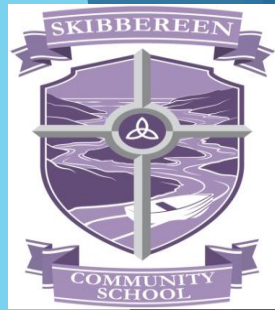




# Senior Cycle Subject Choice for 5<sup>th</sup> year 2023/2024

## WELCOME





# Agenda

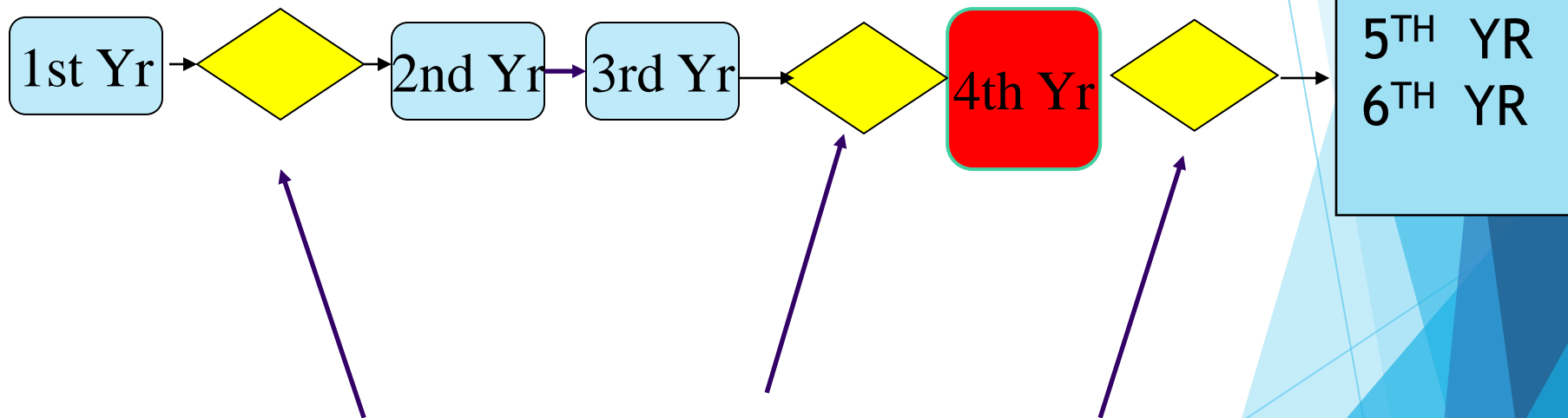
We will look at;

- ▶ Subjects that are available to study
- ▶ Factors to consider when deciding on subject choice
- ▶ Briefly look at each subject
- ▶ Key websites- tools for research
- ▶ Subject requirements at third level
- ▶ Options Process





# Path through Skibbereen Community School



*At various stages along the way students face choices and make decisions around subjects*



# Factors Influencing Decision



**Interest** in the subject- will tend to work harder in areas of interest



**Ability/ Aptitude** in the subject



Is the subject **necessary** for chosen course or career area



Is the subject **desirable** for chosen career?



# Your Interests

- ▶ Identify the subjects you like, not the subjects others think you like
- ▶ Think about the subjects you like to work at and enjoy learning about.
- ▶ Take interest assessments
  - ▶ [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)
  - ▶ [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie) ( CPIP)

Look at the results of the student's self assessment section in REACH plus on [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie) available to all TY students





## Your aptitudes/abilities

- ▶ Identify what subjects you enjoy and show competency in.
- ▶ Consider
  - Exam results
  - Teachers comments
  - The general attitude to the subject
  - how does student feel about doing homework in that subject
  - how you feel about going into class in that subject







## Future Career/ Study path

Identify essential subjects for

- Third level courses
  - Apprenticeship programmes
  - Possible training or work entry requirements
- 
- If unsure, keep your options open



- ▶ Making decisions about future careers or further study is complex
- ▶ Students will be unsure and likely to change their minds



- ▶ Self Awareness
- ▶ Options Available
- ▶ Decide & develop a plan







## TY : KEY Decision



*What 4 subjects of the 5 will I take for Senior Cycle from the 5 option subjects I have studied in TY?*



# Leaving Cert Established Programme

- ▶ 2 year academic programme
- ▶ Over 50% of coursework will be completed in 5<sup>th</sup> year
- ▶ High level of work and commitment required
- ▶ Subjects will be assessed by a terminal examination in June of leaving Certificate year as well as project work, oral examinations, journal work dependent on the curriculum of each subject.
- ▶ Students will have 4 1 hour classes in each subject per week
- ▶ Every subject is studied in more depth and students are expected to become more independent learners



# Leaving Cert subjects

Important to choose subjects that suit you as a person and the type of learner you are and what your future aspirations are

Consider if subject is information led or has projects or practical assessments

Content Based Subjects	Understanding Subjects	Skill / Practical Based subjects
Geography History Biology Home Economics* Art * Agricultural Science Business Studies Physical Education	Physics Home Economics* Chemistry Applied Maths Economics Accounting*	French Spanish Music Art* Physical Education DCG Accounting* Construction Studies LCVP





# 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Yr Core Subjects

- Gaeilge
- English
- Mathematics

## Core + 4 Option Subjects

Other non-exam subjects:

- Religion / RSE
- Physical Education
- Guidance

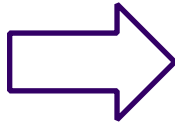


## SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONAL SUBJECTS



# Study 4

(if available!)



1. Agricultural Science
2. Biology
3. Chemistry
4. Physics
5. French
6. Spanish
7. Construction Studies
8. Design & Comm. Graphics
9. Engineering
10. Art
11. Music
12. Accounting
13. Business
14. Economics
15. Geography
16. History
17. Social & Scientific
18. PE

