

NEWPARK
COMPREHENSIVE
TRANSITION YEAR
STUDENT BOOKLET



NAME: _____

FORM TEACHER: _____

**THIS BOOKLET MUST BE FILLED IN, SIGNED AND RE-
TURNED TO YOUR FORM TEACHER BY THURSDAY SEPT 1ST.**

TRANSITION YEAR CONTRACT 2016/17

Transition Year is a crucial year in the development of all students in Newpark. It allows the students to grow emotionally, socially, physically and academically. The key to success in Transition Year is to push yourself as hard as you can in all areas and try as many new subjects / activities as possible.

We would ask that all students commit to this contract for the coming year:

- I will give of my best in all areas of the year ahead to complete challenges and produce the best work and result I can.**
- I commit to being punctual to all activities, to school and to all outside school parts of the programme, e.g. Community Action, Work Experience etc.**
- I will endeavour to leave everyone that I come in contact with from outside and inside the Newpark community with the best impression of the school and myself as possible.**
- I will embrace all of the diversity and change that I come upon in TY, I will show respect and be courteous to everyone I come in contact with.**

This contract covers all trips extra to the general day to day curriculum of the school. I give permission for my Son / Daughter to attend any trips that TY encompasses. If there is something that I do not wish my Son / Daughter to attend I will inform his/ her Form Teacher via a note in their journal.

Signed student: _____

Signed parent: _____

Date: _____

Signed Form Teacher: _____



COMMUNITY ACTION AND ACTIVITY WEEKS

Each student is required to take part in a Community Action programme as well as all Activity Weeks across all three modules. Failure to complete Community Action or Activity Weeks will result in a loss of credits at the end of the module as well as other sanctions in line with school policy

COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action is an important part of the TY Programme and is compulsory for all students. Students are required to volunteer their services every Tuesday afternoon after school, (for the duration of the school year) with a voluntary service of their choice which would be of benefit to their local community. This can be organised at a suitable time of choosing either.

Examples of Community Action undertaken in the past are volunteering in Charitable Organisations, Homework Clubs, Youth Groups, Church Groups, Nursing Homes , Tidy Towns etc)

Students should choose one Community Action which they will undertake for the year. **STUDENTS MAY NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES COMPLETE COMMUNITY ACTION WITHIN CLASS TIME.** Each week, upon completion of Community Action, the school journal Community Action report should be signed by the person within the organisation responsible for the student.

Credits are awarded each module on the basis of the completion of that report.

ACTIVITY WEEKS

Students are also required to participate in all activity weeks both within the school and outside the school.

There are 2 Activity weeks in each module., 6 in total. Each must be written up in detail and are awarded credits in each module

- 3 x Work Experience
- 1 x In Dublin Week
- 1 x Arts Week
- 1 x Gartan OEC

WORK EXPERIENCE

Students are required to undertake 3 Work Experience weeks, one in each module.

Work Experience is an important part of the TY Programme. Students should take the time to try to find a Work Experience in an area they have an interest in. As there are a lot of schools that undertake Work Experience it is important to make enquiries about your Work Experience as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

Your Work Experience forms and reports should be handed to your form teacher in a timely manner.

Community Action and Work Experience forms are available on the school website.



Newpark Comprehensive School Policy for School Trips

All Parents / Guardians of students in Transition Year should make themselves aware of Newpark's School Policy on trips. It can be found by following the following link:

<http://newparkschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/School-Trips-Policy.pdf>

“The school expects that all students travelling on an extended tour will display a level of maturity commensurate with their age. Students on trips, which involve an overnight stay in Ireland or abroad cannot be supervised on a 24 hour basis and all extended school tours will involve periods of time without direct supervision. Parents who are concerned that such a level of supervision is inadequate should not permit their son / daughter to take part in such trips”

Policy adopted 13th June 2012.

Once students have been settled and sent to their rooms in the evening they should only re-emerge if there is an emergency. This may lead to serious consequences should it occur.

“The behaviour record of a student in school shall be taken into account in deciding whether to allow a student participate in a school trip.”

“All school rules and policies apply on all school trips”



Gartan Outdoor Education Centre
Churchill, Letterkenny, Co.Donegal
www.gartan.ie

What to bring with you:

2 towels

Old runners (that will not return)

Swimming Togs

Comfortable Trousers to walk in (not jeans)

T-shirts (lots of them)

Comfortable shoes to walk in

Hoodies / Fleece

Water Proof Jacket and Trousers

Sun Cream

Only bring valuables with you that are totally necessary

On the morning of departure the bus will depart at 7:30am SHARP, please be there at least 10 minutes in advance of this.

