

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP AND SUPPORT THEIR SON/DAUGHTER IN TRANSITION YEAR

- ✚ Encourage your son/daughter to make the most of the Transition Year Programme. It is a year from which the benefits acquired relate to the effort put into it – “What you get out of Transition Year depends on what you put in to it”
- ✚ Demonstrate as much interest in your child’s daily educational activities as you would when she/he is following the Junior Certificate or Leaving Certificate Programme
- ✚ Familiarise yourself with all the “extra” and optional opportunities the school plans to provide during the year. Regularly check the website for the monthly timetable and check the journals for notes on extra courses available etc Students may only convey what they are interested in to their parents and many valuable opportunities may be overlooked. Sometimes parents only discover what was on offer at the end of the year.
- ✚ Acclimatise yourself to having a student who will not necessarily have “traditional” homework. Transition Year opens doors to “other ways of learning”. TY students have other forms of homework. She/he may have projects to complete, questionnaires and surveys to conduct or oral presentations to prepare. She/he may need a helping hand from you at home.
- ✚ If you have an area of interest, local politics, or an expertise e.g. interview skills, perhaps you would consider offering your services to the TY co-ordinators