



Transition
Year

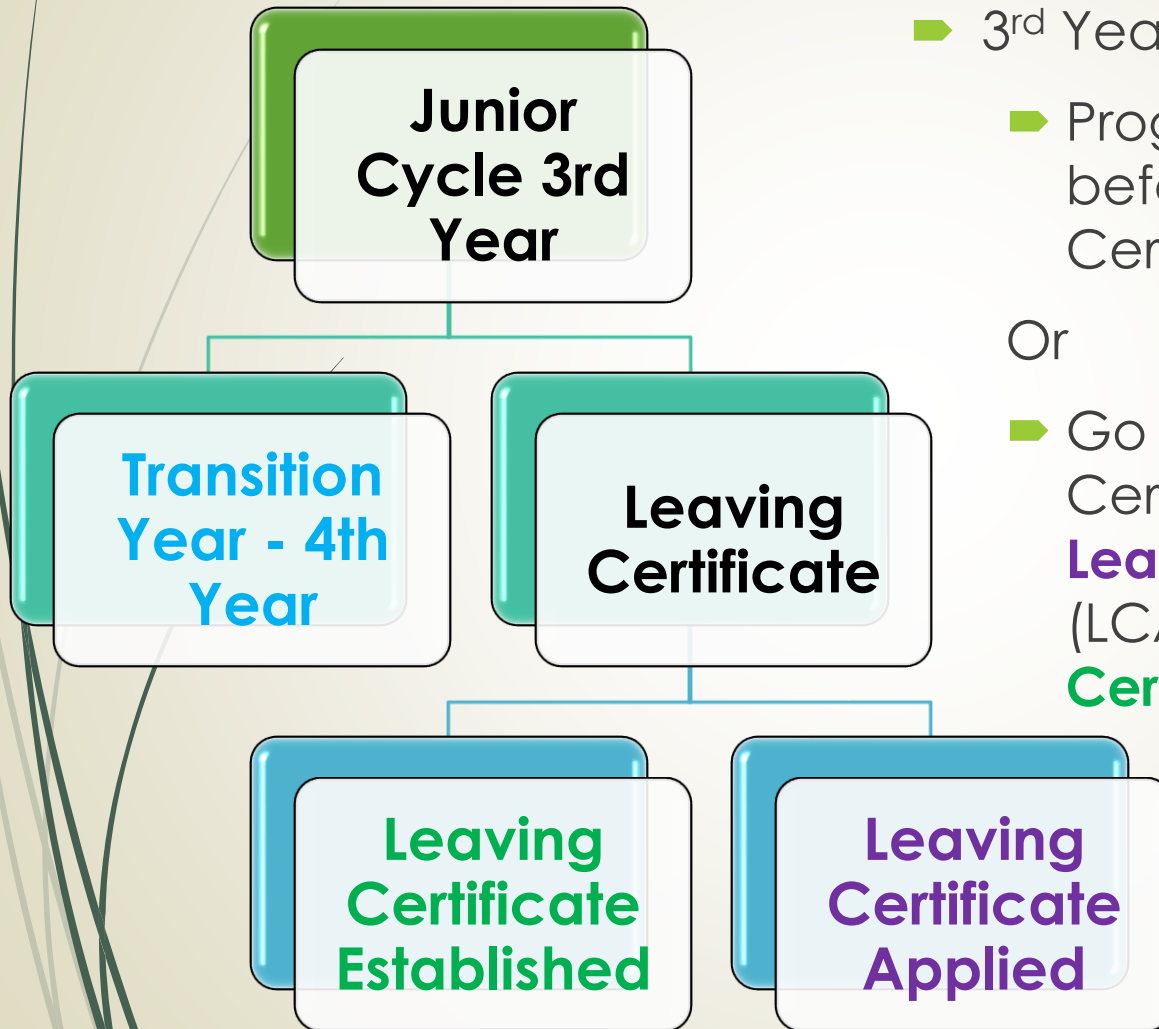
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Outline

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- Aims of Transition Year
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Senior Cycle Pathways



- 3rd Year Students must decide:
 - Progress to **Transition year** before deciding on Leaving Certificate Programme
- Or
- Go directly to Leaving Certificate choosing either **Leaving Certificate Applied** (LCA) (Level 4) or **Leaving Cert. Established** (Level 5)

What is Transition Year?

- Transition Year is a one year programme between Junior and Senior Cycle
- A **bridge** towards more **independent self-directed learning** required for the Leaving Certificate

Junior Cycle

Transition Year


Leaving Certificate
Established/Applied

AIMS



Education for
MATURITY
Social & Emotional
awareness and
competence

Relationships



Education through
experience of **ADULT**
& **WORKING LIFE**
as a basis for personal
development & maturity

Leadership

Promotion of general,
technical and **ACADEMIC**
SKILLS with an
emphasis on
interdisciplinary and
Self-Directed Learning

Responsibility

The Year to Achieve for You!



