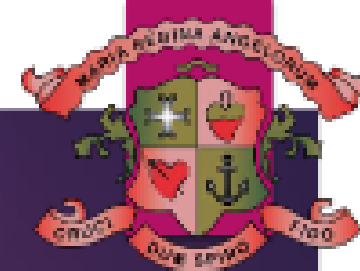


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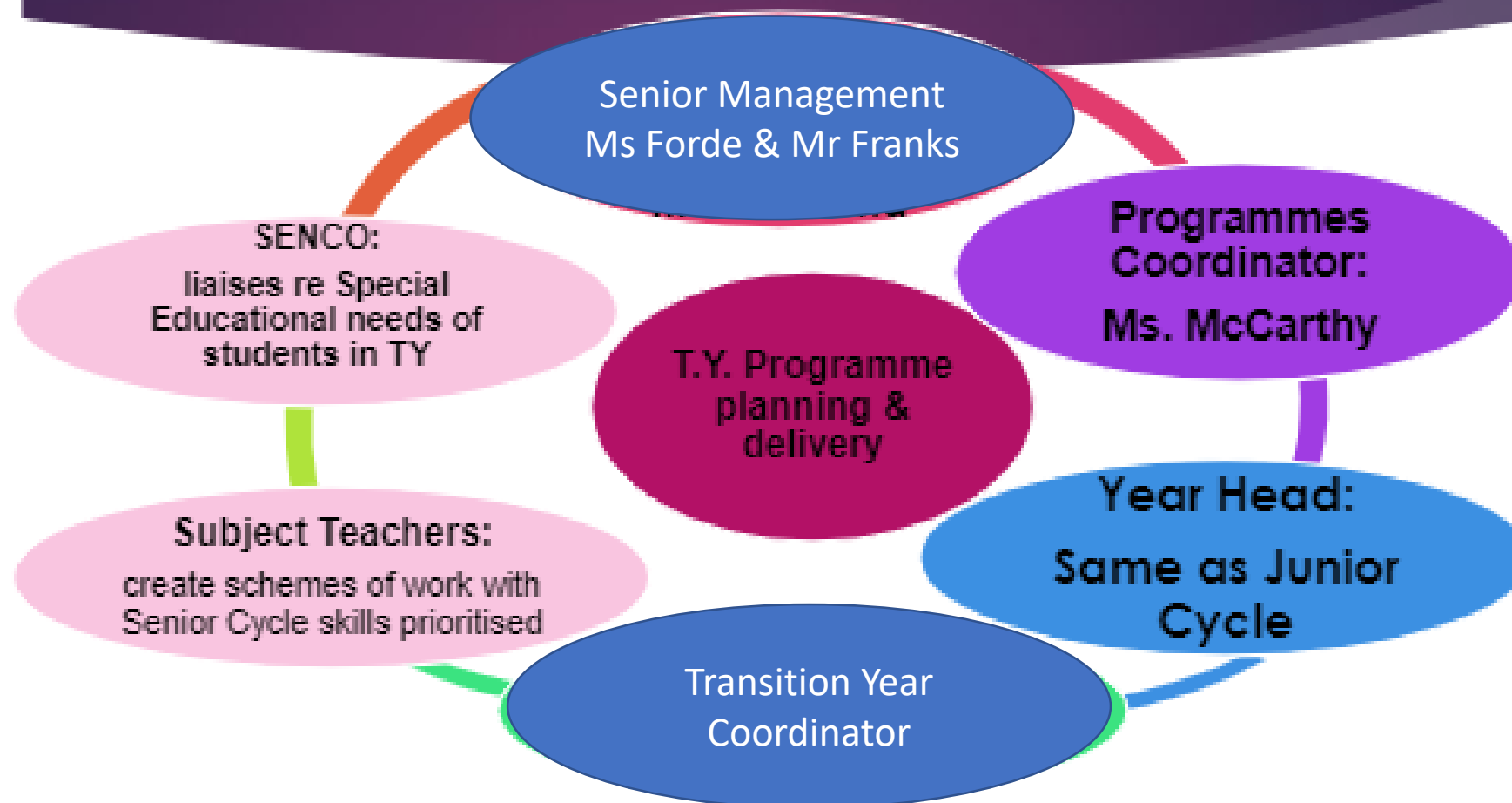
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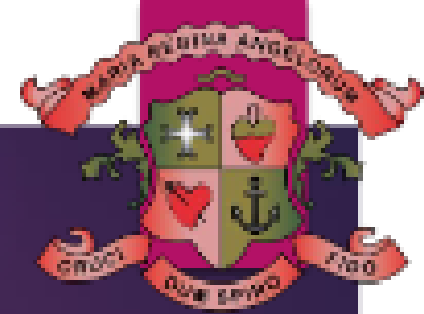


- ▶ A highly structured one year school-based programme with a full weekly timetable.
- ▶ An educational bridge between Junior and Senior Cycle.
- ▶ Smooth transition to the more **independent, self-directed learning** required for Senior Cycle.



THE T.Y. TEAM AT LORETO FERMOY





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.