**Science**

**Languages**

**Practical**

**Creative**

**Business  
Studies**

**Humanities**

19. LCVP (extra)



# Senior Cycle Subject Choice

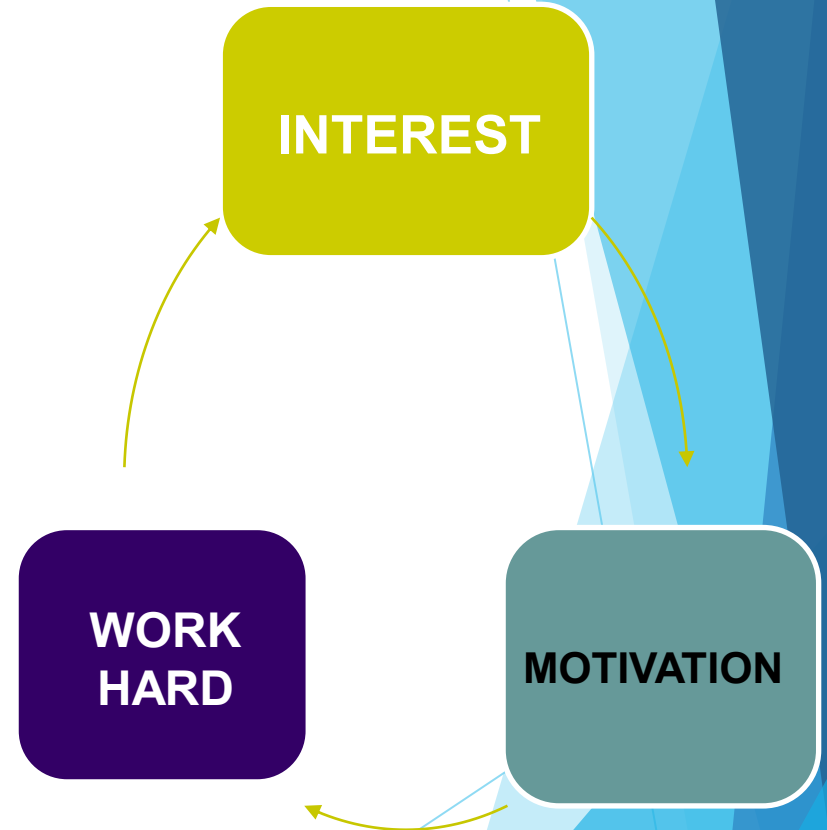
## *Reasons for choosing subjects*

- *Because you **like it** and you like to work at it*
- *Because you may **need it** for your course and career choices after school*





- ✓ Choose the subjects you like best.
- ✓ It is easier to do well.
- ✓ Genuine interest is important in terms of motivation.





# Entry to Third level - CAO

## 3 Conditions to be satisfied to secure a College offer

1. Meet Minimum Entry Requirements
2. Meet Specific Course Requirements
3. Points - points are calculated on your best 6 subjects

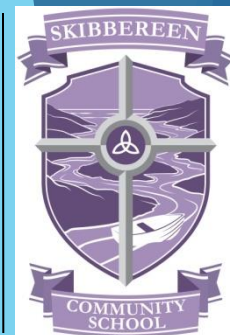
This often depends on the type of qualification  
you are doing



# Points

New Grades	% Marks
H1 / O1	90-100
H2 / O2	80<90
H3 / O3	70<80
H4 / O4	60<70
H5 / O5	50<60
H6 / O6	40<50
H7 / O7	30<40
H8 / O8	0<30

**7 subjects: count your best 6 for points.**



Higher		Ordinary	
Grade	Points	Grade	Points
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

**Honours Maths: + 25 points.**

**LCVP:** Distinction: 66 points  
Merit: 46  
Pass: 28



### THIRD LEVEL CHOICES

College Option	Qualification (Level & Duration of Course)	General Minimum Requirements
<b>NUI's</b> (UCC,UCD,NUIM,NUIG,RCS, NCAD,ShannonColl HM)	<b>Hons. Degree (L8)</b> Level 8 (3/4 years of study)	2 H5 & 4 H7/O6 To include; Eng, Ir, + For Arts/Bus/Med&H/SSc –Mod Lang For Engin/Sc/Nursing – HL Ma / Sc subj.
<b>Other Uni's/Colleges</b> (TCD,DCU,UL,MI,PontMayn,St.Pat s,MaterDei,ColMh,)	<b>Hons. Degree (L8)</b> Level 8 (3/4 years of study)  <b>Ord. Degree (L7)</b> Level 7 (3 years of study)	2 H5 & 4 H7/O6 To include; Eng, Ir/Lang & Ma (HL for L8) <b>TCD 3 H5 &amp; 3 H7/O6</b>  5 H7/O6 To include; Eng, Ir/Lang & Ma
<b>Institute of Technology</b> (MTU, ATU, SETU etc.)  **DIT=exception	<b>Hons. Degree (L8)</b> Level 8 (4 years of study)  <b>Ord. Degree (L7)</b> Level 7 (3 years of study) <b>Higher Cert (L6)</b> Level 6 (2 years of study)	2 H5 & 4 H7/O6 To include; Eng/Ir & Ma (HL for L8)  5 H7/O6 To include; Eng/Ir & Ma (FL****)
<b>Further College of Education</b> (CSN, Cork College of Commerce, St. John's CC)	<b>QQI Qualification</b> <b>Higher Cert (L6)</b> Level 6 (2 years of study) <b>Certificate (L5)</b> Level 5 (1 year of study)	5 H7/O6 Interview Some special requirements (e.g.Biology) <b>Apply Directly to Institution</b>



# Specific Course Requirements



- Primary Teaching: H4 in Irish.
- Commerce: Accounting (NUIG): H4 in Accounting.
- Home Economics (2<sup>nd</sup> level teaching): O6 Lab. Science or Home Ec.
- Business Studies: O5 or H3 in Maths (no Business subject required).
- Engineering: H5 in Maths for some courses. L8 - HL , L7/6 - OL
- Human Nutrition and Dietetics (DIT): H5 in Chemistry.
- Physio: (UL): O4/H3 in one of Physics/Chemistry/Biology/Ag. Science.
- Physio (TCD): 2 H5 from Physics/Chemistry/Biology/Ag. Science/Maths.
- Physio (RCSI): H4 in one of Physics/Chemistry/Biology/Ag. Science.
- Pharmacy (UCC): H5 in Chemistry & in either Physics or Biology.
- General Nursing: O6 in one of Physics/Chemistry/Biology/Ag. Science.
- Veterinary Medicine: H5 in Chemistry .
- \* Medicine (RCSI): O6 in one of Physics/Chemistry/Biology/Ag. Science
- (UCC): 2 Sciences (Chem +)
- (Others): 6 yrs (O6 in Sc. Subj.) / 5 yrs (2 Sc. Subj.)
- Science: O6 in one of Physics/Chemistry/Biology/Ag. Science.
- 2 Sciences desirable? H5 in Maths (UL) H7 or O3 in Maths (UCD).
- Cadetships in the Defence Forces: Minimum: 3H5 & 3O6. Passes in Maths, Continental Language and English or Irish.





