

# Athboy Community School

## Senior Cycle Programmes Information Evening



**7 February 2024**

# Transition Year



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- It's a year programme which bridges the more dependant learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent, self-directed learning required for the Senior Cycle.
- Each school designs its own Transition Year programme, within set guidelines, to suit the needs and interests of its students.

# Benefits of Transition Year

## Subject Tasters

Informed Leaving Cert subject choice- subject sampling, Leaving Cert results 20% higher in TY students.

## Develops thinkers

Promotion of general technical and academic skills with an emphasis on critical thinking and self directed learning

## Personal Growth

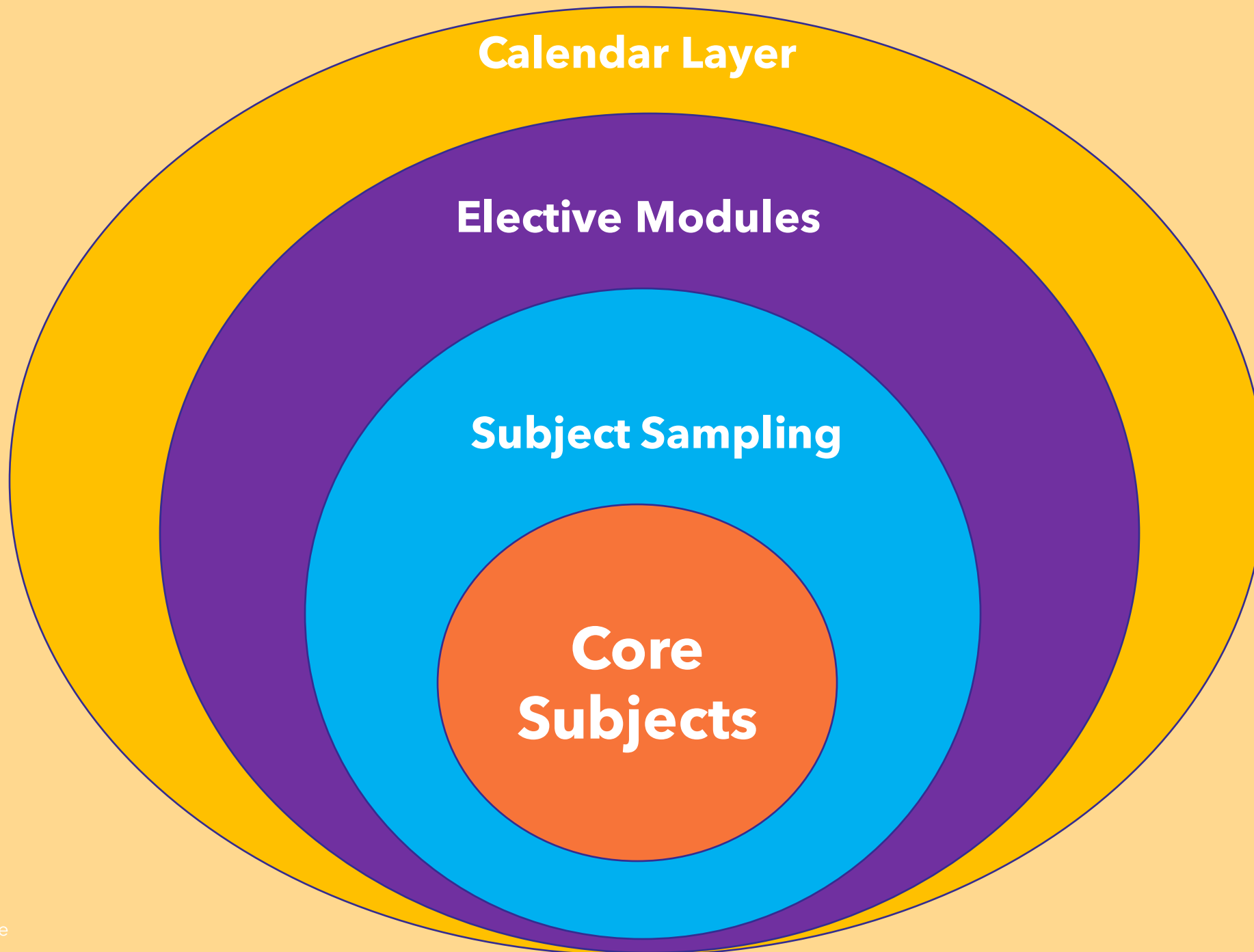
Education for Maturity with emphasis on social awareness and increased social competence

