




TAP

Trinity Access Programmes



Trinity Access Student Outreach

Secondary school based initiatives to support those students with traditionally low post secondary progression



Trinity Access Programme

The Trinity Access Programme provides a range of supports and activities to partner schools focusing on cultivating aspirations to continue on to higher education among participants

These are based around 3 core practices which support transitions:

- Pathways to College
- Mentoring
- Leadership in Learning



Pathways to College

Pathways to College activities provide students with the knowledge required to make informed choices regarding subjects and levels and to successfully navigate the transition to their selected post-secondary education options



Examples of activities:

- College campus visits
- College awareness week
- In school talks by colleges
- CAO application clinics
- HEAR/DARE application clinics
- TAP summer school
- Walton Science club
- Scholars Ireland
- MED day
- HPAT evening
- Taste of TAP
- Subject and course specific weeks
- Higher level Maths grinds
- English lecture series
- Pathways to Law
- Arthur Cox PRIME programme

Pathways in BCS

Career speed dating:

All 5th year students 'speed date' a range of professionals who explain their job, their career journey so far and future career opportunities etc. Our students then get a chance to ask participants questions

Junior to Senior Cycle transitions week:

During this week 3rd year classes are taught using the senior cycle curriculum. They attend a workshop where they meet with students in TY, Leaving Cert and Leaving Certificate Applied. Parents and students also attend a Senior Cycle Options Information evening.

Mentoring

Types of Mentoring

Peer to Peer Mentoring:

Student Leadership programme where students mentor other students

Teacher Student Mentoring:

Volunteer teachers mentor students and this moves the teacher/student relationship beyond the classroom

Community Mentoring:

Members of the community (including parents, alumni and past pupils) mentor students

Peer to Peer mentoring in BCS

- 4th and 5th year students apply to be a mentors to 1st year students at start of academic year.
- The initiative aims to make the transition from primary to secondary school more enjoyable for 1st year mentees.
- Mentors attend training (provided by TAP) to prepare them for their new role
- Mentors meet the 1st years every week and are a helping hand in enabling them to meet new people, form supportive friendships, solve problems, while providing engaging and fun activities.

Peer to Peer Mentoring

Benefits:

- Leadership skills
- Personal and Social Skills
- Sense of Responsibility
- Team-work
- Listening and communication skills
- Gaisce Award for participation
- A reference to include in CV at the end of year.

Challenges:

- Time Commitment
- Ineffective mentoring pairs
- Finding activities to keep mentees engaged

Teacher Student mentoring

- Teachers and SNA's volunteer to mentor 1 or more 6th year students
- Teacher choose the students
- Suggest 4 to 5 meetings throughout the year
- Students are met informally on a 1-1 basis or in small groups - each student/teacher mentor sees what's best for them
- The type of mentoring and its parameters may be different for each student - academic / personal /social

Teacher Student Mentoring

Benefits

- Develops their confidence and self awareness
- Builds a trusting relationship
- Supports a more successful transition from school
- Teacher gets to make more personal connections with student outside of the classroom

Challenges

- Time
- Mismatch of mentor/mentee??
- A focus for the sessions

Mentoring in BCS



Leadership in Learning

The Leadership in Learning core practice involves teachers guiding students in ways that help students' autonomy and self-direction, as well as, skills such as collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking/problem solving.

This is done through the student-centered pedagogy - the Bridge 21 model.



Leadership in Learning activities:

- Codeplus workshops
- Bridge to College
- Green schools
- Worldwide Global Schools
- World of work programme
- PG Certificate in 21st Century Teaching and Learning
- Senior Mentors
- Charity events and fundraising



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