



# Transition Year

Harold's Cross Educate Together Secondary School  
2023-2024



# Curriculum

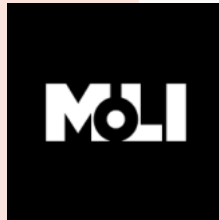
	Subject	Format
	Tutor Time	12 mins x 4 daily
Core	English	32 weeks
	Irish	32 weeks
	Maths	32 weeks
	Science	32 weeks
	Spanish	32 weeks
Tasters	Performing Arts/Mini Company	16 week rotation
	Art/Maker Space	16 week rotation
	History/Geography	16 week rotation
	My World, My Future (Careers, Coaching, RSE)	32 weeks
New Experiences	Active Leisure	32 weeks (full year)
	Robotics/Future Leaders	16 weeks rotation
	Outdoor Pursuits/Catering	16 weeks rotation
	Junk Kouture/	16 weeks rotation
	Science of Happiness	
Work Experience	Work Experience	Every Thursday
		2 Placements x 16 weeks each
		1 placement – community/volunteering/ngo etc.

# Core Subjects

## English

### Possible modules

- Reading and Writing Personal Essays.
- World Mythology through Literature.
- Film Studies: Practices and Culture.
- Claire Keegan: Novella to Screen.
- Media studies: Bias and Advertising.



### Possible Trips

- IFI Education Programme
- Museums e.g.; MoLi



## Irish

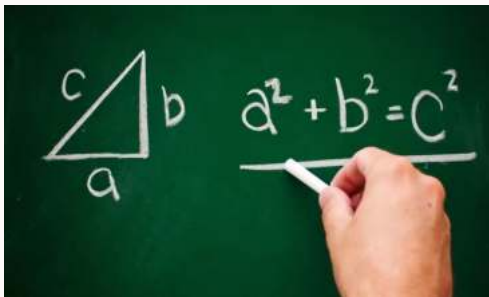
- Focus on the four main language skills: ag éist, ag labhairt, ag scríobh agus ag léamh.
- **Modúl 1: Podchroaladh (Podcasting).**
  - Encourage students in their spoken language
- **Modúl 2: Irisleabhar (TY Magazine).**
  - Produce their own written articles on a wide range of topics that interest them



# Core Subjects

## Maths

- **Key skills:** problem solving, critical thinking, working with others, being numerate, managing information.
- Problem Solving Workshops
- **Links to senior cycle:** students will be introduced to key mathematical concepts associated with senior cycle Maths throughout the course of the year.



## Science

- A taste of the three LC Science subjects – **Biology/Chemistry/Physics**
- Building practical skills through activities and investigations.
- **Possible modules:** Forensic Science, Sports Physiology, Enzymology, Optics, Heat, Bath Bombs & Cosmetic Science.



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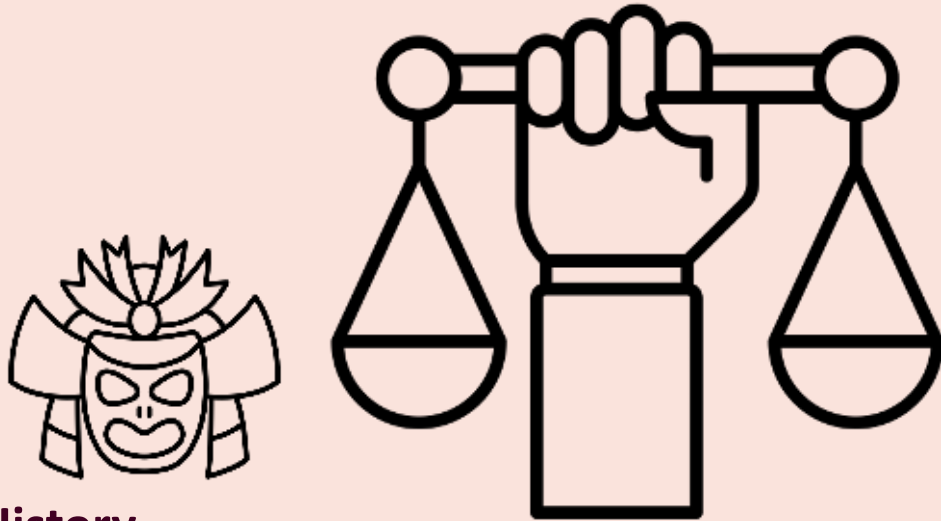
## Spanish

- Become more autonomous
- Engage in a range of activities
- Project work incorporating pair and group work.
- Be able to engage in more advanced conversation
- Build on from their knowledge from the JC curriculum





# History and Geography



## History

- Analyse the troubles and the civil rights movement
- Explore bushido code in Japanese society
- Changemakers: A research project

## Geography

Develop a keen interest, knowledge and awareness of the world they live in locally and globally.

