



23rd April 2024

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 are expected to complete all educational tasks to the best of their ability up until the final term has concluded.

As part of *Assessment Zone 2*, 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 2023/24

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 Wednesday April 24th

Hill walk to Coumshingaun Wednesday May 15th

Please complete *parent/guardian end of year consent form* by [clicking here](#).

End of Year Interviews will take place for all Transition Year students from 29th April – 3rd May

‘Reflection on Your Year’ - these interviews will be held by members of the TY Team.

Class Assessments

All class assessments will be completed by Friday 10th May.

ePortfolio: Friday 10th May

Transition Year student ePortfolios are due for submission by Friday May 10th. 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. Please encourage your child to complete all relevant ePortfolio work. ePortfolios will be assessed by the ePortfolio teachers.

TY Activities / Workshops / Competitions

On the next page, you will see the list of the activities/workshops that our TY students have had the opportunity of taking part in since December. Students should have completed reviews of these 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.

End of Year Graduation ceremony: Friday 17th May

Our Transition Year Graduation ceremony will take place in Abbey Community College on Friday 17th May. 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.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Cahill TY Year Head & Anne Marie Doherty Programme Co-Ordinator



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Workshops, Presentations and Trips	Activities	<u>Voluntary Opportunities</u>
<p>Your health-Your choice workshop TY Retreat Trip to the Ploughing Champ Trip to Dunmore Adventure Centre Personal Safety workshop STEM Talk Lámh (sign language) workshop Bodhrán making workshop TY Comedy show Road Safety Talk Law Education Workshop Coast Guard Talk Cancer Awareness Workshop Visit To Ferrybank Library Movie Magic Workshop Trip to Ballyhass Adventure Centre, Mayo Tony O Reilly-Gambling Workshop GAISCE Smartply Talk SETU Careers Day The Big round up-Prep for 5th year Workshop The Greenway Cycle Coumshingaun Lake Walk Hospitality Training Workshop Shine Festival Christmas wreath making Christmas pudding making Christmas decoration making Trip to the Escape rooms Trip to Little Sisters nursing home Dogs Trust workshop SETU talk Road Safety Talk Trip to Garter lane- Spanish film TUSLA Talk Empower youth-male grooming workshop Routine Hair workshop-girls Poetry workshop Woods Driving School workshop Intellectual Property Workshop Enterprise Competition Trip to Berlin First Aid Training Movie Magic workshop TY Tráth na gCeist</p>	<p>Bowling Muay thai Kick boxing Trip To golf driving range Spinning class Waterford warriors gym instruction</p> <p><u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u></p> <p>Visit to Ferrybank Men's shed Visit to Hillside Community Centre Visit to Ferrybank Allotment Litter picking in the Park Visit to Little Sisters of the Poort</p>	<p>National Coding Competition 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 Global Schools Teaching Fundraising for Lourdes Trip Red Hat software development placement Gaelic Games coaching training workshop Sanofi placement I wish Deloitte placement STEPs engineering your Future placement World Book Day</p>