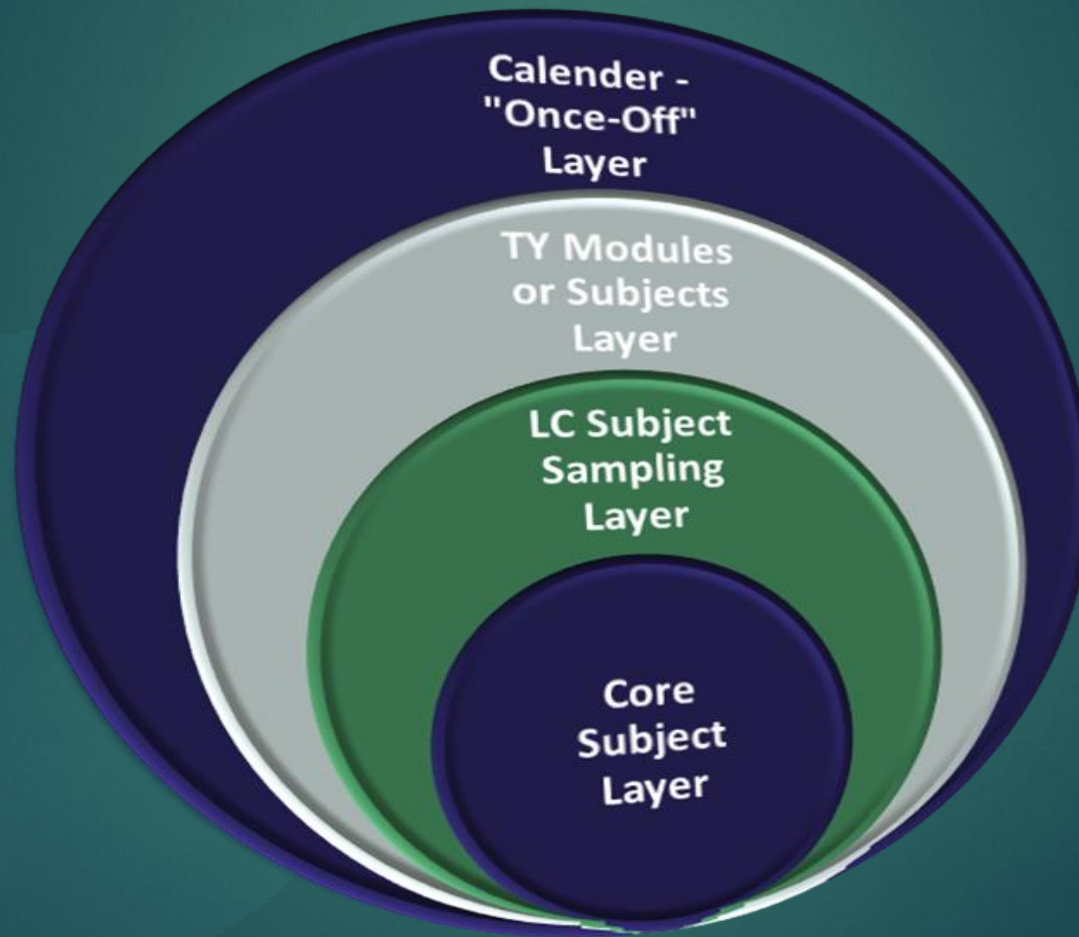
Adult and Working life:

- Self-esteem/awareness/assertiveness
- Relationships
- Teamwork Skills
- Problem-solving
- Using your initiative
- Maturity/critical judgement
- Careers/Work experience
- Interviews - CV, mock interviews
- Social/Personal/Health Education

Transition Year in Coláiste Rís

- Introduced in 2004.
- Currently have 4 TY classes (86 students)
- Students complete the TY application form and are interviewed.
- Criteria for admission to TY is outlined in the school's Admission Policy.

