



2023-2024



## Research Findings

#### ESRI Research findings:

- Students who have completed Transition Year are:
  - significantly more likely to score higher points in the Leaving Certificate
  - more likely to go on to third-level education
- Previous research from the NCCA found that TY students achieved an additional 42 CAO points compared to those who went through straight to Leaving Certificate.











#### What is Transition Year?

A space to figure out signature strengths





Opportunity to bridge the gap between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle.



## Aims of TY...



- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT Social awareness & increased
   Social competence
- ► IMPROVE ORGANISATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT
- MATURITY...TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOURSELF & YOUR PROGRESS...BE INDEPENDENT
- EXPERIENCE WORK
- GET OUT AND ABOUT

## Aims of TY...



- EXPLORE NEW AREAS OF INTEREST
- STEP OUTSIDE COMFORT ZONE OF JUNIOR CYCLE
- ► BUILD **SKILLS** Social, technical and academic skills
- ► LEARNING Interdisciplinary and self-directed
- TEAMWORK
- CATCH UP, THINK AHEAD
- BUILD YOUR CV GAISCE etc

## WHO?



## TEAM Teamwork makes the dream work!



#### Senior Management:

Principal: Ms. Gorby

Deputy Principal: Ms. Ronan

#### Programme Coordinator:

- Current Coordinator: Ms. Phelan

Programme Activities Work experience

#### Year Leaders/Year Heads:

- Current Leaders: Ms. Bateman & Ms. Finnegan

Pastoral Academic Behaviour

- All our TY Students - TY 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5







## STUDENT

#### ► TY Reps

- Elected by students
- 2 Reps per class
- Leadership Training
- Weekly meeting with TY Coordinator
- Key Team members The Link
- Future OLS Leaders



