Transition Year Programme 2026-27

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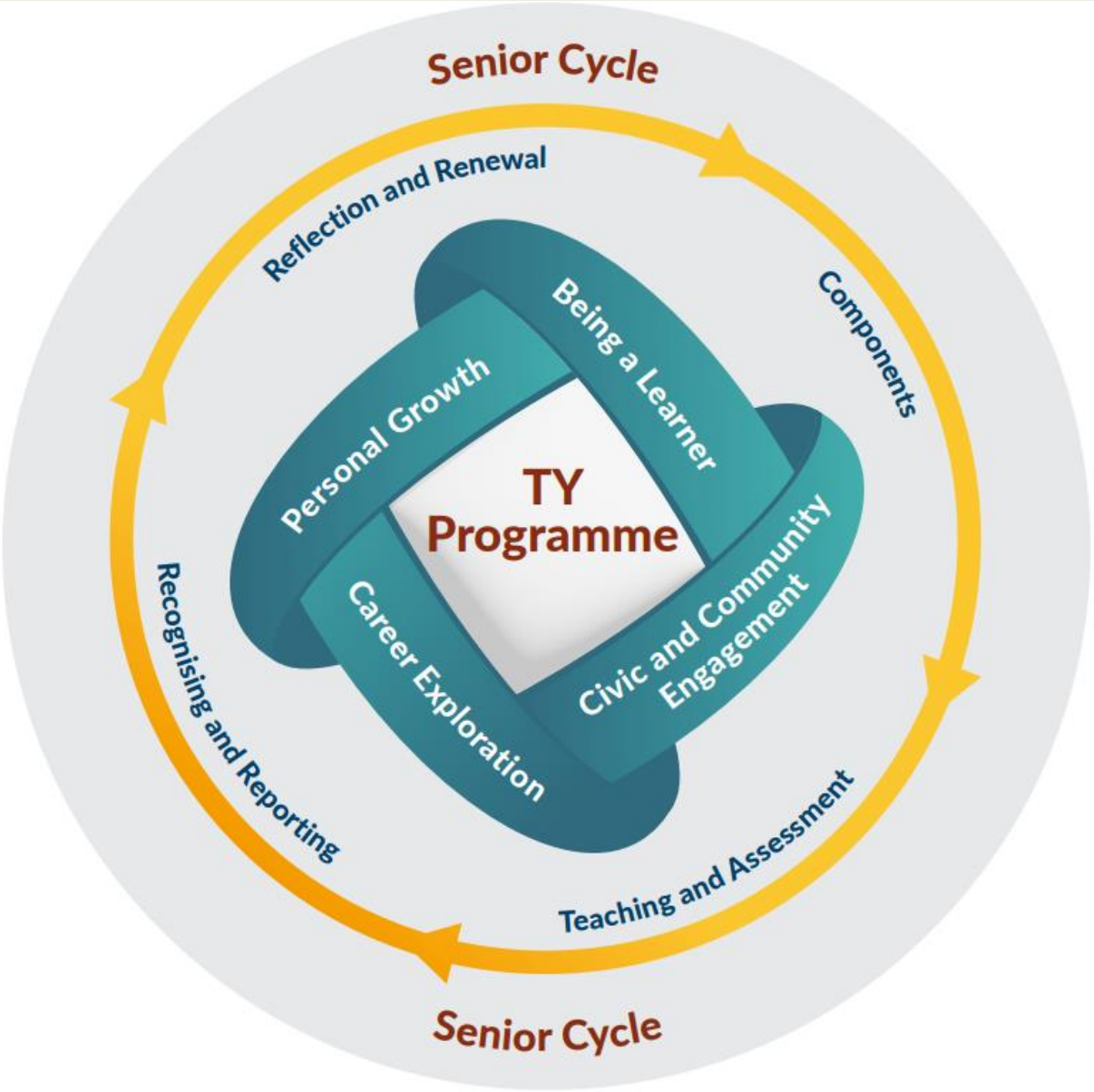

Figure 3: Overview of the TY Programme Statement.

TY Timetables 2026-27

There will be two separate timetables for TY students next academic year, 2026-27.

