



Transition Year Programme

Information Evening – Monday 27th April 2026

What 'learning' looks like now in CCC.

Active &
Engaging

Collaborative

Promotes
Critical
Thinking

Respectful

Inclusive and
Accepting

Holistic

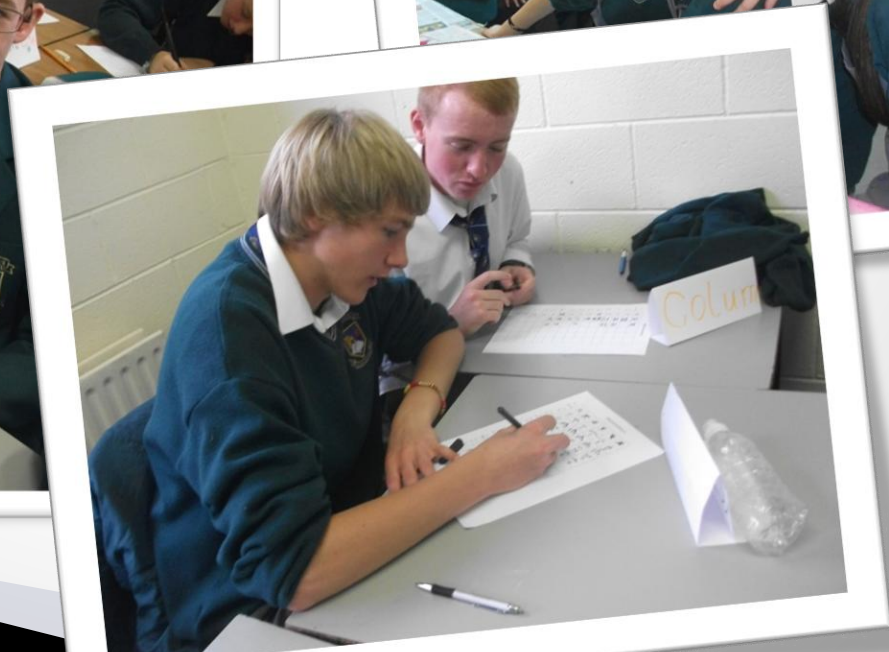
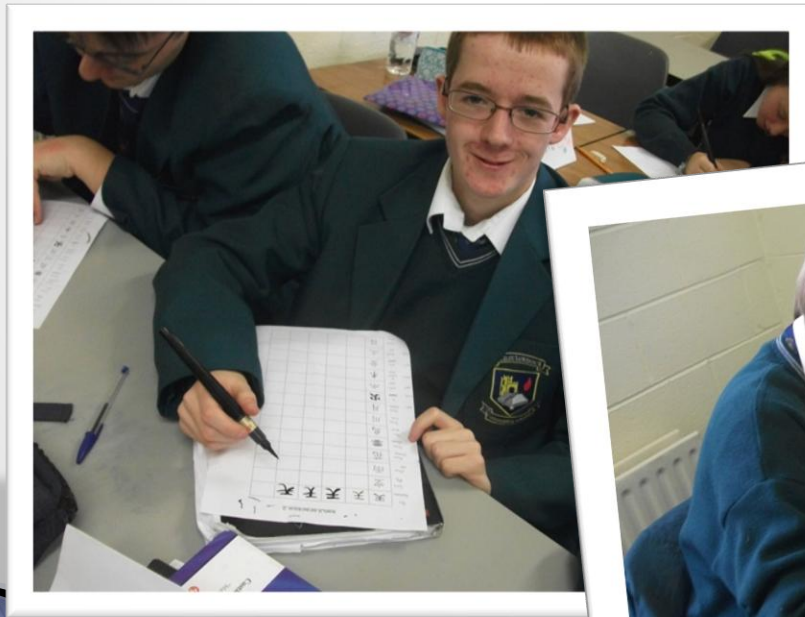
Teaching Methodologies

