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TRÍONÓIDE



SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

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Transition Year Programme (TY)

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What is Transition Year?

- Transition Year is a one year school- based programme between Junior and Senior Cycle.
- The curriculum is designed by the teaching staff
- 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.

➤ Source: TY Support Service

Aims



- To provide an opportunity for students to develop an understanding of how learning occurs with particular reference to their own learning styles
- To prepare students to become responsible members of society and prepare them for the world
- To develop students' academic and technical skills
- To enable students to make better decisions, be more innovative & responsible
- To inform students about the world of work

Aims



- To provide a good academic basis for senior cycle
- To develop aspects of the curriculum which tend not to be catered for elsewhere in the school curriculum
- To develop teamwork through task orientated projects
- To develop links between the school and the wider community
- To encourage the student to become a self motivated learner.
- To introduce students to a wide range of cultural and sporting activities



Who does it suit?

Students who have:

- A positive behaviour record in school and on all school-related activities
- displayed an ability to behave in situations with varying levels of supervision
- an excellent attendance record
- A positive record of cooperation with and respect for their teachers and fellow students
- shown that they want to achieve their maximum potential
- Ability to work independently

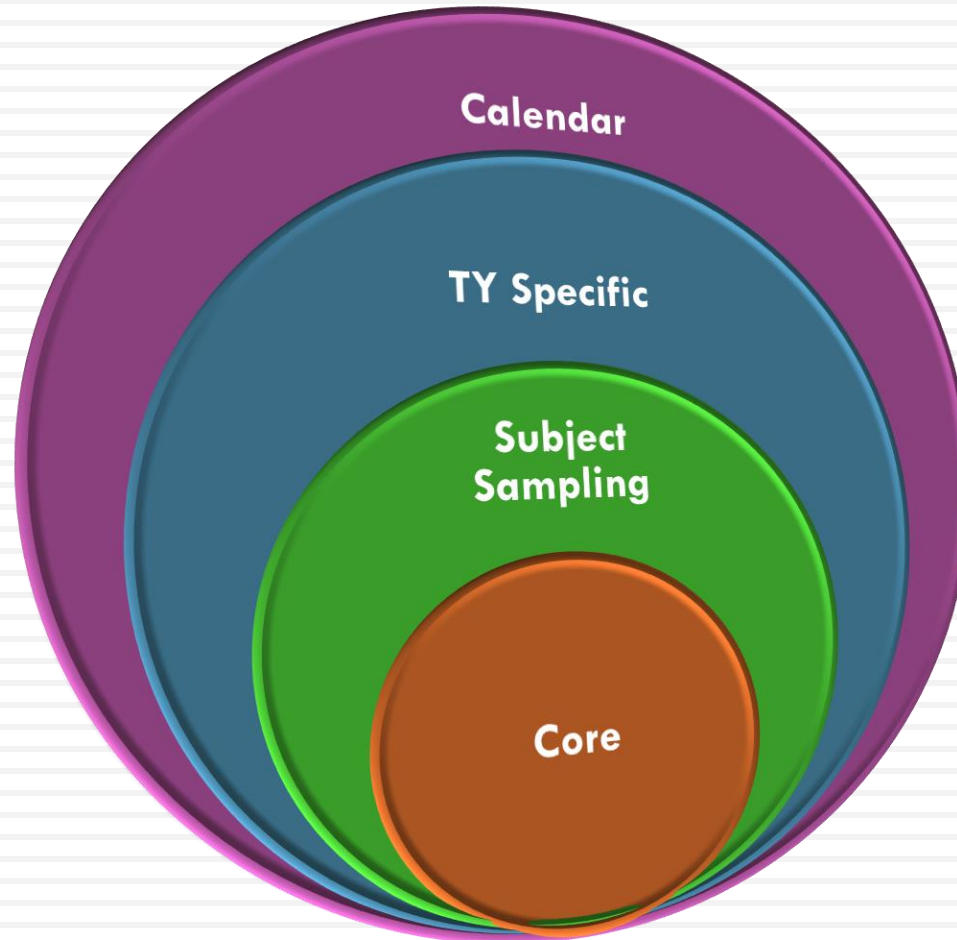


Who does it not suit?

- Those who believe it is a 'doss year'
- Students who have not demonstrated an ability to behave themselves either in or out of class
- Students who would be better served by proceeding directly into the Established Leaving Certificate programme

School management, coordinators and teachers are very familiar with TY and are well placed to advise and decide on the suitability of applicants.

