

**TRANSITION YEAR**

**2019-2020**



# **TY TEAM WHO'S INVOLVED?**

TY Co-ordinator: Ms Phillips (programme/activities)

Work Experience Co-ordinator: Ms Coyne

Year Head: Ms Kelly (pastoral)

4 Form Teachers

Career Guidance: Ms Porter, Ms Bannan

# WHAT *IS* TRANSITION YEAR?

- A **one year** programme.
- The **bridge** between the sheltered Junior Cycle and the far more demanding Senior Cycle.
- A space to **personally develop** and figure out **signature strengths**.
- Time to **mature**.

# AN OPPORTUNITY TO...

Take more **responsibility** for self & for learning.

Become more **independent**.

Build **social skills**.

Develop a sense of **social responsibility**.

Experience **work**, get out in the world.

Catch up, think ahead.

Improve **organisation** and **time management**.

Explore new areas of **interest**.

Step outside the comfort zone of Junior Cycle.

Continue developing academically.

work  
completed projects  
challenge  
sign language  
sewing  
business  
website  
musical  
new activities  
first aid  
new skills  
christmas fair  
coaching  
swimming  
baking  
carlingford  
confidence  
experience

**A DOSS YEAR?**



# TY PARTS

- Carlingford
- Musical



# ACADEMICS IN TY

We provide a strong academic programme in TY as we ensure that our students are prepared for the jump to Senior Cycle.

Students will have 4 classes a week in the core subjects and will also study Leaving Cert Sciences, Businesses and Modern Foreign Languages.

Assessment will be ongoing in all subjects throughout the year through the production of portfolios, projects and presentations. Cores will be examined twice a year by examinations. A stronger emphasis is placed on the May end of year exam as we prepare the girls for the oncoming academic emphasis in 5th year.

Students also get to pick from a selection of other TY specific subjects.



# **TY ACTIVITIES – DURING SCHOOL AND EXTRA CURRICULAR**

SOAR workshop

Movie making

Self defence

First aid

Sign language

Toastmasters

Junk Kouture

Enterprise fairs

Chinese

Irish Angus Beef Competition

Tech 4 You

Film-making

School Magazine

Nursing home visits

Community Service Week

Gaisce community involvement

*Fundraising: Goal Mile, Peter  
McVerry Trust: knit-a-thon &  
coin collection*

# CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Work experience and community care

Carlingford

Development Days

Musical

Competitions

Gaisce

Trips

TY Interviews

TY Night



Work  
experience

New  
experiences

New friends

Independence



Carlingford

Personal  
challenge

**STUDENT  
HIGHLIGHTS**

# TY ASSESSMENT

**Homework** – it might look different but it's still there!

**Reports** – November, February, May

**Exams** – Twice a year in core subjects

**Portfolio/project work**

**TY interviews**

**Credits** for TY Certificate – Maximum of 300 credits. Awarded based on subjects, attendance, work experience, Portfolio, Interview, Conduct & Punctuality, and Initiative

# SENIOR CYCLE PLANNING

Students sample 'taster' subjects.

Get a idea of the subject at senior cycle.

Link with Career Guidance.

Eirquest and Cambridge Profile Aptitude & Interest Test.