# Specific Course Requirements

## Science / medical /veterinary

- Science UCC - H4 in one science subject
- Medicine UCC - H4 in Chemistry plus Biology/Physics
- Dentistry UCC - H4 in Chemistry plus Biology/Physics
- Pharmacy UCC - H5 in Chemistry plus Biology /Physics
- Speech and Language Therapy UCC - H4 science subject & H5 in a language other than English
- Occupational Therapy UCC - H4 in a science subject
- Physiotherapy UL - H7 / O3 in a science subject
- Nursing UCC - one science subject
- Veterinary in UCD - H5 in Chemistry

## Engineering

- Engineering UCC - one science subject and H4 in maths
- Engineering MTU - L7 - O6 ..... L8 - H6 But also see specific course requirements

## Languages

- Commerce International UCC - HC1 (H3) in a foreign language
- Law and French UCC - H3 in French
- Law and Irish UCC - H3 in Irish
- World Languages UCC - H3 in language other than English





# Subject Requirements - Should I choose a language?

- UCC, UCD, University Galway, NUI Maynooth and the Royal College of Surgeons require a pass in a third language for **most** of their courses.
- Other colleges have it as a requirement for certain courses that have a large language component.
- Entry to the Cadetships in the Defence Forces require a third language.
- NCAD require a third language **or** Art.
- No language requirement for Science, Nursing, Engineering courses in NUI colleges
- Trinity College Dublin, University of Limerick, DCU and the Institutes of Technology **unless it is a specific course requirement.**
- ***Not a requirement for Apprenticeships, most PLCS, Guards***

# Should I choose a science?

- ▶ If you are applying for anything in the Engineering, Medical, Paramedical (Radiography, Physiotherapy, Human Nutrition/ Dietician, Pharmacy, Medical Laboratory, Podiatry, Veterinary Nursing etc.) Nursing or Science areas at Universities you need to have a pass in at least one Laboratory Science Subject.

*Course requirements should be checked on an individual basis.*



# Projects & Practicals

## ▶ Home Economics

- ▶ In 5<sup>th</sup> Year, students complete practical and written assignments that make up 20% of Leaving Cert result.

## ▶ Art comprises of:

- ▶ Still Life - 25%
- ▶ Design/Craftwork - 25%
- ▶ Figure/Life Drawing - 13%
- ▶ Art History - 37%

## ▶ Music comprises of:

- Listening - 25%
- Composing - 25%
- Performing - 25%
- Performance/Music Technology - 25%

## ▶ Geography comprises of:

- ▶ Written examination - 80%
- ▶ Geographical Investigation - 20%

# Projects & Practicals continued

## ▶ Construction

- ▶ Theory Paper - 50%
- ▶ Project - 25%
- ▶ Woodwork Practical Exam - 25%

## ▶ Engineering

- ▶ Theory Paper - 50%
- ▶ Project - 25%
- ▶ Practical Exam - 25%

## ▶ DCG

- ▶ Theory Paper - 60%
- ▶ Project - 40%

## ▶ Ag Science

- ▶ Written Paper - 75%
- ▶ Project - 25%



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## Useful Tools

There are a number of useful tools

The [Points Calculator](#) is particularly relevant to students who have not yet taken their [Leaving Certificate](#). You can enter your expected results to see how they compare to the points required by applicants in recent years.

The [Interest Assessment](#) is suitable for everyone to give an indication of areas or types of work that would match your interests.

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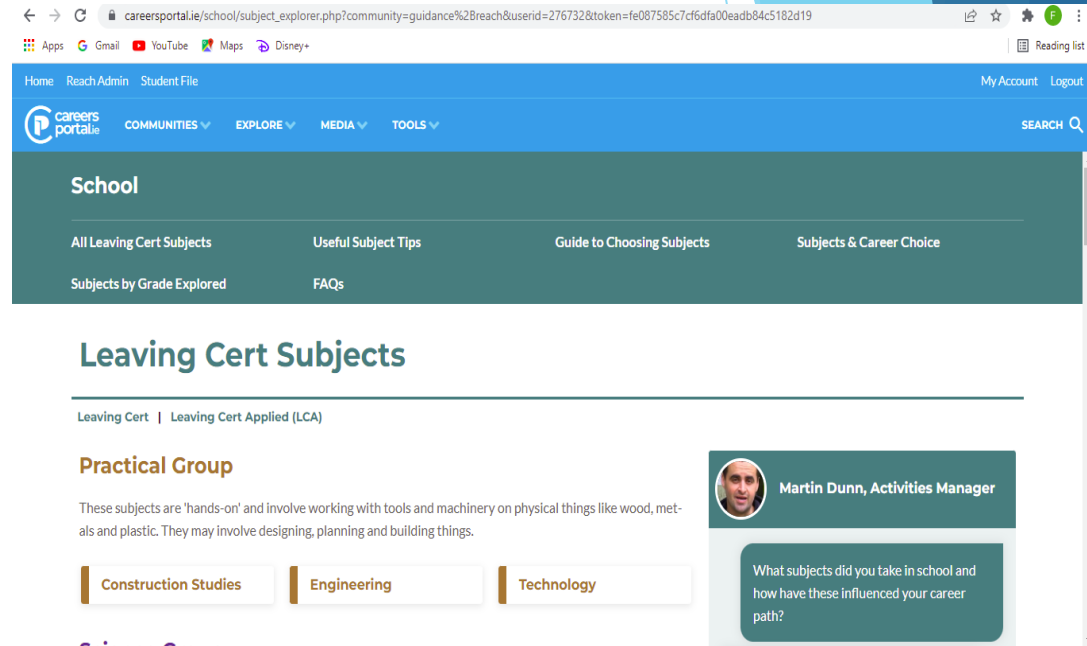
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► Screen shot of  
[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

► All TY students are fully  
registered with REACH plus

► They have access to Ireland's  
leading Guidance  
programme online and for use in  
class for all of senior cycle.





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## Leaving Cert Subjects

### Technical Group

Construction Studies

Engineering

Design & Comm  
Graphics

Technology

### Science Group

Agricultural Science

Applied Maths

Biology



Peter Clifford, P

What subjects did you take  
and how have these influenced  
your career path?

I did Geography, Business Studies  
and German in school. To be honest,  
the subjects didn't have an influence  
on my career path. I always wanted to be a Gardener.

Summary

Grades Awarded

Course Overview

Course Content

Exam Structure

Career Possibilities

Career Guidance

## Summary



Leaving Cert Chemistry - Chemistry



Studying Chemistry - Chemistry



Chemistry exists everywhere, not just in laboratories, but in every living thing on land and in our bodies. Chemistry is often described as 'the central science' containing a lot of

# Subject Descriptions

Quick snapshot of each senior cycle subject in 1 slide.