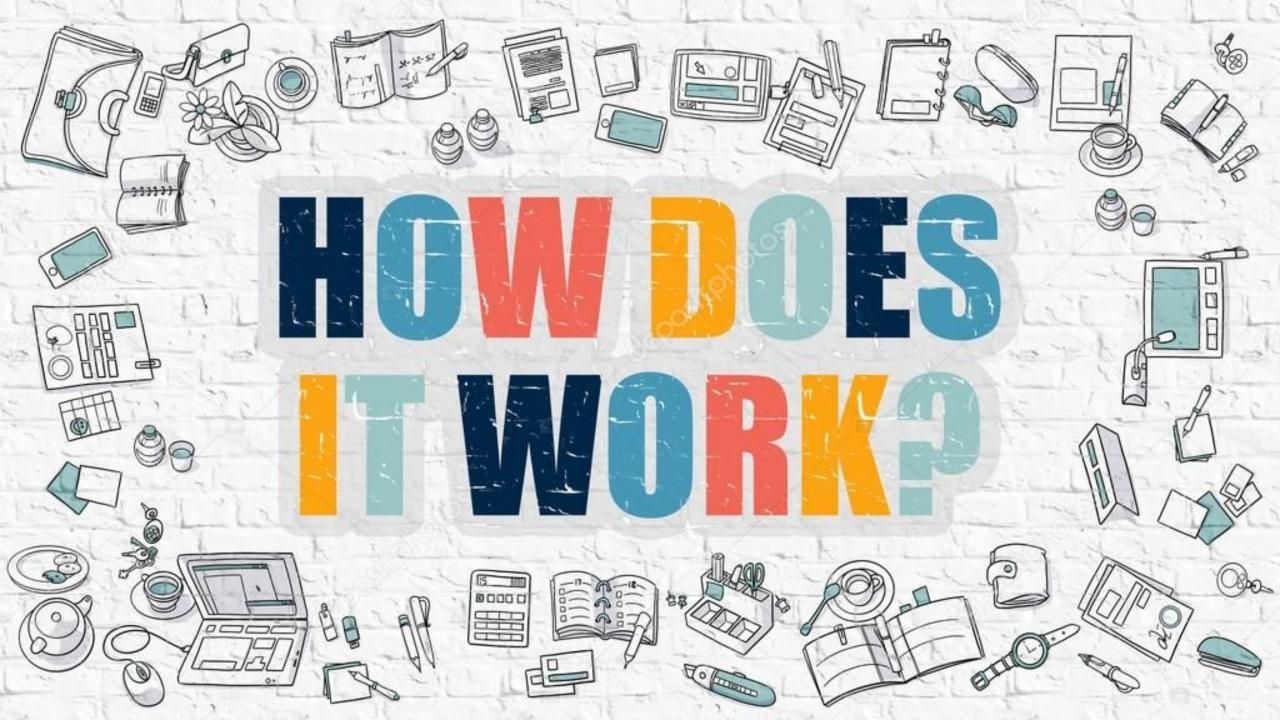


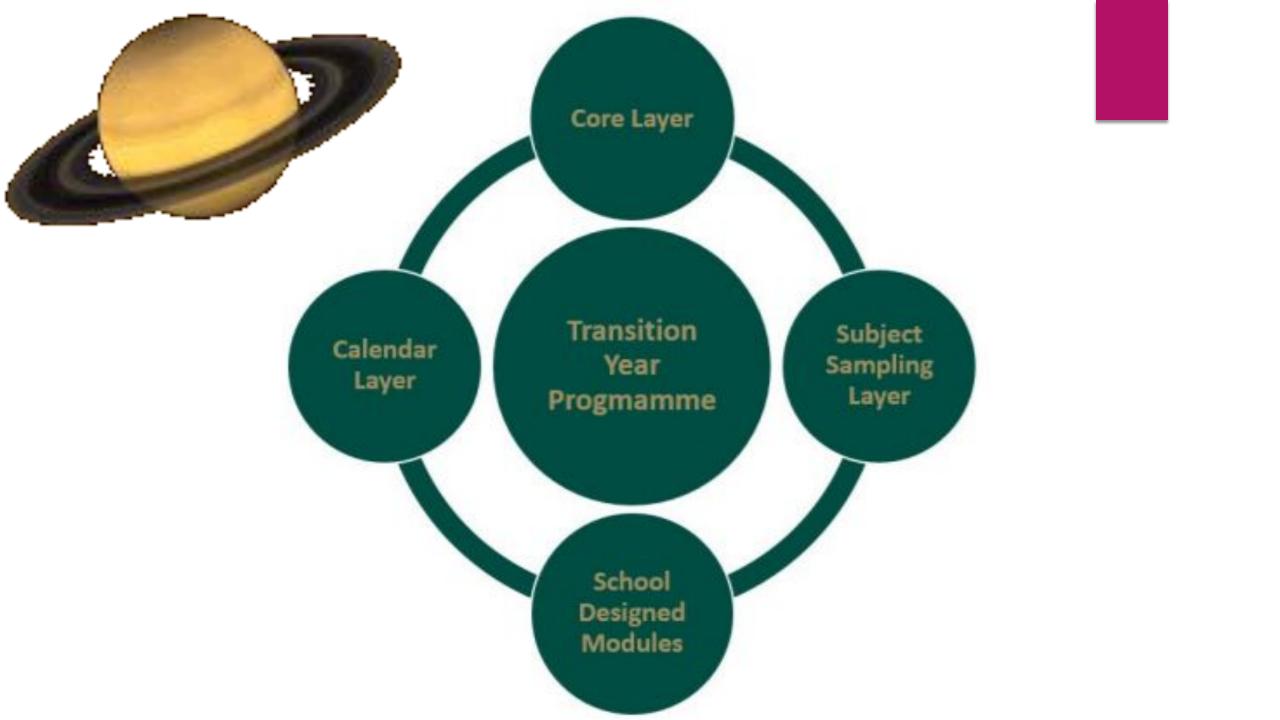
# We Need... ...YOU!



#### What can YOU do?

- Full involvement!
- Download the school app Permission slips and Friday notice. Push notifications switched on for TY.
- Organise work experience forms on website
- Check in at home tell them all the news!
- Have high expectations.





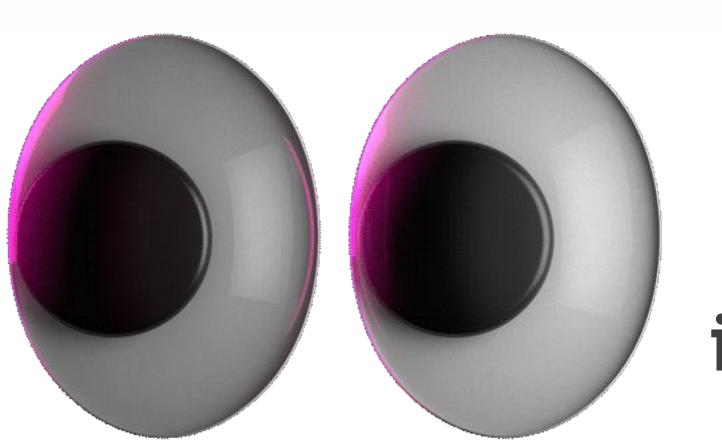
Core	LC Sampling	School Designed Modules		Calendar
English	History	Sports Leadership	Mindfulness	Carlingford
Irish	Geography	Journalism	Psychology	Development Days x5
Maths	Sciences x 4	Junk Kouture	Drivers Ed	Workshops e.g. Fighting Words
Modern Foreign Languages	Business x4 Including LCVP	CSI - Forensics	Philosophy	Programmes e.g. Aware - Life Skills
Recreational Studies (PE)	Home Economics	Enterprise	YSI	Work Experience x4
IT	Music	Chinese	Film Studies	TY Interviews x2
Career Guidance & SPHE	Art	Development Education	World Affairs	Musical
Religion	LC Physical Education	Political Education	Leadership Skills	Foreign Trip - Paris



