



Naas CBS Transition Year



Incoming Transition Year Students for 2025/26

Information for incoming 3rd year Parents and Students.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into TY next year and hope we can make it as action packed and eventful as this year's programme.

Your journey in TY starts now, and it is important you start prepping for your year in order to maximise its potential.

Work Experience

The dates we have set for work experience are:

Work Exp Week 1 - 10th November

Work Exp Week 2 - 17th November

Work Exp Week 3 - 3rd February 2026

Work Exp Week 4 - 9th February 2026

Time off school for part time work is strictly forbidden. On occasion, we do allow students to partake in additional work experience outside of our timetabled blocks, however it must be authorised by the year head, coordinator and principal.

****Please Note****

Applications regarding the Defence Forces TY Programme, Air Corps TY Programme & The Garda TY Programme will be announced once school returns. The forms will be distributed from the school and returned to Mr.Coy

There are many companies/businesses/organisations offering specific TY programmes such as the RCSI, SAP, HP, Queally Group, DNG, Failte Ireland, Pfizer etc.



Carlingford Adventure Trip

The dates for our trip to Carlingford are:

Tuesday September 23rd - Thursday September 25th 2025

Gaisce

All students partake in the Gaisce Award during TY. Gaisce is the most prestigious award in Ireland and is a challenge to young people from the president of Ireland.

Your Gaisce experience is whatever you want it to be – you choose your own activities for each challenge area: Develop a Skill. Help your Community. Get Active. Go on an Adventure!

Each student will have a set teacher who acts as their PAL leader and monitors their progress.

For now, you should consider what activity you can do in each challenge area mentioned above.

For more information look at the website: <https://www.gaisce.ie/get-involved/>

Community Weeks

Each class group will do one week of voluntary community work. The dates for this will be set in August/September

We do this so that our students get the opportunity to give back to their local community, to experience the fantastic voluntary work undertaken by so many on our behalf, and to see another side to community organisations and people within our communities.

It is a good idea to begin thinking about what voluntary organisation you can get involved with, and perhaps make a connection over the summer break.

This could also contribute to the community aspect of your Gaisce award.

See information about the Arch Club at the end of this document as an option. Other options might include Naas No Name Club, Naas Special Olympics, KWWSPCA etc.

Foreign Trips

We had two very successful trips to Cologne & Barcelona this year, and we will look to organise more for the 2025/26 programme. Details for these trips will be confirmed in September.

The year is yours for the making!

We encourage students to make the year their own and use it as an opportunity to do the things they might not ordinarily get the chance to do.

Parental support is key in this process.

If any incoming students have something they would like to see incorporated into the year please let me know and we can look to make it happen!

There are a huge number of external TY specific programmes and events run throughout the year. I will send out notice of any information I receive but it is a good idea to start having a look online now, or speak with current TY students to get an idea of what options are out there.

Some include:

[DCU Early University Entrance](#)

[STEPS Engineering](#)

[STEM@ Universi-TY \(Trinity College\)](#)

[Barretstown Residential Programme](#)

[TCD School of Physics](#)

[CIT School of Music Programme](#)

[Trinity College TY Programmes](#)

I look forward to the year ahead.

Mise le meas,



Stephen Coy

Transition Year Coordinator

sc@naascbs.ie

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Friendly volunteers
needed to join our team

Arch Club is a social club for
adults with intellectual
disabilities.

Our purpose is to
provide fun & friendship
to our members.



Naas Arch Club has been
running for 20 years

Tuesday 7.30-9.15pm
St Marys College

Earn your Gaisce award
while having fun

Go on ...Get in touch
Joan 087 6772088



National Federation
of Arch Clubs



GAISCE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Naas Arch Club.
We require a continuous 26 weeks volunteering commitment for
the benefit of our members.

Fill in your details and return the form to joan.m.allen@gmail.com
We will be in touch early Sept when you & a parent/guardian will be
invited to meet with us before your place is confirmed.

Name : _____

Date of Birth : _____

Address: _____

Phone &
email: _____

School _____

Name & Number of
Referee: _____

Why would you like to volunteer with us?