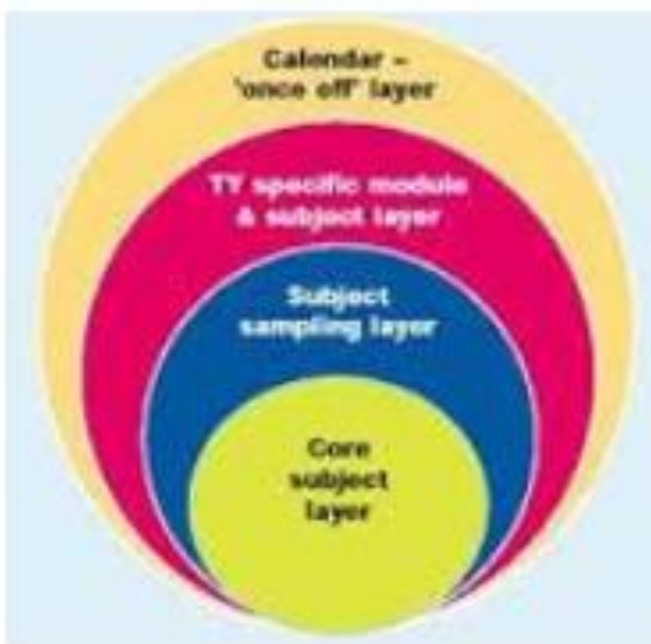


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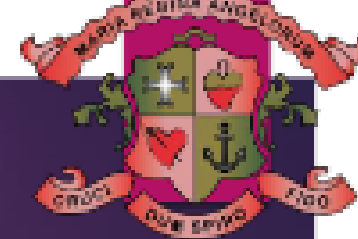
2. SUBJECT SAMPLING.

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, 1st & 2nd year sports days, outdoor pursuits programme**
- ✓ **Wellbeing – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - (including guided meditation & mindfulness)**

*Curriculum varies each academic year & is dependant upon DES resourcing

ADDITIONAL T. Y. SPECIFIC SUBJECTS*

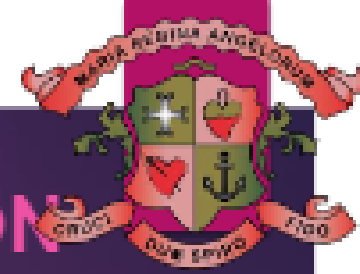
- ✓ GAISCE / PRESIDENTS' AWARD PROGRAMME
- ✓ PSYCHOLOGY
- ✓ MANDARIN CHINESE
- ✓ SIGN LANGUAGE (ISL)
- ✓ ORAL IRISH FLUNCY DEVELOPMENT
- ✓ SPANISH
- ✓ DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING
- ✓ THEATRE & PERFORMANCE
- ✓ WEB DESIGN & SOCIAL MEDIA STUDIES
- ✓ GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS



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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 3rd level education, training or work)
- ▶ Eliminates options which may have appealed but where 'reality dawns' when experienced by students!!

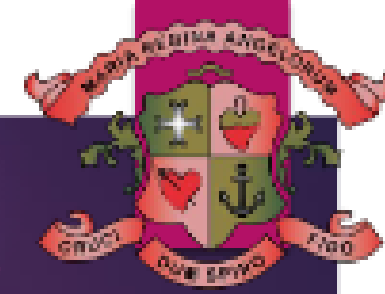




SOCIAL PLACEMENT 1 WEEK PLACEMENT

- ▶ 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.





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, 3rd 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



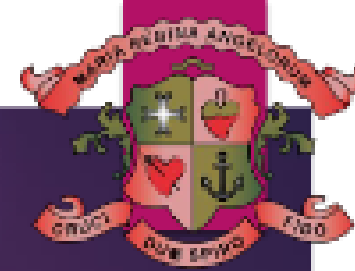
OUTDOOR PURSUITS & PE

- ▶ 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).



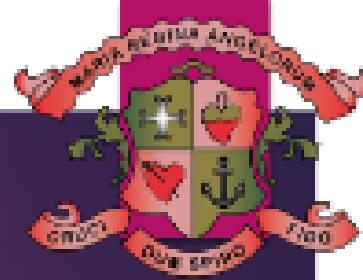
- Homework will be more research, task & skills based but is equally important in TY.
- Portfolio: reflective/ evaluative document which builds upon year's learning experiences inside & outside the classroom.
- Peer-assessment through evaluation and discussion of learning outcomes.
- Regular written 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 3rd 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

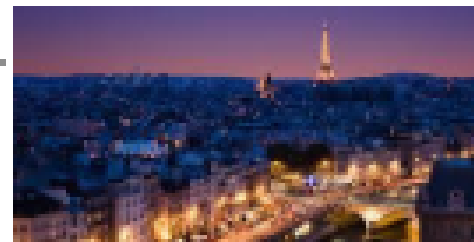
average of 85 points more*

in their Leaving Certificate results than those students who moved directly from 3rd year into 5th 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

GOOD
things
ARE GOING
to HAPPEN

**POSITIVITY
IS THE
KEY**

Costings

Deposit by Easter 2019	€100
Payment 1 by September 2019	€150
Payment 2 by Late January 2020	<u>€150</u>
Total Cost of activities	€400

More Information or queries...

- Complete competition-based subject choice ranking via Vsware by February
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