Timetable 1: Musical Strand
Timetable 2: Performance Development Strand

Timetable 1: Musical

Core Learning	Maths Irish English MFL	3 Hours per week all year 3 Hours 3 Hours 2 Hours
Core Growth	Career Guidance SPHE Project Management	1 hour per week all year
Rotational Tasters	Geo/Hist/PE/Pol+Soc Acc/Bus/Econ/Comp Sc Ag Sc/Bio/Chem/Physics ComAssign/Cookery/Enterprise/Engineer Art/Dance/Yoga/Hort	1 hour per week for 8 weeks
Musical Performance	Leads Business/Admin Costumes Set Design Art	5 hours per week

Timetable 2: Performance Development

Core Learning	Maths Irish English MFL	3 Hours per week all year 3 Hours 3 Hours 2 Hours
Core Growth	Career Guidance SPHE Project Management	1 hour per week all year
Rotational Tasters	Geo/Hist/PE/Pol+Soc Acc/Bus/Econ/Comp Sc Ag Sc/Bio/Chem/Physics ComAssign/Cookery/Enterprise/Engineer Art/Dance/Yoga/Hort	1 hour per week for 8 weeks
Performance Development	<u>The Mechanics:</u> Strength and Conditioning Nutrition/Hydration Health and Recovery <u>The Inner Game:</u> Video Analysis/Statistics Performance Psychology <u>Leadership and Communication:</u> Coaching Time Management	5 hours per week

Assessment in TY

Core Subjects

English, Maths and MFL will be assessed through Week 10, 20, 30 exams and will be reported on vsware

LC Taster subjects

Will be assessed through key projects presented in student's portfolios

TY Portfolio

Each TY student will complete a folder which will be completed during their Project Management class each week.

TY Work Experience

-Every Friday of each week.

-Rotated every 10 weeks, so 3 work placements are completed in the year.

-Students source the work placement themselves.

-Completion of a Work Experience Diary / Employer Interview / Evaluation Sheet.

TY 2025/26 Academic Calendar

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2025

August	September	October	November	December
1 Fr	1 Mo	1 We	1 Sa	1 Mo School closed
2 Sa	2 Tu	2 Th	2 Su	2 Tu Project Padel
3 Su	3 We	3 Fr Work Exp 1	3 Mo	3 We Project Pade
4 Mo	4 Th	4 Sa	4 Tu School closed	4 Th Project Pade
5 Tu	5 Fr Work Exp 1	5 Su	5 We	5 Fr Work Exp 2
6 We	6 Sa	6 Mo First Aid	6 Th	6 Sa
7 Th	7 Su	7 Tu First Aid	7 Fr Work Exp 1	7 Su
8 Fr	8 Mo	8 We First Aid/Self Defence	8 Sa	8 Mo
9 Sa	9 Tu Laser Tag/Work Exp	9 Th First Aid/Self Defence	9 Su	9 Tu Project Pade
10 Su	10 We LaserTagWork Exp Prep	10 Fr Work Exp 1	10 Mo Assessment	10 We Project Pade
11 Mo	11 Th	11 Sa	11 Tu Assessment	11 Th
12 Tu	12 Fr Work Exp 1	12 Su	12 We Assessment	12 Fr Work Exp 2
13 We	13 Sa	13 Mo Maths Week	13 Th Assessment	13 Sa
14 Th	14 Su	14 Tu Maths Week	14 Fr Work Exp 2	14 Su
15 Fr	15 Mo	15 We Maths Week	15 Sa	15 Mo
16 Sa	16 Tu Work Exp Prep Workshop	16 Th TY HL Irish workshop	16 Su	16 Tu
17 Su	17 We	17 Fr Work Exp 1	17 Mo	17 We Dublin Day Out
18 Mo	18 Th	18 Sa	18 Tu Pureskill	18 Th
19 Tu	19 Fr Work Exp 1	19 Su	19 We Pureskill/Poetry Slam	19 Fr Work Exp 2
20 We	20 Sa	20 Mo Rotation 2	20 Th Peotry Slam	20 Sa
21 Th	21 Su	21 Tu Surfing / SafePass / Nutrition	21 Fr Work Exp 2	21 Su
22 Fr	22 Mo	22 We Surfing / Nutrirtion	22 Sa	22 Mo Christmas Holidays
23 Sa	23 Tu Stay Safe Stay Sober Garda Talk	23 Th Nutrition	23 Su	23 Tu Christmas Holidays
24 Su	24 We Self Defence	24 Fr Work Exp 1	24 Mo	24 We Christmas Holidays
25 Mo Rotation 1	25 Th Self Defence	25 Sa	25 Tu	25 Th Christmas Holidays
26 Tu	26 Fr Work Exp 1	26 Su	26 We	26 Fr Christmas Holidays
27 We Return to school	27 Sa	27 Mo Midterm	27 Th	27 Sa Christmas Holidays
28 Th	28 Su	28 Tu Midterm	28 Fr Work Exp 2	28 Su Christmas Holidays
29 Fr Work Exp 1	29 Mo School Closed	29 We Midterm	29 Sa	29 Mo Christmas Holidays
30 Sa	30 Tu	30 Th Midterm	30 Su	30 Tu Christmas Holidays
31 Su		31 Fr Midterm		31 We Christmas Holidays

