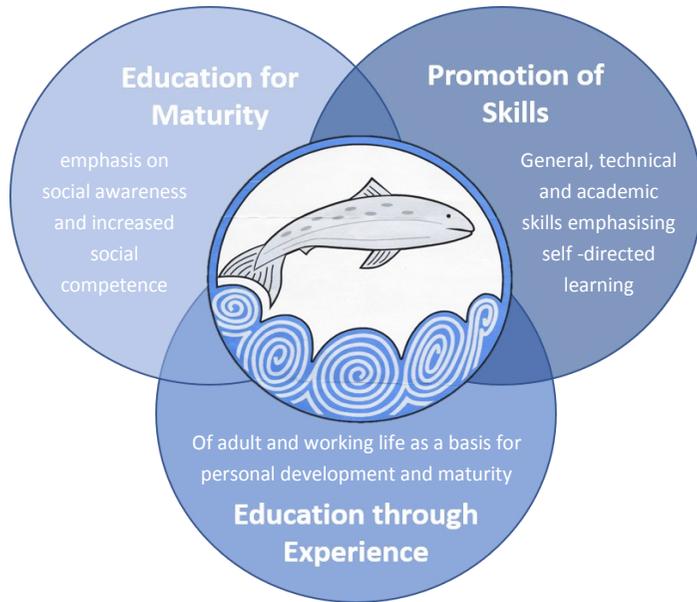


Aims of TY



A Different Year of Learning

TY @ BCS



2022

An information booklet for 3rd Years and Parents



Friends of the Elderly Ireland

FUTURE LEADERS

TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME



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AgeAction
For all older people



BT YOUNG SCIENTIST & TECHNOLOGY Exhibition

Student Enterprise PROGRAMME





What is expected of Transition Year students?

- Participate
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- Be motivated
- Attend and behave properly
- Think positively
- Set, assess and achieve targets
- Take action
- Have a good work rate



Assessment in Transition Year

This is carried out throughout the year. This comprises a brief report on their progress for each term on all subjects and assessment may include any or all of the following:

- Summative evaluation: an overall statement of pupils performance by the teachers.
- Written, practical, oral and aural assessments
- Report of work experience.
- Projects, portfolios and exhibition work.
- Pupil diary/log book to record personal progress.
- Rating scales, record of skills and competences attained
- Students assess own performance.

Evaluation

An in-school evaluation of our Transition year programme is undertaken every year. Surveys are undertaken with parents, students and teachers and the responses analysed and issues addressed. The overwhelming majority of all those involved give positive responses to the programme and some excellent suggestions for improvements are often incorporated for the year.

Certification

The Department of Education awards a certificate of participation to all who complete a Transition Year Programme. We also offer internally certified courses to our students. In addition, we offer externally certified courses e.g. The International Computer Driving Licence, First Aid, Gaisce (The President's Award).

Benefits of Transition Year

Transition Year can help students

- Discover more about their personal strengths.
- Develop maturity and self confidence.
- Improve their self-esteem.
- Build interpersonal and team skills.
- Make wiser subject choices for Leaving Certificate and further education.
- Extend the learning experience beyond the classroom.
- Develop Study skills for Leaving Certificate.
- Develop entrepreneurial skills
- Explore the World of Work
- Extend their repertoire of learning styles
- Achieve improved Leaving Certificate results

Contents of our Transition Year Programme

TY Core Subjects

Irish
 English
 Maths
 Science
 French/German/Italian
 Business
 Home Economics
 Home Maintenance
 Geography
 History
 ICDL
 Physical Education
 Career Guidance
 Religion

Modular Courses & Subjects

Community Care	Pottery
CAD	Public Speaking
Personal Skills	Music
3D Printing	Craftwork
Irish Sign Language	Drama
Model Making	Dance

Modules and courses are subject to change

Trips Away

Team-building, Kayaking, Cinema,
 Hikes, Ice-skating, Theatre, Outdoor
 Activity centre etc.

Other Activities

Young Scientist Competition	Work Experience (two weeks)
Artifice Art Exhibition	School Bank
Junk Kouture	Age Action
Gaisce/President's Award	Mini company
Pope JP II Community Award	GAA Future Leaders
3rd Level placements	Friends of the Elderly
Paired Reading Programme	Road Safety Awareness Programme
	Careers Seminars

President's Award— Gaisce

The President's Award is the National Challenge Award given by the President to young people in Ireland between the ages of 15 and 25 yrs. Recipients of the award get a medal in a presentation box, a certificate signed by the President and lapel pin.

The purpose of the award is to reward young people who have set and achieved a demanding challenge for themselves in each of 4 different areas of activity:

- Community involvement, for example, helping older people or helping with coaching with your local club.
- Personal skill, for example, learning a musical instrument, computer skills or driving.
- Physical recreation, for example, swimming, football or tennis.
- Adventure journey, for example, a cycle, canoeing or hike group trip.

To achieve the Bronze Award you must:

- Participate for a minimum of 1 hour a week for 13 weeks in two of the following areas: Community involvement, Personal Skills, Physical recreation.
- Participate for a minimum of 1 hour a week for an additional 13 weeks in 1 or the 3 areas above.
- Undertake a 2 day, 1 night adventure journey in a group covering a minimum total distance of: Walking 25 km to 35 km or Cycling 100 km to 130 km.

I.C.D.L.—Computer Qualification

The ability to use a computer effectively is an essential life skill. Almost every career in today's world requires computer skills and internet skills. Most employers who look for basic IT skills among job applicants look for ICDL certification. Being able to say 'Yes, I have my ICDL boosts your chances of securing that new job. More than 700,00 Irish people have an ICDL qualification

BCS TY Programme offers all participants the opportunity to complete this essential accreditation in one year. Pupils will have 3 class periods every week where they will engage in online training. Pupils have a choice of modules, each one provided a practical programme of up to date skills and knowledge areas, which are validated by a test. ICDL enables TY pupils to develop and certify their computer skills in the subject areas of their choosing to create an ICDL profile. Certification provides objective verification of learner skills and demonstrates that they have achieved a recognised standard. This standard is recognised in over 138 countries and is the digital skills certification most requested by Irish employers. All pupils are required to complete and achieve a minimum of 7 modules to receive the ICDL certification.

Modules include: *Computer Essentials, Online Essentials, Documents, Spreadsheets, Presentation, IT Security, Online collaboration One Drive, Cyber Security, Data Protection.*