- Continuity with core subjects is important
- Students sample Taster Subjects
   All Leaving Certificate Subjects Sampled

Get a feel for what might suit for Leaving Cert





It might look different but it's still there!

#### Assessment

- ► Formal: Attainment:
  - ► In Class assessments

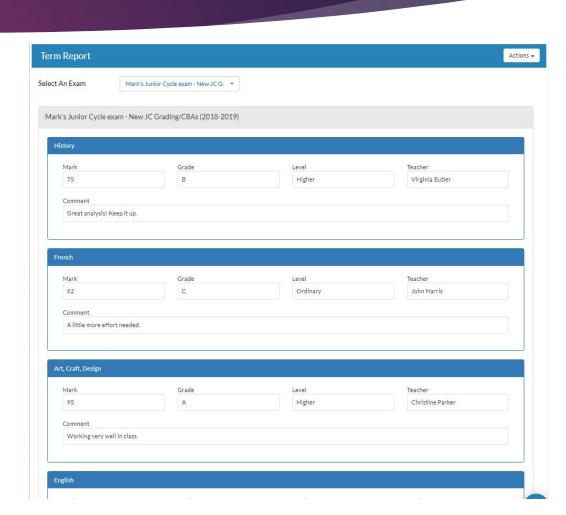
Exams December & May



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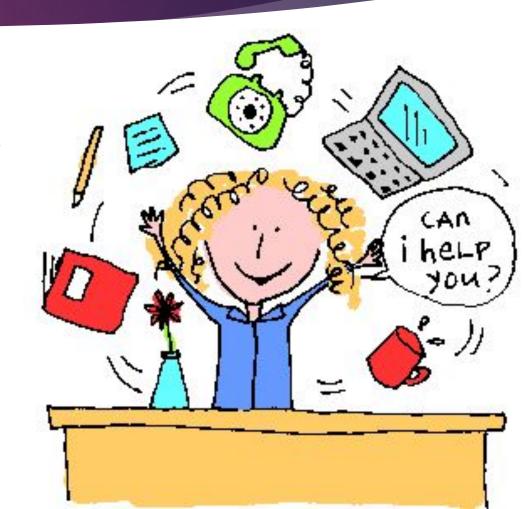