# Core Subjects @ Senior Cycle

## Which level? Points to remember ....

**Higher Points for Higher Level Grades!**

### ➤ Irish

Certain jobs/courses require HL grade  
e.g. Primary Teaching or if want to study Irish at 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Level (generally H4)  
Oral exam worth 40%

### ➤ English

Certain jobs/courses require HL grade  
(e.g. Journalism & Digital Communication UL, Journalism  
and Multimedia in DCU require a H4)

**Other courses in other colleges with similar requirements!**





## ➤ Mathematics

HL necessary for Level 8 (Honours Degrees) in Science and Engineering BUT can start with Level 7/6 courses - need OL

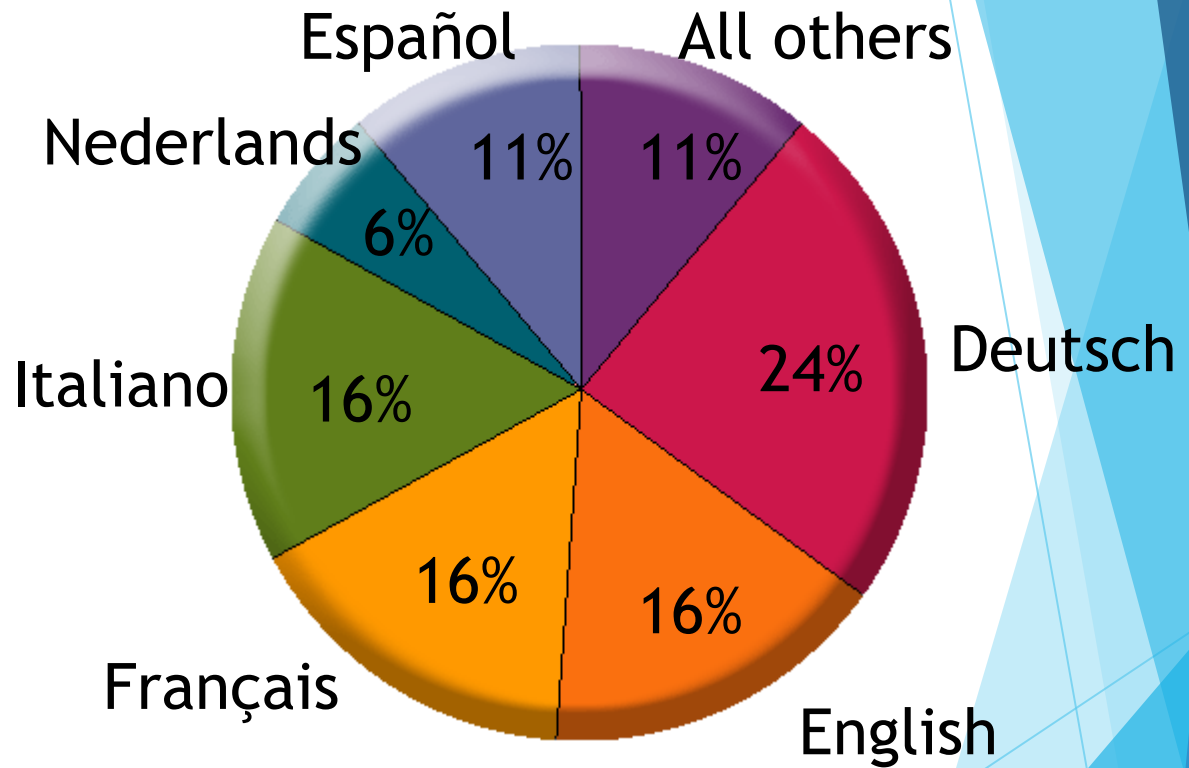
Can do Law, Social Studies, Arts in UCC or any NUI having failed maths! However only 2 courses in CIT not requiring Maths, 7 accept FL, most other courses require OL Ma.

Can become a Primary School Teacher with OL

**HL Maths worth 25 extra points!**



# Languages spoken in the EU:



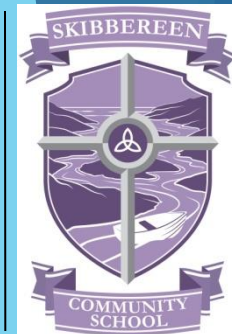
Français  
Deutsch  
Italiano  
Español  
English  
Nederlands  
All others







# French & Spanish



## What is covered?

Three components:

1. Basic Communicative Proficiency
2. Language Awareness
3. Cultural Awareness



## Examination:

Reading/Written Exam: 2.5 hrs (55%).

Aural: 50 mins (H.L: 20%; O.L: 25%)

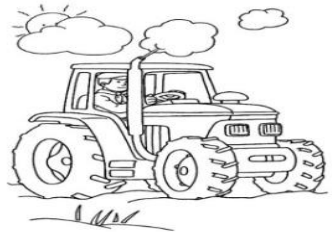
Oral: 12/15 mins (H.L: 25%; O.L: 20%)

Need a good foundation to do or get honours.



**Careers/Courses:** European Studies, Marketing, Hotel Management, Translation, EU, Teaching, Cadets, Tourism & Leisure.





# Agricultural Science



## What is covered?

Scientific Practices

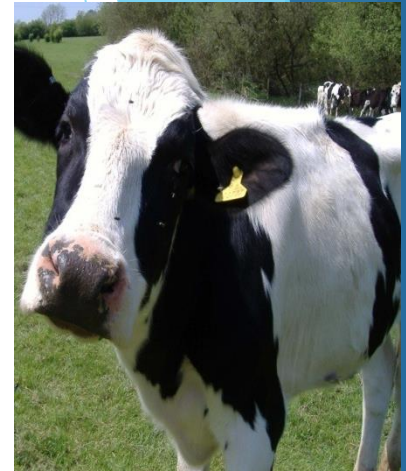
Soils

Crops

Animals

Environmental Impact of Agriculture & Environmental Schemes

Markets for Irish Produce



**Examination:** Written examination: 75%  
Project/Coursework: 25%

**Careers/Courses:** Agricultural Engineering, Inspector, Animal Breeder, Animal Trainer, Butter / Cheese-maker, Creamery Manager, Dairy Scientist, Farmer, Fish Farmer, Forester, Horticulturalist, Lab Technician, Stud Farm, Veterinary Surgeon.





# Biology



## What is covered?

1. The study of Life : Scientific Method, Characteristics of Life, Ecology, Nutrition.
2. The Cell: Structure, Diversity, Continuity, Metabolism, Genetics.
3. The Organism: Diversity, Organisation, Transport & Nutrition, Breathing, Excretion, Responses, Reproduction & Growth.

