

Transition Year Information Evening

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Alexandra College Transition Year 2024/2025

- Challenging, varied, different and fun
- Self-directed learning
- Mature as learners and individuals
- Teamwork
- Experiences
- An opportunity to learn and grow about yourself
- Mixture of social and work
- Develop new skills and friendships



TY Induction 2024/2025

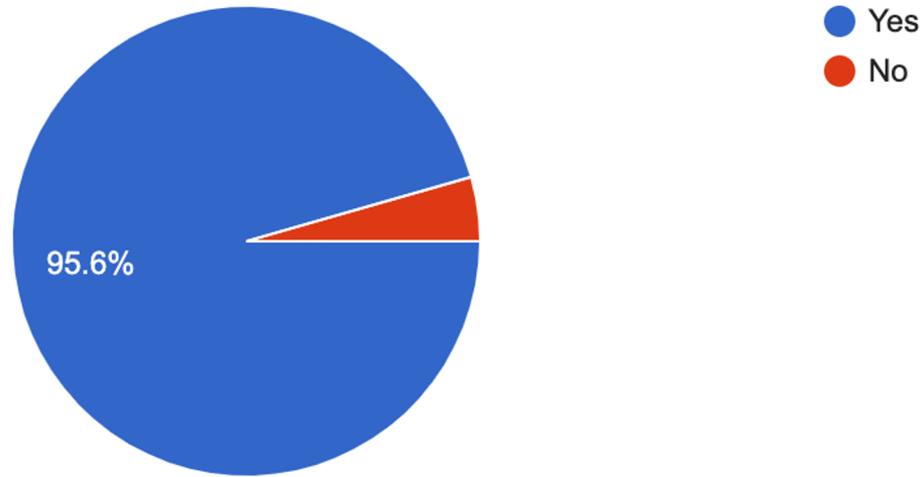
- 3 days of induction at beginning of the term (provisional August 2024)
- Meet TY students to discuss calendar & key dates per term
- Bonding activities
- Meet the girls at the beginning of each term



Student Feedback (2023/2024)

Have you extended your friendship group in Transition Year?

