

TRANSITION YEAR 2025- 2026



“TY programme offers a unique opportunity where schools and communities can collaborate to encourage young people to thrive now and into the future” NCCA

He revealed he fell in love with acting when he was 16-years-old performing *Phantom of the Opera*.

“I was in transition year, which is like two years before finishing school. And I remember being wheeled out on this fake organ and not having a clue how to play the organ.”

Paul Mescal

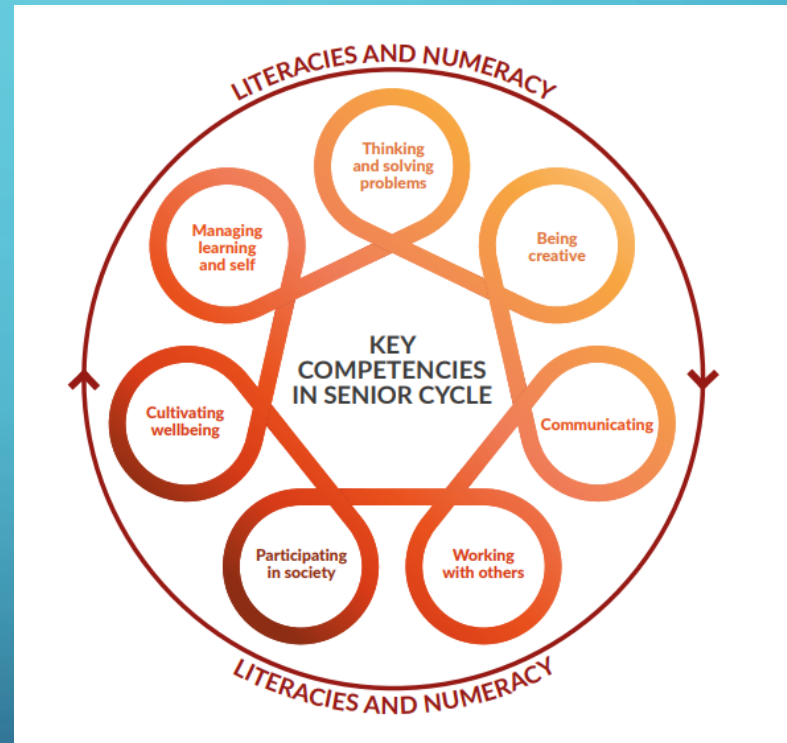


TY PROGRAMME HAS CHANGED

TY PROGRAMME STATEMENT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH A **FLEXIBLE, COLLABORATIVE APPROACH** TO PLANNING PROGRAMMES FOR THEIR CONTEXT. FUNDAMENTAL TO FOSTERING SCHOOL-LED INNOVATIONS, PROMOTING **EQUITABLE ACCESS** AND OFFERING YOUNG PEOPLE **TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCES** THAT WILL GROUND THEM THROUGHOUT SENIOR CYCLE AND INTO THEIR FUTURE LIVES. SCHOOLS CAN ADAPT THEIR TY CURRICULUM SO THAT STUDENTS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO **DEVELOP THE KEY COMPETENCIES** TO THRIVE AND FLOURISH IN THIS RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD

Completed a **TY Audit** Reflecting on our Curriculum, Reflecting on our Student experiences, Components Overview.

TY Core Team includes the TY Coordinator & year head, guidance counsellor and a number of teachers who are actively involved with the coordination and development of the TY programme.



TY

- develops aspects of the **SC key competencies**
- explore **career options**
- sense and experience of **civic & community responsibilities**

CHALLENGES OF CHANGES

Curriculum Changes

2 hours English, Irish, Maths

PE 1 hour, SPHE (max 1 hour)