TY Timetable



Core Subjects

- ▶ *Gaeilge*
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ English
- ▶ European Language (French/German/ Spanish)

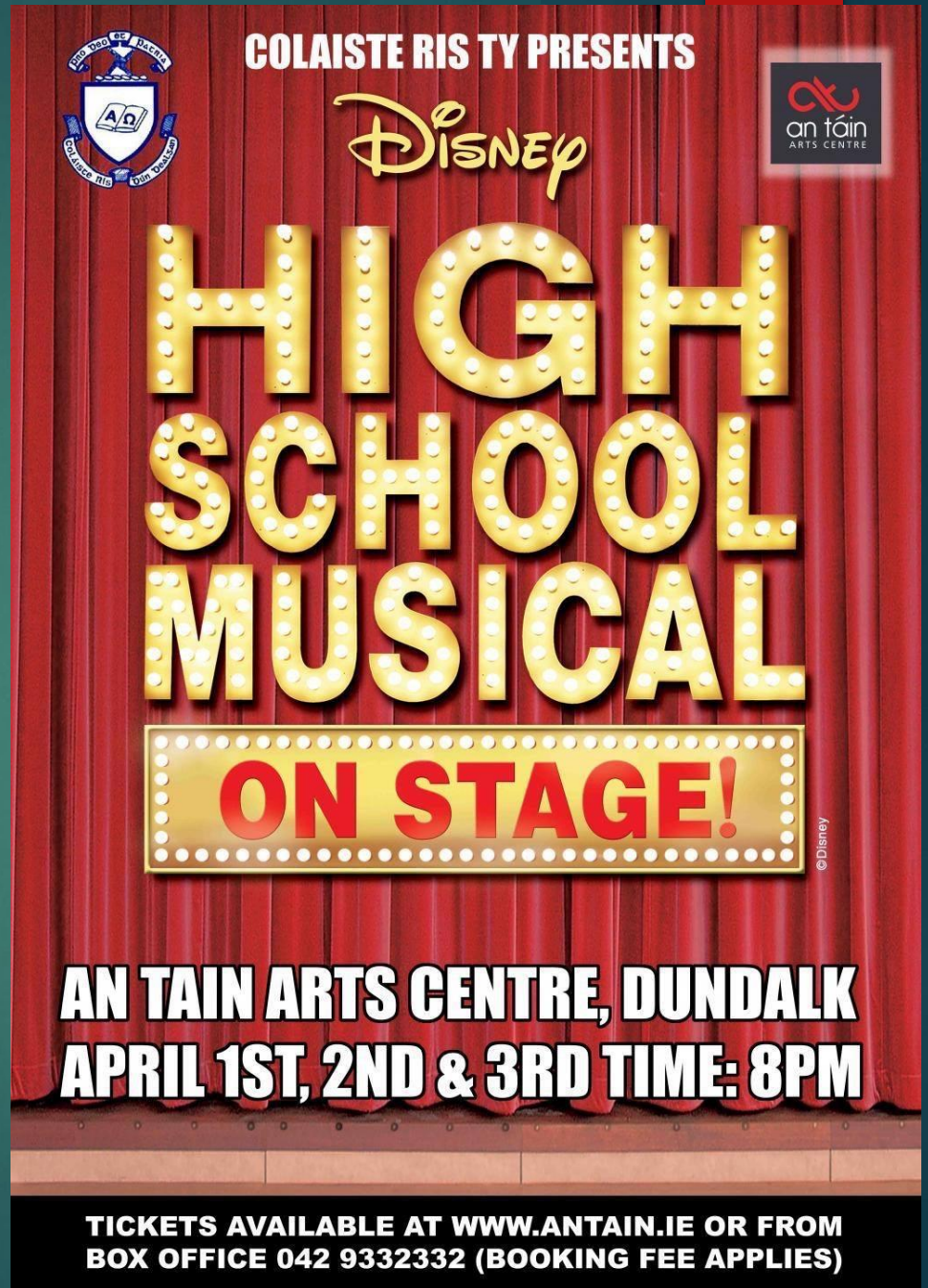
TY Timetable

- ▶ History and Geography
- ▶ Business (Student Enterprise / Mini company)
- ▶ Religion
- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ Computers
- ▶ Musical preparation (acting, singing, dancing)

Geography Field Trip



- Singing
- Dancing
- Acting
- Stage crew
- Costumes
- Props
- Ticket sales
- Publicity
- Sponsorship
- Photography
- Hair and make-up



COLAISTE RIS TY PRESENTS

Disney

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

ON STAGE!

