



MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL BALLYMAHON  
TRANSITION YEAR  
PARENT INFORMATION PRESENTATION



# Transition Year



“The opportunity to explore new activities, career paths, and areas of learning in the low-stakes environment of TY”



The Transition Year Experience:  
Aidan Clerkin Educational Research Centre 2019



# Purpose of Transition Year



Space provided to grow and mature



Students have many opportunities to practice teamwork skills, research skills, IT skills, project skills and problem-solving skills



Students become more self-directed learners through the development of general, technical and academic skills

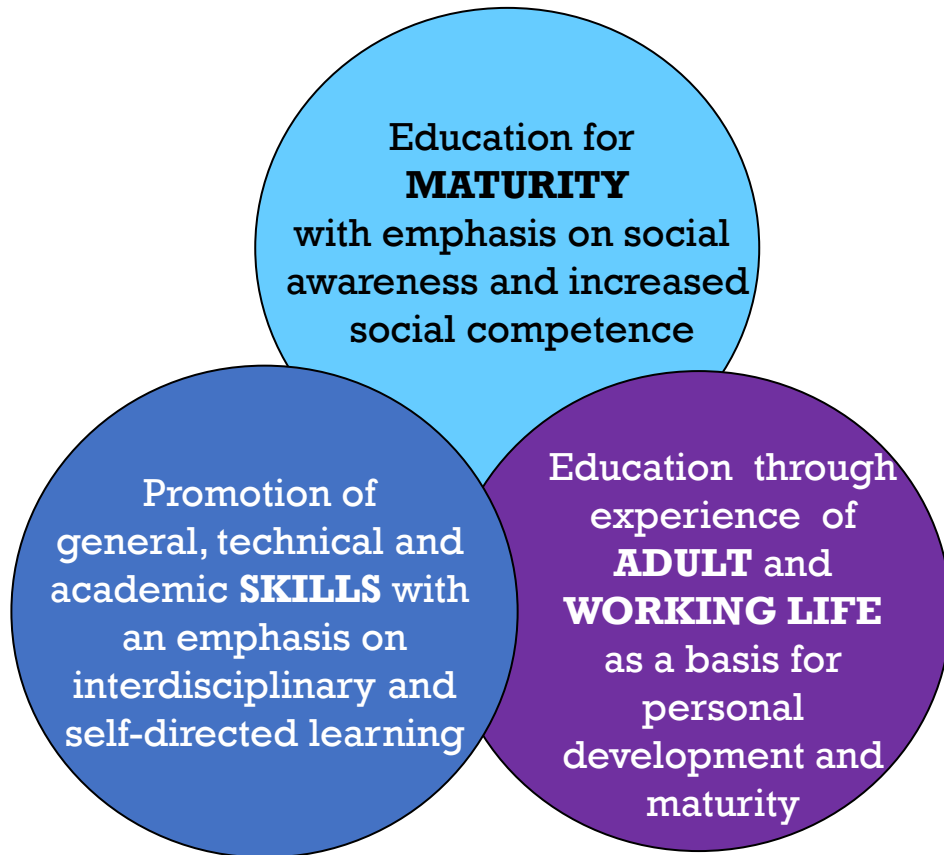


Students gain in maturity in relation to work and careers by developing work-related skills and career planning



Opportunities to develop communication skills, self-confidence and a sense of responsibility

## Multiple Aims of Transition Year



- Bridge between childhood and adulthood
- Bridge between junior cycle and LC programmes
- Broad educational experience
- Active and experiential learning
- Education for maturity
- Skills development
- Experience of adult and working life
- Promote personal, social, educational and vocational development
- Autonomous and responsible citizens

