



NORTH WICKLOW
EDUCATE TOGETHER
SECONDARY SCHOOL

Transition Year Programme

Information for Students and Parents / Guardians / Carers



What is Transition Year

- Transition Year is a one-year optional programme taken after the Junior Cycle and before the Leaving Certificate Programme.
- It forms the first year of a three-year senior cycle.
- It is designed to act as a bridge between the Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate programmes.



What is the purpose of the Transition Year Programme?

- The aim of Transition Year is to promote the personal, social, educational, and vocational development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participative, and responsible members of society.



What are the benefits of TY?

- Transition Year offers learners an opportunity to mature and develop without the pressure of an examination.
- Almost 80% of pupils surveyed by the Irish Second-Level Students Union (ISSU) found TY to be a worthwhile experience.
- Two studies (Miller and Kelly 1999; Smyth et al. 2004) have demonstrated a direct correlation between doing TY and higher grade achievement in the LC examination.
- Smyth's study showed that students who did TY outperformed students who did not do TY on average by 26 CAO Leaving Cert points.
- Students make more informed choices when selecting their Leaving Certificate subjects



What are the benefits of TY

- The Department of Education state that there are very high levels of satisfaction among teachers, parents/guardian/carers, and students with how TY supports learning and the all-round development and maturity of students.
- TY is valued for the variety of learning experiences, often in taster subjects and new areas of learning, that it offers students.
- TY contributes in significant ways to the broad skill development of students, particularly in personal and social development and life skills.
- Work experience and community placement are highly valued elements of the TY.



What are the aims of the TY programme in NWETSS?

- Give students the opportunity to become more independent in their learning and in social and work situations.
- Create opportunities for students to understand themselves and others better and in so doing to make good choices about Leaving Certificate, the world of work and further education.
- Enable students to become creative, empathetic, life-long learners who are prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century in a sustainable and ethical way.
- To promote maturity in students by providing opportunities to develop:
 - work related skills
 - communication skills, self-confidence, and a sense of responsibility
 - more awareness of the world outside school

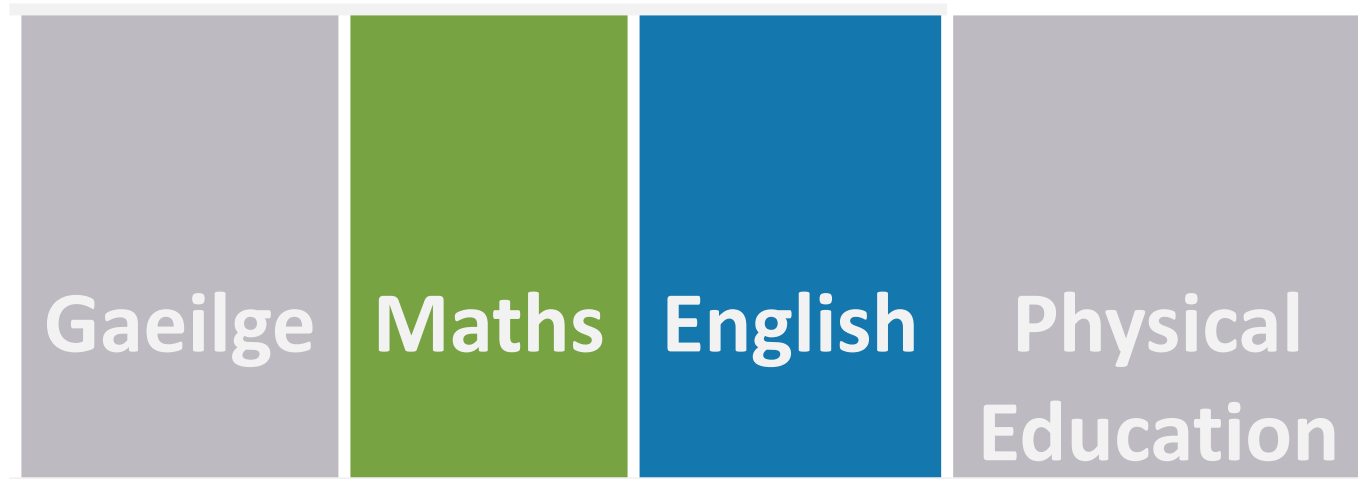


What subjects make up the TY Curriculum?

