

Transition Year 2019-20

THE COURSE

September 2018 will see most of our Third Year students move into our successful Transition Year Programme as the first year of our three-year Senior Cycle. Transition Year offers pupils a broad educational experience, preparing them to make decisions which will improve their whole lives. Students will mature, achieve a greater awareness of their own worth and will undertake activities that will ensure their future role as active contributors to society.

The proposed programme content of Transition year will be broad in scope, including Core subjects, sampling of Leaving Certificate subjects and modules of special interest. It will also include field trips, two units of work experience, and engaging in Community Work. Students also have a chance to become involved in the Tenderfoot Drama programme in the Civic Theatre, be participants in our mentoring of local primary school children as well as fundraising for various charities. Transition Year involves a wide variety of learning, study and educational experiences, which enable students to develop at their own pace and to achieve their full potential. Students acquire a wide range of skills and have many opportunities to exercise and display these skills.

If students are to benefit from Transition Year and achieve their full potential, it is vital that they have a good positive attitude to such matters as attendance, punctuality, work, study and participation in class activities. Every student is encouraged to get involved in a wide range of activities and to push themselves beyond their usual comfort zone.

THE COST

Transition Year is a very different type of year with much of the work centred around modules, projects, field trips, visiting speakers, leisure pursuits, various educational trips and excursions etc. These activities involve huge expense to the College and as a result we much change a fee to cover these additional costs for Transition Year. The overall cost to each student is €400. The cost of books and other class materials are considerably reduced as many teachers produce their own class resource material. This payment does not form part of the Voluntary Contribution made on behalf of every student in the school which is payable separately.

Instalment 1: €200 to be paid and receipt attached to application form (date to be given at the upcoming parent information evening)

Instalment 2: €150 to be paid before June 1st 2019 to allow for booking deposits etc. to be paid.

Instalment 3: €50 to be made before September 1st 2019.

Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated. Alternative arrangements can be made with Mr O'Connor/Mrs Williams/Ms Birnie for anyone who has difficulties meeting these deadlines. All payments should be made through our electronic payment system accessible through the school website www.lucancc.ie. Please direct any queries on payment to the front office at 01-6282077 or admin@lucancc.ie.

Sample Transition Year Module Descriptors

Please note that the actual modules offered vary from year to year and may vary from class to class

Art & Crafts: Various aspects of this course include, clay firing, glazing, pottery, t-shirt printing and other types of creative art.

First Aid: Students will learn how to distinguish between various types of injuries and illnesses. They will also engage in varied use of treatments.

Business & Enterprise: Students develop entrepreneurial skills through working as part of a team. A small business is set up and a business plan is produced.

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Media Studies: Students learn about various aspects of videotaping, using story boards while producing a small film and burning it onto CD.

Tourism: Certified by Fáilte Ireland this programme covers tourism awareness with students learning about Tourism at home and abroad. The course also covers our heritage/culture and careers in the area.

Law: A programme produced by the NCCA and the court service to introduce the nature and operation of our legal system. Students learn about civil and criminal law. Students role play and may get to visit a court room and see it in action.

Cookery: Students get the opportunity to cook and learn new skills. Students receive a recipe booklet and need to bring in **relevant ingredients each week** during their module.

Guitar: Students choosing this option **must have a guitar** for this class each week and for practise purposes.

Road Safety: Covers all aspects of safety on our roads including the rules of the road with interactive presentations and a chance to participate in a driving lesson (extra cost involved).

Financial Management: Covers practical finances for both household & business. Topics covered include budgeting, insurance, taxation, business cash flow, foreign exchange etc.

Computer Aided Design (CAD): Students will use the latest parametric CAD modelling software as a learning tool and assessment will be project based.

Politics & Society: Gain an insight into social and political sciences, active citizenship, power and decision making, globalisation and political systems.

Young Social Innovators: Students use performance arts and other media to raise awareness of social issues that they feel are important.

Technology: Technology focuses on design, electronics, mechanisms, materials and structures as well as manufacturing skills.

Engineering: The study of a wide range of mechanical engineering processes, materials and technological applications with the development of practical skills.

Woodcraft: Traditional skill-based module designed to allow students to improve their understanding of the process of design, 3D sketching, materials technology and processes.

Chinese Studies: Students engage in a programme of learning about Chinese Language & Culture. They develop competency in reading basic characters, introducing themselves in Mandarin and learn about Chinese food, spots, school life etc.

Spanish: Introduction to conversational Spanish and Spanish culture.

Coding: How to write, compile and run basic programs e.g. computer games etc.

Applied Maths: is the study of the practical applications of mathematics to the real world and physical problems. It is typically associated with engineering and physics, but also finds use in economics, etc.

P.E: Students get the opportunity to try various sports and other leisure activities e.g. Self-defence, bowling. TRX. Sports involved vary from year to year. **School P.E. gear is essential (new kit list on uniform policy)**

ECDL: Students will learn about Microsoft System management online collaboration, IT Theory and Data Protection and will develop skills in Microsoft Office Software. Aim is to complete seven Modules for full certification. If students complete these they can take additional modules in Photo Editing & Web Design.

Cost is €200 separate to TY Fee. Home broadband access and a PC are also required so students can work at home. This must be paid before the student begins the program. Is usually on a Thursday afternoon.