AN TAIN ARTS CENTRE, DUNDALK
APRIL 1ST, 2ND & 3RD TIME: 8PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WWW.ANTAIN.IE OR FROM
BOX OFFICE 042 9332332 (BOOKING FEE APPLIES)

The poster features a red curtain background. At the top left is the Colaiste Ris Ty logo, a crest with a book and the motto 'COLAISTE RIS TY'. At the top right is the An tAin Arts Centre logo, a stylized 'a' with the text 'an tain ARTS CENTRE'. The title 'HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL' is in large, yellow, marquee-style letters. Below it is a yellow banner with 'ON STAGE!' in red. At the bottom, the venue and dates are listed in white text on a black background.

TV Modules

- ▶ Careers Guidance for TV
- ▶ Public Speaking
- ▶ Young Social Innovators
- ▶ Personal Development (including the President's Award / Gaisce Bronze award)
- ▶ Weekly activities slot (Krav Maga / Lifeskills and Mindfulness)
- ▶ Choice of: Junk Kouture, Home Economics, Woodwork, Technical Graphics or Music



Krav Maga



Leaving Cert Subject Sampling:

- ▶ Sciences (Agricultural Science, Computer Science, Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry)
- ▶ Business-related subjects (Accounting and Economics)

Broad range of learning experiences:

Guest speakers explored a range of topics including:

- ▶ Social justice
- ▶ Equality in the developing world
- ▶ Mental health
- ▶ Financial literacy
- ▶ Road safety
- ▶ Cancer awareness
- ▶ Healthy Lifestyle
- ▶ Internet safety and privacy





YSI 'Speak Out'



TY 'Once off' activities

- ▶ TY bonding day at Causey Farm
- ▶ Trade fair
- ▶ Two-day Film-making workshop
- ▶ First Aid certificate
- ▶ RSE Workshop
- ▶ School Bank Week
- ▶ Interview skills and mock interviews

