



# Transition Year

in Ramsgrange CS

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# What is Transition Year?

- \* Transition Year is a one-year programme after Junior cycle and before Senior cycle.
- \* It is an extra year optional programme in RCS (it is compulsory in some schools)
- \* Students who do TY can opt to do LCA or traditional Leaving Certificate after the year.



# Aims of Transition Year

- \* To experience a Broad Curriculum of subjects
- \* To develop New Skills – practical and life skills
- \* To avail of New Opportunities – trips, visitors, modules (first aid, GAA, competitions, photography)
- \* To experience the World of Work – 1 day a week
- \* To improve on areas of Academic Weakness
- \* To experience the World Abroad
- \* To give time to Mature – year older doing LC
- \* To give time to think about the Future and potential Career Options

# Weekly Transition Year Timetable

Varies to suit the group – students have lessons in the following as part of their standard weekly timetable:

- \* Maths
- \* English
- \* Irish/Gaelic Studies
- \* ESS =History and Geography
- \* Business/Enterprise
- \* European Studies/E-uth Project
- \* Languages: French
- \* Religion/RSE
- \* PE (Swimming/Self Defense/ Céile Dancing)
- \* Guidance/SPHE/Work Prep

## \* Practical Subjects

- \* Art /Sustainability/ Junk K
- \* Woodwork or Engineering
- \* Home Economics
- \* IT / MUSIC
- \* Science
- \* Young Social Innovators
- \* Tuesdays: - Work Experience – 1 day a week
- \* Modular Work and additional experiences over the course of the Year can vary such as:  
.....

PICTURES SPEAK A THOUSAND WORDS



# Skills Development in T.Y

- \* To Develop new Skills such as:
  - \* Social and Interpersonal Skills
    - \* Through project work & teamwork
    - \* Co-operation & group work
  - \* Personal Skills
    - \* Maturity/Confidence
    - \* Independent learning
    - \* Leadership (Competitions/An Gaisce/Rotary/)
  - \* Enterprise Skills & Money Management Skills
- \* Various Practical Skills
  - \* Presentation Skills
    - \* Of Self - through Interview and public speaking
    - \* Of own subject work - through projects
    - \* Of external project opportunities – YSI
  - \* Creativity Skills
  - \* Time Management



\* LET'S SEE THESE VIA PICTURES!!!

