

# Transition Year

# Kishoge Community College

For School Year 2023/2024





# INTRODUCTION

**We recommend Transition Year for most students**



May not suit students that school generally doesn't suit. If they really don't like school, it's unlikely that an extra year is going to be of benefit.



Fact 1: Transition Year is good for student's personal development

Fact 2: Students who do TY **do better in Leaving Cert** than students who go directly to LC.



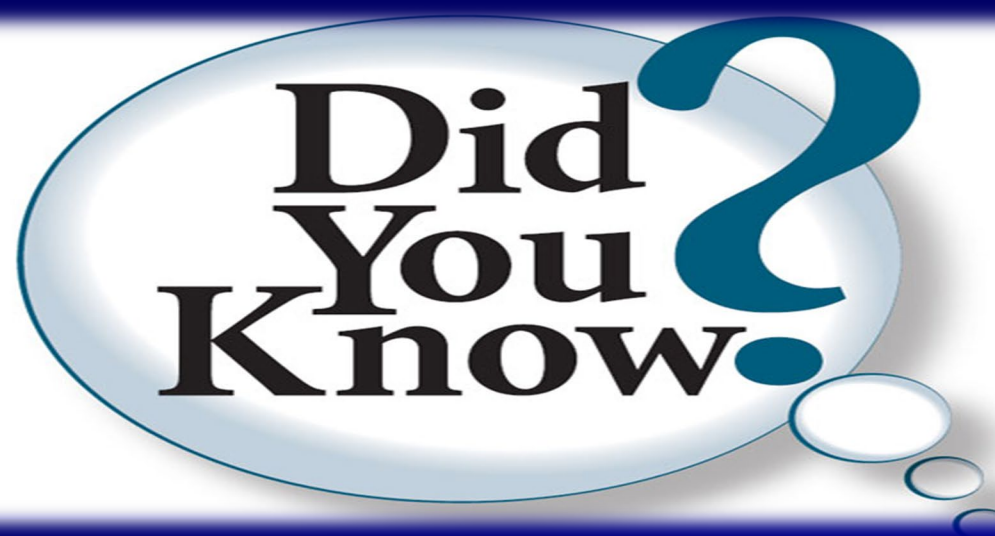
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Myth 2: '*TY is a doss year*'. Depends on the school. **Not true** in Kishoge CC

## Why choose TY?



- Gain useful work experience
- Opportunity to partake in new experiences
- Encouraged to take up new skills or hobbies
- Build confidence and mature into young adults
- Friendships grow during Transition Year
- Think about leaving cert subjects and college choices
- Enhances performance at Leaving Cert
- Better prepared for 3<sup>rd</sup> level



### Better results in Leaving Cert:

- Students who do TY get an average of 40-45 more points in their Leaving Cert than those who go straight into 5th Year.
- Repeat Students only get an average of 5 more points

