



# Transition Year

#### Who's who on the TY Team...

#### Programme Coordinator:

Programme/activities/work experience

#### Year Leaders/Year Heads:

- Ms H. Byrne (TY 1 & 2) & Ms Nolan (TY 3 & 4)
- Pastoral/academic/behaviour

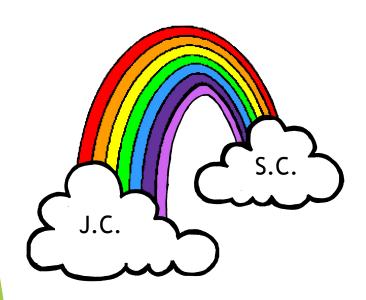
#### Form teachers:

- Ms Healy, Ms Hallissey, Ms S. Byrne, Ms Cassidy: Pastoral Care
- Senior Management:
  - Deputy Principal: Ms Ronan
- ► TY 1, 2, 3 & 4
- TY teachers



#### What is Transition Year?

# A space to figure out **signature strengths**.



An opportunity to bridge the gap between Junior Cycle and **Senior Cycle**.

2021-22: a slightly different year...

#### PHILOSOPHY OF T.Y.

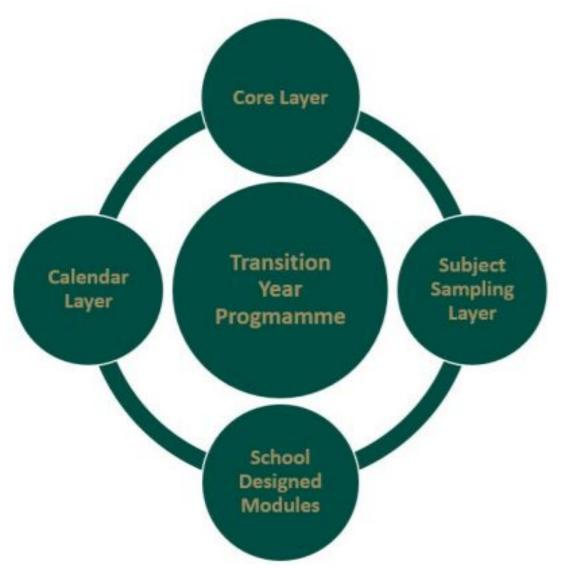
- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SIGNATURE STRENGTHS
- ► IMPROVE ORGANISATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT
- ► MATURITY... TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOURSELF & YOUR PROGRESS... BE INDEPENDENT
- EXPERIENCE WORK
- GET OUT AND ABOUT
- EXPLORE NEW AREAS OF INTEREST
- ► STEP OUTSIDE COMFORT ZONE OF JUNIOR CYCLE
- BUILD SOCIAL SKILLS
- ► TEAMWORK
- CATCH UP, THINK AHEAD
- ► BUMP UP YOUR CV E.G. GAISCE







#### WHAT DOES THE YEAR LOOK LIKE?





Core	LC Sampling	School Designed Modules		Calendar
English	History	Musical	Mindfulness	Carlingford
Irish	Geography	Journalism	Leadership	Development Days x6
Maths	Sciences x 4	Junk Kouture	Drivers Ed	Workshops e.g. Fighting Words
Modern Foreign Languages	Business x3	Sports Leadership	Philosophy	Seminars e.g. Zeminar
PE, RE	Home Ec	Enterprise	Politics & Society	Work Experience x4
IT & GMetrix	Music	Chinese	Film Making	TY Interviews x2
Career Guidance & SPHE	Art	Development Education	World Affairs	Musical
		CSI - Forensics - all study		

#### **Senior Cycle Planning**

- Continuity with core subjects is important
- Students sample Taster Subjects
- Get a feel for what might suit for Leaving Cert
- Link with Career Guidance
- Eirquest & Cambridge Profile Aptitude & Interest Tests (November)
- Subject choice seminar (parents & students) end of February
- Meeting with Career Guidance counsellor in advance of subject choices for 5<sup>th</sup> Year

