



Welcome to the
Loreto College Foxrock

Transition Year
Information Meeting



What is Transition Year?

- A one-year school-based programme designed to bridge the gap between the Junior and Senior Cycle.
- A year that provides a broad & balanced education programme – learning led rather than exam led.

Does Transition Year have any value?

- Encourages self-directed learning
- Contributes to personal development & maturity
- Opportunities for leadership, co-operation, conflict resolution
- Development of skills

- Sampling & discovery of new subjects
- Knowledge of the Working World
- Discovery of Career Opportunities
- **Builds a Solid Foundation for the Leaving Certificate....**

The Key Competencies in Senior Cycle – which need to be taught in TY

- Thinking and solving problems
- Being creative
- Communicating
- Working with others
- Participating in society
- Cultivating wellbeing
- Managing learning and self

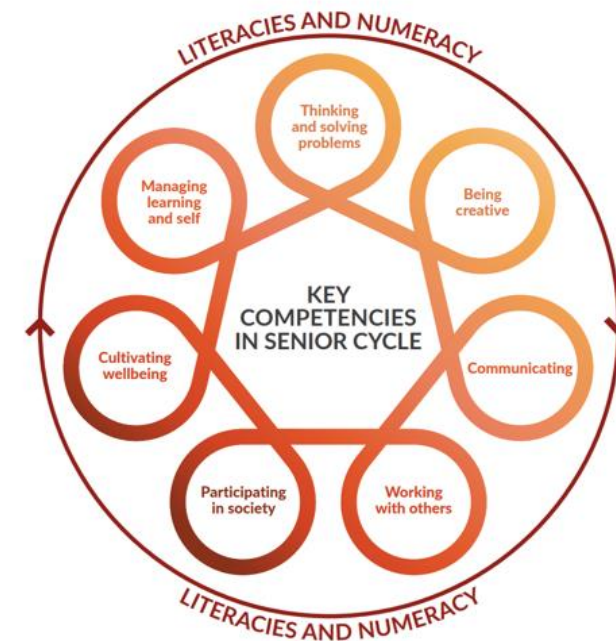


Figure 2: Overview of key competencies in senior cycle.

Transition Year in LCF



Our Mission:

- Provide a Broad Holistic Curriculum
- Develop a LOVE of Learning
- Nurture Powers of Critical Thinking
- Encourage Independence of Mind
- Increase Social Awareness
- Develop Social Competences

Transition Year Curriculum in LCF Sample Modules:

- Art Appreciation
- Bridge
- Chinese Language & Culture
- Classical Studies
- Computer Coding
- Cooking
- Cultural Education



Transition Year Curriculum in LCF Sample Modules:

- Drama
- Enterprise
- Film Making
- First Aid
- Japanese Language & Culture
- Justice, Peace and Integrity





Transition Year Curriculum in LCF Sample Modules:

- Music Appreciation
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Research Skills
- Self Defense
- Song Writing
- Sustainable Development
- Tutorial

Work Experience


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Community Outreach

It is essential that once a placement has been found:

- Parents/Guardians must confirm that the placement is a safe and suitable environment.
- That students understand that they are expected to adhere to all guidelines and protocols as laid out by the company / organisation that they are placed with.





Work Experience and Community Outreach

- Week 1: 19th – 23rd October 2026
- Week 2: 2nd – 5th February 2027
- Week 3: 8th – 12th February 2027
- Employer/Organisation details to be submitted by **18th September 2026.**



Garda Vetting

- Students wishing to work with children or vulnerable persons must be Garda Vetted
- Only Persons 16 Years+ can be Vetted
- Strong Recommendation – Vetting process should begin soon after 16th Birthday.
- Process length: 6-8 Weeks
- Plan Work and Community Outreach Placements accordingly.

Work Experience and Community Outreach

The Search for Work Experience and Community Outreach Placements begins

NOW...



Transition Year allows for all kinds of possibilities...

- LCF Language Exchanges
- University Programmes
- STEM Courses
- Enterprise Opportunities
- Cultural Experiences
- Musical
- Travel



LCF Language Exchanges

Spain:

- **Seville:** Nuestra Señora del Loreto, Seville
- **Malaga:** Colegio Estanislao de Kostka Malaga:

France:

- **Nantes:** Lycée La Perverie Sacré Coeur
- **Marseille:** Lycée Viala La Coste, Salon de Provence



Sample Timetable 2025-2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial
Option 1: Accounting	TY Specific: English & Communications	French	English	Mathematics
English	Modules 1: First Aid	Option 3: Applied Maths	Option 4: Music	Religious Education
TY Specific: Irish Language & Culture	Spanish	Mathematics Applications	French	SPHE
Irish	Mathematics	Physical Education	Irish	Computer Studies
TY Specific: Career Guidance	Modules / Activities		Modules / Activities	Option 5: Chemistry
Option 2: Biology				TY Specific: Digital Media Literacy

TY Curriculum 2026 - 2027

Subject	Number of Classes per week	Examinable	Non-Examinable
English	2	2	1
Irish	2	2	1
Mathematics	2	2	1
Option 1 (Language)	2	2	
Option 2 - 7	5	6	
Other Core	5		5
Modules/Activities	7		6

Choosing Option Subjects in TY

On VShare, please choose your subjects in *preferential* order as follows:

Your *language(s)* should be *number 1* (and number 2 if choosing to study two languages).

On the form we will ask you to choose 7 subjects and the best available combination of six will be offered.

THE PREFERENTIAL ORDER IS CRUCIAL IN DETERMINING AVAILABILITY OF SUBJECTS.

Choosing Subject:

All LC option subjects available:

- French & Spanish
 - Art, Home Economics, Music
 - History, Geography, Classical Studies
 - Applied Maths, LC PE
 - Accounting, Business, Economics
 - Biology, Chemistry & Physics
- **Seven Elective Subjects must be chosen for TY. This allows students to try a subject for TY and to make informed choices for Leaving Certificate.**
 - **Not choosing a subject in TY does not preclude you from choosing it in 5th Year. (With the exception of French and Spanish)**

Choosing Subject Options on-line

THROUGH VSWARE

INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE
EMAILED HOME

PORTAL WILL BE OPEN
FROM FRIDAY 27TH
FEBRUARY TO
MONDAY 9TH MARCH
2026

PLEASE FOLLOW THE
INSTRUCTIONS
CLOSELY

Things to know

- New Classes
- Fees/Expenses
- Musical
- Gaisce
- Supporting LCF Drama
- TY Curriculum is constantly reviewed, adapted
- Significant Dates:
 - **TY Subject Choices: 9th March 2026**
 - **TY Application Forms: 17th April 2026**
 - **LCF Language Exchange: 1st May 2026**

How to have a successful, fulfilling Transition Year



- Energy
- Commitment
- Compassion
- Empathy
- Sense of Fun, Adventure
- And a Determination to Challenge oneself
- Willingness to try new experiences – great and small.

“You Get Out of TY What You Put In”

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Thank you for coming
to LCF this evening.