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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hello everyone, my name is Jennifer O Buachalla, I am the Transition Year (TY) coordinator for Grange CC and I wish to give you some information about Transition year.

Transition Year is a required year of school between Junior and Senior Cycle (3rd year and 5th year). It is a break from the rigours of academics and a chance for students to mature and try new things including new academic subjects, work experience, speakers, workshops and outside the classroom learning including leadership opportunities, outdoor trips and academic tours. Students will be challenged academically by the learning experiences and personally by all the growth opportunities. All these learning experiences and challenges will prepare them to choose Leaving Certificate subjects, focus them on their futures after secondary school and help them to develop as young adults. As I repeatedly tell students, the more you give of yourself and your energies in TY the more you will get out of it.

The cost of Transition year 2023/2024 is €300 which can be paid using the online payment system (<https://www.grangecc.com/online-payments>). €150 is due by August 16th, 2023 and the second €150 is due by September 16th 2023. While TY is subsidised by the school, this money goes towards the ECDL programme, trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre, a trip to Baysports in Athlone, a first aid course, ski trip, Go Quest, History walking tour of Dublin, Surfing and Waterford Walls Art Tour, visits to Kilmainham Gaol and Midlands Prison, buses for these trips and other sundries. Students are expected and encouraged to attend all tours. Other trips organised by class teachers may incur additional costs, but we endeavour to keep these to a minimum.

Transition year students all do two weeks work experience. Please begin considering where your student might get work experience now and if you would like to make arrangements for this over the summer, that is encouraged. I am including a form for this. Work experience is set out during two weeks: October 23th- 27th, 2023 and February 5th-9th, 2024. Students must do work experience for these two weeks at a minimum. If they have opportunity to do more, meaningful work experience, please message me about it and we can decide if it is possible.

If you have any questions regarding TY and your student, please feel free to contact me via email: jenniferobuachalla@gccollege.ie .

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer O Buachalla
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Please return with universal permission slip.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

A space has been reserved for your child for Transition Year (TY) for 2023-2024 in Grange Community College.

Please return this form to indicate that your child will be returning to school for TY in the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

Yes, my child will be returning for TY.

No, my child will not be returning for TY.

Reason:

_____ Student Name

_____ Parent or Guardian Name

_____ Date



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TRANSITION YEAR PERMISSION SLIP

Transition Year is a time for students to experience learning outside the classroom in a number of exciting and challenging ways. Class trips are organised by teachers throughout the year and offer students unique experiences in learning. All trips organised for TY students are for educational purposes and are aimed at improving personal development and confidence.

On the back of this letter is a one-off permission slip which will permit/ not permit your child to go on all Transition Year trips in 2023/2024. These trips may be to galleries, museums, sports events, universities, workshop etc. This list is not exhaustive.

If you permit your child to go on the trips you will receive a text message from the school with the details of the trip (time, date, cost, travel information etc.) There may also be times when students independently travel to or from an outing (ie use Dublin bus, the DART or the LUAS.)

The benefits of a one-off permission slip are that you don't have to repeatedly sign permission slips for the whole year, it reduces the use of paper, it's less hassle for the students and it is a more efficient use of the teachers' time.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me: jenniferobuachalla@gccollege.ie

The first two trips will take place in September to Carlingford Adventure Centre and Baysports, Athlone.



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TRANSITION YEAR

PERMISSION SLIP

I _____ (Parent/Guardian) give my permission for _____ (student) to go on all class trips organised for Transition Year. I understand that I will be informed by text message of the trip before the date of the trip. I have ensured that the student named above understands that it is important for their safety and the safety of the group that any rules and instructions given by the teacher in charge are followed.

Please include any medical details for the above-named student that you deem necessary for us to know.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

I give permission for my child's image to be shared on the school's web presence and documents.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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Placement information for Work Experience 2023/2024

Students Information	
Students Name	
Course Name	Transition year
Dates of placement	October 23-27 th , 2023 Or February 5-9th
Employer Information	
Name of Organisation	
Address	
Telephone Number	
Name of Placement Supervisor	
Telephone number/extension for supervisor if different from above number	

Please place company stamp or business card here if possible. **Return to Ms O Buachalla.**



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TRANSITION YEAR EMPLOYERS LETTER

Dear Sir/Madam,

The person named below is a full-time student of Grange Community College and is participating in the Work Experience programme as part of Transition Year 2023-2024. This programme contributes to a significant part of their overall assessment and to their personal development and we would be grateful if you would consider giving them a placement in your workplace. Their work experience week runs from October 23-27th 2023 or February 5-9th 2024.

Students are covered for work experience by the insurance cover of Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board and a copy of this policy can be supplied by the school if necessary.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for considering this student. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer O Buachalla
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TY Coordinator