# Student Development Transition Year

## Personal

Confident  
Resilient  
Self-Directed  
Mature  
Independent  
Responsible

## Social Skills

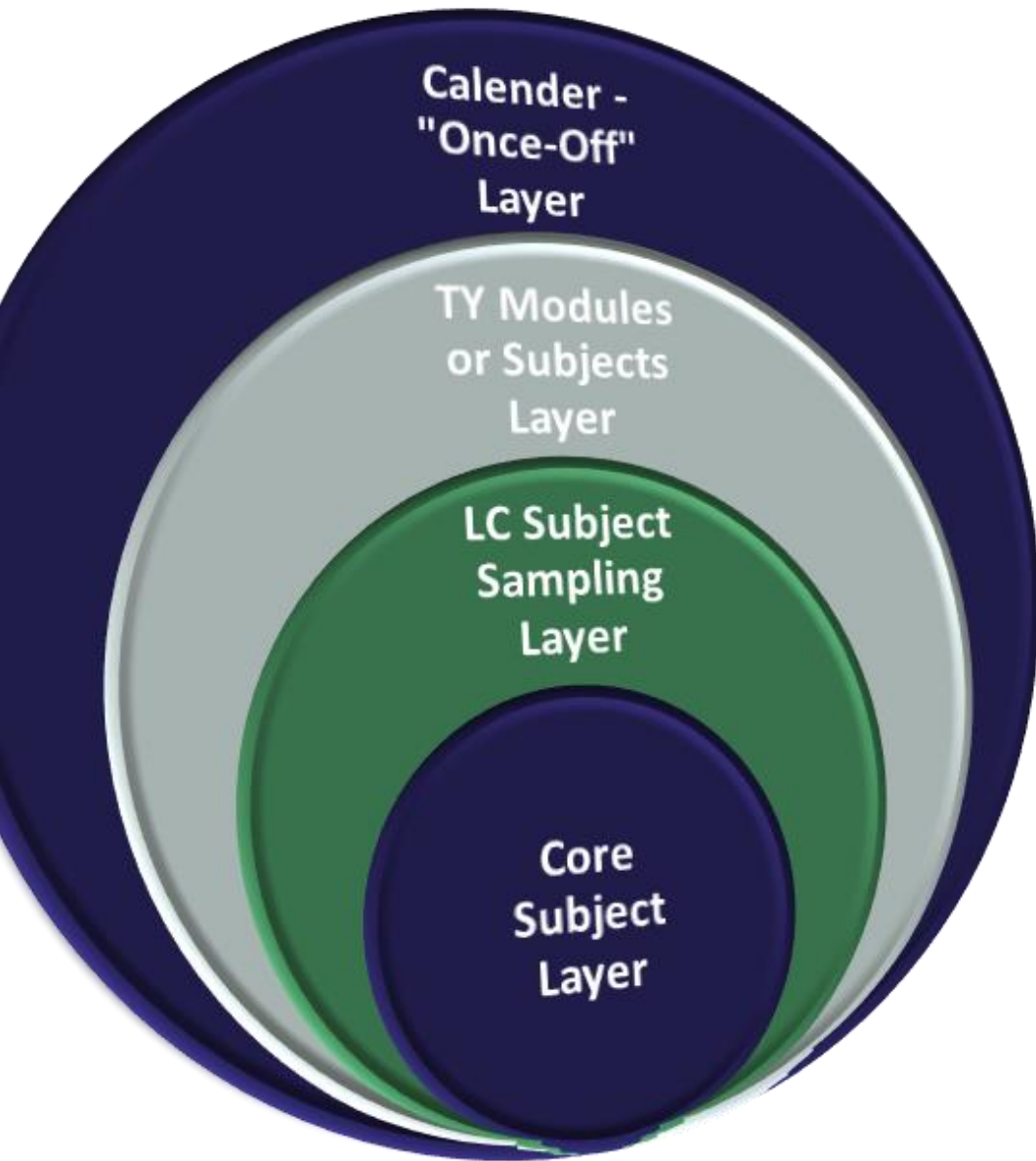
Communication  
Cooperation  
Analytical  
Resourcefulness  
Self-Aware  
Flexibility

