



TRANSITION YEAR at DVS

Presentation for Students



March 8th 2022

WHAT IS TRANSITION YEAR?

Transition year is a one year programme designed to act as a bridge to help pupils make the transition from Junior to Senior Cycle.

Junior
Certificate



Leaving
Certificate



THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

The overall mission of TY is
“To promote the **personal, social,**
educational and vocational development
of pupils and to prepare them for their
role as **autonomous, participative and**
responsible members of society”.



Transition Year History

- Introduced in 1973.
- Currently over 550 schools offer the programme.
- Approximately 40,000 students
- Compulsory in one third of schools.



Aims of Transition Year

Education for
MATURITY
with emphasis on
social awareness
& increased social
competence

Education
Through experience
of *ADULT &*
WORKING LIFE
as a basis for
personal
development &
maturity

Promotion of general,
technical and academic
***SKILLS* with an**
emphasis on
interdisciplinary and
self-directed
learning



BENEFITS OF TRANSITION YEAR

“The opportunity to explore new activities, career paths and areas of learning in the ‘low-stakes’ environment of Transition year is widely valued”

Dr Aidan Clerkin, 2019

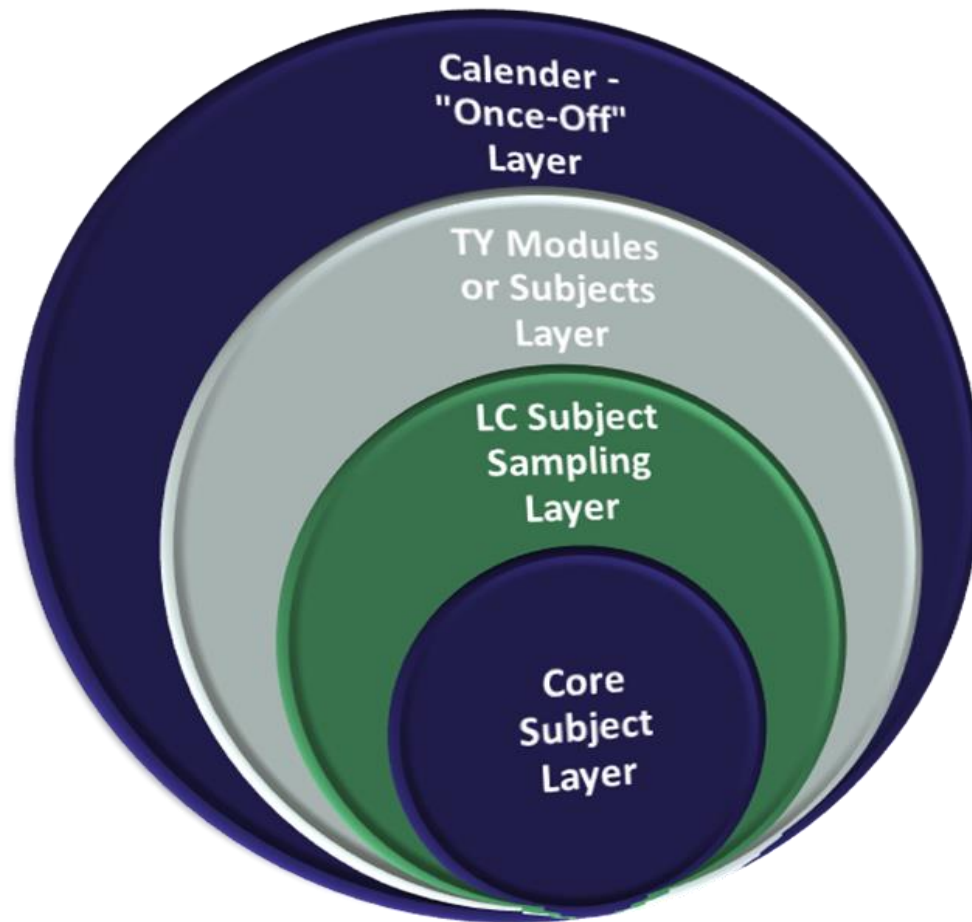


BENEFITS OF TRANSITION YEAR

- New friendships
- Increased confidence
- Better prepared to make good Leaving Cert subject choices
- New skills
- Greater knowledge about their aspirations
- Improved organisational and self management skills



The four Layers of a Transition Year Curriculum





DVS TRANSITION YEAR - PEELING BACK THE LAYERS...

