

TRANSITION YEAR

2023 - 2024



Tulow Community School

To nurture the wellbeing of all so that they may grow in knowledge conscience and compassion

WHAT IS TRANSITION YEAR?

*“Transition Year is a one year school based programme between Junior and Senior Cycle . It is designed to act as a bridge between the two by facilitating the smooth transition from the more **dependant learning** of the Junior Cycle to the more **independent self-directed learning** required for the Senior Cycle”*

WHY DO TRANSITION YEAR?

- Provides students with the opportunity to develop their **individual gifts** and **strengths**.
- Promotes the **holistic development** of our students by building confidence, self-esteem, independence and maturity. It encourages both personal and social development.
- They experience a year where the emphasis is on **individual responsibility** for study and self directed work. They develop as an independent and self motivated learner.
- Provides a year free of exam pressure where the TY programme is **learning led** rather than exam led.
- They prepare for the adult world through **work experience** (*If possible*) and **workplace certification**.
- Participate in a **variety of subjects, workshops & activities**. It gives the student the opportunity to do most of the subjects available for the Leaving Certificate, thus helping them to make an informed choice.

TY Team Bonding at Castlecomer Discovery Park



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Learning to recognise each others strengths while working as part of a team.

This is also evidence that the TY Pascal girl's beat the TY Pascal boy's in the tug of war! *(Press play on each of the 3 video's)*



TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

The TY programme is divided into four sections that run simultaneously.

- 1. Core Subjects
- 2. Subject Sampling (TY's experience most Leaving Cert subjects.)
- 3. Transition Year Specific Modules & Workshops
- 4. Calendar of Activities & Events

TY PROGRAMME:

I. CORE SUBJECTS

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- Religion

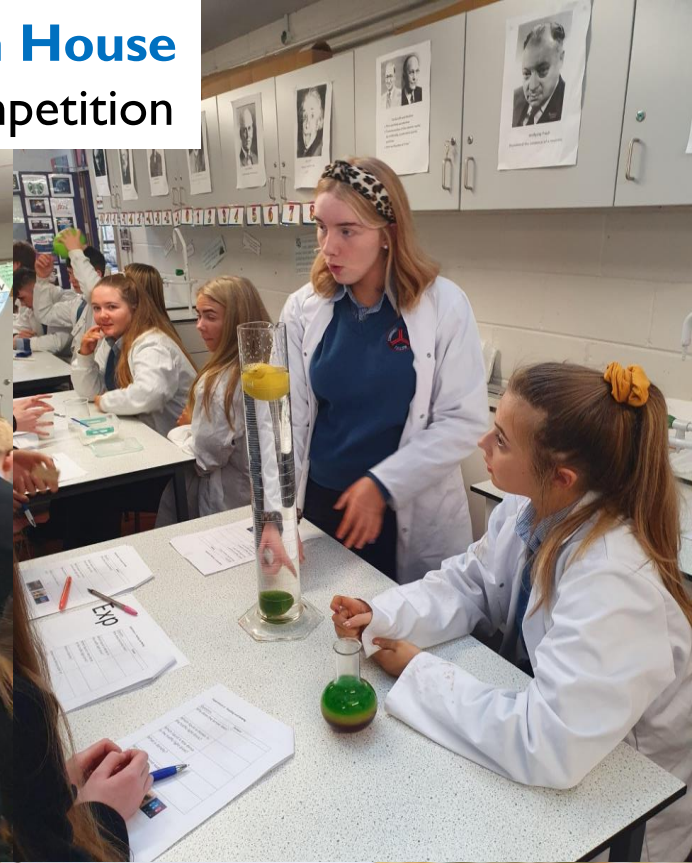
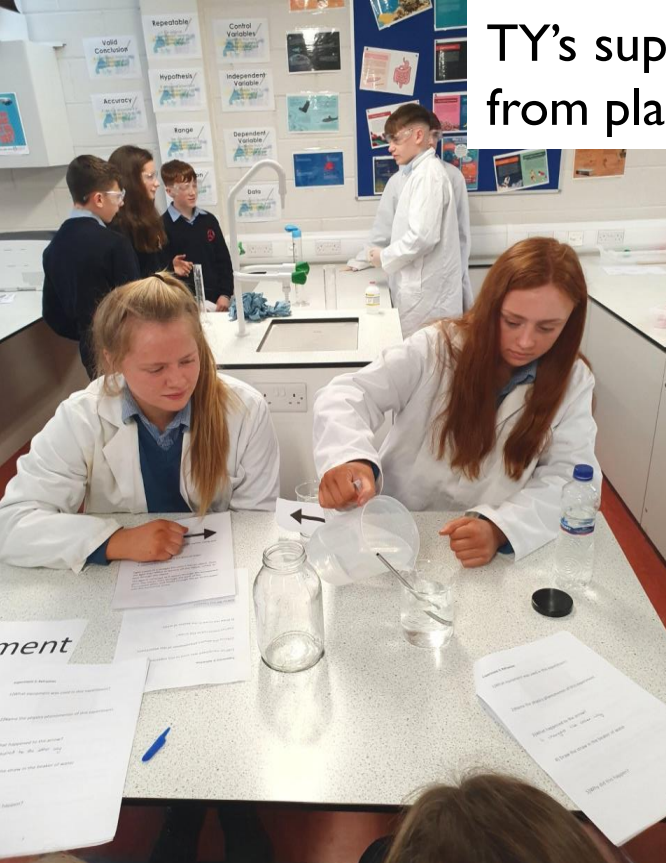
- Health Education
- P.E.
- Pastoral Care
- Career Guidance