Min 1 hour e-portfolio/reflective class

Career guidance one class per week or classes timed to target key events

Elective Modules: 3-4 hours a week

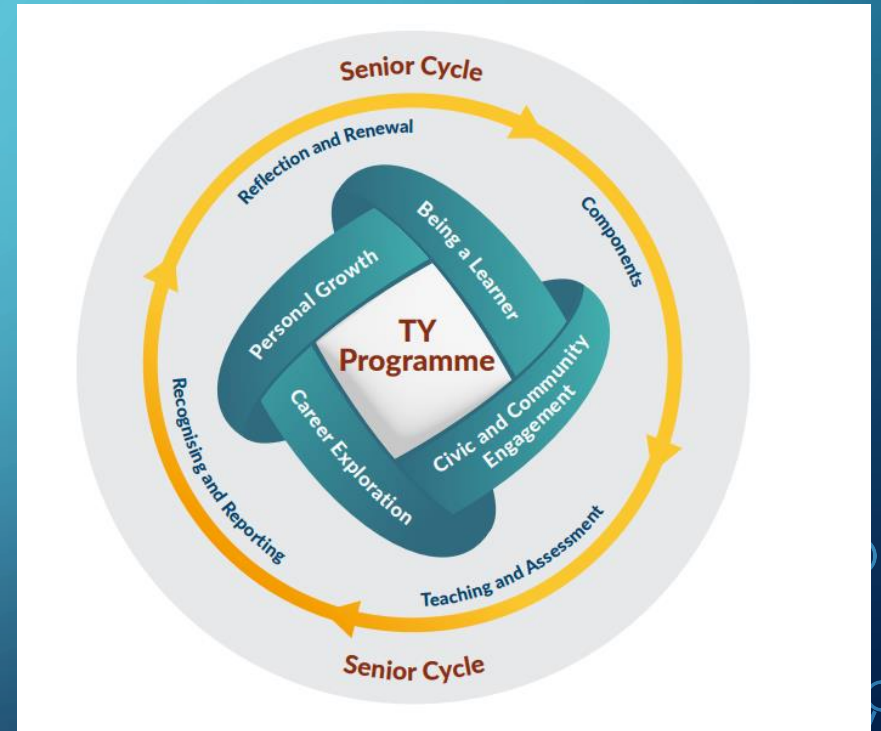
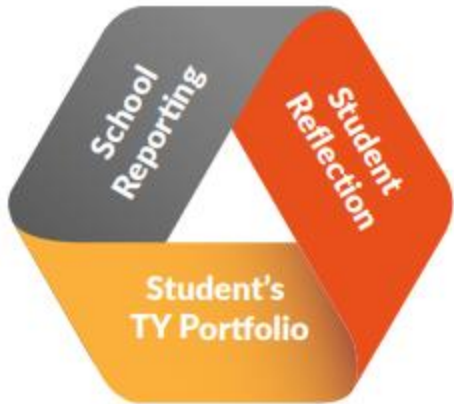
Educ for Sustainable development: **one module or all student experience**

Work Experience & reflection – e portfolio

Evidence annually **student reflection** on how TY programme can be improved...Reviewing, evaluating and updating the TY programme, in a continuous and inclusive manner....

The **assessment** of students' learning and development in TY can be achieved and captured through a:

TY student portfolio
coordinated approach to assessment.



4 Curriculum Dimensions scaffold 4 Students Dimensions

Things that work well in TY

(Extended tasks & projects/School & community/personal development/work experience & reporting)

Teacher, Student and Parent consultation on TY

- Winter market
 - Film Studies
 - Polytunnel /Horticulture
 - Trips out
 - Podcasting
 - Links to 3rd level- TUS
 - Green schools
 - Barista Coffee training
 - Future leaders
 - Art module/pottery
 - Christmas dinner
 - Visiting speakers local artist, poet, historian, Community Gardaí, Solicitor etc
- Self-defence
TY Ball
Mini Company
Photography
Sustainability
Hair & Beauty workshop
Road Safety
Bay sports
Jeannie Johnson trip
Tidy towns
Summer BBQ
- Homework clubs with 1st years
Active schools
Bord Gais trip – Fiddler on the Roof
Bay Sports outdoor activity
Birr out door cycling
Yoga
Dance module
Community outreach
Music module
Carol singing
Lilliput overnight

Projected costs	€400 fee (Sept – Dec approx):
Bay sports Trip – 2nd Sept	€60 (included in fee)
Bord Gais – 9th Oct	€90 (included in fee)
Martial Arts Programme (6 week starts Sept 2025)	€40 (included in fee)
Yoga (6 week starts end Oct 2025)	€45 (included in fee)
Cycling Birr	€45 (included in fee)
Photocopying, journal, Insurance	€80 (included in fee)
Halloween Pumpkins – Oct	€5 (included in fee)
BBQ May	€20 (included in fee)
Christmas Dinner	€15 (included in fee)
Barista Training	€50 To pay
Lilliput Overnight	€130 (optional pay extra)
Line Dancing (6 week)	€40 March /April Price TBC
Art & Photography (6 week)	Dates & Prices TBC

Foreign Tour is organised by
School Tour Company
Payments by instalment are
to School Tours. Approx **€700**
All other payments way2pay.
3 more electives at €50 = **€150**
Safe Pass online Course:



STUDY ABROAD programmes

**STUDENTS BETWEEN 15 - 17YO
AND TRANSITION YEAR**

EXPLORE, LEARN, AND GROW

Our immersive study abroad programmes offer secondary students the opportunity to fully immerse in another culture, language, and educational system while living with one of our selected host families. Whether you choose to spend **4 or 8 weeks**, **3 or 6 months**, or an **entire school year** abroad, this is a unique chance to gain a deeper understanding of the world.