Core Subject Layer

- English
- Irish
- Mathematics



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Subject Sampling Layer

- Arts & Crafts (Art, Craft & Design)
- Architecture (DCG, Construction Studies)
- Business & Enterprise (Business, LCVP)
- Electronics & Robotics (Engineering, Physics, DCG, Maths)
- Food Matters & Environmental Issues (Home Ec., Biology)
- Local Heritage & World History (History)
- Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)
- Music Appreciation (Music)
- World of Science (Physics/Chemistry, Biology, Ag. Science)



TRANSITION YEAR - PEELING BACK THE LAYERS...

Transition Specific Layer

- SPHE/RSE
- Careers Guidance
- Physical Education & Outdoor Pursuits
- Computer Studies
- Religion & Contemporary Social Issues
- Tutorial / Portfolio Preparation



TRANSITION YEAR - PEELING BACK THE LAYERS...

Calendar Layer

- Public speaking / debating (Concern and European Parliament)
- Drama
- Social Enterprise Projects - CCF, Team Hope, BCI, SVP, Drumshanbo Tidy Towns etc
- European Ambassador Schools Programme
- National Science Competitions e.g. SciFest
- Sumo Robot Competition
- School Bank
- Young Enterprise Scheme Competition
- Educational & bonding trips
- Etiquette course
- Study Skills Programme
- First Aid / Search and Rescue





TRANSITION YEAR - PEELING BACK THE LAYERS...

Calendar Layer

- Mindfulness
- Gaisce Award (full year)
- Ceili / Sean Nós / Hip Hop
Salsa dancing
- Safe Food for Life course
- LC Subject choice week
- Mock interviews
- Barista Training
- Olympic Handball
- Coaching courses including Sports Safeguarding
& Sports Leadership Course.



Well done to the Transition Year students in Drumshanbo Vocational School who recently completed the Sports Leadership course with us. Sport Ireland #LeitrimSports

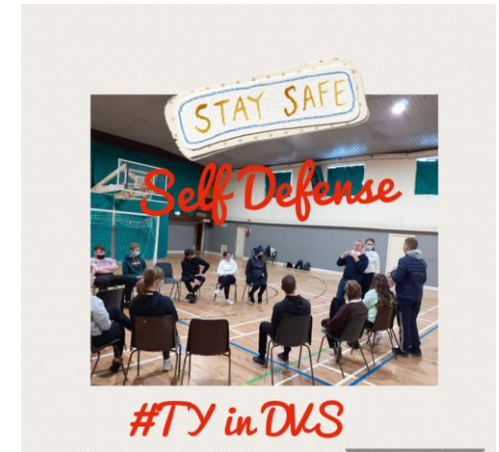




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Calendar Layer

- Self Defence
- Youth Fund Action Project
- Design Thinking Project
- Guest speakers
- Juggling
- Drumming



CORE SUBJECTS

English: (3 classes per week)

Content:

- *Functional & Creative Writing*
- *Literature*
- *Drama*
- *Contemporary Poetry*





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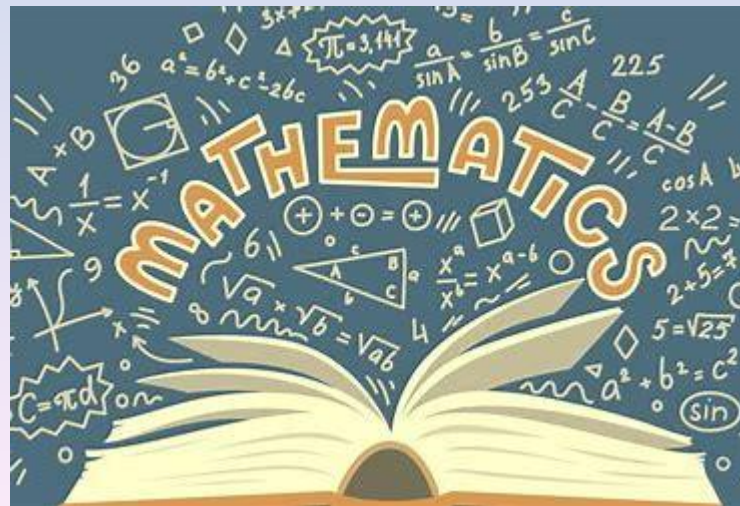
Mathematics: (3 classes per week)