- Subjects in TY fall into 4 categories:
 - Core Layer
 - Subject Sampling Layer
 - School Designed Module Layer
 - Calendar Layer



Core Layer



Subject Sampling Layer

Geography	History	Music	Construction Studies	Technology	Art
Physics	Chemistry	Biology	Coding	Business	



School Designed Module Layer

Printmaking	First Aid	Mini Company	Career Guidance	Coaching Studies
Outdoor Learning	Media Development	Animation	Journalism	ICT



Calendar Layer



Work Experience

- Takes place every Friday for 4 hours in the morning
- There are two sessions
- Session 1 runs from September to December
- Session 2 runs from January to May
- Ideally one of the work experience placements should be in a voluntary organisation, charity or equivalent
- It is the responsibility of the student with the assistance and support of their family to secure a suitable work experience placement



Additional Work Experience Opportunities

- Students can undertake additional structured weeks of work experience
- Colleges and Universities
 - UCD
 - TCD
 - RCSI
 - DCU
 - TUD
- Defence Forces
- Garda Siochana
- Engineers Ireland
- Hugh Lane Art Gallery
- National Gallery of Ireland
- Hospitals
- DSPCA
- School of Architecture
- Unicef
- SeaLife
- Irish Institute of Music and Song





GAISCE THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

 Personal Skill	 Community Involvement	 Physical Recreation
1 hour per week	1 hour per week	1 hour per week





Gaisce Overnight 2 day adventure journey





TY Trips and Workshops

- School trips and Workshops provide opportunities for students to develop and to strengthen peer relationships and connections whilst developing skills and learning more about culture, geography, history, art, music, etc.
- Activities based around teamwork, social development and bonding are an important part of the TY programme.





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CAUSEY FARM





**Kayaking and Stand Up
Paddleboarding in Grand
Canal Dock**



Self Defence Class



TY History Trip to the Cinema



Escape Rooms





Scavenger Hunts in Bray and Dublin City





Students have taken part in competitions;
e.g. Junk Kouture and Student Enterprise Competition

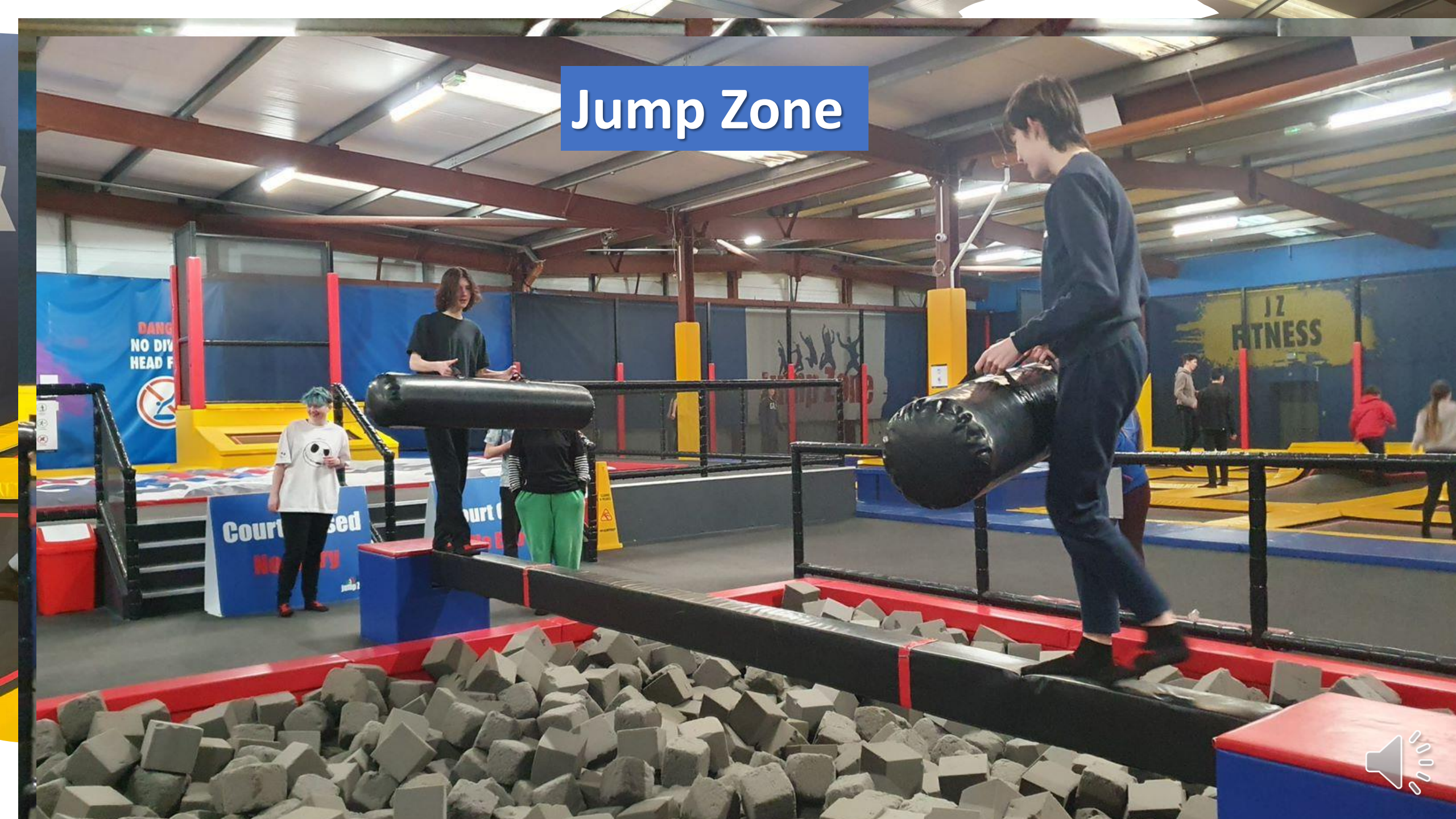




TY BALL



Jump Zone



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**MOVE MAKEUP
SPECIAL EFFECTS**






