

Griffeen Community College

Transition Year
2023 – 2024

Parents Information
Evening

9th March 2023

This meeting will be recorded



'Learn with Pride and Progress with Confidence'

Presenters



Holly Kinsella – Transition year coordinator



Colleen Fitzgerald Aherne – Year head



Audrey Ward – Guidance Councillor



Edel Morrow – Deputy Principal

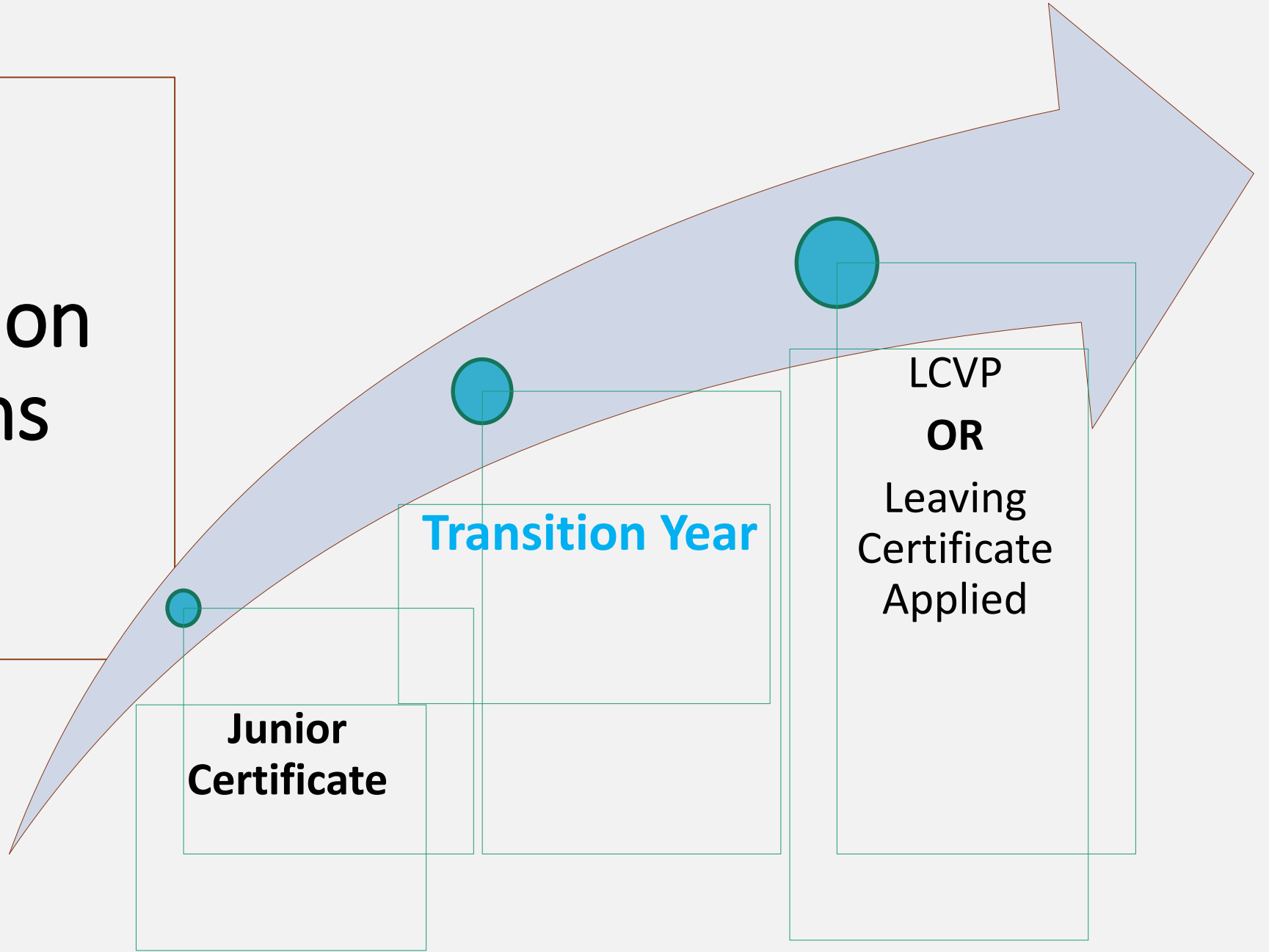
What is Transition Year?