Content:

Development of skills already acquired and application of mathematics to practical situations

In preparation for the Leaving Cert , emphasis will be on :

- *Algebra*
- *Applied Maths*
- *Problem solving*
- *Statistics*
- *Graphs*



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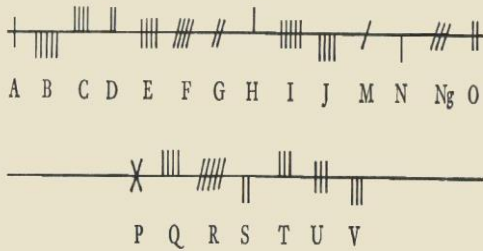
Irish: (3 classes per week)

NB: Oral worth 40% in the L Cert

Emphasis on

- *Oral & aural work*
- *Appreciation of Celtic heritage through language, Irish mythology, poetry & music*

OGHAM-ALFABET



**Heroes of the
Red Branch Knights**



Irish mythology



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Banshee.jpg>

Arts & Crafts

- Aspects of Art & Design that will encourage creativity and help prepare for the Leaving Certificate
- Examples of areas covered: ceramics, print-making, painting, photography
- Use of extra facilities in *The Leitrim School of Art*



Architecture

This course will cover important aspects of both Design & Communications Graphics and Construction Studies for the Leaving Certificate as well as basic woodworking skills



The course will include modules developed by the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland – The “ Shaping Space Educational Resource”





Business & Enterprise

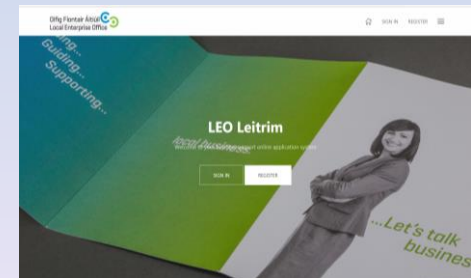
Content:

Enterprise including: Idea generation, Product/Service Development, Marketing, Production, Costing and Pricing, Finance and Book keeping, Human Resource Management, Teamwork and the supports available to businesses.

- Managing Personal Finances.

Activities:

Students are encouraged to set up and operate a voluntary/commercial enterprise and compete in the *Young Enterprise Scheme Competition* .



