



Transition Year 2026/2027 Information Evening

St John Bosco Community College, Kildysart



Information Evening - 29th January 2026

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- Introduction
- A brief overview of the Transition Year Programme- social and academic benefits of Transition Year in St John Bosco Community College
- Subject sampling
- Work Experience and the opportunities to explore career options in Transition Year
- Workshops, Guest Speakers and Additional Optional Opportunities
- Assessment & Certification
- TY Fee



What exactly is Transition Year?

Transition Year is a one-year programme that bridges the gap between the Junior and Senior Cycles.

It's so much more than just an extra year in school.

It's a year of exploration, growth, and preparation - a bridge that helps students transition from adolescence to young adulthood and from the Junior Cycle to the Senior Cycle.



Overview of the TY Programme

- Our school's Transition Year (TY) program is all about helping the student grow as a person.
- It give students chances to learn in fun and meaningful ways
- The programme helps students discover the different paths they could take in the future
- The TY programme will evolve continuously to support the learning and development of the student
- Students and Parents are invited to have an input into the programme
- A survey will be given to participants to enable us to plan a programme around the student
- Feedback from parents and students is always welcome – share with us your skills and ideas



Benefits of the TY Programme

- TY offers students the opportunity to try out a range of new experiences and develop new skills through a variety of modules that they would not be able to experience in 5th year..
- The TY programme offers a wide range of workshops/initiatives
- It gives students the chance to develop new hobbies and skills that they can take with them long after they leave school. Of course, all these activities give students the opportunity to mix with new people and meet new friends. A lot of the activities focus on teamwork and friendship.

A year to mature



- Many students who proceed straight into 5th year will find themselves being 17 when they are looking to embark on college life.
- TY offers young people the chance to mature and develop which will in turn help them to navigate the transition to senior cycle easier.
- College dropout rates are higher in less mature students. The extra year of maturity TY offers can not only help them make the right college choices but also settle into college much easier when they go.
- Students in TY have a distinct advantage over those who proceed directly into 5th year when it comes to gathering up experience, skills, hobbies and references for their CVs.



Benefits of Transition Year - Student Survey



I think TY made me more mature as I had a year to develop my personal skills before entering senior cycle
TY Class 2023/2024

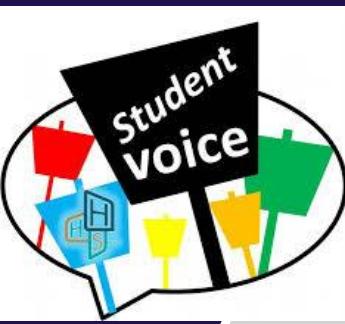
I improved my public speaking, communication, teamwork and organisational skills as TY offered many opportunities to use and practice these skills.
TY Class 2023/2024

It allowed me to mature which has benefitted my motivation to work and to learn
TY Class 2024-2025

I think TY influenced my self esteem and helped me grow and mature.
TY Class 2023/2024

I am a year older and more mature and this has helped me make important decision about my subjects for senior cycle.
TY Class 2024-2025

I think it influenced me to do well in 5th year as I had the break I needed
TY Class 2023/2024



Benefits of Transition Year - Student Survey



**After the break of TY,
I felt ready to put
in the work in 5th year.**

TY Class 2023-2024

**It is a year that you grow as a person
and put yourself outside your comfort
zone which is always a good thing. I
also loved having a break after the
junior cert and it made coming into
fifth year a little bit easier.**

TY Class 2023-2024

**TY benefitted me
as I feel I am better able
to concentrate on
studying in fifth year.**

TY Class 2023-2024

**I feel it has
benefited me because I
am more confident
and mature after TY**

TY Class 2023-2024

**Being a year older has benefitted me
with my decision making and my ability
to study.**

TY Class 2024-2025

**The extra year was majorly beneficial
to me. I came back into fifth year with
a new appetite to learn and do well in
my Leaving Cert as it gave me the
vision to see the end goal. I found that
my ability to study was greatly
improved as my motivation was far
stronger.**

TY Class 2022-2023



Transition Year Review

**Former TY Student & Student President
Rachel Hayes**



Subjects

- TY students are afforded the opportunity to sample all Senior Cycle subjects during the year, helping them with their subject choices going into Senior Cycle
- The taster programmes offered in TY give students a much better chance of choosing the right combination of subjects for them.