Transition Year:

- A one-year school-based programme
- After Junior Cycle before Senior Cycle
- Acts as a bridge
- Facilitates the smooth transition:

From dependent Junior Cycle Learner to independent self-directed Senior Cycle Learner.

Post Transition Year Options



**Junior
Certificate**

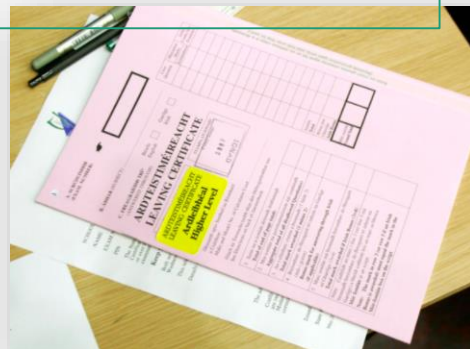
Transition Year

**LCVP
OR
Leaving
Certificate
Applied**

TY Benefits for LCVP & LCA

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP):

1. TY Students try a range of different subjects
 - Enhances ability to decide Senior Cycle options.
2. Work experience placements:
 - Improves Career Awareness
 - Helps make CAO decisions



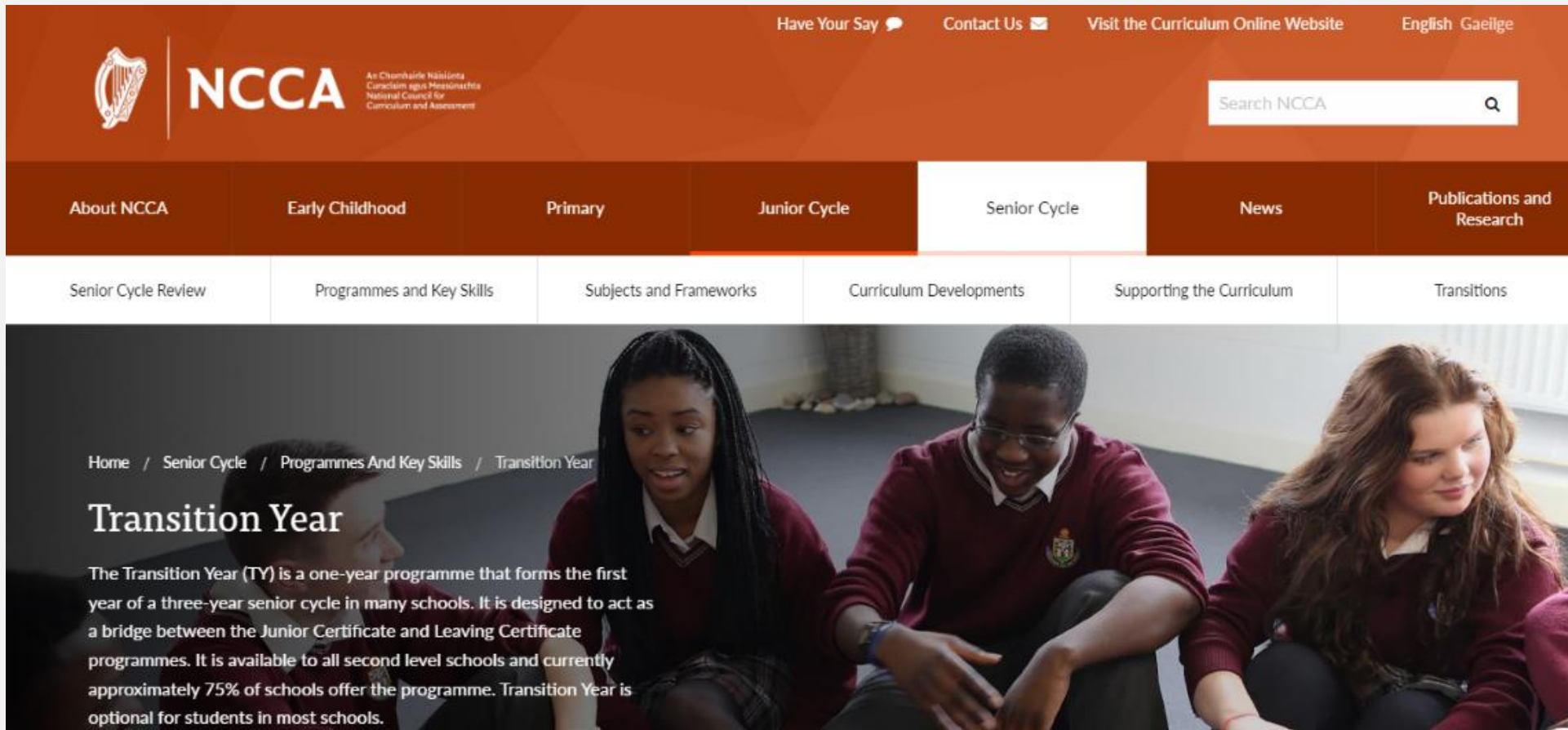
Leaving Certificate Applied:

1. TY Students assessed using credits system
 - Similar to LCA model.
2. Work experience placement one day per week.
 - Same during LCA
3. Complete project- based assessments
 - Comparable to LCA key assignments.



Research

The NCCA (National Council of Curriculum and Assessment) found that on average TY students achieved an additional **26** CAO points compared to those who went straight through to Leaving Certificate.



The screenshot shows the NCCA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Have Your Say', 'Contact Us', 'Visit the Curriculum Online Website', and language options 'English' and 'Gaeilge'. The NCCA logo and name are prominently displayed. Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a main menu with categories like 'About NCCA', 'Early Childhood', 'Primary', 'Junior Cycle', 'Senior Cycle', 'News', and 'Publications and Research'. The 'Senior Cycle' category is currently selected. Underneath, there is a sub-menu with options such as 'Senior Cycle Review', 'Programmes and Key Skills', 'Subjects and Frameworks', 'Curriculum Developments', 'Supporting the Curriculum', and 'Transitions'. The main content area features a large photograph of three students in school uniforms sitting on the floor and talking. To the left of the photo, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / Senior Cycle / Programmes And Key Skills / Transition Year'. Below the breadcrumb, the heading 'Transition Year' is displayed in a large font. The text below the heading reads: 'The Transition Year (TY) is a one-year programme that forms the first year of a three-year senior cycle in many schools. It is designed to act as a bridge between the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate programmes. It is available to all second level schools and currently approximately 75% of schools offer the programme. Transition Year is optional for students in most schools.'

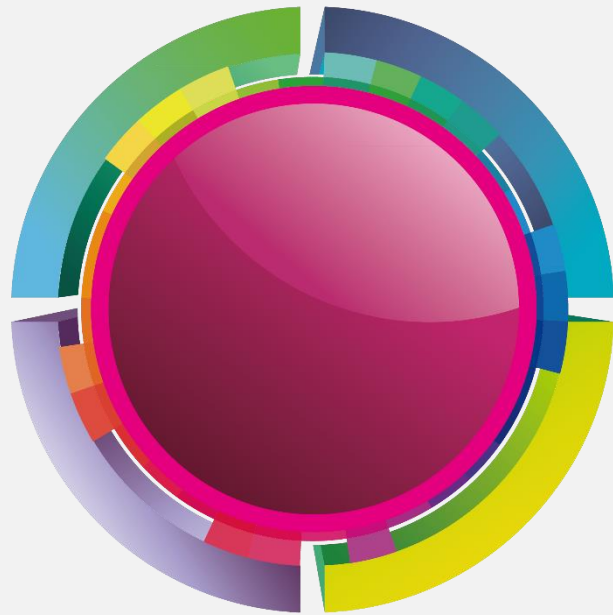
(Smyth et al, 2004)



Class groups

- Tutor groups will change for
- There will be three class groups of 20 students each
- Each group will have a tutor

TY in GCC is rotational...



