



Coláiste Dún an Rí

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Admissions Policy for Entry into the Transition Year Programme

Policy Statement

The Transition Year Programme at Coláiste Dún an Rí is a structured one-year programme aimed at developing a more mature, confident learner with a wide range of transferable skills. It allows students to partake in a range of subjects and educational experiences, many of which involve trips away, therefore, enhancing their personal development while maintaining their academic standards. Our Transition Year Programme facilitates young people to become familiar with adult and working life through the provision of career guidance and work experience opportunities.

Coláiste Dún an Rí acknowledges its duty to promote equality of access and participation and as such, this policy forms part of the School Admissions Policy for Coláiste Dún an Rí and should be read in conjunction with that policy.

Transition Year Programme Admissions Procedure 2019-2020

As a newly established school, there is no Fifth Year alternative available for students who wish to move straight from Junior Cycle to the Leaving Certificate Programme. The Transition Year Programme 2019-2020 will, therefore, be compulsory for all Third Year students in the school who complete their Junior Cycle Examinations in June 2019. Thus, there will be a natural progression from Third Year to the Transition Year Programme. The maximum number of students that will be enrolled in the Transition Year Programme 2019-2020 is 72. This number allows the school manage resources appropriately and adhere to class structure requirements.

Transition Year Programme Admissions Procedure 2020-2021 and subsequent years

Participation in the Transition Year Programme will be optional from academic year 2020/21 onwards. Enrolment on the Transition Year Programme in subsequent years, will follow the procedures outlined below:

1. Third Year students and their parents/guardians will be invited to attend an information evening on the Transition Year Programme in January of each year.
2. Third Year students who wish to apply for Transition Year will complete an application form.
3. Applicants will meet with the Transition Year Team (Programme Coordinator, Year Head, Deputy Principal and/or Guidance Counsellor) to discuss their application.
4. Selection criteria may include the following:
 - a. Student's previous record of attendance.
 - b. Student's previous record under the Code of Behaviour.
 - c. Student's previous record of participation in the school.
5. The Year Head and Guidance Counsellor will forward their recommendation to the Principal.

Applicants will be notified of the decision regarding their admittance to Transition Year by March each year.

Applications for enrolment on Transition Year Programme from outside the college

Applications for enrolment on the Transition Year Programme from students not currently enrolled at Coláiste Dún an Rí will be considered as transfers and will be processed in line with the procedures outlined in the college Admissions Policy.

Implementation and Review

This policy applies to students entering the Transition Year Programme in September 2019 and subsequent years. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Coláiste Dún an Rí Admissions Policy. The policy will be reviewed every three years, or sooner if required.

This policy was adopted by Coláiste Dún an Rí Board of Management on 25 February 2019.

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Date: _____

Chairperson

Signed _____

Date: _____

Secretary

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Appendix 1

Application Form for the Transition Year Programme