

EUREKA



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Transition Year Programme 2021/2022

The Mission....

EUREKA



To promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participative, and responsible members of society.

Department of Education & Skills

What is Transition Year

Transition Year is an optional one year, school-based programme between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle.

It is designed to act a bridge between the two by facilitating the smooth transition from the more dependent learning of Junior Cycle to the more independent, self directed learning required for Senior Cycle.

It also allows students **TIME** to acquire and develop skills and competencies.



In Eureka

Transition Year provides students with an opportunity to...

- +Engage in **independent, self directed learning...**
- +Which focuses on the **development of the individual student...**
- +While at the same time **building self confidence, self esteem, social awareness and maturity**



Why chose TY?

Age can be a factor.

Academic Advantages.

The advantage of Work Experience & Career Investigations.

The advantage of subject choice for Senior Level.

Self confidence and Leadership.

Time to explore areas of interest and hobbies.

Personal Development.

Self discovery – what am I good at?

Experiential education.

Social Contribution.

Transition Year in Eureka.



**SCHOOL BASED AND
CONSIDERS ETHOS, RESOURCES
AND THE AIMS OF THE
SCHOOL.**



STUDENT FOCUSED



VARIED METHODOLOGIES



**SCHOOL BASED
ASSESSMENT AND
CERTIFICATION**

What is expected of our Transition Year Students.



Commitment & Motivation – to the year, to work, deadlines, assignments, each other!



Enthusiasm – Get involved – break the boundaries and reach for your goals, try everything!



Ambition – to go that one step further!



Co-operation – with TY teaching team, employers, guest speakers...



Be open to new ideas - to forging new links and experiencing all that TY has to offer



Initiative – put forward ideas, learn a new skill, take an interest!

Transition Year is made up of 4 main layers

Core Layer

Irish	English
Mathematics	Religion
Modern Foreign Language	MOS
Physical Education	Career Guidance

Leaving Cert Subject Sampling Layer

- +Accounting +Agricultural Science
- +Art + Applied Mathematics
- +Biology +Business
- +Chemistry + DCG
- +Geography
- +History +Home Economics
- +Music
- +Physics

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Module or Subject Layer

- + Community Care
 - + Film Studies
- + Environmental Science
 - + Horticulture
 - + Law
- + Mini Company
- + Peer Education
 - + Politics
- + Public Speaking
 - + Sociology
 - + Technology
- + Young Social Innovators
- + Business Enterprise

Calendar 'Once-Off' Layer

- + Work Experience
- + Mock Interviews
- + Guest Speakers
- + Charity Fundraisers
 - + School Musical
 - + Gaisce Awards
- + PAL Competition
 - + Trips
- + Fashion Show
- + TY School Tour
- + Competitions: Art, Debating, Public Speaking, Poetry, Writing, BT Young Scientist, SciFest

Extra-curricular & Co-curricular Activities



Bonding Trip to Tanagh 2020





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GAISCE THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

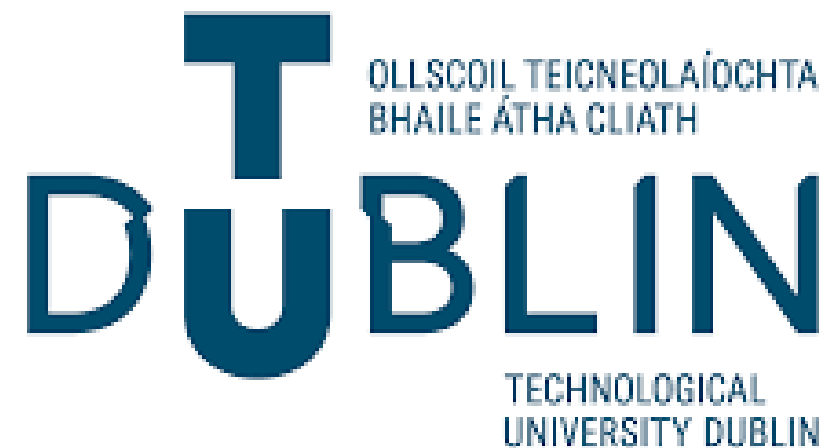
Gaisce is focused on, and driven by, the following **core values**:

