

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 31<sup>st</sup> October-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Week 1: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- Week 2: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

## Term 2:

- Midterm Break: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Week 1: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Week 2: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8k  
Adventure Run
- Sailing
- Kayaking

## TY SPECIFIC UNIFORM:

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





# Life Skills

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# 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**





# Life Skills Programme







## 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



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 29<sup>th</sup> 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:  
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