

Transition Year  
Programme  
@ Loreto Clonmel



# Overview of TY



One-year programme taken after Junior Cycle before a two-year Leaving Cert programme



Designed to act as a bridge between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle



Optional for students



Programme is designed by the school to suit the needs & interests of students



No state examination – in house exams in December & May and on-going assessment



Managed by a core team



# Mission Statement

“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”

(The Department of Education Transition Year Guidelines, 1995)

# The TY Team

- TY Year Head
- TY Coordinator
- Tutor (one per class)
- 3 Base classes  
(2022/2023)



We  
believe  
that  
Transition  
Year gives  
students  
time to:

Explore *subject areas* – leading to choosing Leaving Certificate subjects

It helps those who are *under-achieving* improve their performance – **different learning experience**

It gives students a more realistic *understanding of the workplace* which in turn gives a much sharper focus on their choice of career

Their *personal development* and **maturity** is significantly enhanced by their participation in the programme

# Subjects in TY

English  
Irish  
Maths  
Language

LC Subject Tasters:  
Science Subjects  
Business Subjects  
Humanities

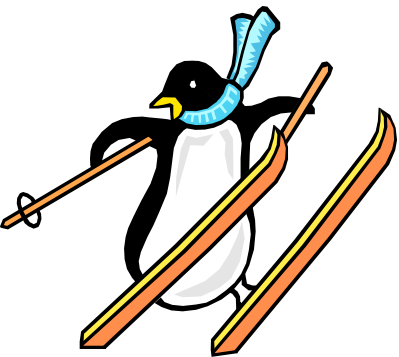
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Tutor  
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# Modules in TY

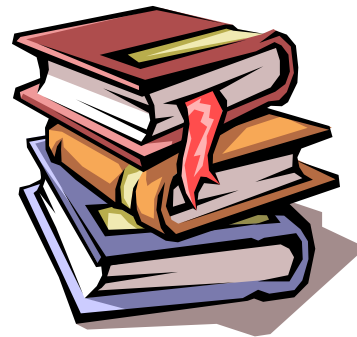
Toastmasters  
Life Skills  
Film Studies

Bodhran Making  
Culinary Skills  
Art Appreciation  
Ukulele

Careers  
Pol-Soc  
Ag Science  
TY Modules



# Workshops & Trips



| Once off Events      |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| First Aid            | Surfing                         |
| Forensic Science     | Hiking/Walking                  |
| Law Education        | Rowing                          |
| Drivers Education    | Acting                          |
| Personal Grooming    | Segway                          |
| Personal Safety      | Internet Safety                 |
| Language Film        | Visiting speakers/Careers Talks |
| Health & Nutrition   | Murder Mystery                  |
| Retreat              | Ice Skating                     |
| Matrix Mind Training | Graduation                      |



# Trips!

- Bonding
- Camping
- Hiking
- Theatre
- Local history
- Ice skating
- IWISH (conference)