#### Assessment

- Homework it might look different but it's still there!
- Reports December, May
- Exams December and May Cores & Taster subjects
- Portfolio/project work ongoing
- Mid and End of year TY Interviews
- Credits for TY Certificate Distinction, Merit, Credit or Certificate will be achieved.
  - Based on effort & participation
  - Attendance & Punctuality, Subjects, Work Experience, Portfolio & Interview, Initiative (extra-curricular involvement)



#### **Calendar Highlights**



- Work Experience & Community Service: 4 weeks blocked in calendar:
  - Weeks beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> May (4 day week)
- **Carlingford** 30<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Development Days x 6 1st one Sept. 28th
- Musical 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Competitions, workshops
- Gaisce ongoing opportunities in school and outside of school
- **Trips**
- TY Interviews & Showcase (end of May)
- **Exams** End of December & End of May



#### **Work Experience**

- Have paperwork submitted on time (Google Forms 2 weeks in advance).
- 2. Have at least 1st work placement sorted by now.
- Make sure Garda Vetting paperwork is returned and correctly filled out.
- 4. Make sure extra work placements are <u>approved</u>.
- 5. Get engaged and get the most out of the experience.

#### **Garda Vetting**

- Vetting is required for any work experience placements involving work with children or vulnerable adults.
- A student must be 16 to be vetted so the paperwork can only be submitted when your daughter's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday has passed.
- 3. The forms will be stored by the TY coordinator until then.

#### Additional work experiences

- Students can apply for one additional placement throughout the year. This placement should not be during Carlingford, musical or exams.
- There are some TY programmes in various companies which have been applied for during the summer. If OLS is successful in getting a place, it will be raffled off among interested students. Notification to express interest will be via Google Classroom.
- If students have an additional placement, they must first check the date with the TY Coordinator. When the date is agreed then the student submits an application online for an additional placement.



# **Communication**: Know what's going on





### **Positive Attitude.**

#### Sign up for everything.



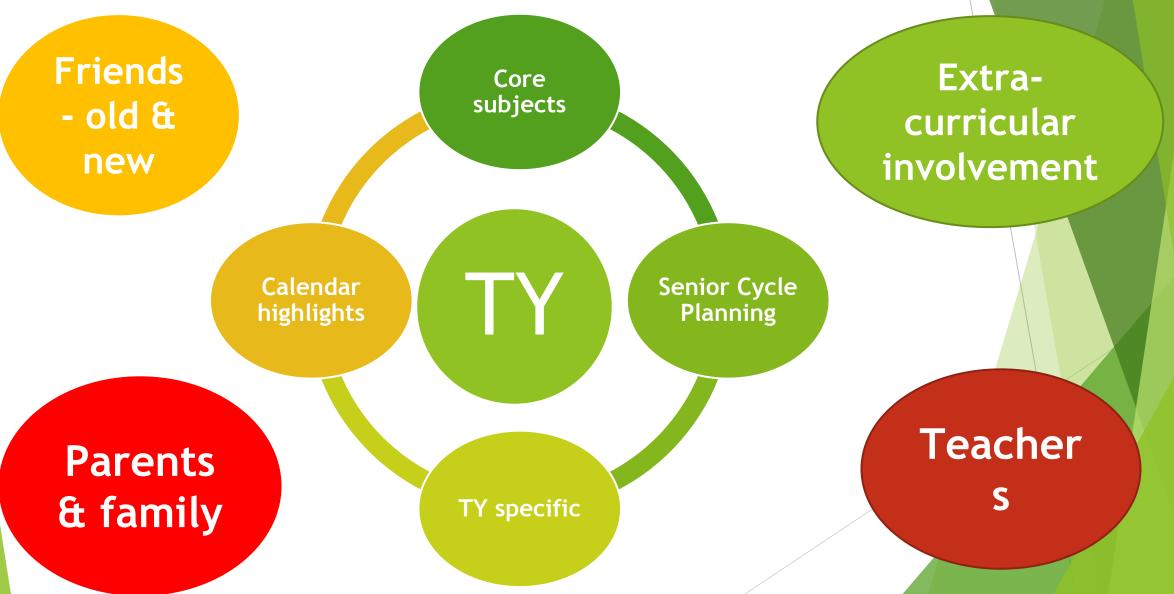
Students get out of TY what they put in to it

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#### What makes it all happen?