TY PROGRAMME:

2. SUBJECT SAMPLING & MODULES *(WHERE POSSIBLE)*

- **Active Schools**
- **Art** & Junk Kouture
- Business & Accounting/Enterprise
- Computer Applications
- Coding
- **Construction/Woodwork**
- Design Communications Graphic (DCG)
- **Driver Theory**
- Engineering/Robotics
- Politics & Society
- **Public Speaking**
- French
- German
- **Home Economics**
- Music
- P.E.
- **Agricultural Science** & Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

TY's supporting Tullow C.S. **Science Festival**, building a **Green House** from plastic bottles & presenting at the **'One Good Idea'** Competition



TY PROGRAMME:

3. SPECIFIC MODULES & WORKSHOPS *(IF POSSIBLE)*

- Enterprise/Mini-Company
- Junk Kouture
- Gaisce & Headstrong
- School Bank & SVP
- Dave's Jungle Workshop
- Film Workshop
- CPR 4 Schools Workshop
- Drumming Workshop
- Early Drive Course: Mondello

- Work Experience
- Workplace Certification
- Law Workshop
- Newspaper Reporting
- Interview Skills Workshop
- Self Defence Workshop
- Enamelling Workshop
- School Musical & others...



Saving the environment one straw at a time!

By Michael Tracey

MEET the four girls from Tullow Community School who are saving the world one straw at a time. Michelle Murray, Damiah O'Brien, Megan Doyle and Ellie Byrne are transition year students who founded their mini-company The Last Straw with the help of their business teacher Brian Larkin. The girls' aim is to help the environment by selling stainless steel reusable straws.

It all started in the early weeks of September, when the girls were sitting in enterprise class brainstorming ideas for a mini-company.

The environment was a topic they could not ignore, with Greta Thunberg blowing up all over the media. They wanted to help save the environment through their company.

With the environment on its last straw, the girls were determined to make an impact by effecting a simple change to everyday life. They started by approaching five local primary schools with market research. From there, the girls sourced their products and began selling them in the local primary schools, which was a great success.

The students soon realised their business could progress further, so they approached John Byrne, owner of McDonald's outlets in Carlow town, Tynallyn, Wexford and two in Blanchardstown. John was very supportive of the idea and agreed to allow the girls use his McDonald's restaurants as a



Aisling Maloney of RTE with Tullow Community School's Ellie Byrne, Megan Doyle, Michelle Murray and Damiah O'Brien

platform to sell their stainless steel straws. The girls also negotiated with Richard Quinn, manager of Supermac's Tullow, who also agreed to come on board with the selling of the girls' straws. The girls also sold their products at several Christmas markets, including those in Carlow town and Duckett's Grove as well

as the Kibride Eco Christmas Market. On Monday 6 December, KCLR aired an item on The Last Straw. The girls discussed their business from the beginning to the present and their plans for the future. They then talked about how far they would like their company to go. The girls are passionate about

the environment and would like to continue their contribution to saving it one straw at a time into their future. Making people more environmentally aware is very important to the girls so following their appearance on radio the four also featured on live television on Wednesday 16 January on RTE's

News2Day presented by Aisling Maloney. Aisling was so kind and made the experience of being on national television so much easier for the girls. The girls say they are extremely grateful for the opportunities to showcase their product and the experiences they have had so far.

