



# TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME.



LORETO SECONDARY  
SCHOOL  
FERMOY, CO. CORK





# COST OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TY 2017-2018

- ▶ DEPOSIT: BY EASTER 2018 €100
- ▶ PAYMENT 1: By September 2018 €150
- ▶ PAYMENT 2: By late January 2018 €150
  
- ▶ TOTAL COST OF PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES:  
€400
- ▶ 100% of cost directly into activities & events for TY students.



# WHAT IS TRANSITION YEAR?

- ▶ A highly structured one year school-based programme with a full weekly timetable.
- ▶ An educational bridge between Junior and Senior Cycle.
- ▶ Smooth transition to the more **independent, self-directed learning** required for Senior Cycle.



# THE T.Y. TEAM AT LORETO FERMOY

**Senior Management:**  
**Mrs. Ring & Mrs. Holland**

**Programmes Coordinator:**  
**Ms. McCarthy**

**Year Head:**  
**Same as Junior Cycle**

**TY Coordinator:**  
**Ms. Hennessy**

**T.Y. Programme planning & delivery**

**SENCO:**  
liaises re Special Educational needs of students in TY

**Subject Teachers:**  
create schemes of work with Senior Cycle skills prioritised



## WHY OPT FOR TRANSITION YEAR?

- ▶ Time to mature
- ▶ Develop self-awareness, self respect & self esteem.
- ▶ T.Y. facilitates skills based learning e.g. oral and interpersonal skills.
- ▶ Opportunity to sample Senior Cycle subjects to inform subject choice decisions.



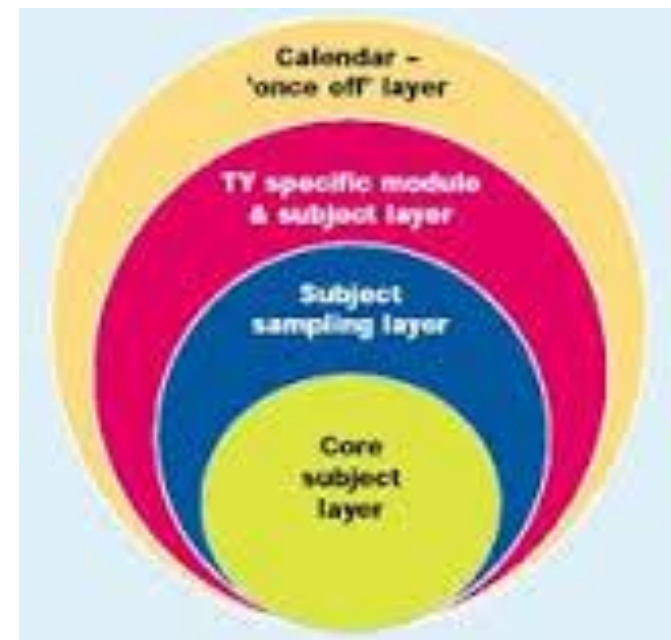
# PEELING THE LAYERS OF OUR T.Y. PROGRAMME.

1. CORE SUBJECTS.

2. SUBJECT SAMPLING.

3. TY SPECIFIC SUBJECTS

4. CALENDAR ACTIVITIES ENHANCE & CONTEXTUALISE LEARNING.



# TY CORE SUBJECTS\*



- ✓ **ENGLISH – streamed for levels**
- ✓ **IRISH/English as an Additional Language (EAL) – streamed for levels**
- ✓ **MATHS – streamed for levels**
- ✓ **FRENCH or GERMAN (currently being reviewed for those who wish to study both MCLs)**
- ✓ **ICT/Computers**
- ✓ **WORK PREPARATION & TY REFLECTIVE PORTFOLIO COMPLETION**
- ✓ **Wellbeing - GUIDANCE / CAREERS**
- ✓ **Wellbeing – PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Horseriding, swimming, self defence, zumba, driving range, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year sports days, outdoor pursuits programme**
- ✓ **Wellbeing – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - (including guided meditation & mindfulness)**