The Parts of Transition Year





Work Experience

Every Tuesday

2 Modules Sept to Dec, Jan to May

Insurance

Employer's Name , Address, Email

Garda Vetting for over 16

Forms available on school website

Sample Curriculum

Core

- English
- Gaelige
- Maths
- Religion
- P.E
- Fre/Ger
- I.T
- Careers
- Business
- Horticulture

Sampling

Examples

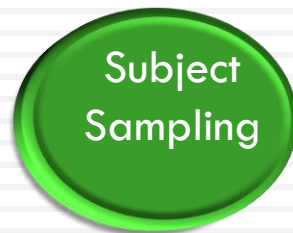
- Acc/Home Ec/
Photography
- Phy/Const Stud/
Technology
- Hist/Geo/GAA
- Art/Wellbeing/
Music
- Biol/Chem/Physics
- Engineering/WB

TY Specific

- Road Safety
- IT Skills
- Gaisce
- First Aid
- Future Leader
- Driving Skills
- Sign Language

Calendar

- Judo/Driving
- Xmas Fair
- Peer mentoring
- Public Speaking
- Debating/Law
- Drama
- Cooking Course





Assessment

Takes many forms, both formal and informal:

- Written assessments
- Peer assessments
- Portfolio of Work
- Credit for out- of- school learning
- Attendance & punctuality
- Attitude & cooperation
- Work Experience reports
- Project/ presentations
 - Exact weighting & breakdown to be finalised by Sept. 2025

Certification



1. End of Year School Certification

Grade	Award	%
A	Distinction	85- 100
B	Merit	70- 84
C	Commendation	60- 69
D	Pass	0- 59

2. Department of Education and Skills Certification



Admission Process- 7 Steps

1. **Application Form**

- Closing date: Friday 28th March 2025
- Available from school website

2. **Interview** by TY coordinator & Guest

- 100 marks

3. **Attendance appraisal**

- 10 marks

4. **Teacher appraisals**

- 40 marks

5. **Offer** of Place

6. **Acceptance/ Refusal**

7. **Signing of TY Contract** in September

- Outlines expected behaviour, attendance, performance and participation

Class groups will be formed by the TY Coordinator & Principal with no movement allowed



Admission Process

- Number of places may be limited
- Where the number of places available exceeds the number of applicants, the admission criteria will still apply and any applicant deemed unsuitable for the programme will not be admitted.
- There are no admissions to the programme after the beginning of Term 1



TY Programme Cost

- Cost is **€600**
 - Beginning of Year trip: €260
 - GAISCE Award: €100
 - Other Events: €140
 - Transport: €100
- Payment schedule:
 - **€300** on acceptance of place (refunded if not offered a place)
 - **€300 by Friday May 16th 2025**
- Costs will not be less than this but may be more
 - e.g. First Aid training/Drivers Education Course



TRIPS

- Killary Adventure Centre
- Ice Skating
- Musical
- Mountain Biking
- Sailing
- Water Park
- Careers Trip
- History and Geography trips

Trips



- Retreats
- Other trips relevant to the TY Course

Leaving Certificate (Established)

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7 Leaving Certificate Subjects

3 core examination subjects

Irish, English & Maths

+

4 option subjects



Options: Choose 4



Sciences	Business	Technology	Humanities	Languages
Biology	Business	Construction Studies	History	French
Chemistry	Accounting	Engineering	Geography	German
Physics		Technology	Art	
Ag. Science			Music	
			Home Economics	

Choose 4 subjects with reference to your interests, ability, previous study and college entry



Choosing Subjects

- Consider subjects where you performed the best in term tests
- Consider subjects which you enjoyed studying
- Do interest/aptitude tests online www.qualifax.ie and on www.careersportal.ie
- Talk to the individual subject teachers
- Browse a senior cycle text book
- Check www.curriculumonline.ie for syllabus content/curriculum
- Talk to a 5th/ 6th year student
- Consider your options after school
- Check the subjects you need for further education, third level courses and apprenticeships or traineeships

CAO/Third Level Education



- Level 8 – four year honours degree programmes offered in Universities and Institutes of Technology/Technological Universities
- Level 7 – three year ordinary degree programmes offered in ITs/TUs
- Level 6 – two year certificate programmes offered in ITs/TUs