- ▶ Teacher as facilitator – Student focused
- ▶ Group work / Pair work
- ▶ Role play
- ▶ Project Work
- ▶ Guest speakers
- ▶ Practical work
- ▶ Use of I.C.T.
- ▶ Activity Based



Layers Within The TY Programme

- ▶ Core Subjects
- ▶ Calendar Layer
- ▶ Transition Year Specific Layer
- ▶ Electives



The Core Subjects

Irish

English

Maths

Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish)

World of Science

SPHE/RSE

Religious Education

The Core Subjects

- ▶ Computational Thinking
- ▶ First Aid
- ▶ Career & Work Foundations
- ▶ Research Skills
- ▶ Information Technology
- ▶ PE
- ▶ Portfolio Development
- ▶ Nutrition & Health
- ▶ Financial Literacy
- ▶ Outdoor Education* (Wednesday)

Outdoor Education

- ✓ Scheduled for Wednesdays: Rotation once every four weeks.
- ✓ Fully costed
- ✓ School PE Uniform
- ✓ Activities:
 - Hillwalking
 - Canoeing
 - Indoor Wall Climbing
 - Zip It –ziplining and high ropes

Students will study one of the following languages:

- ▶ Japanese (studied by all students in rotation)
- ▶ Chinese
- ▶ Polish

Electives – Taken for Full Year

Students will study one of the following for the full year:

- ▶ Exploring Art
- ▶ Young Social Innovators
- ▶ Mini Company
- ▶ Film Studies
- ▶ Engineering Technology with Robotics
- ▶ Architectural Design & Energy Efficiency Systems
- ▶ Active School Flag (limited places)

Students will be asked to nominate their preferences in these subjects.

Modules –Half-Yearly

- In Transition Year, subject choices within module blocks change twice a year for all half-yearly modules.
- This allows TY students to try out new subjects and experience new activities.
- These will run from September to mid-January and from mid-January to May.



Half-Yearly Rotation Subjects

These subjects will be studied by all students on a half yearly basis:

- ▶ Global Cookery (limited places)
- ▶ Music Appreciation
- ▶ Education for Sustainable Development
- ▶ Public Speaking

Half-Yearly Rotation Subjects: Group A

Students will be asked to nominate their preferences in these subjects.

Students will study two of these subjects on a half yearly basis:

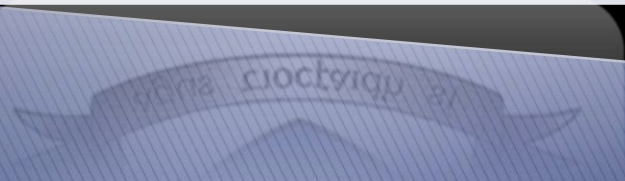
- ▶ Creative Arts
- ▶ Creative Writing
- ▶ TY Business
- ▶ Classical Studies
- ▶ Film Production
- ▶ TY DIY
- ▶ RSA: Road Safety
- ▶ Aviation Studies
- ▶ St. Vincent's Community Outreach Programme*

Half-Yearly Rotation Subjects: Group B

Students will be asked to nominate their preferences in these subjects.

Students will study two of these subjects on a half yearly basis:

- ▶ Development Education
- ▶ TY Geography
- ▶ A Taste of History
- ▶ Revolution and Social Change



Assessment

- ▶ Project work
- ▶ Portfolio book
- ▶ Monthly Reflective Learning Log
- ▶ Standards of homework
- ▶ Presentation skills
- ▶ Student Portfolio assessment/interview
- ▶ Self-assessment
- ▶ Employers' Report on Work Placements
- ▶ Involvement
- ▶ Written / Practical class tests
- ▶ **Punctuality, 90% Attendance & Behaviour**

Certification

- ▶ Pass
- ▶ Merit
- ▶ Distinction



Work Experience 2026/27



THREE designated weeks of work experience in TY 2026/27 – one to be Community Involvement.

Rationale – evidence of work experience in certain sectors now required as part of application process for some university degree courses – nursing, veterinary medicine...