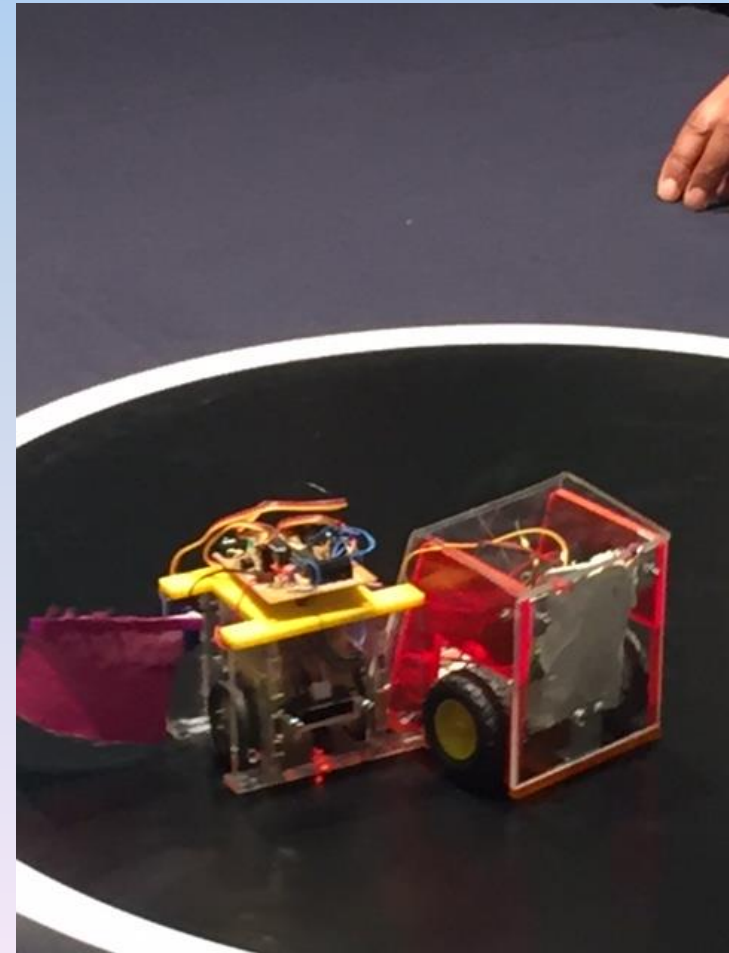
Engineering / Electronics

- Mini Sumo Robot Wrestling
- The students will design, make and program an AUTONOMOUS ROBOT to compete in competitions

COURSE STRUCTURE:

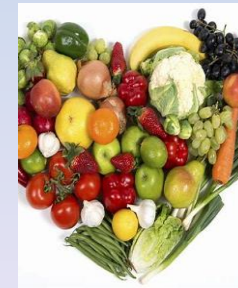
- Introduction to Robot Sumo.
- Assemble a motor controller circuit board.
- Make and assemble a robot.
- Install various sensors.
- Program the robots
- Fight other robots by pushing the opponent out of the ring like traditional SUMO.

- **Using the 3D Printer to create some Enterprise projects



Food Matters & Environmental Issues

- Cookery Skills including Irish and Ethnic cooking
- Healthy choices
- Safe Food For Life E-Learning Programme



Geography

Content:

- O.S Maps & Land Use
- Geo-ecology
- Geographical Investigation

Activities:

Projects and Reports
Field Study

Eg: Marble Arch Caves visit



****Links with Architecture course

Local Heritage & World History

- Taste of Leaving Cert History with option to study Greek and Roman Civilisations
- Emphasis on practical work and historical research both local and in wider context
- TY Young Historian Award (Leitrim County Library)
- Holocaust Project with Tomi Reichental
- Newgrange Tour



Holocaust Education Trust Ireland
Learning from the past - lessons for the future



SUBJECT SAMPLING



Modern Foreign Languages (French/Spanish)

Content:

The main aim is to develop language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and increase cultural awareness.

Possible activities:

Film studies, cooking, singing, games, E-Twinning, European Languages Day.

***We participated in the Languages Connect #ThinkLanguages TY event in October 2021**



Music Appreciation



- Introduction to Music Theory
- Using notation software - MusicScore
- Rhythm – Variety of Exercises – Note-values and Beats
- Music therapy programme
- Performance – singing /instrumental
- Recording an album
- Leitrim Music Generation tutoring



World of Science

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Agricultural Science
- Horticulture

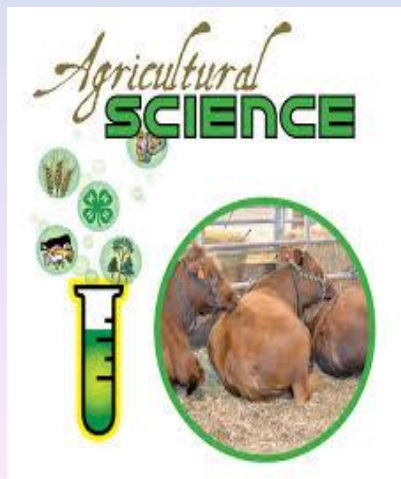
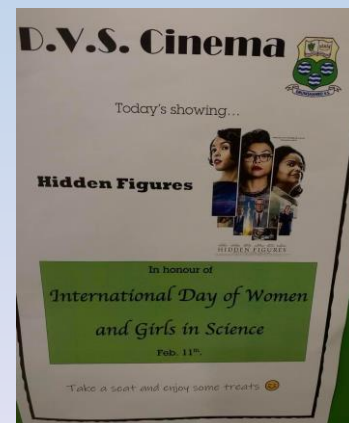


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TY Specific Layer

Guidance Counselling



Content:

- Completing Application Forms
- Letter of Application for Work Experience
- Preparation of CV
- The CAO/UCAS Application Process
- A Career Investigation
- Preparation for Work and feedback after work experiences.
- Study Skills
- Subject Choices – April 2022
- DATS – Differential Aptitude Tests have been carried out to help with subject choices