Subject Sampling

- All students will study both **core and optional subjects** throughout Transition Year.
- **Core areas** of study will include the following: Irish, English, Maths, Modern Languages, Physical Education, SPHE, Career Guidance

Students will also do the following subjects in Transition Year

Business & Accounting
Humanities (Geog and History)
Construction Technology
World of Science
Coding
Culinary Studies
Electronics & Engineering
Preparation for Work
Environmental Studies
Religious Culture



Subject Sampling - Culinary Studies

- Visits to local food businesses
- Ethnic food projects,
- Cooking competitions
- Crafting

The Healthy Home Chef Cookery Competition - ATU, St Angela's



Eimear McGee took part in the Healthy Home Chef Competition in 2024.

Subject Sampling - Business/Enterprise Ed.



Clare Local Enterprise Competition



Student Enterprise





Subject Sampling - MFL (French & German)

In 2024 St. John Bosco Community College was awarded Erasmus+ Accreditation and is valid until 2027. The accreditation has succeeded in forging strong links with European Educational Institutions.

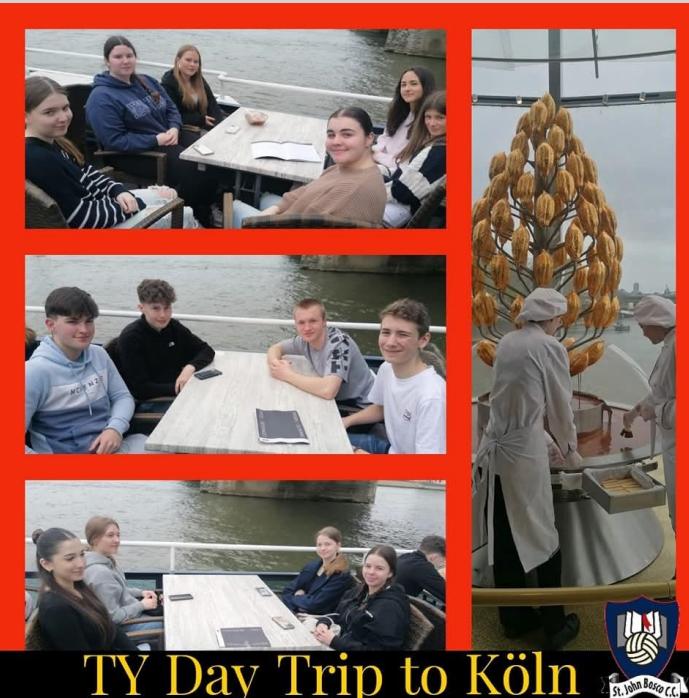


Erasmus+



Erasmus - French & German Exchange

In May 2024 & 2025, TY students travelled to Lille in France and to Gladbeck in Germany. Over the course of their visits, they got a taste of school life and explored the surrounding areas. They stayed with host families and then their exchange partners made return visits to Kildysart. At the end of April this year, TY students will once again get the opportunity to travel to France and Germany.



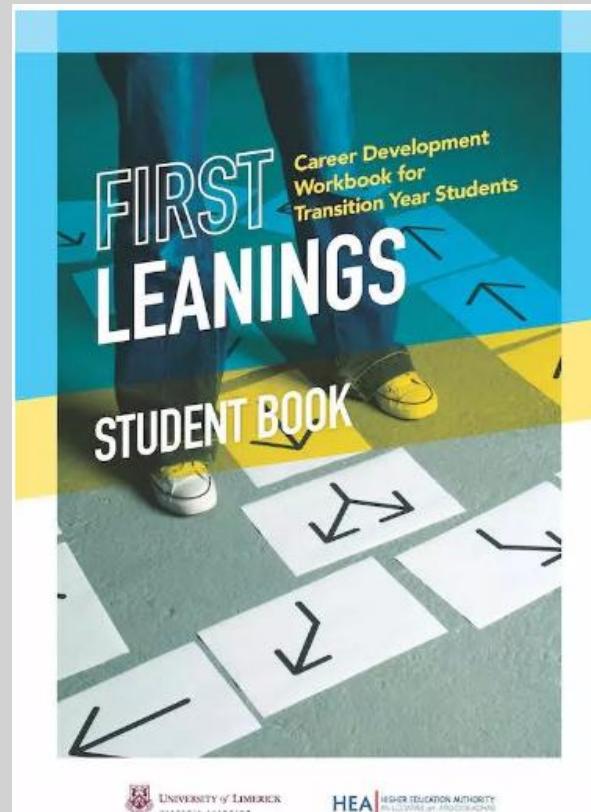
TY Day Trip to Köln





Career Exploration and Development

- Career guidance is an integral part of the TY programme and Transition Year offers a valuable opportunity for career exploration. Throughout the year students learn about the pathways available to them and make more informed decisions about their future decisions that will impact their subject choices for Leaving Certificate