# Enterprise Skills in Action

Tempting Treats  
for Sale





# Selling TY Craft or Sell as Sole Trader!



# Enterprise Competitions - €3000 in Sales !!!!





# Branch of Bank of Ireland is run in RCS by TY Students



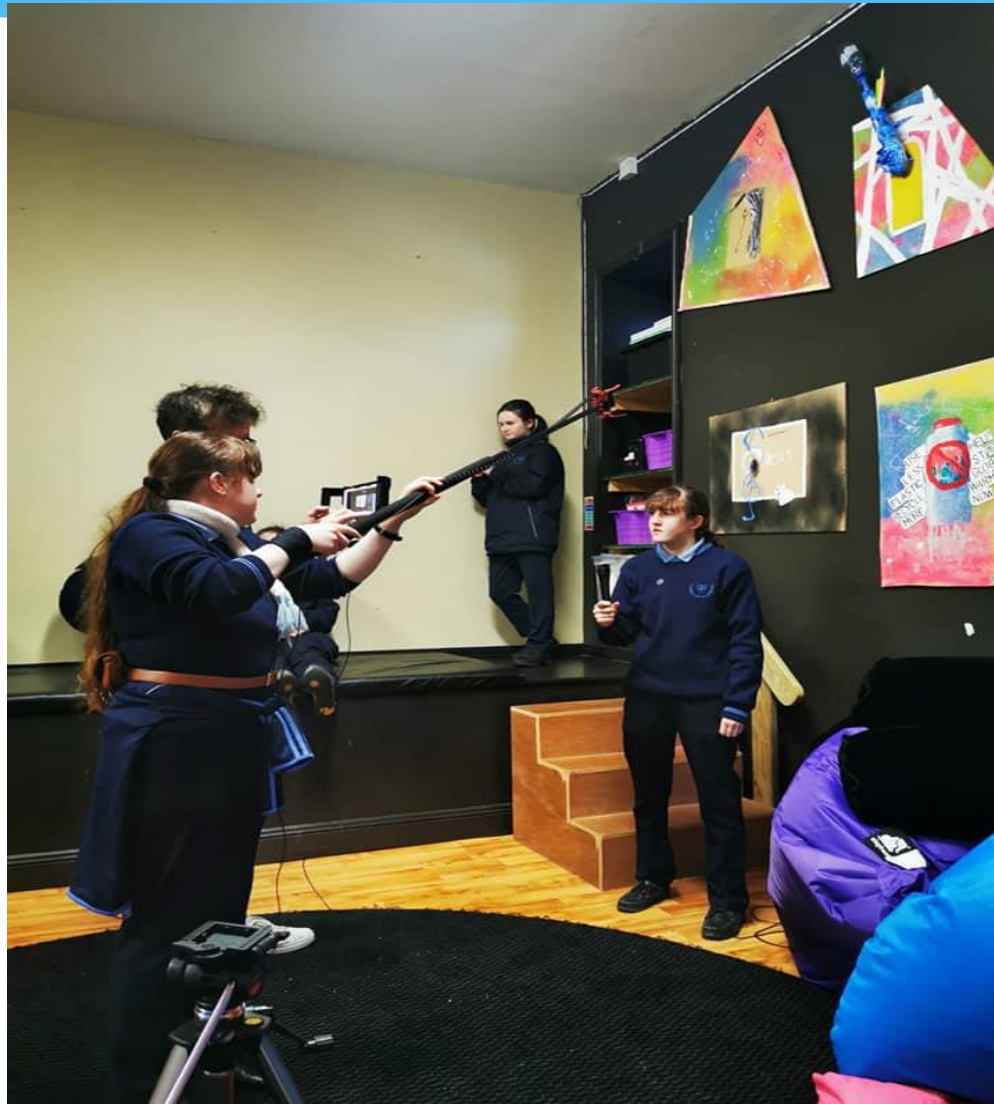
Students can

- open account
- access online banking
- get a debit card