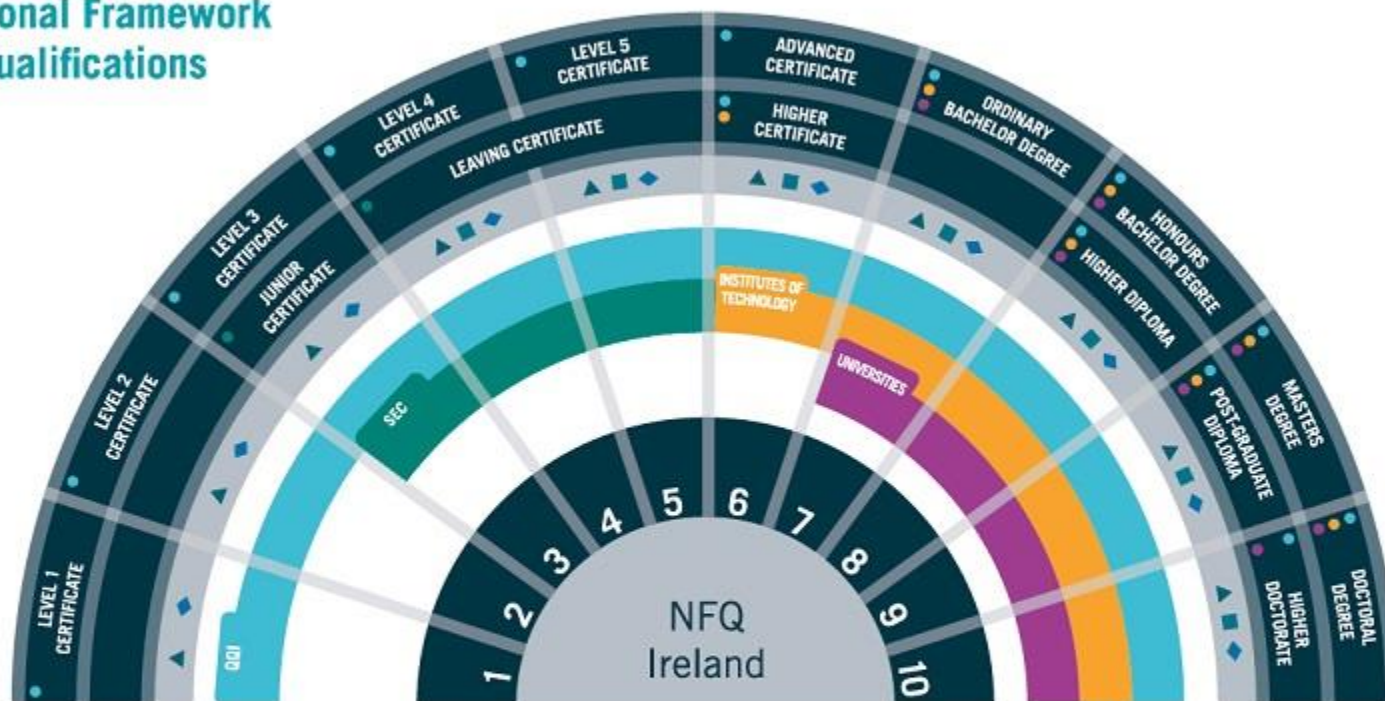


Other routes to Third Level

- National Tertiary Office courses – new initiative since 2023 - entry via further education college - entry requirements at discretion of college (nto.heai.ie).
- Apprenticeships/traineeships - earn and learn - up to degree and postgraduate level (www.apprenticeship.ie / professional bodies)
- Possible to progress from further education course(PLC) to third level (www.qualifax.ie)



National Framework of Qualifications







AWARDING BODIES

- Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) makes awards in further and higher education and training
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education and Skills)
- Institutes of Technology
- Universities

AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

There are four classes of award in the National Framework of Qualifications:

-  **Major Awards:** named in the outer rings, are the principal class of awards made at a level
-  **Minor Awards:** are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
-  **Supplemental Awards:** are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
-  **Special Purpose Awards:** are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement



Third Level Entry Requirements

- Students must meet **minimum/ basic entry requirements** for third level courses – Universities and ITs/TUs
- Minimum of **6 subjects** for **Level 8 courses/Honour Degree** courses in universities/ITs/TUs achieving a minimum of 2H5s and 4O6s/4H7s to include English, Irish and Maths (sometimes 3H5s+3O6s/H7s)
- Minimum of **5 subjects 5O6s/H7s for Level 7 course, Ordinary Degree courses** in an IT/TU to include English/Irish and Maths
- **Minimum of 5 subjects 5O6s/H7s for Level 6 course, Certificate courses** in an IT/TU to include English/Irish and Maths