- ☐ Empowerment
- ☐ Inclusion & Equality
- ☐ Respect
- ☐ Excellence



Bronze Award*	Challenge Areas				
	1.	2.	3.		
	Personal Skill	Community Involvement	Physical Recreation	Personal Skill or Community Involvement or Physical Recreation	Adventure Journey
	13 weeks	13 weeks	13 weeks	+ 13 weeks in one area	2. days, 1 night

ALL IN THE FOOD



This certificate is awarded to

Sophie Keegan

In recognition of completion of the
Science of Food Camp
held on 17th February 2021
by the
College of Sciences and Health

Signature: 

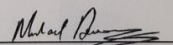
Professor Michael Devereux,
Director and Dean of College of Sciences and Health



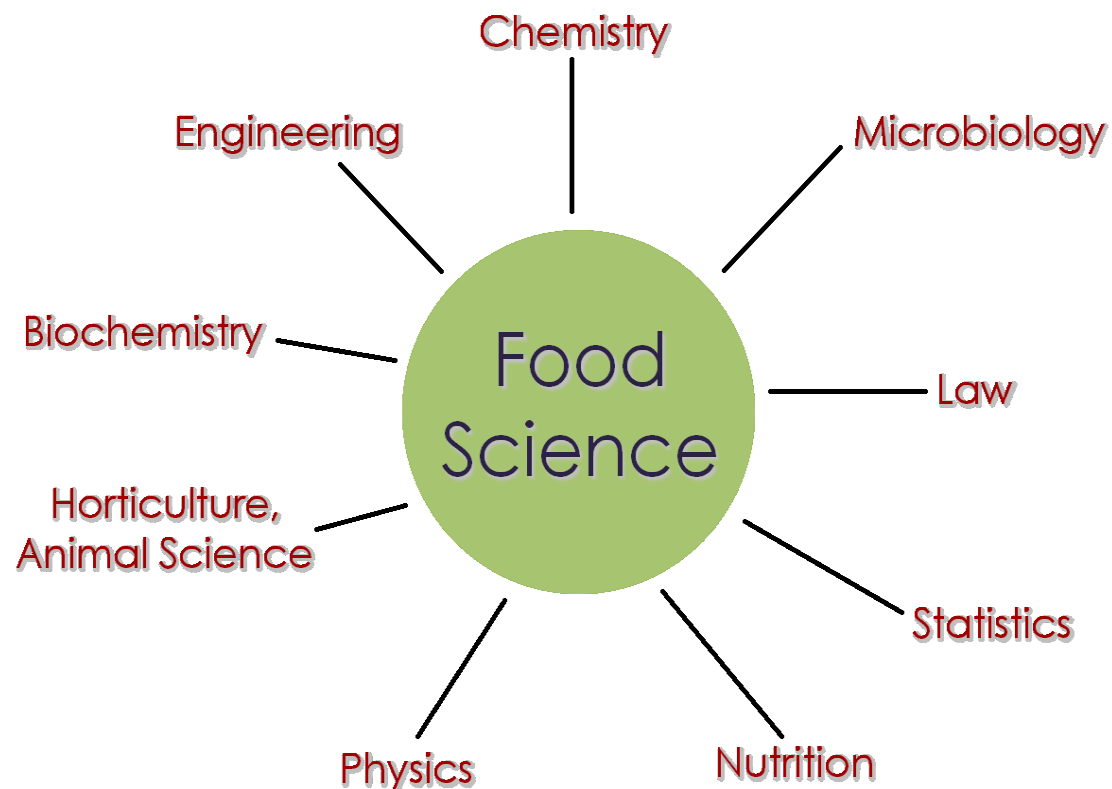
This certificate is awarded to

Roisin Murtagh

In recognition of completion of the
Science of Food Camp
held on 17th February 2021
by the
College of Sciences and Health

Signature: 

Professor Michael Devereux,
Director and Dean of College of Sciences and Health



RCSI Transition Year Programme

All sections of the programme are carried out by leading professionals in their respective areas with a wide variety of topics – including general practice, heart surgery, pathology, paediatrics, forensic medicine, transplants, obstetrics and gynaecology being covered during the programme.