- make a lodgement



# TY LAW MODULE

# MOVIE MAKING – SCRIPT, CAST, SHOOT, FILM, EDIT



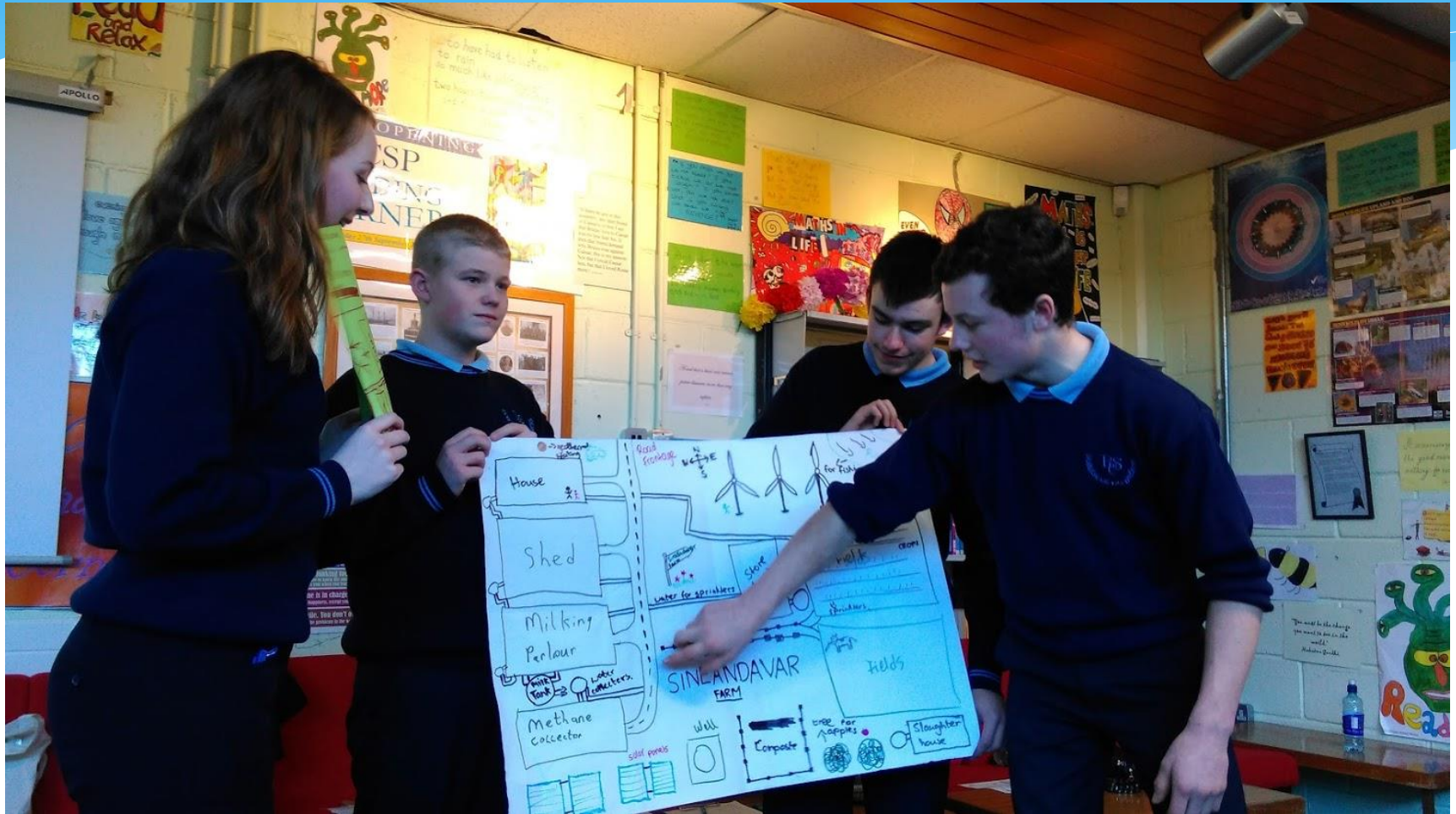
# Computer Skills in Action

- \* Engage in online learning/self directed learning
- \* Certified at the end of the year
- \* Work in TY stored online/own email account for school





