

## Scoil Dara TY Subject Options 2019-2020

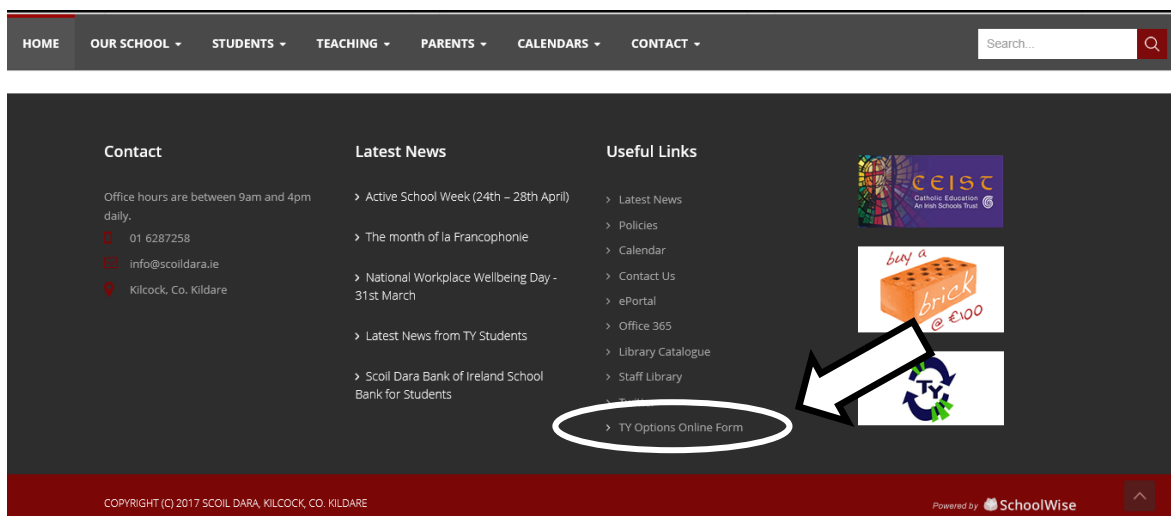
During the course of the year our students will get to study eight option subjects, four from September to December and four from January to May. This will give them the chance to try out new areas of study, learn new skills, discover new talents and try out subjects they may take at Senior Cycle.

Along with these subjects they must also choose to study either Community Care, Enterprise or Drama/Performance for the duration of the school year. All three of these yearlong option subjects have proven to be extremely popular and formative experiences for our students in past years. Two Enterprise classes, two Community Care class and one Performance class have been provided.

To enable us to timetable our subjects and students efficiently we require your son/daughter to complete our online 'TY Subject Option Form 2019-20'. This form can be accessed from our school website, 'www.scoildara.ie' in the 'Useful Links' section towards the bottom of our home page or by typing the link below into any web browser or mobile device. (Please Note: The link URL is case sensitive)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TY1920>

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Your son/daughter is asked to

- Select their **five first choice options** and to **give these a rating of 1.**
- Select their **five second choice options** and to **give these a rating of 2.**
- Select their **five third choice options** and to **give these a rating of 3.**
- Select their **four fourth choice options** and **give these a rating of 4.**
- Indicate their preference to study Community Care, Enterprise or Drama/Performance
- Press the 'Save My Options' button at the bottom of the page

Once your son/daughter has made their choices we will make every effort to allocate their preferences during the year. **Please note, the options we provide are subject to the availability of teaching staff and resources.**

Please complete the online '[Transition Year Subject Option Form](#)' on or before **Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> August**. Should you be unable to complete the online form you may submit your choices by email to [eamonryan@scoildara.ie](mailto:eamonryan@scoildara.ie) .

### Year Long Option Subjects

#### Community Care

Students engage directly with the community and actively with others such as the elderly, those in nursing homes and those who live alone. They will investigate the work of caring organisations like Alone and Third Age who are leaders in the field of care for others. There are also opportunities to contribute positively to the physical environment and with many other local organisations. This module develops character in our students and active social concern. It encourages them to use their talents and gifts in the service of others by providing them with new and challenging experiences. This is one of the most rewarding experiences in TY.

#### Enterprise

This module allows students to gain experience in setting up a business with the creation of a new product. It will allow them develop skills such as teamwork, communication, report writing, organisation to name but a few. It gives the students the opportunity to develop skills in business etiquette and an understanding of the world of work, while improving written, oral and visual communication skills. The programme aims to enter competitions such as the Kildare Enterprise Awards, the Get Up And Go PDST Awards and the Griffith College Awards.

#### Drama/Performance

In this module students will work with Ms. Butler to develop and choreograph several performances during the school year. Our students will get the opportunity to develop and display their musical, choral, comedic, dancing and dramatic talents both within the school and in the local community. This module is open to all students and has proven to be a very enjoyable and enriching experience for all.