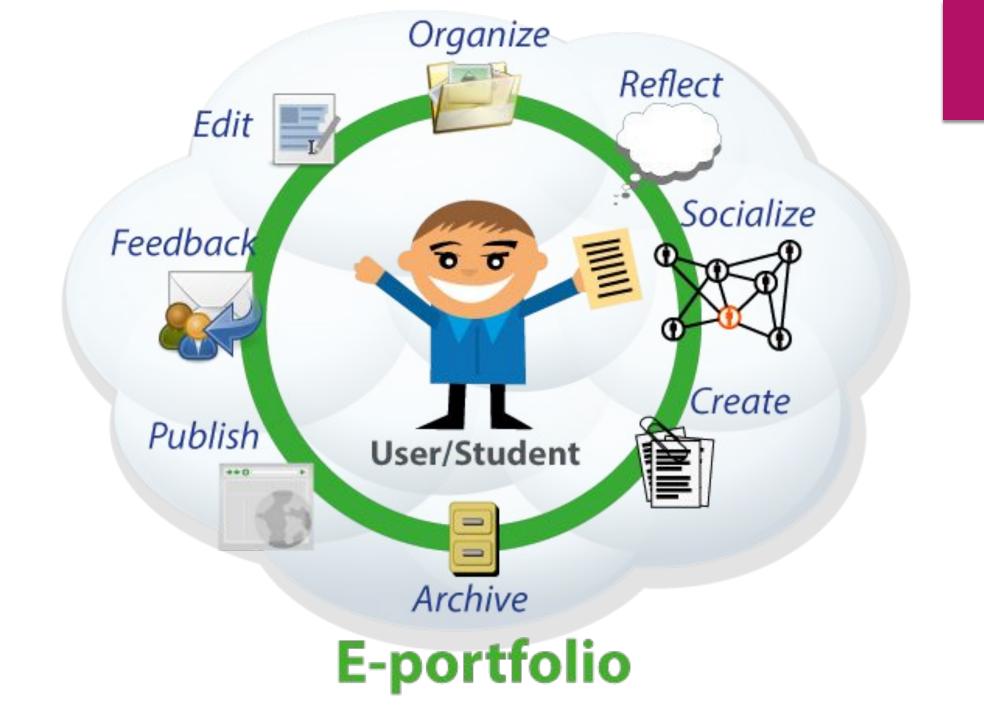


## Interviews



2 Interviews
Credits
Tell us all!





#### E-Portfolios

Overview

Throughout TY, students document & record their experiences using an e-Portfolio.

This digital space serves to be a platform for students to present their work in a thoughtful and personal manner and is a useful tool that allows the TY team to observe individual students engagement in the programme.



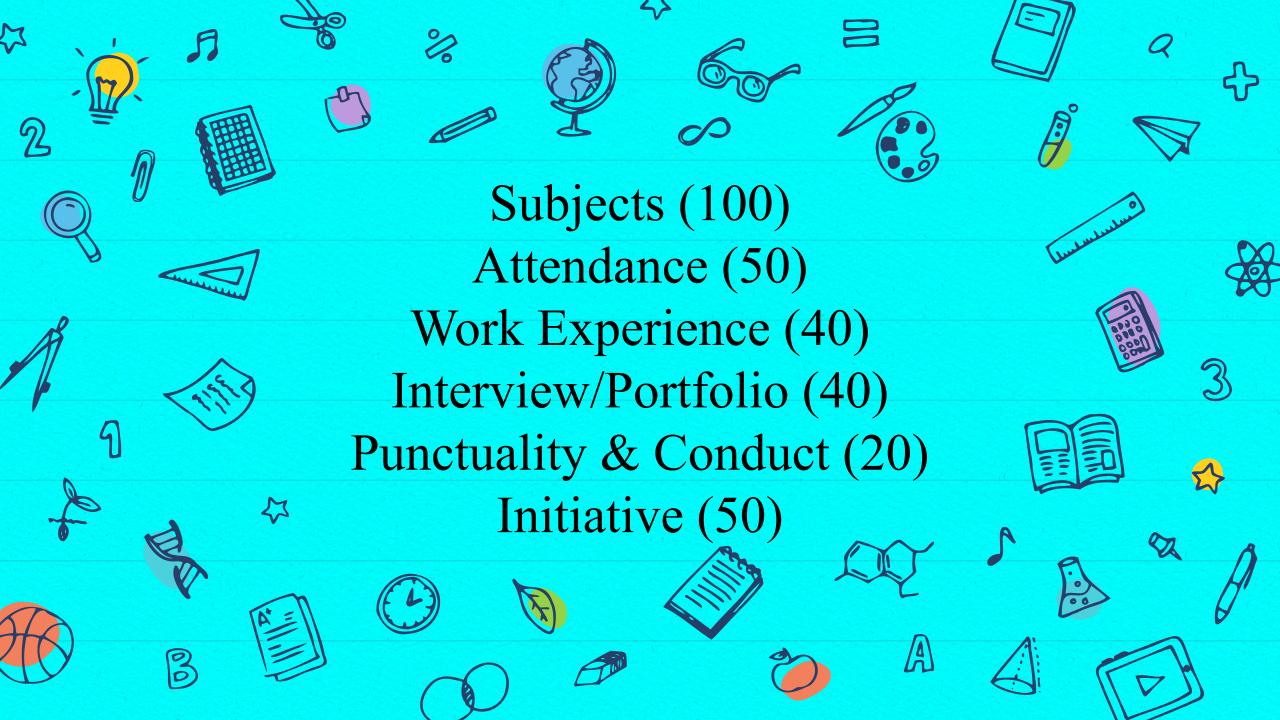
This certificate is presented to

for Academic Achievement



SECSON RE-







- 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

## PASTORAL LEADERSHIP



Attendance



**Behaviour For Learning** 



**Academic Progress** 



Transition & Growth





- Development Days(5) September May
- Carlingford 4<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Work Experience & Community Service November, January, February, May
- TY Interviews (2) November & May
- Musical March 2024





- Competitions & Workshops Ongoing
- Trips
- Gaisce Presidents Award Ongoing
   Opportunities inside & outside school
- TY Night Showcase (May)
- Exams November & May



