



Transition Year

2023/2024

Aims of Transition year

- ▶ **Personal:** To help you develop your personality and character towards a more positive and confident self-image.
- ▶ **Study/Work:** To develop independent work and study habits appropriate to the Senior Cycle.
- ▶ **Career:** To become familiar with workplaces outside school and possible career paths.
- ▶ **Social:** To become more informed about society and more skilled at dealing with people.

Benefits of TY

- ▶ TY students do better by an average of 26 points in their LC
- ▶ Better retention of subjects at Higher Level
- ▶ Twice as likely to apply to higher education courses (degree)
- ▶ Less likely to change Third Level Course mid-stream
- ▶ Become more rounded individuals

Transition year structure

- ▶ The structure of TY differs from other years in the school and offers the students a wide variety of choices and experiences
- ▶ The timetable is broken into 3 strands
- ▶ 1. Core subjects
- ▶ 2. Leaving cert choice subjects
- ▶ 3. TY specific modules (compulsory, vocational, creative)

Core subjects

- ▶ Core subjects (studied all year)
 - English
 - Irish
 - Maths

Leaving Cert choice subjects (choose 5 from the 17 option subjects offered in SCS)

- ▶ History
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ DCG
- ▶ French
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Construction Studies
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Business
- ▶ Accounting
- Ag Science
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Art
- Music
- Economics
- Social & Scientific

TY Specific modules

► Compulsory Modules: (Rotated every 8 week)

Block 1:

First Aid, Guidance, Netiquette, Road Safety

Block 2:

Digital Media, Health Ed, Relationships & Sexual Ed,
Learning to Learn,

Block 3:

Cookery, Health & Fitness, Driver Theory, Leadership

TY Specific modules

- ▶ Vocational Choice Modules (1 hour per week)

Applied Science, Computer Science/Coding, Farming, Food & Hospitality, Language & Culture, Sports Administration, Sustainability.

- ▶ Creative Choice Modules (2 hours per week)

Creative Film Making, Mini Company, Woodcraft, School Musical (Music, Drama, Art)

- ▶ Work experience (2 x one week)
- ▶ Social Initiative/community activity (one week)

Subjects	Hours
English, Maths	3 each x2 =6
Irish	2
Religion 1	1
Community Activity	1
PE	1
Computers(Work Experience)	1
Optional Leaving Cert Subject X 5	10
TY Creative Module	2
TY Vocational Module	1
Compulsory Module 1	1
Compulsory Module 2	1
Compulsory Module 3	1
Total Weekly periods/Hours	28

Transition year Timetable breakdown:

- ▶ 28 class periods in the week
- ▶ 18 of those are Academic Subjects
- ▶ 4 are PE, Religion, Computers, Community activity
- ▶ 6 are Modules

Outdoor Pursuits

- ▶ Surfing Inchydoney
- ▶ Team Building West Cork Secret
- ▶ Ballyhass adventure centre
- ▶ Awesome Walls/Rock climbing
- ▶ Kayaking
- ▶ Hillwalking
- ▶ Waterford Greenway
- ▶ Sailing
- ▶ Smugglers Cove

Optional courses run in TY

- ▶ Gaisce
- ▶ Fai Level one coaching Course
- ▶ Code like a Girl
- ▶ Looking into Law
- ▶ Mini Med
- ▶ Young Scientist

Extra-Curricular Activities run in TY

- ▶ GAA
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Chess Club
- ▶ Film Club
- ▶ Book Club
- ▶ Social Justice
- ▶ Debating

Assessment in TY

- ▶ Written Christmas and Summer exams
- ▶ Practical assessment/orals/Aural Class tests, Presentations, Product, Service, Competitions
- ▶ TY Journal- Homework, Reflections, 2 Work Experience, Social Placement and Module reports
- ▶ Portfolio
- ▶ Certification on the completion of all modules
Distinction, Merit, Pass, Not Graded

Farming

- Climate Change
- Modern farming Methods
- Guest Speakers
- Farm trips
- Coop visits



Applied Science: BT Young Scientist

- Bt Young Scientist
- Real Science
- SEAI
- One Big idea
- Scifest
- Aberden Agnes competition



Sports Administration

- Sports day organisation
- Gym Management
- Lunch Time Activities
- Nutrition
- Research on astroturfs




Food and Hospitality



Euro-Toques Young Chef
of the Year 2022

Language and Culture

- 
- World Cultures
 - Research skills and project work
 - Chinese language

Woodcraft

- Design
- Hand Tool Skills
- Machine Skills
- Furniture making



Health Education

- Foundations of Self care
- Mindset & CBT
- Meditation
- Stress Management



Sustainability/Beach clean

- Climate Crisis
- The effects of climate change
- What is Sustainability?
- Biodiversity & Pollution
- Carbon cycle



Digital Media

- Fake News
- Social Media and Self esteem
- Producing videos/multimedia
- Podcast



