
TRANSITION YEAR MODULES

GAEILGE

The Irish transition year programme in St. Brogan's College will offer the pupils an opportunity to improve their spoken Irish. Students are in mixed ability classes. A number of projects will be completed throughout the year on language and culture. Students will be encouraged to read contemporary material. Students will build on their skills from the Junior Certificate.

ENGLISH

The English course focuses on preparing students for the demands of the Leaving Cert programme. They study a novel from the leaving cert syllabus. Film studies, functional and personal writing will all form integral parts of the TY programme. Students will be encouraged to engage with texts and develop their critical and analytical skills. Students will have the opportunity to sample texts and material from the leaving cert course and improve their reading and writing skills in the process. English in TY will give students the chance to enjoy the subject and learn how to express opinions, formulate an argument and write effectively, essential skills for Leaving Cert and for life.

MATHS

The aims and objectives of the transition year maths module are in line with the aims and objectives of the Leaving Cert Mathematics course. We aim to build on and further develop the skills of the students from their Junior Cert course. Topics examined include arithmetic, calculus, algebra, probability and statistics to develop the student's procedural, analytical and problem solving skills and to provide the students with a solid knowledge foundation from which to build their Leaving Cert on. An appreciation of maths is fostered and an awareness of the history of maths is developed. An application of what is learned in the

classroom is applied to real-life situations.

ACCOUNTING

The aim of the module is to give students a taste of the Leaving Cert subject accounting and also to show them the many benefits of this subject for them in their own lives both inside and outside of school. Therefore there is a gradual introduction using the knowledge they have gained from Junior Cert whilst also allowing those who did not study the subject a chance to try to pick it up. The course comprises of Trading accounts, Profit & Loss accounts, Balance Sheet, Budgeting, computerised accounts, Analysis of Final Accounts and a project.

CHEMISTRY

This is a 10 week module. An array of chemistry experiments are carried out, making Oxygen, Hydrogen, Iodine. Topics like The Atom, Ozone layer, Greenhouse effect etc. are discussed. This module will benefit students whether they follow a career in chemistry or not.

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Agricultural science is the study of the technology and science underlying both the principles and practices involved in agriculture. Agricultural science involves the application of known scientific principles to the production of food and fibre for human use.

ART, CRAFTS, DESIGN

Students of TY are introduced to the varied disciplines of the visual arts. Elements of the course involve animation, illustration, observational drawing, 3d clay modelling, graphic design, art appreciation and much more.

SOCIAL PERSONAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION MODULE

Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) provides students with a unique opportunity to develop the skills and competence to learn about themselves. They learn to make informed decisions about their health, personal lives and social development. The curriculum includes belonging and integrating, self-management, communication skills, physical health, friendship, relationships and sexuality, emotional health, substance use and personal safety.

ON MY OWN TWO FEET

This course is aimed at the development of personal and social skills for the prevention of substance abuse. It helps to enable students to develop their ability to take charge of their health. Students learn to make informed decisions about the use of drugs legally and illegally in their lives. Other topics include identity and self esteem, understanding influences, feelings, and decision making.

MAGAZINE MODULE

All three transition classes are currently in the process of making an Annual School Magazine "Brogan's Best" As this project is self-financing students organise sponsorship to defray expenses. Students have responsibility for this very onerous

task, together with the marketing and distribution of the finished product. Producing a school magazine is both enjoyable and of great educational value as much is learned about research, design, layout, editing, printing, sales and marketing. Later in the module students will also be afforded the opportunity to take part in the Irish Times School Magazine competition which takes place in February 2009. Prizes will be awarded to the best entrants. A guest speaker will visit the class throughout the year to give talks on the various aspects of Media.

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COMPUTER STUDIES

The ECDL covers basic computer skills and the use of common applications in the workplace, the home and in society in general. When all seven modules are completed, the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) is awarded by ICS SKILLS.

Module 1: Concepts of Information Technology

Module 2: Using a computer and managing files

Module 3: Word Processing

Module 4: Spreadsheets

Module 5: Databases

Module 6: Presentation

Module 7: Information and communications

HORTICULTURE MODULE

This is a general course covering such topics as landscaping, famous gardens, propagation, fruit & vegetable production, pests and diseases. Wreath making is also carried out before Christmas.

MODULE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

This module is about environmental awareness. The green flag from An Taisce was awarded to St Brogan's college for the work that had been completed on recycling awareness. Phase 2 of the green flag is in existence in the school and emphasis is now being placed on energy reduction. Batteries, ink-cartridges, mobile phones, cans and plastic bottles are now being recycled.

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POLITICAL STUDIES

This course looks at the different types of governments, the current political system in Ireland, the EU, the UN, child labour, and child soldiers.

HERITAGE

This course is based on local history. It looks at the Crossbarry ambush, the Bandon area, Beal Na Blath, history through music, proverbs, the Titanic, and family history.

TOURISM AWARENESS MODULE

This programme is a Failte Ireland initiative endorsed by the Department of Education and Science and the Travel and Tourism Programme in Ireland. Its aims are to promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of the students and to prepare them for their role as autonomous participative and responsible members of society. It fulfils the responsibility of Failte Ireland as set down in the National Tourism Development Act 2003 “to encourage, promote and support recruitment, training and education and development of persons for the purposes of employment in connection with the tourism industry in the state.” The programme can be offered as a single term module comprising 8–10 weeks with 2–3 classes a week. The outline of the course is as follows: introduction to tourism, tourism education and training, tourism and heritage and finally tourism and culture. Failte Ireland will award certification to students who successfully complete this programme.

CAREER GUIDANCE MODULE

Career Categories

Aptitude testing differential Aptitude testing (DATS)

Visit to Careers Exhibition

Careers Software www.careerdirections.ie

www.qualifax.ie

CAREERS INVESTIGATION PROJECT

Points System: how to calculate Leaving Cert points

CAO System: how college places are allocated

Further Education & Training option: FAS Apprenticeships, Defence Forces, Failte Ireland etc...

JOB SEARCH SKILLS

Writing a CV

Preparation for Work Experience

Work Experience Diary

Leaving Cert options: Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (LCVP) Leaving Cert applied (LCA)

Subject choice for Leaving Cert: individual interview and class based work

Guest speakers from Third level Institutions, FAS, Defence Forces etc...

One week Transition Year Taster Programme in Cork Institute of Technology for approx. 10 students.

One week Introduction to UCC programme for approximately 4 students.

SAFE FOOD FOR LIFE PROGRAMME

This programme offers students the chance to develop an understanding and awareness of food safety. Students sit an on-line examination and if successful are accredited by the Environmental Health Officers' Association.