

# Cistercian College Roscrea



## Transition Year Programme

### 2020-2021

### *Transition Year Information Evening*



# Transition Year



## One Year Programme

Facilitates smooth transition from dependant learning to Independent self-directed learning

## Normal Class Structure

Workshops and activities superimposed on a normal class structure providing full range of subjects



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## Aims of Transition Year

- Encourage personal development, self-esteem and maturity
- Promote maturity in studies making students more independent, self-directed and confident
- Increase the social and personal awareness of students
- Extend each student's range of interests and activities



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## Why Consider Transition Year?

### Challenges Facing Students

- Leaving Certificate and Points
- Third Level
- Adult and Working Life



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## Leaving Certificate and Points

- Informed subject choice
- Informed C.A.O. choices
- Do better in Leaving Certificate by an average of 30 points
- More likely to retain subjects at higher level



# Studies on TY



- Students who do Transition Year (TY) engage better with their studies for the Leaving Certificate than those who do not.
- "Students' TY participation status was among the strongest predictors of spending more time on homework." He said it was likely that the TY programme developed students' self-regulatory and self-management skills.

– Aidan Clerkin, Education Research Centre Drumcondra



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## Third Level

- Drop out rate and dependency
- Age profile and maturity
- Time management
- Information Technology skills



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## Assessment and Accreditation

- Progress reports at October, Christmas, Easter and Summer
- Academic subjects examined by project method
- Modules delivered by others are certified
- Work experience is monitored and assessed





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## The Transition Year Programme

### Academic

- Full range of subjects offered
  - French/German/Irish language exchange
  - Content linked to leaving certificate syllabus
  - Use of field work and projects.



# Links to Leaving Cert.



- Maths topics all linked to new Project Maths course – higher numbers from TY stay in LC HL – 25 points
- Irish – Oral worth 40% TY prepares topics such as “Myself”
- Improve vocabulary and grammar skills



# Links to Leaving Cert.



- English – Creative writing – helps in unprescribed Paper I
- Improve vocabulary
- Comparative study
- Media Studies – students learn how to read film as a text – Comparative part of the course



# Links to Leaving Cert.



- Modern languages – French, German and Spanish
- Language exchange
- Grammar
- French and German culture
- Oral and Aural worth 45%
- Oral French -Prepare document section
- Oral German - Introduced to Role plays and complete projects linked to an optional question



# Links to Leaving Cert.



- Business – Material from all 3 subjects covered, help in selecting subjects.
- Mini – companies, Student Enterprise
- Science – Material from all 3 subjects covered, help in selecting subjects.
- Individual project work and BT Young Scientist
- Irish Angus Beef Competition



# Links to Leaving Cert.



- History – Civil Rights movement USA
- Vietnam War
- Both topics on LC course
- Geography – South America
- Physical Geography of Africa
- Both on the LC course



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## The Transition Year Programme

### Academic

- Full range of subjects offered
  - Core Subjects (Irish, English and Maths)
  - French/German/Irish language exchange
  - Other subjects modular
  - Content linked to leaving certificate syllabus
  - Use of field work and projects.



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## New Modules

- Environment
- Young Social Innovators
- Boxercise
- Photography
- Pilates
- Future Leaders
- Stone work and Wood Projects







## GAA Future Leaders Modules

- Future Leaders Coaching Module
- Future Leaders Refereeing Module
- Future Leaders Administration Module
- Future Leaders Sports Journalism Module
- Future Leaders Performance Analysis Module
- Future Leaders Nutrition Module
- Future Leaders Wellbeing Module
- Future Leaders Event Management Module



-Pupils will receive an e-Certificate for each completed module.

**FUTURE LEADERS**  
TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

[LEARNING.GAA.IE/FUTURELEADERS](https://learning.gaa.ie/futureleaders)



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## Workshops and Activities

- Certificated courses
- Skills Acquisition
- Career Investigations
- Social Personal and Vocational
- Outdoor Pursuits/Leisure/Culture/Hobbies

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- Certificated Courses
  - ECDL
  - First Aid
  - Gáisce – The Presidents Bronze Award
  - Schools Digital Champion
  - Food Business Module (Bord Bia) online
  - Tourism Module online
  - Student Enterprise
  - Young Social Innovators
  - Future Leaders



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## Skills Acquisition



- Cookery
- Driver Education
- Public Speaking
- Chinese Language (Easter Camp at Shanghai University)
- Irish Language Promotion (Seachtain na Gaeilge)
- Live action film making
- Creative Writing
- Drama and Music



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## Career Promotion



- Work Experience
- Engineering (Vistakon , Microsoft, Boston Scientific, **Steps Programme**)
- Career presentations ( Colleges, Defence Forces)
- University Taster Programmes (**DCU, UCD, Trinity, RCSI, UCC**) Facilitated
- Law Module ( Bar of Ireland Lottery)
- Stockmarket Module
- UCD/UL/UCC Campus Tour
- Guest Speakers
- Institute of Chartered Accountants



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## Social, Personal and Vocational

- Law Module delivered by the Public Access to Law programme
- Dr. McCarthy Perpetual Trophy for Achievement in Science
- General Health and Welfare (workshops on mental health and emotional well being, healthy eating and nutrition)
- Comhairle na N-óg
- Two Weeks Work Experience
- TY Retreat
- Establishing and Running a Student Bank
- Establishing and Running Mini-Companies
- Charitable and Social Work (Pieta House, Cystic Fibrosis, Jigsaw, Penny Dinners, Darkness into Light, Fr Peter NcVeery Trust)
- **Prayer Path (On site, hands on activity)**
- Irish Aid Centre



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## Outdoor Pursuits; Leisure; Culture; Hobbies

- Language programme
- Swimming and Life-Saving
- Horticulture
- Pilates
- Horse riding/Skiing/Surfing/Fencing
- Adventure Centre activities
- Leadership and Team Building
- European School Tour
- Cultural Trips (theatre, history, musicals)



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## Sport

- Hurling
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Gaelic Football
- Golf
- Tennis
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Horse Riding
- Skiing
- Surfing
- Boxercise
- Pilates





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## Music



- Musical
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Lessons in various instrument
- Percussion workshop



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## Cost Of the Programme

- There is some additional expenditure associated with the Transition Year programme
  - Modules delivered by people who work in the discipline
  - Nature of the activity necessitates it taking place outside the school
- The School strives to minimise expense by delivering as many modules as possible in-house



# Student Experience





"During Transition Year, I developed values in life such as leadership. It helped me to mature as a student athlete, on and off the pitch. It gave me the focus and confidence to reach my full potential, both academically and in rugby."

**Cormac Brennan, House Captain (TY 2010/2011)**





"TY in CCR was an invaluable year for me. It gave me the opportunity to travel and develop a network of influential people that will "open doors" for me in my later career; the TY programme really helped to guide me in this area."

Diarmuid Kilgallen (TY 2016/2017)







“The TY experience in CCR is very varied. I got involved in the Student Enterprise competition, Build a Bank Competition, Stock Market workshop, Schools Technology competition, Cookery, Film making, Driving lessons, First Aid and Pilates. I also completed an Accounting workshop at the Institute for Chartered Accountants and a TY taster course in Dentistry at TCD. I cannot recommend TY in CCR highly enough.” **Jack Gilligan (TY 2017/2018)**



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**Thank You for your Attention**

***We wish you well in your choice.***

