

MY PATHWAYS

POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL AND BEYOND . . .



**YOU ARE ON
A JOURNEY**

**AND POST-PRIMARY
SCHOOL IS AN
IMPORTANT PART OF
THAT JOURNEY!**



AIMS

In this lesson you will:

- Pathways: Learn about the stages of Education in Ireland.
- Reflect on your hopes and desires for this stage of your educational journey – Post-Primary School.



OUTCOMES

At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- Identify the different stages of the educational system in Ireland.
- Write a letter to your future self about your hopes and wishes for this stage of your educational journey.



WARM UP: WHY AM I HERE?

Welcome, everybody! Before we begin today,
I have a very important question for all of you:

Why are you in post-primary school today?

a.

First year
follows
sixth class.

b.

I wasn't
allowed to
stay in bed
this morning.

c.

I'm too
young to
work

d.

Other.

Raise your hand if you said a...b...c.
And who chose d, another reason?

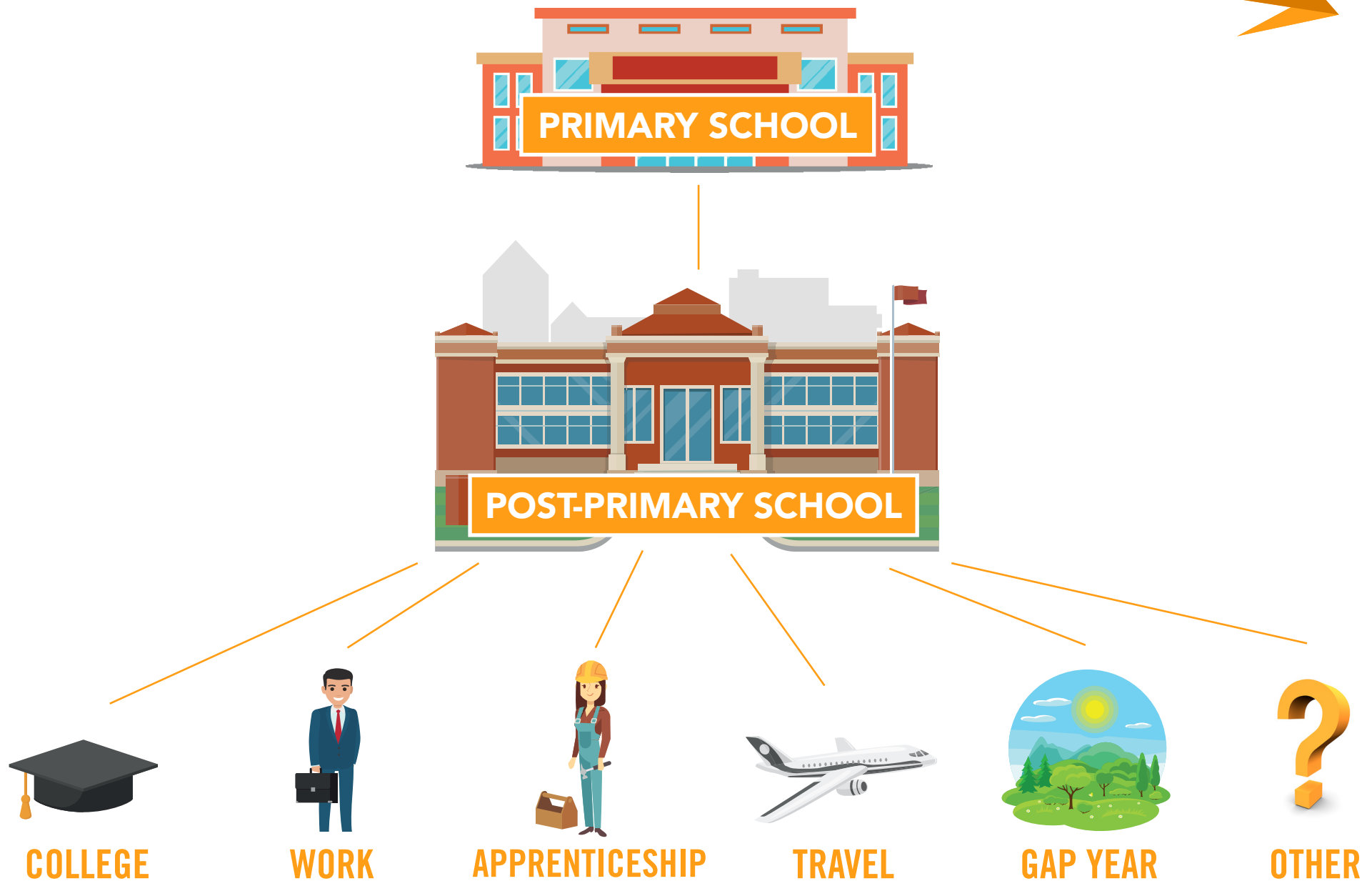


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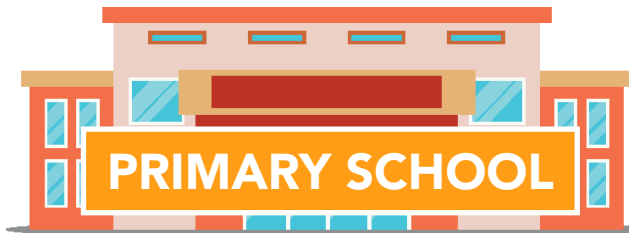
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER POST- PRIMARY SCHOOL?





DISCUSSION





**Primary School
is Complete**



**Let's look at what to expect
in post-primary school**



WHAT TO EXPECT



SIXTH YEAR:

In Sixth Year I will sit my Leaving Certificate Examination. I will choose my next pathway.

FIFTH YEAR:

In Fifth Year I will start some of my Leaving Cert Projects. I will start going to college open days and finding out more information about careers.

TRANSITION YEAR:

In Transition Year I will try new subjects and I will do work experience. I will also select what subjects I will do for my Leaving Cert.

THIRD YEAR:

In Third Year I will be doing my Junior Cycle Projects and assessments.

SECOND YEAR:

In Second Year I will be doing some Classroom Based Assessments i.e. important projects.

FIRST YEAR:

In First Year I am going to settle in to my new school.

OVER TO YOU....

Write a letter to yourself

You will open this letter in sixth year

In the letter:

1. Write about you at the moment – who is in your family – what are your hobbies?, what is important to you – what are your favourite things – who do you look up to?
2. Write about your first month in school – i.e. the subjects you like, the new friends you have met, etc.
3. Write about your dreams and hopes for the next six years (a subject you look forward to studying, sport you would like to join/ a musical instrument you would like to play or a club would like to join).
4. Write about your dreams and hopes for the future (after school).
5. Finish with some advice to yourself!