



THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME 2017-2018

**AN OVERVIEW
Parents Information Session**

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TRANSITION YEAR

What is it?

- **Transition Year is a one year school based programme between Junior and Senior Cycle . It is designed to act as a bridge between the two by facilitating the smooth transition from the more dependant learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent self-directed learning required for the Senior Cycle**



What is the aim of TY?

- **The Transition Year Programme is a unique one year programme that promotes the personal, social, vocational and educational development of students and prepares them for their role as autonomous, participative and responsible members of society (Transition Year Guidelines, 1994, Department of Education).**



Why Choose TY?



Increased
L.C.
performance

Increase
CAO points
(NCCA 1999)

Drop out rates
decreased



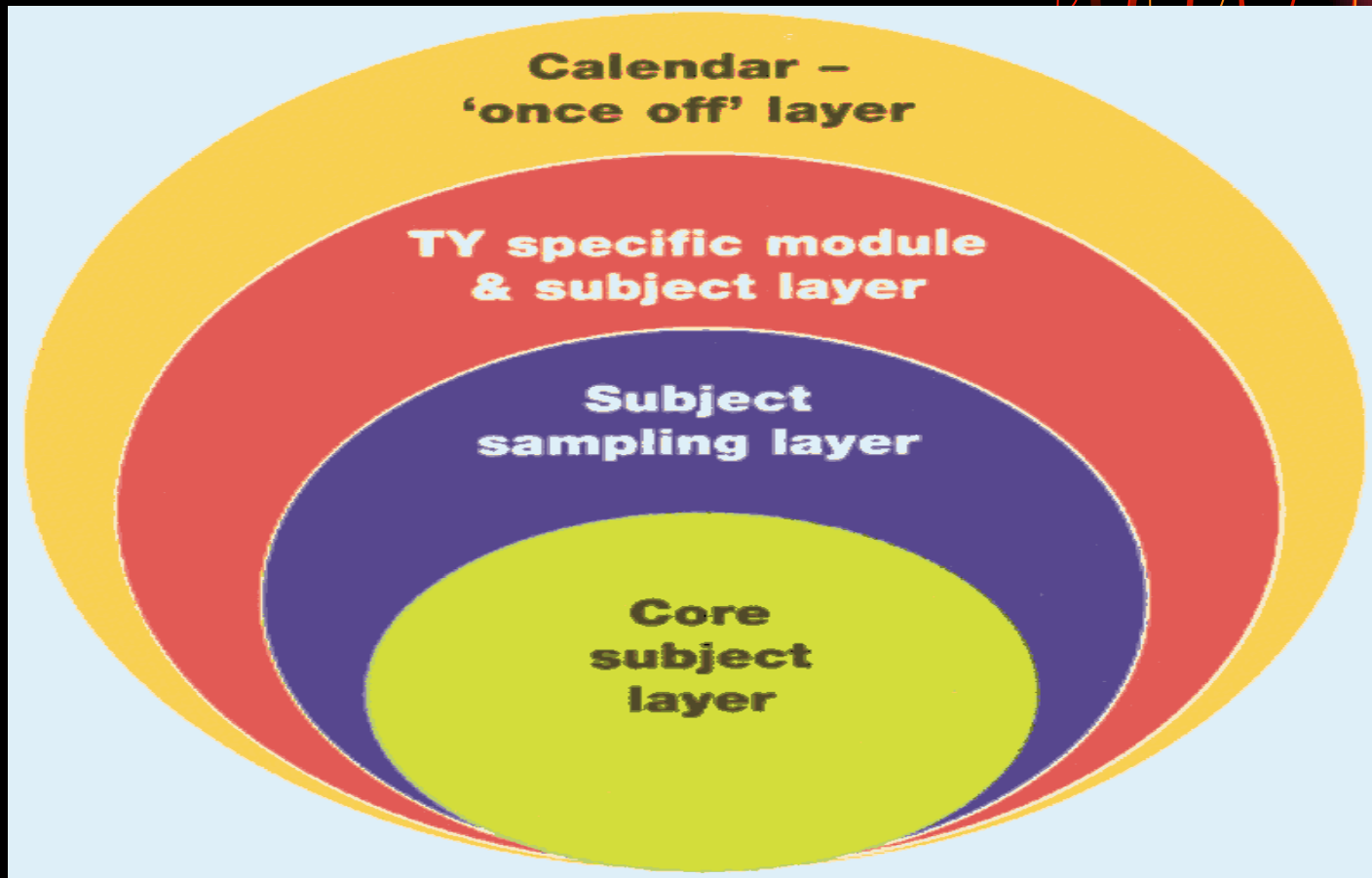
1.3 times more
likely to enter
higher education