- RCSI TY Mini Med
- RCSI TY Mini Pharmacy
- RCSI TY Mini Physiotherapy



RCSI

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

COLÁISTE RÍOGA NA MÁINLEÁ IN ÉIRINN

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Thoughts on Transition Year

*“Transition Year this year was not the usual experience due to Covid-19 but we still got to go on our **Bonding Trip to Tanagh**, to try out all the different subjects and modules, enter **Competitions** for various subjects and go to **Festivals** virtually. **The key is to get involved.** I really think Transition Year is worth it and would recommend it to everyone”.*

Aoibhe.

Thoughts on Transition Year

“Although our TY experience wasn’t what I had imagined especially since we spent most of it in lockdown, I learned a lot from it and am so grateful that I decided to do TY as it provided me with opportunities that I never would’ve gotten had if I had gone straight into fifth year.”

Muireann

Thoughts on Transition Year



Believe in it. Act on it.

*"We got loads of great opportunities from doing TY, such as the **RCSI Mini med course** which was so helpful and useful in planning what to do with your future, the **Go Games referee course** which is a great skill to have and will come in very handy when GAA does return, and **YSI** which has been one of the most interesting and enjoyable things we have done all year. We wouldn't have gotten to do any of this if we hadn't done TY and for that I am extremely grateful that I did decided to do it."*

Muireann

Thoughts on Transition Year

*"I have really enjoyed our TY year so far. Although it is not the TY year we were hoping for, I am so glad I did it. The teachers have kept us busy with projects and competitions that have been on throughout the year. I took part in the **Camogie Retention Competition** which was a lot of fun to do. There was 8 of us in the group and we all worked well together and even won the competition which awarded the school **€300 for camogie equipment**."*

*"I have gotten a **taste of each subject** which was very helpful because it narrowed down what subjects I am thinking of picking for 5th year and also which subjects I definitely don't want to pick."*

*"I have made so many **new friends in TY** which really has brought me closer to the whole year instead of just my own group of friends. I think TY is important for that reason because you get the chance to find more people with the same interests as you."*

*"I would really recommend TY to anybody in 3rd year because it gives you a chance to **prepare for Leaving Cert, make new friends and figure out what you want to do after school**."*

