# TRANSITION YEAR 2023/24

**3rd Year Parent and Student Presentation** 

## THE AIMS OF TRANSITION YEAR

To provide a transition between Junior and Senior Cycles and to lay the foundations for further study

To encourage initiative, self-reliance and responsibility

To develop the qualities of courtesy, cooperation and concern for other people, to develop self-awareness, decisionmaking and coping skills

(www.education.ie)

## STUDENT CONTRACT AND EXPECTATIONS

The key to success in TY is that all students push themselves as hard as they can in all areas of TY and try as many NEW subjects / activities as possible.

#### **Key expectations:**

- 1. Completion of assignments and reflective pieces
- 2. Punctuality and attendance
- 3. Respect and lasting impressions
- 4. Embracing diversity and change



TY Coordinator – Morgan Lennon

The program and all the facets around that.

Year Leader – Dermot O'Neill

**Discipline, Attendance etc.** 

Six Form Groups Six Form Teachers: KD, SFR, DL, LMY, AD and LRG

- Planning and directing the program on a weekly basis
- Organising the Activity Weeks
- Meeting parents





### Form Groups 2023/24

#### Form Groups:

Mr O'Neill will do a huge amount of balancing of your TY Form Groups. You all should be *soooooo* excited about meeting new people, getting to know other people well and making new friends.

Parent / Guardian support is very much appreciated on this as it is a very important part of the program.

THERE WILL BE NO MOVING FORM GROUPS SO DON'T ASK!!





### THE SHAPE OF THE YEAR

#### MODULE ONE Weeks: 1-11

Dates: August, September, October, November

Activities and Assessment Team building Tests Submit TY Portfolio & Community Work Report

Activities weeks 1,2

Module 1 Report



#### THE SHAPE OF THE YEAR

#### MODULE TWO

Weeks: 12-21 Dates: November, December, January

Activities and Assessment Submit TY Folder Community Action Report End-of-Module Assessments Activities weeks 3,4 Module 2 report Parent meeting with Form Teacher





#### THE SHAPE OF THE YEAR

#### MODULE THREE

Weeks: 22-34 Dates: February, March, April, May

Assessment and Activities: Submit TY Folder & Community Work Report End-of-Module Assessments Interview Day Choosing subjects for Leaving Cert Activities weeks 5,6 End-of-Year report Final assessment & certification Graduation Evening



### ACTIVITY WEEKS

3 X Work Experience

Outdoor Pursuits Week

Arts Week

In Dublin Week

You will complete one work experience and one of the above activity weeks at the end of each module





### ACTIVITY WEEK DATES 2023/24

Activity weeks 1 and 2

November 6th - 10th November 13th - 17th

Activity Weeks 3 and 4 Jan 29th – Feb 2nd February 5th – 9th (BH)

Activity Weeks 5 and 6 May 6th - 10th (BH) May 13th - 17th





### WORK EXPERIENCE

You will need to complete 3 work experiences during the year!

One in November, one in Feb and one in May

The best advice we can give you is to look at it this way, get one work experience in each of these categories:

- Something you think you really want to do
- Something totally different
- Something you might get a Summer job from



### COMMUNITY ACTION

Students are free on a Tuesday afternoon to do this (finish at 1:10pm) BUT it does not have to be completed at this time.

## HOWEVER IT MUST BE OUTSIDE OF REGULAR CLASS TIME.

Each student will make and keep a commitment to give community service to an individual or group each week OUTSIDE OF REGULAR CLASS TIME.

Commitment for the whole year, start date is September 12th 2023

Minimum time: 2 - 2.5 hours each week





## COMMUNITY ACTION EXAMPLES:

- Foróige Leadership Program (CD / KA)
- Flossie and The Beach Cleaners (ML)
- Newpark ECA (AD / AA / Relevant)
  - Rugby
  - Hockey
  - Basketball
  - Drama
- Student Digital Leaders (SFR)





#### APPLICATION FOR TY LEAVE

All students are encouraged to do as much as is possible during their TY Programme.

They must apply for leave from TY Coordinator if they wish to do something outside of the 'normal' times during the year.

All forms are on the school website (newparkschool.ie) under student – transition year section.

#### Leave will only be granted for educational experiences.

## OTHER POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:



- RCSI Medical Programmes
- STEM (Science and Maths)
- Trinity Programmes (Physics, Medicine etc.)
- St Pats Drumcondra
- Foreign Language Exchanges

   (Anyone interested in a German exchange please contact Ms Dempsey ASAP at Margaret.Dempsey@newpark school.ie)



## GARDA VETTING

- New legislation put in place from May 2016.
- This, no question, has made things more tricky for Work Experience and Community Action.
- <u>http://www.newparkschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/eVetting-for-TY-Students-September-2016.pdf</u>

- Current Procedure:
- Receive a vetting form from the organisation you are applying to (most likely digitally)
- Fill in form and return to the organisation, this authorises the vetting to take place.

Then sent to Vetting Bureau then returned to management body and then to school

The procedure appears to be taking between 10-14 days currently.

### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

All students are expected in school every day barring illness or exceptional circumstances.

There are credits awarded (and lost) for attendance and punctuality – students are expected to be present

The most important aspect of this is the timetable, there is something unique to TY on every day so if you miss one day you miss a whole weeks work.



### THE TRANSITION YEAR FOLDER

#### **Contents:**

The key aspect of the Portfolio is that it is a reflective document of the year as it goes by.

Aims and aspirations for the Year Review of each lecture Review / diary of each Job Placement Review / diary of Community Action each module Review of each Lifeskills Module Review of Work Area Review of Work Area Review of Arts Option Review of Leisure and Recreation activities Review of Discussion Review of Extra-curricular Activities Review of all three Activity weeks



## TRANSITION YEAR SUBJECTS

There are a range of NEW subjects that you will complete during TY. Some are Modular (as in change every module) and some are for the year.