**Examination:** Written Exam (100%): 3 hrs.

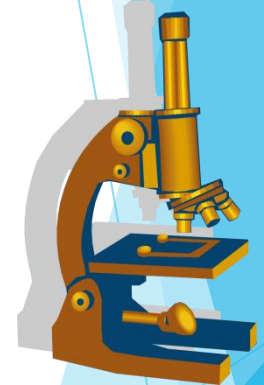
Section A (25%): Short Q's: 5/6.

Section B (15%): Mandatory Experiments: 2/3.

Section C (60%): Long Q's: 4/6.

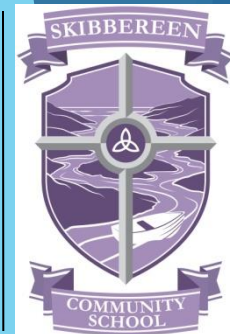
The course is long. Students need to like learning off information.

**Careers/Courses:** Nursing, Beautician, Health Professionals, Marine Biology, Food Industry, Environmental Officers.





# Chemistry



## What is covered?

Periodic Table and Atomic Structure, Chemical Bonding, Stoichiometry, Formulas and Equations, Volumetric Analysis  
Fuels and Heats of Reaction, Rates of Reaction, Organic Chemistry, Chemical Equilibrium, Environmental Chemistry: Water and Options: Industrial and Atmospheric or Metals and Electrochemistry.

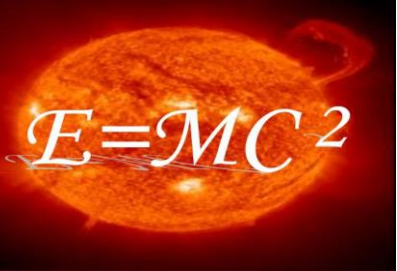
A mixture of theory (definitions), calculations and 28 mandatory experiments and demonstrations.

Must start learning immediately in 5<sup>th</sup> year as you can get lost easily.  
Must be logical, analytical, numerate and creative.

**Examination:** Written Exam 100%: 3 hrs.

**Careers/Courses:** Medicine, Dentistry,  
Science & Engineering





# Physics



## What is covered?

Mechanics, Temperature, Heat, Waves, Vibrations and Sounds, Light, Electricity, Modern Physics & Particle Physics  
Covers a good mixture of theory (definitions), calculations and mandatory experiments (24).

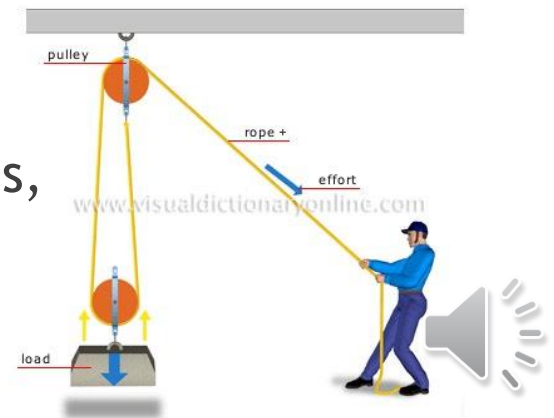
**Examination:** Written Exam (100%): 3 hrs.

Section A: Assesses 24 mandatory experiments (30%).

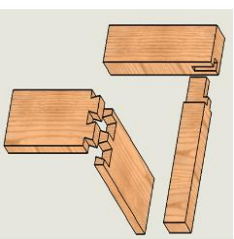
Section B: Assesses knowledge, theory, definitions, calculations & other experiments.

## Careers/Courses:

Renewable Energy, Environment and Climate, Communications, Music and Television, Sports and Games (without Physics there would be no ipods, games consoles or the internet!!), Transport, Medicine, Education







# Construction Studies

Formerly Materials Technology Wood (MTW)

## What is covered?

1. Heritage & Conservation / Planning / Sustainability / Energy Conservation
2. Site Safety / Masonry & Timber Frame Construction
3. Plumbing & Drainage / Heat Retention / Electricity

**Examination:** Written Exam: 50%

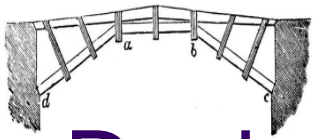
Course work submitted at Easter: 25%

Practical bench test in May: 25%

All practical skills learned in JC carry forward. Theory in LC is not related to JC MTW so can be a fresh start.

**Careers/Courses:** Sustainable Energy Consultant, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Construction Management, Architecture, Quantity Surveyor, Site Foremen, Plumber, Carpenter, Joiner.





# Design & Communications Graphics



## Course Outline:

DCG provides students with the opportunity of visualizing and comprehending information presented verbally or graphically. Problem solving skills are developed through analysis and solution of both 2D and 3D graphics. Drawings and designs are communicated using sketching, traditional draughting equipment and Solidworks.

## Examination:

40% - Project submitted in Mid January

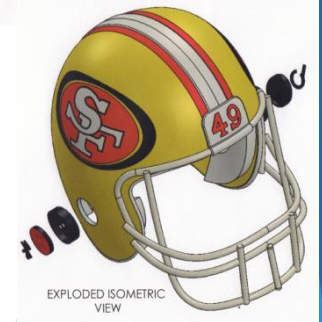
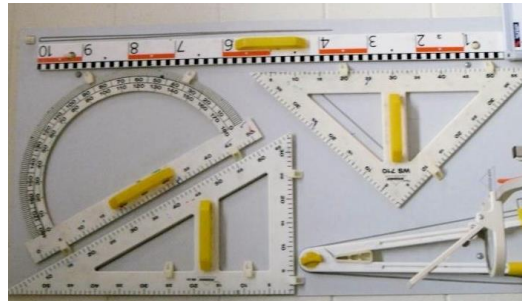
60% - Examination in June

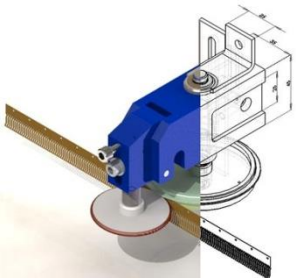
## Careers:

Civil Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	Construction Management
Architecture	Product Design	Quantity Surveyor
Draughtsman	Graphic Design	Teaching

Trades: All trades will require you to be able to clearly understand plans of buildings

