TRANSITION YEAR

2019-2020

WE HAVE TO OFFER OUR CONGRATULATIONS

TRANSITION YEAR
WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

We aim for our students to;

- Have time and space to develop skills and mature without pressure of exams.
- Aid in promoting social, personal, physical and academic development through our range of activities.
- Develop their own self confidence.
- Become involved in subjects and activities that they might not have the opportunity to do otherwise.
- Experience the world of work and have time to investigate possible career options.

CONTRACT FOR LEARNING
WHAT IS EXPECTED FOR THE STUDENTS?

Contract of learning in an outline of what is expected from students throughout the year.

- To work hard but enjoy all activities.
- Develop relationships
- Meet deadlines.
- Keep excellent attendance.
- Keep following the rules of the school.
- Preserve the image of the school when participating in school activities.

TIMETABLE

- The Core subjects will give a vital foundation for the Leaving Certificate.

- It provides opportunities to give major skills that students can transfer into Leaving Certificate.

SUBJECTS AND TIMETABLE ALLOWANCE

English	4
Irish	4
Maths	4
French/German	3
Religion	3
Business/ Mini Company	3
Science	3
Home Economics	2
Computers	2
PE	3
Music	1
Guidance/Wellbeing	2
Library	1

OPTION SUBJECTS

- Video/ Photography
- Art
- Design and Communication Graphics
- Technology
- Musical Performance

MODULE BLOCKS

THESE ARE OFFERED ON A 6 WEEK ROTATION BASIS TO KEEP STUDENTS' LEARNING FRESH AND MOTIVATED.

- History
- Japanese
- Geography
- Public Speaking
- Manuela Programme
- Politics and Society
- Driver Theory Test - prep
- Technology
- Mindfulness
- Design and Communication Graphics

TY ACTIVITIES

- Gaisce
- Work Experience
- 1st Aid Course
- Careers Information
- Mock Interviews
- German Exchange
- Carne Bonding Trip
- Paired Reading
- Tag Rugby
- Self Defence

TY ACTIVITIES

- Mini Medical School
- School Tour
- Self Defence
- Charity Work
- University courses/ opportunities
- Event organisation
- Mini Company

GAISCE

Students will be involved in the Gaisce Award throughout the year. They will need to undertake the 4 following areas in order to gain the award.

- Community Involvement – 13 weeks of one-hour voluntary work in the community, coaching sport, in a charity shop or organisation.
- Physical Recreation - Student must undertake 13 week of one-hour minimum activity which is new to them or at a higher level to them.
- Personal Skill – This is covered by their Computer MOS training in school.
- Adventure Journey – This will involve the students undertaking a 23km walk in Glendalough in May and catering for themselves on an overnight stay in a Hostel.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Explore what life is like outside of school
- Often reported as one of the highlights of TY
- Opportunity to discover what they might like to do when they are older

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Students find their own placement
- Start looking early
- Simple form for your daughter to complete and return to school
- Garda vetting –if student is 16 and wishes to work with children

TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- There will be a number of trips for the students to participate in over the course of the year.
- These will be either specific department or combined department trips.
- An example includes the PE and Irish departments going to Tramore on 24 September, other trips will include Fota for the Science department.
- The group will also travel to Carne for an Orientation day on the 18, 19, 20 September .

ACTIVITIES

There will also be a number of activities for the students to take part in over the year. Examples of these include;

- Bank of Ireland workshops
- Business Talks
- Work Experience
- First Aid Course
- Sports Day

SCHOOL TOUR

- An optional tour for students to participate in this year.
- **Payment reference: 2000024**
- There will be a meeting closer to the time before Easter for parents.
- If anyone has any questions in regard to the school tour please feel free to talk to me after we finish.

HOMEWORK

- There should be a small amount of homework given to students during the duration of the programme.
- Work should be done in plenty of time to meet all deadlines

FEEDBACK/ EVALUATION

- Students will be asked to conduct evaluations twice during the year.
- Parent feedback is invaluable and evaluation forms will be provided at the end of the year.
- Informal feedback from parents, teachers and students also sought throughout the year.

ASSESSMENTS

Varied modes/techniques of assessment, these include some of the following;

- Written assignments, individual and group presentations
- Class tests and projects.

REPORTING

- Parent/ Teacher Meeting - 22 January 2020
- Christmas Exams and Report
- End of Year Grade – Distinction, Merit, Pass
- These grades will be assigned on the basis of the students' 1) Attendance 2) Participation 3) Attitude 4) Effort 5) Work Ethic

AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN

What can you do to ensure the benefit of the year is maximised?

- Be positive about the year.
- Encourage your daughter to explore new avenues of work experience.
- Give her responsibility to be independent and to participate at every opportunity e.g. running events, joining committees and extra activity sports teams.
- Remind her that the Leaving Certificate will be tough years and that she should make the most of this year while she has the chance.

- Does anyone have any questions?

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND WE HOPE YOUR DAUGHTER HAS A LOVELY YEAR!