# Presentation & Problem Solving skills





# Performance

**DRAMA IN  
DUNDRUM THEATRE**



**SOROPTOMIST**



**AND POETRY  
ALLOUD!**

# Practical: Woodwork/Metalwork Skills



# First Aid





# Science – Chick Incubation Project



# New Experiences and Opportunities in TY – Outdoor Pursuits & Team Building



Coast-steering &  
Team Building Games





# Fun Trips - Ice-skating

## Subject trips - Museum of Modern Art & Business Trip

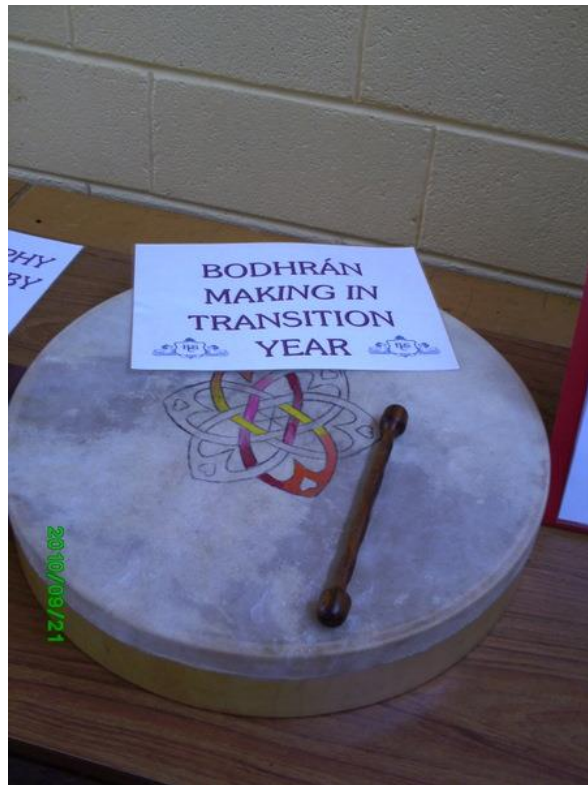


# Opportunities in TY – GAA Coaching - ???? FUTURE LEADERS AWARD????





# CAKE DECORATING, BODHRAN MAKING, RAP WORKSHOP



# Leaderships skills –Rotary Competition & Mock Interviews



- \* Simulated Interviews with full feedback
- \* Prizes for most impressive
- \* All students get Certificate





# Other Experiences?



- \* Mini Med Waterford - 2 accepted in 2020
- \* WIMS – Dublin re: Mental Health – 1 accepted in 2020
- \* European Youth Assembly Weekend in Dublin
- \* The Irish Law Society Dublin – 1 week – 2018 Ciara McDonald
- \* MEP Sean Kelly Trip to the EU Parliament Brussels – Katie Kelly 2019
- \* An Gaisce Awards/Young Scientists Competition
- \* Enterprise Competitions (Wexford and National Qualifiers)
- \* Seachtain na Gaeilge
- \* Junk Kouture – Chance to go model in the HELIX!!
- \* Additional Work Experience – BEAT FM and Davy's Stockbrokers and 2019 Dublin Airport Air Traffic Control...NASA 2020



# Junk Kouture



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Boogie Queen



Current Votes: **28**

**School:** Ramsgrange Community School,  
New Ross

**Team:** Emily Sinnott

**SHARE**

**ALREADY VOTED!**



KATIE MEETING MEP  
SEAN KELLY IN  
BRUSSELS



# An Gaisce – President's Award

- \* Adventure Journey
- \* Community Involvement
- \* Physical Recreation
- \* Personal Skill



- \* All Students get the chance to compete for the Bronze Award

# New Experiences and Opportunities in TY – 2 day kayak of River Barrow

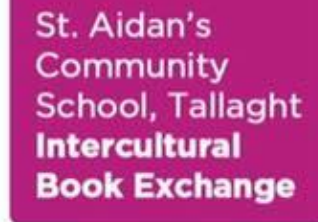
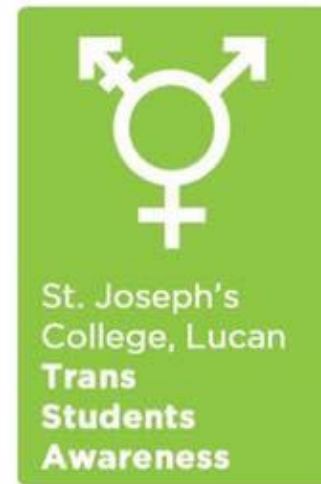




# Survival Skills – Planning , Organising, Teamwork and .....Cooking for 30!



# YSI – Young Social Innovators – Self Directed Learning







## **WATER SAFETY – PERSONAL LOCATOR DEVICES FOR FISHERMEN**

## **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**







## DRIVER SAFETY

## HEALTH FOCUS



# Preparation for the World of Work

- \* To get Experience of the World of Work
  - \* 3 Work Placements (1 day a week for approx 8 weeks, 1 will be voluntary work) - TUESDAY this year!
  - \* 3 Opportunities to build up Practical Skills
  - \* 3 References on CV
  - \* 3 Chances to Impress Potential Future Employers
  - \* Networking!
  - \* Chance to check out college course options



# Practical Experience of Work

Dublin  
Airport



Physio



Work  
Abroad





# Voluntary Work & Fundraising



St Louis Day  
Care Centre



Fundraising



# VARIOUS College Trips



## Garda College Templemore

On the 12th of September students from Ramsgrange Community School, Wexford visited the Garda College as ...



