



Transition Year Programme 2021/22

St Mary's CBS Portlaoise

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What is Transition Year in CBS?



One year school-based programme between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle.



It offers students an opportunity to engage in independent, self-directed learning.



A chance to develop general, technical and academic skills.



TY Theme 21/22: Community

Why do TY?



TY facilitates a smooth transition to the more self-directed learning model of the leaving cert.



Helps gain academic experience to make considered choices for subject options



Age Profile ■



Education through experience

Benefits of Transition Year



Increased responsibility and maturity



Availability of more varied opportunities than normally available in school



Most increase Leaving Cert points



Encourages independence



Sample and discover new subjects

Benefits of Transition Year



Develop new interests, explore new career ideas



Take on challenges and develop new skills



Get involved in the community



Make new friends



Explore job opportunities outside school

Career Guidance in TY



Objective

- The central role of our Careers programme in TY is to raise student awareness of their strengths, interests, skills and abilities.
- Coupled with promoting a greater awareness of their sense of self, we provide information on future career opportunities, course/college requirements, the labour market, apprenticeships and the world of work, etc.
- This ultimately leads to a clearer ability to decide on what subjects they are interested in studying for Leaving Certificate.

How do we do this



- **Through Weekly Career Classes:** This year TY students had 20 hours of Career Guidance (2 classes a week for 10 weeks).
- **Visiting speakers from different career sectors:** example the defence forces.
- **Presentations from Higher Education Institutes** – this year this was done virtually, but in previous years we would have visited the campus of UL, Maynooth, Carlow IT, etc.

How do we do this

My School C.V.

Personal Details:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Details: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Qualifications:

Experiences:

Responsibilities:

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Skills:

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- Self-Assessment tools such as PROBE, Careers Portal skills, values, career interest tests.
- Each student completed a career investigation to explore future career/college/course interests.
- World of Work preparation interview skills classes and through the creation of CV's and Cover letter.





Optional Courses

- European Youth Parliament
- Defence Forces Work Experience
- RCSI Mini Med
- Walk in my shoes
- Trinity TY Taster Programmes
- Engineering your future

These opportunities will be promoted but its up to the students to take the the lead and engage in the courses made available to them!

The TY Experience
is different to other
school years in 3
ways



1. Timetable



2. Work Experience



3. Calendar of Activities

1. Timetable

Core Learning

Core Growth

e-Portfolio

Rotation Modules

Passion Projects

Science Programme

Core Learning

English (2 hours)

Irish (2 hours)

Maths (2 hours)

Modern Foreign Language (2 hours)

Core Growth

Physical Education (2 hours)

Computer Studies – Microsoft Office Specialist (2 hours)

Religion (1 hour)

Wellbeing (embedded in numerous classes)

Science Programme

> Forensics – a CSI experience

> Chemistry – a LC taster

> Physics – a LC taster

> SciFest – an opportunity to to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education by presenting their scientific investigations at local/regional/national level.

e-Portfolio

1 hour - Complete Reflections / Goal Setting / Targets for work in the year

Catch up on projects/work missed

My Profile, Guest Speaker, Trips Away, Extra Curricular, Gaisce

Submit work weekly to be graded at specific stages of the year

Rotation Modules

Various rotation blocks – depend on classes and staffing. Not all subjects/modules confirmed.

LC Tasters: History | Society & Politics | Coding | Careers

Practical Block: Art | Metalwork | Technology | Woodwork |

Creative Rotations: Chinese | Photography | Tourism Studies | Food Matters | Design & Discovery | Media & Communications

Passion Projects

Students will sample all three subjects up to October and make a choice about which one to pursue

