



2025 Information Meeting



W e l c o m e

Transition Year 2025-2026

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



**Ms.  
Aoife Ronan  
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### PRINCIPAL

**Ms  
Marguerite  
Gorby**



### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**Mr.  
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## TRANSITION YEAR LEADERS

### Year Head



**Ms .  
Bateman**

### Programme Coordinator



**Ms Edel Donlon**

### Year Head



**Mr.  
Cantwell**

## YEAR TEAM



**TY1  
Form Tutor**



**TY2  
Form Tutor**



**TY3  
Form Tutor**



**TY4  
Form Tutor**



**TY5  
Form Tutor**



# TRANSITION YEAR AT OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

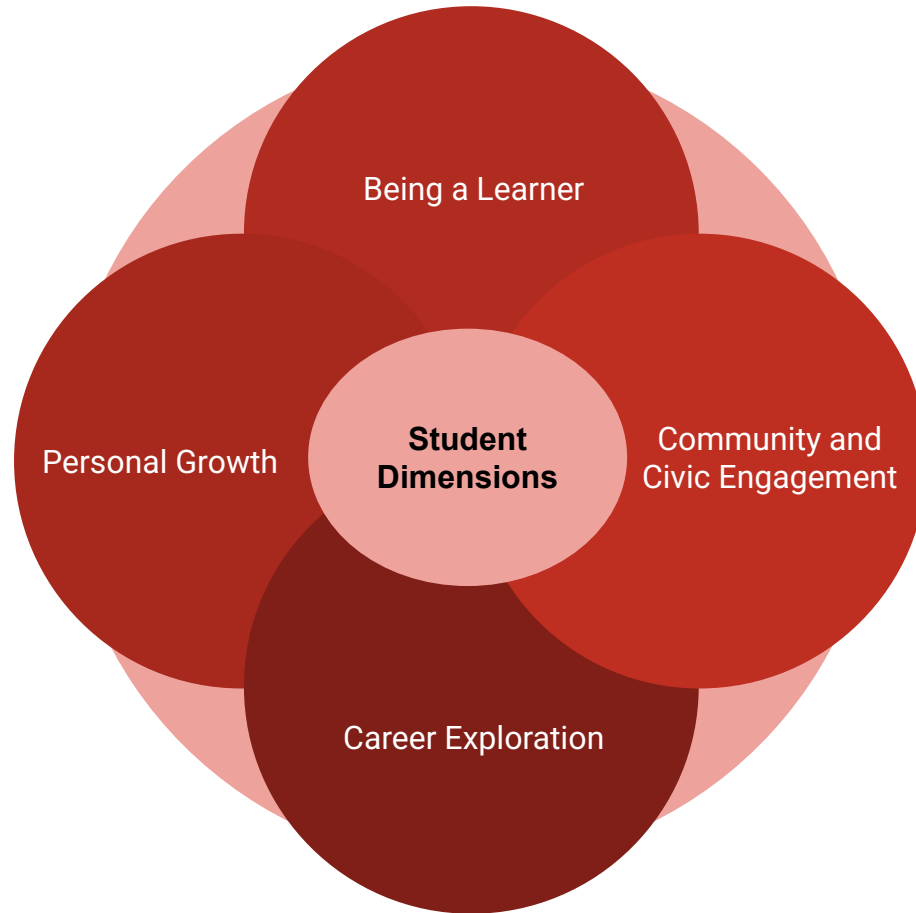


# Aims of the TY Programme

1. Nurture the development of the student as a whole person by building on their previous experiences, through a curriculum designed by the school that is aligned to the TY Programme Statement
2. Create space and opportunities for meaningful, enjoyable learning experiences through which the key competencies of the student can be developed in the classroom and school, in the home and in their role as local, national and global citizens
3. Expand the student's experience and awareness of diverse future pathways and nurture the student's capacity to sustain their growth and development through a process of lifelong learning
4. Evolve continuously to support the learning and development of the student through a reflection and renewal process involving students, teachers, school leaders, parents and community partners