68 responses

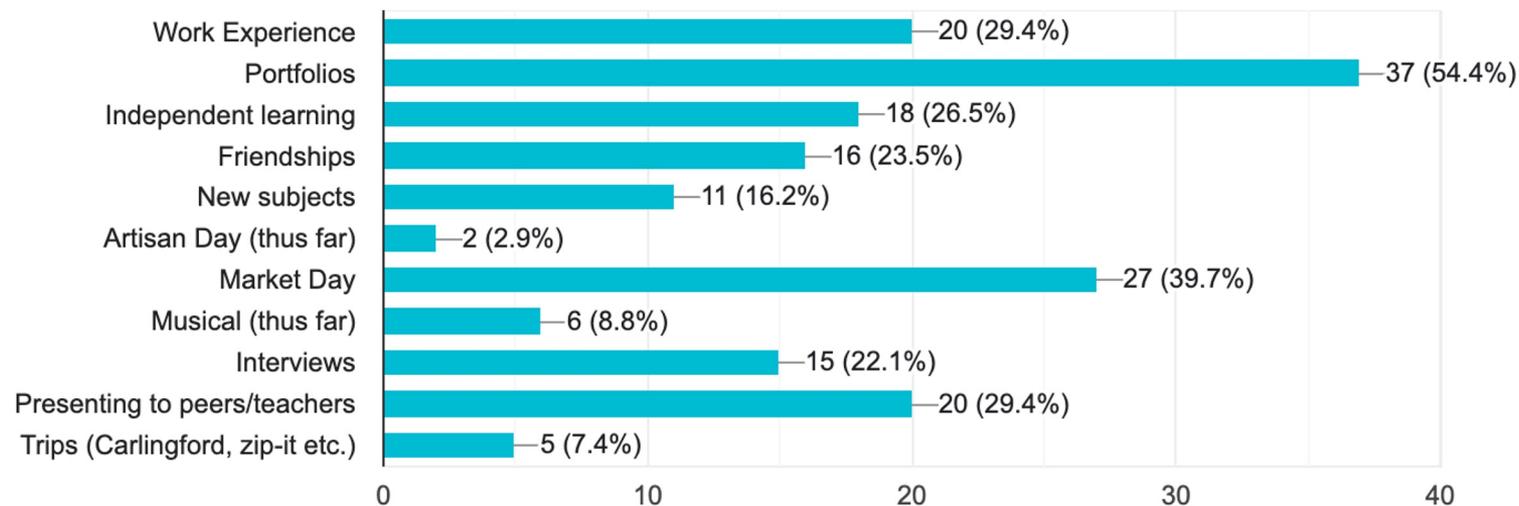


Student Feedback (2023/2024)

What has been the biggest challenge for you in Transition Year? (select as many as you require)



68 responses

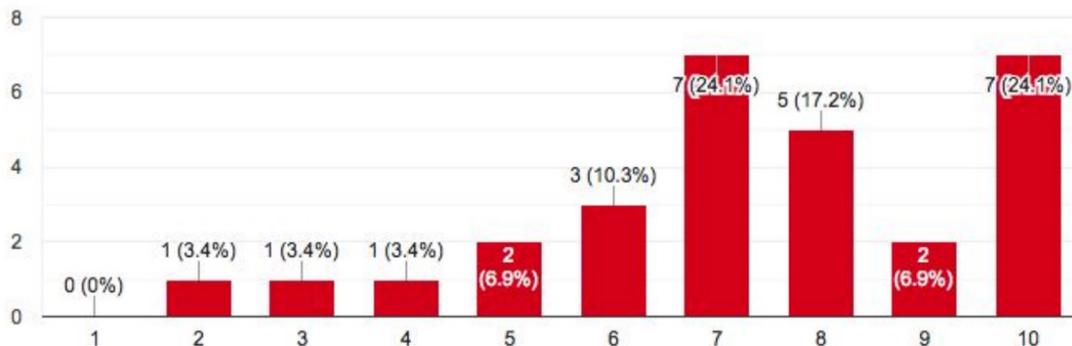


Parent Feedback (Previous years)

On a scale of 1 to 10, how much has your daughter benefitted so far from transition year?



29 responses



Work Experience 2024/2025

- 3 separate weeks.
- Opportunity to do more once the school has been notified but the 3 set out by the school is compulsory.
- Insurance is provided from the school along with assessment forms and guidelines.
- Students must find work experience themselves, however, boarders/international students we will help and guide them.



Dates Of Compulsory Work Experience 2024/2025 (Provisional)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday 18 November to Friday 22 November 2024	Monday 10 February to Friday 14 February 2025	Tuesday 18 March to Friday 21 March 2025

NB. All dates are provisional



5th Year Subject Student Fair 2024/2025

- TYs will be given an opportunity to go to a 'Subject Student Fair'
- 5th year students will be ambassadors for their subject
- TYs can speak to the students and ask questions
- Following this, the TYs will approach the subject coordinators where they can organise to sit in and 'taste' the subject for remainder of the week.



Portfolio Assessment 2024/2025

- Reflection on TY Experience

- Portfolio
- Interview

- Assessed in December and May
- Results goes towards overall TY Assessment



TY Assessment 2024/2025

- 4th year Certificate presented at TY Graduation Night
- Recognise achievements
- Based on portfolio results, social outreach and participation in different activities



TY Handbook

We are hoping to publish our first TY Handbook this coming September.

Information for both students and parents.

Point of reference.



TY Trips 2024/2025

1. Carlingford (4 days)
2. Hiking Trip in Glendalough (overnight, Gaisce)
3. Dublin Zoo Trip
4. TY Activity Trip (May, varies)

***All dates will be confirmed in August in the school calendar.**













Italy trip 2024



One takeaway from the whole adventure.

“I became so much closer with girls I never really talked to before the trip.”

“I learned more culture of Italy and saw the beautiful scenery and gorgeous architectures.”

