

Transition Year Information Evening

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Alexandra College Transition Year 2026/2027

Senior Cycle Guiding Principles	
Well being and relationships	Continuity and Transitions
Choice and Flexibility	Challenge, engagement and creativity
Inclusive education and diversity	Participation and citizenship

From [NCCA TY Programme Statement](#) page 3

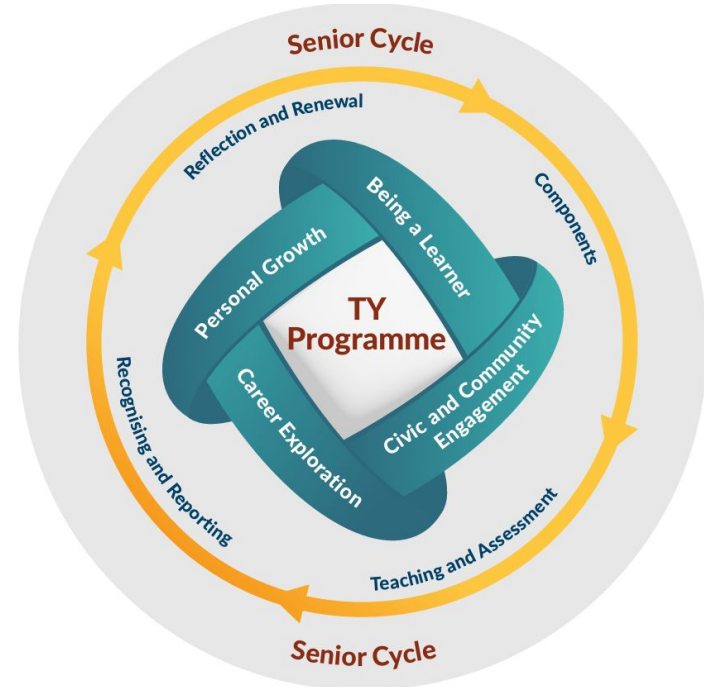


The NCCA TY Programme Statement

“develop a greater capacity to respond to uncertainty, manage complexity, nurture personal interests and become agents of positive ethical change in society”

“become more adaptable, empathetic, competent and resilient human beings”.

From [NCCA TY Programme Statement](#) page 7 and 10



TY Induction 2026/2027

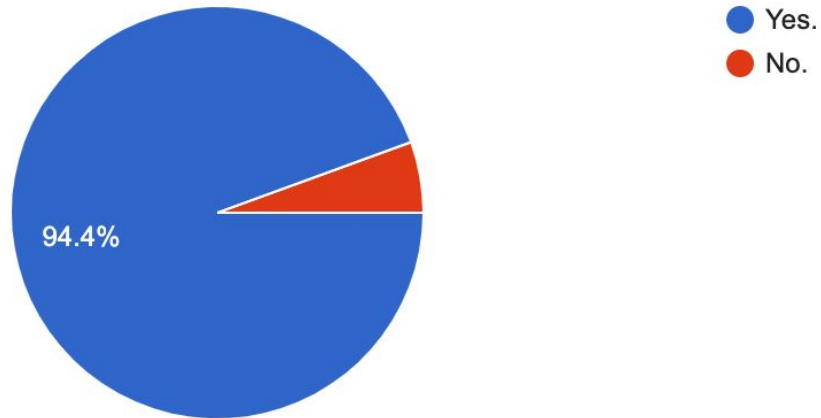
- TY Calendar & key dates per term
- Induction days
- Bonding activities
- Meet the girls at the beginning of each term



Student Feedback

Have you extended your friendship group this year?

