



Transition Year

Harold's Cross Educate Together Secondary School
2023-2024



Curriculum

	Subject	Format
	Tutor Time	12 mins x 4 daily
Core	English	32 weeks
	Irish	32 weeks
	Maths	32 weeks
	Science	32 weeks
	Spanish	32 weeks
Tasters	Performing Arts/Mini Company	16 week rotation
	Art/Maker Space	16 week rotation
	History/Geography	16 week rotation
	My World, My Future (Careers, Coaching, RSE)	32 weeks
New Experiences	Active Leisure	32 weeks (full year)
	Robotics/Future Leaders	16 weeks rotation
	Outdoor Pursuits/Catering	16 weeks rotation
	Junk Kouture/ Science of Happiness	16 weeks rotation
Work Experience	Work Experience	Every Thursday
		2 Placements x 16 weeks each
		1 placement – community/volunteering/ngo etc.

Core Subjects

English

Possible modules

- Reading and Writing Personal Essays.
- World Mythology through Literature.
- Film Studies: Practices and Culture.
- Claire Keegan: Novella to Screen.
- Media studies: Bias and Advertising.



Possible Trips

- IFI Education Programme
- Museums e.g.; MoLi



Irish

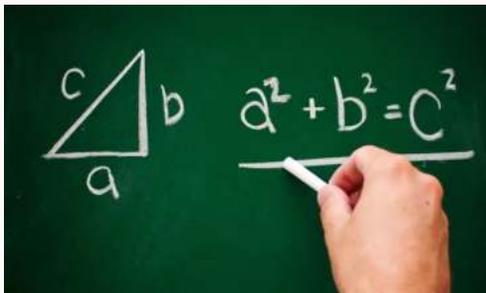
- Focus on the four main language skills: ag éist, ag labhairt, ag scríobh agus ag léamh.
- **Modúl 1: Podchroaladh (Podcasting).**
 - Encourage students in their spoken language
- **Modúl 2: Irisleabhar (TY Magazine).**
 - Produce their own written articles on a wide range of topics that interest them



Core Subjects

Maths

- **Key skills:** problem solving, critical thinking, working with others, being numerate, managing information.
- Problem Solving Workshops
- **Links to senior cycle:** students will be introduced to key mathematical concepts associated with senior cycle Maths throughout the course of the year.



Science

- A taste of the three LC Science subjects – **Biology/Chemistry/Physics**
- Building practical skills through activities and investigations.
- **Possible modules:** Forensic Science, Sports Physiology, Enzymology, Optics, Heat, Bath Bombs & Cosmetic Science.



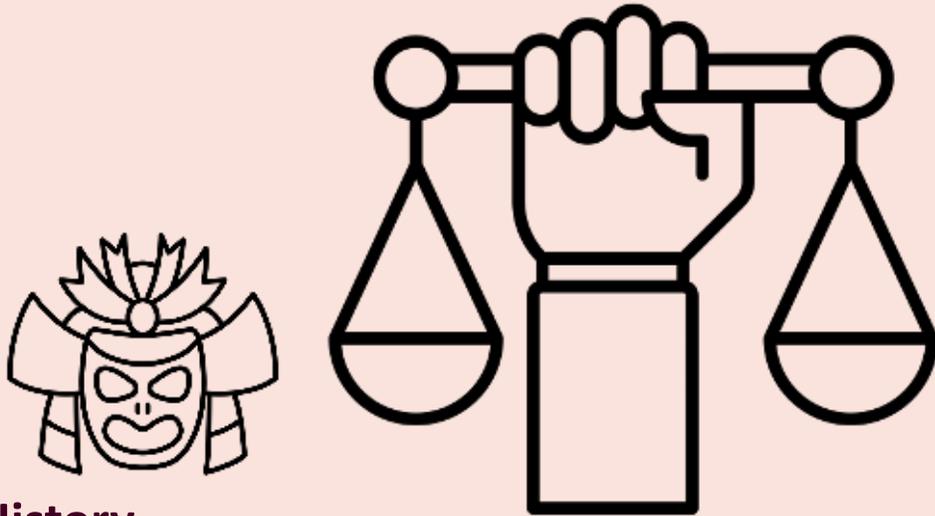
Core Subjects

Spanish

- Become more autonomous
- Engage in a range of activities
- Project work incorporating pair and group work.
- Be able to engage in more advanced conversation
- Build on from their knowledge from the JC curriculum



History and Geography



History

- Analyse the troubles and the civil rights movement
- Explore bushido code in Japanese society
- Changemakers: A research project

Geography

Develop a keen interest, knowledge and awareness of the world they live in locally and globally.

