

# Coláiste Pobail Fóla TY interview description

## Structure of the Interview

- The TY interview will last approximately 10 minutes~
- Each student will be interviewed by a teacher and a current TY student.
- The student will be asked a series of questions under the following headings;
  - ▶ Why the interest in completing TY?
  - ▶ What are the attributes you (the student) believe should be looked for in a TY candidate?
  - ▶ What skills are you hoping to learn during your transition year?
  - ▶ Have you considered what work experience you may be interested in doing during your transition year?
  - ▶ What activities would you like to get involved in during transition year?
  - ▶ Are there any programmes or initiatives you would like to do during your transition year that are not already part of the TY programme.

- Students will also be asked about their attitude to work.

To us in Coláiste Pobail Fóla, student voice is extremely important. To better define attitude to work, we asked the current TY students, who have been excellent representatives for the school and TY programme this year, to give their view on the meaning of attitude to work. Here are some examples

Attitude to work is how someone approaches the work that they are required to do. They may have a poor attitude towards the work by coming in cranky, not putting in any effort, giving everyone a lack of respect, or don't attempt to be willing to try new ideas. Having a good attitude to work is simply the opposite of all of those examples.

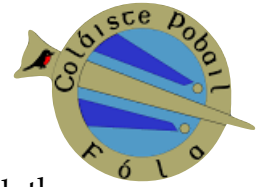
### Attitude to work

This means that all students must show respect to their peers and staff, be organised for every class and be able to meet deadlines for projects.

As well as that students should also participate in every TY event possible, come out of their comfort zone and do the best they can to their abilities.

You always try the work that's given to you at you're fullest.  
Always try to engage in class when the teacher is asking questions.

Students should always put active effort into their work and should always be organised. They should be participating in tasks, engaging in class which means that they should complete them to their best ability. Students should be willing to try new things and be courteous when working with others students / classmates. They should be respectful of guests, staff members ,students and property



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## Advice from a current TY student

The following is a paragraph written by a current TY student on what they think they would think about if going for a TY interview this year;

*“Students need a positive attitude towards their schoolwork which is crucial for the students success/ development. This includes diligence, curiosity, and perseverance which leads to academic success, personal growth, and prepares them for future challenges in TY. Students should show respect to everyone in their school community by treating others with kindness, empathy, and consideration. All this mentioned contributes to a harmonious atmosphere to learning and personal growth over the whole Transition Year course.”*

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## How can I show my contributions to school life;

- Before the interview, make a list of any activities in and outside the classroom you may have participated in.
  - Examples include;
  - Student Council
  - Fundraising activities
  - Multicultural day
  - Green Schools
  - Extra curricular sport
  - Extra curricular clubs (stem club, chess club, maths club, study skills, homework club)
  - Outside school - efforts in the community, attending study clubs/ library

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## General Interview Advice;

- Students should endeavour to show during the interview that they;
  - Can engage in self directed, independent learning.
  - Willing to develop their general social, technical and academic skills.
  - Willing to develop work-related skills.
  - Willing to develop social skills such as communication and building self-confidence.
  - Can show maturity and work as part of a team.
  - Can show that they are aware of our Core Values as part our ETB Ethos.