Ciara

National Finalists & All-Ireland Winners











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European Tours & Erasmus

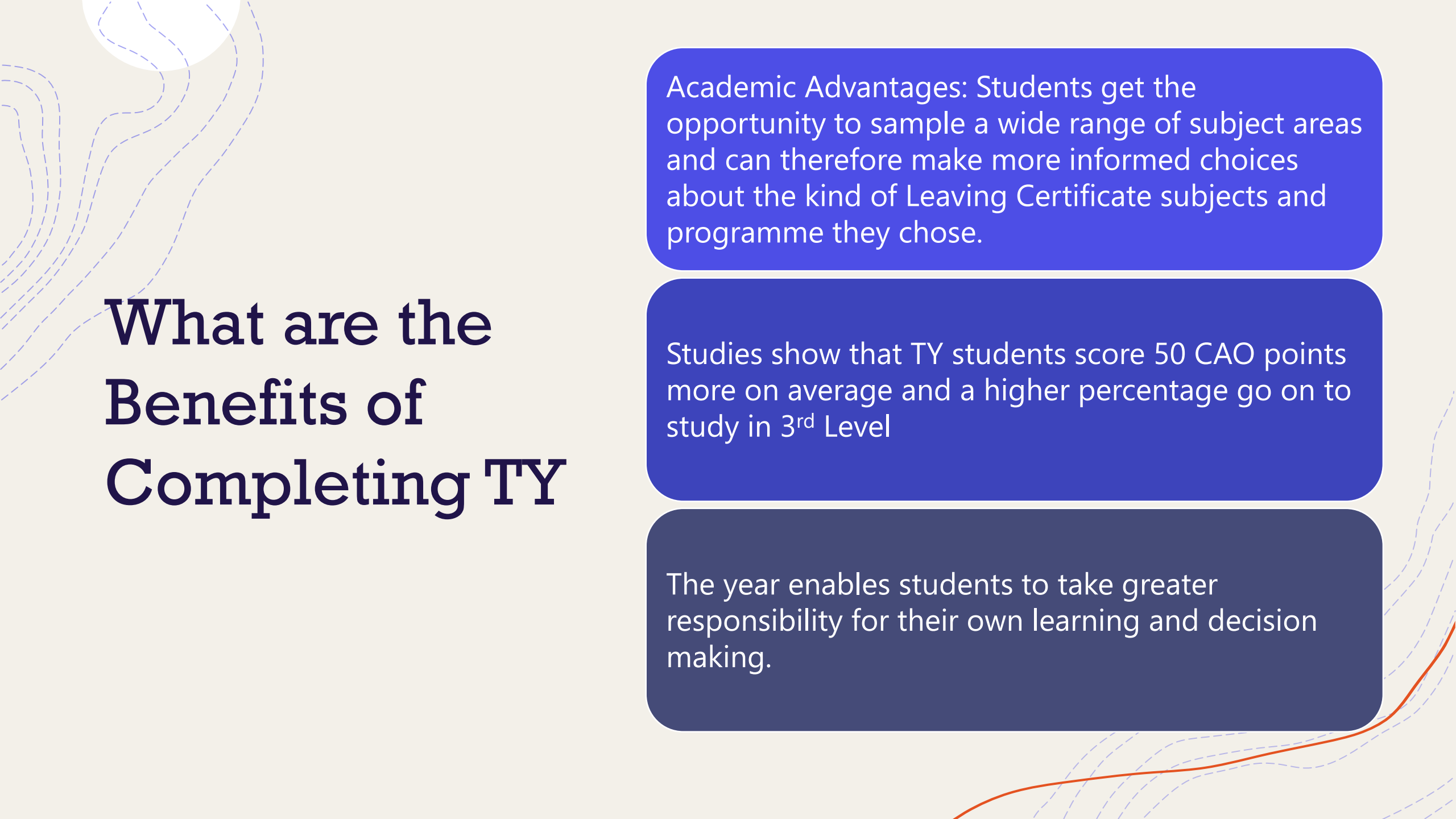


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What are the Benefits of Completing TY

Academic Advantages: Students get the opportunity to sample a wide range of subject areas and can therefore make more informed choices about the kind of Leaving Certificate subjects and programme they chose.

Studies show that TY students score 50 CAO points more on average and a higher percentage go on to study in 3rd Level

The year enables students to take greater responsibility for their own learning and decision making.

Benefits...



Career & Work Experience



Time allocation to explore different career options and then pursue work experience in these areas.



Students will get interview experience, learn to write CV's, complete Career investigations and sample 3rd level courses (Mini Med)



Benefits...

Self Confidence & Leadership.

Public speaking and Debating

Leadership Courses

Community Care





Benefits...

Personal Development.

Time Management

Team Work

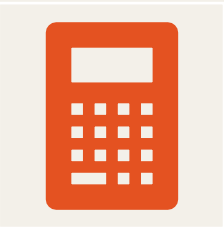
Independence

Certification

Over the course of the year students take part in various certified competitions and courses such as Young Social Innovators & GAISCE.

Students will receive a certificate of completion once all credits and assessments have been completed.

Assessment



We will use a credit-based system for each subject and module completed throughout the year.