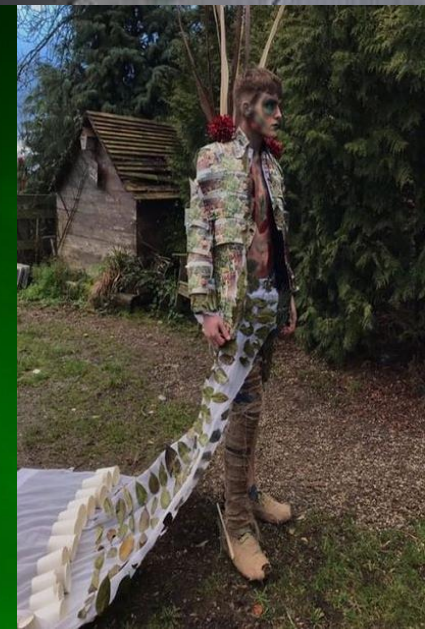


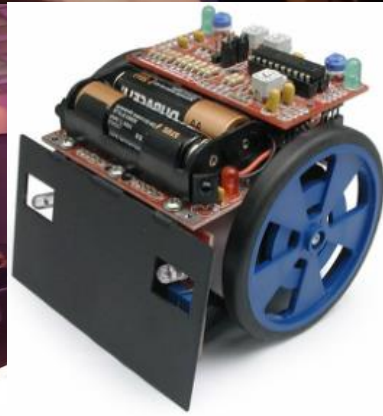
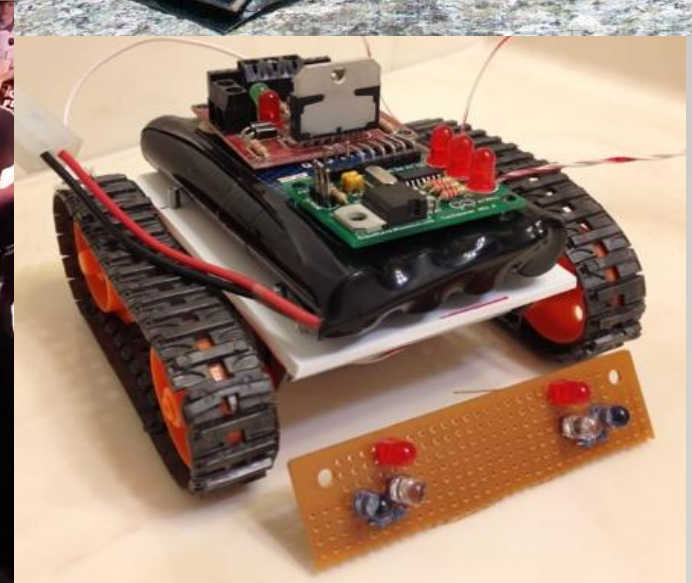
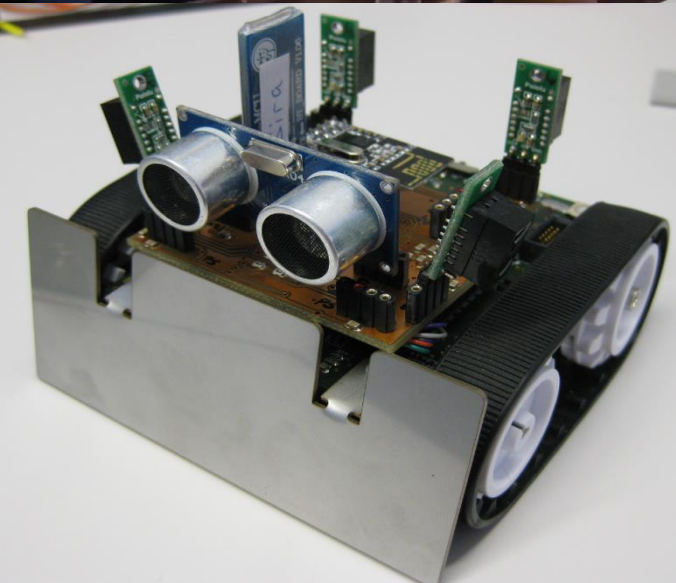
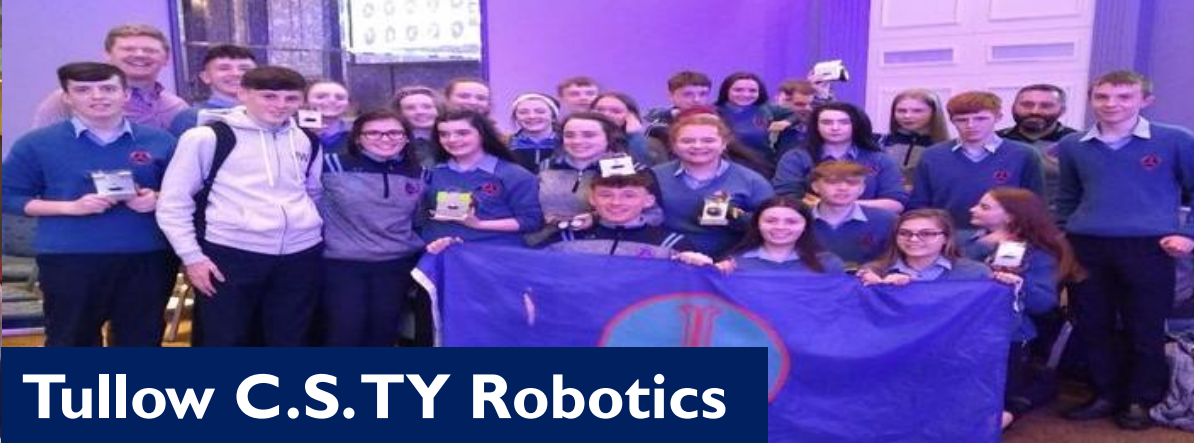
TY Enterprise: 'The Last Straw' 2nd in National Final 2020