Tutor Group Rotations

- A 20 students
- B 20 students
- C 20 students

11 Week Modules

- Sept to Nov
- Nov to Feb
- Feb to May

Fairs and events

- Market Days
- Debates
- TY Performances

Core Subjects – All year

English

Irish

Mathematics

Science

Spanish

Religion

SPHE

Social Development

I.C.T.

Work Experience (one day per week)

Sample Modules – Completed on Rotations

Art

History

Geography

Photography

Outdoor Pursuits

Cookery

Business

Chinese

Music

Enterprise

History

Geography

Photography

Journalism

Podcasting

Film Studies

Radio Production

Driver theory test

Opportunities & Experiences

Junior Achievement Ireland (JAI)

Driving School

Podcasting

Mini Company

First Aid Training (CPR for Schools)

Community Citizenship e.g. working with local community groups and charities.

Mentoring

Calendar Events

Regular Trips

Regular speakers, workshops and events in school

International Trip (optional)

Team Bonding Activities

Market Days

Performances

TY Graduation

TY Events
September
Carlingford Adventure Centre
1st year Games Afternoon
TY World Skills RDS
Causey farm - Holly/Liam/Amanda/Emma
Kayaking Level One Certified from Canoeing Ireland
International Day of Languages
October
Personal Safety with Alex Walsh.
Orienteering in Griffeen Park.
Wellbeing Week - Letters to local nursing home
Dublin Zoo.
Phoenix Park
EPIC Museum
Bernadette Fagan - Homeless support in Lucan area
Hell Fire club
Glasnevin Cemetery – Guided Tour
Orienteering - Hill Walking St Catherine’s Park.
November
Rock Climbing in Tallaght
Edmundsbury - Shakleton mill
War Memorial Gardens – Guided Tour
Butlers Chocolate. Guided tour.

Think Languages - All TY
Air tastic
National Art Gallery and National History Museum
TY Program on LC artists
Orienteering - Howth - Full day.
December
Ice Skating – Dundrum on Ice.
Orienteering - Group Bray to Greystones.
JAI Microsoft London
TY Maynooth – Foreign Languages
Jumpzone
JAI
Community Project- Market Day
January
CPR Training
Hell Fire Club
Cinema
TY Subject Selection Information afternoon
Gaeilge 24 hr - Bake sale
JAI - Microsoft
February
TY Trip to Paris
Barista Training
Games charity raising for Goal - Get TY students
Croke Park – Guided tour

Howth - Outdoor Pursuits
March
Microsoft Expert
Outdoor pursuits group will take part in Kayak course.
Pink day for international women's day
LASC (Latin America Solidarity Centre) Workshops
Bodhrán workshop
Kayak 11:45
Think Languages - Full day activities live workshops for TY
Kayak course
St Patricks Cathedral
W5 Science – Belfast
April
Zip it
Outdoor Pursuits - Bray to Greystones
TY theatre visit
Kilmainham Jail
Glendalough
May
Japanese Gardens and National Stud
Kayaking 11:45
TY Exams
Tayto Park
TY Interviews
TY Graduation Night

Work Experience in TY

Work experience is an integral part of TY

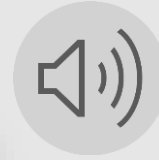
- One day a week – Thursdays
- One or more placements throughout the year - varied experience is key.
- Block placements - case by case.
- Representing the school.
- The Work Experience module is worth 25 credits.