Introduction

Section 1 • Self-assessment

- Worksheet 1.1 · Career Interest Summary
- Worksheet 1.2 · Personality Test Summary
- Worksheet 1.3 · Skills Cards
- Worksheet 1.4 · Personal Values
- Worksheet 1.5 · Self-assessment Summary

Section 2 • Researching the options

- Worksheet 2.1 · Qualifax
- Worksheet 2.2 · Careers Portal/CAO Wizard
- Worksheet 2.3 · CAO Course Search
- Worksheet 2.4 · Taking a Detailed Look
- Worksheet 2.5 · Career Investigation

Section 3 • Subject choices

- Worksheet 3.1 · Subject Choices: What I Need to Consider
- Worksheet 3.2 · Subject Evaluation
- Worksheet 3.3 · My Possible Subject Choices

Section 4 • Work experience

- Worksheet 4.1 · CV
- Worksheet 4.2 · Cover Letter
- Worksheet 4.3 · Elevator Pitch
- Worksheet 4.4 · Interview Skills
- Worksheet 4.5 · Mock Interview
- Worksheet 4.6 · Employability
- Worksheet 4.7 · Work Experience Diary
- Worksheet 4.8 · Work Experience Review

Benefits of Subject Sampling - Student Survey



It gave me an opportunity to have a taster of all subjects and pick the best ones for my Leaving Cert
TY Class 2022/2023

I probably wouldn't have picked the same subjects as I did if I didn't do TY. I learned new skills in classes like construction, coding and engineering.
TY Class 2024-2025

It helped me decide what subjects I think would be worthwhile doing at Senior Cycle and helped me mature before going into senior cycle
TY Class 2023/2024

I think the year helped me to decide what subjects I should pick in senior cycle. My choices would have been very different if I hadn't done TY, which I'm glad about
TY Class 2023/2024

TY gave me ideas of what I would like to do after school which impacted my subject choices in senior cycle.
TY Class 2023/2024