- Prepare a mock inter-railing package
- Go to Bushy Park to investigate river erosion
- Complete a mock field study LC booklet



# Performing Arts

**Explore their imagination and innovation**

**Appreciate the arts in all its forms**

- Camera work
- Directing
- Video editing
- Composing using music technology
- Public speaking and performance



# Mini Company (Enterprise & Marketing Module)

- Entrepreneurship
- Market Research
- Marketing
- Idea Generation
- Production
- Advertising
- Event Management
- Management Structures



Mini Market in school for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Years



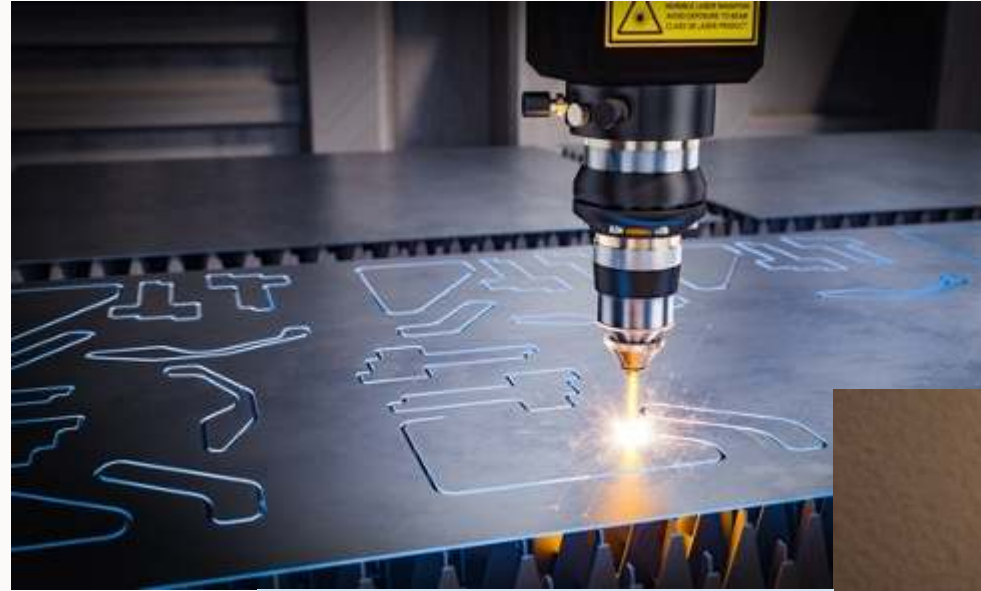
# Maker Space

Sustainability

Upcycling

Designing

- Computer Aided Design
- Laser Cutting
- 3D Printing



# Street Art

- **Work with** a street artist
- **Create and paint a mural** on a permanent wall
- Students will **engage in the artist/ designer process**
- **Develop an idea** from initial sketches to realization
- Learn new techniques and **experiment** with media



# Junk Kouture

- **Creative programme**, focuses on design and sustainability
- **Design a wearable outfit** made from 100% recycled materials.
- **Empowers young people** through self-expression
- **Entries will be judged** by an external artist and/or designer.



# Science of Health & Happiness

Wellbeing based module exploring:

- What is happiness & how do we form good habits?
- How do we develop attention & focus?
- Time management/self-discipline & motivation.
- Strength and growth mindset.
- Know your brain.
- Emotional wellbeing.
- Adolescence & young adulthood as a time of expansion.



# Outdoor Pursuits

Encourages life-long appreciation for and engagement in a variety of different physical activities.