Evidence - ESRI Survey: January 2005

## Aims of Transition Year

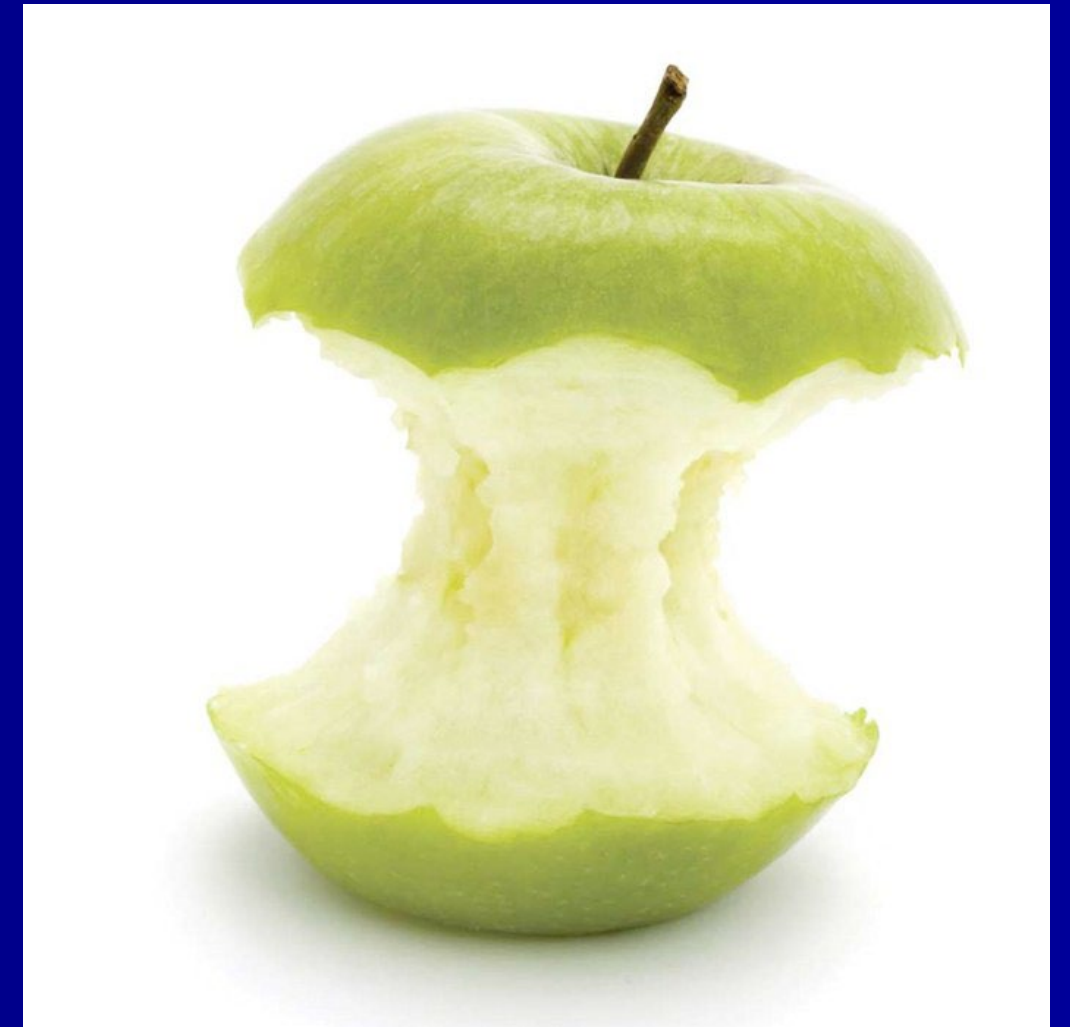


- To give students **space and time** to mature, learn, and develop without the pressure of the Leaving Certificate.
- To enable students to **take responsibility** for their own learning.
- To improve student's **study and research skills**.
- To offer a range of opportunities to **broaden their experiences**
- To create **social** awareness and encourage **community** involvement.
- To promote **leadership** qualities and opportunities.
- To engage various **life skills** to enrich independent living.
- To promote their **self-confidence**.

# Transition Year

## *Core Subjects:*

- English, Irish, Maths, Art, Home Ec, French/Spanish, Science, History, Geography, Business Studies, Ethical Education, Career Guidance, Physical Education, Construction & Engineering, Music, Coding, SPHE.



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## *Extra Modules*

- Law
- Podcasting
- Aviation
- Driver Theory
- Body Right
- Boxing
- Childcare
- Coding
- Billboards
- Folklore
- Linguistics
- Climate Science
- Wall Climbing
- Car Maintenance
- Animal Science
- Lift (Leading Ire Fut Together)
- Bike Mechanics
- Health Science
- Criminology
- Psychology
- Environmental Science



# Other One-off TY Activities (Workshops / Tours / Activities)

- Work Experience & Community Service
- Gaisce President's Awards Scheme
- International Trip (i.e Ski/France/Spain)
- Aaran Islands Trip
- Belfast Day Trip
- Walk & Hikes – Bray & Howth
- Ploughing Championship
- Culture & History tours (Mystery/Croke Park/Belfast)
- French & Spanish Film Festivals
- Theatre Trips
- School Musical
  
- CSI – Investigation Workshop
- Develop Me (Team Building)
- Matrix Workshop
- Wellbeing workshop
  
- Mini Company- forms part of Business Studies Programme





# Involving students in decision-making

- There is a wide variety of activities that could form the TY programme
- KCC will involve students in the choice of activities and the design of the programme



# Assessment in Transition Year

- Credit system used to assess participation in TY
- Formal exams in core subjects at Christmas/summer
- In-class assessment at the end of subject modules written, practical, oral, aural
- Projects
- Portfolio of Work and interview
- Employer's Report



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### *Results from Student Evaluation:*

"Work Experience, learning new things such as car maintenance and lots of opportunities such as Sports Leaders and Jigsaw Peer Ed were great"

*79% - would highly recommend TY to other students.*

## TY Costs



- Some TY activities are free of charge
- Many require bus hire
- Some activities require a charge
- Fee of €350 (Paid in instalments)
- Annual school charge of €110 is separate to TY fee
- Students pay for their own bus/LUAS fare for local events (LEAP card recommended)

