

Transition Year 2026/27

Information Evening



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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 as:**
 - **MSPCA**
 - **Scoil Iosa Ballyhaunis**
 - **Western Care**
 - **Little Acorns Children's Centre**

120 Hour TEFL Course



For more information visit www.tefl.ie

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!"**

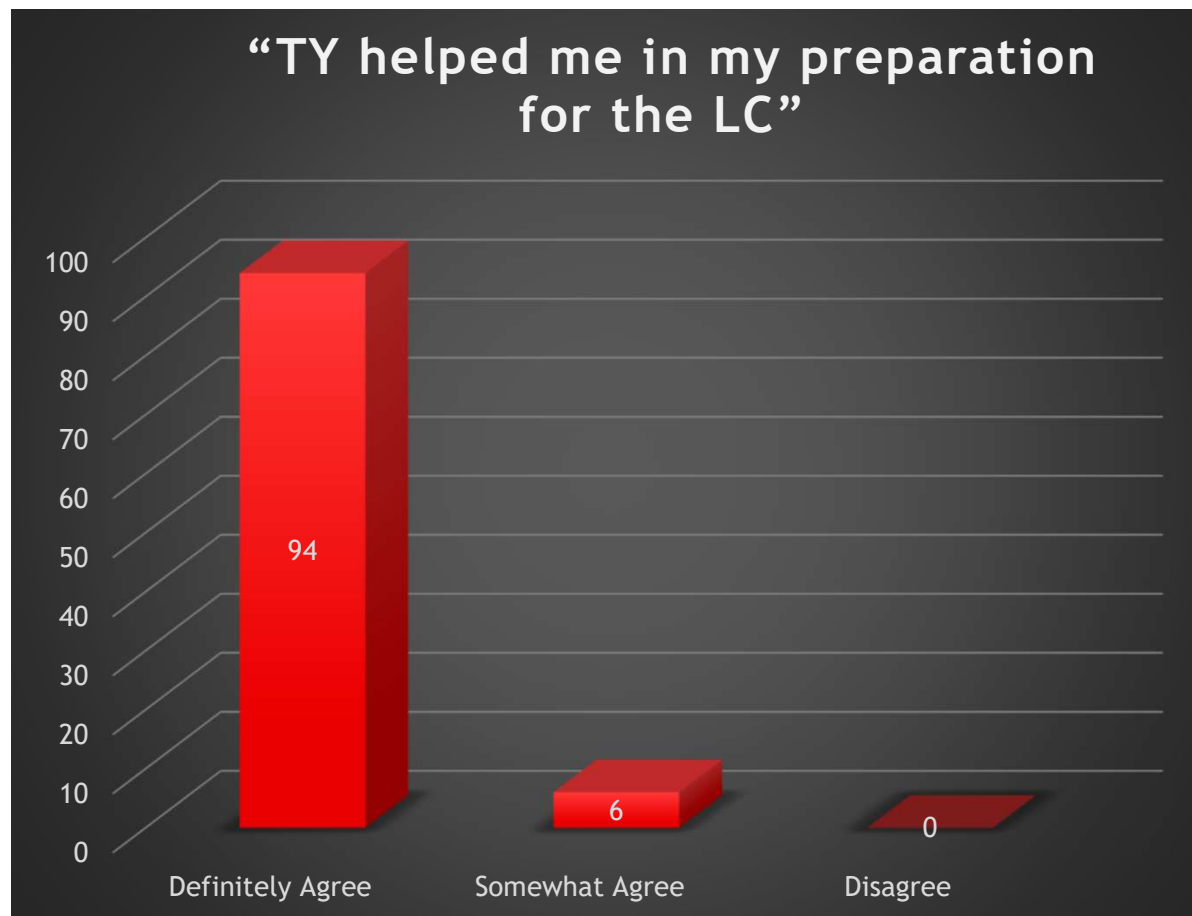
**"New
friends!"**

**"Killary was
amazing!"**

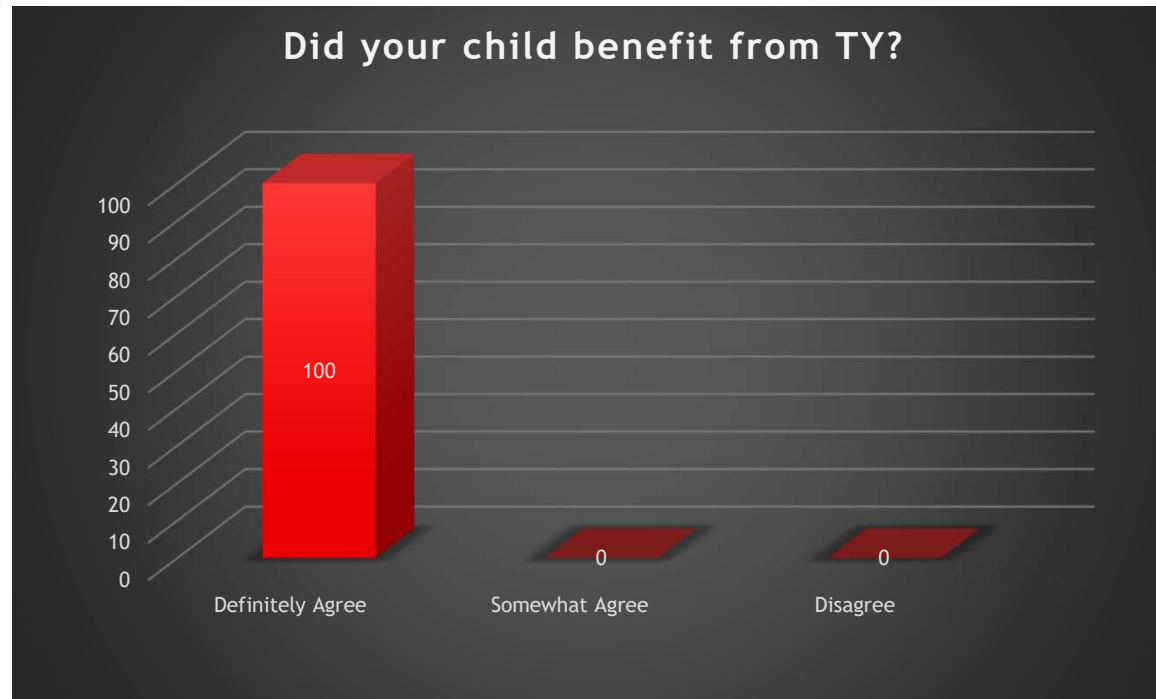
**"My parents say
I matured an
awful lot!"**

**"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**

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