



WELCOME

Transition Year 2026 / 2027
Information Evening

Senior Options



Transition Year - TY (4th Year)

Leaving Certificate Applied – LCA 5th Year

Leaving Certificate – LC 5th Year



Transition Year - TY



- Year Head – Alan Lawlor
- Programme Coordinator – Catherine Ahearne



Leaving Certificate Applied LCA 5th Year



- Coordinator – Danielle Murphy, Acting: Laura Casey
- Information Night: March 5th

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) is a practical, hands-on program designed for students who thrive on active learning. It focuses on real-world skills, continuous assessment, and work experience rather than just final exams.



Leaving Certificate LC 5th Year



An Roinn Oideachais
agus Óige
Department of Education
and Youth

- Year Head - Eoin McCraith
- Information Night: March 9th 2026

Students study:

- English Irish Maths – core
- 4 option Subjects



Our expectations

We expect the following:

- Parental buy-in.
- The support and encouragement of parents ensures our Transition Year Programme is a success year after year.
- Student buy-in.
 - Participation from the outset. Full attendance, full uniform and adherence to the school rules.



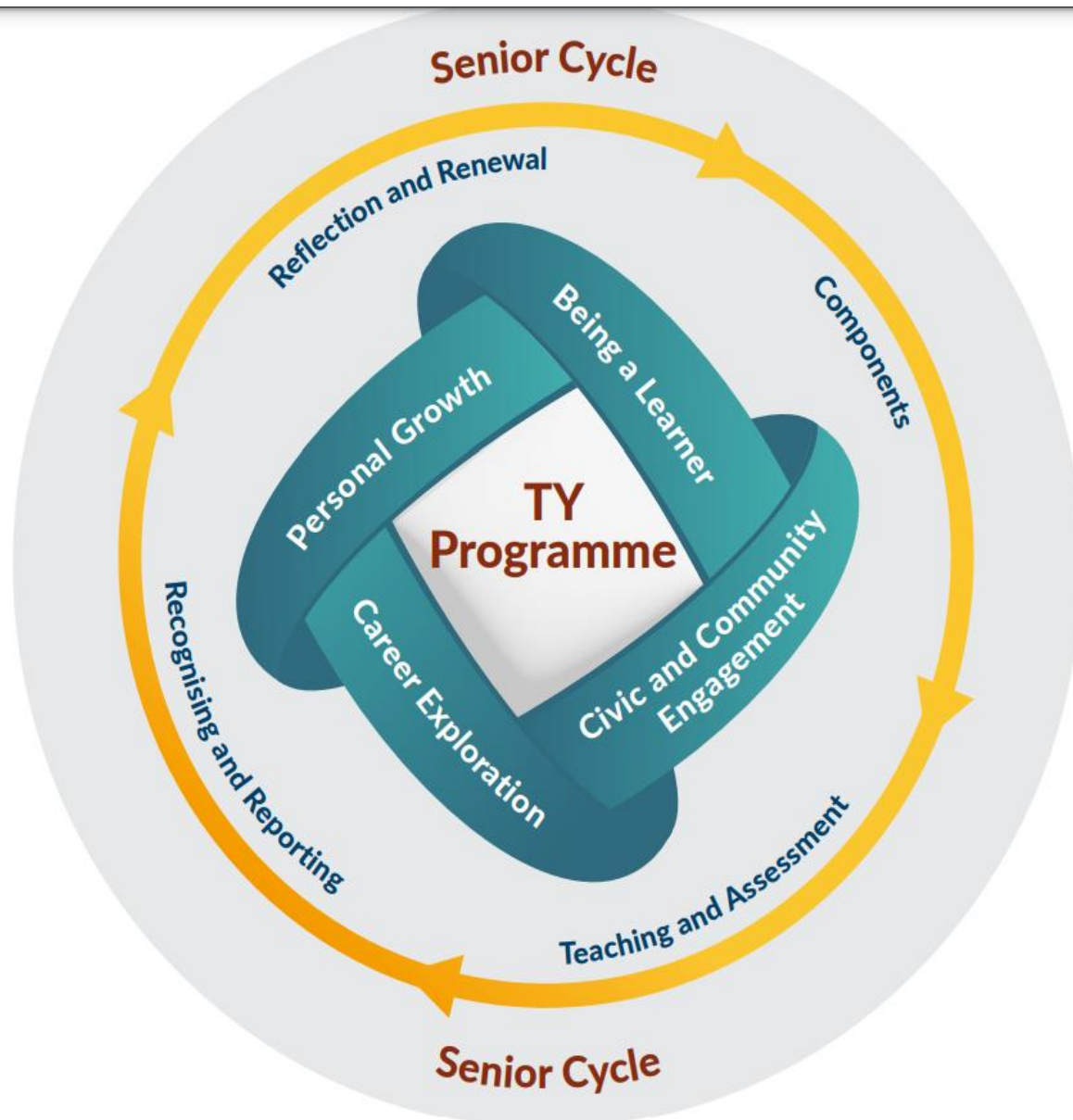
Current students' experiences

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Benefits of Transition Year



- Develop new skills
- Experience subjects for 5th year choices
- Increase in confidence and self-esteem
- Become confident in self-directed learning and more proficient in project-work, development and management
- Work as a member of a team and learn how to interact with people
- Develop new and long-term friendships