2026

January	February	March	April	May	June
1 Th Christmas Holidays	1 Su	1 Su	1 We Border Hopping	1 Fr Work Exp 3 / Driving	1 Mo Bank Holiday
2 Fr Christmas Holidays	2 Mo St Brigids Day	2 Mo Subject Choice Info Assembly	2 Th Easter	2 Sa	2 Tu
3 Sa Christmas Holidays	3 Tu Skiing	3 Tu Seo Bothair workshop	3 Fr Easter	3 Su	3 We SEC
4 Su Christmas Holidays	4 We Skiing	4 We	4 Sa	4 Mo Bank Holiday	4 Th SEC
5 Mo Rotation 3	5 Th Skiing	5 Th	5 Su	5 Tu	5 Fr SEC
6 Tu	6 Fr Work Exp 3	6 Fr Work Exp 3	6 Mo Easter	6 We Aran Islands Day Trip	6 Sa
7 We	7 Sa	7 Sa	7 Tu Easter	7 Th	7 Su
8 Th	8 Su	8 Su	8 We	8 Fr Work Exp 3	8 Mo SEC
9 Fr Work Exp 2	9 Mo Skiing	9 Mo Rotation 4	9 Th Easter	9 Sa	9 Tu SEC
10 Sa	10 Tu Skiing	10 Tu SafePass	10 Fr Easter	10 Su	10 We SEC
11 Su	11 We Skiing	11 We Seachtain na Gaeilge	11 Sa	11 Mo Assessment /Portfolio	11 Th SEC
12 Mo Law Ed	12 Th Skiing	12 Th Seachtain na Gaeilge	12 Su	12 Tu Assessment /Portfolio	12 Fr SEC
13 Tu Law Ed	13 Fr Work Exp 3	13 Fr Work Exp 3	13 Mo	13 We Assessment /Portfolio	13 Sa
14 We	14 Sa	14 Sa	14 Tu Barista Training	14 Th Assessment /Portfolio	14 Su
15 Th	15 Su	15 Su	15 We Barista Training	15 Fr	15 Mo SEC
16 Fr Work Exp 2	16 Mo MidTerm	16 Mo School Closed	16 Th Driving / UoG Taster Day	16 Sa	16 Tu SEC
17 Sa	17 Tu MidTerm	17 Tu St Patricks	17 Fr Work Exp 3	17 Su	17 We SEC
18 Su	18 We MidTerm	18 We	18 Sa	18 Mo Petersburg	18 Th SEC
19 Mo Assessment	19 Th MidTerm	19 Th TY PTM	19 Su	19 Tu Petersburg	19 Fr SEC
20 Tu Assessment/ Driving	20 Fr MidTerm	20 Fr Work Exp 3	20 Mo Paintballing	20 We Petersburg	20 Sa
21 We Assessment	21 Sa	21 Sa	21 Tu Paintballing	21 Th TY Grad	21 Su
22 Th Assessment / Driving	22 Su	22 Su	22 We Paintballing	22 Fr	22 Mo SEC
23 Fr Work Exp 2	23 Mo Musical	23 Mo Careers Week	23 Th	23 Sa	23 Tu SEC
24 Sa	24 Tu Musical (Matinee)	24 Tu TY PTM	24 Fr Work Exp 3 /Driving	24 Su	24 We SEC
25 Su	25 We Musical	25 We Careers Week	25 Sa	25 Mo	25 Th SEC
26 Mo	26 Th Musical	26 Th Subject Choice Deadline	26 Su	26 Tu	26 Fr SEC
27 Tu Driving	27 Fr Work Exp 3	27 Fr Work Exp 3	27 Mo	27 We	27 Sa
28 We	28 Sa	28 Sa	28 Tu	28 Th	28 Su
29 Th		29 Su Border Hopping	29 We	29 Fr	29 Mo
30 Fr Work Exp 2		30 Mo Border Hopping	30 Th	30 Sa	30 Tu
31 Sa		31 Tu Border Hopping		31 Su	

