



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:
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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



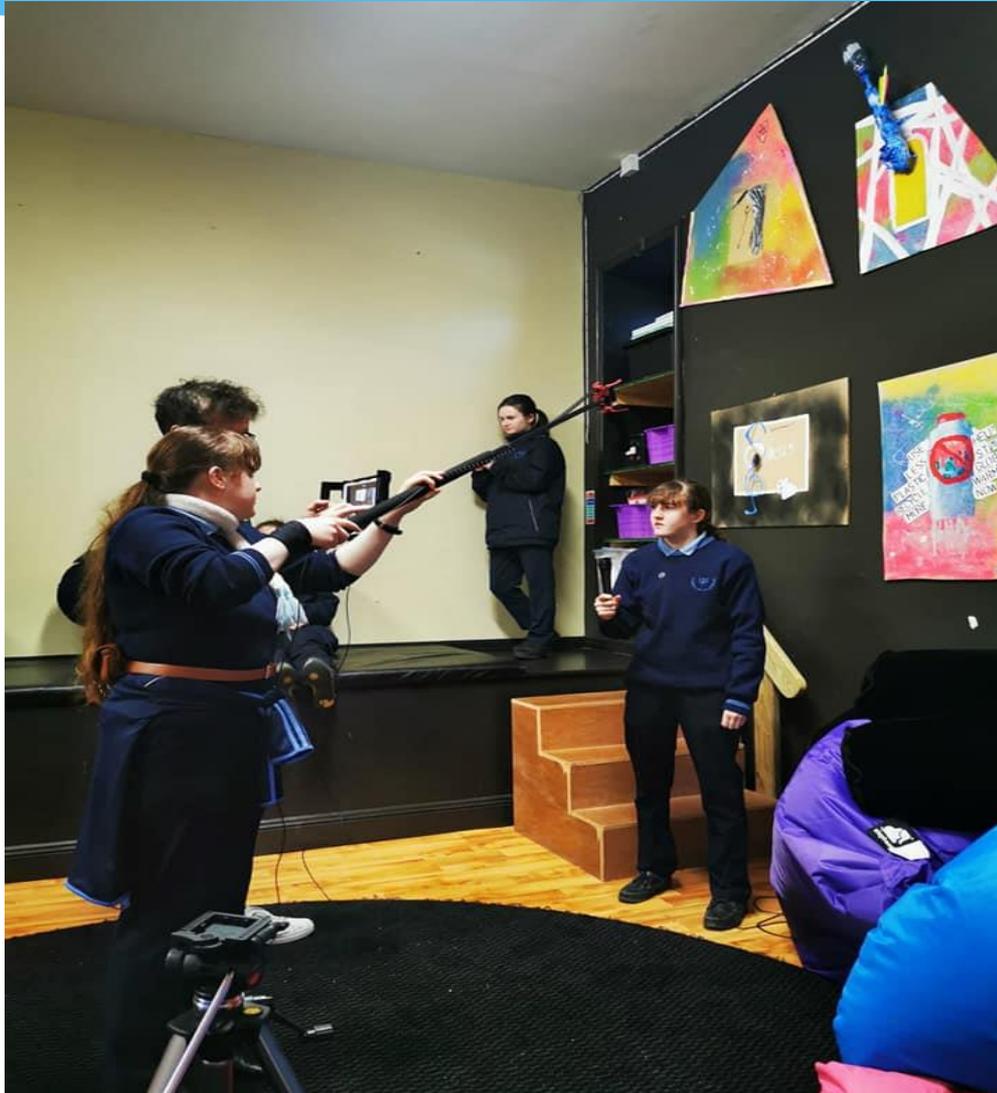
Students can

- 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



Performance

DRAMA IN DUNDRUM THEATRE



SOROPTOMIST



**AND POETRY
ALoud!**

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

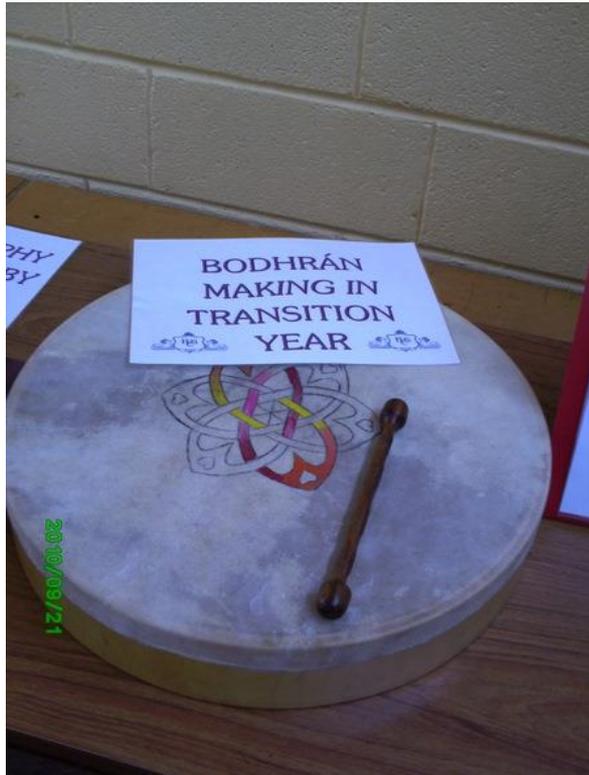
Subject trips - Museum of Modern Art & Business Trip