## Technical

Transferable Digital  
skills  
Creativity  
Professional  
Artistic

# ***“The Onion”***

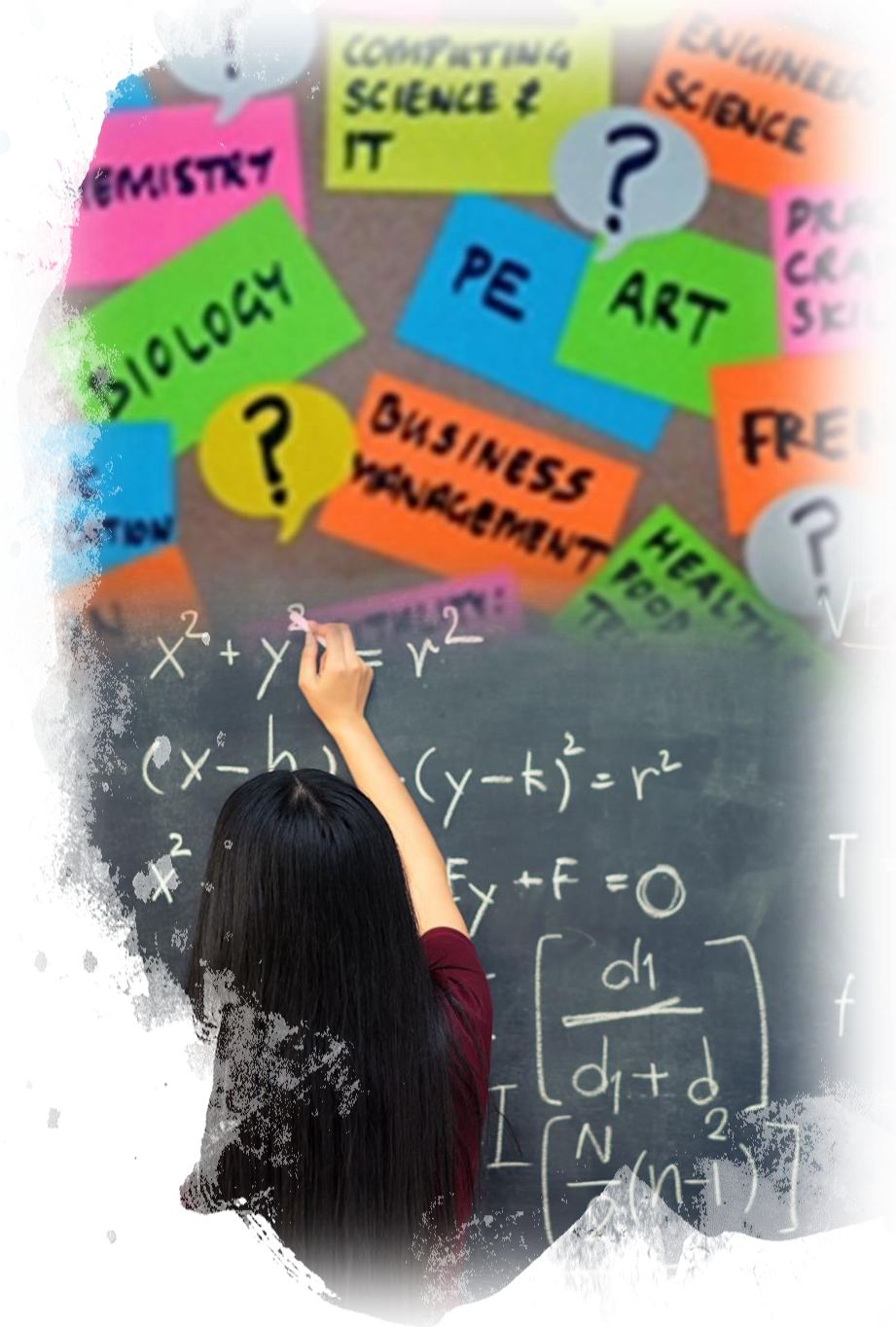
There are four  
distinct layers  
in the  
Transition Year  
Programme



# Core Subject Layer

(Full Year)

- Mathematics
- English
- Irish
- Spanish/French (MFL)
- Physical Education
- Religion



# LC Sampling Subject Layer (8 Week Rotation)

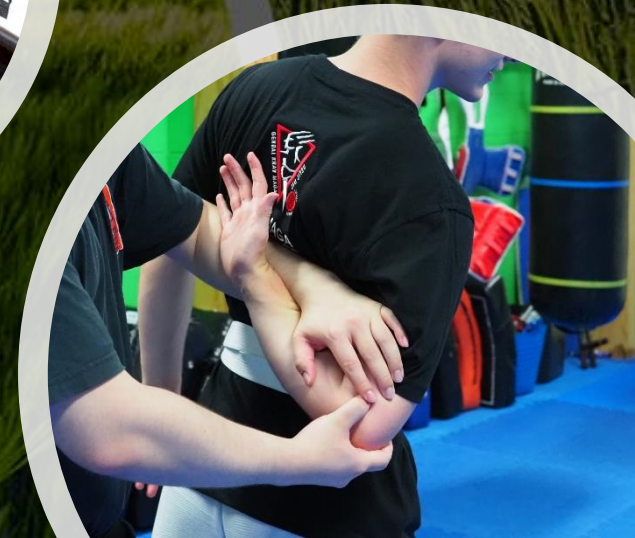
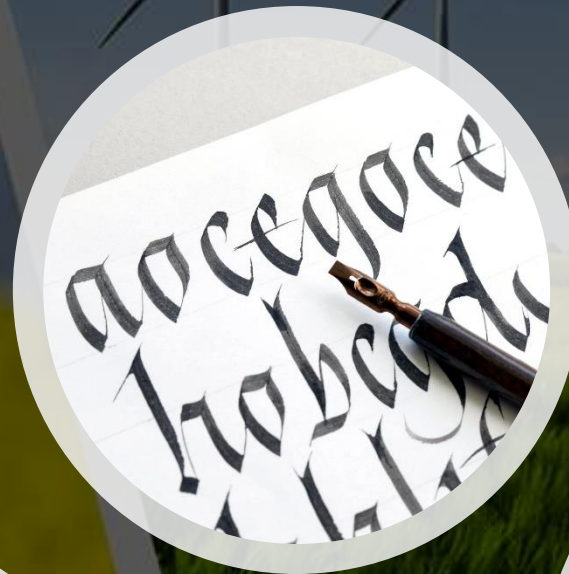
- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Economics
- Music
- Technology
- Home Economics
- History
- Geography
- Art
- DCG - Graphics