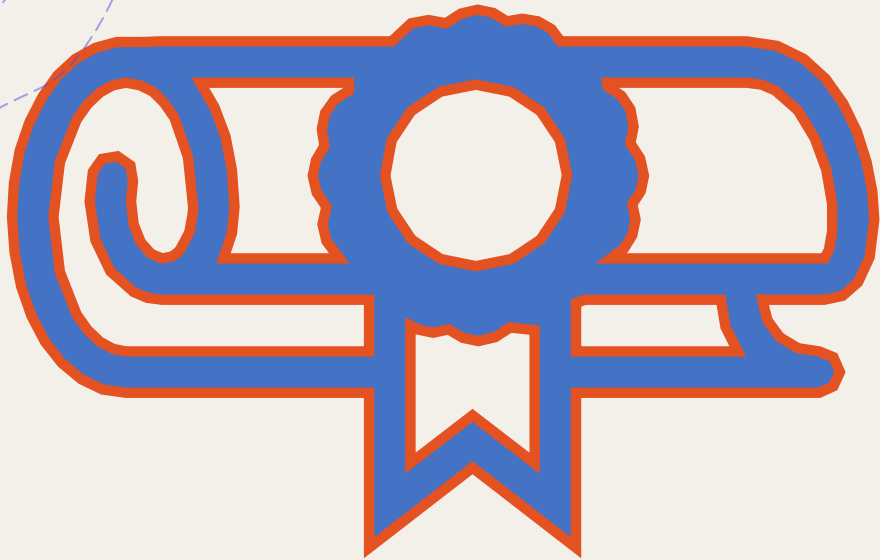
There will also be credits available for Mock interviews.



The Credit system will be negotiated between the Teacher and the students at the commencement of each module.



A Portfolio interview is held at the end the school year (May 2022) to assess the programme and student learning.



Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

2021/2022



LCA

Leaving Certificate Applied
Ardteistiméireacht Fheidhmeach

Introduction..

- + Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) is a practical Leaving Certificate Programme.
- + It places particular emphasis on preparation for the world of work and life-long learning.
- + The learning experiences of students are **active** and **practical**. This means that students apply their knowledge, skills and experience to real life situations in the school, in the workplace and in the wider community.

Rationale

- + Prepares students for adult and working life
- + Recognises talents of all pupils
- + Promotes communication and decision-making skills
- + Applies knowledge and skills to the solution of real problems