## Soft Skills

Learn new skills- team work, communication and interpersonal - which are greatly in demand by employers.

## Third Level

Students more likely to go on to third level and choose careers more wisely having done career investigations and work experience.



# Subjects

## Core

- English
- Maths
- Gaeilge

## Leaving Cert Samplers

- Art/Home Economics/Music
- Business/Accounting/Economics
- DCG/Engineering/Construction
- Physics/Chemistry/Biology
- Leaving Cert PE/Computer Science
- French/German/Geography/History

The new specifications for Biology, Physics, & Chemistry come on stream in 2025 which would mean a move away from 100% summative assessment to a 60% exam and 40% project

# Wellbeing



- Religion
- PE
- SPHE
- Tutorial
- Relationships & Sexuality
- Career Guidance

# Elective Modules

## Hobby or Career

- Horticulture
- Photography
- Car Maintenance
- Hair & Beauty
- Childcare
- Animal Care
- Artistic Performance
- Scifest
- Junk Kouture

## Digital Worlds

- Information Technology
- Digital Media Literacy
- Coding
- Robotics
- Lego
- Virtual Reality
- AI

## Worldly Wise

- Climate Change
- Sustainability
- Philosophy
- World Affairs
- Politics
- Criminology
- Debating
- Charity Work
- Yoga/Judo
- Enterprise



# Work Experience

	<b>Details</b>
Days	1 day per week
When	Fridays - 6 weeks in school (Sep-Oct), 12 Fridays (Oct-Feb), second 12 Friday (Feb-May)
Where	In a workplace in which may benefit your future career
Who	Organised by Programme Coordinator - Vetting needed for over 16 year olds, done in school

# SOME OF OUR WORKSHOPS/EVENTS



**BARISTA COURSE**



**FEMALE TECH IN  
EXPO**



**CPR FOR SCHOOLS**



**IWA INCLUSION**



**GOOGLE -INTERNET  
SAFETY WORKSHOP**



**ADDAMS FAMILY  
MUSICAL**



**FORENSIC JFK**



**LEGO LEAGUE**

# SOME OF OUR GUEST SPEAKERS



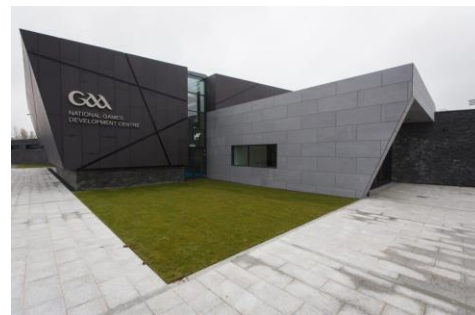
Toast Masters



Soar Workshop



Rubbish Film Festival



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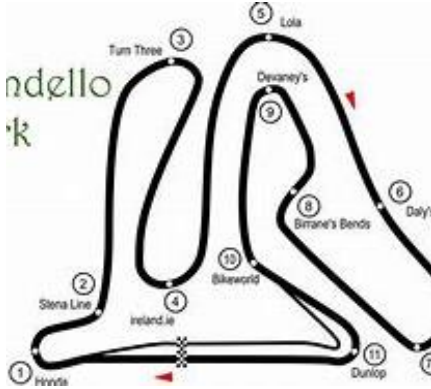