## Half Year Long Option Subjects

### Road Safety/Car Maintenance

Students will be introduced to the basics of car maintenance in a practical setting along with focusing on the importance of Road Safety as a motorist, cyclist and pedestrian. It covers issues such as seatbelts, airbags, driver fatigue, drink/drug driving, road-safety engineering and enforcement, basic first aid at road crashes, emergency services and rehabilitation, licensing and insurance issues, the NCT, purchasing a car and driving abroad.

### Earth Studies (Geography)

Students will develop a deeper understanding of the geographical world through a study of the following countries, Australia, Austria, Cambodia, Fiji, Ireland, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, Thailand, The Netherlands and USA (Hawaii). They will develop their presentation, IT and interpretive skills while building on and further developing skills from the students' previous knowledge to provide a solid foundation which will prove to be advantageous in their Leaving Certificate course.

### Music

This is a performance-based module open to all students with an interest in music, dance and playing different musical instruments. Students will get involved in and organise school events and will perform and record a DVD as a souvenir of their experiences.

### Italian

Our Italian module is designed to make you a competent tourist in an Italian speaking region. Topics include greetings, ordering food and drink in shops and restaurants, asking and understanding directions, booking accommodation in hotels and apartments, going to the doctor or hospital, travelling by train etc. Students will complete a project on an aspect of Italian life that interests them, or a region that they have visited. At the end of the module students will be examined with an aural, oral and written component.

### Home Economics

Students will develop their culinary skills in areas of special diets, special occasion cooking and healthy eating. Theory of these areas will also be explored, and students will do project work as part of their assessment.

### Food Science

This is a food safety course allowing students to achieve The Primary Cert in Food Hygiene which is accredited by the Environmental Health Officers Association; the cert allows students to work in retail and catering establishments (HACCP).

### Film/Media Studies

Film is an exciting new module in our TY programme. The study of film and Media is a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their appreciation and enjoyment of something that is so much part of their lives.

### Cultural Activities

Although Ireland is a very small country, we have a very large world reputation for our culture. This module is concerned with heritage, music, dance and food. Students will be actively learning, tunes on the tin whistle, different types of Irish dancing and songs, bread making, and the study of food and students will compile their own family tree.

### Art

During this module students will acquire skills in basic drawing and painting techniques for use in a group project. Students will experiment and explore drawing and painting techniques based on a theme, observe and appreciate the work of mural artists and other contemporary relevant artists and explore through research highlighted points in art history observing different periods and artist's ways of working.

### Engineering

The Engineering Course for Transition Year is aimed both at students whom have taken the subject to Junior Cert, but also those students with no experience of engineering at all. The focus is the principles of Design and Manufacture, and student involvement in the overall content of the course is essential. The focus is at development of basic skills, e.g. Drawing, Design, Development, Production and Evaluation.

### GAA Coaching

Students will receive instruction on coaching in Hurling/Camogie and Football over 5 weeks. Lessons will be split between theory and practical sessions out on the pitch. The basic skills of coaching will be developed, and the students will be prepared for their school visits to local primary schools where they will put these skills into action. Students must pass a written assessment before they begin coaching.

### Politics & Society

This module will give an insight into the new Politics and Society subject that was introduced in September 2016. Scoil Dara are part of the small cohort of schools who have the capacity and interest to take on the subject as an optional Leaving Certificate subject. Politics and Society aims to develop the student's ability to be a reflective and active citizen, in a way that is informed by the insights and skills of social and political science.

### Ag. Science

The purpose of the TY Agricultural Science module is to provide a taste of the Senior Cycle Ag. Science subject and to foster an appreciation of the importance of the agricultural sector in Ireland. Students will be introduced to soil science, animal physiology and husbandry, microbiology, DNA extraction, careers in the industry and much more.

### Chemistry

The TY chemistry module is designed to bridge the gap between the Junior Cert Science and Senior Cycle Chemistry course. It aims to promote the interest in and enthusiasm for Chemistry by using chemistry to solve problems in everyday situations. Students will look at everyday chemistry, the periodic table, Acids and bases, reactions and forensics amongst other topics.

### Physics

In the transition year Physics module, students will build on the understanding of the laws of Physics they gained in Junior Cert Science to solve practical problems. They will investigate light, reflection, refraction and build a model to demonstrate these.

### Biology

The TY Biology module is designed to bridge the gap between JC and LC but also to acquire an awareness of the diversity of living things. The Programme develops an appreciation of the history and ongoing great developments in Biology and an awareness of employment prospects in biotechnology and other biology industries

### Classics

In this module students will participate in fun activities while exploring topics such as Formative Mythology and its influence on people's value systems, Greek Philosophy and Plato's writings on society and governance and explore the ancient Greek and Roman worlds.

### History

In this broad and engaging module, students will engage with and explore topics such as 'History through Sport', 'Days that Shook the World', 'The Holocaust', 'Our Personal and Local History', 'Civil Rights', 'The Role of Women in History'. Students will engage in project and research work and participate in outings designed to explore the History around us.

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