

TRANSITION YEAR 2024-25

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE
WATERFORD



HISTORY OF TRANSITION YEAR

- ❑ Introduced in 1973
- ❑ TY programme is in D.L.S. since 1995
- ❑ Approx. 25,000 students nationally in TY
- ❑ Offered in 70% of Post primary schools
- ❑ Certified by Department of Education



WHAT IS TRANSITION YEAR?

- Transition Year is a one year programme which provides a bridge to enable students make the transition from Junior to Senior cycle.
- It encourages personal and social development and recognises the need for students to grow in independence.



TRANSITION YEAR MISSION

- *“To promote the personal, social, educational and academic development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participative and responsible members of society”.*



AIMS

The aims of the Transition Year Programme reflect those specific to the guidelines published by the Department of Education and Skills, namely:

- ❑ Education for maturity with the emphasis on personal development including social awareness and increased social competence.
- ❑ The promotion of general, technical and academic skills with the emphasis on interdisciplinary and self-directed learning.
- ❑ Education through experience of adult and working life as a basis for personal development and maturity.



TY CORE SUBJECTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Irish• Maths• French/German/Spanish• Science• Enterprise• Leisure Studies• Religion• Career Guidance• Information Technology• Wellbeing• European Studies• Relationship & Sexuality Education (RSE)• Home Economics | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Craft & Design• History• Geography• Theatre & Stage• Youth Leadership• C.A.D.• Woodwork• Tutorial• Fire Safety• Sociology• Music• Social Skills |
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CHOICE MODULES

- Road Safety(Online)
- Life Skills
- Photography
- Future Leaders
- Coding
- Climate Literacy

TRANSITION YEAR BENEFITS

Transition Year can help students to:

- ❑ Discover more about their personal strengths
- ❑ Develop maturity and self-confidence
- ❑ Improve their self-esteem
- ❑ Build interpersonal and team skills
- ❑ Make wiser subject choices for Leaving Certificate and further education
- ❑ Extend the learning experience beyond the classroom through work experience and other educational opportunities.



ACTIVITIES IN TRANSITION YEAR

- ❑ Ice-Breaker trip to Ballyhass Lakes Adventure Centre, Mallow Co. Cork
- ❑ German exchange trip (optional)
- ❑ Law Workshops with trained barrister
- ❑ Class Visits to Central Criminal Court & Mock Trial
- ❑ Matrix Motivation Workshop



ACTIVITIES IN TRANSITION YEAR

- ❑ Reward Christmas trip to Dundrum on Ice
- ❑ Mini Med Programmes RCSI
- ❑ De La Salle College Musical
- ❑ Religion Trips to Mosque & Synagogue in Dublin, Glendalough, Mount Melleray.
- ❑ Delivery of One World Workshops to Primary Schools.
- ❑ Delivery of Drugs Awareness Programmes to Primary Schools



ACTIVITIES CONTINUED:

- ☐ Ski Trip to Andalo in Italy (Optional)
- ☐ Road Safety Training/Car Maintenance
- ☐ Pool Lifeguard Course
- ☐ Work Experience Programme
- ☐ Student Enterprise .
- ☐ Close Encounters Personal Safety Course
- ☐ Certified Basic First Aid Course
- ☐ Barista Course (Optional)
- ☐ Safe Pass Course (Optional)
- ☐ Green School Programme



ACTIVITIES CONTINUED:

- St Vincent De Paul Youth Conference
- John Paul II Awards.
- Fundraising Events
- Wellbeing Day for all TY students
- End of year class trip Delphi Resort
- Guest speakers
- Paired Maths & Paired Reading Programmes in Primary School
- Project Management/Enterprise in Action workshops delivered by staff from Bausch & Lomb & Sanofi as part of the Junior Achievement Awards.



WORK EXPERIENCE

- Two weeks in total
- Two sessions of one week each
- Helps students develop job search skills
- It is a structured programme
- Close links with school and employers
- Each student has a co-operating worker.
- Diary, evaluation and reports submitted at the end of the week.



WHO DOES IT SUIT?

The ideal student should have the following qualities:

- ❑ Will want to take part in Transition Year themselves
- ❑ Will be willing to participate and get involved in a wide range of subjects and activities
- ❑ Will be capable of accepting responsibility
- ❑ Will have a positive and open attitude
- ❑ Will have a good attendance record.



WHO DOES TY NOT SUIT?

- Students who already have a poor attendance record.
- Students who go into the programme thinking it is a year off and who plan on doing nothing.
- Student who aim to prioritise sport over their academic work.
- Students who dislike school already and who don't want to be in school an extra year.

If any of the above reflects your child's attitude to TY then they would be better off moving on to 5th year.

TY is a fantastic year if you are prepared to do the work, get involved and challenge yourself to try new things.



HOW DO I APPLY?

Application for admission to Transition Year is open to all students in Third Year and is made via the Transition Year Application Form completed on Google Forms which is text to parents.

The maximum number of places available in each Transition Year Class in the programme group is 24.

When there are more applicants than available places, a waiting list based on the order of merit will apply.



Each applicant will be considered on his own merit and in order to be considered for the programme, the following procedure must be adhered to:

Completion of the Application Form **within the deadline specified which is Monday February 19th 2024).**

The TY Application is an opportunity for the student to outline their interest in and suitability for the Transition Year Programme.