# Competitions/Volunteering



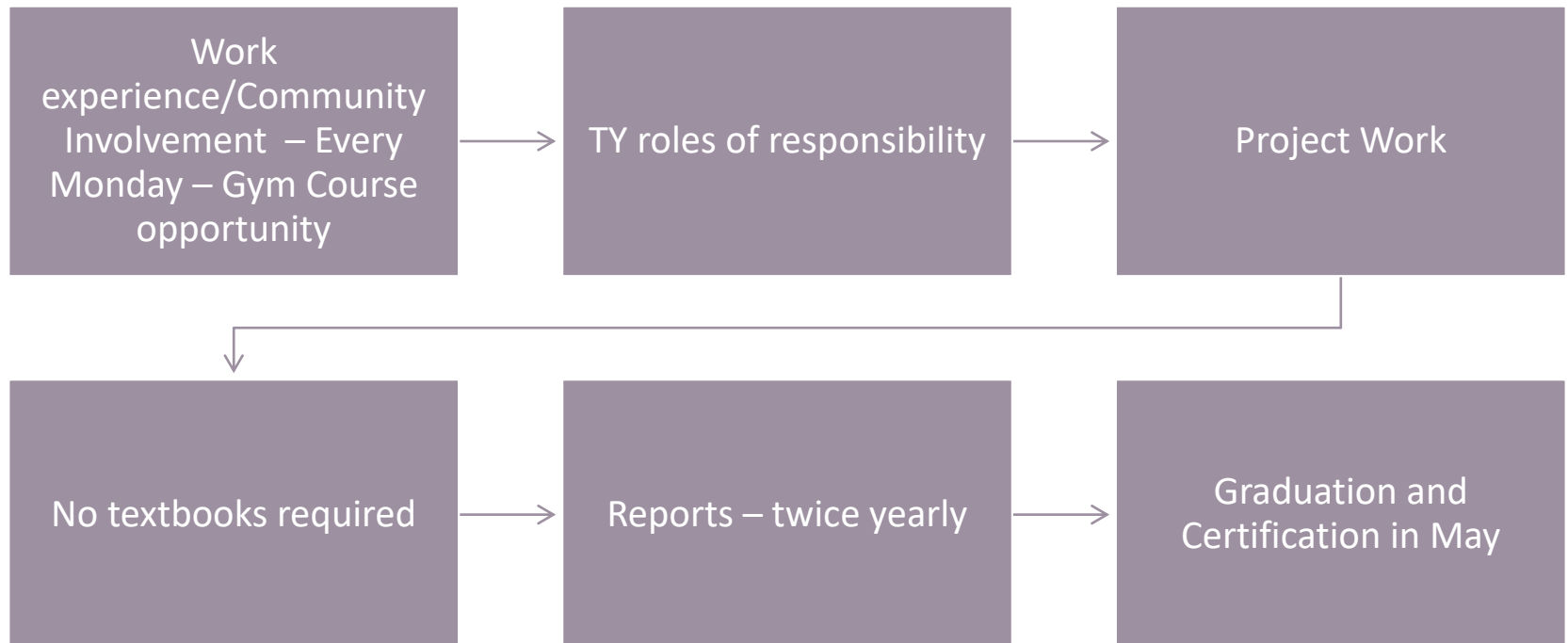
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# Other activities/information



# Gym Course





# Our criteria for admission to TY

Open to ALL students

- Student's **attendance** and **punctuality** to date are very important
  - **Behaviour**
  - **Attitude** to work
  - **Willingness** to accept a challenge
  - The need to explore **subjects**
  - Commitment to work as a **member of a team**
  - **Participation** in all aspects of the programme
- ❖ Places are also allocated based on school resources in a given year

## Other considerations

All interested students must complete an application form

Each applicant has a meeting with a teacher determine their suitability for transition year

This is a year to *learn, grow and develop* in a different way

It involves A LOT of work  
A different type of work  
It is NOT a *doss* year!

# TY Fee €450

PLUS

School expenses

€75

**Total = €525**

- deposit of €200 upon accepting your place
- €200 end of April
- €125 end of May

Money is all used to fund the TY Programme – much of this is booked in advance, so it can only go ahead once fees are paid

Additional Trips/Activities =  
Additional cost

|                |                   |                    |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Induction      | Bonding           | Hikes              |
| 1st Aid        | Rowing            | Matrix             |
| Yoga           | Drivers Education | Personal Safety    |
| Kayaking       | Life Skills       | Films Studies      |
| Bodhran Making | Toastmasters      | School of Life     |
| Hair           | Beauty            | Nutrition & Health |
| Ukuleles       | Internet Safety   | Films/Theatre      |



## Some Key Facts to bear in mind

- Recent ESRI report confirmed earlier studies regarding better LC performance by students who have completed TY
- Traditionally an increase in points in Leaving Cert

Other studies showed that TY students are less likely to:

- change courses at 3<sup>rd</sup> level
- fail 1<sup>st</sup> year
- drop out of college and more likely to graduate



# Our Experience of Transition Year @



Loreto Secondary School Clonmel

Coleville Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary

Students who undertake TY are in general:

- More **confident** and **self assured**
- Better able to **speak in public**
- **Perform better** at interviews
- Cope better with **different learning environments**

Within the school a higher percentage of **CARA leaders** come from students who have completed TY

## Benefits/Advantages of Transition Year



**Wide range of subjects** – leads to more informed choice when selecting LC subjects, Some elements of LC course introduced



**Activity based learning** – research skills developed



**Work experience** – learning about world of work & think about career choices



**Social development** – pair work, teamwork



**Project work/Assignments** – deadlines, reasonability



**Leadership development** – TY roles



**Maturity** – creates confident self-directed learners

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**Any Questions**