Students find their own work experience and contact the businesses directly themselves.

Engaging in different areas helps students decide whether certain career paths are for them or not.

Work Experience Dates

Term 1 - Standard Work Experience (1 week)

- ▶ Monday 2nd to Friday 6th November 2026

Term 2 – Standard Work Experience & Community Outreach (2 weeks)

- ▶ Week 1: Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th February 2027
- ▶ Week 2: Monday 8th to Friday 12th February 2027

Garda Vetting

- ▶ Students intending to do work experience in **Primary Schools/Nursery schools** must be Garda Vetted
- ▶ Check with the placement school to confirm whether they will arrange Garda Vetting
- ▶ In most cases, Castleknock Community College will oversee the vetting process
- ▶ To request a Garda Vetting Form, please email **Mr. Cronin** at johncronin@castleknockcc.ie

Other TY Work Experience Programmes on offer:

Students generally apply for the following programmes independently:

- Army/Air Corps/Navy
- An Garda Síochána
- Dublin Fire Brigade
- Dublin and Shannon Airports
- Intel/Dell (employees nominate friends/family)
- Walk In My Shoes (St. Patrick's Mental Health Services)

Other TY Work Experience Programmes on offer

TCD (Trinity) run many courses

Various Hospitals also run week-long TY programmes

Check websites for up-to-date information

Other TY Programmes on offer

Some agencies send invitations directly to the TY Co-ordinator, for example:

- Law Library
 - Look into Law.
 - Solicitors of the Future

- RCSI
 - Transition to Health Programme
- House of the Oireachtas TY programme
- Society of Actuaries TY programme
- TCD
 - TYPE Programme (Physics)
- DCU
 - Compute TY coding programme
- Barista courses

As these courses/programmes are run at a national level for TY students in all secondary schools, places are limited and are offered to schools on a lottery-style basis

- ▶ Gaisce is the President's award. Each student picks an activity under each of these headings to do for 13 weeks and one for 26 weeks.
1. Community Involvement - Sport/Charity work...
 2. Personal Skills eg, baking, taking up an instrument...
 3. Physical Recreation – taking up a new sport...
 4. Any one of the above for a further 13 weeks
 5. Achill overnight outdoor trip. (Gaisce walk)



Carlingford & Achill



At the beginning of October students travel to Carlingford for a day trip:
Thursday 8th & Friday 9th October 2026 (overnight trip). Cost: c. €200

TYs try out water and land-based activities.

Always regarded as a great bonding trip.

Achill: Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd April 2027. Cost: c. €300



Other Activities

- ▶ In Transition Year students are encouraged to help out with different fundraising events as well as school events
- ▶ Over the past year, TYs fundraised for Make A Wish, SVP, Concern, the Irish Cancer Society, Temple Street Children's Hospital and they also participated in the Giving Tree Initiative.
- ▶ Others were involved in helping out at the Open Evening and Parent Teacher Meetings and the Plant sale.



Transition Year in CCC

– The myths are challenged!

- ▶ It is *not* a doss year!!!
- ▶ Plenty of homework/project work
- ▶ Well balanced (busy academic layer + busy calendar layer)
- ▶ Not a year to take it easy – it's a year to make the most of all of the opportunities that come along
- ▶ Christmas Exams
- ▶ Summer Exams and Portfolio Interview

Initial Supports

- ▶ Student Induction Workshop
- ▶ T.Y. Portfolio book
- ▶ Trip to Carlingford
- ▶ Judo Workshops
- ▶ TY Wellbeing Reflective Days
- ▶ Parents' Information Evening – October
- ▶ T.Y. Calendar

