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## You Get Out of Transition Year What YOU Put into Transition Year!

### *Advice from current TY Students to 3<sup>rd</sup> Years:*

- Get yourself a LEAP Card and keep it in your locker. Be prepared – have extra bus fare and lunch money in your pocket – you just don't know where the day may take you!
- Sign up for EVERYTHING - but keep a calendar to avoid overbooking
- Get your Gaisce activities organised early, get most of them done in the first term – don't let it be a stress – do your Gaisce diary entries as you go and not last minute.
- Get your Work Experience placements and Community Care Outreach placements sorted before the summer because the good ones get booked early, some are gone by end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Year! Ask the current TYs for advice.
- Once you have organised your placements – stay in touch with the employers/ organisations to ensure they keep your place.
- Remember contact with employers should be made directly – in person and by phone - email is too informal and they may not see or answer your emails.
- Do your homework when you get it, otherwise you will forget about it and suffer to meet the deadlines given.
- Keep all your sheets in your TY Portfolio from the start of the year – be organised – get polly-pockets for your folder and
- Get involved in as many things as you can – sign up for everything – even if you don't want to – you just don't know what it will lead to and the year will go by so fast – don't waste your time, don't be lazy!
- Keep up to date with Book Reports; don't leave projects until the last minute, keep on top of your journal entries – you'll need them for graduation
- Open yourself to new ideas, get to know people in your class, **make new friends**.
- Don't be upset about not being in classes or activities with your friends, it's a chance to make new friends and make sure that everyone in your class has someone to chat to and to sit with – everyday – every class.



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- Don't waste your time. GO TO SCHOOL! Otherwise it's pretty pointless.
- This is your year to be especially kind and sensitive to others – not everyone is as outgoing as yourself – help them feel more comfortable and foster a feeling of friendship – no one should ever feel isolated or lonely – everyone should have someone to sit with on the bus – don't leave someone sitting in a row on their own! It's more fun when you have someone to chat (or moan) with!
- Get involved with mini-company – the more work you put into it the more profit you make! Do extra courses.
- Make an effort - if you don't put an effort into it, you won't get anything out of it.
- Keep your TY Diary and your TY Journal up-to-date with your homework and classwork, otherwise you will spend ages backtracking trying to remember what you did and when you did it. Remember both are assessed and used to help establish the overall grade achieved in TY – Distinction, Merit, Pass or Fail.
- Get busy - do as much as you can outside of school while you have the time – explore new hobbies and interests. Don't be lazy.
- It is **NOT TRUE** that TY is a 'doss' year – there is plenty of work to be done.
- Work at your academic subjects because Christmas EXAMS come around quickly – and Assignments have to be finished and handed in – Deadlines come hard and fast!!
- Teachers can teach you, they cannot make you work so it's **your** responsibility to make the most of the new subjects and experiences.
- TY is like a blank page handed to you in August and it is up to you whether the page will still be blank or full by June.
- TY is all about self-motivation, enthusiasm and dedication.
- Volunteer – help out different charities, but most importantly organise a **monthly fundraising event for the TY charity of the year**
- There is a lot of learning to do in TY; it's just a different type of learning.
- Why do it? - You learn more about yourself and the people in your year.
- DO THE MUSICAL - **Audition for EVERYTHING** - learn your lines and the song lyrics – in time for the rehearsals.