



# Coláiste Cois Siúire Transition Year Newsletter

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## Dear Parents...

In this mid-year newsletter we asked a selection of TY students to give their perspective on how their year is going so far and what their highlights have been. We sincerely hope that our students will continue to grow, develop and flourish as the year progresses.

### Matteo Favoccia

"Transition Year has been an enjoyable experience so far. We tried Bog jumping in Causey Farm, Co. Meath which I will never forget because it was something new – disgusting but fun! We got to explore Winterval in Waterford and to ice-skate (which has been my favourite thing to do so far). We learned how to ride a segway which was very enjoyable. Next term, I am looking forward to more trips around the country and do different activities we have never done before.

I am looking forward to the next term of Transition Year because there will be more opportunities to do more of these activities. With work experience I have learned to appreciate and manage my responsibilities. I have also learned to have patience with my tasks and to work as a team member. In conclusion, TY is a very good experience and worth it."





### **William Bolger**

"Transition year so far has been great we have got to do lots of different things like bog jumping! We got to go to causey farm in Co. Meath we got to herd sheep make pizza, painting and lots more. We also got to go orienteering in Woodstock which was great fun. We went ice skating in Waterford spent some time around Winterval in our own little groups responsibly.

We got to learn how to use segways down in Mooncoin Parish Hall. Next term I would like to go around Ireland a bit more, to learn more about our country

Transition year is really enjoyable and is well worth it for the year as you get to experience some really great things with your class and teachers. I would really recommend it so far. We are also doing work experience every Friday. I am working as a fitter this term. It's a really valuable experience and good fun too."



### **Barbara Almadana**

"Transition Year is a unique experience!

As a Spanish exchange student, I think TY is a very good year that makes you mature in many ways. By doing work experience you learn to be more independent, learn new skills, and, at the same time, you do new and fun things. Personally, I am enjoying it very much and I am very happy to be here.

On the one hand, I am very happy this year because, thanks to all the TY activities, I have integrated very well with my classmates, and it has been the best experience. I think that Transition Year is an opportunity to make friends and to try new activities."



### **Anna Penkert**

"In my opinion Transition year has been extremely fun so far. We have done several activities for example, using segways, going orienteering, going to a farm, getting motivational speeches, completing a photography course and going ice skating. All these activities have been thrilling and really helped me bond with my classmates. I enjoy doing work experience every Friday as it helps me get a view of the workforce and the challenges that come with it."

Feedback from work-experience employers in term one has been overwhelmingly positive.  
Well done to all our hardworking young professionals!



# Transition Year Activities from Term One...

The Transition Year Team have endeavoured to provide varied and exciting activities, skills and experiences for our students this year.

Activities from Term 1		Cost Per Student
September	Photography Workshop	€5.25
	Causey farm Bonding Day	€66.95
	Segways	€17.50
October	Orienteering Woodstock	€13.15
	Fitness Freak	€11.95
	Shout Out Workshop	€0
November	First Aid Certification	€35.0
	Mock Interviews	€0
December	Christmas Window Design Competition	€0
	Winterval Trip and Ice-skating	€20.5
	Stephen Kiernan Brilliant Mondays	€17.1

Please note we have experienced a huge increase in the cost of activities and in particular the cost of hiring buses.

<b>Total spend per student to date</b>	<b>€187.40</b>
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Activities booked Term 2/3 so far...	Cost Per Student
Driver Education	€35
Personal Safety with Alex	€17.10
In school talk from John Lonergan	€10.50
Delphi Trip	Not included in budget

Dear Parents, as you can see, the TY budget is being carefully managed to deliver variety, quality and value. Those parents choosing payment by instalments will receive a reminder Way2Pay link of your balance by text in early 2023.