SELECTION CRITERIA

- Each applicant will be considered on his own merit. In order to be considered for the programme, the following procedure must be adhered to:
- Completion of the Application Form **within the deadline specified each year (the agreed date for the academic year 2024-2025 is Mon Feb 19th)**. The Application Form is an opportunity for the student to outline their interest in and suitability for the Transition Year Programme.
- A student is assessed as suitable for the programme based on how well he meets the criteria outlined below:
- The student's record of compliance with the School's 'Code for the Promotion of Positive Behaviour'.
- The quality of the application form, including the student's record of contribution to extra-curricular and co-curricular activities
- The recommendations of the student's teachers, Year Head and Senior Management Team.
- The student's performance & attendance to date (VShare records)
- The Selection Committee will process all applications received as per the Criteria for Admission above.



Selection Criteria Continued

- In consultation with the Year Head, students who meet the above criteria are deemed suitable for the programme and will be offered a place in TY.
- Where concerns are identified as per the selection criteria, those students will be given an opportunity to present for an interview with the selection committee.
- The date of these interviews will be **Thursday Feb 22nd & Friday Feb 23rd 2024.**
- This interview will follow a published marking scheme and affords the students an opportunity to address the concerns raised in their initial application.
- Once completed the students interviewed will be listed in order of merit based on the marks received.
- When there are more applicants than available places, a waiting list based on the order of merit will apply. If students on the waiting list share the same score, a supervised draw will take place. Students will then be placed in order on the waiting list. Once all students have accepted their place in Transition Year and the quota (as set out by the Board of Management) has been reached, the waiting list will cease on the **Monday April 8th 2024.** In this way, students will be enabled to settle into their various programmes / year groups.
- Those who are deemed unsuitable for the programme will be informed by email and will be advised to consult the Guidance Counsellors regarding alternative senior cycle programmes.

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OFFER & ACCEPTANCE OF PLACES

- After the selection committee have reviewed the applications, all students will be informed by email of the outcome of their application within 10 school days of the completion of the process. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed within the same time frame and will be advised of their right to appeal the decision to the Board of Management. See Appeals Process below.
- The student will receive one of the following responses regarding his application:
 - I. He will be informed that he has secured his place in the Transition Year programme for the following academic year. Within the date specified, he must then submit the following to the School Office:
 - Completed Acceptance Form
 - Completed Contract of Learning
 - Completed Behaviour Contract
 - Payment of the first half of the Transition Year fee, €300.00.



All these forms must be signed by the applicant and witnessed by a parent/guardian. **Failure to return these forms, accompanied by the First payment of €300, to the school office within the specified time frame will result in the student's offer of a place being forfeited. The date for receipt of the above for the academic year 2024/2025 is Friday March 8th.**

2. The student is informed that the number of successful applicants has exceeded the available places and he has been put on a Waiting List **in order of merit**. He is advised to meet with one of the Guidance Counsellors to discuss alternative senior cycle options. He will be notified immediately if a place becomes available. Should that student not accept the place offered, it will be offered to the next person on the waiting list; this process will continue until all places have been accepted and filled.

3. The student is informed that he has been deemed unsuitable for the programme and is advised to meet with one of the school Guidance Counsellors to discuss alternative senior cycle options.



TRANSITION YEAR FEE

- The Transition Year Fee per student for the **2024-2025** school year has been set at **€600** (this fee is subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Management). This fee includes course material, art, craft and design supplies, Home Economics ingredients, Sporting activities, Workshops, First Aid Course, Class trips and excursions (this excludes optional trips abroad).
- **The Transition Year Fee of €600 must be paid in full on or before Friday May 10th 2024.** The fee must be paid in full to the College Office or through VSware. All payments will be receipted. This payment deadline will be strictly enforced. Fees not fully paid by that date will be refunded and the offer of a place in Transition Year will be withdrawn and the place will be offered to the first person on the waiting list.



APPEALS

- Parents/Guardians of a student who is not offered a place in Transition Year may appeal the decision to the College Principal or Deputy Principal. They can also appeal the decision to the Board of Management within 10 working days of receiving notification of the decision.
- Parents/Guardians should outline in writing the grounds for their appeal. Please be advised that the decision of the Board in this regard is final.

REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

- By accepting a place in Transition Year, students will be committing to a very high standard of behaviour.
- There will be a review of behaviour in mid-September 2024 and if the review is unsatisfactory the parents will be asked to meet the TY Coordinator and the Principal to try and rectify the problem.
- Students who do not adhere to the agreement they have signed may be asked to leave the programme and will be offered a place in 5th Year.



IMPORTANT DATES

- ❑ Completion of the Application Form for the academic year **2024/2025 due by Monday February 19th 2024.**
- ❑ TY Interviews will be **Thursday Feb 22nd & Friday Feb 23rd 2024.**
- ❑ **Results of selection process will be received by email within 10 days.**
- **If accepting a place in Transition Year for 2024/2025 then submit the following to the School Office by Friday March 8th:**
 - ❑ Completed Acceptance Form
 - ❑ Completed Contract of Learning
 - ❑ Completed Behaviour Contract
 - ❑ Payment of the first half of the Transition Year fee, **€300.00 for the academic year 2024/2025 by Friday March 8th 2024**
 - ❑ **The final balance of the fee €300 is to be paid by Friday May 10th 2024.**