54 responses

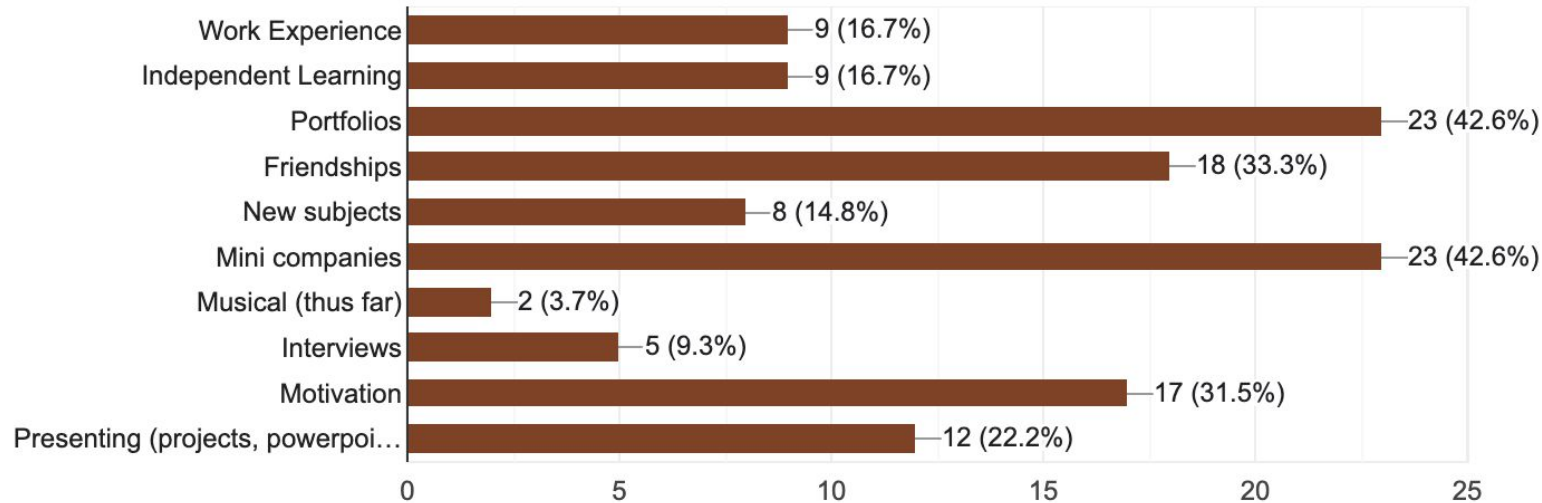


Student Feedback

What has been the biggest challenge for you in Transition Year?

 [Copy chart](#)

54 responses

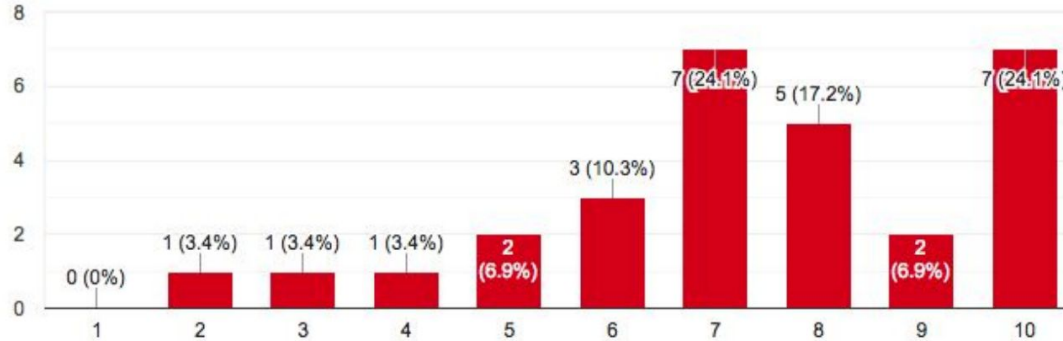


Parent Feedback (previous years)

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



29 responses



Being a Learner: 5th Year Optional Subject Student Fair

- 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
- 1 week following that, the TYs will approach the subject coordinators where they can organise to sit in and 'taste' the subject



Being a Learner: Timetabled Options & Modules

2026/2027

Core subjects:

- Irish (except where exempt)
- English
- Maths
- World of Work
- Religion, Choir
- Physical Education & Games
- Social, Personal, and Health Education

Rotating modules include:

- Social Outreach & Performance
- Careers
- Classical Studies
- Computer Science
- Culinary Arts
- Green Schools
- Art Appreciation

Optional modules include:

- History
- Science
- Philosophy
- Visual Art
- Marketing
- Filmmaking
- a Second Modern Language
- Public Speaking and Communication

