

Coláiste Cois Siúire

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TRANSITION YEAR UPDATE

May 2020



A message from Ms Gannon (Programme Coordinator):
Considerations due to COVID-19 will have to be put in place for as long as is nationally directed. All staff and management in Coláiste Cois Siúire will endeavour to deliver a very successful and worthwhile learning experience. More specific information about TY will follow.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience will take place each Friday (as soon as it is safe to do so). Future TY students are encouraged to start making contact with potential employers as soon as is convenient and safe to do so.

ACTIVITES

Planned TY Activities are being altered to account for COVID-19. Each Thursday, activities will be brought to the school as much as possible in term one.





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Dear Parents,

First and foremost, I hope that your family is safe and well at this time. Unfortunately, the planned TY information night in term three could not go ahead against the backdrop of COVID-19 restrictions. It is my hope that this newsletter might help to bridge the gap between previous discussions about TY and the programme's start in September.

The reality for schools currently is that there is some clarity required about how schools may need to operate differently in September. For TY, this may mean some necessary changes to plans that were previously outlined. However, what has not changed is the premise for the Transition Year programme itself. Students who embrace this programme will still benefit from social and emotional growth, the opportunity to broaden their learning horizons, and, gain an all-important firm platform on which to start their senior cycle journey.

CCS has been working hard to adjust our plans around what is the most rewarding programme that can be delivered in the current context. Student care and safety must always be at the core of this planning.

More details will be published as soon as we know more about how school life will be shaping up. Until then, I hope all students take a well-earned rest and enjoy their summer holidays as best they can.

Mr Power



May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears

Nelson Mandela



Transition Year Key Information

COST

€350 per student (siblings in the TY programme at a discounted rate)

TIMETABLE

Monday to Thursday will be timetabled as normal with core subjects, Leaving Cert sampling subjects and TY modules. Each Friday, TY students engage in work experience

BOOKS

All books are included in the overall cost

ASSESSMENT

A blend of normal school assessments, portfolio writing and project-based assignments

SUBJECTS*

Core: English, Irish, Maths, French, PE, Enterprise Education

LC Subject Sampling: History, Geography, Engineering, Woodcraft, Music, Art, Home Economics, Chemistry, Biology

Modules: Future Leaders Programme, Enterprise Education, First Aid, Computers

Activities: Each Thursday evening is blocked for TY activities in and out of school. For term one, suppliers will be brought to the school until clarity around travel/buses and COVID-19 restrictions is received.

*Subjects may change according to resource availability



