

Transition Year

Overall Aims:



Education for **Maturity** with emphasis on social awareness and increases social competence

Education through experience of **ADULT** and **WORKING LIFE** as a basis for personal development

Promotion of general, technical and academic **SKILLS** with an emphasis on interdisciplinary and self-directed learning



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Areas of Study

- Art/Craft/Design
- Business Studies (Mini Company)
- Career Guidance
- Computer Studies (ECDL)
- English
- Engineering
- European Studies (History Dept.)
- French/Spanish/German (taster)
- Home- Economics
- DCG
- Public Speaking
- Social Studies
- Irish
- Mathematics
- Music
- Religious Ed
- Media/Library
- Personal Development
- Physical Education
- Science – Biology/ Physics/ Chemistry
- Social Studies (Geography Dept)
- Woodwork
- Economics & Marketing

Work Experience

- 2 x 2 Weeks
- Students must find own placements
- Invaluable opportunity for students to experience future careers





Activities:

- Tuesday Afternoons
- Retreat
- Outdoor Adventure
- Splashworld
- Team Building
- Dance Classes
- Cinema
- Drama
- Tennis
- Road Safety
- Drug Awareness Programme
- Road Safety
- Aerobics
- Ice Skating
- Guest Speakers
- Martial Arts
- Archery
- Library visit
- Hiking, Kayaking



Voluntary Opportunities

- Homework Club
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Personal Interests/ Hobbies
- “Reading for Leisure” Programme
- Choir
- Justice Group



- Energy Committee
- Green Schools
- Gaisce Programme
- Charity Work – SVP Bag Pack /
- SVP Red Hat Day / Trocaire Fast



Assessment/Evaluation

- Tests
- Projects
- Oral Presentations
- School Reports – continuous assessment
- Work Experience Diary and Report
- Reflective Folder



Assessment/Evaluation



Credit System

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- Credits awarded for active participation in T.Y.
 - Subjects, Attendance, Extra-Curricular Activities, Reflective Folders.
 - Pass/Merit/Distinction awarded at Graduation.
 - NB Deadlines!!!!
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Opportunities – 2013-2014

- Academic 'Step-up'
- Choir
- Competitions (Debates etc.)
- Participation in various school groups, teams etc
- Organising Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Charity work
- Waterford Student Enterprise Awards
- Develop personal, social and leadership skills
- Communication skills
- Try new subjects/ work exp/career choices



Finance

- Voluntary Contribution
- NO BOOK RENTAL
- ECDL = €150
- Activities = around €280
- Other: trips, plays, stationary cost extra
- FUNDARISING – Bag Pack contributes €1000 approx



How to Apply:

- Cover Letter of Application with C.V by March 13th.
- Possible follow up interview.
- Parents/Guardians will be consulted regarding any student refused a place in Transition Year



Factors Taken into Consideration

- Attendance and Punctuality
- Discipline Record
- Academic Application
- Age
- Co-operation
- Year Head Feedback



- Consultation with teaching staff
- Suitability of applicant to programme
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How to Secure your place.

- €150 paid by a date in early May.
- This will cover the ECDL costs for the year.
- NO Changing your mind

