

Aims Of High Cross College Transition Year Programme

In Transition Year, there is an opportunity for our students to **build on academic achievements** and the character development attained at Junior level in order to **develop and prepare them for the Leaving Certificate and for their future role in society**.

Our Transition Year Programme focuses on the **personal development** of students and teaches students to relate to and **communicate with others** in their school/community/colleges/workplace in a more effective way.

Develop **research skills, problem solving skills and project work**.

Transition year also aims to prepare students for their **adult lives and future careers**.

Develop **Confidence** and **Maturity**.

Structure of HCC Transition Year Curriculum

Opportunity to improve knowledge and skills in **core subjects** e.g. English, Irish, Maths and Chosen language (French/German) Preparation for Leaving Cert Examination.

Subject sampling: Students get to experience **various optional subjects for Leaving Certificate** –sciences, Home Economics, Tech Graph, Art, Music, Business ,Computer science, etc.

Opportunity to experience **TY specific subjects**. e.g. Chinese, Mini Company, Health and Safety, Craft, Junk Kouture, Careers Guidance, Drama, Development Aid, Projects, Debating, Wellbeing etc.

Work Experience: Three separate weeks of work experience in chosen placement. Preparation for Work. Facilitation of set work experiences/placements.

Huge Array of Activities/ Projects/Awards/ workshops/Guest Speakers/Certification/ Outings/ Trips/Presentations/ Competitions

Examples of the Above

Gaisce Award

Pope John Paul Award

Young Social Innovators (YSI)

BT Young Scientist

Eco Unesco

GAA Future Leaders Award

Digital Ambassadors

School Bank

One good Idea SEAI

Young St Vincent de Paul

PAL (Public Access to Law)

Junk Kouture

Challenge to Change

Mini-Company Enterprise

Buddies- 1st Year Mentoring Programme

Self Defence

Diver Education

First Aid

Sign Language

Introduction to new instrument

Yoga/Pilates

Drumming Workshops

Film Making Workshop

Aware programme/ Manuela Programme

Creative Engagement

Make-up/ Hair Lessons/Modelling

Engineering workshops

Photography Lessons

Coaching qualifications

Leadership Training

Social Outreach

Volunteering- Community Involvement/Fundraising

Examples of Trips/Outings

Delphi- Overnight Bonding Trip at beginning of Year

Bridget's Gardens

TY Expo

Career Exhibitions

College Open Days

Workshop/Play/Cinema outings

TY Retreat

Foreign Holiday for Senior students

Exchange Programmes (Optional)

Volunteering Abroad (Optional)