SPHE / RSE

- Promotion of positive mental health & wellbeing
- Assertive communication
- Builds on Junior Cycle work



Physical Education & Outdoor Pursuits

- Promotes healthy lifestyle
- TY Volley Programme
- GAA Future Leaders
- Opportunities to experience a variety of sports and recreational activities such as kayaking, golf, fishing, badminton

Computer Studies

- Proficiency in MS Office
- Coding
- Web- design
- Project work
- Careers research



Religion & Global Development Education

- World Faiths



- Looking at the Law from the Law Library

- Global development issues - World Wise Schools projects



- Design Thinking Project



- Social Action Project - *Youth Work Ireland's Youth Fund*



Public Speaking & Debating

- Analysing information
- Media Literacy
- Persuasive language
- Confidence building



Work Experience

- Prepare students for adult and working life.
- Work experience is a huge benefit for making Leaving Cert subject choices as well as career choices.
- It is the student's **responsibility** to find a placement of value in an area which interests them from a career point of view.
- School / ETB organises insurance



The Portfolio

A record of the student's work and participation throughout the year



Assessment

Forms of assessment during Transition Year include:

Written Assessments

Practical Assessments

Oral Assessments

Aural Assessments

Assessments of Project Work

Assessment of Work Experience

Exhibitions of Work

Use of Portfolios



Who is eligible to do Transition Year?

- **All 3rd Year Students are eligible.**
- **Students must complete & submit an Application Form**



Who should do Transition Year?

- Someone who could benefit from being a year older going in to Leaving Cert – most of our Third Years are still only 14 or 15 years old
- Someone who is still unsure of what they want to do in the future and wants time to decide.
- Someone who is **positive** and **interested** and who wants to **gain additional skills**.



Who should do Transition Year?

- Someone who wants a chance to build up their CV.
- Someone who wants to become more confident, mature and independent.
- Someone who is willing to get involved in group activities and project work.



Transition Year is NOT!!!!

- **A “doss year”!**
- **An opportunity to take a year out.**
- **A homework free year.**
- **A year when students opt to attend or not attend.**
- **A year without deadlines!!**

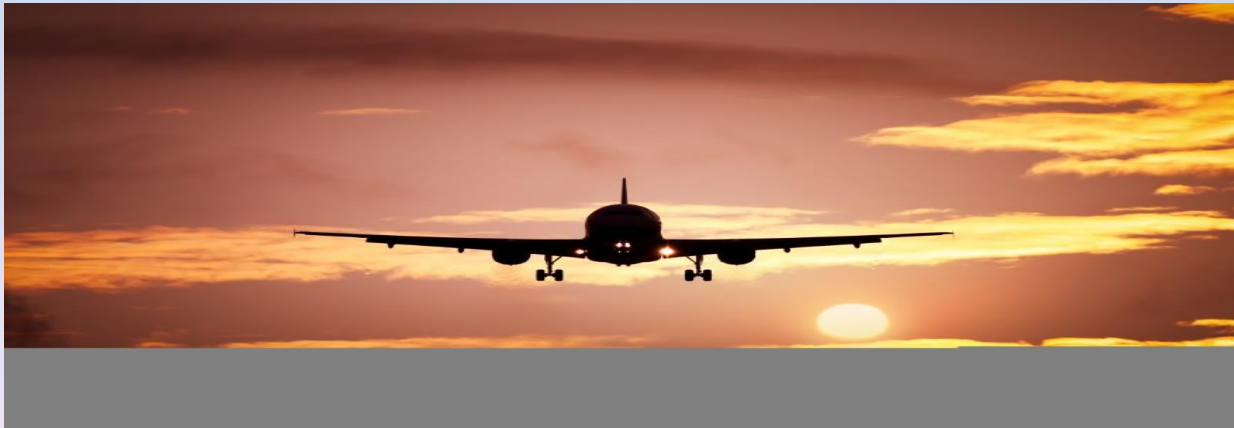


Transition Fee

- Costs are kept to a minimum.
- To cover most workshops, local trips, stationary, photocopying etc.

Trip Abroad

- Depends on travel restrictions & interest among the group



Applying for a place in TY?

- Completed
Application Form to
be submitted by
March 21st 2022

QUESTIONS ?