- Time-Management
- Responsibility
- Charity Work
- Community Involvement
- Self Regulation



An opportunity to reflect on options for Leaving Cert Subjects and to improve in the core subjects



TY – Curriculum Design

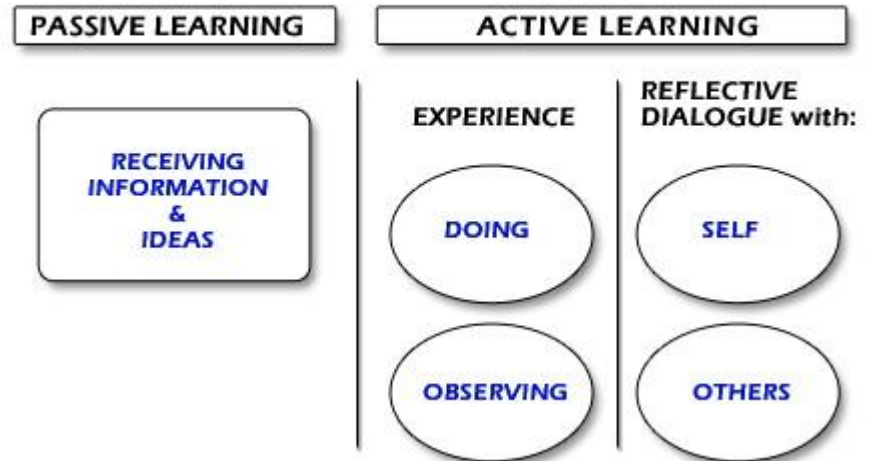
- Curriculum designed in line with NCCA Guidelines
- Learner-Centred
- Teacher Expertise
- Active, Experiential & Project-Based Learning
- Varied Assessment
- School Certified



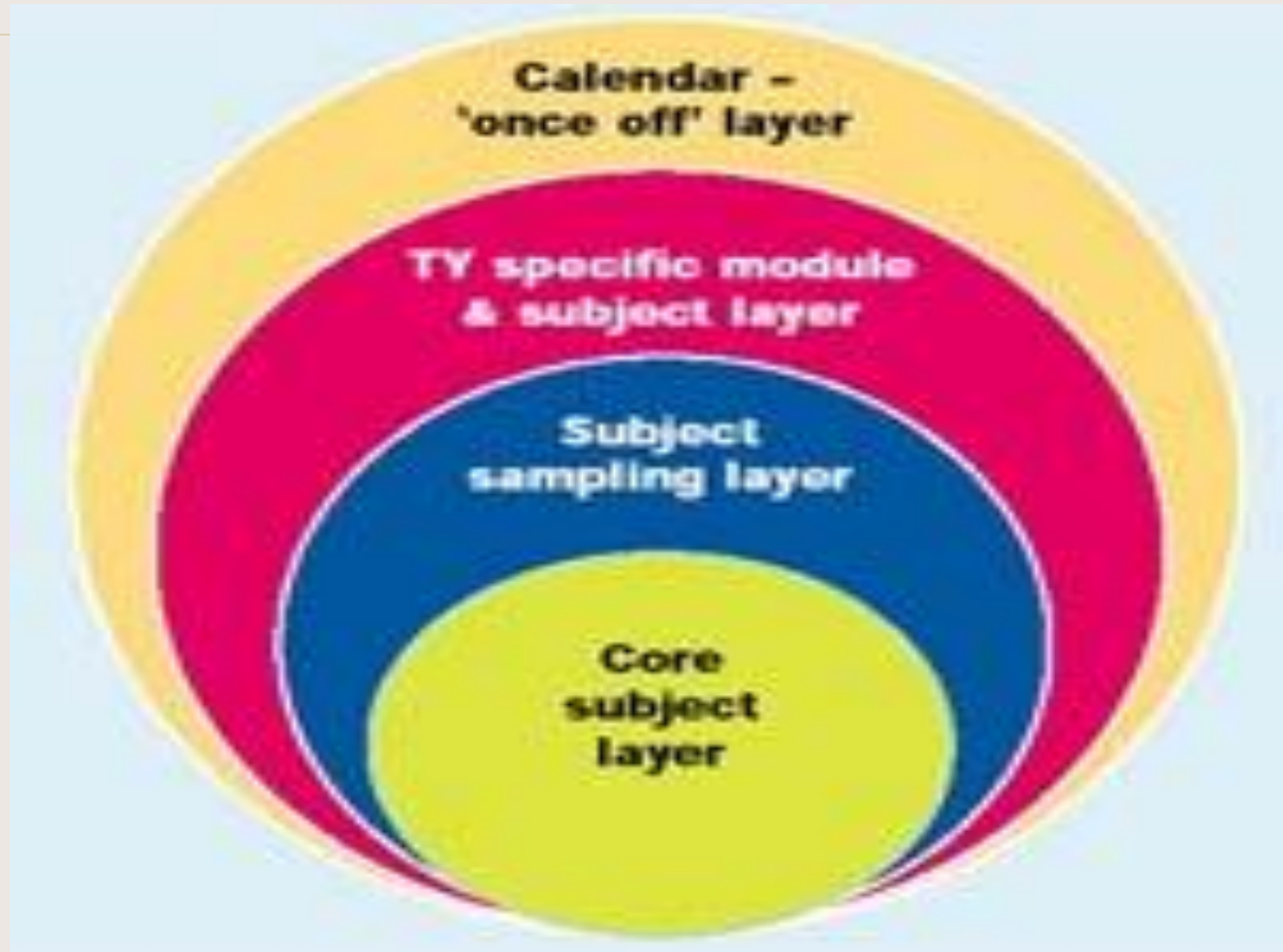
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An Chomhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta