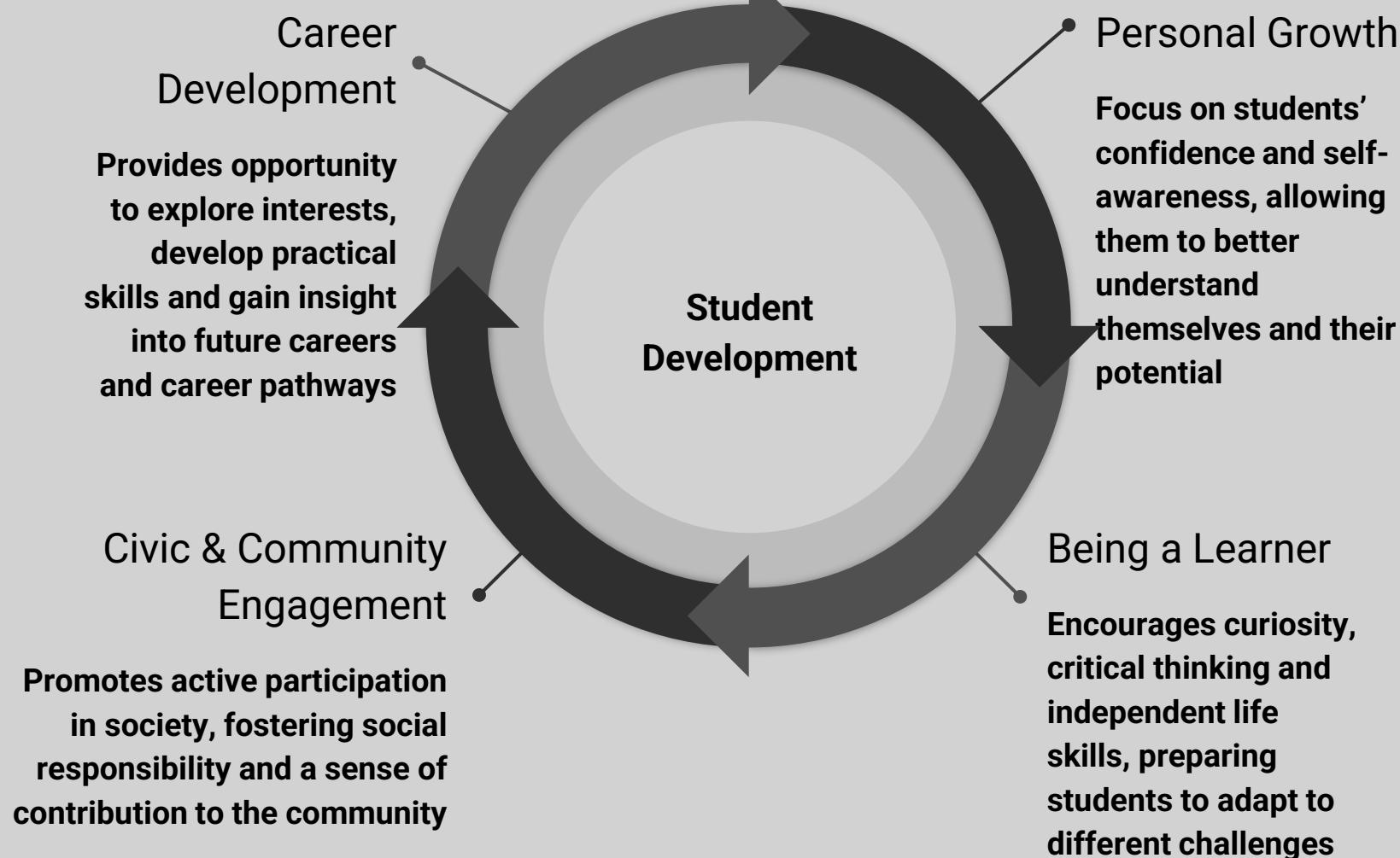


Transition Year Review

Current TY Student Abigail Cogley



Student Dimensions



Career Development



- One of the most valuable elements of TY programmes is the opportunity it offers students to take part in Work Experience. This is valuable for a number of reasons:
 - Students can gain a valuable insight into careers of interest (or discover that they don't like a particular career area)
 - They can get an insight into the 'real world' of work
 - They can gain valuable transferable skills
 - They can get the chance to gain experience/references and can gain part-time employment

Work Experience



- Students participate in 3 work experience placements during the year.
- Parents/Guardians are required to use their contacts to find work placement for son/daughter
- Students are encouraged to try a variety of workplaces throughout the year
- Garda vetting may be required
- All students are covered through school insurance
- Students & Parents will be informed of work experience dates in due course

Work Placement Reviews



A highlight of my work experience in a primary school was how rewarding it was to have an impact on young children's life even if it was just for a week.

TY Class 2023-2024

I got to experience what a full work week would look like and the skills necessary to be successful

TY Class 2022-2023

In the Eye and Ear Hospital in Dublin, I got to watch operations such as cataracts. I also got to experience the consulting part of the job and see various different types of patients. It was a great experience.

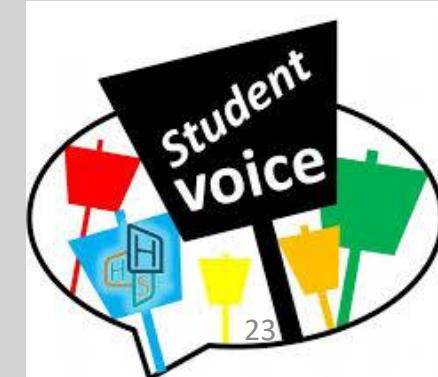
TY Class 2023-2024

I was very proud when a sports article that I wrote was published in the local newspaper

TY Class 2022-2023

Having three opportunities to go on work placement was really beneficial because I got to narrow down possible career paths in the future. I now know what sector I want to work in when I am older

TY Class 2024-2025



Work Placement Reviews



Work experience solidified my interest in what I want to do (after my Leaving Cert).
TY Class 2022-2023

From doing work experience in my local national school I learnt that it is definitely the career path I want to pursue
TY Class 2022-2023

My work experience in TY helped me figure out what I would like to do and skills I'm good at and the ones I need to work on
TY Class 2023-2024

After my work experience in TY I now know what I don't want to do in the future
TY Class 2023-2024

TY Work Experience gave me ideas of what I would like to do after school which impacted my subject choices in senior cycle.
TY Class 2023-2024



Fifth- & Sixth-Year Students, who had completed T.Y.