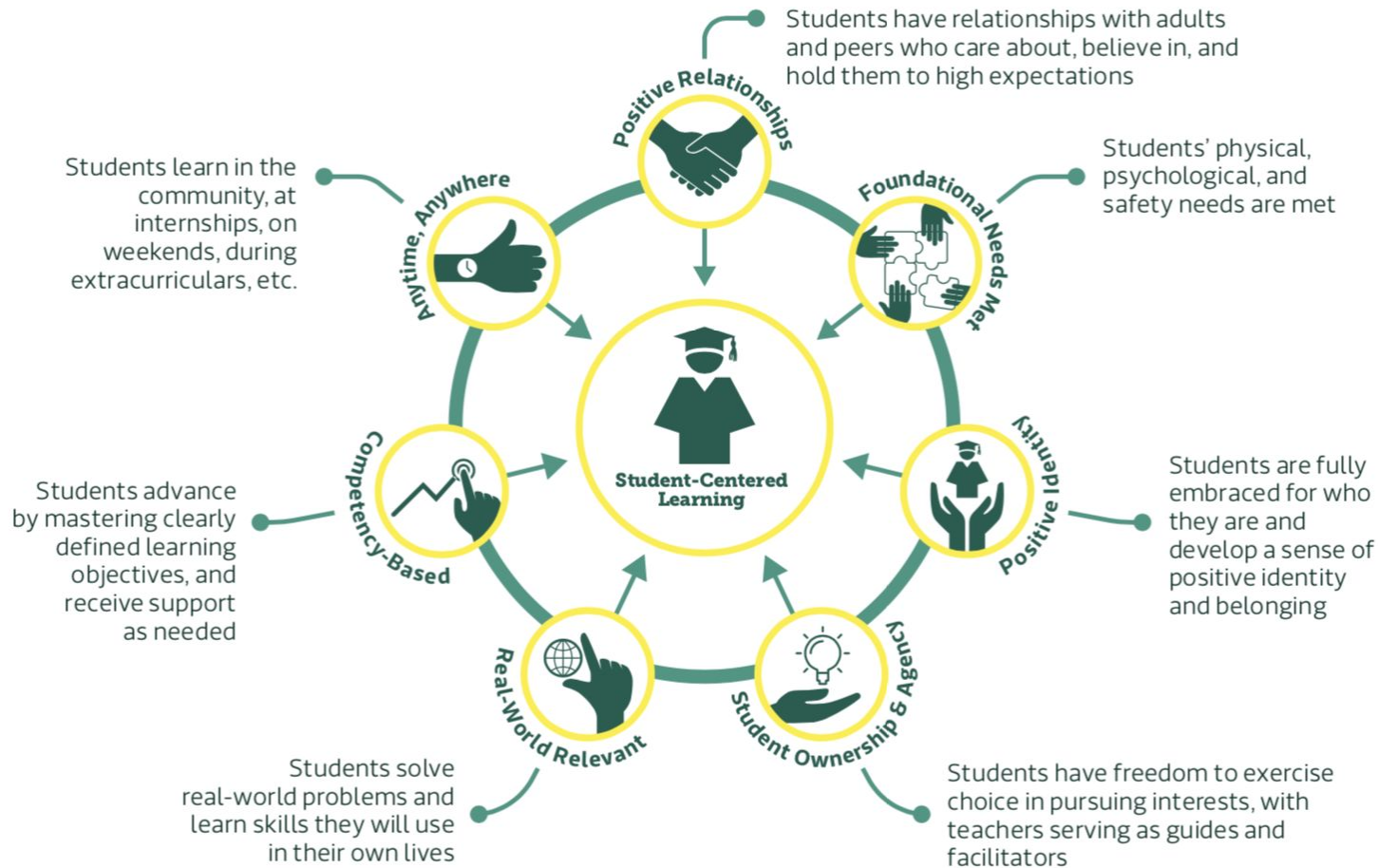


# Student Dimensions





- ▶ Personal Development - Social awareness & increased Social competence
- ▶ Improve organisation and Time Management skills
- ▶ To Mature and Take responsibility for yourself and your progress/step outside comfort zone
- ▶ Opportunity to bridge the gap between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle.
- ▶ A space to figure out signature strengths and explore new areas of interest
- ▶ Experience the world of work
- ▶ Build your own CV-Gaisce/first aid/sign language etc.
- ▶ Chance to research and find out more about college options and future careers
- ▶ To sample LC subjects
- ▶ To experience other subjects





# HOW DOES IT WORK?

# TY Subjects

MODERN  
FOREIGN LANGUAGES



GEOGRAPHY  
HISTORY



SCIENCE



Sample LC subjects



New subjects e.g  
film/Chinese etc

RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION



WELLBEING:  
SPHE  
PE



ENGLISH  
IRISH  
MATHEMATICS

- ▶ In class assessments ongoing
- ▶ Reports and Examinations November & May in line with the rest of the school



Term Report Actions

Select An Exam Mark's Junior Cycle exam - New JC G

Mark's Junior Cycle exam - New JC Grading/CBAs (2018-2019)

**History**

Mark	Grade	Level	Teacher
75	B	Higher	Virginia Butler

Comment  
Great analysis! Keep it up.

