



Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I am pleased to confirm that your son/daughter has been offered a place in the Transition Year Programme for 2025-2026. Confirmation of a place is dependent on engagement with the TY Team for interview and payment of the €600 activities fee by the due dates. Failure to comply with these conditions will lead to the student forfeiting his/her place on the programme.

Transition Year affords the student many opportunities for academic advancement and personal development. Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities form an integral part of the Transition Year programme and therefore all Transition Year students must participate to the best of their ability in all activities planned for the group.

Project work, practical work, group work and the creation of portfolios are core aspects of the programme. Students are encouraged to be self-directed learners and to work enthusiastically on all assignments. I wish to emphasise that the benefits which will derive from Transition Year for the student will be proportional to the quality and the quantity of the effort put in by the student.

During the summer holidays students should arrange suitable work placements for Fridays during the school term. Consideration should be given to student aptitudes, interests and career ambitions when sourcing work placements. School insurance details will be provided to employers in September and vetting may be required in some cases.

Please pay a deposit of €200 by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 using the online payments system on VS Ware. A second payment of €200 is due by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of June. The final instalment is due by 29<sup>th</sup> of August 2025. This fee covers the cost of educational activities and excursions organised as part of the TY programme. This fee will enable us to deliver a full programme of activities including Delphi Adventure Centre, theatre trips and indoor activities. A full account of income and expenditure will issue to parents/guardians at the end of Transition Year.

As with most things in life, you get out what you put in. Students registering for Transition Year must be prepared to give 100% commitment to the programme.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Fogarty

Principal

Martina Butler

Deputy Principal