

Transition Year Newsletter May 2022



As our second ever Transition Year experience at Coláiste Cois Siúire draws to an end, I want to thank you all for your support and cooperation.

During the first half of the year we were governed by public health restrictions, but the latter half of the year afforded many opportunities to leave the school and enjoy many trips and experiences together as is the normal Transition Year Experience. I think this group has really benefitted from the experience of Transition Year, they have grown a lot over the past academic year and this will really stand to them going forward.

“The end of every year marks a new beginning”.....and I want to wish all these students the best of luck as they continue their journey towards Leaving Cert in Coláiste Cois Siúire.

Ms Gannon (TY Coordinator)

THANK YOU

Thank you parents and students for your patience, understanding and continued support during this challenging year.

We are immensely proud of the TY cohort; of the resilience and determination they have showed every day.

This is a special group of young people that are ready to move forward for Leaving Certificate.

TY ACTIVITIES & COSTS

Dear Parents,

In May 2021 it was outlined that the cost for an effective and varied Transition Year programme was priced at €350. In December of last year, CCS published the spend per student at that time to continue to provide parents with absolute clarity around how their contributions were being used.

Thankfully, with the lifting of public health restrictions the TY group managed to go on a number of excursions and trips in term two and three.

With careful management of the available finances, the TY group have utilised their entire budget this year. We thank you for your support of your son/daughter.



TY ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 2021/22

The following are just some of the achievements and activities of Transition Year students from 2021/22:

- Basic First Aid Cert
- Restart the Heart Cert
- Photography Skills Course
- IACT Office 365 Cert (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote,)
- IACT Career Skills and Driving Skills Courses
- Fitness and Exercise/Dance Workshops
- Poetry Slam Workshop
- Personal Safety Workshop
- Winterval Scavenger Hunt
- Hospitality Talk and Dinner (Dooleys Hotel)
- Driver Education Cert
- Pet Farm Visit
- Drugs Awareness Programme
- Peer Mentoring Programme
- Introduction to MMA
- Motivational Speakers Workshops
- Enterprise Talks and Workshops
- GAA Future Leaders Cert
- Circus Skills Workshop
- Greenway Cycle
- Castlecomer Discovery Park Zipline
- Team Bonding Activities
- Mock Interviews



A REFLECTION ON TRANSITION YEAR...

Transition Year was a great opportunity to learn new skills such as teamwork and to utilise my creativity in various subjects. The highlights for me were the trips out of school, and, work experience.

-Bethany Power

I was nervous coming to Ireland and taking Transition Year but everyone made me feel very welcome. I really enjoyed the year. It is totally different to the Spanish school system but I know I am going home older and wiser.

- Eva Rodriguez Rico

Transition Year was a very interesting year overall, we did many fun activities but we also earned lots of certificates and qualifications that we wouldn't have done in a normal school year. I really enjoyed the Driver Ed Programme!

- Jack Ryan





The best thing about Memories is making them...