

Senior Cycle in Marino College

Making the Right Choice



Three Options for Next Year

- Transition Year
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Leaving Certificate


Marino College

Transition Year 2023-2024




Transition Year Overview

Transition Year is a One year programme designed to act as a bridge between junior & senior cycle.



TY facilitates a smooth transition to the more self directed learning model of the leaving cert.



Opportunity to Grow, Develop New Skills, Make New Friends, Experience The Working World & Mature.

Benefits to TY

- Opportunity to gain useful **work experience**.
- Encouraged to take up **new skills or hobbies**.
- **Friendships** blossom during Transition Year. Activities tend to place an emphasis on teamwork and friendship.
- Students have more time to **think about leaving cert subjects** and college choices. Our TY timetable offers a wide range of subjects for students to try.

- The programme gives students a year to mature: there is a **HUGE difference between a 16 year old leaving school and an 18 year old leaving school!**
- The year allows those who are new to learning English to **further develop their language skills before entering into a Leaving Certificate programme.**

- Studies have shown that those students who do TY will succeed in doing a better Leaving Certificate and will benefit by earning **up to 70 points extra** by doing this extra year of school.

What Is Involved?



WORK EXPERIENCE



***NEW SUBJECT
CLASSES***



***WORKSHOPS &
ACTIVITIES***

Work Experience

- “Work experience” involves spending time as part of a school course, **learning at first hand about life in a workplace.**
- We work with the NCI and P-tech partners to **organise placements** for our students.

Core Subjects

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- French
- PE



Sample of non-core subjects/modules

- P-tech
- Home Economics
- Art and Design
- Localise Volunteering
- Woodwork/Architecture Programme
- Music
- Social Justice & Debating
- Global Citizen Education
- First Aid
- Yoga and meditation
- Green Schools
- Science
- History
- Heritage Studies



A key feature of Transition Year is the wide range of teaching and learning methods used.

- Activity based learning
- Group work – discussion, debates, role plays
- Project work and research
- Visiting speakers and seminars
- Study visits and field trips
- Personal responsibility for learning
- Work experience and community service
- Computer based learning
- Oral Presentations
- Demonstrations

Trips

- Transition year offers many opportunities for students to visit a wide range of centres and attractions.
- Each year, our students take part in a 2 night trip to Achill Island for water activities and cycling the Greenway in Co. Mayo. This trip counts towards their Gaisce Award.



Some of the activities we arrange for our TY class .

1. Drivers Ed
2. Glasnevin Tour Guiding Project Certified Course
3. First Aid Certified Course
4. Watersports Certified Course
5. Junk Kouture
6. Learn how to play the ukulele
7. Bodhran Making
8. Rock Climbing
9. Christmas Craft Fair, Christmas Concert, Shoe box Appeal
10. Flash Mentoring Programme
11. Work Experience
12. Cycling in Phoenix park
13. Mountain Biking
14. Cooking Classes
15. Community work
16. Irish Aid workshop
17. Ski Lesson
18. Lir Academy
19. Getting to know Dublin Programme
20. Volunteer work



Community work

Aims

- To promote development and appreciation of the needs of society among the students.
- Examples of past activities- linking with local nursing homes, community gardening, charity work.



Homework & Assessment

- Homework and Assessment are important parts of teaching and learning.
- Pupils will be given homework.
- They will be assessed in Transition Year and Report cards will be sent home.
- Written, practical, oral and aural assessment.
- Report of work experience
- Projects, e-portfolio and exhibition work
- Pupil diary to record personal progress
- Interview at the end of the year

The ideal TY Candidate

- Very good attendance
- Excellent behaviour
- The Right attitude: saying YES to the many opportunities that are on offer in TY!
- Reliable student
- Creative
- Innovative
- Outgoing and Sociable
- Active

The Cost

- The cost of the programme is 250 euro. This covers **all** activities.

How to apply

- Application forms will be issued to all third year students
- Short interviews with TY Co-ordinator and Year Head.

Leaving Certificate Applied

LCA

What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?

- The LCA is a two year leaving certificate programme.
- Students can choose this instead of the Leaving Certificate.

What is the difference?

The LCA is aimed at preparing students for adult and working life.

It helps to develop skills that students can use in college or in a job.

The LCA includes 4 weeks of work experience.

LCA students gain marks during the two years instead of just in June of 6th Year.

Some LCA Subjects

- English and Communications
- Mathematical Applications
- Social Education
- Work Experience
- ICT
- Woodwork
- Home Economics
- Art
- P.E.