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# TY SUBJECT SAMPLING\*



- ✓ BIOLOGY
- ✓ CHEMISTRY
- ✓ PHYSICS
- ✓ APPLIED MATHS
  
- ✓ HISTORY.
- ✓ GEOGRAPHY
- ✓ TECHNICAL GRAPHICS
  
- ✓ BUSINESS STUDIES
- ✓ ACCOUNTING
- ✓ ECONOMICS
  
- ✓ MUSIC
- ✓ ART & DESIGN
- ✓ HOME ECONOMICS



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# ADDITIONAL T. Y. SPECIFIC SUBJECTS\*

- ✓ GAISCE / PRESIDENTS' AWARD PROGRAMME
- ✓ PSYCHOLOGY
- ✓ MANDARIN CHINESE
- ✓ SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL)
- ✓ ORAL IRISH FLUNCY DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ SPANISH
- ✓ DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING
- ✓ THEATRE & PERFORMANCE
- ✓ WEB DESIGN & SOCIAL MEDIA STUDIES
- ✓ GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS



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# STUDENTS MUST SELECT THEIR COMPETITION ELEMENT SUBJECT BY RANKING THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- ▶ Click on this link for a video demonstration on how to complete subject options: <https://vsware.wistia.com/medias/kr62eqh02z>
- ▶ Log onto your VSWare Parent account & rank the four options provided in order of choice: 1-4

- ▶ Film Production & Media Studies

- Cork Film Festival/ Fresh Film Festival competitions.

- ▶ Young Social Innovators

- YSI showcase competition & national exhibition competition.

- ▶ Project Science

- Scifest &/or BT Young Scientist competition.

- ▶ Student Enterprise Awards

- Student Enterprise trade fair competitions & national awards showcase.



# GUIDANCE/ CAREERS INFORMATION FOR T.Y. STUDENTS

Some samples of programmes & visiting speakers from recent years:

- **careersportal.ie & qualifax.ie** student profiles
- **Business and Law** courses at UCC
- Shannon College of **Hotel Management**
- **Law** courses at the University of Limerick
- Annual Loreto Fermoy **Careers Fair**
- Process & Chemical **Engineering**
- **Business** Courses at the University of Limerick
- **Science** Careers Conference
- **Open Day** in UCC
- **iWish STEM** conference
- **Future Sparks** convention in Dublin





# WORK EXPERIENCE

## 2 WEEKS OF PLACEMENT

- ▶ An opportunity to sample different jobs. Students complete a reflective journal of learning whilst on work experience as one of their assessments
- ▶ Provides skills such as team building, communication skills and commercial awareness
- ▶ Work experience helps students to decide what to do after school (in 3<sup>RD</sup> level education, training or work)
- ▶ Eliminates options which may have appealed but where 'reality dawns' when experienced by students!!







# SOCIAL PLACEMENT

## 1 WEEK PLACEMENT

- ▶ Gives students opportunities to volunteer at local organisations or charities and work with/ for people who may be less fortunate than themselves.
- ▶ It is an important part of our core values that our students learn to provide service to the community within which they live.
- ▶ Students present their experiences back to their peers via individual/ group presentations.



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# T.Y. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Our calendar of activities support, extends & enhances the educational experiences of our Transition Year students beyond the classroom.

Activities within the classroom also support the creation of projects, presentations, group work assignments & skills development for Senior Cycle studies.

Students have the opportunity to learn from the advice and knowledge of guest speakers on myriad careers, 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses, national & international topics & local expertise.







