# Transition Year 2025 - 2026

# PARENTS/GUARDIANS INFORMATION SESSION

## 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



## Opportunities in Transition Year

- Develop a variety of new skills
- Take part in outdoor pursuits
- Make informed choices about Leaving Certificate subjects
- Learn about working as part of a team
- Projects and deadlines practice!
- Become an independent learner
- Develop more confidence and maturity

- Opportunities for Leadership
- Discover more about your own personal strengths – what you are good at.
- Learn more about the working world through work experience
- Enhance IT skills.
- Add a valuable set of experience to your CV
- Sample and discover new subjects

## Structure of Transition Year Programme

Core Subjects: English, Gaeilge, Maths, Guidance; SPHE; Religion Sampling LC Subjects: Art; German; Computer Science; Hist/Geog; Science Enrichment Modules: Variety of Skill-based Modules Wellbeing Focus



Activities Wednesday

Work Placement Blocks





### **Transition Year Enrichment Modules**



Enterprise:
 MiniCompany;
Business

Foroige Leadership Programme



Community Work & Gaisce Award Career
Planning &
Plumbing
Module



#### Other Modules and Leadership in TY





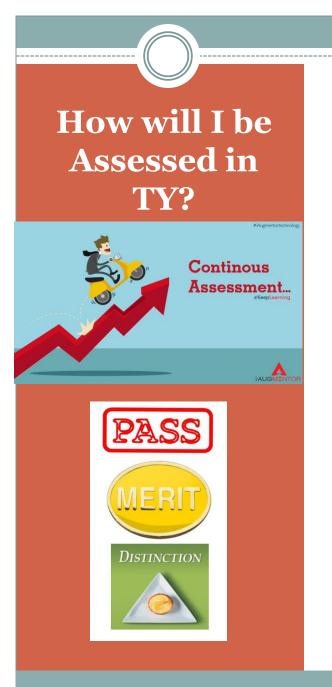
Gaisce President's Award: 3 aspects: Learn a new skill; Community Volunteer; Physical Achievement

Portuguese Language and Cultural Studies

Student Mentor Programme: Work with Junior Students in Leadership Role

Environmental Studies: Sustainability/ Green Schools

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



#### **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
- ✓ Awards based on accumulated credits: Pass, Merit and Distinction
- ✓ Awards Ceremony and presentation of work at end of year

### Work Placement Blocks



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



#### **Work Placement Dates:**

Monday 13th to Friday 24th October

Second block after Christmas. Dates to be confirmed.

## **Activities Wednesday**

#### So far this year...

- Spawell Driving Range
- Drumming Workshop: "WeDrumIreland"
- Dublin Zoo Tour and Conservation Workshop
- Reptile Workshop Jurassic Experience
- Hike to Three Rock Mountain
- Visit and guided tour of Croke Park Stadium
- Go Quest Indoor Challenge Zone
- Introduction to First Aid Workshop x2

- Tour of Epic Museum and guided tour of Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship
- Screen Printing Workshop
- Football Blitz and Walk for Wellness Week
- GPO Tour and 14 Henrietta Street
   Tour
- Phoenix Park Cycling
- ZipIt or Surfdoc
- TY End of Year Celebration

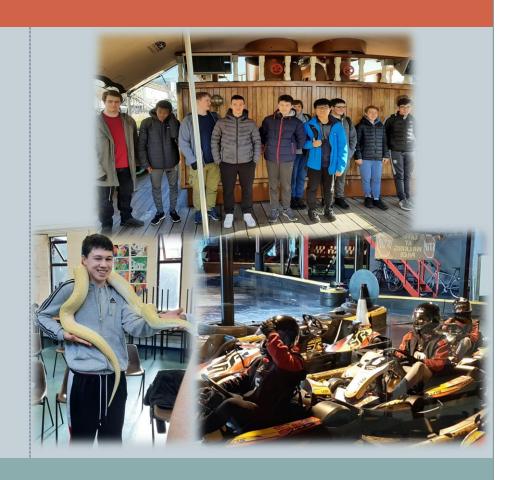
### Costs in TY

#### **Fees**

- Transition Year students have a full package of subsidised trips for the duration of the year.
- The contribution from parents is €365 to help towards these costs.
- This can be paid in 3 installments:

€165	Friday 29th August
€100	Friday 24th October
€100	Friday 28th November

• Overnight trips and other trips will incur an extra cost. This will be confirmed closer to the time.



## Common Misperceptions and



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.