# TY Snapshot



# Bray Head Walk



# Ploughing Championships

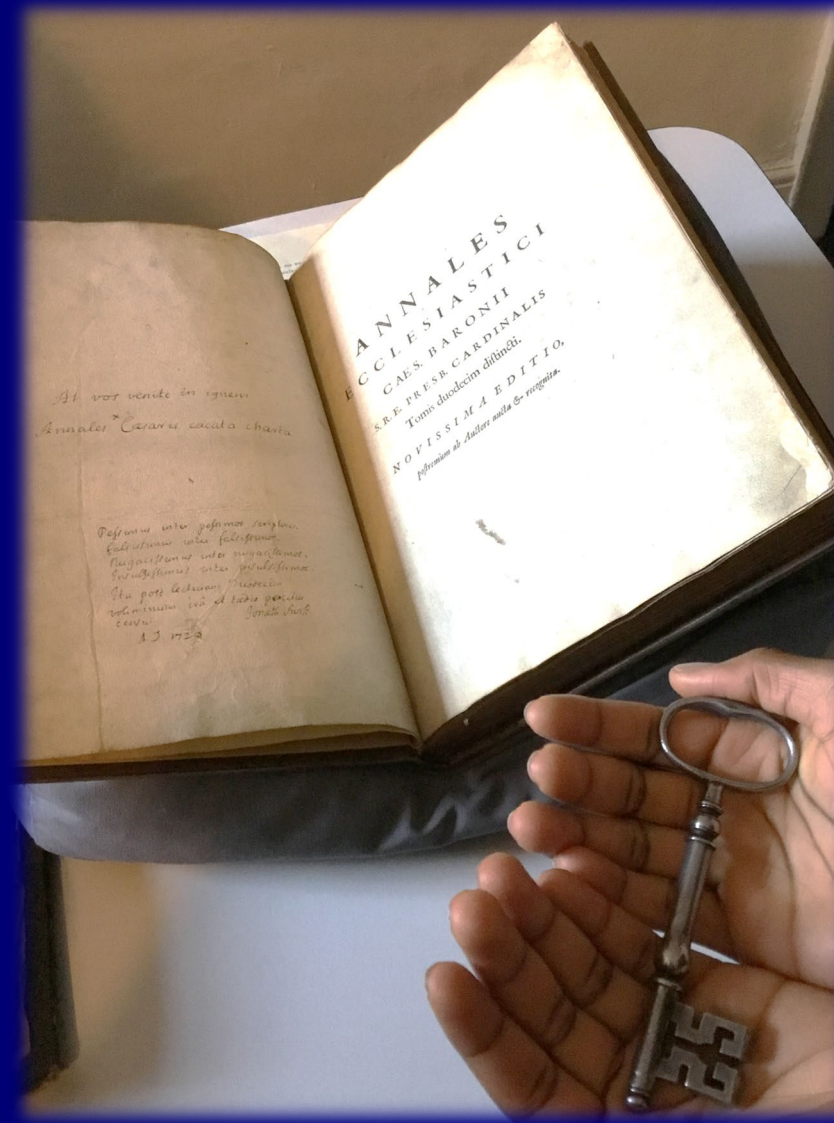


# Croke Park Trip





# History Mystery Tour



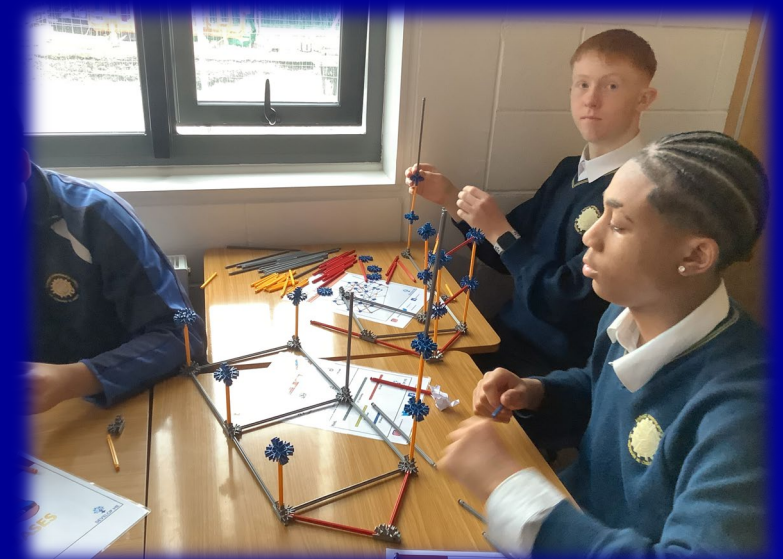


# Cycle trip to Carton house

# Bodhran Making Workshop



# Develop Me (Team Building Workshop)



# Forensic Fun (JFK Assassination Workshop)



# Bike Mechanics and Cycling



# Car Maintenance



## Student Experiences

- Time to ask questions of our current TY Students





Questions???