On arrival back in Dublin the bus will drop students in Parnell Square at approx. 5:30pm, students are required to make their own arrangements to get home from there.

The Folder

Transition Year offers you many exciting experiences and opportunities. Many of these are outside the traditional subjects you will be familiar with from Junior Cycle. Gartan, Discussion, Work Experience, Lecture, Arts Week, In Dublin Week and Community Action give you the chance to throw yourself into aspects of the 'real world' in a way that you may not have before. This is what we call 'experiential learning', where you learn from doing things. A very important part of this is that you reflect on these experiences, and make the most of the learning.

Being able to look back on your experiences and efforts to see how you did, give yourself credit and imagine how you could do better, is an essential skill of being an adult.

The Folder is the place where you will collect your memories, reflections and plans throughout Transition Year. Many students say that their best experiences of Newpark are from their time in Transition Year. It is worth making your folder a document that you will treasure, to remind yourself of the challenges and triumphs of Transition Year in the years to come.

All of the folder content will be either emailed / sent digitally to your Form Tutor in Module 1, 2 and 3.

The Folder should be ONE word document which can be added to throughout the year.

The contents of **The Folder for Module 1 and 2:**

Aims and Aspirations for Module and TY

Initial thoughts and feelings on TY

All lectures

Reflective piece on Leisure and Recreation, Work Area and Arts

Community Action

Work Experience

Activity Week

Discussion

Extra Curricular Activities

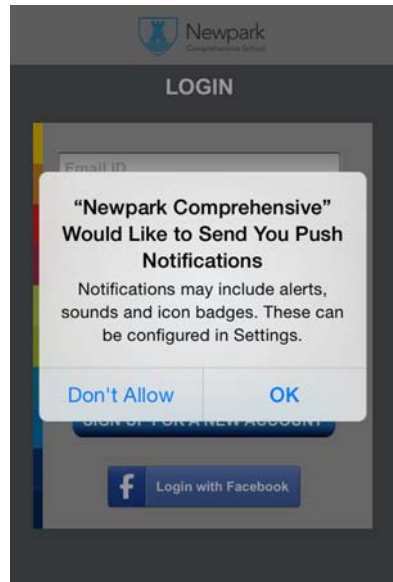
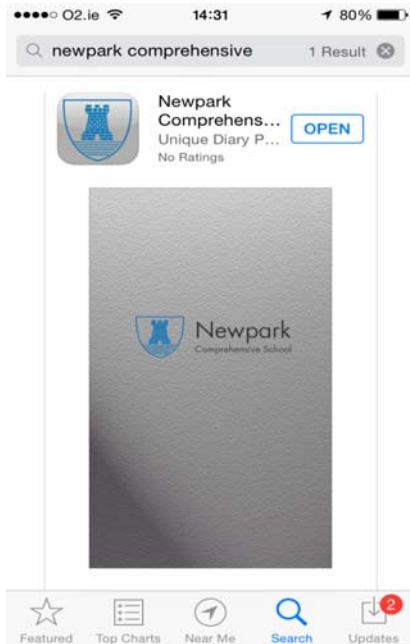
Highs and Lows of each module

The folder should contain pictures, colour and be a really focused collection of all the variety and diversity in TY!

THE NEWPARK COMPREHENSIVE APP.

FOR ALL UPDATED INFORMATION ON TRANSITION YEAR ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING DATES, ACTIVITIES, WORK EXPERIENCE FORMS ETC.

CHECK OUT THE NEWPARK APP FOR SMART PHONES



**Receive Push Notifications and keep up to date with all the
information throughout Transition Year**

CHOICES DURING TRANSITION YEAR.

The following pages have a range of choices that you will be hearing about over the coming days. You must choose now all the activities that you will do for the rest of the year. Changes will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances so listen carefully and choose well.

In every case put numbers beside all choices and we will endeavour to give you your first preferences in as many areas as we can. However, this may not always be possible and will be on a first come first served basis after

Thursday September 1st in registration.

Please have your parent sign at the bottom of each of your choices to signify this has been discussed and approved.

WHERE YOU CHOSE A PAID OPTION E.G. SURFDOCK OR YOGA, YOU MUST BRING THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT ON THE FIRST CLASS OF THAT MODULE IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE CLASS AND THE AMOUNT ON IT, CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO NEWPARK COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL.