## Development Days

The Little

- First Aid Certified
- Retreat Dublin Tour

Dublin Tour - Little Museum,
 Dublin Castle, EPIC

- Dublin Zoo Workshop
- Self Defence training







## PARIS

#### **Important Dates**

1. Friday 10th March - Full details given to students

2. Monday 13th - Incoming Parent Evening

3. Wednesday 29th March - Application Deadline

4. Wednesday 19th April - Places offered to students



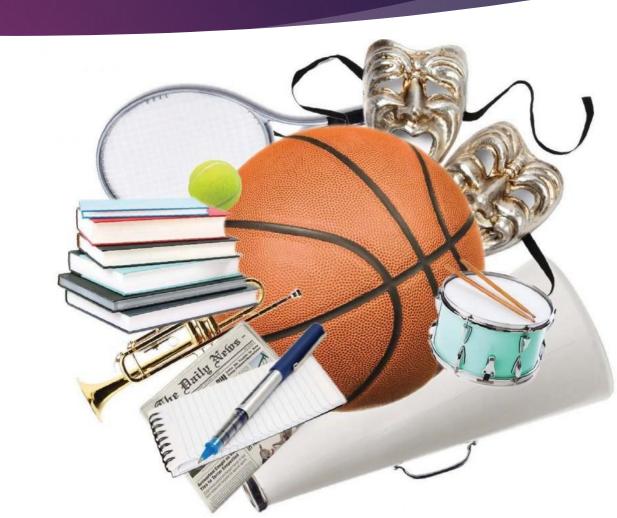
#### Extra-Curricular

**School Clubs** - Choir, Chess Club, Maths Club, Homework Club, Film Club, Puzzle and Games Club, Science Club, Debating, Model United Nations

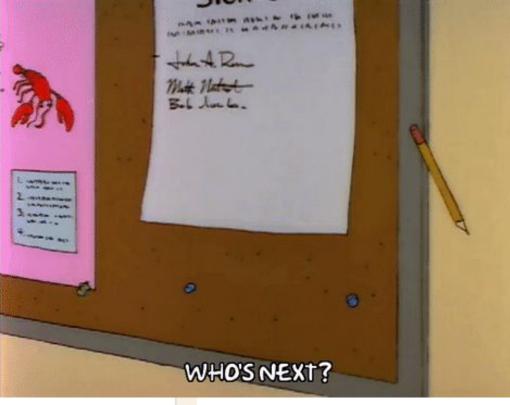
**School Sports** - Hockey, Running Club, Badminton, Football, Camogie, Basketball, Athletics, Tennis, Rounders

#### Out-of-school clubs/sports/activities

**TY** - Sign language, Toastmasters, Tech 4 You, Volunteering opportunities, Barista Course, Fighting Words, Ziplt, Bake Off, School Bank, LIFT, Gaisce







### Barista Training Sign Up

Barista Training - Barista Induction Course

This is an extra course that will run after school on a Wednesday afternoon. It is a 90 minute course.

There is also the possibility of progressing on to the Qualified Barista Training Course.

The cost of the Induction course is approximately €25.

To sign up simply complete the form.

If you've any questions you can speak to Ms Phelan.