Think Smart

# DAYS AWAY.....



# MORE TO COME...



**NAVAN JUNIOR DRIVING**



**SCIFEST**



**OVERSEAS TRIP**



**B-SAFE FIRE PROGRAMME**



**JUNK KUTURE**



**MEATH RIVER RESCUE**



**VELODRONE**



**TY FORMAL**

<b>Costing</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>TY Bonding Trip</b>	<b>€100</b>
<b>Theatre Visit</b>	<b>€25</b>
<b>Gaisce Registration &amp; Trip</b>	<b>€80</b>
<b>Food School</b>	<b>€16</b>
<b>Barista Workshop</b>	<b>€20</b>
<b>Soar Workshop</b>	<b>€25</b>
<b>Epic Museum &amp; Kilmainham Gaol</b>	<b>€35</b>
<b>Navan Driving Experience (one to one lesson)</b>	<b>€75</b>
<b>University Trip</b>	<b>€10</b>
<b>Forensic Workshop</b>	<b>€10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>€425</b>

# Who should do TY?

## Subtitle

- Flexible learner
- Somebody seeking life experiences, new hobbies or fun
- Students who would like more time to consider subject choices and careers

## Subtitle

- Somebody who wants a chance to build up their CV or portfolio for college
- Somebody who wants to become more mature, confident and independent
- Motivated individuals

## Assessment

Award	Credits
Distinction	450-500
Merit	300-449
Pass	200-299
Participation Only	0-199

Credit Based (500 credits).

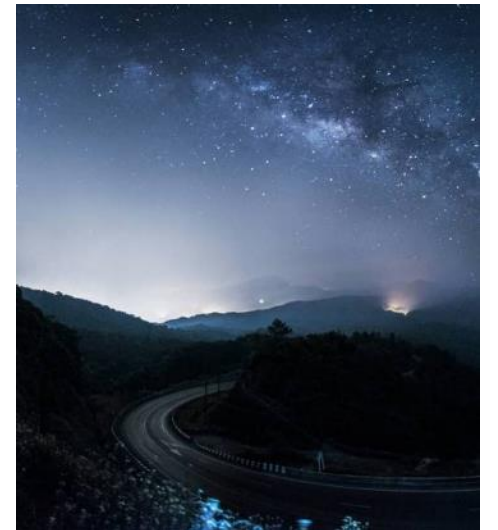
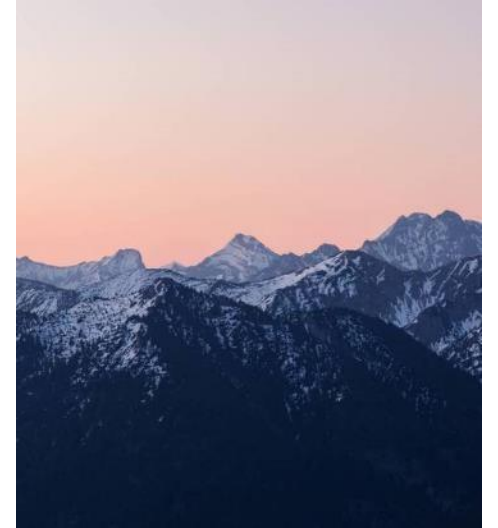


# Assessment

<b>Attendance &amp; Punctuality</b>	<b>90% minimum</b>	<b>50</b>
Core Subjects	30 credits each Portfolio Formal Exams (Semester 1 & 3)/Formative (Continuous) Assessment Semester 2	90
Subject Sampling	10 credits per module Portfolio Continuous Assessment	80
TY Enrichment Modules	15 credits per module Portfolio	60
Work Experience	Attendance, Evaluation, Employer's report	60
Wellbeing: PE, RSE, World of Work	Participation Portfolio	30
Extra-Curricular: GAISCE	Sports teams, leadership, eg, mentors etc....	30
Portfolio	Interview, Content	100

# Next Steps

1. Application Form due (Wed 21 Feb)
2. Interview with TY Panel
3. Speed dating with current and past TYs
4. Bonding Session before end of May





# Thank you