A Model of Active Learning



TYO Structure



TY – Curriculum Layers

Core Subject Layer

- Irish, English, Maths, French,
- Religion, Physical Ed., S.P.H.E.
- Guidance, Computers

Subject Sampling Layer (Modules)

- Art, Music
- Technologies (Home Economics, Construction, Engineering, Graphics, Technology)
- Biology, Physics and Chemistry
- Social and Environmental Studies (History & Geography)
- Business, Accounting & Economic

TY Specific Layer

- Enterprise - School Bank, Mini-Company
- Activities – Coaching Modules
- Musical Production

TY – Curriculum Layers

Calendar Layer

- Outdoor Pursuits, Guest Speakers, Community/Charity work, Carol Singing
- Work Placement
- Foreign Tour



Events/ Activities

- Kick boxing, Self-Defence, Yoga, Exercise, Health and Nutrition, Bowling, Mental Health workshops, Road Safety, First Aid
- Personal Development Day, Percussion Workshops, Log On & Learn, Law Day

Opportunities

- Gaisce Awards, Homework Club, Public Speaking, Quizzes, Overseas Charity Work
- UCC BIS Course, Medicine Day Computer Programming, CIT Exploring Technology, Women in STEM
- School Bank, Green Schools, Meithel Team,

Assessment in Transition Year

- **End of Term/Module Assessments** – e.g. Written Tests, Project Completion
- **Portfolio** - Includes samples of achievements in and out of school - Monitored regularly by Transition Year Co-ordinators and teachers
- **Self-Evaluation** – Reflection, Diaries and Reports
- Term Reports Issued to Parents
- Parent-Pupil-Teacher Meetings.



Certification

- Completion of Transition Year Programme
 - **Distinction**, **Merit**, **Pass**
- Skills-Based Certificates (e.g. Fitness Certificate from FETAC, Gaisce, First-Aid, Driving Course , Bank of Ireland Awards, Big Brother Big Sister, School Bank)



Key Benefits of Transition Year

- Discover & Explore **Personal Strengths** and **Talents**
- Develop **Maturity** and **Self-Confidence** through reflection and **Personal Awareness**
- Build **interpersonal** and **team skills**
- Make **informed subject choices** for Leaving Cert
- Explore the **world of work** and career interests
- Achieve **improved Leaving Cert** Results*
 - **+26 CAO points** on average above those who did not do TY programme
 - Are more likely to be **“educationally adventurous”**
 - **less likely to drop out**, or change, 3rd level course.

*NCCA Longitudinal Study of TY Programme

What will be expected of TY students in GCC?

- **Responsibility** - to meet work deadlines, Behaviour, Attendance & Punctuality.
- **Participation**
- **Interest**
- **Enthusiasm**
- **Initiative**
- **Creativity**
- **Respect**
- **Leadership**
- **Empathy &** Interest in the welfare of others
- **Commitment**

Transition Year Motto

"You will get back from T.Y. what you put into it."

Be Active! Be Involved!



Parental Support is a Key Element to Successful Engagement

Cost & Application Process

Important Dates

- **€250 for TY Programme. This excludes Ballyhass Adventure.**
- **17th November 2021 – Information Briefing for 3rd Year Students & Student Application forms distributed**
- **26th November 2021 – Parent application electronic form will be sent via text.**
- **10th December 2021- Deadline for completed via online form.**
- **28th January 2022 - Notification of Place Issued to Parents**
- **11th February 2022 – Deadline for acceptance of TY place and deposit of €100**
- **31 August 2022 – Contract of Learning to be signed and balance of €150 to be paid.**