



Blackwater Community School



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Dear Parent/Guardian

We wish to make you aware of the following in relation to Transition Year 2020-2021

- The ECDL course is an optional part of TY. The cost is €125 and places are limited. These will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis with full payment required by Friday 8th May.
- We will run a series of emergency First Aid courses for all students. These are fully certified and valid for 2 years. These are compulsory.
- The Gaisce Award (President's award – Bronze level) is also part of the programme. The cost is €15. As part of the Gaisce Award, all students will complete a 3-day trip to an outdoor pursuit centre which is scheduled for April/May 2021. The approximate cost will be €170.
- Work experience will take place during two separate weeks over the school year. The first placement will be for the week _____. The second placement will be for the week _____. Work experience is a vital element of the TY programme and must be prepared for and completed with the utmost attention and rigour.
- Parents and students should work together to secure a work placement over the summer holidays. Students must have secured placement for their first Work Experience week on commencement of TY in September. Details of this placement will be taken after Induction Day. As we have approximately 150 students from within the school looking for work placements during the year, places fill up fast. Some placements are available in 3rd Level Institutes and Universities.

Work experience is a unique opportunity for students to gain insight into potential careers which is why we recommend seeking meaningful and worthwhile placement.

- Standard PE uniform will be worn every day throughout the year by all TY students (blue/red school hoodie, official school polo shirt and navy O'Neill's tracksuit bottom)
- Day trips form part of the TY programme so a transport fee is included in the cost.
- Students are required to purchase a Careers book/online resource for €15. This will be used over the three years of Senior Cycle.
- Communication between the Coordinator/Year Head and students or parents will primarily take place through email for correspondence and the school website/social media/app for notifications.

Transition Year Charges 2019-2020

First Aid Course	€65.00
Gaisce Registration	€15.00
24hr Personal Accident Insurance	€ 8.00
Outdoor Pursuits Centre Trip	€170.00
Careers Portal	€15.00
Transport/Speakers/Day Trips	€47.00
	€320.00

ECDL (Optional) €125.00

The above charge of €320 is payable in 2 stage payments of €170 in May and €150 in September

The first payment is due on Friday 8th May with the second payment due on Mon 2nd Sept 2020

David Cunningham (Coordinator)

Patricia McCarthy (Year Head)

Transition Year 2020 – 2021

Name of student: _____

ECDL (cost €125) Please tick one of the options below

- I wish to do the ECDL course
- I do not wish to do the ECDL course

1st TY payment Please tick the relevant option below

- I enclose €170 as 1st TY payment
- I enclose €295 as 1st TY payment and ECDL fee

Total amount enclosed: € _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

NB Please return this completed form as well as the applicable fee in an envelope marked clearly with your son/daughter's name to either Mr. Cunningham or Ms. McCarthy by Friday 8th May at the latest.

Please note that cheques must be made payable to Blackwater Community School.