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INTRODUCTION TO TRANSITION YEAR 2019

Kilkenny College is fully committed to the Transition Year Programme. We believe it is an initiative that allows students the time and space to develop and mature without the pressure of examinations. Past years have demonstrated how confidence and self esteem are acquired while students develop socially, personally, physically and academically through involvement in a broad range of activities.

During the year the world of work is experienced and possible career choices explored. There is emphasis on self regulated learning and skills that help provide a strong foundation for Leaving Certificate.

The aim of this booklet is to provide parents/guardians and students with information regarding the Transition Year Programme within Kilkenny College. In addition, there will be a **presentation on Transition Year, for parents/guardians/agents only, in the College at 6pm on Monday 26th August in the Jonathan Swift building**. Students will have an induction day on Tuesday 27th August in the Study Hall.

The cost per student for Transition Year is €200 or €100 per term which is charged on your fee invoice in August and in January also.

This booklet can also be viewed on the Kilkenny College website www.tyeye.ie

NOTE:

In order to facilitate ease of payment of Transition Year Activities, Kilkenny College is now using the MIT online payment system. This means that you can pay through our secure online system by Credit or Debit Card and keep track of payments paid and print off a receipt.

Richard Willis.
Transition Year Co-ordinator 2019

Please note that the information provided is as up to date as possible, as of the 9th August 2019.

COMPONENTS OF TRANSITION YEAR 2019

In addition to the student's academic subjects they will participate in the following programmes.

- Short Courses
- Long Courses
- Work Shops
- Trips
- Speakers
- Work Experience
- Extra Curricular Activities
- TY Project
- Developmental Sessions

SHORT COURSES

The purpose of a short course is to provide information or develop skills that will be of use to all students during or on leaving school and are compulsory. They comprise of a double period each week for four weeks and include the following:

- Physical Fitness
- SocieTY
- Philosophies
- Survival Cooking
- World of Music
- Art
- Injury and Emergency Response
- Psychology
- Robotics
- Money Matters
- Metal Design
- Dream Trip
- Year book
- Tourism

LONG COURSES

Long courses run for a triple period on Thursday and are nine weeks in duration.

More details regarding the courses content will be provided to parents at the meeting on 26th August and to students on 27th August. Choices will need to be submitted on the morning of Monday 2nd September. There is absolutely no point in submitting course options until then.

Thursday Long Courses:

During the year students will select three courses to participate in. More courses will have been added by the time we meet with parents on 26th August. At present options include:

- Sports Coaching
- World of Food
- Film Making
- Outdoor Skills
- Event Production
- Product Design in Wood
- Computer Science
- Exploring Science
- Classical Studies
- Higher Music
- Recording Production
- Photography
- Creative Writing

WORKSHOPS

During the year there will be a number of workshops conducted by staff and visiting presenters.

Planned for Thursday 29th and Friday 30th of August are workshops which include:

- Self-disclosure and Goal Setting
- Percussion
- Zumba

These particular workshops coincide with the Tramore Trip and will involve students participating in the workshops on one of the days and travelling to Tramore on the other.

TRIPS

- **Tramore, Co. Waterford**

In conjunction with Oceanics Surf School we hope to take all students to Tramore, where they will complete a surfing certificate and participate in a guided environmental walk of Tramore's sand dune and salt marsh systems.

This will be a one day trip and there will be a cost to each student of €50, which will be included on your fee invoice. This will be refunded if the student does not participate. Students will be participating on one of the following dates. Thursday 29th August or Friday 30th August 2019.

www.oceanics.ie

Tour Organiser: Richard Willis

Any student who is not travelling to Venice or Barcelona has the opportunity to sign up for the Outdoor Pursuit Trip to Achill.

- **Outdoor Pursuit Trip**

An Outdoor Pursuit Trip to the Achill Outdoor Education Centre, website:

www.achilloutdoor.com

Date: Friday 6th – Monday 9th September 2019

Cost: €190

Tour Organiser: Richard Willis

This is a 3 night trip and involves a lot of time on the water, surfing, windsurfing and coast-steering.

The trip is happening very quickly and students wishing to go will need to submit payment (**see information on our new on-line payment system overleaf**) and medical consent forms by **Monday 26th August**. A consent form is included in this booklet and is also available to download on the tyeye.ie website. This is a very active trip and a good quality coat and appropriate footwear will be needed.

- **Venice, Verona, Lake Garda**

This trip was advertised to students before the end of the school. **The application process is now closed.**

- **Barcelona**

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- **Day Trips**

There will be a variety of day trips offered to students of which they will choose two. The trips will be advertised during the Induction meetings.

French Exchange

We are pleased to be able to confirm we will be able to offer a French Exchange to 4th Form students during this year. Details are currently being finalised. Information will be provided to all students and parents/guardians as soon as this has been completed.

SPEAKERS

Throughout the school year a number of speakers representing areas such as the environment, health, social issues and business will present to the students. If parents can assist the College in finding appropriate speakers we would be most grateful.

WORK EXPERIENCE

During the year each student will complete two one-week blocks of work experience. The weeks are February 3rd - February 7th and February 10th – February 14th 2020.

It is important that students decide on the type of work they wish to explore and seek employers that are willing to accommodate them as soon as possible. The responsibility to find Work Experience rests with the students.

On special circumstances students may obtain Work Experience at other times, during the school year, but it is vital for insurance reasons that the College is notified as soon as possible.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **First Aid Course**
A full First Aid course is available at a cost of €110.
- **Gaisce** - The President's Award – Is Ireland's very own National Challenge Award. Students volunteer to participate and are set challenges in areas such as community involvement, personal skill, physical recreation and adventure. To participate students go to www.gaisce.ie and register, this costs €15.
- **ECDL – European Computer Driving Licence**
ECDL is a test of practical skills and competencies in Work Processing, Spreadsheets, Database, Presentation, Managing Files and Concepts of Information Technology. The cost of completing ECDL outside school is €300, however the course is being offered within school to our students for €125.

Check list

Please ensure, by Monday 26th August, you have:

- Completed and submitted the Medical Consent form for the Tramore Surf Trip
- Completed and submitted the Medical Consent form and made payment of €190 on our new online system for the Achill Trip (**see instructions overleaf**)
- Considered long course options for Thursday
- Considered extra curricular activities
 - ECDL, cost of €125
 - First Aid as an evening class, cost €110
 - Registering on the Gaisce website to do the Bronze Award, cost €15
- Have a A4 clip folder with refill pad and plastic envelopes specifically for TY.

<h1 style="text-align: center;">INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">(Transition Year Activities only)</h2>
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To set up your online payment account:

1. Go to the school webpage – www.kilkennycollege.ie
2. For your first time to login select the Create Account button.
3. Enter your child's first name, surname and PPS Number.
4. Press NEXT
5. You will be asked to enter an email address and mobile number for further communication (This email address will be used as your username). You must also create and confirm a password which will be used to log back into the system. You will then be asked to answer a recovery question. This will be used if you forget your password at any stage. Keep a secure record of these as you will use them to login on future occasions.
6. Note that you can edit your child's personal and contact details on the system. If you notice an error in your details please click on the edit button and update once corrections have been made. Please tick the box confirming your details are now correct and click the confirm button.
7. Choose your child's name to make a payment
8. Choose the amount you wish to pay from the payment dropdown menu and click the Next button. If you have any difficulties at this stage, please phone the school office.
9. You can print and/or save your receipt.

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