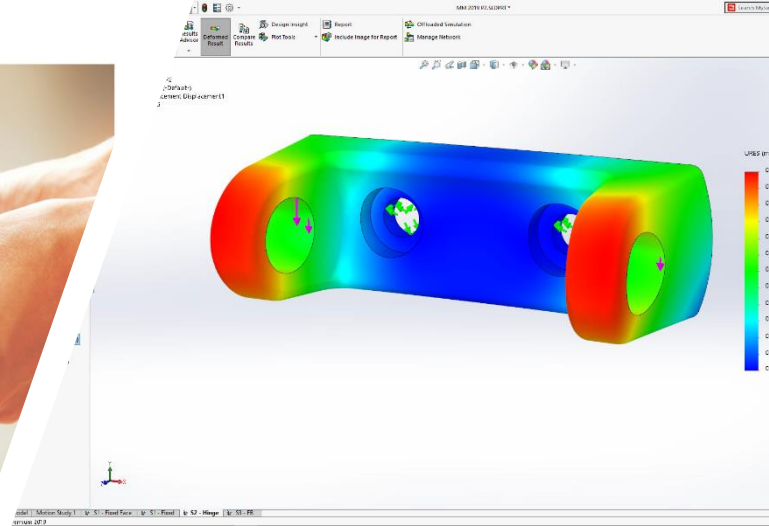




# TY Subject Layer (8 Week Rotation)

- Logic
- Information Systems and Technology
- Green Technology
- Micro:Bits
- Mini-company
- Pilates
- Safe Driving
- Dancing
- Sports Development and Coaching
- Self-defence
- Calligraphy





## TY Subject Layer (8 Week Rotation)

- Life Coaching
- Photography
- Horticulture
- Mind Out
- Graphics
- Wellbeing
- Creative Writing
- Animation
- Preparation for Work
- Radio Production
- Development Studies



# G.A.A Future Leaders Programme

Future Leaders 2022/23 MSSB

Mr. Jones  
Future Leaders Co-Ordinator

Coaching Module  
Nutrition Module  
Refereeing Module  
Sports Journalism Module  
Performance Analysis Module  
Event Management and Sports  
Administration Module  
Wellness Module



## Once Off Layer

\*Subject to change

- Dublin Zoo –  
Wildlife and  
Animal conservation programme
- Tayto Park –  
Manufacturing/Business Tour
- Driver Education – Driving  
Lesson, Safety, Theory Test
- Surfing Lesson – Strandhill
  - National Ploughing  
Championships
- Shannon Aviation Museum –  
Flight Simulator



# Once Off Layer

\*Subject to change

- Bonding Day - Lilliput
- Kairos Communications
- First Aid
- Alan Devine (Communication)
- Work Experience
- Bridgeways
- Convent Day Centre
- Carol singing
- TY sports tournaments
  - Basketball
  - Badminton
  - Indoor Soccer
  - Volleyball



# Once Off Layer

\*Subject to change

- Christmas Craft Fair
- Longford Sports Partnership
- Careers Day
- Youth Buddies
- Maths Week
- Walk in my Shoes
- Home Economics Bake-off
- Safe Driving day
- Guest Speakers
  - STEM
  - Social
  - Careers
  - Mental Health



# Group and Individual activities

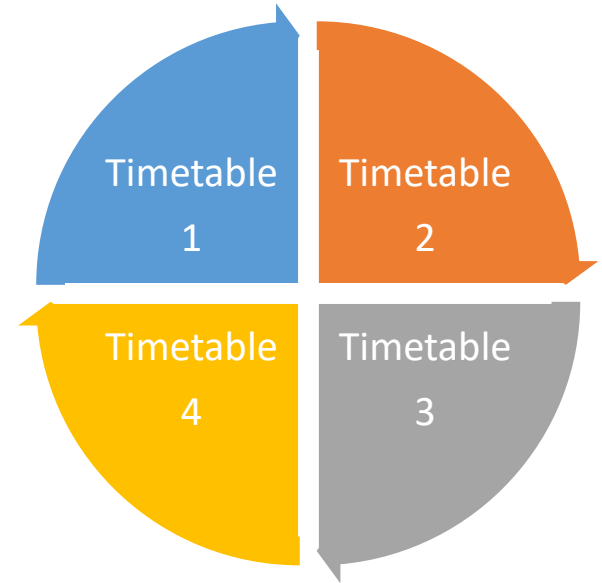
- G.A.A Future Leaders
- BT - Young Scientists
- YSI - Young Social Innovators
- Junk Kouture
- School Bank
- Irish Angus competition
- Shannon Side program
- Gaisce Award
- John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Award
- Digital Champion
- SAT CAN
- F1 in Schools
- Etc.