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:45	ART APPRECIATION #ArtA.1 #ArtA.2 Ms K. Lyons	ENGLISH #Eng.1 #Eng.2 Ms L. Aske	CHOIR #Cho.1 #Cho.2 Ms C. Scully	SOCIAL OUTREACH/PERFORMANCE #SOP.1 #SOP.2 Ms L. Aske	MATHEMATICS #Mat.1 #Mat.2 Ms C. Scully
09:42					PHYSICAL EDUCATION #PE.1 #PE.2 Ms N. Mahoney
09:43	WORLD OF WORK #WOW.1 #WOW.2 Ms K. Lyons	MATHEMATICS #Mat.1 #Mat.2 Ms C. Scully	SCIENCE #Sci.1 #Sci.2 Ms K. Lyons	SOCIAL OUTREACH/PERFORMANCE #SOP.1 #SOP.2 Ms L. Aske	
10:39					IRISH #Irish.1 #Irish.2 Ms P. Swan
11:06	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION #Rel.1 #Rel.2 Ms L. Aske	IRISH #Irish.1 #Irish.2 Ms P. Swan	SCIENCE #Sci.1 #Sci.2 Ms K. Lyons	TUTORIAL #Tut.1 #Tut.2 Ms K. Lyons	
12:04	WORLD OF WORK #WOW.1 #WOW.2 Ms K. Lyons	PHYSICAL EDUCATION #PE.1 #PE.2 Ms N. Mahoney	SCIENCE #Sci.1 #Sci.2 Ms K. Lyons	WORLD OF WORK #WOW.1 #WOW.2 Ms K. Lyons	
12:06					ENGLISH #Eng.1 #Eng.2 Ms L. Aske
13:02	REGISTRATION #Reg.1 #Reg.2 Ms K. Lyons	REGISTRATION #Reg.1 #Reg.2 Ms K. Lyons	REGISTRATION #Reg.1 #Reg.2 Ms K. Lyons	REGISTRATION #Reg.1 #Reg.2 Ms K. Lyons	
13:03					STEER CLEAR #Steer.1 #Steer.2 Ms K. Lyons
13:52	HISTORY #Hist.1 #Hist.2 Ms L. Aske	CULINARY ARTS #Cul.1 #Cul.2 Ms L. Aske	COMPUTER SCIENCE #Comp.1 #Comp.2 Ms L. Aske	SPANISH #Span.1 #Span.2 Ms L. Aske	
14:50	HISTORY #Hist.1 #Hist.2 Ms L. Aske	CULINARY ARTS #Cul.1 #Cul.2 Ms L. Aske	PROMOTING IRELAND #Prom.1 #Prom.2 Ms L. Aske	SPANISH #Span.1 #Span.2 Ms L. Aske	

Timetable shown is from academic year 2025/2026



Being a Learner: Portfolio Assessment

- Reflection on TY Experience
- Portfolio
- Interview
- Assessed in December and May
- Reports to parents in December and May
- Results goes towards overall TY Assessment



Being a Learner: TY Assessment

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



Gaisce

- 'Gaisce' meaning 'a great achievement'
- Bronze Award (4 areas) - Personal Skill, Community Involvement, Physical recreation and Adventure Journey (Gaisce hike)
- 13 weeks for each area
- The school will offer opportunities for other areas on a limited availability basis



TY Trips 2026/2027

- Carlingford (4 days) Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd October
- Hiking Trip in Glendalough (Gaisce) Overnight trip (TY term ends)
- GoQuest
- Zip-It
- Dublin Zoo Trip
- Camino for Cliona's (2 trips this year)
- Possible exchange (Pymble Ladies College Sydney)

*All dates will be confirmed once we get the calendar circular from DOE.









TY Musical

This years musical takes place on the 27th, 28th and 29th of January

This years musical is Calamity Jane

The musical will take place on a similar timeline in January 2027 (end of January)

If students are taking part in the musical they **must** be available from September - January. **No trips/exchanges/work experiences** should be organised during this time.