#### Gaisce Bronze Medal

4 areas:

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- Physical Recreation
- Personal Skill
- Community Involvement
- Adventure Journey
- 26 weeks in total
- Sign up in September
  - App:Parental permission
  - www.gaisce.ie: student signs up, PAL activates account

## Extra-curricular

School Clubs - Choir, Book Club, Film Club, Puzzle and Games Club, Science Club, Debating, Model United Nations

School Sports - Hockey, Running Club, Badminton, Football, Camogie, Basketball

Out-of-school clubs/sports/activities

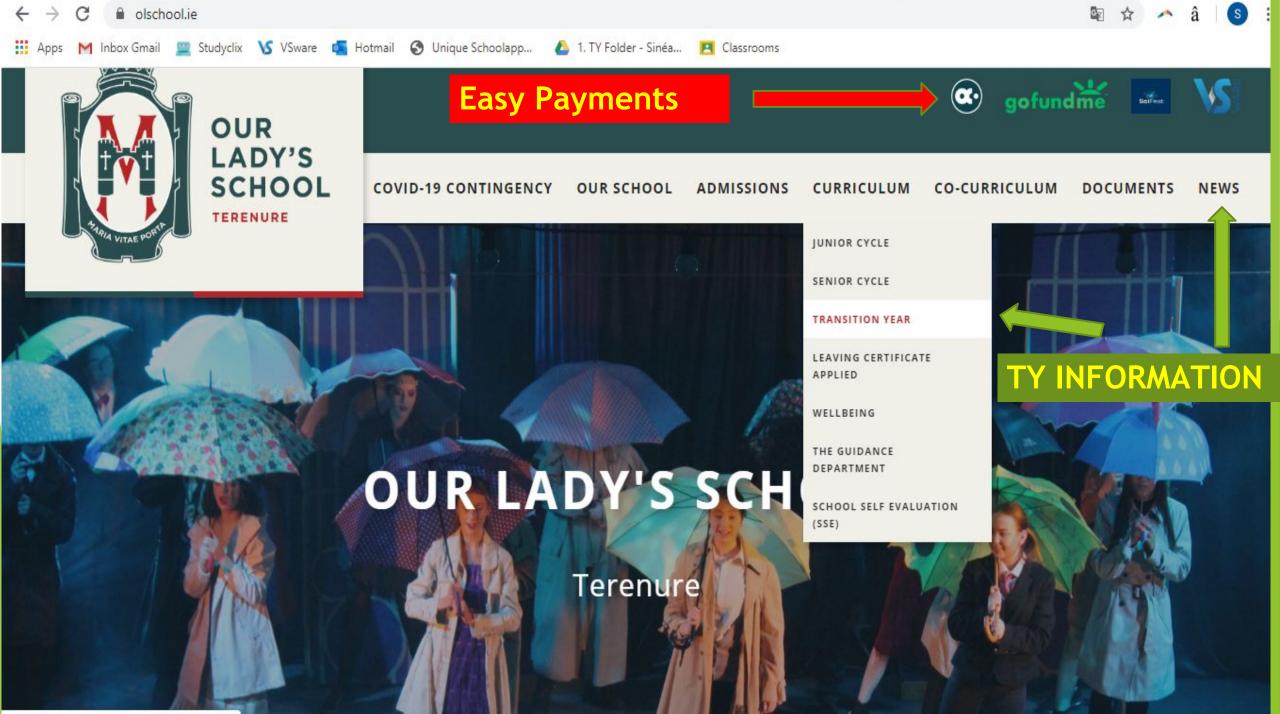
**For TYs:** Sign language, Toastmasters, Tech 4 You, Volunteering opportunities





#### What can you do?

- Encouragement full involvement!
- Use the school app Permission slips and Friday notice.
  Push notifications switched on for TY.
- Help to organise work experience forms on website.Use any contacts you can!
- Check out the TY Information Booklet on the school website.
- Ask your daughter a lot of questions and keep tabs!
- Have high expectations.





- Communication
- Have the right mind-set - say no to cruise control!
- Prepare & Plan