**Subject choice** seminar (parents & students) in February.

**Meeting with Career Guidance counsellor** in advance of subject choices for 5thYear

# GAISCE — PRESIDENTS AWARD

**What:** Developing skills in 4 main areas:

1. Physical recreation
2. Personal skill
3. Community involvement
4. Adventure journey

**When:** Sign up in September

**How long:** 26 weeks



# WHAT CAN YOU DO?

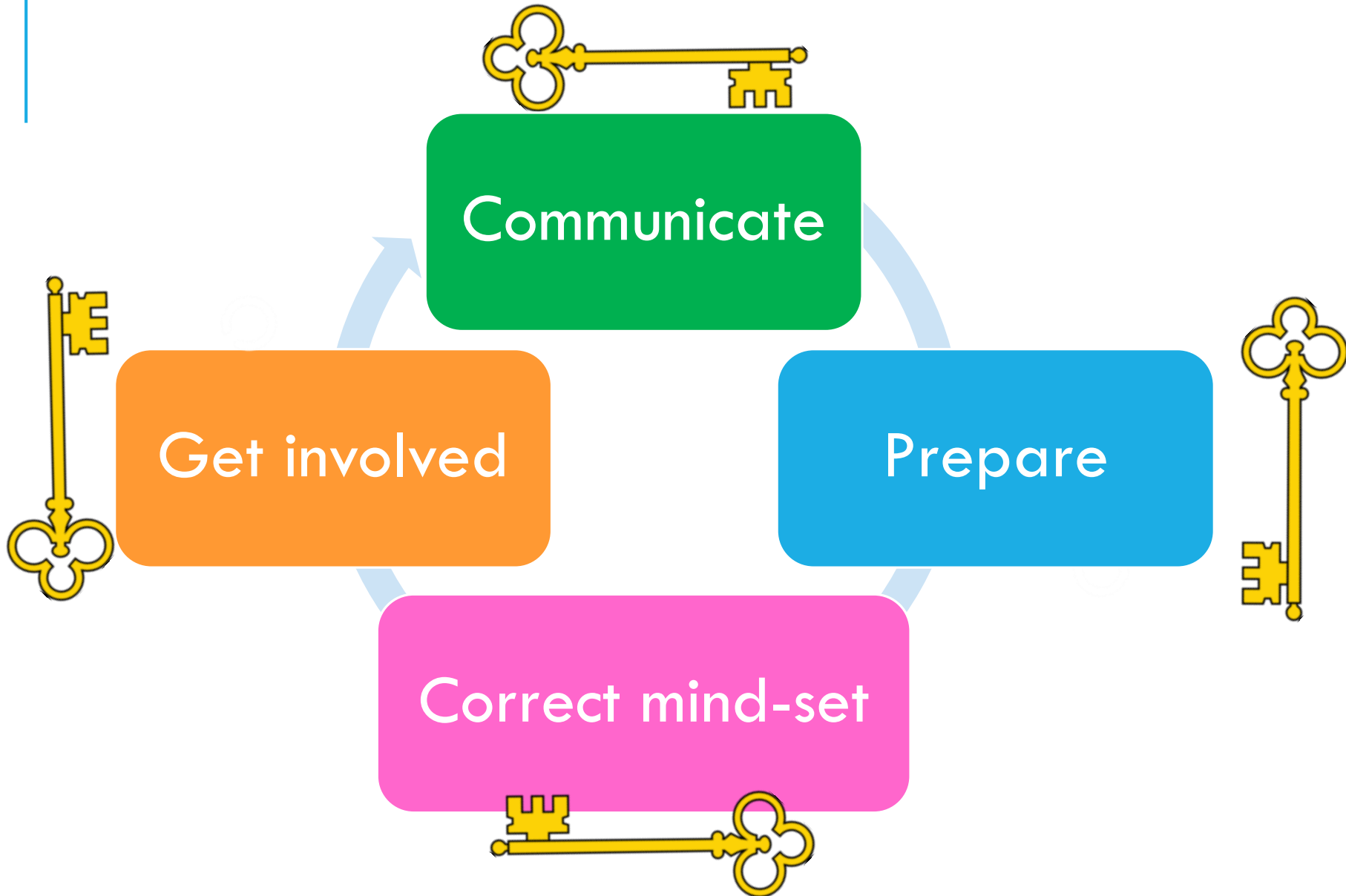
## **In September:**

- Ask a lot of questions!
- Student induction.
- Keep tabs!
- Have high expectations.

## **Now:**

- Start talking about work experience.
- Actively start looking.
- Check out the info on the school website.
- Forms for Work Experience on the school website.
- Carlingford deposit – after Easter – notice on app - €

# 4 KEYS FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AHEAD



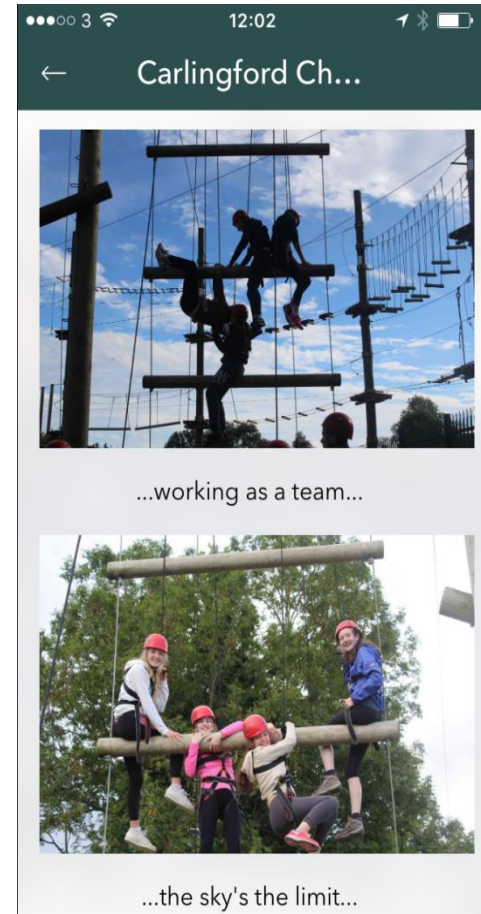


# KEEPING IN THE LOOP

All notices will be posted on the school app.

All permission slips will be posted and submitted through app.

Every Friday – ‘TY: What’s on Next Week.’



# PLACEMENT DATES

- Work Placement – **3 different** work placement and 1 week community care.

- 4 week block placements

21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October  
10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> February  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

- Student must organise their placements to exclude School holidays/Carlingford Trip and the school musical.
- Placements are covered by school insurance, only if they pay the contribution.