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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We hope you are all keeping well. It has been a busy term for Transition Year students and we would like to congratulate them on their work. Below is an outline of the workshops/activities/guest speakers that the students have had the opportunity of engaging in or will engage in up to the Christmas holidays. All information on these events is relayed to the students through their *TY Year Group Team*. We encourage you to discuss this *Team* and check the portfolio where students write an evaluation of each activity.

<u>Voluntary Opportunities</u>	<u>Monday/Tuesday Activities</u>	<u>Organised Trips/Workshops/Guest Speakers</u>
Gaisce Junk Kouture Justice Group Traditional Irish Music Group Library Leader Girls Basketball House of the Oireachtas Work Experience Waterford Comhairle na Nóg Application Student Council Application Debating & Public Speaking Club Hurling & Camogie Blitz Young Reader-Laureate na nÓg Career Skills Competition Amber Flag Ambassador Application Computer Science Week The Shoe Box appeal Song Writing Competition Mini Med Waterford Application RCSI Application Ossory Youth Taize Journey Application Credit Union Art Competition NASA's Space Camp Application	Bowling Muay Thai Kickboxing Golf-Driving Range Spinning Class Waterford Warriors Gym Instruction	Trip to Dunmore East Adventure Centre Trip to Ploughing Championship First Aid Training CSI Forensics Workshop Jonathon Earl Enterprise Talk A Conversation with your MEP Talk Work Experience Placement 1 IACT online bundle Bodhrán Making Workshop Bodhrán Design Workshop Visit to the Public Library Visit Hillsfield Community Centre Guest Speaker- Therese Curran TY Comedy Show -Theatre Royal Personal Safety Workshop Class Retreat Road Safety Workshop Visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Wreath Making Workshop Lámh Sign Language Workshop Christmas Chocolate Pudding Making Christmas Decoration Making Workshop STEM Careers Talk

As you are aware our students will be having their scheduled Assessment Zone 1 exams starting on November 29<sup>th</sup>. TY students have exams in Irish, English and Maths. They have ongoing assessments in their other subjects and will receive a report on VSwARE at Christmas. They will receive a credit, result, and comment for each subject that they have completed since September. It is very important that students are keeping up to date with all their work in all their subject areas, completing tasks on a nightly basis and meeting their deadlines.

The State Examinations Commission has announced it's intention to issue the Junior Cycle exam results to schools on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Details will be issued in due course.

Please note the Personal Safety workshops will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This is an extremely beneficial workshop exploring the topics of physical safety, online safety, consent, and other issues. Full attendance is expected.

Please see outline of credits below.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Assessment Details</b>	<b>Credits Awarded</b>
<b>Core Subjects</b>	10 credits per subject (whole year)	150 credits
<b>Subject Sampling Modules</b>	2.5/5 credits per subject (per split/half year)	75 credits
<b>ePortfolio</b>	Content, presentation, writing skills, work experience report	75 credits
<b>Interview</b>	Interview, content, presentation, reflection	40 credits
<b>Extra-Curricular Participation</b>	School Activities <u>outside</u> school hours	20 credits
<b>School Community Participation</b>	School groups, committees, choir	20 credits
<b>Attendance &amp; Punctuality</b>	90% min.	20 credits

**Total:** 400 credits

<b>Participation:</b>	0-49%	0-196
<b>Pass:</b>	50-64%	197-256
<b>Merit:</b>	65-79%	257-316
<b>Distinction:</b>	80-100%	317-400

Students are responsible for inputting information and reflections on their educational experiences in the TY programme. This is facilitated during their weekly ePortfolio class and is to be completed at home. Within each student's ePortfolio, there are sections on academic work, educational and cultural visits, guest speakers and workshops, work experience and reflections to be completed by each student on a weekly basis.

Each student has access to the IACT online bundle. Participation in this bundle is compulsory. PLEASE REMIND STUDENTS TO BRING HEADPHONES TO SCHOOL. The courses comprise of approx. 60 hours of online courses in Computers, Hospitality and Driving skills which promote independent learning of students, as the courses can be accessed on any device from home and school. Each course is certified. ALL MODULES ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS CAN WORK IN CLASS AND INDEPENDENTLY ON EACH MODULE. We recommend that each student engages in at least 3-4 hours a week from home. This is a great learning tool for the students in areas that will interest and benefit them. It will certainly enhance their future careers, job opportunities and driving skills.

During the week of the Assessment Zone 1 exams, students will get an opportunity to engage with the online bundle. The price of the online courses and workshop are included in the TY fee and is subsidised by the school. They will also engage in Christmas Wreath Making, Christmas Chocolate Biscuit Pudding Making and Christmas Decoration Making workshops. (They will be allowed to bring home their creations).

**TY students will have no school on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Please be mindful that the second work experience placement will take place from January 30<sup>th</sup>- February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023. It is vital that each student has secured their placement on return to school after the Christmas holidays as the employers' details will have to be inputted. I would strongly encourage that students start actively seeking a placement as soon as possible.**

We are delighted with the uptake of students who have signed up for Gaisce. This is a fantastic initiative which is recognised internationally and will last well beyond Transition Year. We wish the students the very best as they undertake this initiative.

We would like to thank you all for supporting your son/daughter through Transition Year and we look forward to the remainder of activities provided.

Kind Regards,

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TY Year Head