

# Transition Year 2026/27

## Information Evening



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School





# Transition Year

## Department of Education Definition

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

# Transition Year Programme



- Opportunity for students to mature and experience different types of learning – group work/project work/IT based work/independent learning etc.
- Break from the pressures of *formal education* & State Examinations.
- Core subjects retained – homework/Research Projects - Regular Assessment & feedback (P/T meetings, semester exams, exam reports & Project Work).

**It is NOT a doss year!!**

# Transition Year Programme



- TY students are statistically proven to achieve higher LC points.
- On average 20% higher results achieved from ex-TY students.
- Remember:

You get out, what YOU put  
in!

- Transition Year is broken into 3 semesters where each students gets to experience three different timetables.



# Sample Subjects

English  
Irish  
I.T.  
P.E.  
History  
Geography  
Science  
Maths  
Media Studies

Philosophy  
Home Economics  
GAA Future Leaders  
Art  
Forensics  
French  
R.E.  
Design & Graphics

Business Studies  
Music  
Engineering  
Road Safety  
SPHE  
Coding  
Development Education  
Accounting

\* These subjects may vary year to year.

## Sample TY Activities

**Work Experience**

**TEFL**

**Delphi Trip**

**Movie Making Workshop**

**IACT Modules**

**First Aid Course**

**Junk Kouture**

**GAA Future Leaders**

**Enterprise Awards**

**Driving Lessons**

**Barista Workshop**

**Charity Fundraisers**

**Swimming/Horse Riding**

**CSI Workshop**

**Mental Health Workshop**

**Coaching Courses**

**Community Care**

**Bodhran Making Workshop**

**Plus many more....**

## Work Experience

- Transition Year Students get the opportunity to attend work experience for 1 day every week for 20 weeks during the year.
- Work experience gives the students the opportunity to experience potential career choices and life experiences.

## Community Care

- Community Care takes place for 2 hours for a 10 week period.
- Community care gives the students the opportunity to volunteer their time around the community
- We have had great support from local business such:
  - MSPCA
  - Scoil Iosa Ballyhaunis
  - Western Care
  - Little Acorns Children's Centre



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## CERTIFICATE of ACHIEVEMENT

This is to certify that  
Sample learner

Has satisfied all programme requirements and has successfully completed the  
120 Hour Premier TEFL Qualification

### Key Programme Elements

- Principles of Learning English as a Foreign Language
- Evaluating English Learners
- English Language Development
- Teaching Grammar
- Teaching Vocabulary
- Teaching Phonology
- Teaching English for Different Purposes
- Child Growth & Learning

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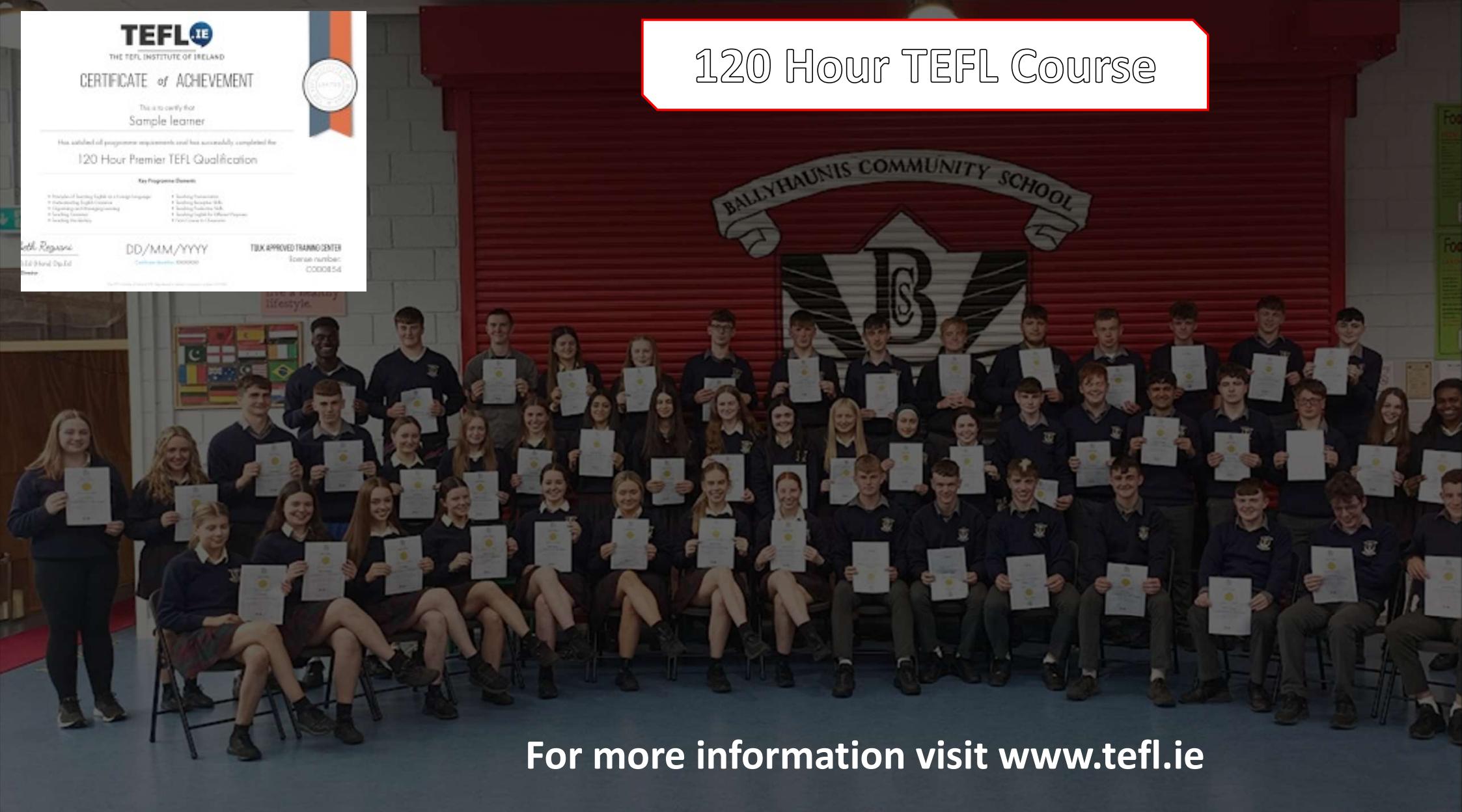
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# 120 Hour TEFL Course