- Prepare a mock inter-railing package
- Go to Bushy Park to investigate river erosion
- Complete a mock field study LC booklet

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Marking Component	No.	MCQ	MCQ	MCQ
Introduction (10)				
Planning (20)				
Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa (10)				
Global Climate Change (10)				
Europe, Africa, South America (10)				
Prevalence of Obesity (10)				
Urbanisation (10)				
TOTAL (100)				

Performing Arts

Explore their imagination and innovation

Appreciate the arts in all its forms

- Camera work
- Directing
- Video editing
- Composing using music technology
- Public speaking and performance



Mini Company (Enterprise & Marketing Module)

- Entrepreneurship
- Market Research
- Marketing
- Idea Generation
- Production
- Advertising
- Event Management
- Management Structures



Mini Market in school for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Years

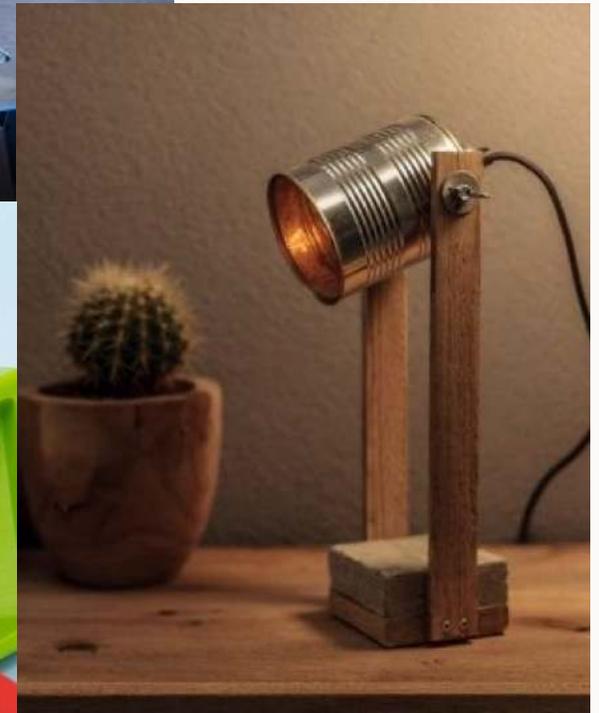
Maker Space

Sustainability

Upcycling

Designing

- Computer Aided Design
- Laser Cutting
- 3D Printing



Street Art

- **Work with** a street artist
- **Create and paint a mural** on a permanent wall
- Students will **engage in the artist/ designer process**
- **Develop an idea** from initial sketches to realization
- Learn new techniques and **experiment** with media



Junk Kouture

- **Creative programme**, focuses on design and sustainability
- **Design a wearable outfit** made from 100% recycled materials.
- **Empowers young people** through self-expression
- **Entries will be judged** by an external artist and/or designer.



Science of Health & Happiness

Wellbeing based module exploring:

- What is happiness & how do we form good habits?
- How do we develop attention & focus?
- Time management/self-discipline & motivation.
- Strength and growth mindset.
- Know your brain.
- Emotional wellbeing.
- Adolescence & young adulthood as a time of expansion.



Outdoor Pursuits

Encourages life-long appreciation for and engagement in a variety of different physical activities.

Activities:

- Ball games e.g. Tag Rugby
- Court games e.g. Tennis
- Other outdoor games/activities

Outings:

- Adventure ed. camping trip in September
- Walks/Hikes
- Jump Zone
- Orienteering

Leaving Cert PE Taster

- At least 2 sessions will be spent giving students a sense of exam PE at Leaving Cert level.



Future Leaders

- GAA programme.
- Cross-curricular.
- Designed to encourage maturity, initiative, responsibility and leadership skills in pupils.
- Students challenged to organise and run both on-field and off-field events for younger students.
- Certification for each module completed. E.g.: Nutrition, coaching, event management and refereeing.