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



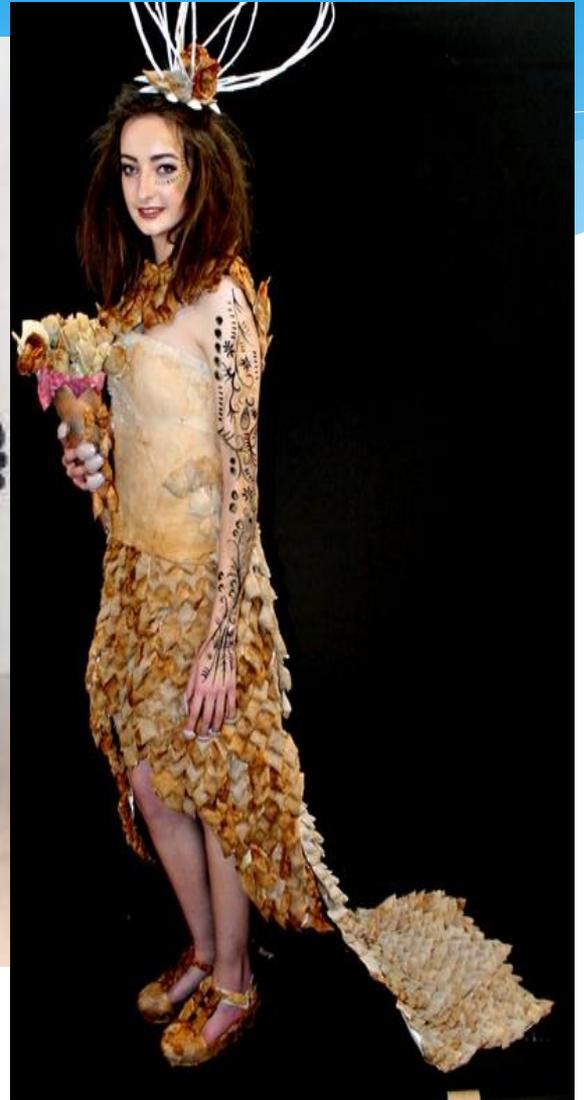


Other Experiences?



- * 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



Junk Kouture



Boogie Queen



Current Votes:

28

School: Ramsgrange Community School,
New Ross

Team: Emily Sinnott

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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 andCooking for 30!



YSI – Young Social Innovators – Self Directed Learning



YOUNG
SOCIAL
INNOVATORS

#TheDen

Dublin

Portmarnock
Community
School
**Global
Mapping**



St Mark's
Community
School, Tallaght
**Compromise
to Conflict**



St. Joseph's
College, Lucan
**Trans
Students
Awareness**



Tullamore
College
Offaly
**Farm
Safety**

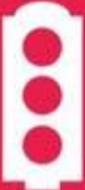


St. Joseph's
College, Lucan
**Tackling
Childhood
Obesity**



St. Aidan's
Community
School, Tallaght
**Intercultural
Book Exchange**

Loreto
Convent
Letterkenny
**Homelessness
Awareness**



Ramsgrange
Community
College
**Sexual
Consent**

Heywood
Community
School
**Volunteering
& Young People**



St. Joseph's
College, Lucan
**Special Needs
in Literature**



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

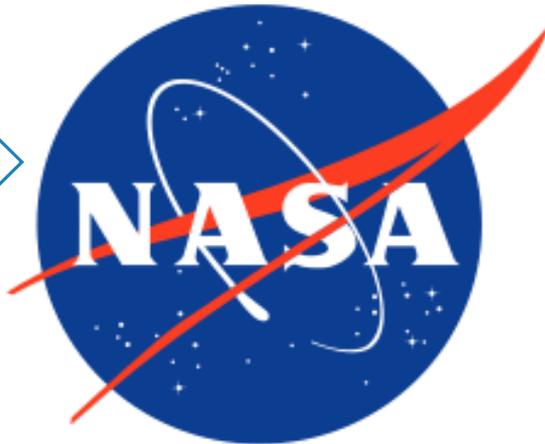
Dublin
Airport



Physio



Work
Abroad



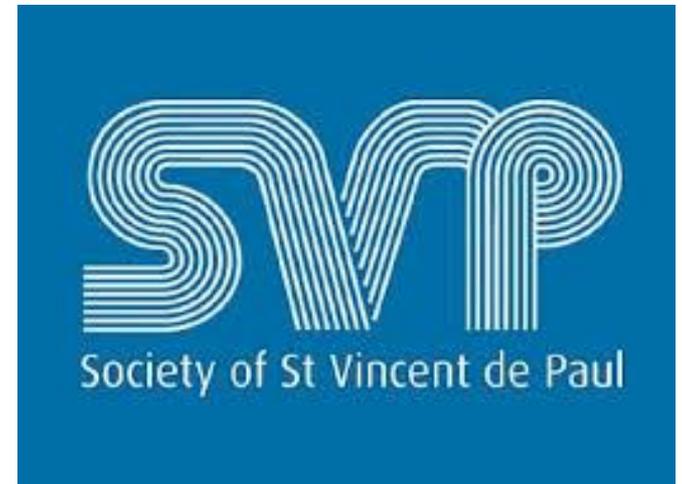
Voluntary Work & Fundraising



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 2nd March



Interview & Admissions Committee Decisions (5-9th 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 20TH 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
- * 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](#)