TY School Workshops/ Activities

- -Self Defence
- -Work Experience Preparation workshop
- -Cyber Safety workshop
- -Food, Nutrition and Hydration workshop
- -Science week quiz/activity
- -Poetry Slam
- -LawEd workshop
- -Languages Day
- -First Aid Cerificate
- -Drumadore Drumming workshop
- -SafePass Certification
- -Barista Training

TY School Outings

- -Wildlands
- -Surfing
- -Pureskill
- -Ice Skating
- -Explorium
- -Driving Experience
- -Project Padel
- -Paintballing
- -Aran Islands
- -St. Petersburg Overnight Stay

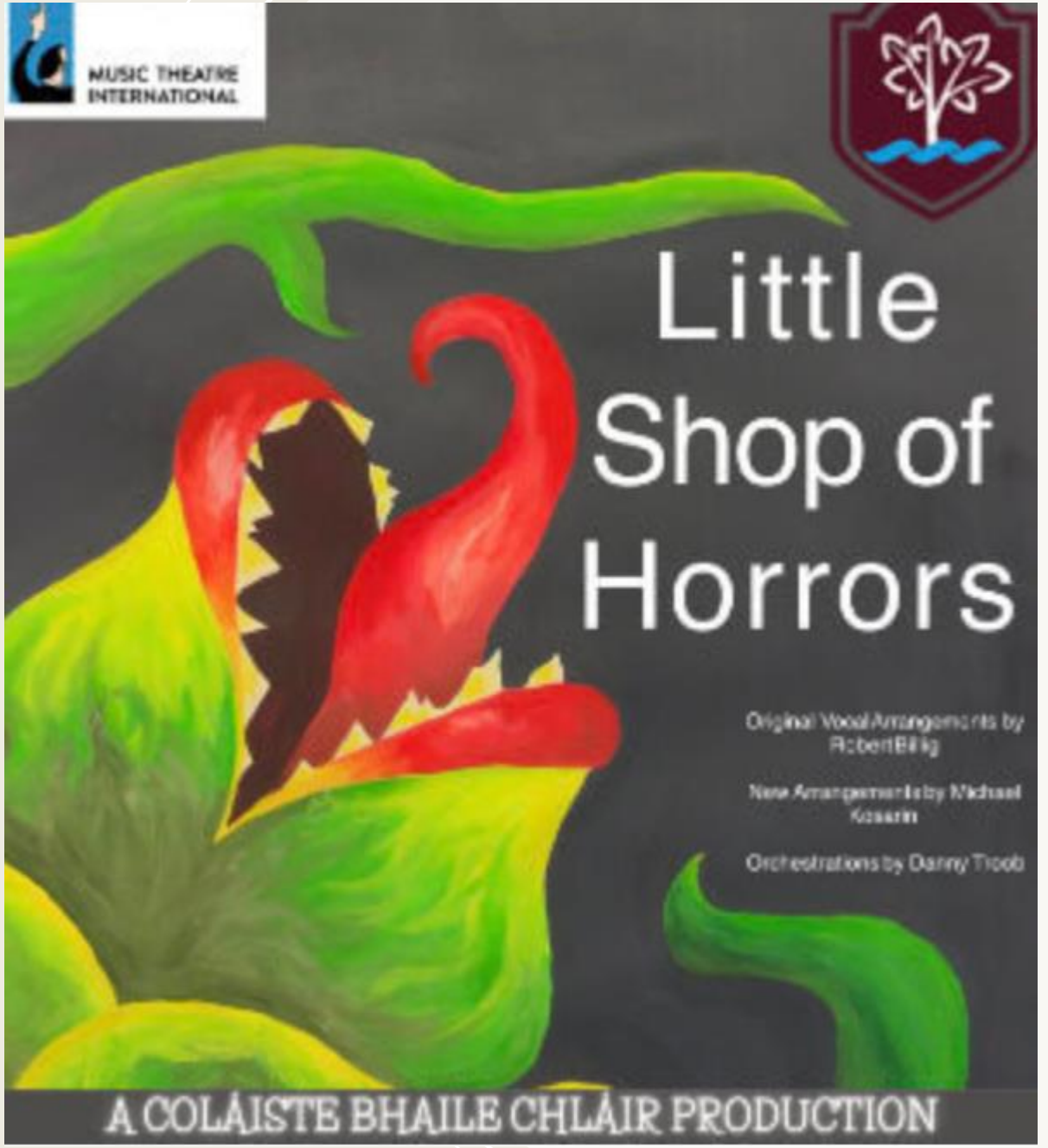
TY Musical

-The Musical is a huge part of Transition Year

-This will take place in early 2025

-Auditions take place in early September and rehearsals begin straight away

-ALL TY students are encouraged to take part for those who do not there are other activites organised alongside Artistic Performance



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

Option 1:

Skiing

31st Jan – 7th February

7th Feb – 14th Feb

6 nights 7 days

Deposits due in May

Price €1500

Option 2:

Border Hopping

1st Week of Easter
13th – 16th of April

4 Days 3 Nights Half Board,
Breakfast and Dinner incl.

Deposits due in Sept

Price €750

What type of student is TY for?

-Motivated

-Willing to take part/contribute

-Willing to try new things

-Maturing students

External Activities	Internal Activities
Eilemental Activity Park (Sept)	Work Experience Preparation workshop (Sept)
Surfing in Lahinch (Oct)	Self Defence workshop (Oct)