Think Languages Workshop

Flamenco

Spain

Andalucía



Greater experiences languages

Think Diversity

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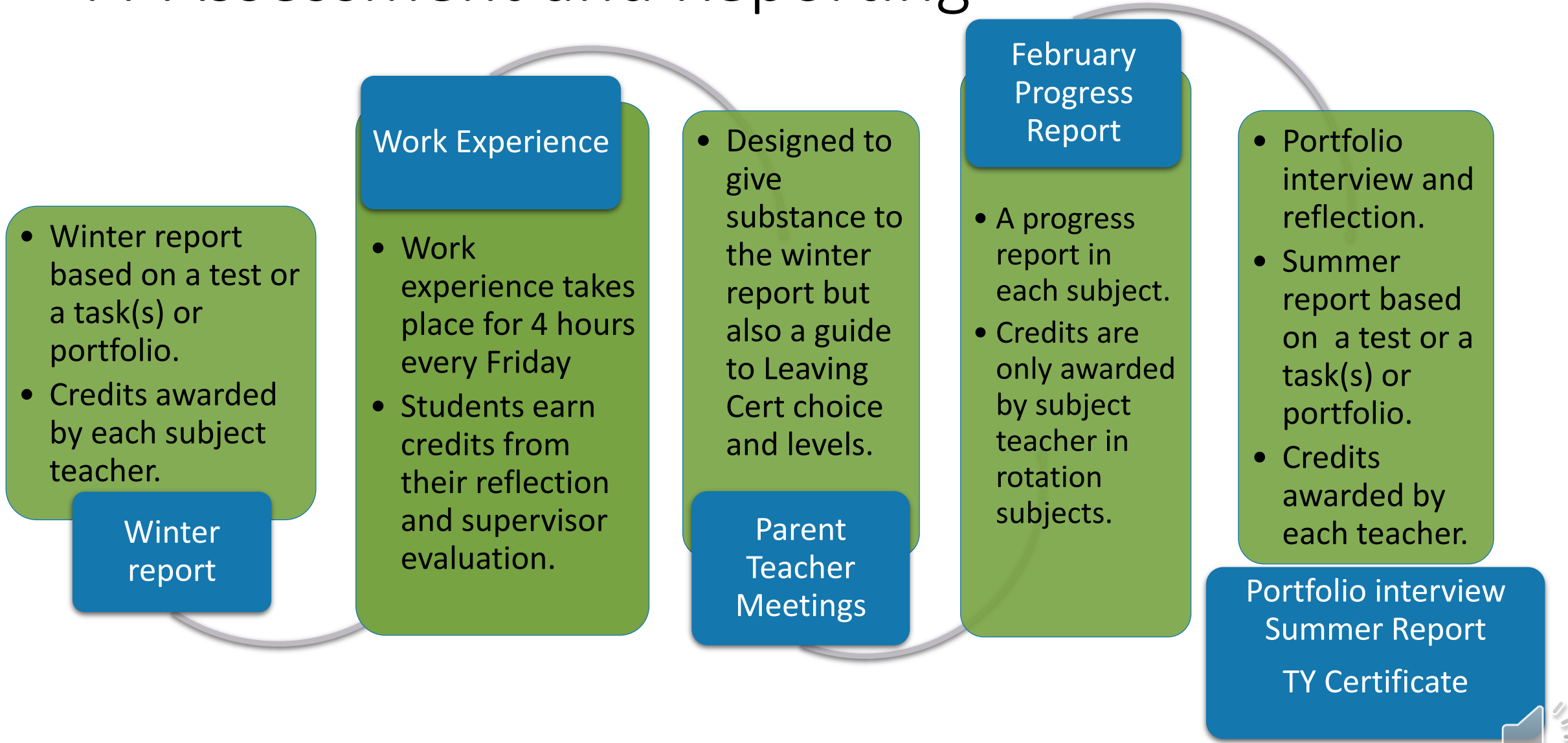
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TY Assessment and Reporting



TY Certification and Credits

Certificate	Credits
Platinum	72 – 80
Gold	60 – 71
Silver	44 – 59
Bronze	28 – 43
Certificate of Participation	< 28



TY Credits

Categories	Credits	Awarded by
Subject Credits	30	Your teacher
Work Experience Credits	15	Coordinator
Engagement / Participation	15	Coordinator & TY Tutors
Interview Credits / Portfolio	10	Coordinator & TY Tutors
Attendance / Punctuality	10	Coordinator & TY Tutors
Total Credits	80	



Transition Year Cost

- The Transition Year charge is €190 per student. This charge is in addition to the school administration charge.
- The TY fee covers most of the trips, workshops, guest speakers, and private coach hire, and curricular related costs
- There will be an additional charge if there are overnight or overseas trips during the transition year.





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