

# **Transition Year**

## **Admissions Procedure and Criteria**

Presentation Secondary School offers Transition Year as an optional one-year programme designed to bridge the gap between the Junior and Senior Cycles and to prepare students for adult life. The overall aims of Transition Year, as specified in the Department of Education and Science guidelines are:

- Education for maturity with the emphasis on personal development including social awareness and increased social competence
- The promotion of general, technical and academic skills with the emphasis on interdisciplinary and self-directed learning
- Education through experience of adult and working life as a basis for personal development and maturity.

The number of students that can be accommodated in Transition Year will be decided by the school's Board of Management. Students who have completed the Junior Certificate may apply and preference will be given to students of Presentation Secondary School, Wexford who meet the Admissions Criteria.

Priority will be given to students who are most likely to benefit from the Transition Year experience and who are likely to have a positive influence on the Transition Year group as a whole.

### **Admission Procedure:**

1. For students of Presentation Secondary School, Wexford, application for admission to Transition Year is made via the Senior Cycle Options Form.
2. External applicants fill in the approved Application form for admission to the school. Applications to Transition Year from these students who meet the criteria will be placed on the relevant waiting list in date order of application.
3. Applicants may be interviewed by the Principal and/or the Deputy Principal and/or the Transition Year coordinators.
4. A closing date will be indicated on the Application Form and late applications may not be considered.
5. Based on the Admissions Criteria, a short-list of suitable candidates will be drawn up.

## **Admissions Criteria:**

The following criteria will be considered when assessing a prospective Transition Year student's application.

- Indication by the student in her application and/or at interview, of her willingness to participate in all aspects of the Transition Year Programme
- The student's willingness – as a junior student – to abide by the school's Code of Behaviour
- The student's satisfactory attendance record in school
- Evidence that the student has shown a willingness towards study
- The student's contribution to extra-curricular life of the school
- The student's age and/or pastoral needs – based on the recommendations of her Tutor and/or Guidance Counsellor and/or other professionals in the school

Each application will be considered on its own merit. However, where the number of applicants deemed suitable exceeds the number of places available, random selection will apply.