(*Foundation Level Maths may fulfil requirement for some courses)

Third Level Colleges in Mid-West Region



- UL-University of Limerick
- MIC-Mary Immaculate College - campuses in Limerick and Thurles
- TUS-Technological University of the Shannon-new name for Limerick IT and Athlone IT. These two colleges merged in 2021.
- Private colleges e.g. Griffith College, ICHAS

NUI COLLEGES



□ UCD, NUIG, NUI Maynooth, UCC

Other members institutions

□ Shannon College Of Hotel Management

□ St. Angela's College, Sligo

□ NCAD, RCSI

NUI colleges require Irish, English, Maths & another language for entry into many of their courses. Check www.nui.ie and www.cao.ie for third language entry requirements.

Third Level Entry Requirements



- Meet specific course requirements
eg. A science subject for Nursing

&

- Meet the points for your chosen course
based on your best six LC subjects in one sitting

LC Grades	Marks %	Higher points	Ordinary points
H1/01	90 < 100	100	56
H2/02	80 < 90	88	46
H3/03	70 < 80	77	37
H4/04	60 < 70	66	28
H5/05	50 < 60	56	20
H6/06	40 < 50	46	12
H7/07	30 < 40	37	0
H8/08	0 < 30	0	0

Why Should I Study a Science?



- One science subject required for paramedical careers/ science related courses
- Two science subjects required for Medicine in TCD and UCC
- Two science subjects required for Pharmacy in TCD, UCC
- Two science subjects required for Physiotherapy in TCD
- Chemistry is required for Dietician, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry
- Biology is sometimes required for Genetics
- Physics is useful for Engineering, Technology and Radiography & it compliments Higher Level Maths

N.B. Always check full entry requirements on www.cao.ie and HEI websites. HL Maths sometimes fulfils the second science subject requirement.



Do I need Honours Maths?

- H4 in Maths for Engineering Level 8 Honours degrees in Universities and in some Level 8 courses in ITs/TUs
- Special Maths Exam after the LC results in some colleges for those not meeting the Maths requirement for science and engineering
- It is possible to do Engineering without Honours Maths to Ordinary Degree Level at the ITs/TUs
- Bonus points (25) for Maths grades H1 – H6 if Maths is counted as one of your six best subjects for points in LC

N.B. Always check 2024 full entry requirements on www.cao.ie and HEI websites



Is a 3rd Language Needed?

- NUI Universities normally require a third language for courses in the Arts, Business and Health Science (excluding nursing) departments, but not usually for other departments e.g. Engineering, IT, Science. Check HEI/CAO website carefully as there may occasionally be exceptions.
- A third language is required for entry into the Cadets, Air Corps
- As mentioned above, a third language is **not** required for Nursing but is for certain other medical courses, e.g. veterinary, medicine
- A third language is **not** required for entry to UL, TCD, DCU or any of the ITs /TUs unless it is a specific requirement of the course e.g. Business with French
- A third language is not required for primary teaching but a H4 in Irish is a requirement



Taking on a 'New' Subject

- Advisable that you would have studied the subject in the Junior Cert
- It is possible to take up a technological based subject provided that you agree to study the JC course over the summer before entering 5th year.
- It is possible to take up Business Studies and Accounting
- It is possible to take up Art and Music as long as you have reached a competency level in the chosen subject
- It is possible to take up Home Economics for LC



No Career Plan?

- It is ok not to have your career planned at this stage of your life!
- Choose a broad range of subjects to keep as many career paths as possible open for you – one science, a third language, a subject that you have an interest in
- Choose subjects that suit you best to achieve maximum points in the LC
- Get a good general education which encompasses a broad range of skills

Research, Research, Research



- www.careersportal.ie
- www.examinations.ie
- www.qualifax.ie
- www.curriculumonline.ie
- www.ncca.ie
- www.acca.ie
- www.smartfutures.ie
- www.nui.ie
- School Site: www.stn.ie

A decision to drop **all science subjects** or **continental languages** will have major implications on the range of careers open to you later on.