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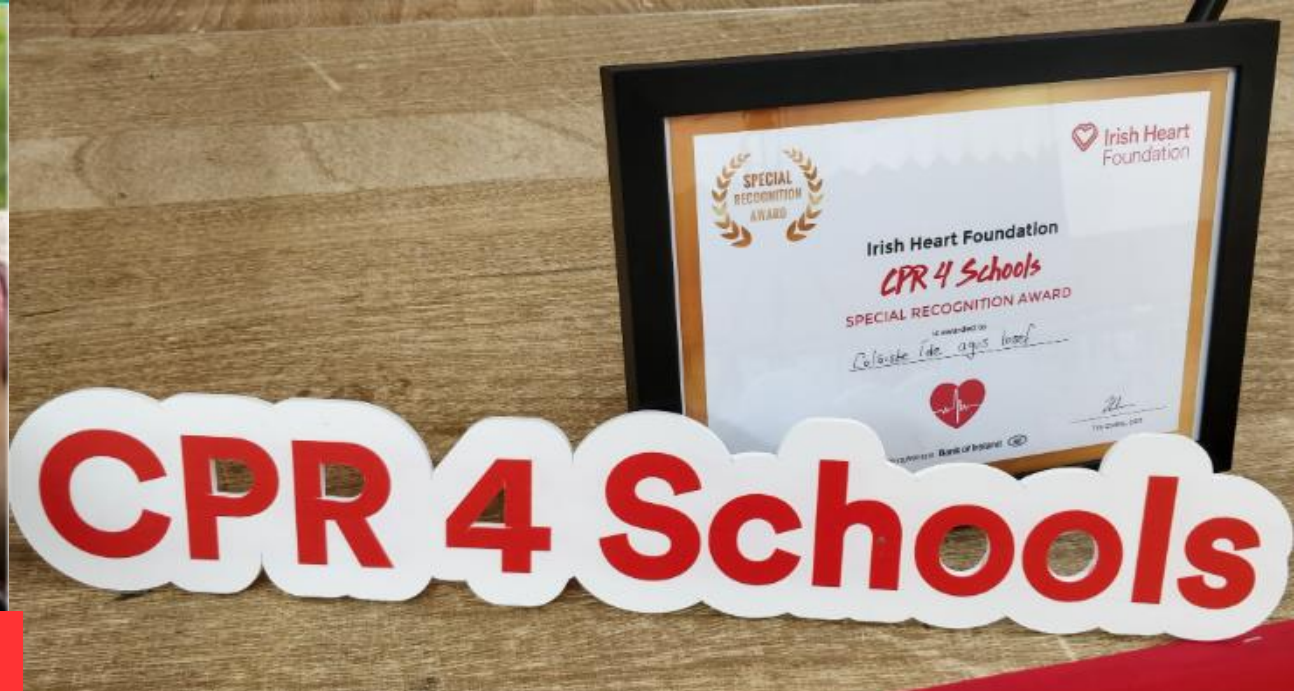
TY's learning fun scientific facts about wildlife.