STUDENTS WHO COMMIT TO A PAID OPTION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CHANGE DUE TO ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH THE VARIOUS LOCATIONS

OPTION

RANK FROM 1—6 YOUR PREFERENCES. THIS IS A CHOICE FOR THE WHOLE YEAR AND NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF THE SUBJECT PREVIOUSLY IS NECESSARY. IF YOU ARE IN THE EUROPEAN SECTION YOU MUST CHOOSE IT AS NO.1.

MUSIC _____

ART _____

BUSINESS _____

HOME ECONOMICS _____

EUROPEAN SECTION _____

CONSTRUCTION STUDIES / DCG _____

GEOG / HISTORY _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

WORK AREA (FRIDAY MORNING 3 PERIODS)

RANK FROM 1—7 YOUR PREFERENCES. THIS IS A CHOICE FOR THE WHOLE YEAR.

MINI COMPANY

BANDS

DRAMA

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

CATERING

FILM

CRAFT

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

ARTS (MONDAY BETWEEN BREAK AND LUNCH)

RANK FROM 1—8 YOUR PREFERENCE. THIS IS A MODULAR SUBJECT (OVER 9 WEEKS) SO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO YOUR FIRST 3 CHOICES AS THEY WILL BE TREATED AS YOUR FIRST CHOICES FOR EACH MODULE.

CHINESE _____

RUSSIAN _____

TECHNICAL SUBJECTS _____

CREATIVE WRITING _____

SALSA DANCING _____

PHOTOGRAPHY _____

THEATRE AND STAGE _____

AIKIDO _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

LEISURE AND RECREATION MODULE 1

Please note that half of the options are paid and half are free. It is very important that any monies owed are paid to the teacher associated on the first class of the module. See costs below. Preference all options.

Girls Rugby _____

Tennis €10 _____

The Wall - Climbing €90 _____

Surfdock (Water Activities) €120 _____

Yoga _____

Games _____

**Strength and Conditioning
€ to be determined** _____

Parent signature: _____

LEISURE AND RECREATION MODULE 2

Please note that half of the choices are paid and half are free. It is very important that any monies owed are paid to the teacher associated on the first class of the module. See costs below. Preference all options.

Games _____

The Wall— Climbing €90 _____

Racket Sports _____

Yoga _____

Water Polo _____

Strength and Conditioning
€ to be determined _____

Tennis _____

Parent signature: _____

LEISURE AND RECREATION MODULE 3

Please note that half of the options are paid and half are free. It is very important that any monies owed are paid to the teacher associated on the first class of the module. See costs below. Preference all options.

Games _____

Tennis €10 _____

The Wall—Rock Climbing €90 _____

Surfdock (Water Activities) €120 _____

Yoga _____

Baseball _____

Strength and Conditioning _____

(€to be determined)

Parent signature: _____

ACTIVITY WEEK DATES

November	7th — 11th	14th—18th
February	6th —10th	13th—17th
May	8th—12th	15th—19th

Ms McCarthy

November	Gartan OEC	Work Experience 1
February	In Dublin Week	Work Experience 2
May	Arts Week	Work Experience 3

Ms Dempsey

November	Work Experience 1	Arts Week
February	Work Experience 2	Gartan OEC
May	Work Experience 3	In Dublin Week

Ms Cooper

November	In Dublin Week	Work Experience 1
February	Arts Week	Work Experience 2
May	Gartan OEC	Work Experience 3

Ms French

November	Work Experience 1	In Dublin Week
February	Work Experience 2	Arts Week
May	Work Experience 3	Gartan OEC

Mr Byrne

November	Arts Week	Work Experience 1
February	Gartan OEC	Work Experience 2
May	In Dublin Week	Work Experience 3

Ms Keating

November	Work Experience 1	Gartan OEC
February	Work Experience 2	In Dublin Week
May	Work Experience 3	Arts Week

LIFESKILLS TIMETABLE 2015/16

AMCC

TIME (THURSDAY)	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
1:45—2:45	Careers Ed EN	First Aid AA	RSE CH
2:45—3:45	Philosophy HH	Comms CD	RE SH

MDY

TIME (THURSDAY)	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
1:45—2:45	RSE CH	Careers Ed EN	First Aid AA
2:45—3:45	RE SH	Philosophy HH	Comms CD

TC

TIME (THURSDAY)	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
1:45—2:45	Philosophy HH	Comms CD	RE SH
2:45—3:45	Careers Ed EN	First Aid AA	RSE CH

SFH

TIME (THURSDAY)	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
1:45—2:45	Comms CD	RE SH	Philosophy HH
2:45—3:45	First Aid AA	RSE CH	Careers Ed EN

