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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We would like to welcome your son/daughter to Transition Year and trust that he/she has settled into the new year. There are a range of experiences available, and we hope the students will enter enthusiastically into the programme and so gain socially, emotionally and academically from the year.

We would like you to encourage your son/daughter to commit fully to the year. Transition Year is a very important foundation for the Leaving Certificate programme. Students must continue to strive for excellence in their academic studies. Homework / Project work / Independent learning are very important and must be completed each night.

Full attendance during the year is required. If a student is absent for unexplained reasons frequently, contact will be made with home and they may be withdrawn from school trips and activities.

Workshops/Trips

Students also have the chance to experience a range of activities. Full co-operation and willingness to participate in all extra-curricular activities is expected from students. School activities / trips organised in Abbey Community College are seen as school events and we would like to remind you that our **code of behaviour applies on all school activities / trips**. Should any behaviour contravene our school policy, we would like to make you aware that your son/daughter could be prohibited from further school trips/workshops and/or be asked to return home at parents' expense and may then face further disciplinary measures at school.

When representing the school, students are required to wear the **full school uniform / PE uniform** as requested by the teacher. The following is a list of some of the workshops students will participate in for September and October. Please note that the trip to the National Ploughing Championships takes place tomorrow, Tuesday 19th September leaving at 7.45am sharp. Students are to wear their Abbey PE uniforms and bring rain gear/packed lunch etc.

These workshops are subject to change.

SEPTEMBER 2023		OCTOBER 2023	
11 th SEPTEMBER	Hospitality training workshop	4 TH OCTOBER	Bodhrán Making
12 th SEPTEMBER	Hospitality training workshop	5 th OCTOBER	Hospitality training workshop
14 th SEPTEMBER	Hospitality training workshop	11 th OCTOBER	Personal Safety Training
19 th SEPTEMBER	Trip to Ploughing Championship	12 th OCTOBER	Trip to SETU - Shine Festival - TY girls
22 nd SEPTEMBER	World Skills day Trip – RDS	13 th OCTOBER	Personal Safety Training
27 th SEPTEMBER	Dunmore East Adventure Centre	18 th OCTOBER	Junior Cycle Results

Activities/ Social Studies/ Library studies

Students have also participated in Muay Thai/ Spinning and Kick boxing classes during activities and have visited the public library, the local Hillside Community Centre and Ferrybank Community Park during social studies class. In this outreach module, students are engaging with Kilkenny Leader Partnership and working closely with the Community Development and Social Enterprise Officer. While visiting students collaboratively came up with ideas on how to improve the local area and created “a vision for the future”. These ideas are presented to Kilkenny County Council and with these innovative plans, students can make a difference for the better.

Work Experience Placement 1

At this stage, all TY students should have work experience placement 1 organised. If they need assistance with their CVs and application letter they can access CV resources on the 'CV Builder' App in Reach+ which is part of their career guidance programme. This is presently being covered in Career Guidance classes. **PLEASE REMIND YOUR SON/DAUGHTER TO FILL IN THE ATTACHED MICROSOFT FORM WITH EMPLOYER DETAILS BEFORE FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH.**

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE WORK EXPERIENCE EMPLOYER DETAILS FORM](#)

All students are set up with their online bundle and are working on this during EPortfolio class. This includes computer, hospitality and driving skills and each module is certified. **STUDENTS MUST ALSO WORK ON THE ONLINE BUNDLE AT HOME. IT IS RECOMMENDED THEY SPEND AT LEAST ONE HOUR EACH NIGHT STUDYING THE ONLINE BUNDLE.**

TY Year Group Team

We encourage you to check your son/daughter’s *Year Group Team* which provides information on workshops, trips, announcements and voluntary opportunities that students can apply for. Transition Year is about seizing opportunities and developing other skills sets. The Transition Year programme provides this opportunity for the students, please encourage your son/daughter to embrace these opportunities and focus on independent learning.

We would like to wish your son/daughter well for the year.

Yours sincerely

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