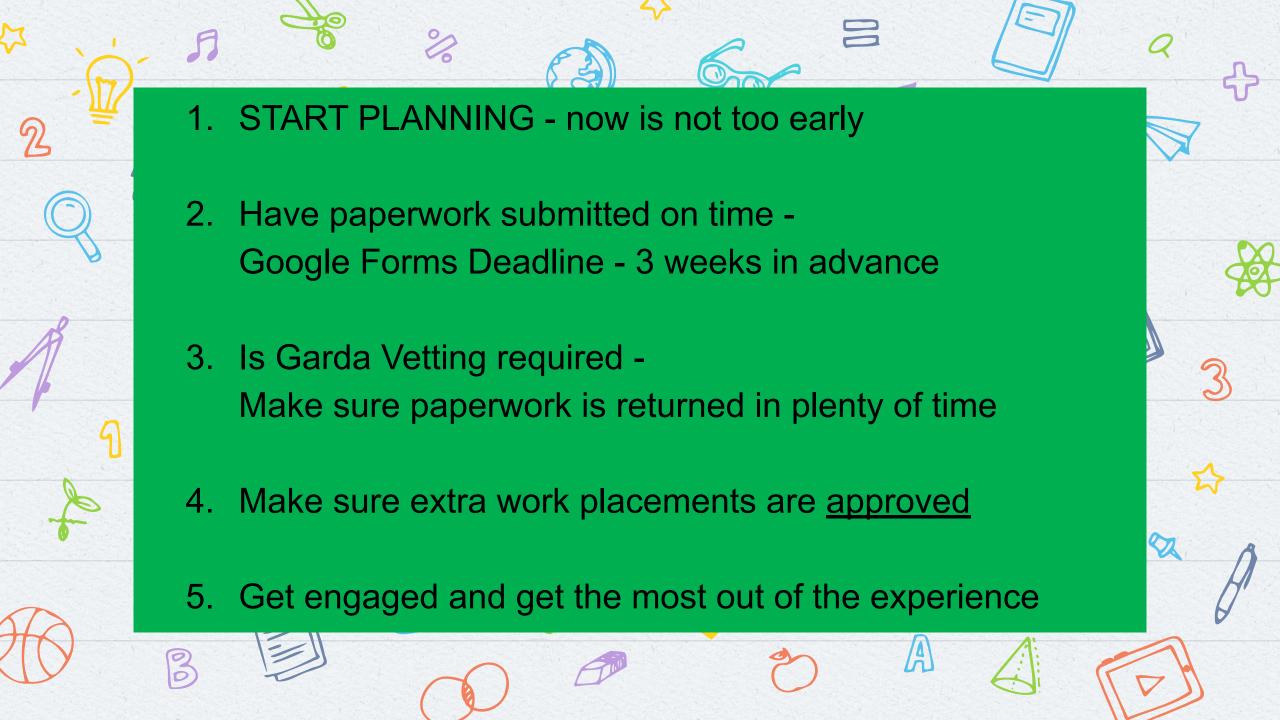


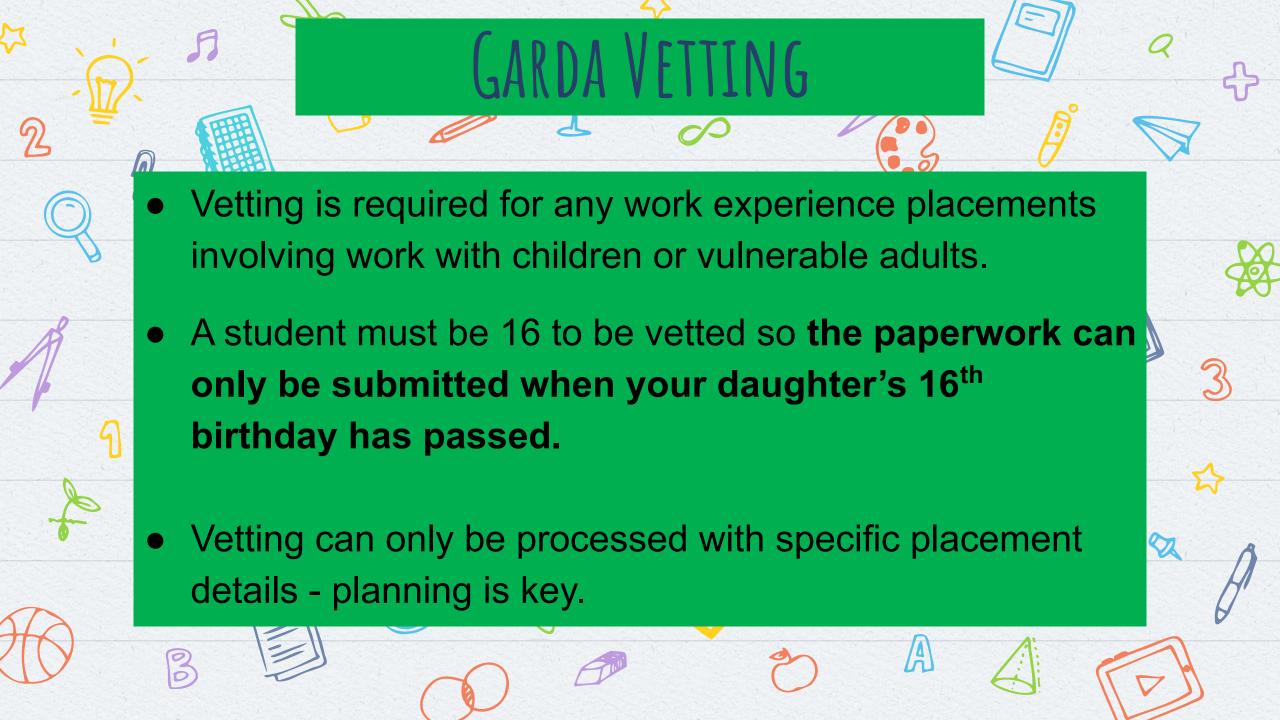
### Gaisce Bronze Medal

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











### **STEPS INVOLVED IN APPLYING FOR GARDA VETTING**

- 1. Student downloads the form, Parent and student complete the form
- 2. Student brings the form to the TY Coordinator who checks (this must be done in person
- 3. Coordinator arranges for form to be submitted
- 4. Parent will receive email for completion
- 5. Coordinator will contact <u>student</u> by email to confirm vetting is returned and ready for collection