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LEADERS**

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Catering

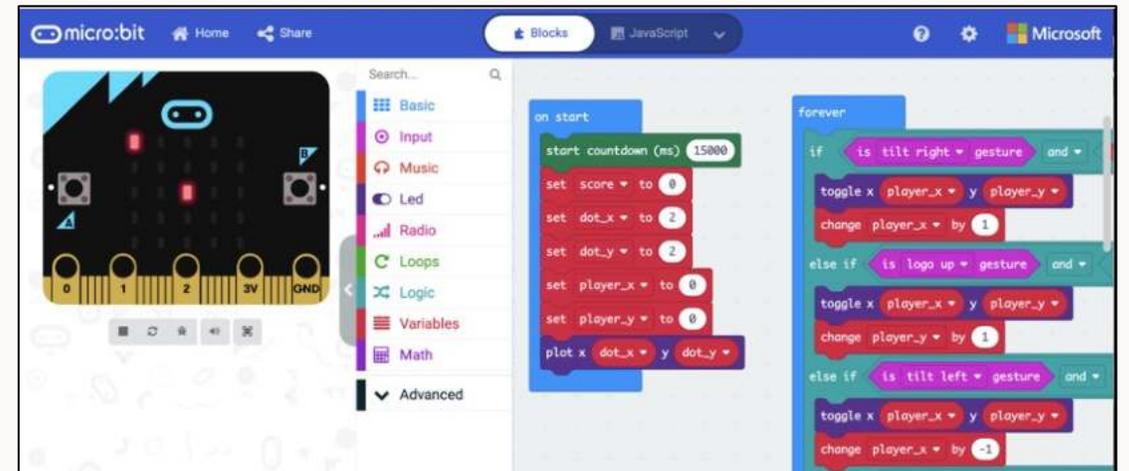
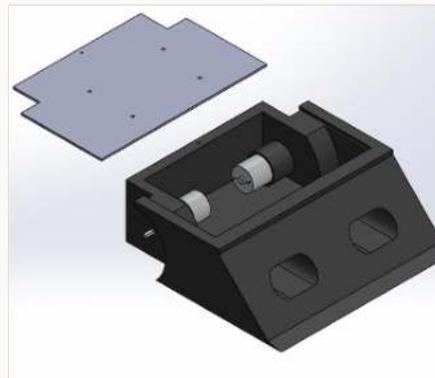
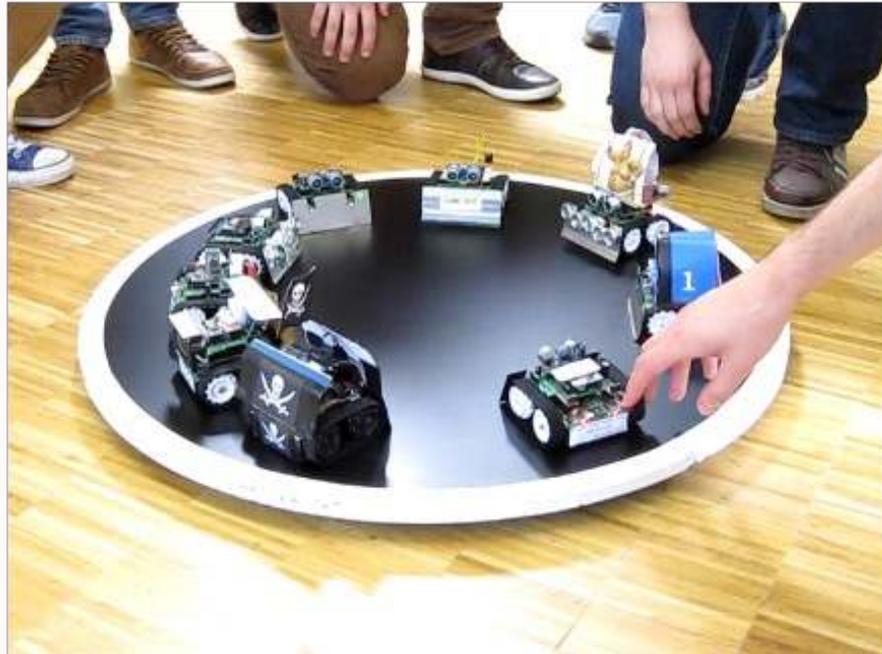
Catering will be run with bi-weekly themes