Deals with real
issues.

Twice as likely to
enter degree
courses

Decision making is informed

Four Layers of a TY Programme



CORE SUBJECT LAYER

- **ENGLISH**
- **IRISH**
- **MATHS**
- **EUROPEAN LANGUAGE**



SUBJECT SAMPLING LAYER



- **Business; Accounting/Economics and Business studies.**
- **Science; Physics/Chemistry/Biology**
- **Art**
- **T.G.**
- **Home Economics**
- **Journalism**
- **Technology**

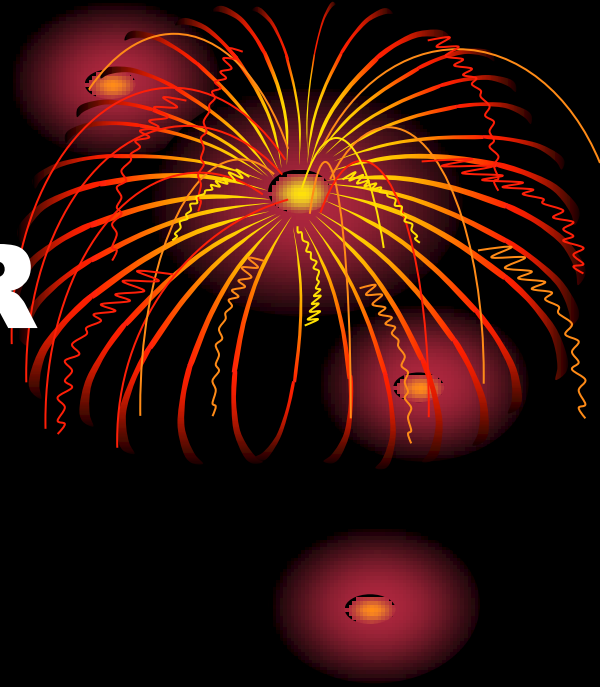
TRANSITION SPECIFIC LAYER

- **MINICOMPANY**
- **T.Y. MUSICAL**
- **Y.S.I.**
- **BUILD A BANK**
- **PUBLIC ACCESS TO LAW**
- **GAISCE PRESIDENTS AWARD**
- **ROAD SAFETY**
- **POETRY SLAM**
- **GERMAN EXCHANGE**
- **DRIVER THEORY**