### STUDENT REFLECTION

- Within the marketing department, I have learnt the importance of the brand (logo, slogan, colour scheme, font, images), directing advertising towards specific age demographics (google ads, social media, email marketing) and marketing budgets.
- I researched the EU Legislation concerning labelling of products that have geographical indication status within the EU, specifically the appropriate wording on a product description on a label.
- I learnt how to do covid testing, how to test for bacteria in water and how to see the bacteria in the air.
- I learnt how to tell which horn of a bovine uterus is impregnated. I also was shown how seminal fluid is collected from sheep for testing. I also was shown ovaries were aspirated with a syringe to collect oocytes.
- Scheduling appointments on the google calendar, using the welfare partner to check if people are eligible for money off eye tests or glasses, sorting through orders and getting them ready for collection.



# ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- Students can apply for <u>one additional placement</u> throughout the year. This placement is not permitted during Carlingford, musical, exams, or other key dates.
- 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 via email for an additional placement.



## STEPS INVOLVED IN APPLYING FOR ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE - Including college courses

- 1. Student must check the calendar to ensure dates do not clash
- Student completes additional work experience form and emails to TY Coordinator
- 3. Coordinator will confirm to student if their application has been successful or not
- **4.** Coordinator confirms dates with the TY team and school office.
- 5. Student MUST catch up on all work missed





- Work Experience / Community Service Block 1 20th - 24th November
- Work Experience / Community Service Block 2 29th January - 2nd February
- Work Experience / Community Service Block 3 6th - 9th February
- Work Experience / Community Service Block 4 7th - 10th May