**Graphics is a skill you can develop and will be used extensively in the above occupations.**





# Engineering

**Formerly Metal Work**

## What is covered?

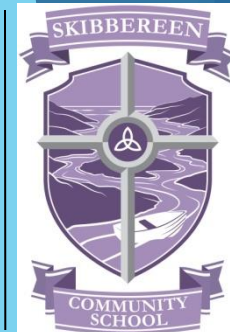
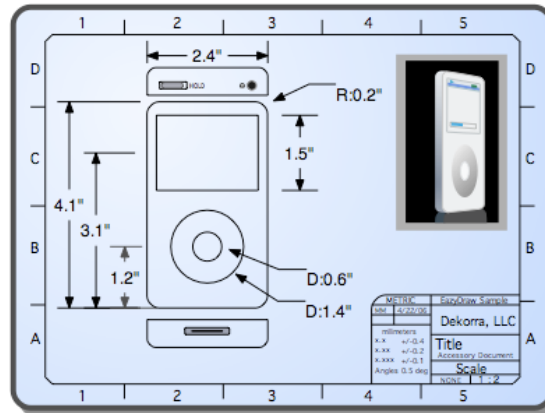
- 1. Workshop Processes:** Health and safety / Benchwork / Heat treatment of metals / Plastics processing / Fabrication and finishing of metals / Machining / Technology.
- 2. Materials and Technology:** Classification and origin of metals / Structure of metals / Iron and steel / Non-ferrous metals / Corrosion of metals / Materials testing / Plastics / Joining of materials / Machining / Metrology / Manufacturing processes.

**Examination:** Written Exam: 50%

Workshop/Lab Work & Projects: 25%

Practical Exam: 25%

**Careers/Courses:** Agricultural Engineering, Aircraft Technician, Fitter/Turner, Industrial Design / Operatives, Mechanics, Mechanical Production, Motor Mechanic, Structural and Civil Engineer, Toolmaker and Welder.





# Art

## What is covered?

1. Imaginative Composition or Still Life (100Marks)
2. Design or Craftwork (100Marks)
3. Life Sketching (50Marks)
4. History and Appreciation of Art. (150Marks)



Encourages creative thinking (INNOVATION) and critical analysis (PROBLEM SOLVING)

Don't need to have done Art for Junior Cert.

Portfolio preparation not part of course.

## Examination:

Project over 6-8 weeks on a topic decided by the SEC

Practical exam: Life drawing

Art History exam in June: (2.5 hrs)



## Careers/Courses:

Advertising, Animation, Architecture, Archaeology, Art Worker, Art Therapy, Fashion and Textile Design, Film Making, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Photography, Theatre Design, Product Design, Web Design.....Endless list of careers that reward creativity and innovative thinking.





# Music



## What is covered?

The course is divided into 3 components:

### Performing 50%

Performing is fundamental therefore to the course and classwork

### Composing 25%

This involves learning about the rudiments and Basic theories of Music. The students learn how to Compose a short melody and how to add backing Chords to a piece of Music.

### Listening 25%

This involves analysing four different pieces of Music which includes Music by JS Bach,, Mozart, The Beatles and Queen.

The students also study Irish Music and various other styles of Music

## Examination:

The Practical exam is 50% of the overall mark and each student performs either 6 pieces on 1 Instrument, or 4 + 4 on two different instruments. This exam takes place on the March/April before the Written exams.

The written exam is in two parts:

The Composing paper and The Listening paper

**Careers/Courses:** Arranger, performer, teacher, composer, music producer, advertising, sound engineer





# Accounting



## What is covered?

### 2 Sections

- (1) Financial Accounting (Final A/C's of Sole Traders/Companies, Club/Service Firm A/C's, Cash Flow Forecasts)
  - (2) Management Accounting (Costing (Product & Marginal) & Budgeting)
- Accurate, organised and reasonably good at Maths.
  - Prepared to be challenged and complete the task.

**Examination:** Written Exam :100% (3 hrs).

All long questions : Marks vary from 60m – 120m

3 Parts – Part 1 & 2 : Financial Accounting

Part 3 : Management Accounting

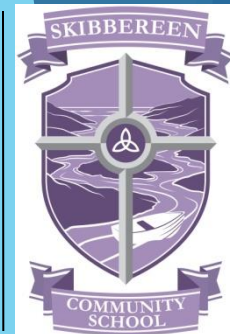


**Careers/Courses:** Banking, Advertising, Taxation, Secretary, Law, Sales, H.R, Marketing, Insurance.





# Business



## What is covered?

3 Sections

- A. People in Business
- B. Enterprise/ Management/ Business in Action
- C. Environment – Domestic & International



- Business Studies for the Junior Cert is NOT necessary.
- Does not contain a lot of accounting (Tax Calculation, Ratio Analysis, B/E charts)
- Learning definitions, assessing companies, regulations/legislation and applying knowledge to case studies.
- Must like learning things off, but unlike English no essays - bullet point form

**Examination:** Written Exam: 100% (H.L: 3 hrs; O.L: 2.5 hrs).

Short + Long questions + ABQ

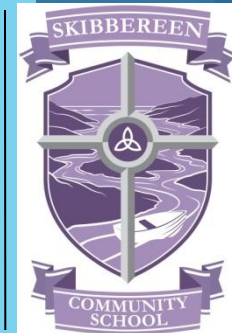
Each year three different units are examined in detail for a case study called an A.B.Q. – Applied Business Question. (7 Units in Total)

**Careers/Courses:** Banking, Advertising, Taxation, Secretary, Law, Sales, H.R, Marketing, Insurance.





# Economics



## What is covered?

Two main sections:

### *Microeconomics*

The Consumer and the Producer

Supply and Demand

Equilibrium

Markets and Market Structures

Factors of Production

### *Macroeconomics*

Banking

Inflation

Government and National Income

International Trade

Economic Growth



- Look at practical topics in the real-world that affect our daily lives.
- Accessible subject for all students - mix of words, numbers and graphs.
- Not limited to textbook learning – opportunity to voice opinions both in class/exam.

## Examination:

**100% Written Paper (2.5 hrs):** Mixture of short and questions with an excellent choice.

## Careers/Courses:

Commerce, Finance, Business Information Systems, Economics, Food Business, Marketing, Journalism, Banking, Advertising, Taxation, Secretary, Law, Sales, H.R, Insurance.