Standards

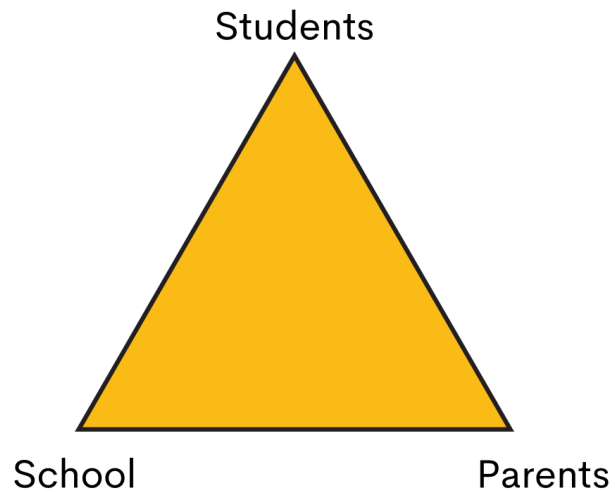
- ▶ Courtesy
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Responsibility
- ▶ Uniform
- ▶ Behaviour
- ▶ Commitment
- ▶ **Attendance 90%**





Every Day Counts

School Attendance Team



Attendance is a Team Effort

“When school and home work together, attendance improves naturally.”

The Morning Matters

Most attendance issues start before the school day even begins.

Consistent bedtime (even for teens—yes, they'll resist!)

Devices off at a set time

Prepare bags/clothes the night before

Calm, predictable morning routine

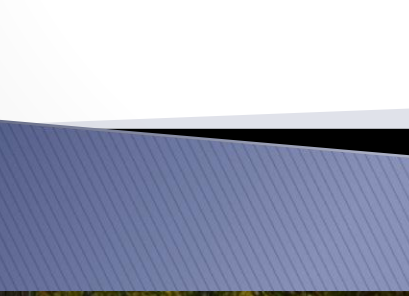
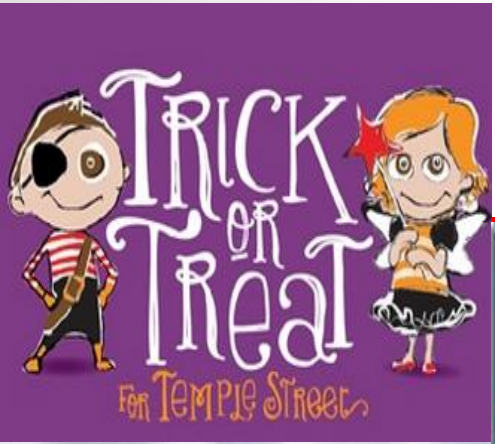
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Every Day Counts

Get in touch with
Tutor
Yearhead
Care team

A Note of Caution?

- ▶ But...what students get out of Transition Year will depend on what they are prepared to put into it.
- ▶ It is not an option that is suitable for every student.



TY Musical: 'High School Musical Jr' (subject to license)



Performance dates: Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd
October



Auditions: Tuesday & Wednesday 28th & 29th April:
10.00am – 12.00pm (Sports Hall/Canteen)



Cast announced early May



Casting sole responsibility of the Dublin Stage School

TY Musical: 'High School Musical Jr' (subject to license)



Student contribution off €60 to help cover cost of costumes, etc.



Rehearsals every Wednesday from 2nd September to 14th October



Weekend Rehearsal: Sunday
18th October 12–6pm

Payments

- ▶ TY Payment: €400
- ▶ Carlingford Trip: c.€200
- ▶ Achill Trip: c.€300

Next Steps – Survey

- ▶ **Electives:** Exploring Art, YSI, Mini Company, Film Studies, Engineering Technology with Robotics, Architectural Design & Energy Efficiency Systems, Active School Flag
- ▶ **Half Yearly Rotation Subjects: Group A -** Creative Arts, Creative Writing, TY Business, Classical Studies, Film Production, TY DIY, RSA: Road Safety, Aviation Studies, St. Vincent's Community Outreach Programme
- ▶ **Half Yearly Rotation Subjects: Group B –** Development Education , TY Geography, A Taste of History, Revolution & Social Change
- ▶ Complete Survey by Friday 8th May

Questions & Answers