CB

TIME (THURSDAY)	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
1:45—2:45	First Aid AA	RSE CH	Careers Ed EN
2:45—3:45	Comms CD	RE SH	Philosophy HH

AK

TIME (THURSDAY)	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
1:45—2:45	RE SH	Philosophy HH	Comms CD
2:45—3:45	RSE CH	Careers Ed EN	First Aid AA

SOCIAL STUDIES / SCIENCE TIMETABLE 2015/16

AMCC

DAY	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
MONDAY	BIOLOGY CG	PHYSICS SCN	CHEMISTRY LA
FRIDAY	HH	CBR	CR

MDY

DAY	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
MONDAY	CHEMISTRY LA	BIOLOGY CG	PHYSICS SCN
FRIDAY	CR	HH	CBR

TC

DAY	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
MONDAY	PHYSICS SCN	CHEMISTRY LA	BIOLOGY CG
FRIDAY	CBR	CR	HH

SFH

DAY	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
MONDAY	CBR	MOD	HH
FRIDAY	BIOLOGY SO	PHYSICS MP	CHEMISTRY LA

CB

DAY	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
MONDAY	HH	CBR	MOD
FRIDAY	CHEMISTRY LA	BIOLOGY SO	PHYSICS MP

AK

DAY	MODULE 1	MODULE 2	MODULE 3
MONDAY	MOD	HH	CBR
FRIDAY	PHYSICS MP	CHEMISTRY LA	BIOLOGY SO

Transition Year Visit to Gartan Outdoor Education Centre 2016/17

Student Name _____ Form _____

Address _____

Home telephone number _____

Parent/Guardian daytime telephone num: _____

Student mobile telephone number _____

Rules

- Students must follow all regulations of the Centre. Students will be also required to follow the Relationships and Behaviour Policy of Newpark Comprehensive School. No student may leave the Centre without the permission of the teacher in charge.
- The purchase, possession of, and/or use of alcohol or any other illegal substance is strictly forbidden. Please see Substance Misuse Policy. (<http://newparkschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/np-substance-use-policy.pdf>)
- In an emergency, if I cannot be contacted, I empower the person(s) in charge to authorise emergency medical treatment or any operation required.

- In the event of a serious breach of discipline, we reserve the right to send the student concerned home. You will be notified and you will be responsible for any expenses incurred above those already paid for ..
- In order to ensure the safety of all students we ask for your permission to inspect students luggage should the person in charge deem it necessary.

Student Signed:

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signed:

Date: _____

If your child has any medical condition/allergies/special food requirements etc., please specify below:

Important dates for your diaries:

- **MODULE 1**
- **Thursday September 1st—Booklet with choices due back**
- **Friday September 9th—Community Action Forms filled in and signed due back**
- **Tuesday September 13th—Community Action to start**
- **(All those without Community Action on this date will be kept in)**
- **Friday October 7th—Work Experience forms for Module to be handed to Form Teacher**
- **Wednesday October 26th —All sections of folder to be uploaded to Form Teacher for Module 1**
- **November 7th — 11th Activity Week 1**
- **November 14th—18th Activity Week 2**
- **MODULE 2**
- **Wednesday November 23rd —Activity Week write ups due to be uploaded**

- **Friday January 20th —Work Experience forms for Module 2 to be handed to Form Teacher**
- **Wednesday 1st February —All sections of folder to be uploaded for Module 2**
- **February 6th — 10th Activity Week 3**
- **February 13th — 17th Activity Week 4**
- **MODULE 3**
- **Wednesday March 1st— Activity Week 3 + 4 Write Ups due to be uploaded**
- **Wednesday March 15th—Interview Day**
- **Friday April 28th—Work Experience Forms for Module 3 due to be handed to Form Teacher**
- **Wednesday May 4th—Module 3 folder to be uploaded to Form Teacher**
- **May 8th—12th Activity Week 5**
- **May 15th—19th Activity Week 6**
- **Monday 22nd May —Activity Week 5 + 6 Write Ups due**
- **Thursday May 25th —Transition Year Graduation**

General Permission Slip.

During Transition Year there are a number of trips that all students will be required to go on such as The Roadshow Workshop and lectures in St Vincents Hospital. We therefore ask permission from parents / guardians to allow their son / daughter to do this.

We will inform Parents / Guardians when these things are happening and if a Parent / Guardian wishes that their Son / Daughter not go they can inform us on an individual basis.

Please sign below to indicate that your Son/Daughter has permission to go on any trips within school time that the TY Coordinator and Form Teachers have sanctioned.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Signature:_____

Printed:_____

Contact Ph Number:_____

Email:_____