# Personal Development – Varies from year to year

- \* MANUELA CONSENT PROGRAMME
- \* SPHE programme – Squashy Couch Programme
- \* Information Talks from various Voluntary/Support Organisations
- \* SOAR programme (new for 2019/2020)
- \* Activity Week – Health promotion
- \* Visits from Voluntary Organisations
  - \* eg: St Vincent De Paul – Branch set up in RCS





# Driver Safety Awareness



# Access Across Generations

## - Ability Awareness



# Assessment Methods & Communication in TY



- \* Traditional Subject Tests
- \* Formal Examinations (First Aid Exam/)
- \* Completion of Project Work – Bodhráns/Art
- \* Presentation of Work/Portfolios – Photography Exhibition
- \* Performance – Drama/An Gaisce/Skills Demonstration
- \* October progress/contact from Year Head
- \* Christmas and End of Year Reports
- \* Parent Teacher Meeting
- \* Ongoing Portfolio of Work/Display of Work
- \* Formal End of Year Graduation/TY Night for parents & TY students



# Who should do Transition Year?

- \* Someone who really wants to improve themselves and give 100% to all experiences (not just trips)
- \* Someone who is POSITIVE
- \* Someone still unsure of what they want to do in the future and wants time to decide and experience the world of work/college visits
- \* Someone who is young and could do with boosting their confidence/maturity (being young should not be only reason!)
- \* Someone who missed out academically in Junior Cycle and is willing to catch up in TY and learn to work independently
- \* Students Interested should complete an Application Form (avail from office) and all students who apply will be Interviewed. Forms already given out.
- \* Max of 24 places !!!!!



# Other Considerations

- \* Please read the TY admissions Policy online
- \* Time to make a decision for yourself not based on what your friends are/are not doing!!
- \* Not a “doss year” - Get out of it what you put into it
- \* You have to be willing to get involved in ***all aspects*** of TY
- \* Cost – 2020/2021 €270 for TY activities but students will have to pay for buses also and some trips abroad
- \* TRIP ABROAD –extra option possibly– asked same on application form (extra cost!!!)
- \* Note: Many opportunities to reduce costs
  - \* Bag Pack (€1000 with some for charity) & other Mini Enterprises (Fruit Fridays) by TY Group or Build a Bank
  - \* Part time job

# Application and Selection Process

## **APPLICATION FORM HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT**

3 Parts:

1. Student Questions
2. Parental/Guardian Input
3. Student Personal Commitment

To be submitted to the Office by 11am 2<sup>nd</sup> March



## **Interview & Admissions Committee Decisions (5-9<sup>th</sup> March)**

Based on

1. Application Form
2. Attendance / Punctuality and Discipline record in the school
3. Suitability and ability to positively contribute to TY and the professional feedback from teachers

- PLACES WILL BE AWARDED IN WRITING BY LETTER
- TO BE ACCEPTED BY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 WITH DEPOSIT
- RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE BOM



# What our Students Said about TY?



- \* “I am far more settled now and more focused having done Transition Year”
- \* “I got to do so much more in TY and this helped me build up my CV”
- \* “I am more mature and confident now going into Senior Cycle”
- \* “If you treat TY as a doss year it is very hard to settle into Senior Cycle after it”

# What others say about Transition Year?

- \* [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
- \* [www.independent.ie](http://www.independent.ie)
- \* [ESRI report](#)
  - \* **A REPORT BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE SHOWED THAT STUDENTS WHO DO TRANSITION YEAR TEND TO SCORE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER POINTS ON THE [LEAVING CERT](#).**
  - \* **TAKING SOCIAL BACKGROUND INTO ACCOUNT, THE AVERAGE CAO POINTS ADVANTAGE IS 25.**
- \* [\*Thank You\*](#)