- Positive perceptions of TY that remained, a full one or two years after participation, included:
- feelings of increased confidence when trying new things (74%),
- learning how to work as part of a team (68%),
- making a better choice of subjects for the Leaving Certificate than would have been the case without the year out (65%),
- having a stronger idea about what the student wants to do after school (65%),
- acquiring and implementing new organisational and time management skills (53%).





Student Experiences



Petersburg - Overnight Trip



Over the last number of years, TY groups have travelled to Petersburg Outdoor Activity Centre in Co. Galway for a 2 day programme full of activities. It's an opportunity for the group to work on their team building and leadership skills and bond as a group.

Throughout the time spent there they participate in various activities, canoeing, abseiling, an obstacle course and orienteering. There is also a focus was on raft building and testing the assembled raft on the waters of Lough Mask to take them to a nearby island.





Workshops and Guest Speakers - A balance of academic, career focused & civic workshops afford opportunities to develop socially, physically and emotionally.

- Road Safety Education
- Communication Workshop
- Jiving
- Leadership workshop



Leadership workshop



Jiving



Driver Education



- Law Education
- Online Certified Courses
- Forensics Workshop
- 3rd Level institution visits in
- First Aid
- Information Talks from An Gúinle Scoláire

Initiatives & Competitions



Students are afforded opportunities to engage with many initiatives offered in the school to aid social, physical and emotional development.

- Active School Flag Programme
- Gaelbhratach
- Future Leaders
- Gaisce - President's Award
- Mentoring Programme
- Science Week
- Maths Week
- Christmas Shoebox Appeal
- Young Environmentalist Awards
- Student Enterprise Awards
- Stand Up Week
- BT Young Scientist Competition
- Charity Fundraising
- Bridging Generations





Bridging Generations



Trips



A promotional image for a trip to Glór Ennis. It features a group of students in teal school uniforms standing in front of a brick building. Below them is a graphic with the text "Trip to Glór" and "glór ENNIS". The graphic also includes a small image of students and a logo for St. John Bosco C.C.

(Junior German): Too Far Away/Zu Weit Weg presented in association with IFI Education

Book tickets





Foreign Trip



Trip to Barcelona - April 2026



London - Day 1





Missionvale, South Africa



Volunteer Trip-Missionvale

Drama / Musical



"This time was filled with memories I will always treasure and I enjoyed spending so much quality time with my friends"

"Nothing can compare to the three nights we spent performing. The laughs we shared getting our makeup on or just singing the songs in the empty hall before it opened, I loved every minute of it!"

Tuck Shop

- The lunchtime school shop is run by the transition year students.
- Students apply for the positions
- Opportunity to work in retail
- They experience the stages of setting up a business
- They learn about planning, preparing a cash flow forecast and adapting a pricing strategy.
- Any profits made goes towards funding events for the TY class.



Ice skating

Assessment and Certification



- Progress Reports- October, February, Easter and Summer
- TY Certificate at TY Graduation
 - Points awarded per subject
 - Work Experience Diary graded
 - Attendance / Engagement

Transition Year end of year assessment		
Student Name:	Max points per subject/module*	Score/Point achieved
Subject/module		
English	100	75
Maths	100	70
Irish	100	70
Woodwork	50	34
Engineering	50	40
Religion	50	35
German	50	30
Art	50	35
History	50	40
French	50	40
Home Economics	50	35
Business/Enterprise	75	50
Science	50	35
Geography	50	25
Drama	50	15
Coding	25	22
Career Investigation	100	90
Supervisors Report/Work experience Diary	100	100
ATTENDANCE/Engagement	100	100
Total	1250	941
Overall Grade	Higher Merit	



Queries / Further Information

If you have any questions regarding Transition Year or require any clarifications around the information presented tonight, please email:

kildysartcc@lcetb.ie

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Transition Year Fees

- The initial Transition Year fee for 2026/2027 is €500. This includes all school based workshops, guest speakers and an outdoor educational trip
- Payment of this fee can be made through Way to Pay. A notice will be sent to parents once Transition Year payments are being accepted.
- Additional Costs - A foreign trip

Application / Interview Process



- Parents will receive an application form via SMS link. - **Friday 30th of January 2026**
- Application closing date is - **Friday 13th of February 2026**
- Interviews held **after mid term break**
- Interview score sheet is available on school website (End of Admissions Statement)