# 8 Week Timetable Rotation

## 4 X Timetables

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
English 4Eng-A 14 Danielle Mc Carron	Irish 4Ir-A 20 Orla Duffy	French/Spanish	Acc 4Acc-3.1 27 Miriam Keegan	Mathematics
Career Guidance 4Car-A 41 Siobhan O'Neill	Physical Education 4PE-A GYM1 Brian Guerin	Acc 4Acc-A 12 Miriam Keegan	Health & Safety 4H&S-A 22 Niall Finneran	Biol 4Bio-A 21 Niamh Gilleran
French/Spanish	Religious Education 4Rel-A 37 Christopher Teggarty	History 4His-A 31 Matthew Cunniff	Home Economics 4Hom-A 7 Grainne Minogue	Religious Education 4Rel-A 14 Christopher Teggarty
Horticulture 4Hor-A 16 Avril Murphy	Tech 4Tec-A 39 Niall Finneran	Dance (5M4572) 4Dan-A 28 Avril Murphy	Home Economics 4Hom-A 7 Grainne Minogue	Irish 4Ir-A 41 Orla Duffy
Leadership Skills 4Leadership_Skills-A 37 Rachel Ryan	Informatics/Systems & Technol. 4Inf-A 39 Lorraine Noone	Mathematics	English 4Eng-A 40 Danielle Mc Carron	
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## Structure of TY Timetable

- **28 Timetabled classes per week**
- **Core Subjects** - Maths, MFL. classes do not rotate
- **Core subjects** – English, Irish, Physical Education and Religion. Rotate every 8 weeks (Each rotation looks at a different section of subject) e.g English - Drama, Poetry, Film etc.
- **Rotational Modules** –Short taster style classes e.g Life-skills, Leaving Cert tasters etc. (Rotate every 8 weeks)
- **Calendar ‘once off’** Booked throughout the year depending on availability etc.



# Transition Year Assessment

- TY academic year is divided into 4 x 8 week terms
- Students will get an assessment in each subject at the end of each 8 week term
- 4 terms = 4 reports
- Students will be graded
  - Distinction
  - Merit
  - Pass



# Review of current TY 2022/2023

- Full Timetable (28 Classes)
- TY Show
- Bonding Day – Lilliput
- National Ploughing
- Enterprise Mini-companies
- Drugs Talk
- Christmas Fair
- Certified First Aid Course
- Guest Speakers
- Photography Trip
- Alan Devine – Workshop
- Irish Workshop
- Still Voices Film Festival
- Gambling Workshop
- Venom in Medicine Workshop Snakes and Spiders
- Gaisce
- Kairos – TV production
- Work Experience
- Student Leadership
  - Clubs
  - Christmas Fair
- Christmas Cinema trip
- Dogs Trust Ethics Workshop
- Shannon Aviation Museum
- Forensic Fun
- Driver Education Workshop
- Ger Carey Comedy Show
- Law Day
- Boda Borg
- Dublin Zoo
- Tony O'Reilly (Tony 10)
- Surfing
- Tayto Park
- And many more events/talks

- Our TY programme is constantly changing and we are always looking for new ways to improve the student experience.
- The usual norms of behaviour/application/effort/attendance will be expected.
- An openness and enthusiasm for new opportunities will be encouraged/expected.
- An opportunity for some to turn things around & mature.
- Representing the school – students will at all times conduct themselves appropriately.



**BUSTED**

*'The doss year' & 'Taking the foot off the pedal'??????*



- *Students who do TY achieve 40-45 points more than students who do not*  
(Economic and Social Research Institute 2005, Old points system)

- *Students who do Transition Year (TY) engage better with their studies for the Leaving Certificate than those who do not.*  
(The Transition Year Experience Aidan Clerkin Educational Research Centre 2019)

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What do you learn in TY?  
TY Class of 2022

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Please  
contact me  
if you have  
any further  
questions or  
suggestions!

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