# Geography

## What is covered?

### 3 Core Units

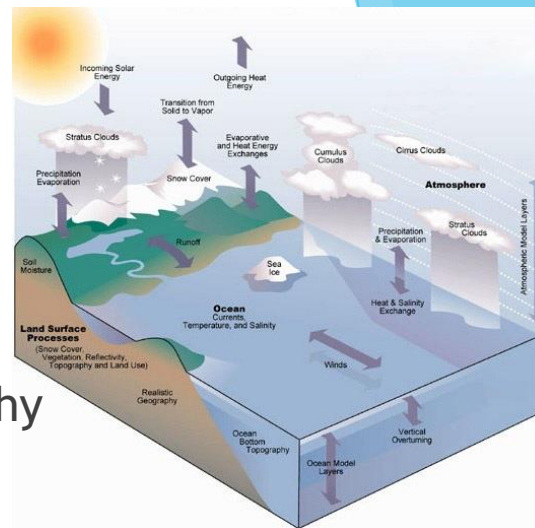
1. Physical Environment
2. Regional Geography
3. Investigation and Skills (Fieldwork)

### 1 of 2 Elective Units

4. Economic Geography
5. Social Geography

### 1 of 4 Optional Units

6. Global Interdependence
7. Geo-Ecology
8. Culture and Identity
9. The Atmosphere



## Examination:

- Written Exam (80%)

Short Answer Questions/Multi-Part Questions/Essay (optional HL only)

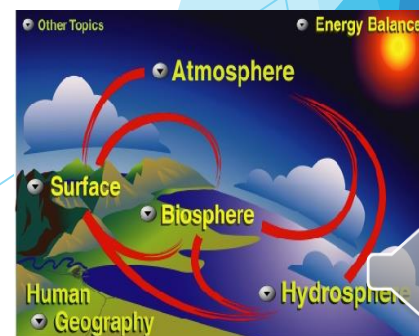
- Fieldwork Project due in April: (20%)

Involves drawing maps, figures, statistics, charts

## Careers/Courses:

Urban Planning, Map Making, G.P.S. / G.I.S.

Environment, Teaching, Demographer, Weather / Climate





# History



## What is covered?

Students cover Modern Irish History and two topics from European history

The course is divided into three areas:

1. A research study (20%) - this is pre-submitted March of Leaving Cert.
2. Document based study (20% of the Exam)
3. Three topics (60% of the Exam) - from Irish and European History.

Develops critical, analytical and communication skills based around learning about the world of politics, economics, religion, philosophy.

## Examination:

Written Exam 80% (4 Q's): 2 hrs 50 mins.

Investigation 20% : Extended essay.

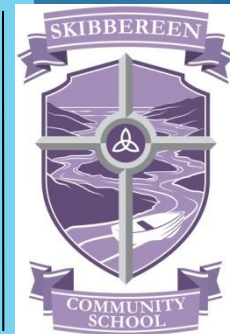
## Careers/Courses:

Politics, Journalism, Local Government, Law, Archaeology, Media, Museum Work, Librarian, Civil Service.





# Social & Scientific



## What is covered?

3 core areas and 1 elective.

**Core:** Food Studies (45%),  
Resource Management & Consumer Studies (25%)  
Social Studies (10%).

**Elective:** Social Studies (20%):

## Examination:

Written Exam: 80%: 2.5 hours

Practical coursework: 20% (Completed in 5<sup>th</sup> Year)

A write-up of 4 Cookery Tasks in Food Studies Journal



**Courses/Careers:** Hotel, Catering & Tourism, Culinary Arts, Fashion & Design, Childcare, Home Economics Teaching, Social Care, Food Science.





# Useful Questions



**Q:** What subjects do you really like at present?

**Q:** What subjects tend to consistently bring you good results?

**Q:** Do you know enough about the subject at Leaving Certificate Level?

**Q:** Are you choosing because of friends/ teachers?

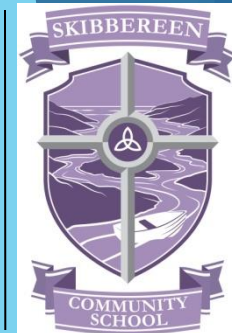
**Q:** What subjects are essential for the career/course you would like after school?

**Q:** Am I keeping my options open?





# Who can help decide?



## ➤ **Parents**

Play a major role when it comes to Subject Choice. (ESRI 2011)

## ➤ **Teachers**

They will discuss what their subject is like at Leaving Certificate Level.

## ➤ **Past Pupils & Older Siblings** - ask those who are already studying subjects at senior cycle what they think of them

## ➤ **Guidance Counsellor**

Make sure to ask questions regarding subjects and future goals.

N.B. remember everyone has different opinions on subjects

- if they say they like or dislike a subject, ask them why!

& Look up

- Subject Textbooks
- Exam Papers - [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) , [www.studyclix.ie](http://www.studyclix.ie)





# On-Line Research

- [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

It gives information on which subjects are needed for what courses, as well as information on all college courses  
Look up Minimum Entry Requirement under Useful Tools

- [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

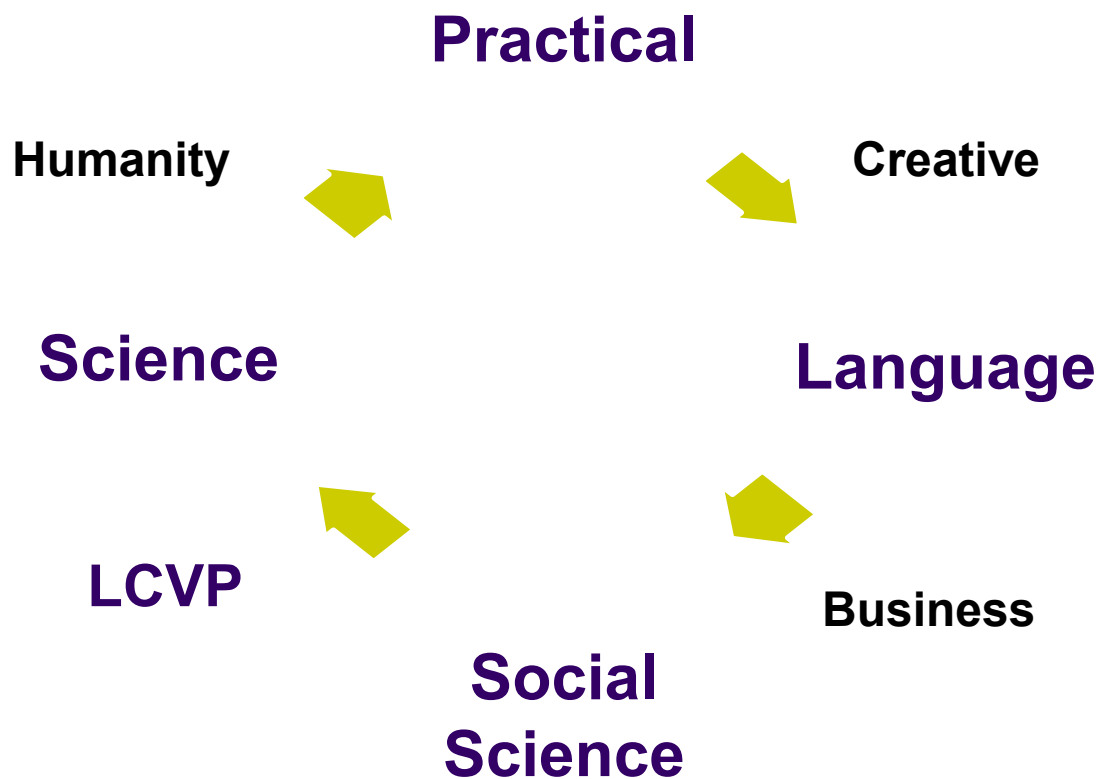
Subject information + personal assessments. Also gives information on jobs such as qualifications needed.

