

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:
Mini-
Company;
Business



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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

How will I be Assessed in TY?



PASS



DISTINCTION



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

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.**