

Parents Information Evening on Transition Year

2021-2022

AIMS OF TRANSITION YEAR

- Foster personal and social development
- Grounding in Leaving Cert subjects
- Make informed choices about senior cycle subjects
- Improve motivation for senior cycle
- Encourage independence and responsibility
- Wide range of experiential learning experiences

DES Guidance On Transition

Year, 30th August 2021

- It is expected that Work Experience will be completed in a workplace environment this year
- When travelling , public health advice and travel restrictions adhered to
- Bonding activities, provided they adhere to health and social guidelines
- School based or locally based outdoor learning activities are advised
- External tutors may visit the school

CORE SUBJECTS

- Religion
- English
- Irish
- Maths
- French/German

COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

- Biology
- Food Studies
- ECDL/Coding
- Art / Environmental Education
- Mini Co./P.E.
- SPHE
- Digital Media Literacy
- Health and Safety

TASTER SUBJECTS

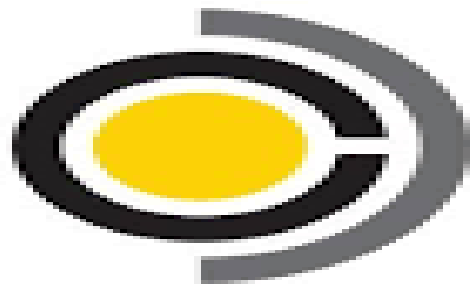
- Chemistry/Business/Music
- Physics/Geography/History/Accounting

New Initiatives in 2021-2022

- Accounting – taster subject
- Environmental Education Course
 - Half year
 - One class a week on Wednesdays



New Initiatives in 2021-2022



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WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT

- Need to think about a profession you would like to gain an insight into.
- Two separate weeks
- Jan. 24th-28th and April 4th – 8th inclusive
- Ms Tobin – Coordinator of Work Placements



Fun Activities 2020-21

- Ballyhass Activity Day
- Movie Nights
- Outdoor Dance Class
- “Zip It”
- Classroom Poster Competition

Co - Curricular Activities

2020-21

- Gaeilge 24
- BT Young Scientist
- “IWISH”
- John Paul 11 Awards
- Press Pass
- Journalism

Outside Speakers 2020-21

- First Aid – starting on Sept 13th
- Sign Language
- Buffalo Farm Virtual Tour – Sept 16th
- Cyber Safety Day
- Drive4Life
- Breast Check
- ISPCA
- Hair Care

Leadership Opportunities 2020-21

- “Buddy System”
- “Make your own Course” Body Positivity
- Environmental Support Group
- Junior Cert Awards Ceremony
- Fundraising – Garden Project in South Africa
- Technical Support Assistants (2021-2022)
- Marketing and Communication Assistants (2021-2022)
- Events

SPHE

SELF CARE

- “Well Being Day” – WB Ambassadors
- “LGBTQ+ - Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)”
- Relationship with Alcohol and Drugs
- “Walk in my Shoes”
- Feminism Group
- Life Skills Course – AWARE

GAISCE



Mr Cooke – Sept 6th at 2pm

Other Activities in 2020-2021

- Chinese
- Skincare Course
- “Look into Law” – Bar of Ireland
- European Youth Parliament
- Zumba
- Table Topics
- Bonding Activities

TY 2021-2022

- Sept 3rd – Ballyhass Activity Centre
- Sept 6th – Gaisce
- Sept 7th – Musher Mountain
- First Aid /YSI – Sept 13th
- Sept 16th –Buffalo Farm Virtual Tour (2.40-4pm)
- Oct 8th – Road Safety Road Show
- Oct 19th –”Zip It” (€18/€20 plus bus)

ASSESSMENT

- Regular Class tests
- Assessments in December
- Meeting after Christmas with Coordinator presenting a portfolio of work done in Term I
- Summer Exams on core subjects and/or subjects for 5th Year
- Certification based on Credit System, determined by the student

TY Credits System

- “Empowerment”
- Responsible for their own grade at the end of the year
- Credits given for academic subjects
- Credits given for extra curricular activities
- 400 or more – Distinction
- 350 or more – Merit 1
- 300 or more- Merit 11
- Less than 300 - Pass.

Academic Subjects	Max	Your Credits	Additional Information
Religion	20		
English	20		
Irish	20		
Maths	20		
French/German	20		
Biology	20		
Food Studies	20		
Health and Safety	10		
Digital Literacy	10		
Computers	20		
PE	10		
Mini Co	10		
Physics/Music /Geography	10		
Chemistry/Business/History	10		
Art	10		
Mid Year Interview	20		
Portfolio	20		

Committees			
Environment Support Committee	20		
Gay Straight Alliance	20		
Feminism	20		
Well Being Ambassador	20		
Events/Poster/Fun /JC	20		
Extra Curricular Activities			
BT Young Scientist	30		
Gaisce	20		
Buddies	30		
PressPass	10		
Journalism			
John Paul 11 Awards	20		
Angus Beef Competition	20		
Trad Group	10		
Public Speaking	20		
Fundraising (Pretoria)	10		
Make your Own Course/Seminar	20		
Online Courses	10		Life Skills/Bar of Ireland/Open Uni
Other School Activities	20		
Outside School Activities	40		
Attendance			
Attendance 90%	30		
Workshop Attendance	20		

Location/ Year Head /TY Coordinator

- Location – Two Classrooms in the Convent
- Year Head and TY Coordinator

COMMUNICATION

- Transition Year Notice Boards in both Base Rooms
- Google Classroom
- Marketing and Communication Assistants
- Tutorial on Monday at 2pm
- “Open door policy”
- Email – angela.collins@stmarysmacroon.ie
- Phone/Text 086 8561597

Our Approach to Transition Year

- Open to every activity
- Move out of “Comfort Zone”
- Embrace Challenges
- Have a “ Can DO” Attitude (Positivity)
- Spirit of cooperation and collegiality
- Take up on Leadership Roles (at whatever level)
- Give suggestions

This is the girls' Transition Year, not mine !