> Mini Company

> Young Social Innovators

> Film Making



2. Work Experience

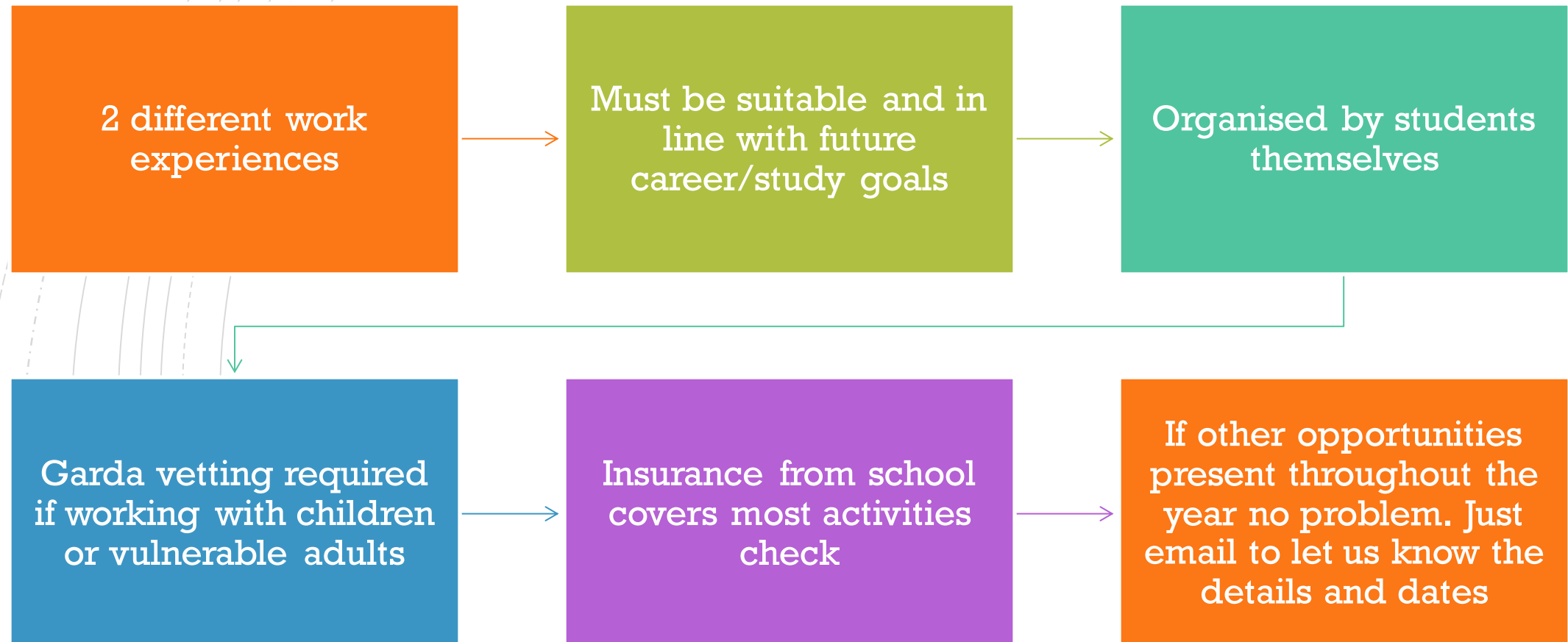
Work Experience Days

CV Builder

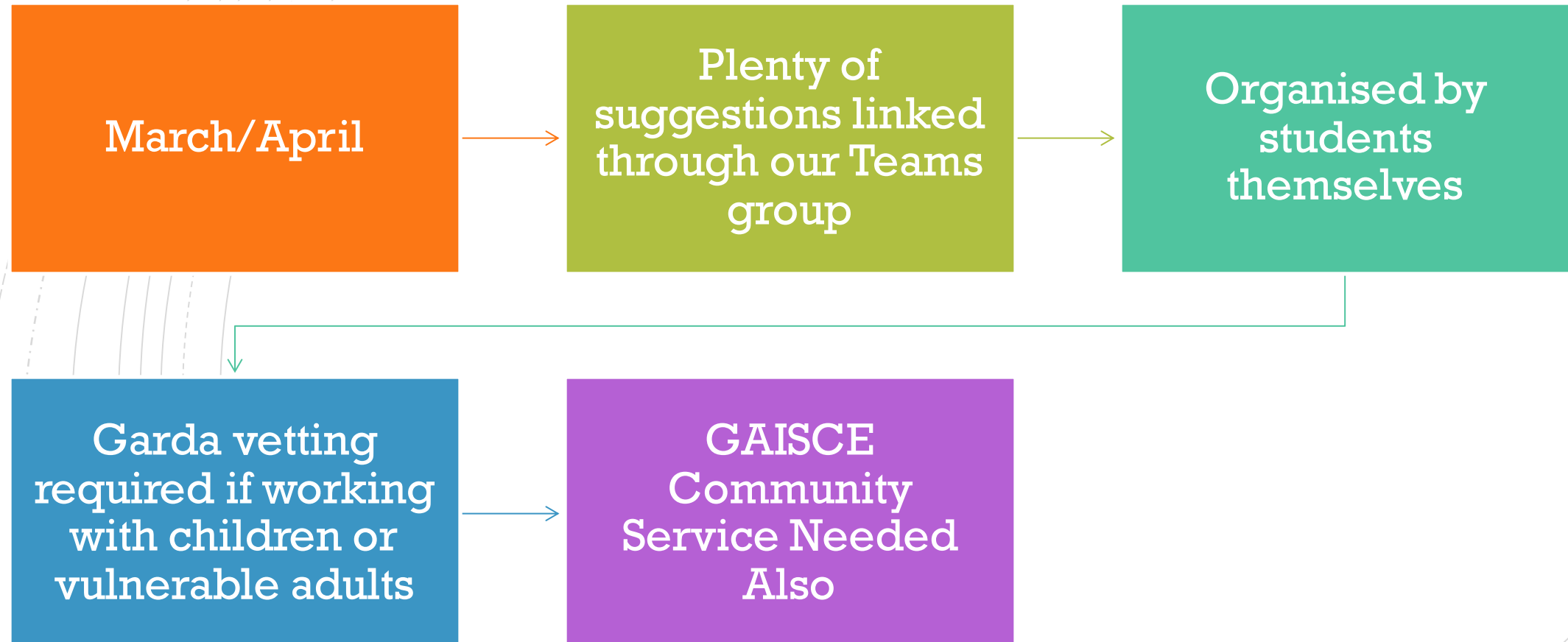
Interview Preparation

Evaluations

Work Experience Guidelines

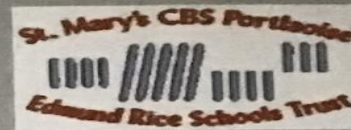


Community Service





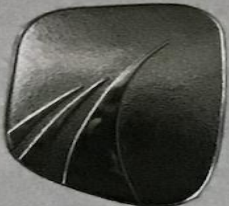
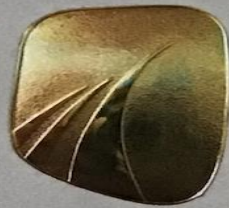
GAISCE THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD



"We believe in the ability and resilience of young people and through the Gaisce programme we want them to nurture that ability and to realise their full potential."

Gaisce or 'great achievement' is a self-development programme for young people between the ages of 15-25 that allows them to receive recognition for the work they do throughout their daily lives. This is a national award that is often referred to as 'The Presidents Award' as it was set up and initially flourished under the patronage of former President Patrick. J Hillery and to date and have been carried by incoming President's.

Empowerment
Inclusion & Equality
Respect
Excellence



Students who participate in Gaisce are mentored by their Presidents Award Leader. They spend one hour a week involved in each of the sections above, and finally top off their Gaisce journey with an adventure journey which consists of walking, cycling, horse riding or kayaking over a number of days.



3. Calendar of Activities

Weeks are very busy with activities in TY at CBS.

We have plenty on offer for students, with some extra opt ins available.

Some students opt into everything and make the most of the TY experience.

Others opt into very little....

Try to encourage participation as much as possible, the experience can pass them by otherwise.