First Aid Course



Gaisce Adventure Journey in the Mourne mountains



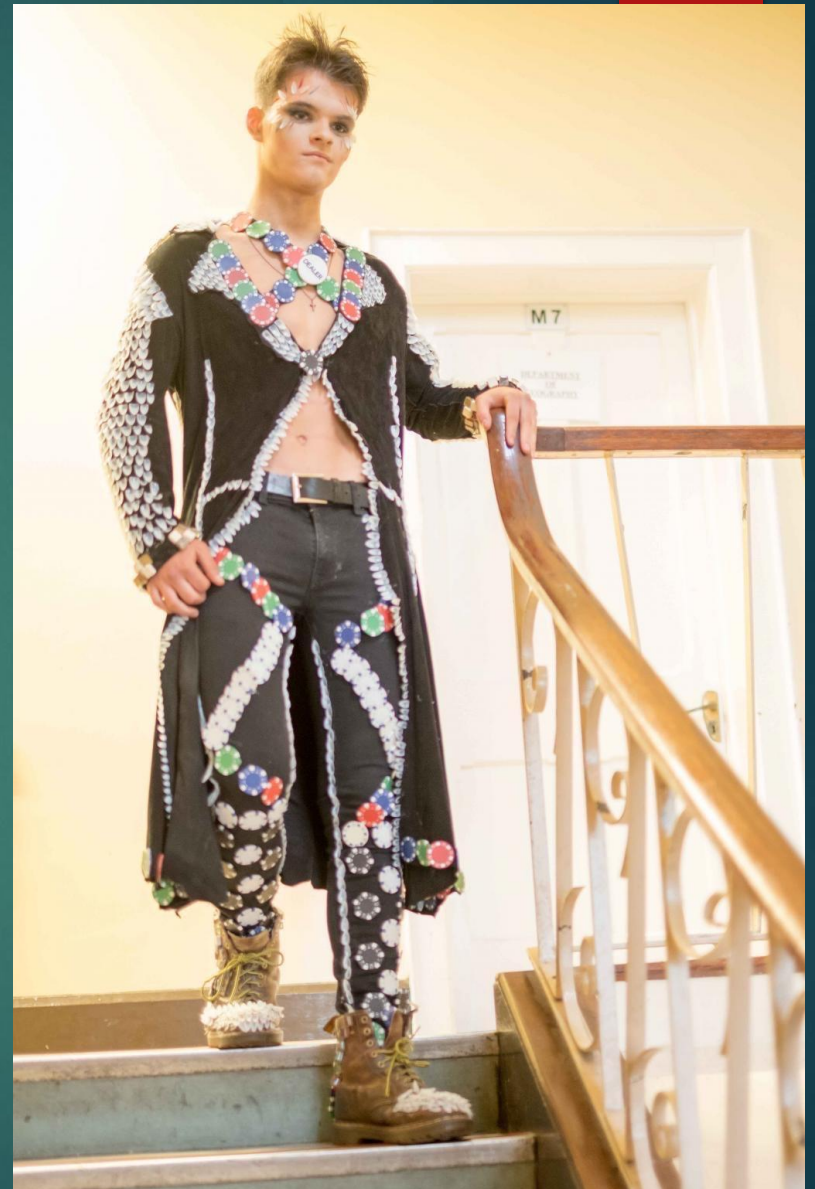


TY Bonding day at Causey Farm



Junk Kouture & Trashion Fashion









Links with Third-level

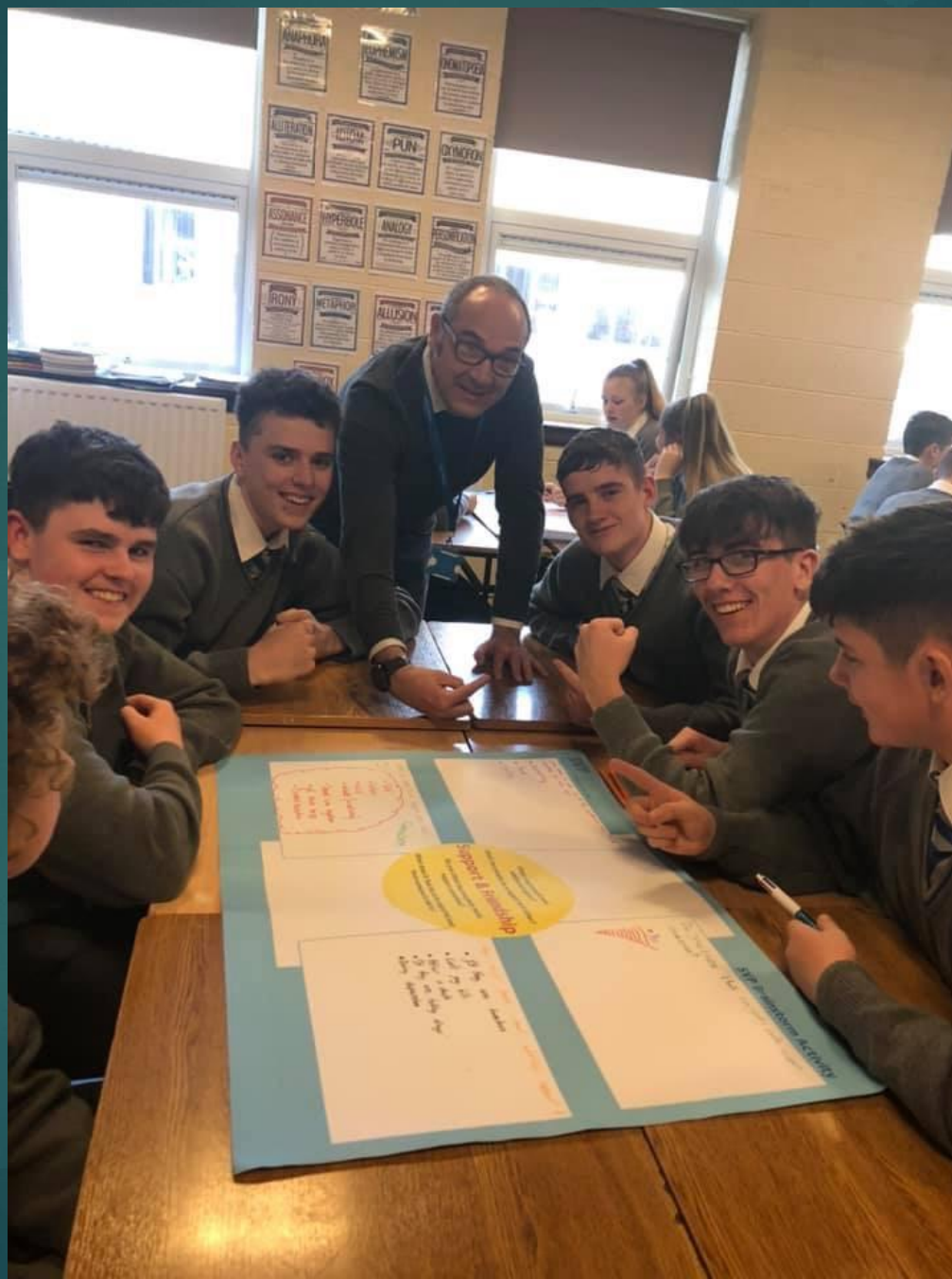
- ▶ Students were given the opportunity to participate in the following programmes (*limited places for each course*):
 - ✓ AMBER at the CRANN Institute (Nanoscience)
 - ✓ Royal College of Surgeons
 - ✓ Physics Department Trinity - Physics and Astrophysics
 - ✓ TCD Chemistry Department
 - ✓ DKIT Computing academy
 - ✓ DIT Computing programme
 - ✓ TY Science Gallery at TCD
 - ✓ Additional work placements at An Garda Siochana and the Irish Defence Forces

Work Experience

- ▶ Students participate in two separate weeks of work experience
- ▶ Employers are contacted during their placement and the school receive evaluation reports.

Giving back to the Community

- ▶ 'Lift off to Literacy' in the local Primary school
 - Library Committee HSE Dental Health Programme
 - RICE mentors (Mentors to First Year students)
 - Peer Education programme on substance abuse
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- ▶ Fundraising and raising awareness for local Charities
 - Dundalk Soup Kitchen
 - St Vincent De Paul
 - North East Cancer Research and Education Trust
 - The Simon Community
 - The Rotary 'Tree of Remembrance'
 - Special Olympics Ireland





Volunteering at school events:



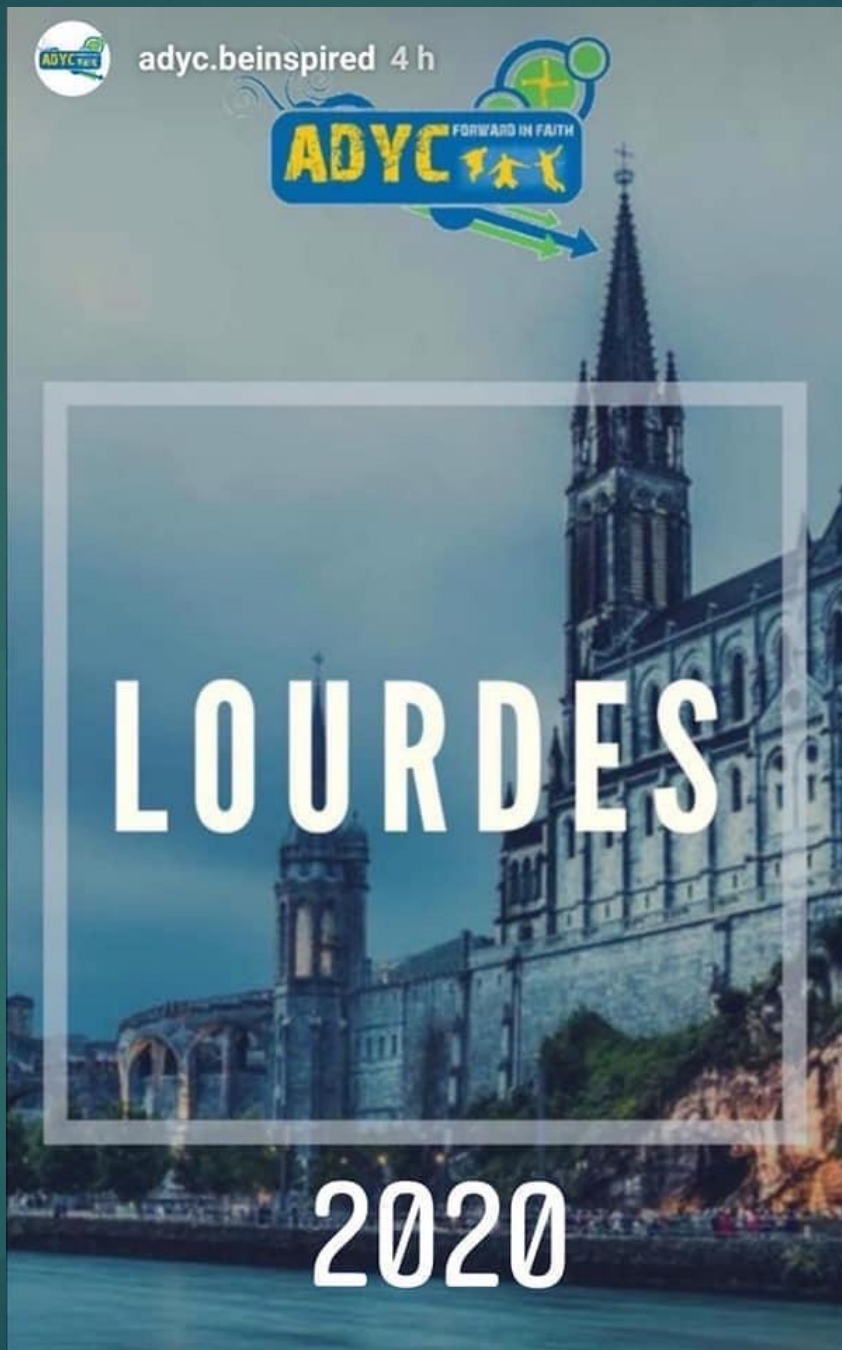


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Homework & Assessment in T.Y.

Homework:

- Aural / Oral / Written
- Project (group work)
- Research
- Presentation

Assessment:

- Assignments
- Examinations twice a year (Oral / Written) in December & May
- Portfolio
- Interview & Presentation



Interested in TY ? How to apply

- ▶ Return completed application form to Miss Lawless in L1 by **Wednesday 18th March 2020**.
- ▶ Interview: March
- ▶ Letter of acceptance: sign and return TY contract
- ▶ Total Cost of Transition year : €200
- ▶ The decision to deem an applicant suitable or not for the Transition Year Programme will be made based on:
 - ▶ (i) the student's school record over the past three years,
 - ▶ (ii) the information supplied on the application form and (iii) information sought at the interview stage.
- ▶ Criteria for acceptance into TY is clearly defined and forms part of the school's Admission policy.

TRANSITION YEAR MOTTO

"You will get back from T.Y. what you put into it."