Pureskill (Nov)	First Aid Course (Oct)
Project Padel (Dec)	Nutrition and Hydration workshop (Oct)
Dublin Day Out- (Dec) Explorium Ice Skating Dundrum Shopping Centre	Poetry Slam workshop (Nov)
Driving Experience and Theory Test prep (Jan/Apr/May)	Law Education workshop (Jan)
Paintballing Activity (April)	Barista Training (April)
Aran Islands Day trip (May)	YSI Sparks workshop (April)
Petersburg Activity Centre overnight stay (May)	
Additional opportunities (own initiative)	**Additional opportunities (in school)**
GAISCE	Camino for Cliona Foundation opportunity
STEPS Engineering for the future	Green Schools Committee
YSI - Young Social Innovators	Global Citizenship committee
Graduate.ie Online Citizenship & Democracy Programme	TY mentors for 1st years
Annual Oireachtas Essay Competition	Gaelbhratach Committee
Girls in STEM @Portershed	Maths / Science / T4 Clubs
TY Gaming Event @ Crew Digital	
Claregalway Public Art Project	

Cost of TY

€550 per student

First instalment due in May to secure place

Second instalment due in September

550/30 = €18 per student, per week

Bus costs are also included in the fee

*This is in addition to any international trip costs

TY Application

-Applications made through TYRO

Applications include:

-Rationale for wanting to do TY

-International Trip preference

-List of 3-4 friends you'd like to be in a form with

Selection of the Musical/Performance Development Strand will be sent to all students in May, that get accepted to TY.