TY Musical

TY Musical 2025/2026: Calamity Jane



Career Exploration: Work Experience

- 3 separate **compulsory** weeks
- Opportunity to do more once the school has been notified
- Insurance is provided from the school along with assessment forms and guidelines. These are available in Google Classroom at the beginning of the term
- Students must find work experience themselves, however, for boarders/international students we will help and guide them



Career Exploration: Compulsory Work Experience Provisional Dates 2026/2027

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday 23 November until Friday 27 November 2026	Monday 8 February until Friday 12 February 2027	Monday 26 April until Friday 30 April 2027

*All dates are **provisional** and will be confirmed once we get the calendar circular from DOE.



Personal Growth: Entrepreneurship

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



Market Day



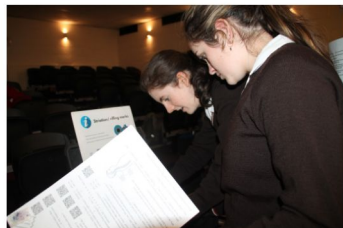
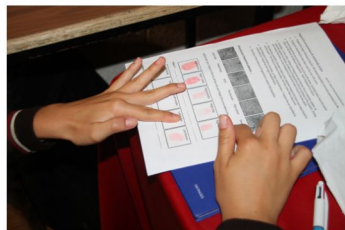
Personal Growth: TY Activities

- TY Musical
- Nutrition & Well Being Workshop
- Law Module & Mock Trial
- Forensic Science Workshop
- Haircare Workshop
- First Aid Course
- DreamSpace Ambassador Programme
- Sustainability Workshop
- LawEd talk
- Barista Course (optional)
- Sustainable Fashion Workshop



TY Activities

TY Forensic Science Workshop



Footie Ireland



Zip-It



Pickleball



Personal Growth: Languages in TY

- **TY syllabus** offers the opportunity to obtain 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**
- There is a significant **focus on oral skills** in order to bridge the gap between JC and LC
- **Smooth transition** between 4th and 5th Year



Personal Growth: Languages in TY

French	Spanish	German	Italian
Tribe - Paris, Lyon, Biarritz CIA - Antibes	Centro de Idiomas - Coín Clic - Cádiz Transition Spain - Grenada	Apple Languages - Berlin, Munich	Lingua Viva - Florence, Milan L'italiano porticando, Turin

*Please note these are only past student experiences and suggestions. Alexandra College has no affiliation with these schools or centres and cannot vouch for the quality of the experience



Civic and Community Engagement: AWC 2025/2026 activities

- Pre-loved uniform sale
- Christmas Hampers (St.Vincent De Paul & AWC)
- Baking for the elderly (East Wall residential house)
- Wash bag appeal (Saoirse Women's Refuge)
- Carol Singing (Simon Community)
- Fun Run (Simon Community)
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- Art Pack Drive (Saoirse Women's Refuge)
- Personal Fundraisers
- Garden Wall in Women's Refuge
- Feed our homeless programme



Civic and Community Engagement: AWC 2025/2026 talks

- AWC Talk: the history of giving in Alex
- Sustainable Fashion workshop
- Healthy Relationship talk (Saoirse Women's refuge)
- Bernardo's talk on poverty in Ireland
- Homelessness and drug abuse talk (Feed our homeless)
- Pancake Day
- Alumnae Lunch
- AWC ladies charity lunch

Message from the manager of the Eastwell Residence: *The cake making is going so well we all love it! The elderly residents look forward to there tea with cake or buns.*

Please say a Big Thank you to all the Alex girls who help. Wendy x



Carol Singing for Simon Community



Fun Run in Phoenix Park for Simon Community



Saoirse Women's Refuge Mural



Saoirse Women's Refuge Mural



Christmas Hampers in aid of Vincent De Paul



Social Outreach

- IT and other activities for the elderly
- Exploring Aristotle's ten virtues
- Music Festival & music in the Junior School
- Junior Infants Musical Play (School on Sheriff street)
- Imaginary library (reading stories and enacting them in a city centre junior school)
- Opportunities to organise your own placement (outside of designated weeks)



Early Entrance University Courses

Many universities offer early entrance TY programmes - you should begin to investigate these if interested, and please email us should you need forms filled out by the school.



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Things to note from 2026 evening

1. Trips? Why do we not have them?
2. Asked to speak to other local schools to have a look at their programme
3. List of ideas for work experience
4. Clash of first aid, hockey and rehearsals

