

The Transition Year Programme 2022-2023

'A Different Year of Learning'



What is Transition Year?

Transition Year is a one year school based programme between Junior and Senior Cycle and is optional in St. Columba's.

Core Subjects

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- European Language
- Science

Subject Sampling

- Development Education
- Art & Crafts
- Sciences
- Construction Studies & DCG
- Engineering
- Business Studies & Accounts
- History & Geography
- IT- Microsoft Office Specialist

Subject Sampling

- Creative Cookery
- Physical Education – Sports Leadership & Future Leaders
- Enterprise Education
- European Studies
- Music & Theatre Production

Transition Year Specific Activities

- Enterprise & Mini Company Competitions
- First Aid – Certificate & Exam
- Gaisce - The President's Award
- Model United Nations & Euroscola
- LYIT Coding Workshop
- A Look Into Law

Transition Year Specific Activities

- Microsoft Office Specialist
- Presentation & Interview Skills
- Road Safety Awareness
- Christmas Sleep Out & Charity Challenge
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Additional Activities & Opportunities

- Work Experience Placement
- Visiting Guest Speakers
- European Excursion Tour
- Local & National Field Trips
- Toast Masters
- Twin Towns Chamber Activities

Friday Modules

The last 3 classes on a Friday are dedicated to fun and new and exciting experiences.

Friday Module Options

The options are endless - we've done swimming, strength & conditioning, boxing, camogie, photography, up - cycling, craft & refurb, knitting, jewellery making, self - defence, astroturf, guitar, sign language, tennis, media studies & film making, coding and golf lessons

Work Experience

All students will have the chance to experience the 'World of Work', many with local employers or further afield.

This will either be in two week blocks in November and May, or on an ongoing basis where students visit an employer every Wednesday. The format for the academic year 2021 has not yet been decided.

Assessment Strategies

- Portfolio Assessment
- Oral /Aural Assessment
- Individual & Group Project Work
- Self & Peer Assessment
- Written/Practical Class tasks
- Interview

Certification

Individual certificates are issued for many activities, in addition to Department of Education & Skills Certification
Students are awarded Distinction, Merit or Pass.

Why opt for Transition Year?

- Discover more about your personal strengths.
- Age profile of Irish students.
- Develop entrepreneurial skills

Why opt for Transition Year?

- Time to mature
- Improve self-esteem
- Build interpersonal and team skills
- Extend the learning experience beyond the classroom
- Explore the World of Work

Cost of TY Programme

- The cost to students to participate in next year's Transition Year Programme will be €300. All Transition Year outings, activities, class materials, etc. are included in the €300 fee as well as the MOS (Microsoft Office Specialist) and the class retreat. The only other additional expense that may be incurred by TY students may be the cost of a European educational trip which will be optional for all students.

Further information

- A recorded presentation is available on the following link:
<https://youtu.be/NwatGYundyA>
- If you have any further questions regarding the Transition Programme please contact the college on (074)9131246 or email bmccrea@stcolumbasstranorlar.ie