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Consider/Organise

- 2 work experience placements
- Study abroad
- Extra skills in the year-
Driving theory test, etc
- Skills can bring to Film
production
- Parent e-portfolio training

CAREER GUIDANCE

CLASSROOM

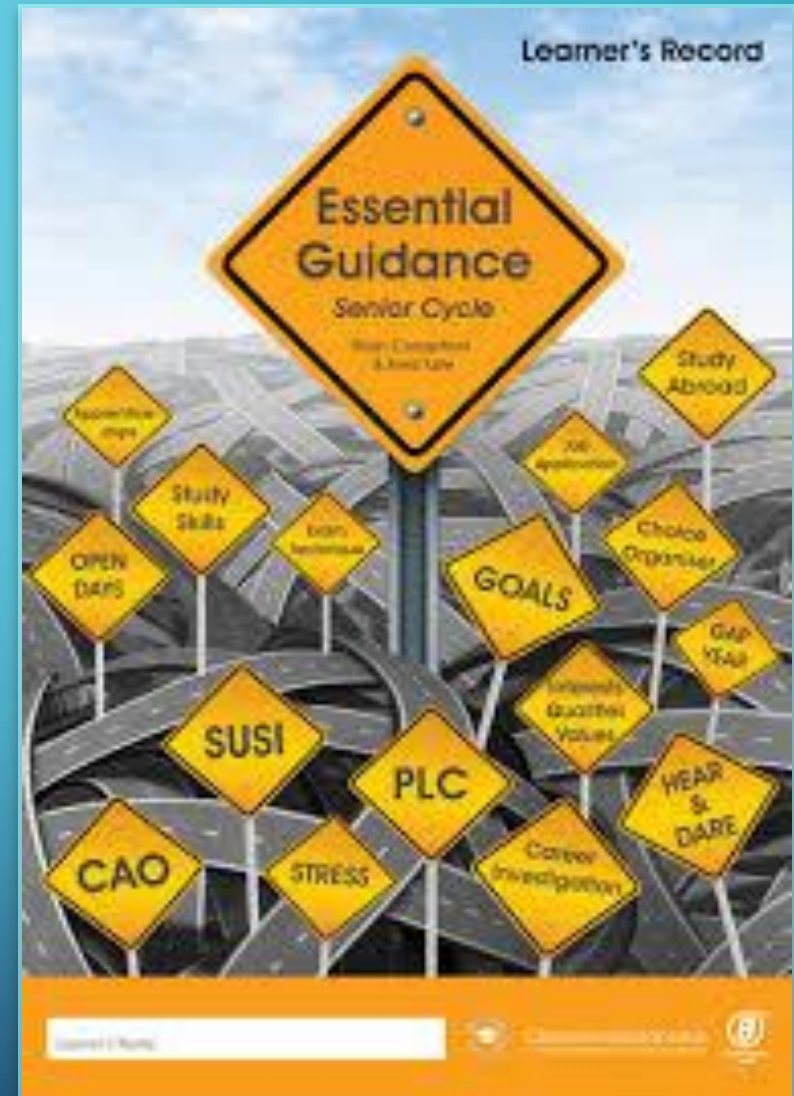
- One class per week
- Aptitude testing/ Study performance
- CV Preparation
- Guest speakers/ World of Education
- Career Exploration

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Every Thursday
- Must have September – December work experience organised before May 9th
- Reflection task worth 50%

CLASSROOM GUIDANCE

1. Using time wisely to research **subjects** needed for courses of interest.
2. Subject choice for Leaving cert.
3. Balance guest speakers – working, apprenticeship, university, PLC
4. Aptitude testing takes time but helps you identify your personality, intelligences, skill set, career sector that may suit you.
5. Using the platform – www.careersportal.ie (Each student is set up with a new account) – this monitors the students activity and research completed throughout the year.



KEY POINTS ABOUT TY



Students who complete TY receive more points at Leaving Certificate.



Student uptake of TY has consistently increased, with a **majority of 3rd year students** opting for TY due to the standard of the programme offered.



Students encounter a range of **new experiences** outside the scope of the traditional curriculum.



Every student has the chance to show and develop their **talents and strengths**.



Benefits of TY have been greatly recognised worldwide.

YOGA – PAID ELECTIVE



- Improved respiration and energy
- Improved cardio and circulatory health.
- Improved athletic performance.



Barista Training

TY Christmas Dinner & BBQ (Summer)



- Bonding
- Budgeting
- Organisation
- Home Economics

Cairde

The Cairde are a group of Transition Year students who work closely with, guide and support 1st year students in the school.

The primary role of the Cairde is to ease the transition from primary to secondary school for all 1st years.

Applications May 2025



GAA Future Leaders

- Sports Journalism
- Referring
- Nutrition
- Event Management
- Performance Analysis
- Coaching



► The Certified Irish Angus Beef Schools Competition run by the Irish Angus Producer Group, along with its processor partners, ABP Ireland and Kepak Group, aims to encourage second level students to gain an understanding about the care and attention that is required to produce and market the highest quality beef for consumers





Cake making and Decorating





Bay Sports

- Team Bonding Trip



Lilliputt 25/25

TY TRIP ABROAD- BARCELONA 2026



▶ €200 non-refundable Deposit payable May 2025

▶ School Tour company

▶ Instalments payable monthly.

▶ Travel April 2026

▶ Cost Approx €700