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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Planning towards the final term for Transition Year in Abbey Community College has commenced. The school asks for your continued support and understanding as we encourage students to continue to engage fully with all elements of the Transition Year programme. Students continue to be expected to complete all educational tasks to the best of their ability up until the final term has concluded.

TY students will have formal written assessments in core subjects. Assessments may also include project based work across the curriculum. Credits will be awarded to students based on the assessments completed in all subject areas. We hope that students enthusiastically engage with the final term of our programme and continue to gain socially, emotionally and intellectually from the year.

Credit System 2022/23

Criteria	Assessment Details	Credits Awarded
Core Subjects	10 credits per subject (whole year)	150 credits
Subject Sampling Modules	3/5 credits per subject (per split/half year)	75 credits
ePortfolio	Content, presentation, writing skills, work experience report	75 credits
Interview	Interview, content, presentation, reflection	40 credits
Extra-Curricular Participation	School activities <u>outside</u> school hours	20 credits
School Community Participation	School groups, committees, choir etc	20 credits
Attendance & Punctuality	90% min.	20 credits

Total: 400 credits

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

We would ask you to encourage your son/daughter to commit fully to this final term. Students must continue to strive for excellence in their academic studies.

The following is an outline of our end of year plan:

Year Group Activities:

Cycle on Greenway Tuesday May 2nd

Hill walk to Coumshingaun Tuesday May 9th

[Please click here to complete *Parent/Guardian End of Year Consent Form.*](#)

Form to be completed by Sunday 31st April.

End of Year Interviews May 1st-12th

'Reflection on your Year' - these interviews will be held by members of the TY Staff Team.

Class Assessments

All class assessments will be complete by Friday May 12th

E-Portfolio May 12th:

Transition Year student ePortfolios are due for submission by Friday May 12th. The aim of the ePortfolio is to provide students with an opportunity to display a comprehensive body of evidence and lasting permanent record of their Transition Year experience. This comprehensive record is awarded 75 credits. Could you please encourage your student to complete all relevant eportfolio work? ePortfolios will be assessed by the ePortfolio teachers.

TY Activities/Workshops/Competitions

The following is a list of the activities/workshops that our TY students have had the opportunity of taking part in since December. Students should have completed reviews in their ePortfolio classes each week. Please ensure that your child has uploaded a review of each activity/workshop to their ePortfolio explaining what they learned and what they enjoyed about each educational experience.

WORKSHOPS

Your health-Your choice workshop
TY Retreat
Personal Safety workshop
STEM talk
Soapbox
Lámh (sign language) workshop
Bodhrán making workshop
TY Comedy show
Road Safety Talk
Science Quiz
Law Education Workshop
Coast Guard talk
Krakow Tour
Cancer Awareness Workshop
Visit To Ferrybank Library
Movie Magic workshop
Trip to Delphi Adventure Centre, Mayo
Tony O Reilly-Gambling Workshop
GAISCE
AWARE workshop and one act play
Smartply visit (Ferns)
Smartply Talk
SETU Careers Day
The Big round up Workshop
The Greenway Cycle
Coumshingaun Lake walk
Art Workshop

Christmas wreath making
Christmas pudding making
Christmas decoration making
Trip to Theatre Royal -European Year of Youth Forum
Trip to the Escape rooms
Trip to Little sisters nursing home
Dogs Trust workshop
SETU talk
Coast Guard Talk
Use your Brain , not your fist Garda Talk

ACTIVITIES

Bowling
Muay thai
Kick boxing
Trip To golf driving range
Spinning class
Waterford warriors gym instruction

SOCIAL STUDIES

Visit to Ferrybank Men's shed
Visit to Hillside Community Centre
Visit to Ferrybank Allotment
Litter picking in the Park
Community Development/Kilkenny
Leadership partnership Talk-Therese Curran

VOLUNTARY OPPORTUNITIES

National Coding Competition
Abbey Environment Avengers steps challenge
Girl code computing camp
Women in Technology event
Street Art-Waterford Walls
Abbey Voice school Magazine
World Book Day
Mini Med work experience
Solicitor of the future placement
St. Patrick's Mental Health placement
Global Schools Training
Red Hat software development placement
Flag Day
Drug awareness peer mentoring
STEPS engineering your Future
World Book Day
International Day
Respect week
Photography Competition
NASA's Space Camp Competition
Credit Union Art competition
Ossory Youth Taize Trip

Online IACT Bundle

At this stage all students should have completed their online bundle courses in hospitality/ computer and driving skills. Students had the opportunity of working on these skills during their ePortfolio classes and during the recommended four hours each week at home. Those students who have completed the bundle will be awarded their certificates at the Graduation ceremony.

End of Year Graduation ceremony: Friday May 19th

You are invited to attend the Transition Year Graduation ceremony in Abbey Community College Sports Hall at 11.15am on Friday May 19th. Transition Year students will also finish school on this date.

We would advise the students spend the next few weeks working on their ePortfolio, preparing for their interview, preparing for relevant assessments and completing project work to a high standard.

We would like to wish the students well as they continue their journey through Senior cycle. We would also like to thank you for your continued support throughout the Transition Year programme. It was an extremely busy and educational programme and we hope your son/daughter benefitted from it.

Yours sincerely,

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TY Year Head

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Programme Co-Ordinator



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