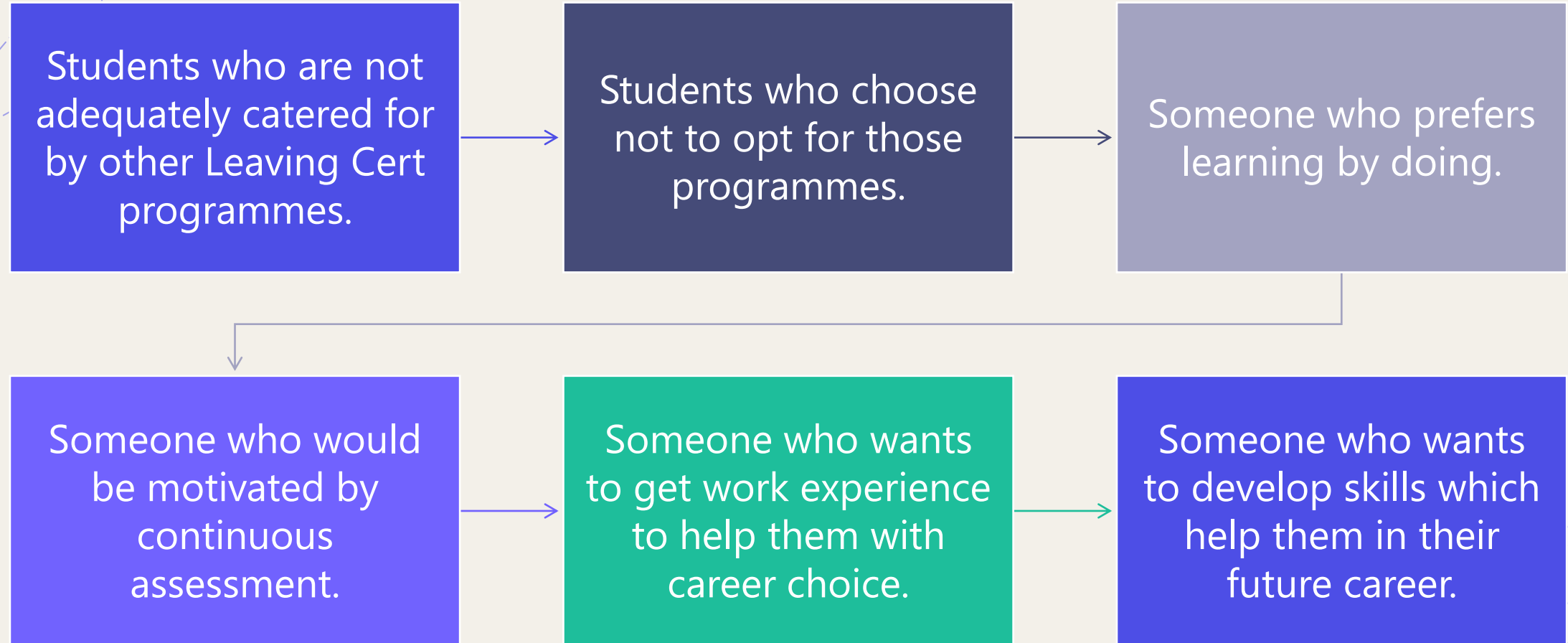


What does LCA Provide?



- + Provides students with a wealth of opportunities which enhance the self esteem and confidence of students.
- + Provides an opportunity for work experience which is a significant component of the programme. Students get to sample a range of jobs and get first hand experience of the world of work.
- + Provides regular feedback from SEC which can shape their future successes and achievements.