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TY History Trip to Belfast and Carlingford

## TY Trips & Workshops



## TY Students Experiences

**“I loved the Work Experience”**

**“I made SO many new friends, students I had never spoken to in Junior Cycle”**

**“I loved the wide variety of new subjects”**

**“Community Care was brilliant”**

**“I wish I could do it again!”**

**“New friends!”**

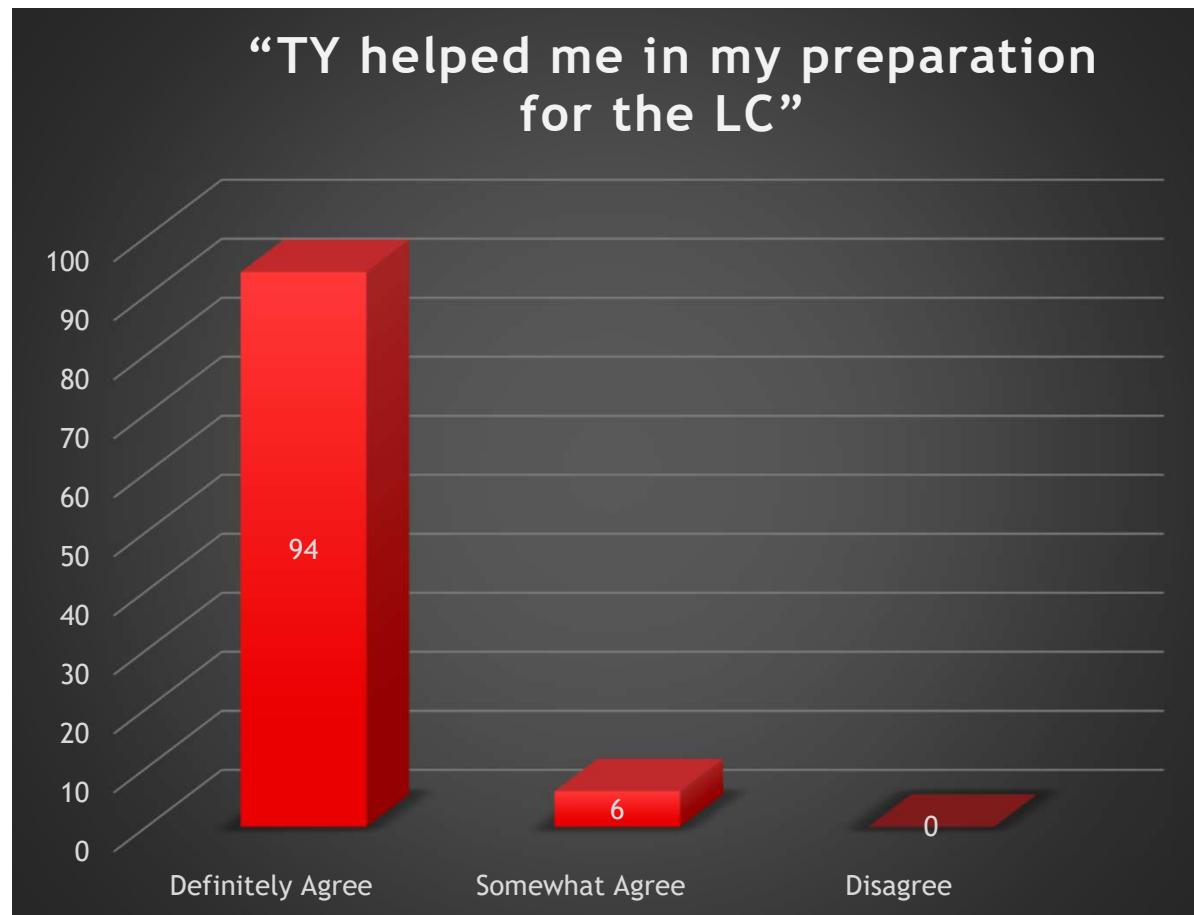
**“Killary was amazing!”**

**“My parents say I matured an awful lot!”**

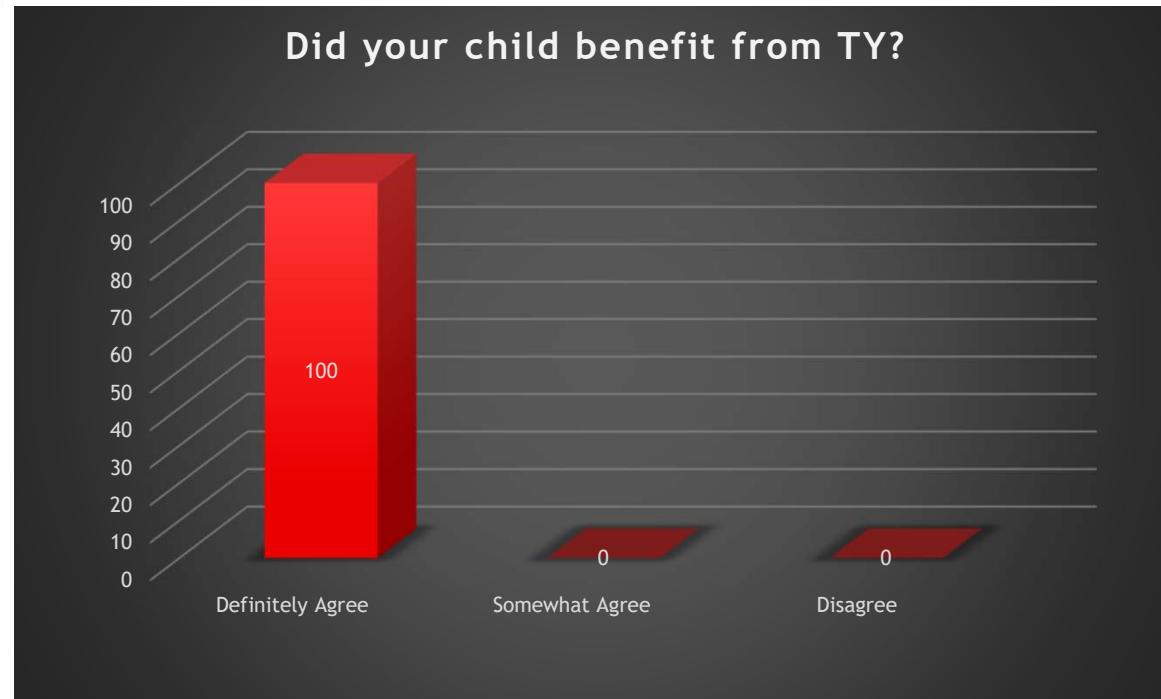
**“I learned so many new IT skills”**



## Leaving Certificate Student Survey



## Present Leaving Certificate Parent Survey



**“It was the best investment in my child's education that I could ever have made.”**

# TY Cost



- **Approximate cost of the year = €650 - ALL activities included**
- **Initial deposit of €175 - due in May 2025**
- **Second deposit of €175- due in September 2025**
- **Third Payment of €150 – due in November 2025**
- **Forth Payment of €150 – due in February 2026**

## This payment includes the following:

Book Rental, Certified Courses such as TEFL, First Aid, IACT. Activities/Trips/ Excursions & Workshops including Shannon Adventure, Delphi Adventure, Drama Workshop, Bodhran Workshop, Movie Making Workshop, Barista Workshop, Mental Health Workshop, Drivers Education Course, CSI Workshop, Knocknarea Climb.

- **Optional Foreign Trip will be available to all TY students This Year**

## Foreign Trip

- The Foreign trip will be available again this year for all Transition Year students
- This trip is optional and is organised through an external company. This is an additional cost to the Transition Year Payments.
- This year's Transition Year students have been given the option to go to London.

## Erasmus Projects

- We have developed a network of partnering schools in Spain, France, Italy and the Reunion Island where we work collaboratively on various projects through the years.
- All TY students get the opportunity to participate on these projects.
- This year the students have the opportunity to go to Brussels on an EU Project.
- These trips are EU funded and are free for our students. Approx. 8-10 students will travel on this trip.
- In 2025/26 we plan on embarking on a variety of new exchange projects.



# Application Process

## **1. Application Form**

Application forms are available on our website. Applications will be submitted before February Mid-Term Break

## **2. Interview**

Interviews will take place during March 2026

For more information please visit our  
website

[www.ballyhauniscs.ie](http://www.ballyhauniscs.ie)

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