

Schedule of Transition Year Activities 2018/19



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- 11th September - **School Summit**
- 17th / 18th September - **A two-day Team Building excursion to Life Adventure** Castlewellan, Co. Down
- September Dates TBC - **The Louth Enterprise Office's workshop** for the TY enterprise competition.
- 1st October - **Louth Volunteering Workshop**. A guest speaker from Louth Volunteers will speak to the pupils about volunteering which we believe is an essential part of TY. Each student will be required to complete community work in TY this can be made up of volunteering and charity events organised in school and outside school. Registering with Louth Volunteers is one of the easiest ways to complete this. Students who participate in charity work will receive certificates for their CV's and each class will select their chosen charities in September. This year we will be recognising volunteering in our school awards. 10 Hours bronze award, 15 hours + silver award, 20 Hours gold award, those who receive gold awards will be considered for the prestigious LMETB Civic award. Students can use the volunteering as part of their Gaisce Community Section - 13 hours is recommended for their Bronze Gaisce award.
- 15th November 2018 - **Zeminar** in the RDS in Dublin
- **'Create the Great in You'** Programme for 6 weeks for each class (Running on a rotational basis throughout the year)
- Students will complete a certificate in **CPR**
- **Road safety** - one day workshop- we also plan to teach the **'Wrecked'** 6 week RSA programme with all TY classes about road safety and invite in the RSA rollover shuttle in as part of this module. Students will also prepare for the **Driving Theory Test** in Cúram class and apply for their public service card which they need for this test. There is an option to attend a driving day which will have an additional cost of €60 for the full day course.
- **Choose Safety** course covered in Cúram classes- certified by online badges.
- **GAA Coaching Certificate**
- **Students Enterprise**- students will develop a mini company and host a Trade Fair, students will provide the capital to develop these products and hopefully enjoy the profits of their business. We will also visit other local schools and support their TY trade fairs, we also hope to take part in the TY Cross Border Trade Fair in the Marshes and enter local Mini Company competitions.
- Competitions: **Trasion Fashion** – Art Competition, hosted by Louth County Council. Students prepare their designs and take part in a fashion show that showcases student designs made completely from recycled products.
- Science: **BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition** in January and also **Scifest** held in DKIT. We would also hope some students might take part in the **VEX robotics competition**. VEX Robotics is a STEM teaching toy which introduces students to physics, engineering, programming and teamwork. Schools who get involved will get a loan of a robotics kit, from Sept to January to work with then the challenge takes place in DKIT in January 2019. Regional winners will be selected, who will progress to a national final, and perhaps to an international competition. We have registered for this and received our kits.
- Specialist weeks in subject areas (TY students act as facilitators and organisers along with their teachers on most of these specialist school based weeks) e.g **Seachtain na Gaeilge, Science Week, Mental Health Awareness Week, Detective Week, Maths Week etc.**
- **Samba Drumming** - a workshop on Brazilian Samba drumming by Kada Ka Boom Arts.

- October (proceeding first work experience week) - **Youth Connect Employability workshop**: gives the students an insight into the workplace and an important workshop as it teaches about employment law so students know their rights in the workplace.
- April - **TY Health Fest** - this is a full day of sports, talks and cookery demonstrations sponsored by the National Dairy Council on fitness, mental health and diet for young people and is held in the National sports Arena. PE uniform is worn as all students take part in the activities throughout the day.
- **Not Just for Geeks**- DELL computer workshop. Students will also get the opportunity to partake in computer weeks in DKIT and PayPal during the year. Students must speak to their Guidance Councillor if they are interested in these to apply.
- **Morgan Stanley - Futures in Banking programme** (2 students will be selected, application process required and is open to all 4th and 5th year pupils, these students will get a four day trip to London to partake in workshops with Morgan Stanley)
- May -**TY Triathlon** - we encourage as many students as possible to partake in this event in which we have been very successful to date with a winner two years ago. Students have to swim 10 lengths of the pool, cycle 6km and run 3 km.
- Dates TBC – **Seó na hIdirbhliana** – we hope to stage our first TY mini drama/musical in the third term with our talented TY students as the main characters, musicians, singers and organisers of the event.

GAISCE

If students are interested in doing the Gaisce Award they can register for their Bronze Gaisce award online at www.gaisce.ie and the fee for this is €15. Bean Uí Ríodail will be the PAL (Presidents Award Leader) and guide them through the programme of Community Work, Skill and Physical Challenge lasting 26 weeks, for those who complete the award there will be an adventure camping and hiking overnight trip in May the cost of this award and trip are not included in the TY fee and it is optional.