Trips/Events

- Team building
- Hotels eg Gibson
- Open Days
- Barista Courses
- Driving Lessons
- Croke Park
- Dublin City Museums/Art galleries
- Hikes/Walks



How is it marked?

Students build up marks during the two years:

- 31% for assignments and 90% attendance
- 35% for seven large projects
- 34% for exams in June of 6th Year

Attendance

- Students must have at least 90% attendance in school in order to do well in LCA.
- A third of the marks are linked to attendance.

Achievement

Students who successfully complete the programme are awarded a Leaving Certificate from the Department of Education and Science.

The certificate is awarded at three levels: **Pass (120-139 credits) Minimum 60%**

Merit (140-169 credits)

Distinction (170-200 credits)

Students who accumulate fewer than **120 credits** will receive a **Record of Achievement**

After 6th Year LCA

Students can

- Apply for a PLC course in college
- Apply for an apprenticeship
- Apply for a job

Further Education





Traditional Leaving Certificate

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Core Subjects: English, Maths, Irish, French

Other Subjects:

Business, Geography, History, Biology, Art, Music,
Physics-Chemistry, Computer Science

Subjects taken at Higher or Ordinary level (Irish &
Maths have option of Foundation)

Students will study subjects 7 total.

History

Topics of study:

- Dictatorship and Democracy, Pursuit of Sovereignty and Impact of Partition, Politics and Society in Northern Ireland and USA and the Wider World

Project:

- Research Study Report is completed by April of 6th Year and worth 20% of the overall grade
- History is offered at both higher and ordinary level

Geography

Topics of study include:

- Population, Migration, Settlement, Globalisation, Soil, Map Skills, Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Rivers and Coasts

Project:

- Geographical Investigation is carried out and a written report is submitted in April of 6th Year. This project is worth 20% of the overall grade.
- Geography is offered at both higher and ordinary level

Computer Science

- 1. The study of algorithms and programming, and the impact of computers on society.**
- 1. Computer Science seeks creative ways to solve problems and evaluate solutions.**
- 1. It is about finding automated solutions to almost any problem you can imagine.**

Grading of the course:

- Coursework 30%**
- Exam taken in May of 6th Year 70%**
- This subject is offered at both higher and ordinary level**

Biology

Topics of study:

Life, cells, metabolism and the organism

Exam:

The exam is worth 100% of the overall grade for the subject

Subject is offered at higher and ordinary level

Physics-Chemistry

Topics of study:

- Mechanics, light, electricity, acids and bases, electro-chemistry and atoms

Exam:

The exam is worth 100% of the overall grade for the subject

The subject is offered at higher and ordinary level

Business

The course is divided into three areas of study:

- People in Business
- Enterprise
- Environment

The exam is worth 100% of the overall grade for the subject

Subject is offered at higher and ordinary level

Music

Topics of study include:

- Performing, composing and listening

Exam:

- Practical performance 25% (Easter time)
- Practical music technology 25% (Easter time)
- Listening paper 25% (June of 6th year)
- Composing paper (melody and harmony) 25% (June of 6th year)
- Subject can be taken at both higher and ordinary level

Art

Leaving Certificate Art aims to develop in learners the knowledge, skills, understanding and values needed to bring an idea to realisation. The learner will become aware of the world of Visual Studies and how it can inform their own work and life.

A student's final credit will come from a combination of the following:

- 50%-Practical coursework project
- 20%-Practical invigilated exam
- 30%-Visual studies written paper

BEFORE THE FINAL EXAMS IN 6TH YEAR....

- Oral exams in French & other Languages
- Practical exam in Art and Music
- Projects in Geography, History(20%)
- Computer Science exam takes place in May
- Final exams at the end of 6th year

AFTER THE LEAVING CERT?

- University/ College (points)
 - 6 best subject results count towards CAO points
 - Bonus points for a pass in higher level mathematics.
- Post Leaving Cert Courses
 - Marino College FE
 - C olaiste  ide, Colaiste Dhulaigh etc
- Employment

NEW LEAVING CERT GRADING SYSTEM

NEW GRADES	% MARKS
H1 / O1	90-100
H2 / O2	80<90
H3 / O3	70<80
H4 / O4	60<70
H5 / O5	50<60
H6 / O6	40<50
H7 / O7	30<40
H8 / O8	0<30

LEAVING CERT POINTS SCALE

Higher		Ordinary	
GRADE	POINTS	GRADE	POINTS
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

Making my decision..... what next?

- Speak to Teachers, Year head, Tutor, Career and Guidance Counsellor
- Transition Year: Application and Interview
- Leaving Certificate Applied: Application and Interview
- Leaving Certificate: Subject Choice decision for Leaving Cert.