## Activities:

- Ball games e.g. Tag Rugby
- Court games e.g. Tennis
- Other outdoor games/activities

## Outings:

- Adventure ed. camping trip in September
- Walks/Hikes
- Jump Zone
- Orienteering

## Leaving Cert PE Taster

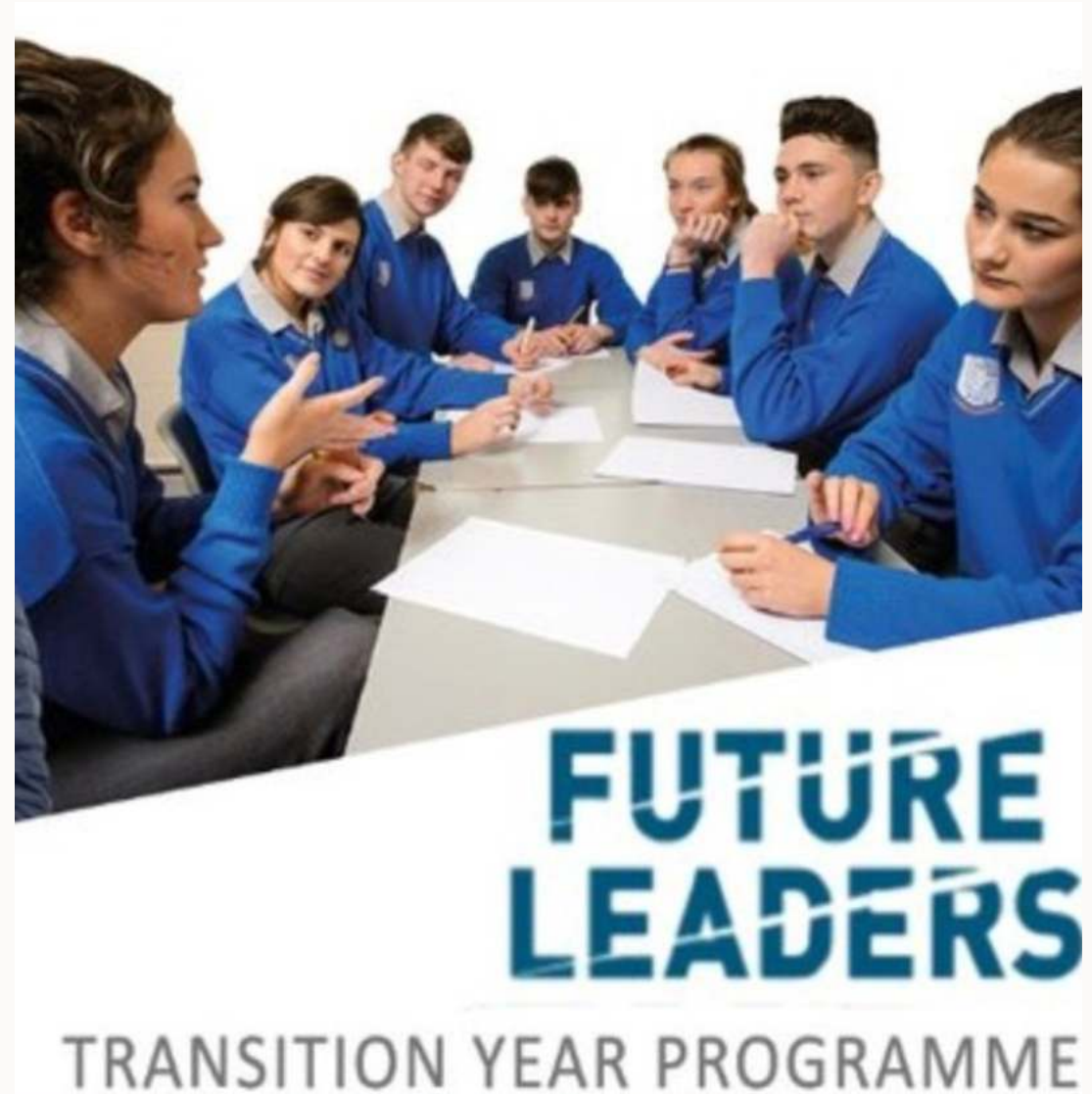
- At least 2 sessions will be spent giving students a sense of exam PE at Leaving Cert level.





# Future Leaders

- GAA programme.
- Cross-curricular.
- Designed to encourage maturity, initiative, responsibility and leadership skills in pupils.
- Students challenged to organise and run both on-field and off-field events for younger students.
- Certification for each module completed. E.g.: Nutrition, coaching, event management and refereeing.



