

# TY

## Transition Year Programme

### What is the TY Programme?

The Transition Year (TY) is a one-year programme that forms the first year of a three-year senior cycle. It is designed to act as a bridge between the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate programmes. The mission statement of TY is 'To promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participate and responsible members of society.' Transition Year is optional for students at O Carolan College but it has a very high uptake in most year groups.



### Who is the TY Programme for?

- Students with a genuine interest in tasting a whole range of subjects that will help in choosing senior cycle subjects and a career area.
- Students who want to become better equipped to cope with the self-reliant learning of third level education.
- Students who want the challenge of work experience and the leadership opportunities that exist in Transition Year.
- Students who are self-motivated, positive and willing to work hard.
- Students who may feel that they are too young for Leaving Certificate and want to develop personally, socially and grow in confidence.



## *What are the benefits? The Year to achieve.....*

- Responsibility for their own learning
- Charity Work
- Community Involvement
- Learn new skills and be part of a TY Show.
- A golden opportunity to think about options for Leaving Cert Subjects and get ahead in the core subjects!!! Find out what you are good at!
- Figure out what career they might like after they leave school.
- Build up their CV for college and a career.
- Develop leadership skills, public speaking, giving presentations, decision making and team work.
- Meet new friends, have new life experiences that you wouldn't have had the opportunity to do before, become the leader you always wanted to be!
- Become a more confident student, inside and outside of the classroom.
- On average, students who do TY achieve more success in their Leaving Certificate.



## *What is involved?*

We have spent a significant amount of time planning and preparing an exciting, dynamic and worthwhile educational experience for our TY students.

Each class has the opportunity to taste a very diverse range of Leaving Certificate subjects and varying modules including CSI Forensic Science, CPR, Robotics, DIY, Environmental studies, Sports Science, Coding, Development Education, Food Science and cookery and rewarding charity work within our community.

The TY's also get to taste the traditional Leaving Cert subjects such as Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Geography, Accounting etc. They all participate in the Presidents Award 'GAISCE', get trained in CPR and participate in national competitions such as the Vex Robotics Competition in DKIT.

Every year the TYs produce an amazing musical dance show which is showcased to all the community and our local primary schools towards the end of the year.

Three week blocks of work experience, usually two weeks before Christmas and one week before Easter.

## *How is the subject awarded?*

- Distinction
- Higher Merit
- Merit
- Completion

At the end of Transition Year, certificates are awarded at Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit or completion level. The T.Y. Coordinator, aided by the Core Team, uses the criteria set out to decide on the level of award for each student. This is based on completion of a number of assignments in each subject, teacher reports sent home each term, involvement in extracurricular activities including GAISCE, satisfactory work experience, community involvement and attendance.



















