



Naas CBS Transition Year



Transition Year - Back to School 2024

Information for Transition Year Parents and Students.

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Dear TY Parents/ Guardians & Students,

We hope you are keeping well and we look forward to communicating with you throughout the year. We are looking forward to welcoming students back to school this Thursday. Plans have commenced for Transition Year and we intend to proceed with the same spirit and determination that makes the TY program in Naas CBS unique to all other schools.

Some important points:

- **It is vital that parents update the medical form available on the school app. The Medical Form is located on the left-hand blue panel under 'My Student'. If you have any specific medical issue that you would like me to be aware of please let me know via email sc@naascbs.ie**
- **Class lists and timetables are still being finalised. Keep an eye on VSware for updates regarding class allocation.**

Student Induction and Return to School

The Transition Year group will start their year doing a 2 hour induction session with their form classes, form teachers and Year Head.

Class lists and timetables are still being finalised. Keep an eye on the app for updates.

This will take place on Thursday 29th August

Thursday 29th August		Room
4A + 4B	9.00 - 11.00	2/20
4C + 4D	11.10 - 13.10	2/20
4E + 4F + 4G	14.00 - 16.00	2/20

Please note:

- Students need only to come in for their induction start time, not beforehand.
- Students can go home after their induction session.
- On Friday 30th August students will attend normal classes beginning at 9.00a.m.

Carlingford Adventure Trip 24th - 26th September

Our first major team building event of the year will take place from the 24th - 26th September. This is a two night/ three day overnight trip for students to Carlingford Adventure Centre. More details to follow.

This is one of the highlights of the year and a great opportunity for students to experience new thrills whilst getting to know one another.

Please contact me if you have any queries about this trip, or if you know that your son cannot attend.

It is also important that we have up to date medical information for your son(s).

Work Experience

Work experience is one of the drawing factors for many students to do Transition Year. For many it is the highlight of the year giving invaluable experiences and helping students grow toward maturity.

The following are our timetabled blocks for work experience which were decided upon last May:

Block 1	Week 1	11th - 15th November
	Week 2	18th - 22nd November
Block 2	Week 3	4th February - 7th February
	Week 4	10th - 14th February

It is expected that students will complete work experience in a workplace environment. Students must obtain a placement for the dates outlined above.

If a student has the option of doing work placement outside of our timetabled blocks we will also try to accommodate this on an individual basis.

In the meantime if you know of someone, or perhaps a business/company that might be interested in linking in with the school for our work experience modules albeit in any virtual/ physical capacity I would love to hear from you. Please contact me at any time sc@naascbs.ie

Communication, School App & School Website

I plan to use an email mailing list to communicate with parents about all things relevant to TY.

[Please submit your email address via the following link to stay updated](#)

The school app is also a main method of communication with students and parents. All TYs and parents must download the school app. It will be used to communicate all of the various elements and important notices that happen throughout the year. Check regularly for updates.

We also have a Transition Year notification category within the main news feed of the school app to allow users to filter content specific to TY.

This can be seen at the top of your notification feed.

I also plan to update the Transition Year section of the school website to allow access to various forms etc. required during the year. I will send out a notice once this is live.

Additional TY Information

TY Calendar

Every year I use a specific shared TY calendar to mark in all events that happen during the year. This is available to Students & Parents.

[Click here to access the 2024 25 Calendar](#)

It will fill up quickly over the coming weeks as dates are finalised so keep an eye on it.

Class Timetable

Students timetables will currently have several blank spaces. These will be filled in on their return to school as they are classes that require allocating students e.g languages, science etc.

Google Classroom & Sites

Students will be working mainly in a digital format. Our school's digital learning platform is Google Classroom. Most students will be familiar with this from previous years.

It will be imperative that students use their school Google accounts for all school work and communication. Personal accounts will not be allowed. During induction we will aim to have every student access their account again.

It is important that students have Google Classroom, Gmail and the school app downloaded onto their phone as these will be our main sources of communication.

Students will compile a digital portfolio using Google Sites. The students will be given all the relevant guidance to do this.

Gaisce - The President's Award

All students will partake in the Gaisce programme. Over the year students must participate in personal, physical and community challenges. We will set this up once students are in school.

Some clubs who have opened applications to TY students are listed below.

Arch Club

[Arch Club Information](#)

[Arch Club Gaisce Application Form](#)

Naas No Name Club

Registration Link can be found here: <https://linktr.ee/naasnnc>


Naas Park Run

Naas parkrun, a free 5k event that takes place every Saturday at 9.30am throughout the year at Naas racecourse. <https://www.parkrun.ie/naas/>

Naas parkrun is run by volunteers and it is a wonderful opportunity for TY Gaisce students to fulfil their community volunteering requirements.

Every parkrun depends each week on a wide range of volunteers to deliver a free event to their community and there is a volunteer role to suit all interests.

Students would be required to volunteer from 9.00am -10.30 on Saturday mornings for 13 weeks over the academic year. All the roles are very simple and include setting-up the course, time-keeping, handing out finishing tokens to scanning barcodes. Full training will be given to students.



It is the mission of parkrun to break down all barriers to physical activity for all members of society. As a result, participating in Naas parkrun would be an excellent way to complete that aspect of the Gaisce journey.

All volunteering and parkruns completed are documented online and every event will have a Run Director who can sign off on volunteering completed every week.

If any of your students are interested in volunteering please email us at naas@parkrun.com for more details or come down to Naas racecourse any Saturday at 9.30am.

Katherine Kissane

Event Director

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/naasparkrun/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/naasparkrun>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/naasparkrun/>

Naas Community First Responders (CFR)

The CFR group is looking for TY students to attend their bi weekly (evening) training at K-Leisure, which can be counted towards Gaisce.

If this is of interest, the Chair of the Naas group is Jill Higgins, who can be contacted at naascfr@gmail.com.

Special Olympics Naas

The special olympics club in Naas are always looking for TY volunteers

[Contact here](#)

Community Weeks

Each class group will do one week of voluntary community work.

4C	30th September - 4th October
4A	14th - 19th October
4E	3rd - 7th March
4D	10th - 14th March
4B	24th - 28th March
4G	30th March - 4th April
4F	28th April - 2nd May

[Please see the information here](#)

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.

Where should I look for my placement?

Firstly ask your parents, friends, relatives and especially past TY students for ideas. Some examples...charity shops, sports clubs, Tidy Towns, Nursing homes, Animal rescue shelters, any one of the many school clubs and extra - curricular activities, St Vincent De Paul, GAA club, Nursing home, local library, all Schools, Saplings, Churches and Parish activities, sports clubs, local resident's associations, Dog home, Environmental organisation, Food Bank,and so on.

What hours / duties are required of me?

We would hope you can provide at least 6 hours a day for 5 days. Work this out with your contact but try to give a meaningful amount of time in order to make a difference and try to undertake real tasks and duties which make a difference in our community.

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

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:

- <https://www.tcd.ie/scss/second-level-students/> - The School of Computer Science and Statistics second level students page is now live
- <https://sia.ie/school-education-program/> (School of Archaeology)
- [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,

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