# Catering

**Catering will be run with bi-weekly themes**

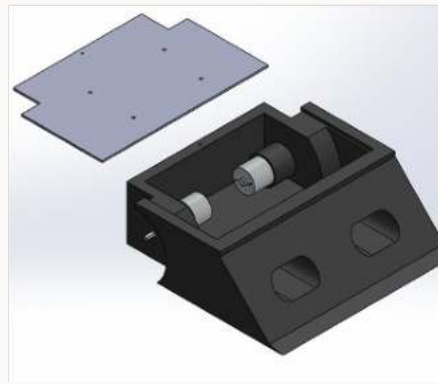
**Some examples of these themes may include:**

- International and Irish cultures
- “Fake-aways “
- Sports nutrition
- Afternoon tea
- Moving away from home
- Catering for an event



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# Robotics



1. Designing their own robot – Sketch & CAD
2. Manufacturing the project
3. Coding the robot
4. Let the robots battle in the black circle

- MakeCode
- Sketching
- Designing
- CAD
- Write ups
- Manufacturing



# My World, My Future – Guidance (RSE), Careers & Coaching

We will offer students the MyFutureChoice's tried and tested programmes

Include MyEirQuest and MyAptitude.

Students receive a PDF report

Access to the MyFutureChoice Student Portal

Help with reflection and developing action plans.



Results of MyFuture Choice psychometric tests



# Assessment

Students will engage in multiple forms of assessment throughout transition year including winter and summer assessments, projects and presentations.

Students work within these forms of assessment and other components such as attendance and work experience will be awarded through a credit-based system, where, at the end of the year will be awarded a distinction, merit, pass or certificate of participation.

# Assessment

Certificate	Credits
Distinction	240-300
Merit	180-240
Pass	180-240
Certificate of Participation	120 or Less

Categories	Credits Awarded
Core Subjects	100 credits
Tasters	60 credits
New Experiences	70 credits
Work Experiences	40 credits
Attendance	10 credits
Interview/Portfolio	20 credits

# Work Experience

- Commencing Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- Attend work experience every Thursday for the full school year.
- Placement needs to be confirmed ASAP.
- Additional work experience opportunity for students not attending overseas trip.



# Trips – Active Leisure

## 2023

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CP Adventure</li><li>- Ploughing Champs</li><li>- Higher Options</li><li>- Tennis</li></ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- First Aid</li><li>- Firework awareness talk</li><li>- Digital Futures Workshop</li><li>- Spanish walking tour of Dublin</li><li>- School musical</li></ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Croke Park</li><li>- Dead Zoo</li><li>- Swap shop</li></ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- IFI Education Programme</li><li>- Carol singing</li></ul>

## 2024

January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Jump Zone</li><li>- GPO</li><li>- Collins Barracks</li><li>- The Four Courts</li></ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- UCD Innovation Academy</li><li>- Bodhrán making</li></ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Kilmainham Gaol</li><li>- Causey Farm</li><li>- Daffodil Day</li></ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Maritime museum</li><li>- Dun Laoghaire Pier Walk</li><li>- Phoenix Park</li><li>- Future Leaders event</li></ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Overseas trip</li><li>- Emerald Park</li><li>- Sports Day</li><li>- Graduation</li></ul>



# Optional Overseas Trip



- Three nights, four days
- May 2024
- €755



# €450 Student fee for 2023-2024 (excl. Overseas trip)

## Breakdown:

- Administration Cost (24 hour insurance, Schoolwise, Vs Ware, School App, Journal, Locker, Lock, Photocopying & Admin costs - €150
- Overnight Trip to Russborough (CP Adventure) - €100
- Causey Farm - €40
- Bodhrán Making - €45
- Croke Park Tour - €10
- Jump Zone - €11
- GPO - €8
- National Maritime Museum - €4
- IFI Education Programme - €8

# Cost

- Street Art Tour - €6
- Ploughing Championships - €15
- Emerald Park - €20
- Glasnevin Cemetery & Botanic Gardens - €8
- Higher Options (RDS) - €11
- First Aid Course - €25

## Guest Speakers, Workshops and Other Trips

- Digital Futures
- UCD Innovation Academy
- Four Courts
- Spanish Tour of Dublin
- Kilmainham

### Not Included

- Booklist (English, Irish & Maths)
- Wriggle fee of €99 for Senior Cycle (TY-6th)
- Transport

# Payment Options

## Option 1

One full payment of €450 by  
16<sup>th</sup> June.

**OR**

## Option 2

1<sup>st</sup> Instalment of €200:  
Payment 1 by 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment of €150:  
Payment 2 by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Instalment of €100  
Payment 3 by 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

# Calendar – Important Dates

**2023**

- **August 28<sup>th</sup>** Induction
- **August 31<sup>st</sup>** Work Experience starts
- **Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** Overnight trip to Wicklow

**2024**

- **Term 2** – Parent Teacher Meeting
- **March** – Leaving Cert. Options Meeting
- **May 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** Overseas Trip
- **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** Graduation



# Final Words



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