

# GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE

*Coláiste na Dea-Chomhairle*

New Ross, Co. Wexford



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As you are aware, Transition Year offers learners an opportunity to mature and develop without the pressure of an examination. It also provides an opportunity for learners to engage in learning that will prepare them for the ever changing demands of the world of work, further and higher education and relationships.

The Department of Education set its aims for Transition Year as education for maturity with the emphasis on personal development including social awareness and increased social competence. Self-directed learning is encouraged as much as possible with education through experience of working life used as a basis for development.

With all of this in mind we have developed an assessment system for Transition Year which we feel will motivate the students and also give them the opportunity to own their own work and effort during the year

Students will have the opportunity to receive 500 credits in total for the year. These will be broken down into two areas as follows: (Please see breakdown of credits on the back of this letter). You have received one term report already.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings for Transition Year have been scheduled for Tuesday March 5th. We, as a staff, decided this year to encourage ownership of a students work that all TY students will be asked to present a portfolio of their efforts and concrete work completed during the year to both their parents and one teacher that will be assigned to them. Each parent will receive a specific scheduled time to attend with their son. Your son will then prepare a presentation with evidence of his own work.

We have asked students to ensure that work from all of their core subjects Maths, English, Irish are presented (they can display their copy, a project, test results for the year.) and then to speak about how their progress is going, if they can improve in any areas etc. Teachers will have some set questions to ask the students to encourage them to speak but also to ensure that students evaluated their own performance and recognise their achievements etc.

Parents will be provided with a written report as normal but if there is any teacher they would like to speak to they can complete a request form on the day and the teacher will contact them asap. We hope the introduction of this meeting will encourage students and help them to critically analyse their own efforts, participation in an effort to increase personal responsibility as they head towards their senior year. I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation with this meeting and look forward to meeting you in February.

If you have any queries you can contact any of the co-coordinators on

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## Transition Year Credits: 2017/2018

Credits will be awarded in the following subjects:

English	Irish
Maths	History
Geography	Science
Career Guidance	Art
Coding	Computers
Technical Graphics	YSI
Language	Religion
Business Studies	

Each subject will reward 9 credits:

Work presented	=	3 Credits	3 Credits
Participation	=	3 Credits	3 Credits
Attendance	=	3 <u>Credit</u>	<u>3 Credits</u>
Total	=	9 Credits	9 Credits

Credits will be rewarded three times during the year, across 15 subjects, giving a total of **405 Credits** awarded by TY teachers.

The other 95 credits will be rewarded by the coordinators for personal reflection, work experience diaries etc.

Total 500 Credits

### T.Y. Credit Deadlines

Term 1: **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October**

(8 Weeks)

Term 2: **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January**

(9 Weeks)

Term 3: **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May.**

(10 Weeks)

### T.Y. Awards

400 – 500: Distinction

300 – 399: Merit

200 – 299: Pass

Under 200: Certificate of  
Completion