**French**

Mark	Grade	Level	Teacher
62	C	Ordinary	John Harris

Comment  
A little more effort needed.

**Art, Craft, Design**

Mark	Grade	Level	Teacher
95	A	Higher	Christine Parker

Comment  
Working very well in class.

**English**



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# ***E Portfolio***

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

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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.



# E-portfolio

# INTERVIEWS



*Students get out of TY what they put in to it*

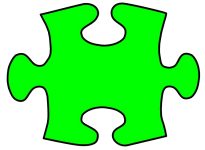


***2 Interviews  
Tell us all!***

Subjects  
Attendance  
Work Experience  
Interview/Portfolio  
Punctuality & Conduct  
Initiative  
Careers Project



# PASTORAL LEADERSHIP



Attendance



Behaviour For Learning



Academic Progress



Transition & Growth



TEAMWORK

# Calendar Highlights

- Development Days- 5 throughout the year
- Carlingford 1st - 3rd October
- Work Experience & Community Service  
November, December, February, April
- TY Interviews (2) - November & May
- Musical - April 2026
- Competitions & Workshops
- Trips
- Gaisce - Presidents Award -
- TY Night - Showcase (May)
- Exams - November & May



# Development Days

- ▶ First Aid - Certified
- ▶ Retreat - Dublin Tour
- ▶ Dublin Tour - Little Museum,  
Dublin Castle, EPIC
- ▶ Self Defence training

The Little  
**MUSEUM** of  
**DUBLIN**



# Gaisce Bronze Medal



## ▶ 4 areas:

- ▶ Physical Recreation
- ▶ Personal Skill
- ▶ Community Involvement
- ▶ Adventure Journey

## ▶ 26 weeks in total

- ▶ App: Parental permission
- ▶ [www.gaisce.ie](http://www.gaisce.ie): student signs up, PAL activates account



# Gaisce Bronze Medal

- ▶ 5 sections
  - 13 weeks physical activity
  - 13 weeks community service
  - 13 weeks personal skill
  - 13 weeks extension of one of the previous three.
  - Adventure journey (Glendalough Hike)
  
- ▶ All information will be given in August

# 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, Bake Off, Gaisce



# Extra courses

Royal College of Surgeons - Mini Med & Mini Dentistry  
Self Defense

# Musical

- 60 places- 2 classes
- Auditions held before the summer for 30 places
- Sing, dance AND act-more information from Ms Reilly about the piece you will be asked to perform
- 60 maximum Musical
- Remaining 30 will come from a lottery system so randomly chosen





# City Break Trip



- ▶ Expression of Interest form will be sent via APP
- ▶ Information will be given in September
- ▶ Previous years the trip was Lake Garda Italy, Barcelona and Paris
- ▶ Usually around €950 approx
- ▶ Saturday-Tuesday first week of the Easter holidays





## ▶ TY Reps

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





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1. START PLANNING - now is not too early
  2. Have paperwork submitted on time -  
Google Forms Deadline - 3 weeks in advance
  3. Is Garda Vetting required -  
Make sure paperwork is returned in plenty of time
  4. Make sure extra work placements are approved
  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.**
- Vetting can only be processed with specific placement details - planning is key.

# Garda Vetting

## Steps involved in applying for Garda Vetting

1. **Student** can download 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 completes information on website
4. Student will receive email for completion
5. Coordinator will contact **student** by email to confirm vetting is returned and ready for collection

This form is the consent form and must be completed by all Vetting Subjects including students. It must be submitted to the school in hard copy and must be signed and dated in black or blue ink. Photocopies/scanned copies will not be accepted

This form and the identification documents must be retained in compliance with the requirements of the NVB and the school's GDPR policy.



Name of School: ..... Roll No.: .....

School address: .....

In order to proceed with a vetting application, it is a requirement under National Vetting Bureau (NVB) procedures that the applicant must provide proof of their identity and proof of their current residence. The score value of the identification documents provided, which must include one copy of photographic evidence and at least one copy of proof of residence, must reach a minimum of 100 points in accordance with the NVB Vetting ID 100-point system

FORM WILL BE RETURNED IF INCOMPLETE

Insert applicant details:

Full name: .....

Current address: .....

\*Email address: .....

\* Please enter applicants under 18 years of age must provide a parent/guardian's email address

\* Contact phone no.: .....

\* Please note, applicants under 18 years of age must give a parent/guardian's contact number

Role being Vetted for: .....

Declaration:

Please tick box

I have provided documentation to validate my identity as required and I consent to the making of this application and to the disclosure of information by the National Vetting Bureau to the Liaison Person pursuant to Section 13(1) (e) National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 - 2016.

