

TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME 2010/2011

INTRODUCTION:

Transition Year in Ardscoil na Tríonóide, Athy is an optional programme that offers pupils a broad range of educational experience with a view to the attainment of greater maturity, self – confidence and a positive direction in life.

The aims of our Transition Year Programme are:

- To offer a wide variety of subjects so that each student can identify their own particular interests.
- To provide each student with real life experience of the adult world of work.
- To develop social and personal skills of each student.
- To develop initiative and self confidence in each student by offering new challenges and methods.
- To provide a Programme which can significantly improve the Leaving Certificate prospects of our students.
- Transition Year should also provide an awareness of the environmental responsibilities to the world in which we live and an overall awareness and sensitivity to the needs of others – both in the school environment and in the community.

Transition Year students will be assessed at the end of each module or term, method of assessment will be varied so as to allow students to best express their learning.

The Transition Year Programme will be evaluated through student, parent and staff reviews - the results of which will be used in the creation of future programmes.

SUBJECTS IN TRANSITION YEAR 2010/2011

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| • Maths | • Irish |
| • English | • Computer Studies |
| • Euro Studies/
History/Geography | • Mini Company
(Enterprise) |
| • Economics/
Business/
Accounting | • Art |
| • Music | • Religion |
| • P.E. | • Life Skills, Leisure
Pursuits |
| • Biology | • Physics |
| • Chemistry | • Woodwork/
Technical Graphics |
| • Career Guidance | • Languages (French/
Italian/German) |
| • Home Economics | |

TRANSITION YEAR ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE

- E.C.D.L.
- Gaisce- Leadership Award
- Work Placements
- Community Service
- Mini Company Enterprise
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Young Social Innovators
- Debating
- Driving Awareness Programme
- Best Buddies
- Transition Year also includes other activities such as First Aid, Self Defence, Dance, Swimming, Drama and Day Trips.

EXPENSES

Deposit of €50.00 due in May.
There will be an initial charge of €200 in September with another charge of €100 payable in February to cover other activities that are undertaken.

ASSESSMENT

Students are assessed on a continuous basis during the year. At the end of the year students will receive a **Transition Year Certificate** at either **Pass, Merit** or **Distinction** level depending on their performance during the year.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms will be distributed later this week to be returned by Tuesday February 23rd. Each applicant will then be interviewed before places in the Transition Year Programme are offered.

It may not be possible to offer a place to all applicants.

SAMPLE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER:

- Trip to outdoor Adventure Centre

NOVEMBER:

- Enterprise Workshops
- Work placement for one week.

DECEMBER:

- Go-Karting (Christmas Outing).
- Students are also doing their first E.C.D.L. exams and Mini-Company Preparation in this term.

JANUARY:

- Lifeskills programme will include swimming and self defence.
- K.A.S. (Sexual Awareness programme)
- Enterprise Workshop

FEBRUARY:

- Gaeltacht trip to Rathcairn Co. Meath (OPTIONAL)
- Midterm break
- Lifeskills programme will include First Aid and Golf, swimming
- School Musical
- Kildare Enterprise Board Mini Company Competition.

MARCH:

- ECDL exams will take place through the term.
- Easter holidays
- Y.S.I. (Young Social Innovators).

APRIL:

- Work placements for one week.
- Driving Awareness Day.

MAY:

- May - School Holidays.
- Paintballing or other activity (Dates to be decided).
- Transition Year Awards Night.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO TRANSITION YEAR CLASS

2010-2011

- APPLICATION FORM
- ESSAY
- INTERVIEW
- ATTENDANCE
- CONDUCT IN CLASS
- HOMEWORK, CLASSWORK
- AGE

All application forms to be returned to

Mr. McCauley

by

Tuesday, February 23rd, please.

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Ardcoil na Tríonóide



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