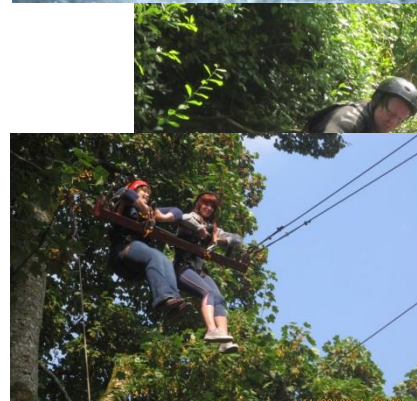
# ACTIVITIES INCLUDED EXCURSIONS TO...

- 'Sive' in the Everyman Palace Theatre
- Bord Gais Energy Theatre
- Boole Exhibition in Cork
- Crawford Gallery Tour in Cork
- Cork Film Festival Cork Mental Health Conference
- Moorepark Research Centre & Farm
- UCC Open Day
- YSI Speak out in Cork & Showcase in Dublin
- Fresh Film Festival in Limerick
- Student Enterprise trade fairs & competitions
- Orienteering events
- Outdoor Pursuits trip to Kenmoare
- Future Sparks Convention, Dublin
- iWish Conference (STEM) Cork



# OUTDOOR PURSUITS & PE

- ▶ Bonding & personal development day trips
- ▶ A three day trip to Kenmare in May
- ▶ Gaisce related activities
- ▶ Orienteering events
- ▶ Horseriding
- ▶ Self defence
- ▶ First aid certification
- ▶ Swimming
- ▶ Sports Leadership: refereeing courses, junior team mentoring & coaching, primary blitz co-ordination, Sports Days co-ordination, Whole School Mile Challenge co-ordination



# ASSESSMENT & HOMEWORK

*'Assessment should be an integral part of the learning process in Transition Year not separate from it.'* (D.E.S. Guidelines).



- **Homework** will be more research, task & skills based but is equally important in TY.
- **Portfolio: reflective/ evaluative** document which builds upon year's learning experiences inside & outside the classroom.
- **Peer-assessment** through evaluation and discussion of learning outcomes.
- Regular **written evaluation of activities** and learning outcomes from trips.
- **Christmas & Summer formal examinations** in core subjects
- **Christmas and Summer progress reports.**
- **School based certification** at end of Transition Year.
- DES Inspectorate monitor T.Y. within all schools.
- **Skills assessment** – practical demonstrations of learning.
- Written /Practical **Class tests.**
- **Oral /Aural assessment** – beyond just language subjects.
- **Project work** – written and creative - variety.
- **Self-assessment** by students through interviews.





# TRANSITION YEAR PORTFOLIO COMPLETION





# T.Y. PROGRAMME STATISTICS AT LORETO FERMOY

## UPTAKE RATES AT OUR SCHOOL:

**95% of 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students last year are currently completing Transition Year.**

The programme teaches independent learning skills & is highly recommended by teachers, students & parents alike.

## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE BEYOND T.Y AT OUR SCHOOL:

At Loreto Fermoy, students who complete our T.Y. programme achieve an

**average of 85 points more\***

in their Leaving Certificate results than those students who moved directly from 3<sup>rd</sup> year into 5<sup>th</sup> year.

\*national average increase in performance is 20 points.

# TY EU CULTURAL TOUR – EASTER 2019

- ▶ BOM have approved an EU cultural school tour for the TY cohort of 2018/2019. In addition to all usual TY activities & therefore, additional charge for trip.
- ▶ Destination: PARIS.
- ▶ Four days - three nights.
- ▶ Supervised by Loreto Fermoy teachers – group leader Ms. Aislinn Barry.
- ▶ Will take place around Easter time.
- ▶ Participation is totally optional but for any student to travel on the trip, TY programme expenses must be paid in full.
- ▶ More details including cost will issue in due course.



# ADVICE TO TY STUDENTS 2019/2019:



In TY, Attitude is Altitude

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**POSITIVITY  
IS THE**  




## FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT US:

- ▶ Complete competition based subject choice ranking via VSWare by February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ▶ [www.loretofermoy.ie](http://www.loretofermoy.ie)
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