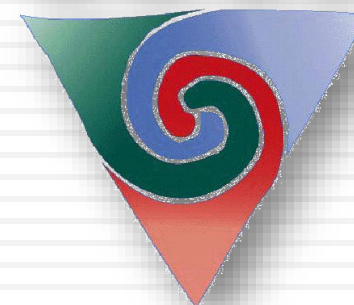
Responsibility for researching subjects and course requirements rests with the student



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LCVP



What is LCVP?



- **Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme**
- The LCVP is the Established Leaving Certificate with an added vocational dimension. You may think of it as an extra subject
- LCVP is delivered through two 'modules': Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education

Typical Activities

- Invited Visitors
- Site Visits
- Case Studies/Career Research
- Team Enterprises/Mini Company
- Work Experience/Career Investigations
- Computer skills/Job seeking skills
- Enterprise Skills
- Video Interviews



Skills

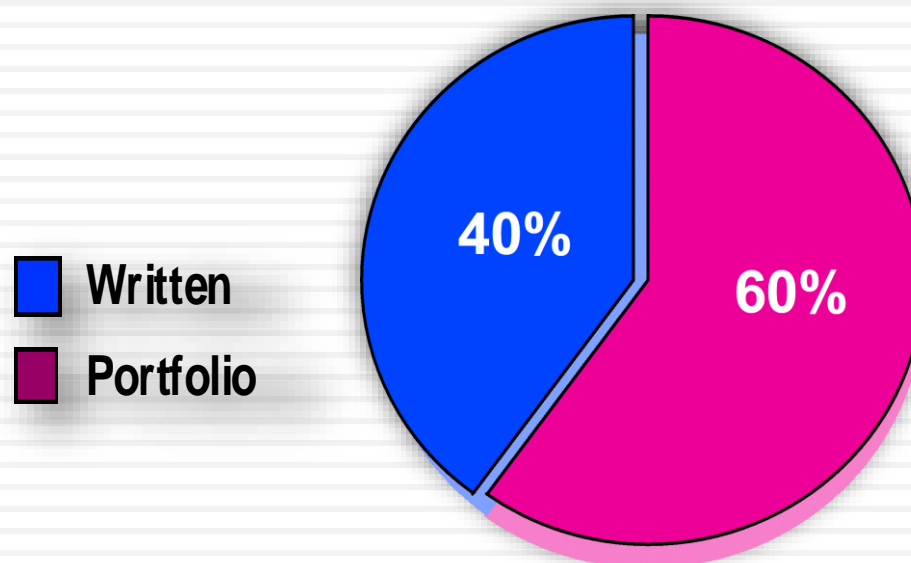
Subject Choice for Senior Cycle



- 1 period per week in the Computer Room
- Students have the opportunity to prepare and complete Portfolio items (worth 60 %) in class

Assessment

- Assessment has 2 parts:
 - Portfolio: 60%
 - CV, reports, work experience diaries, recorded interview etc.
 - Written Exam: 40%
 - Questions on entrepreneurship, case studies, voluntary organisations, portfolio documents



LCVP: Recognition



- Recognised as a LC subject for points purposes by Universities and I.T's
- Results on 4 levels:
 - Distinction 66 CAO points (Equivalent to H4)
 - Merit 46 CAO points (Equivalent to H6/O2)
 - Pass 28 CAO points (Equivalent to O4)
 - Unsuccessful 0



Application Process-TY

□ Transition Year 2025

- Visit www.stn.ie from 25th March 2025
- Select TY Application from Quick Links Menu
- Presentation on TY 2025/Booklet
- Click on the link to complete Transition Year Application Form

If applying for Transition Year **do not** complete Subject choices for Leaving Certificate.

Interviews for TY will take place the week of 31st March 2025

Closing Date: Friday 28th March 2025

Application Process-Subjects for LC



- **Established Leaving Certificate**
 - Visit www.stn.ie from 29th March 2025
 - Select Senior Cycle Subjects from Quick Links Menu
 - Presentations on Subject Options/LCVP 2025
 - Subject Option Booklet available
 - Video showing how to enter subjects on VS Ware
 - Link to apply for LCVP 2025
 - Link to VS Ware to rank Subjects.
 - **Closing Date: Friday 4th April 2025**



VS Ware-LC Subject Choice

- Ensure you have your Username and Password. If not, contact the School Office
- Students **must rank 6 Subjects** in order of preference. Students will be offered 4 Subjects.
- If opting for **French/German**, you must rank this as **1**
- Subject allocation is based on using computer software to select the highest preference % from students options



External Option: FET-YOUTHREACH

Hospital, Cappawhite, Limerick City

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