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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We would like to welcome your son/daughter to Transition 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 If a student is absent for unexplained reasons frequently, contact will be made with home and they may be withdrawn from school trips and activities.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 official 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 2024		October / November 2024	
4 th September	Dunmore East Adventure Centre	7 th October	Wellbeing Week
9 th September	Hospitality training workshop	9 th October	Junior Cycle Results
10 th September	Hospitality training workshop	9 th October	Shine Festival for girls (To be confirmed)
11 th September	Hospitality training workshop		Work Experience placement 1
18 th September	Trip to Ploughing Championship	14 th – 25 th October	Midterm Break
24 th September	Bond Health workshop	28 th October – 1 st November	
26 th September	World Skills Day trip – RDS,	6 th November	
27 th September	Dublin	11 th November	Bodhran making workshop TY Comedy show - Theatre Royal

Trip to Dunmore East Adventure Centre

All TY students will attend a bonding day at Dunmore East Adventure Centre on Wednesday September 4th. They will participate in land and water activities. Please ensure they bring a packed lunch, a towel, swimwear, old shoes/water shoes. The centre will provide the students with wet suits. Students will depart Abbey CC at 8.45am sharp and will return by 3.40pm. **Please fill in the attached consent form by Friday August 30th.**

Consent Form for TY Dunmore East Adventure Centre Trip

Activities/ Social Studies/ Library studies

Students will participate in many different activities including Muay Thai/ Spinning and Kick boxing classes during their Activities class and will visit the public library, the local Hillside Community Centre and Ferrybank Community Park during social studies and library studies class.

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, 20th September.**

Work Experience Placement 1 Form

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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