

CLONKEEN COLLEGE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME 2022/2023



TRANSITION YEAR

- Mission Statement of Transition Year
- "To promote the personal, social, vocational, and educational development of students and to prepare them for their role as autonomous and participative members of society"
- (Dept of Education , Transition Year Guidelines 1994/1995)
- Transition Year in Clonkeen College allows the student to discover their personal strengths and to develop their self confidence.

Transition Year

Transition Year is a one year school based programme between Junior and Senior Cycle.

Transition Year is designed to act as a bridge between the two by facilitating the smooth transition from the more dependent learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent self directed learning required for Senior Cycle and beyond.

TY Students are more likely to be 'Educationally Adventurous'.





TY Is School Based

- Expertise of teachers utilised
- Individual syllabi devised
- Varied teaching and learning
- Varied assessment
- Inspectorate monitored
- Clonkeen TY assessed twice by inspectorate – as a stand-alone area and as part of a whole school assessment (See DES website for reports)



Calendar Structure:

Two term structure: September to Christmas, January to end of May.

Work experience: 4 weeks in total.

Life skills: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Social care: Tuesday afternoons.

Two term report.

Parent-Teacher meeting.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8.50am-3.55/3.15pm and Wednesday:8.50am-1.15pm.

WORK EXPERIENCE DATES 2022-2023

Term 1:

- Midterm Break: Monday 31st
 October-Friday 4th November
- Week 1: Monday 7th Friday 11th
 November
- Week 2: Monday 14th Friday 18th
 November

Term 2:

- Midterm Break: Monday 13th Friday 17th February
- Week 1: Monday 20th Friday 24th
 February
- Week 2: Monday 27th February –
 Friday 3rd March

Structure of Transition Year:

Core Subject Layer:	Transition Specific Layer:
	Cookery
English	Drama & Music
Irish	Science
Maths	Spanish
Religion	Geography
	History
Optional Subject Layer:	Business Studies
	French
Art	Careers/RSE
Creative Writing	Computers/Coding
GAA Future Leaders	Health Promotion
DCG	Physical Education
Young Social Innovators	SPHE



OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

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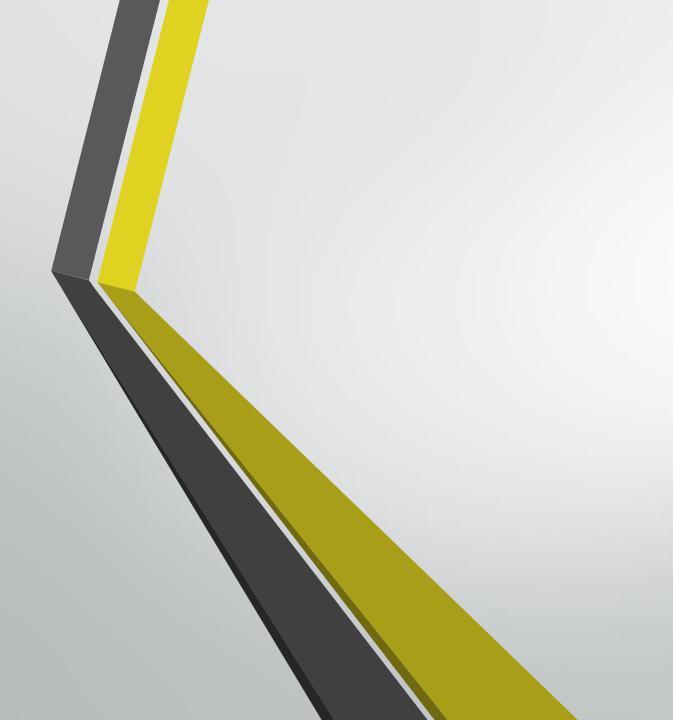
- Achill Adventure Trip
- Rockford Manor Céilí
- Work Experience
- Hell & Back 8kAdventure Run
- Sailing
- Kayaking

TY SPECIFIC UNIFORM:

BLACK LEATHER SHOES, TY TOP, POLO SHIRT AND GREY TROUSERS









Life Skills

Clonkeen College TY Programme

How do we achieve this?

By submersing our students in environments

that are....

New

Challenging

Exciting



- How do we go about this?
 - By shifting the environment and the focus

(on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon)

From this...



To this....



In order to achieve learning

Comfort Zone

- Easy to stay here
- Little effort required
- Risk-free
- Little No learning
- Learning Zone
 - Push your boundaries
 - Take risks/dreams/goals
 - Explore new things
 - Lots of Learning





Includes a multitude of activities

- Sailing
- Bouldering
- Rock Climbing
- Public Speaking
- Theatrical Special Effects
- Kayaking
- Hillwalking
- Juggling
- Animal Care

- Orienteering
- First Aid
- Team Building
- Ice Skating
- ISPCC charity work
- Practical Skills
- Coasteering
- Social Care
- Mountain Biking

Benefits (to students)

- Explore new places
- Try new things
- Develop new skills
- **Solution** Build confidence
- Overcome fears
- ✓ Plenty of opportunities
- Create contacts and network

Difficulties (to staff)

- Time keeping
- Absenteeism
- Fear
- Willingness to Engage
- Finance
- School terms
- Uniform
- Dentists

Expectations (it's a two way street)

- As Parents you expect
 - Good channels of communication
 - Value for money
 - A good variety of programme
 - A robust structure
 - Invaluable experiences
 - Educational and personal benefits

- As Teachers we expect
 - Good channels of communication
 - Value for money
 - Attendance at activities
 - Support from parents / guardians
 - Cooperation
 - Participation



PRACTICALITIES

- Division of third year classes.
- Applications to Mr. Melly for opt-out from TY by Friday 29th April.
- Finance: In addition to the registration fee and Voluntary Contribution a fee of €600 to pay all the year's costs; transportation, admission costs, outside personnel, renewal of book stocks etc. Very few textbooks needed.



SKI TRIP 2023: MR. FAHERTY

CORE TEAM

- There is a great tradition of Transition
 Year in Clonkeen College. It provides
 students with space and time to grow.
 We have a very successful Transition
 Year because of a very strong core
 team consisting of students, parents
 and staff.
- Any concerns about TY please do not hesitate to contact me: smooney@clonkeencollege.ie