Who should consider LCA

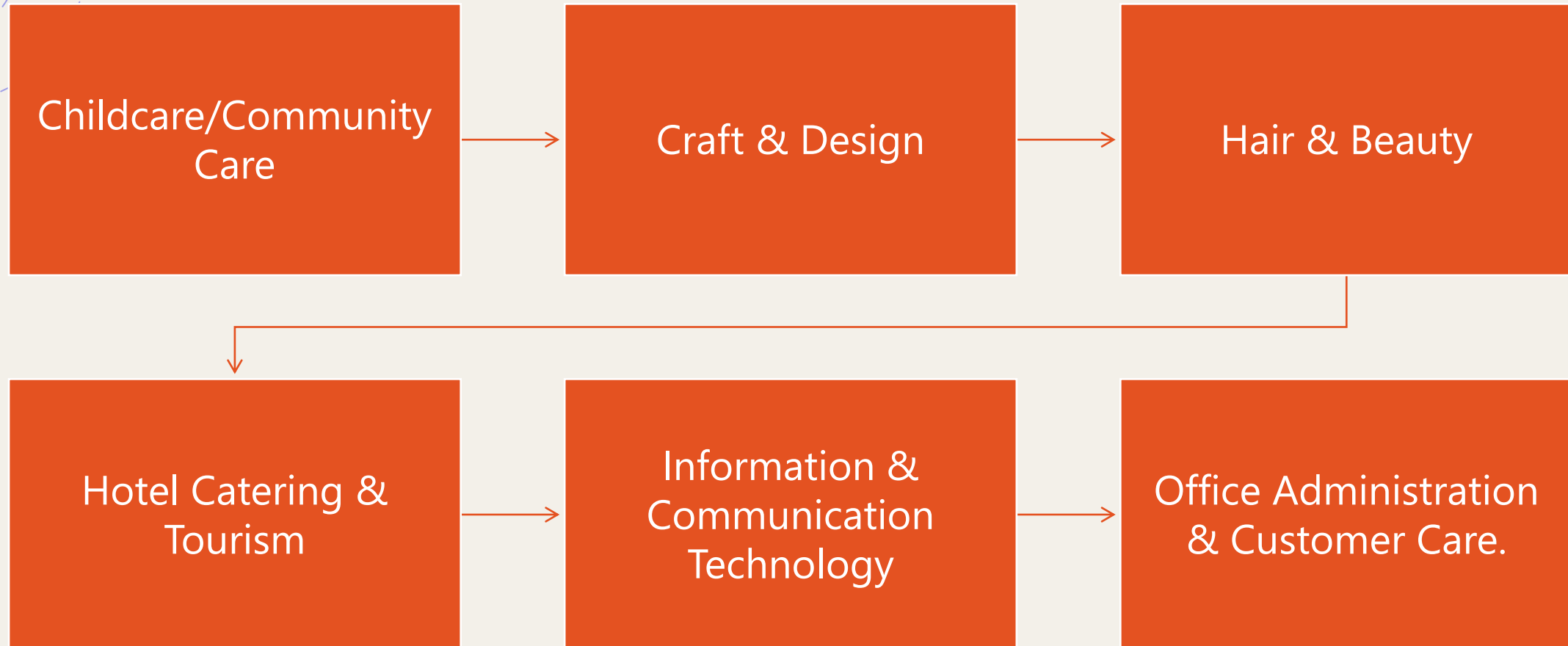


LCA Curriculum (2 Years, 4 Sessions)

- + Vocational Preparation & Guidance
- + English & Communications
- + Mathematical Applications
- + Information Technology

- + Vocational Specialisms
- + Arts Education
- + Languages
- + Leisure & Recreation
- + Social Education
- + Elective Modules

Specialisms here in Eureka





Assessment of Modules

Requirement:

- +90% Attendance
- +Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module
- +Modules of non-examination courses have a value of two credits
- +Modules of courses which have a final examination have a value of one credit

Assessment Tasks

Requirements:

- +Evidence of task completion
- +Individual task report
- +Individual presentation of task at interview with external examiner (except Personal Reflection task)



Certificate awarded at three levels:

<u>Award</u>	<u>Mark (%)</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Pass	60 – 69	120 – 139
Merit	70 – 84	140 – 169
Distinction	85 - 100	170 - 200

Thank you.

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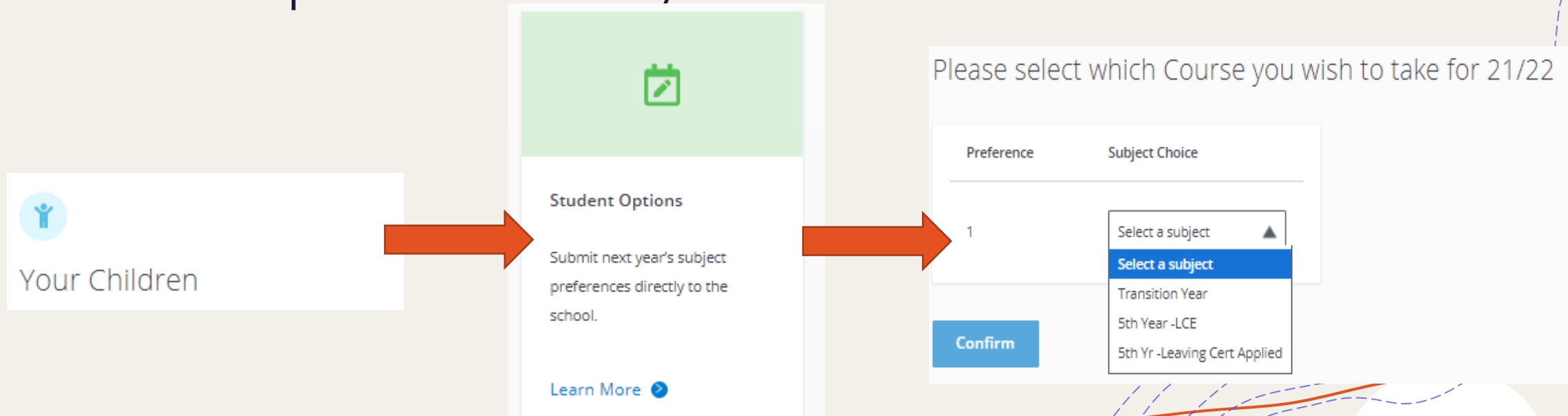
- +Thank you for your time and attention.
- +If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me:
- +Email: mdevine@eurekaschool.ie
- +Telephone: (046) 924 0132.



3rd Year Senior Options

Choosing Your Preferred Course

- +Senior Options Portal will open this evening on VShare
- +Open until Thursday 11th March at 9:00am



What is next....

5th Year LCE Option

- Subject by subject talk Friday 12th March.
- Aptitude Test (€50 fee)
- Subject Choices to be made by Sunday 21st March.