Signed by vetting applicant: ..... Date: .....

Declaration:

If applicant is under 18 years of age parental consent is required.

I, being the parent/guardian of the above-named applicant, consent for the National Vetting Bureau to conduct vetting in respect of the above-named applicant in accordance with the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 - 2016

Name of parent/guardian (please use block capitals): .....

# Additional Work Experience

- Students can apply for **one additional placement** 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.

# Additional Work Experience

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

1. Student must check the calendar to ensure **dates** do not clash
2. 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

# Provisional Dates

- Work Experience / Community Service Block 1  
November 24th
- Work Experience / Community Service Block 2  
December 1st
- Work Experience / Community Service Block 3  
February 9th
- Work Experience / Community Service Block 4  
April 27th

# 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.



# TY UPDATES

24th - 28th of March

## Trip to DCU

On Thursday the TYs left school at 10:45 and made their own way to DCU. This trip will give us the opportunity to visit DCU in order to assist us with are career planning and research. The trip included learning about the available courses, talks about student life and a campus tour of the college. We all had a wonderful day



## Speech competition

We want to say a big well done to Aimee Dignam who is short listed for the speech competition!!



## Colour Run

Well done to the ASF class who organised such a fun colour run! And more importantly raised vital funds for Special Olympic Ireland



11TH OCTOBER  
2024

# TY UPDATES

BY KATIE WRIGHT,  
EIMEAR O'SHEA AND  
LEAH VANCE

## JC RESULTS

Congratulations to all the TYs for getting their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday!

Well done to everyone. You all did fabulously.

## THURSDAY FUN DAY

On Thursday, the TYs got a surprise fun day to celebrate their Junior Cycle results.

We all had a lot of fun!

## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

**MATHS WEEK** - get involved by speaking to your maths teacher

**INTRIGUE** - introduce yourself to your class on Thursday or Friday

**WELLBEEP** - please check in once for your wellbeing talk to see how everyone will be changing.

**ESANE NEWS** - begins on the 21st introduce to a long speech for our school and news

## HPAT + MEDICINE INFO SEMINAR

On Monday the 23rd there will be a talk held in the lecture theatre about the HPAT and information about medicine.

Please email [leah@alcohol.ie](mailto:leah@alcohol.ie) to book a place at the seminar

## RUN IN THE DARK

The Sports Leadership class is organising the 'Run in the Dark' on November 7th. You can sign up by paying 10 euro on EasyPayments. We hope to see you there!

## JERSEY DAY

Jersey day was on this Friday, thank you everyone that showed support by donating to GOAL and wearing their jerseys!

**300' TALK TYM** - Please complete the Google Form to lend a hand with the TYM. If you haven't already. The 300 Year TYM are on Monday the 21st October.



**OUR LADY'S SCHOOL**  
TERENURE

**Easy Payments**



COVID-19 CONTINGENCY OUR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CURRICULUM CO-CURRICULUM DOCUMENTS NEWS

- JUNIOR CYCLE
- SENIOR CYCLE
- TRANSITION YEAR**
- LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED
- WELLBEING
- THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT
- SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION (SSE)



**TY INFORMATION**



**OUR LADY'S SCH**  
Terenure

Monday 25th August  
Return to school

[edonlon@olschool.ie](mailto:edonlon@olschool.ie)

# 1 - 1 DEVICES

The background is a solid teal color with a pattern of white line-art icons. These icons represent various educational and professional tools, including a lightbulb, calculator, globe, pair of glasses, paint palette, paper airplane, ruler, atom symbol, calculator, book, star, compass, pencil, leaf, apple, Venn diagram, leaf, and a tablet with a play button. The icons are scattered across the entire background.

## *Recommended Chromebook Bundle for incoming TY students*

### -Acer Spin 511 [R756TN] Chromebook for Education

- 11.6" Convertible model - versatile with stylus pen
- Robust and Durable
- 1 year warranty [with option to extend to 3 years]
- Current generation model - AUE date June 2033
- Acer Reliability Promise

-Over-ear headset with microphone

-Protective 'Wraparound' exoskeleton case



## *Recommended Chromebook Bundle for incoming TY students*

-Managed Chromebooks for safe and secure educational use

- School policies and settings will be applied
- Classroom management and monitoring software for teachers



## *Recommended Chromebook Bundle for incoming TY students*

### -Cost of Bundle - €472.00

- Additional Option to extend warranty support to 3 years - €30.00

### -Online purchasing facility available

- Full payment option
- Also option to pay in up to 6 instalments
- Open until mid July 2025





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