Press play on the 3 video's





CPR WORKSHOP



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9. Food Safety Essentials
10. Infection Control Awareness (Covid 19)
11. Hospitality Customer Care
12. Dealing with Difficult Customers
13. Retail Customer Care Awareness
14. Drug Awareness
15. Fire Safety Awareness
16. Office Health & Safety Induction
17. Office Ergonomics

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TY LAW EDUCATION FOR SCHOOLS WORKSHOP



TY SELF DEFENCE WORKSHOP





TY ENGINEERING ENAMELING WORKSHOP



TY PROGRAMME:

4. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS *(IF POSSIBLE)*

- Surfing at Curracloe
- Ploughing Championships
- Castlecomer Discovery Park
- Climb Mount Leinster
- Mondello Early Drive Course
- Ice Skating at Dundrum on Ice
- TY Ball

- Baltinglass Outdoor Ed Centre
- TY Comedy Show & Glasnevin
- Glendalough Walking Tour
- Kilkenny Castle & Paintballing
- Bowling & Laser Tag
- Wicklow Mountains
- Gaisce Trip

TY's Surfing in Curracloe



TY's Climb Mount Leinster



MONDELLO PARK

- History, Tour of facilities & Museum of Motorsport
- Talk on road safety
- Try out Brake reaction simulator
- Min 20 minutes each Driving in BMW MINI's



EARLY DRIVE COURSE



TY ICE SKATING





TY Ball

Ballykealey House Hotel



BALTINGLASS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE





Ger Carey TY COMEDY SHOW *THE WATERGATE*



TY HISTORY TOUR 10TH NOVEMBER 2022

GUIDED TOUR OF GLASNEVIN CEMETRY



Éamon De Valera



Countess Markievicz



Elizabeth O'Farrell



Michael Collins

KILKENNY CASTLE GUIDED TOUR

TUES 21ST FEB 2023





KILKENNY

ACTIVITY CENTRE

• PAINT BALLING • ASSAULT COURSE • KIDS PLAY AREA

21st February 2023





GAISCE TRIP TO KIPPURE CO. WICKLOW



TY PROGRAMME:

4. CALENDAR OF EVENTS CONTINUED *(IF POSSIBLE)*

- Dublin Institute of Technology
- Waterford Institute of Technology
- Garda College
- Theatre Trip
- Glasnevin Cemetery

- 1916 Tour & Collins Barracks
- Junk Kouture Fashion Show
- Robot Competition
- Student Enterprise Competition
- The Zoo & Dublin Court

TY HISTORY TOUR

ENNISCORTHY CASTLE

1798 REBELLION CENTRE

VINEGAR HILL



TY PROGRAMME

TEACHING METHODOLOGIES

- Student centred, active & learner-focused with the Teacher as facilitator
- Collaborative learning encouraged e.g. Group work/Pair work (if possible)
- Role-play /simulations
- Project work /Fieldwork
- Out-of-school activities
- Visiting speakers
- Practical work

TY PROGRAMME

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is carried out by the subject teacher:

- Portfolio of coursework assessed
- Oral /Aural assessment
- Project work
- Self-assessment & Peer-assessment
- Skills assessment
- Written /Practical Class test

TY ACHIEVEMENTS NIGHT & TY GRADUATION

- Display of students work & Presentation of Gaisce Certificates
- Presentation of:

Transition Year Certificates of Achievement

with Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc.

- Presentation of:

Student of the Month

for TY Joyce, TY Pascal & TY Ward.

- Presentation of:

Transition Year Student of the Year

TRANSITION YEAR FEE

- TY Fee €450

Additional Costs:

- Ploughing €20 approximately
- TY Ball €35 Ticket approximately
- TY Hoodies €35 approximately
- Gaisce €115 approximately

VOLUNTARY FOREIGN TOUR

(IF POSSIBLE)

Examples:

- Pamplona Spain 2018 - 2019
- Skiing Trip Italy 2019 - 2020

Approximate Cost of Foreign Tour:

- **Total €1000 approx.**
- Minimum of 15 students
- School week in Feb/March (7 Days)

TY SKIING IN ITALY OR



TY PARIS SCHOOL TOUR



WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A TY STUDENT

- To see TY as an opportunity to try new experiences, make new friends & learn new skills.
- To be motivated & participate fully in all activities.
- To be present for every class as per time table.
- To attend all class modules, workshops, activities & talks.
- To follow the school rules & regulations at all times.

WHY DO TRANSITION YEAR?

- The Department guidelines for Transition Year states as its mission:

"to promote the personal, social and vocational development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participative and responsible members of society".

- What a student gets out of TY depends hugely on the **attitude** he/she takes to it in the first place. If you are **open-minded** you are more likely to see and grasp the opportunities. It is an opportunity to try new activities, new subjects, attempt things you have never had the opportunity to do in your academic life before.
- Through this, students become **stronger in themselves**, their **confidence grows**, their ability to **work as part of a team** is developed, along with their **social and personal skills**. Transition Year is a year-long programme and your **level of engagement** is your **reward**.

HOW TO APPLY FOR TRANSITION YEAR

**COMPLETE & SUBMIT THE
TY APPLICATION FORM**



**ATTEND & COMPLETE THE
TY INTERVIEW**