**Modular Subjects** 

- Arts

- Leisure and Recreation
- Lifeskills
- Social Studies
- Science

All year subjects:

- Work Area
- Option A
- Core Subjects
- Discussion
- Guest Speaker

## THE TRANSITION YEAR CURRICULUM



Special Studies (19 classes per week)

The Core of the Curriculum:

- Work Area
- Lifeskills
- Leisure & Recreation
- Arts
- Lecture Programme
- Discussion
- Community Action

### THE TRANSITION YEAR

#### CURRICULUM



The Academic Studies (21 classes per week)

- English
- Irish
- Mathematics
- Language

Two options:

Option 1: Social Studies: (Sustainability, Psychology, Anthropology)

Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology);

Option 2: Art; Business; Music; Construction/Engineering; Geography; History

### MODULAR PROGRAMME: LIFESKILLS

Provides students with information and practical skills to enable them to cope with aspects of life, moral and ethical issues.

All students follow short courses (8-9 weeks) in each of the following areas:



First Aid Thinking Religion Communications Careers Relationships and Sexuality Education

## MODULAR PROGRAMME: LEISURE AND RECREATION



Block of Time every week with emphasis on physical education and outdoor pursuits.

Modular courses (provisional list): Swimming & Aqua-aerobics Yoga Self Defense and Boxercise \* Tennis Aikido Bowling \* Rock-climbing\* Games (Soccer, Baseball)

\*There will be an extra charge for the activities

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Provides students with a range of creative activities Students follow short courses (9 - 10 weeks) in three of the following areas (Provisional list):

### MODULAR PROGRAMME: ARTS



**Creative Writing** Salsa Dancing Media Studies Art /Photography Chinese Japanese Korean Sign Language Foreign Films **Technical Subjects Music Appreciation**  Students join in one of the areas listed below

Year-long commitment to the area of work.

WORK AREA:



Emphasis on practical work, requiring initiative, enterprise, cooperation and resourcefulness

Work Areas include (Provisional list):

- Innovation
- Catering
- Music /Bands
- •Theatre/Drama
- ●IT
- •Film Studies
- Craft





## MAKING SUBJECT CHOICES:

This year we will be choosing subjects before the Summer so that the students will be prepared and ready to go straight into class in September!

We encourage all parents/guardians and students to discuss these at home once they have been given the information.

We will use Microsoft Forms to complete the student's choices in all areas:

- Leisure and Recreation
- Work Area
- Arts
- Option

These will be posted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year form group teams after the students have been spoken to about the various subjects in each option.



## **TRANSITION YEAR: CREDITS**

#### Some of this may be subject to some changes this year.

- Seeks to acknowledge both the academic and non-academic sides of Transition Year.
- Credits allocated to each of the 3 modules
- Up to 1350 Credits are available over the course of the year
- Credits are awarded for Effort and Attainment in academic subjects
- Credits are awarded for Effort and Enthusiasm in Special Studies.
- Form Teachers have 50 credits per module to award for exceptional effort and anything extra that has gone on.

#### **The Transition Year Certificate**

## TRANSITION YEAR CREDITS

1,140 Credits - Distinction Certificate

945 Credits - Merit Certificate.

810 Credits - Pass Certificate

Remember: The pass mark is 60% throughout the modular reports.

Most subjects are marked /20 so therefore the minimum score to pass is 12/20!!



## THE TRANSITION YEAR JOURNAL



All students in TY are expected to have a journal throughout the year – Expected Cost €12

They will be required to fill in the usual assignments and projects and important dates throughout the year.

There will also be pages in the middle specifically for TY which will allow them to take notes and keep records of their lecture program.





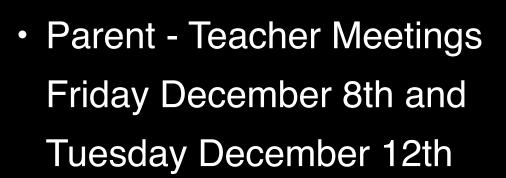
## COMMUNICATION.

Most of the TY communication will happen by email, through the App or **most importantly through Teams directly with students.** 

YOU (the student) need to check your email REGULARLY (once a day) and make sure YOU are the one communicating with your Form Teacher.

Also please ensure at least one parent/ guardian is receiving email from the school and if not please organise to do so with the office.

## SOME IMPORTANT DATES





Transition Year Graduation
 Thursday May 23rd 2024



### THE TRANSITION YEAR COSTS

Costs that must be met from Subscription:

- Residential week at Outdoor Pursuits Centre and transport (buses to and from Gartan)
- Arts Week (trips out, external teachers, materials)
- Some Excursions (In Dublin Week)
- Visiting speakers/presenters/workshops
- Some of the external workshops and activities within the programme

To run the best, most varied TY Programme possible from the limited funds available.

We request that you pay: Subscription (*non-refundable*) of €415

## THE TRANSITION YEAR COSTS

Encourage your son/daughter to help in the saving for this subscription.

On VS Ware the 'bill' will say 'PENDING' and have a date which is late in the year, this is just the way the system works!



We request payment prior to entry to Transition Year. (Cheque, Cash, VS Ware, Standing Order)

If you have difficulty in meeting these expenses, contact the Principal at <u>eoin.norton@newparkschool.ie</u> or TY Coordinator at <u>morgan.lennon@newparkschool.ie</u>

### **NEWPARK COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**



## A Guide to the Transition Year Programme 2023/24 THE END