Transition Year Programme

- Core subjects
- Subject sampling
- Elective modules
- One off events
- Guest speakers
- Workshops
- Overnight trip
- TY Competitions
- Extra curricular activities



Core Subjects

Gaeilge – 2
English – 2
Maths – 2
French/German/Italian / Spanish – 2
Religion – 1
SPHE – 1
PE – 2
Careers – 1
Mini Company – 1
Cookery for living – 1
Work Application - 1

Core Subjects run all year
(2 or 1 classes per week for each subject)



Modules

Coding	Self Defence
Computer Aided Design / DCG	Sign Language/LÁMH
Hospitality	Sports Science
Road Safety	Bookkeeping - Accountancy
Dance	Cake Decorating
Public Speaking (LIFT)	Irish Dancing
Environmental Studies	

Modules run in a rotating block over the course of the year.

This changes every 8/9 weeks

(1 class per week)





TEFL

Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Preparing Young People for a Global Future

Students develop valuable skills in communication, confidence, leadership, language awareness, global awareness and independent learning all while earning an internationally recognised certificate.

From a practical standpoint, completing a TEFL during Transition Year provides a significant advantage in university applications and future job-seeking. An internationally accredited TEFL certification demonstrates to admissions officers and recruiters several things simultaneously: initiative, the ability to complete a challenging course, commitment to personal development, and practical skill acquisition.



Subject samples

Business

Agricultural Science

Geography

History

Music

Art

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

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(1 class per week)



Elective Modules

Music/Drama

GAA Future Leaders

Engineering

Construction Studies

Junk Kouture

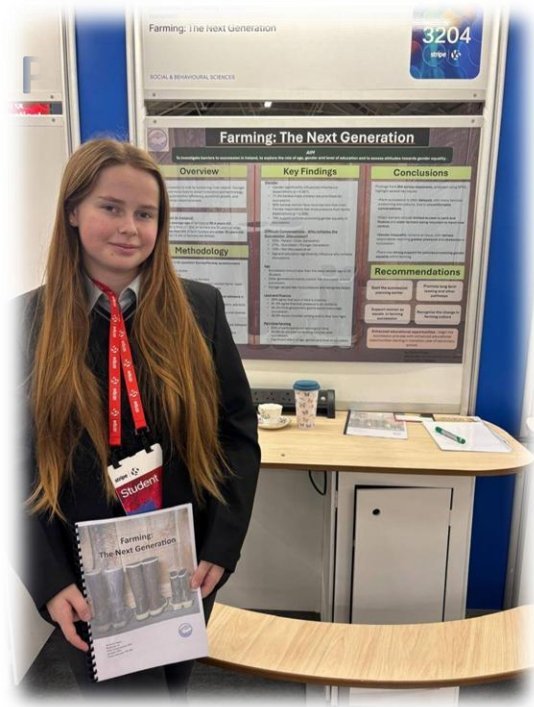
Elective Modules are chosen by the student

They run for the full year

2 classes per week



Activities and Events



Gaisce

First Aid

Road Safety Awareness

Mini-Company

Artifice Art Competition

Junk Kouture

Young Scientist Competition

John Paul 2 Community Awards

School Bank

Placements in 3rd Level colleges

Careers Exhibitions

Workshops on mental health and Wellbeing

Drum workshops

Segway workshops

Hikes

Cinema

Theatre

Ice-skating

Comedy show

Overnight Trip



These may be one-off events or recurring throughout the year.



- An opportunity to develop practical skills of the workplace.
- Promotes skills such as team building, communication skills, punctuality, professionalism and commercial awareness.
- Work experience helps students to make informed choices about their future endeavours.
- 2 x 1 Week of Work Experience (November & March)



Acceptance into Transition Year

- All students will fill out an application form. These forms will be reviewed by TY Year Head, Coordinator, 3rd Year Head and Senior Management.
- Teaching staff may be consulted regarding the suitability of applicants for the programme.
- Applicants behavioural and attendance records in the school over the past three years will be reviewed.
- If a problem arises with an applicant's record, he/she will be required to attend an interview with the TY Year Head and Coordinator.

<https://www.blackwatercs.com>

***Return date for forms is February 6th**



Cost of Transition Year

Basic Fees for the year €220

Covers the costs of bus hire, bonding days, guest speakers, day trips*, workshops* and courses*

Optional Extra: Over Night Trip away
(min €300)

100% of cost goes directly into activities, events and resources for TY students.

*Some trips/optional workshops/courses
e.g. The ploughing are not covered by the basic fees



FAQs

- 1.Can you pick people to be in your base class?
- 2.How much work experience can you do?
- 3.Do you have to do a foreign language?
- 4.Do subject exemptions still count in TY?
- 5.Are SNA/AEN supports available to TY students?
- 6.Do you do exams in TY?



Questions