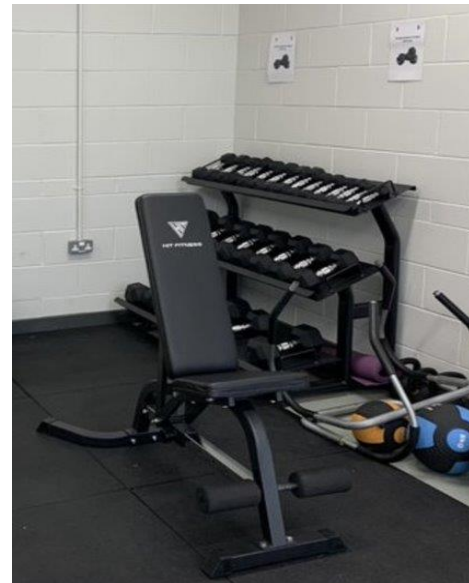
Road Safety

- Competencies of a safe driver
- Speeding, breaking distance
- Drink/Drug Driving

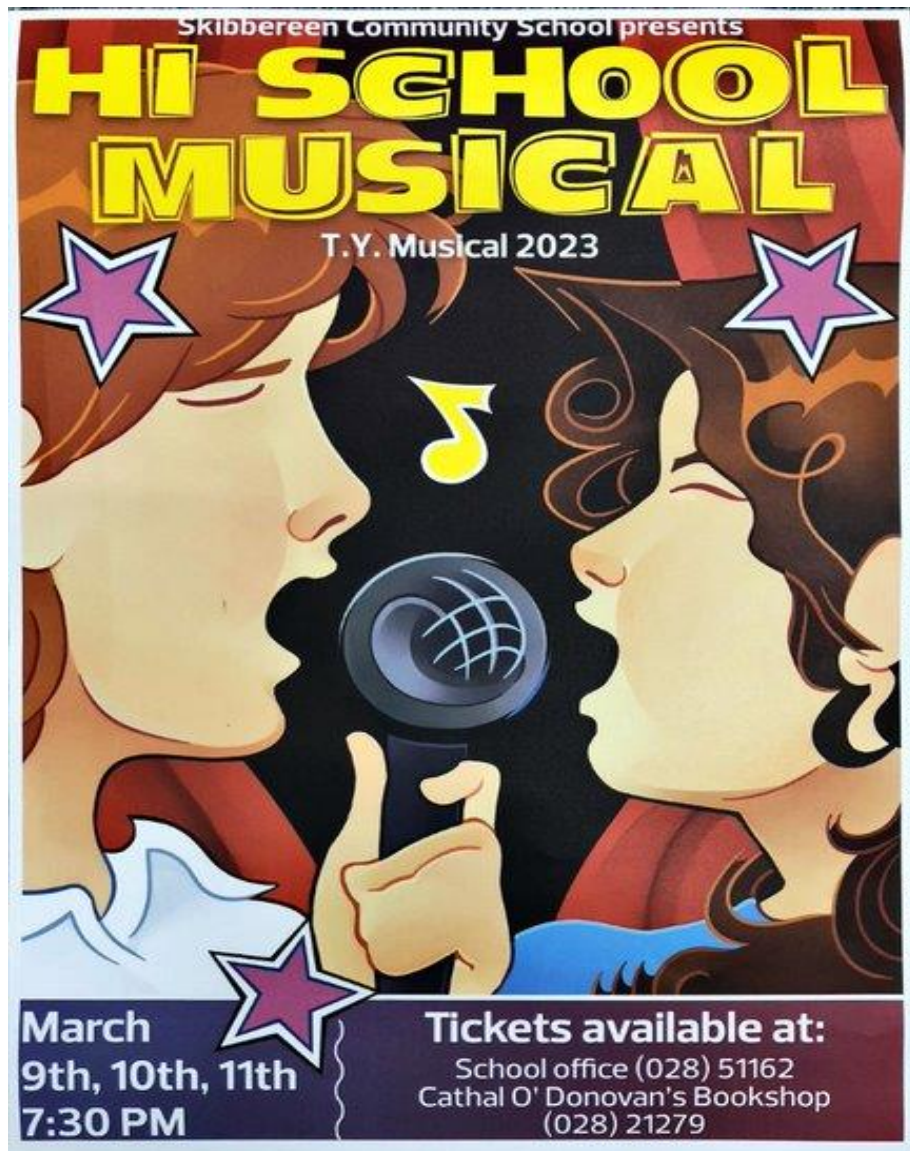


Health & Fitness

- Training in the correct use of the Gym
- How to create a gym programme
- General physical fitness improvement (Couch to 5K)
- Weightlifting Ireland Girls Programme



TY School Musical



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Arts and Craft



Outdoor Activities (Surfing Inchydoney)



Outdoor Activities (Kayaking Schull)



Waterford Greenway Cycle



Outdoor Activities (West Cork Secret)



Smugglers Cove



Guest Speaker Karen Weekes



Resilience,
Positive Mindset
Talk

Guest Speaker: Richard Barrett

