



# BANAGHER COLLEGE COLÁISTE NA SIONNA THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

AN OVERVIEW

Parents Information Session

12<sup>th</sup> of March 2020



# TRANSITION YEAR

- Transition Year is a one year school based programme between Junior and Senior Cycle .
- It is designed to act as a bridge between the two by facilitating the smooth transition from the more dependant learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent self-directed learning required for the Senior Cycle

# Do TY students do better?

- Most of the students who got over 430 points were TY students in 2019
- Students are more mature and they choose subjects better having sampled them in TY
- Students apply their ICT skills to their Studies for the LC





# TRANSITION YEAR

Why opt for Transition Year ?

- Challenges facing our Young People
- Need for Skills based learning
- Age profile of Irish students (a lot of our students would be 16 going on 17 doing leaving cert.)
- Time to mature



# PEELING THE LAYERS OF A TY PROGRAMME

- 1. CALENDAR LAYER
- 2. TRANSITION SPECIFIC LAYER
- 3. CORE SUBJECT LAYER
- 4. SUBJECT SAMPLING LAYER



# CALENDAR LAYER

- ✓ Work Experience Placements
- ✓ Visiting Speakers
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Outdoor Pursuits
- ✓ Excursions
- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Community Involvement
- ✓ School Pantomime.....





# Events in TY 2019 / 2020


- Induction day; team building and getting to know each other 2<sup>nd</sup> of September
- Team building day in Hodson bay  
Athlone water based activities 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Psycho Spaghetti Comedy show concerning teenagers in Moate
- Swimming and Gym Birr leisure centre
- Karate Self Defence Course run for the whole year, competition



- Mindfulness course / Music Course, Ukuleles / Karate
- “School Pantomime “Robin Hood” produced by Mr. Jared Madden, Choreography
- Physics open day in NUIG
- French Film in Birr
- Cycle against Suicide
  - In City West Hotel
  - Dublin





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- ✓ GAA skills course March / April with on line coaching course
  - ✓ GAA Future Leaders Programme
  - ✓ IWA Boccia League /Disability awareness
  - ✓ Health Fest trip to Dublin
  - ✓ Enterprise Competitions, Overall winner Cathal Flannery, Student Award won by Jessica Kenny
  - ✓ Seachtain na Gaeilge Quiz
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- ✓ School Bank, Interviews,
- ✓ Green Schools
- ✓ Driver Theory Test
- Road Safety awareness week
- ✓ Learn to Earn Programme run by Junior Achievement Ireland and facilitated by Ms. Maureen McCormack of the B of I
- ✓ CU programme financial literacy

- ✓ Gaisce trip to Killary Adventure Centre, Storm Lorenzo
- ✓ School tour to Italy; Lake Garda, Milan Verona and Venice???????
- ✓ Audio Visual team keeping photographic and film highlights of the year
- ✓ MO JO Club, Vox pops, U tube channel, Library Club
- ✓ TY2 students go to MOS "Dream Space" HQ for a fun day
- ✓ MOS national Winner Leanne Mahon trip to London





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- ✓ Amber Flag (Promoting Positive mental health), Jigsaw and Soar Foundation,
  - ✓ John Paul 2 Awards (Holy Gaisces'!) Nativity, stations of the cross,
  - ✓ TY Portfolio Interviews
  - ✓ TY awards night, presentation of work May 21<sup>st</sup>
  - ✓ Work Experience 2 weeks Nov and May
  - ✓ Carol Singing
  - ✓ Zeminar in Abbotstown Dublin
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- Geography trip to Mount Lucas Wind Farm
- Inter schools TY Quiz
- Cookery courses in AIT
- NUIG open Day
- Maynooth open day
- UL open day
- Science Workshops
- Careers Speakers from various colleges, Kay Mitchell NUI Maynooth, Daniel Seery AIT



- Portlaois Prison visit and talk
- European Parliament Ambassador Schools Programme
- Microsoft Office Specialist modules
- Schools Go Orange Day
- "Live Life" conference Knock
- Digital Technology in the STEAM room, Amazing new technology, Simulators, 3D printer, robots, Drone etc. Thanks to Mr O'Brien and his team!
- Film Production Workshops for all 3 TY classes



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- ✓ First Aid Course, certification by the International Red Cross
  - ✓ School Bank, interviews, marketing, interview skills talk by Niamh Mc Cormack
  - ✓ Social Dancing with Jerry Tynan Dance off!
  - ✓ Fundraisers
  - ✓ Make a wish, Bake sale
  - ✓ Valentines Lollipops, The Heart Foundation
  - ✓ Angel Days for the IWA
  - ✓ Arc Gis training workshop
  - ✓ Production of documentaries and class videos
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# Speakers / Workshops

- Engineers week talk in Birr library
- AIT Astronomers Irelands workshop
- AIB Future Sparks in the RDS ?
- Youth Connect
- Internet Safety
- Enterprise, business plans, Design and product development,
- SOAR, Youth empowerment
- SVP

# CORE SUBJECT LAYER

- ✓ ENGLISH and IRISH
- ✓ MATHS and BUSINESS
- ✓ IT, Careers, RE
- ✓ History / Geography
- ✓ PE / Road Safety
- ✓ Work Experience
- ✓ Portfolio preparation
- ✓ German or French
- ✓ Digital Technology





# SUBJECT SAMPLING LAYER

- ☛ Physics / Chemistry / Biology
- ☛ Home Economics / Horticulture / Acc  
Construction / Nutrition / Art
- ☛ Music / Mindfulness / Karate
- ☛ A 10 week module of each subject is  
offered

# ASSESSMENT

- Portfolio assessment / Interview
- DES Certificate, Distinction / Merit / Pass
- Oral /Aural assessment
- Project work
- Formal Assessment and reports
- Written / Practical Class test
- Skills assessment.



# Research has shown that...

- TY STUDENTS DO BETTER BY AN AVERAGE OF 26 POINTS
- TY CANDIDATES ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE 'EDUCATIONALLY ADVENTUROUS'
- TY students are less likely to drop out of College because they choose the right courses in the first place





# Cost!!!

- There is An administration charge / Book rental fee of €90 for all classes
- The cost of the TY programme was €425 this includes the cost of the Microsoft Office Specialist
- The Italian Trip is costing €510



# Common Question

- Will students “go off the boil” as regards study?



# NO!

- TY ,like any other course or job in life, is a learning experience, it differs from other school years in the **way** they learn but students who are **doing** all the work that is set to them will be very **busy and focused**. They also learn to work on their own initiative, essential for leaving cert study.
- Like all walks of life, *what we get is a measure of what we give.*





**Selection of Photos from TY classes  
will follow this presentation**



# MOJO Team





# Little Red Riding Hood





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Transition Year Students 2018/19  
Presents



Director: Jared Madden

Assistant Director: Ms G Dewane, Ms M  
McIntyre





# Birr Theatre Film Festival





# Killary 25km Gaisce Hike



























# Killary





# MOS





# NUIG Open Day





# Bay Sports and First Aid























# Social Dancing





# John Paul 2





# Young Innovaotors



# Social Activism Talk





# Cycle against suicide, schools go orange day.



# Boccia





# Soar



# Ger Carey Tuar Ard Theatre Moate