“If you immerse yourself into the language you actually learn really quickly.”

“I became so much closer with girls I never really talked to before the trip.”

What did you learn about yourself during the trip?

“I’m more open to trying new things and I can adjust better than I thought to new situations and adjust myself when plans don’t work out.”

“Have better communication with others.”



Timetabled Options & Modules 2024/2025

- Languages
- Film making
- Sociology
- Stage management and production
- Art
- Careers
- I.T.
- Culinary Arts
- Public speaking
- Classical studies
- Green schools
- World of Work (mini companies & Artisan Day)

NB

Normal school timetable
8:45am - 3:48pm.



Entrepreneurship 2024/2025

- World of Work (WOW) year long module
- Market Day (December)
- Competition day (January)
- Artisan Day (May)



Market Day 2023/2024



TY Activities 2024/2025

- TY musical
- Nutrition & Well Being Workshop
- Law Module
- Forensic Science Workshop
- Haircare Workshop
- First Aid Course
- Sustainability Workshop
- Barista Course (optional)

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TY Activities 2024/2025

TY Musical 2024 – Beauty and the Beast



Activities 2024/2025

Barista Course



Green Schools Pre-Loved
Clothes Sale for 1st Years

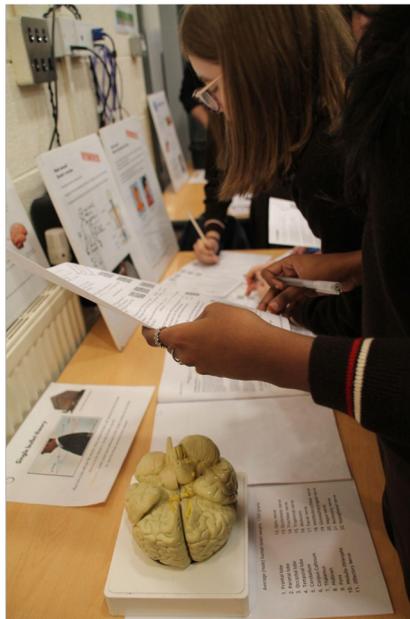


Parent-daughter pancake day



TY Activities 2024/2025

TY Forensics Workshop



Footee Ireland



TY Activities 2024/2025



Zip-It



Languages in TY

- **TY syllabus** based on the official certification in each one of the 4 languages studied in Alex
- They are **high quality certifications** harmonized with the CEFRL
- They are **recognised around the world** and are **valid for life**
- The **topics** are the same as the start of the **LC preparation**
- **Smooth transition** between 4th and 5th Year



TY Charities and Alex Women's Charity (AWC) link with Saoirse Women's Refuge 2024/2025

- Saoirse Women's Refuge
- Christmas Hampers (St.Vincent De Paul & AWC)
- Year long independent initiative (AWC)
- Wash bag appeal
- Art Pack Drive initiative
- Carol Singing (Simon Community)
- Fun Run (Simon Community)
- Carol Singing
- Feed Our Homeless programme
- Bake for the elderly
- Pancake day



TY Activities 2024/2025



TY Carol Singing



Saoirse Women's Refuge Mural



Christmas Hampers



Christmas Hampers



Feed Our Homeless Programme (AWC)



“They've been invaluable in tackling our major tasks. As the saying goes, many hands make light work, and for us, being a voluntary-led organisation, this couldn't be truer.”

Natasha, Feed Our Homeless manager



Social Outreach 2024/2025

- IT with Elderly (Age Action)
- Reading with Junior School
- Mageough House
- Imagination Library (National School)
- Opportunities to organise your own placement (outside of designated weeks)



Social Outreach 2024/2025



Gaisce 2024/2025

- 'Gaisce' meaning 'a great achievement'
- Bronze Award (4 areas) - Personal Skill, Community Involvement, Physical Recreation, Adventure Journey
- 13 weeks for each area (1 area = 26 weeks)
- Hike (adventure journey)



Opportunities

If any of you have any contacts for work experience or social outreach, please feel free to contact us at info@alexandracollege.ie.