Assessment:

- Work experience record card
- Diary entries
- Employer's evaluation(s)
- 3 x semester reviews



Work Experience – Benefits & Advice



Additional Educational Needs (AEN)

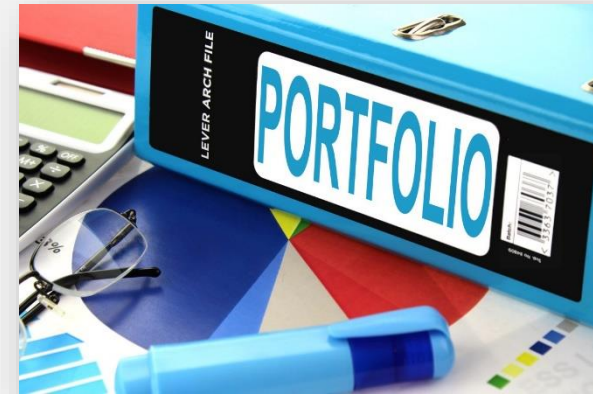
Differentiation & scaffolding

- Students achieve success in all subjects & modules.
- Students develop individual strengths & skills.

Our TY Programme is inclusive and diverse for all abilities & interests

TY Student's portfolio of work

- Reflect the individuals' journey
- Highlighting achievements & spotlight moments.



Assessment in TY

“Assessment should be an integral part of the learning process in Transition Year, not separate from it.” (D.E.S. Guidelines)

TY in GCC follows continuous assessment, credits-based format.



Assessment in TY



Certificates of Achievement awarded on TY Graduation.

Students will be awarded credits for:

- Portfolio & end of year reflective interview
- Oral /Aural assessments
- Project work & presentations
- Self-assessment
- Peer-assessment
- Written / Practical Class tests
- Skills assessment
- Attendance
- Inhouse Exams

Transition Year Student Expectations

- To have full attendance
- To wear full school uniform or school tracksuit as appropriate.
- To have items on resource list (books/copies/stationary available in May - extra cost applies)
- To have TY School Journal with them every day.
- To have their iPad everyday
- To follow school polices and Code of Behaviour.

Mobile phones ***turned off*** an in lockers for the day.

Parents contact students ***through the school only.***

WHAT DO I WANT TO
BECOME?



WHAT CAN I DO?

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Costs

- TY fee 2023 - **€450 per student** paid up front
- All fees must be paid **by August 2023**
- Instalment options available:
 - **First installment of €200 due April 17th**
 - **Second installment due in May €125**
 - **Third (Final installment) By Mid August €125**



All fees paid through MIT 

- Fee covers **all** calendar activities

*Students who do not pay **all** finances may not be permitted to attend trips.*

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Costs contd.

- **Optional Extra Fee:**
 - Trip abroad (TBC)
 - Will take place in Spring 2024

NB* Deposit will not be accepted for Foreign Trip until 1st installment of TY fee paid

- **Not taking part in trip?**

Student will attend additional Work Experience

School Uniform

Uniform supplier: School Wearhouse

- Teal Senior Crested Jumper *or* retain navy jumper
- Shirt/blouse (Pale blue) & school tie
- Girls - Tartan skirt *or* navy trousers
- Boys - Navy trousers
- Navy/White socks
- School Jacket

PE uniform

- School tracksuit bottom
- School T-shirt
- Crested half zipped top

Optional Extra (For Trips Only)

- Hoodie



Footwear



Black leather shoes
No runner style shoes (no logos)



WRIGGLE MANAGEMENT FEE



- Not included in any fees paid to the school for Transition Year
- iPad management fee needs to be Repaid for Senior Cycle
- Wriggle Store online
- Paid directly to Wriggle ***not the school***
- Log on using the school code – supplied in May '23



Website

- **Transition Year Information** - dedicated Transition Year Page
- **Find from the menu** - Curriculum tab
 - Links to Trips Permission Slips
 - Regular updates
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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