

Transition Year



PARENTS INFORMATION MARCH 2022



Aims of Greenhills Transition Year Programme



To give students a broad education experience free from exam pressure, to study new subjects and gain new experiences which the Junior and Leaving Certificates don't provide.

To promote the personal and social development of each student so that they become confident, responsible, well adjusted adults

Benefits of Transition Year



Discover and develop own talents and gifts

Leadership Opportunities

Work Experience Opportunities

Creativity and Entrepreneurship

Develop Skills for Life

Encourage Maturity and Resilience



Structure of Transition Year Programme



Core Subjects:
English, Gaeilge,
Maths

Sampling LC
Subjects: Business;
German; Art;
Religion; Hist/Geog

Enrichment
Modules: Variety of
Skill-based
Modules

Activities
Wednesday

Work Placement
Friday

Transition Year Enrichment Modules



Enterprise: Mini-Company;
Business; Youth
Leadership

Film Production
and Media



Life Skills:
Including
Cookery & Driver
Theory

Career Planning
and Preparation
for the World of
Work



Other Modules and Leadership in TY



Gaisce President's Bronze Award: 3 aspects:
Learn a new skill; Community
Volunteer; Physical Achievement

Portuguese Language and Cultural Studies

Student Mentor Programme:
Work with Junior Students in Leadership Role

Environmental Studies:
Sustainability/ Green Schools

Foróige Youth Leadership Programme

Organising Key Events around school; e.g.
Awareness Weeks; Seachtain na Gaeilge, etc

How will I be Assessed in TY?



Assessment Structure

- ✓ Continuous Assessment: Credits System
- ✓ Exams in Core Subjects
- ✓ Project/ continuous work, participation and attendance counts in all areas
- ✓ Credits accumulate throughout the year
- ✓ Portfolio Work: Best student work and reflective pieces in a collection
- ✓ Students interviewed on their Portfolio at end of year: Reflection on their TY year
- ✓ Awards based on accumulated credits: Pass, Merit and Distinction
- ✓ Work Experience, Gaisce and overall participation in ALL activities will be awarded credits
- ✓ Awards Ceremony and presentation of work at end of year

"Work Placement Friday"



Preparation for the Working World



Life Skills around CV building, communication skills



Mock Interview



Career Planning



Career Investigation



Building contacts in the community with local employers



Job Interview Skills



"Activities Wednesday"



So far this year...

- Spawell Driving Range
- Driver Theory Workshop
- Drumming Workshop : We Drum Ireland
- Dublin Zoo Tour and Conservation Workshop
- Reptile Workshop – Jurassic Experience
- Hike to Three Rock Mountain
- Smartphone Filmmaking Workshops x4
- Visit and guided tour of Croke Park Stadium
- Go Quest Indoor Challenge Zone
- Introduction to First Aid Workshop x2

Yet to come...

- Tour of Epic Museum and guided tour of Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship
- Screen Printing Workshop
- Football Blitz and Walk for Wellness Week
- Fighting Words Workshop
- GPO Tour and 14 Henrietta Street Tour
- Phoenix Park Cycling
- ZipIt or Surfdoc
- Full Day Driving School of Excellence Workshop in school
- May 24th – TY End of Year Celebration

Also, yet to come....



Three days at Carlingford Adventure Centre!



Costs in TY



Fee

- Transition Year students have a full package of subsidised trips for the duration of the year.
- The contribution from parents is €300 to help towards these costs.

Extras

- Overnight trips will incur an extra cost. This will be confirmed closer to the time.

Common Misperceptions and

ADVICE

Will I get homework in TY?

Yes. But it will often be project or research based, unlike in JC.

You will enjoy some things more than others, but this year is all about trying new things so give it a go!

What if I don't like everything we do in TY?

Some people think TY is a "doss" year. Is that true?

If you put very little in, you get very little back. Throw yourself fully into your TY year and you'll be amazed at the skills you learn, the fun you have and friendships you make along the way.