- [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

All Colleges/Universities/etc. have their own web sites  
e.g. UCC.ie, CIT.ie, UL.ie, FAS.ie, etc.



# Unsure? Choose a good mix of subjects to cover your options.



**Keeping Options Open!**

Irish , English , Maths  
+ 1 Modern Language  
+ 1 Science  
+ 2 others



# The Process Part 1 (TY students)

- Students select their subjects and complete the online application form
- They select from their current 6 subjects in order of preference on the application form
- They will be allocated their highest available 4 preferences/ subjects for 5<sup>th</sup> year
- Closing Dates: Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March



# The Process Part 2 (TY students)

- Students will receive a document outlining the subjects they have been allocated to
- This document will also ask you to indicate if you wish to take LCVP (Leaving Cert Vocational Programme) and PE for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year.
- Indicate if you are happy with these 4 option subjects. Parents and students sign the form and submit to the school
- If student wishes to CHANGE THEIR MINDS they may do so and the school will try to accommodate these changes based on the subject bands already decided upon. There is no guarantee that the change will be possible
- Closing Date for part 2: to be decided




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Student Options  
Timetable



9:00

10:00

11:00

12:00

13:00

14:00

Mathematics  
F23  
Ms. Orla Courtney ; Mr. John McCarthy  
1Mat-D  
09:40 - 10:20

Business  
G87  
Mr. Maurice Moore  
1Bus-D  
09:40 - 10:20

Technical Graphics  
G55  
Mr. Richie Keating  
1TG-2.1-R2  
09:40 - 10:20

Science  
G70  
Ms. Mags Breen  
1Sci-D  
09:00 - 09:40

Irish  
F49  
Ms. Mary O'Driscoll  
1Iri-5.4  
09:00 - 09:40

Science  
G70  
Ms. Mags Breen  
1Sci-D  
09:40 - 10:20

History  
F53  
Ms. Michelle O'Brien  
1His-D  
09:40 - 10:20

Business  
G87  
Mr. Maurice Moore  
1Bus-D  
10:30 - 11:10

Geography  
F27  
Ms. Nicola Deane  
1Geo-D  
10:30 - 11:10

English  
F53  
Ms. Michelle O'Brien  
1Eng-D  
10:30 - 11:10

Music  
F42  
Ms. Colette Brennan  
1Mus-1.1-R2  
10:30 - 11:10

Business  
G87  
Mr. Maurice Moore  
1Bus-D  
10:30 - 11:10

Social, Personal and Health Education  
F30  
Mr. Peter Lynch  
1SPHE-D  
11:10 - 11:50

English  
F53  
Ms. Michelle O'Brien  
1Eng-D  
11:10 - 11:50

French  
F29  
Mr. John Sugrue  
1Fre-D  
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Music  
F42  
Ms. Colette Brennan  
1Mus-1.1-R2  
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Civic, Social & Political Educ.  
F29  
Mr. John Sugrue  
1CSPE-D  
11:10 - 11:50

Irish  
F55  
Ms. Mary O'Driscoll  
1Iri-D  
11:50 - 12:30

Irish  
F49  
Ms. Mary O'Driscoll  
1Iri-5.4  
11:50 - 12:30

Materials Technology (Wood)  
G52 CONSTRUCTION  
Mr. Michael Murphy  
1Mat-4.1-R2  
11:50 - 12:30

Spanish  
Ms. Gillian O'Farrell  
1Spa-3.1-R2  
11:50 - 12:30

English  
F53  
Ms. Michelle O'Brien  
1Eng-D  
11:50 - 12:30

French  
F29  
Mr. John Sugrue  
1Fre-D  
12:30 - 13:10

Project Mathematics  
F33  
Mr. John McCarthy ; Mr. P.J. Whooley  
1PrjM-D  
12:30 - 13:10

Materials Technology (Wood)  
G52 CONSTRUCTION  
Mr. Michael Murphy  
1Mat-4.1-R2  
12:30 - 13:10

Spanish  
F28  
Ms. Gillian O'Farrell  
1Spa-3.1-R2  
12:30 - 13:10

Geography  
F27  
Ms. Nicola Deane  
1Geo-D  
12:30 - 13:10

Religious Education  
F17  
Ms. Orla O'Sullivan  
1Rel-6.4  
13:50 - 14:30

Science  
G70  
Ms. Mags Breen  
1Sci-D  
13:50 - 14:30

Physical Education  
G111  
Mrs. Máire Keating  
1PE-D  
13:50 - 14:30

Mathematics  
F23  
Mr. John McCarthy ; Ms. Orla Courtney  
1Mat-D  
13:50 - 14:30

Geography  
F27  
Ms. Nicola Deane  
1Geo-D

Religious Education  
F08  
Ms. Rosie O'Brien  
1Rel-D

Physical Education  
G111  
Mrs. Máire Keating  
1PE-D

Mathematics  
F23  
Ms. Orla Courtney ; Mr. John McCarthy  
1Mat-D

Subject Set 1

Preference Number	Subject Choice
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

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Student Options  
Timetable

Subject Set 1

Preference Number	Subject Choice
1	FRENCH
2	GEOGRAPHY
3	MATERIALS TECHNOLOG
4	TECHNICAL GRAPHICS
5	HOME ECONOMICS
6	MUSIC

Options entry completed



Include your **6** Option subjects but **PUT THEM IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE**

We will aim to give you your top **4** choices



# The Process- what next

- Subject bands are decided based on students preferences.
- Class size restrictions- especially for practical subjects
- Deadline for online application is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Missed deadline – choose from bands



# Research your subjects of Interest

Submit your preferences by the 15<sup>th</sup> March 23

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# Senior Cycle Subject Choice



*Thank you*