Activities



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Bogathon



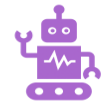
**Public
Speaking &
Debating**



**Law Ed
Uncovered
(Mock Trial)**



**Microsoft
Dream Space**



Robotics

Qualifications



**Gaisce Award
and Experience**



Self-Defense



**GAA Future
Leaders**



First Aid



**IACT
Certification**



**Microsoft Office
Specialist**

Workshops



**Introduction
to First Aid**



Film-making



**Drivers Ed
Course**



Food School



Fundamentals



CV Builder

Guest Speakers & Trips



School of Life



**Social Awareness
(PATH/Focus
Ireland)**



Cultural Tours



**Carlingford
Adventure Centre**



**University
Campus Tours**



**Healthy Lifestyle
Programme**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April - 12 th Rory's Stories – Guest Speaker on Mental Health & Wellbeing	13 th CP Adventure	14 th Burning House Productions	15 th Burning House Productions	16 th
19 th Carlingford Adventure Centre	20 th Carlingford Adventure Centre	21 st Carlingford Adventure Centre	22 nd	23 rd
26 th	27 th Drivers Ed	28 th	29 th Food School	30 th Food School
May – 3 rd	4 th	5 th Jump Zone	6 th Go Quest	7 th
10 th	11 th School of Life	12 th Microsoft Dream Space	13 th Microsoft Dream Space	14 th

Calendar of Activities

Transition Year Assessment

Behaviour & Attendance

Core subjects will include class exams / projects / presentations

Core Growth, Rotations, Passion Projects and Science Programme will include projects / presentations / competitions

CV & Interview

ePortfolio

Work Experience

Extra Curricular

Credit System

Subject	Credits		General	Credits
English	20		Behaviour/Attendance	75
Irish	20		Work Experience	75
Maths	20		Interview/CV	75
MFL	20		ePortfolio	75
Science	20			300
Religion	10			
Coding	10		Extra Curricular	
Microsoft Office Specialist	20		Competitions	50
Technology*	25*		Gaisce	50
Art *	25*		Extra Curricular	50
Metalwork*	25*		Yearbook	50
History	10		Leadership Team	50
Geography	10		Musical	50
Home Economics	10		Any three*	150*
Woodwork	10			
Society & Politics	10			
Speech & Drama	10		Distinction	560-700
Mini Comp/YSI/Film**	25**		Merit	420-559
YSI**	25**		Pass	280-419
Film Making**	25**		Fail	0-279
	250			

Transition Year Fee

The total fee for TY this is year is €525.

€150 is due March 19th with acceptance form with
€175 on the 16th of April and €200 due May 28th.

All bus trips are €5 per trip, as in other years.

Included: Microsoft Office Specialist (€100) which
completion is compulsory for graduation.

Not included: Carlingford €200 approx. is due on
return to school in September.

Not included: Gaisce (overnight trip/bus/meals)
€75 approx.

Next steps



Students must complete the online Application form and submit by March 5th at 1.15pm.



Student will then be given a time and date for an Interview.



Marks are awarded at interview for the 4 listed criteria plus marks from the Principal/Year Head.



Each interviewer will independently mark each candidate after their interview.



The cumulative mark from all the interviewers will be the mark for that student.



A ranking list will be completed after the interviews with student's name, mark and rank, based on their mark.

Interview Competencies & Marking Scheme



Marks from Principal/Year Head for positive attitude in previous years towards school/work/behaviour. (20 Marks)



Application Form (20 Marks)



What has this student contributed to school life? (20 Marks)



Being a Team player / evidence of participation and volunteering in activities. (20 Marks)



Knowledge of TY Programme (20 Marks)

Admissions



The maximum number of available places will be dependent upon staffing, facilities and resources and will be determined annually by the Board of Management.



For acceptance on to the Transition Year Programme, the school must believe a student can benefit from participation in Transition Year and, equally, that his/her participation will not prevent any other student(s) from benefiting from participation.



Any decision in this regard will be taken by the Transition Year Admissions Committee & Interview Panel.



The Transition Year Admissions Committee will include Programme Co-Ordinator, Deputy Principal, Staff Member(s)



The Interview Panel will include Programme Co-Ordinator, Deputy Principal, Staff Member(s)



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