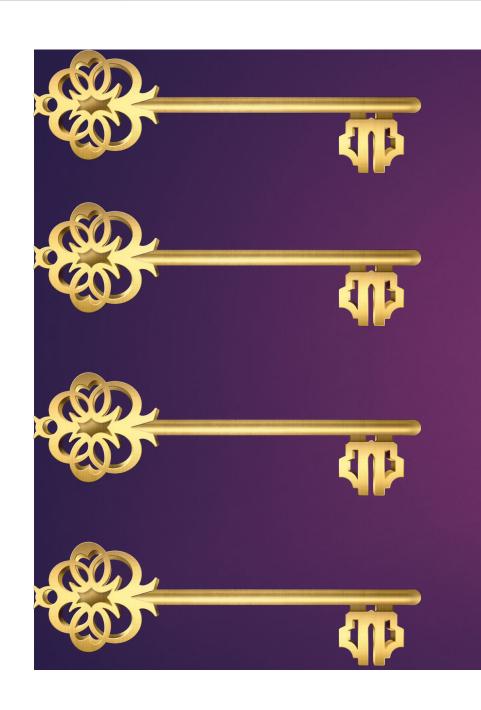












### Communication

Prepare & Plan

Mind Set

Motto



## **Communication**

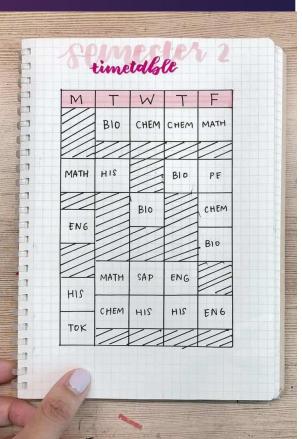
Know what's going on





# Prepare & Plan







### Mind Set

Sign up for everything

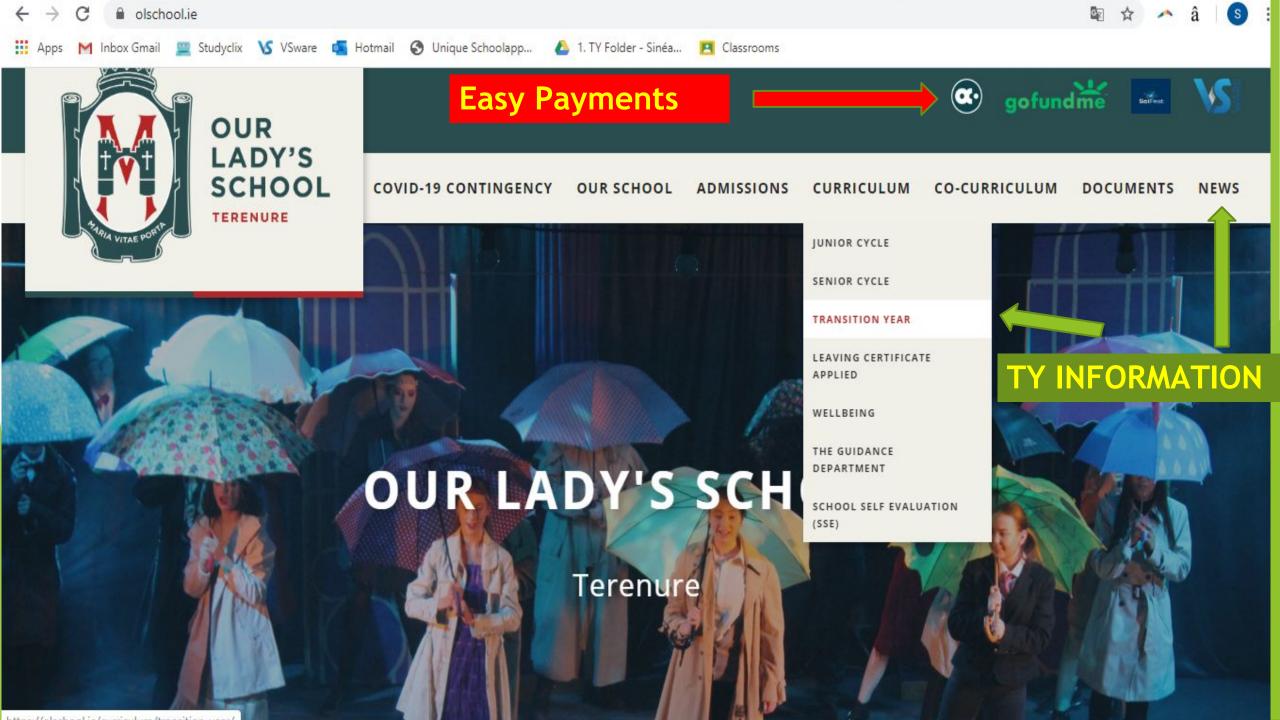


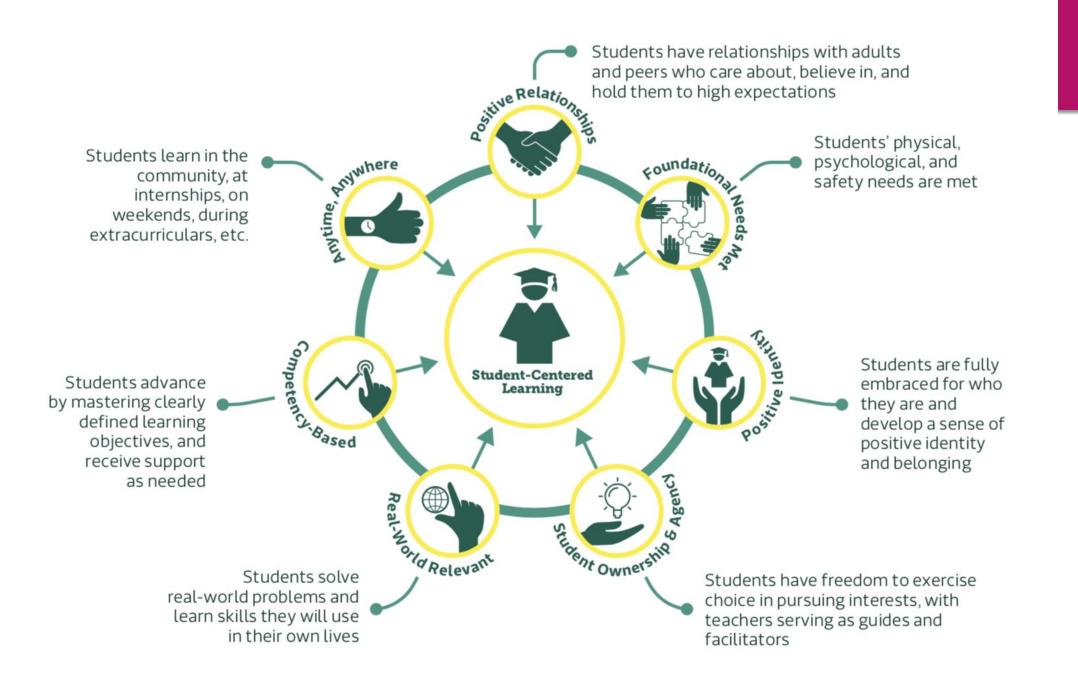
Students get out of TY what they put in to it

# LAST YEAR'S THEME FOR THE YEAR...

'NEVER DO ANYTHING BY HALVES







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