CALENDAR LAYER

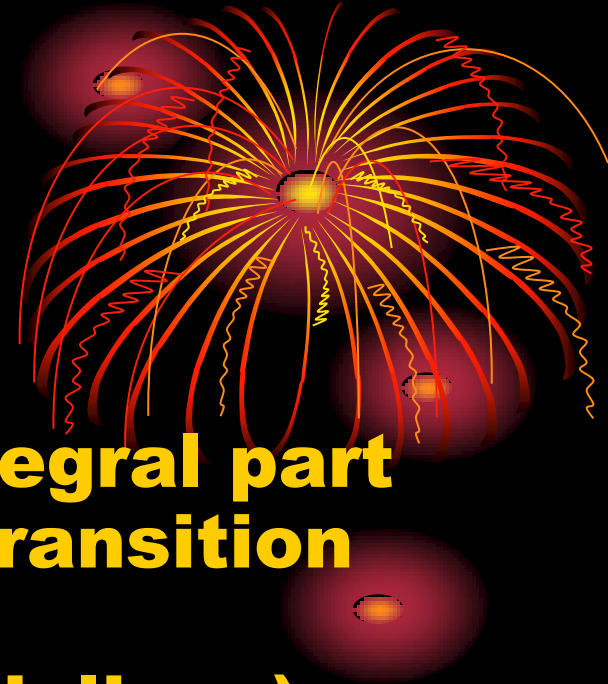
- **WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS**
- **VISITING SPEAKERS**
- **OUTDOOR PURSUITS**
- **EXCURSIONS**
- **FIELD TRIPS**
- **COMMUNITY CARE**
- **SCHOOL MUSICAL.....**



ASSESSMENT

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

- **Portfolio assessment**
- **Oral /Aural assessment**
- **Project work**
- **Self-assessment**
- **Peer-assessment**
- **Written /Practical Class test**
- **Skills assessment.**



Parents – How can you help?



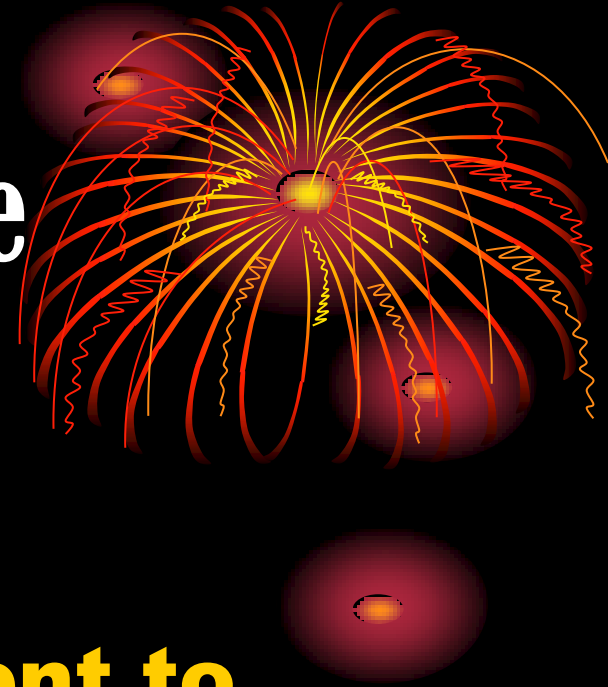
- **Understand importance of school attendance – it is vital for overall success of the programme**
- **Encourage your son to avail of the learning opportunities provided**
- **Show interest in his projects & activities – question**
- **Endeavour to adhere to school recommendations re work experience etc.**
- **Share with us your skills and ideas**
- **Read materials provided- TY Programme; correspondence sent home and e-mails etc.**

T.Y. Costs

- **T.Y. contribution of €350 covering the day to day costs of running the programme, including the Musical etc.**
- **Killary Outdoor Pursuits; €170 (approx)**
- **Foreign Trip; This year; Spain, Germany and Holland.**



Work Experience



- **1 day a week (Monday)**
- **2 placements**
- **Onus on Parent & student to find work placement.**
- **Acceptance of a place in the TY programme must be accompanied by details of first work experience placement.**

Applications Procedure



- **Completed application forms should be submitted no later than 3.20pm on Friday 10th March.**
- **Offers of a place in the T.Y. programme will be posted on Tuesday 14th March.**
- **Acceptance of an offer should be made in writing and be received by the school, with work placement details no later than Tuesday 21st March.**
- **Contribution of €350 should be returned with acceptance.**
- **Late entries or acceptance will not be considered until all others are dealt with**

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The Transition Year Motto is;

**‘What you put into T.Y. is exactly what you
will get out of T.Y.’**

Be Active! Get Involved!

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