Some examples of these themes may include:

- International and Irish cultures
- “Fake-aways “
- Sports nutrition
- Afternoon tea
- Moving away from home
- Catering for an event



Robotics



1. Designing their own robot – Sketch & CAD
2. Manufacturing the project
3. Coding the robot
4. Let the robots battle in the black circle

- MakeCode
- Sketching
- Designing
- CAD
- Write ups
- Manufacturing

My World, My Future – Guidance (RSE), Careers & Coaching

We will offer students the MyFutureChoice's tried and tested programmes
Include MyEirQuest and MyAptitude.

Students receive a PDF report
Access to the MyFutureChoice Student Portal
Help with reflection and developing action plans.



Results of MyFuture Choice psychometric tests

Assessment

Students will engage in multiple forms of assessment throughout transition year including winter and summer assessments, projects and presentations.

Students work within these forms of assessment and other components such as attendance and work experience will be awarded through a credit-based system, where, at the end of the year will be awarded a distinction, merit, pass or certificate of participation.

Assessment

Certificate	Credits
Distinction	240-300
Merit	180-240
Pass	180-240
Certificate of Participation	120 or Less

Categories	Credits Awarded
Core Subjects	100 credits
Tasters	60 credits
New Experiences	70 credits
Work Experiences	40 credits
Attendance	10 credits
Interview/Portfolio	20 credits

Work Experience

- Commencing Thursday 31st August.
- Attend work experience every Thursday for the full school year.
- Placement needs to be confirmed ASAP.
- Additional work experience opportunity for students not attending overseas trip.



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Trips – Active Leisure

2023

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CP Adventure- Ploughing Champs- Higher Options- Tennis
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- First Aid- Firework awareness talk- Digital Futures Workshop- Spanish walking tour of Dublin- School musical
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Croke Park- Dead Zoo- Swap shop
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- IFI Education Programme- Carol singing

2024

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jump Zone- GPO- Collins Barracks- The Four Courts
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- UCD Innovation Academy- Bodhrán making
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kilmainham Gaol- Causey Farm- Daffodil Day
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Maritime museum- Dun Laoghaire Pier Walk- Phoenix Park- Future Leaders event
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Overseas trip- Emerald Park- Sports Day- Graduation

Optional Overseas Trip



- Three nights, four days
- May 2024
- €755



€450 Student fee for 2023-2024 (excl. Overseas trip)

Breakdown:

- Administration Cost (24 hour insurance, Schoolwise, Vs Ware, School App, Journal, Locker, Lock, Photocopying & Admin costs - €150
- Overnight Trip to Russborough (CP Adventure) - €100
- Causey Farm - €40
- Bodhrán Making - €45
- Croke Park Tour - €10
- Jump Zone - €11
- GPO - €8
- National Maritime Museum - €4
- IFI Education Programme - €8

Cost

- Street Art Tour - €6
- Ploughing Championships - €15
- Emerald Park - €20
- Glasnevin Cemetery & Botanic Gardens - €8
- Higher Options (RDS) - €11
- First Aid Course - €25

Guest Speakers, Workshops and Other Trips

- Digital Futures
- UCD Innovation Academy
- Four Courts
- Spanish Tour of Dublin
- Kilmainham

Not Included

- Booklist (English, Irish & Maths)
- Wriggle fee of €99 for Senior Cycle (TY-6th)
- Transport

Payment Options

Option 1

One full payment of €450 by
16th June.

OR

Option 2

1st Instalment of €200:
Payment 1 by 16th June 2023

2nd Instalment of €150:
Payment 2 by 1st September 2023

3rd Instalment of €100
Payment 3 by 27th October 2023

Calendar – Important Dates

2023

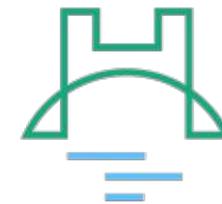
- **August 28th** Induction
- **August 31st** Work Experience starts
- **Sept 14th** Overnight trip to Wicklow

2024

- **Term 2** – Parent Teacher Meeting
- **March** – Leaving Cert. Options Meeting
- **May 7th-10th** Overseas Trip
- **May 23rd** Graduation



Final Words



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Thank You!