



Senior Cycle Subject Choice for TY 2024

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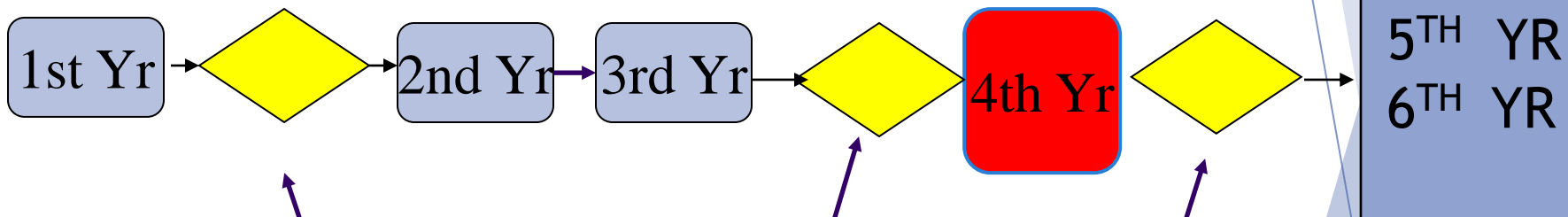
During the presentation

We will look at;

- ▶ How subject choice works at TY/Senior cycle
- ▶ Factors to consider when deciding on subject choice
- ▶ Subject requirements at Third level
- ▶ Brief run through of each subject
- ▶ Key websites- tools for research
- ▶ Options Process



Path through Skibbereen Community School



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



3rd year : KEY Decision



What 5 option subjects will I take for the Senior Cycle Taster Programme in TY?



Factors Influencing Decision



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



Ability/ Aptitude in the subject



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

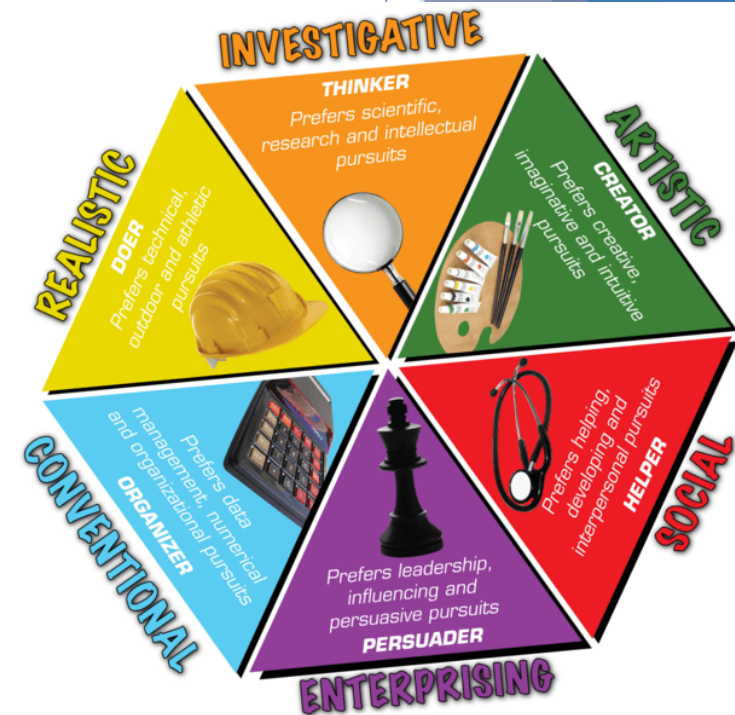


Is the subject **desirable** for chosen career?



Your Interests

- ▶ Identify the subjects you like and are happy to put time into
- ▶ Think about the subjects you like to work at and enjoy learning about.
- ▶ Benefit of TY is that it gives you an opportunity to explore your interests and learn more about yourself
- ▶ Take interest assessments
 - ▶ www.qualifax.ie
 - ▶ www.careersportal.ie (CPIP)





Your aptitudes/abilities

- ▶ Identify what subjects you enjoy and show competency in.

- ▶ Consider
 - Exam results
 - Teachers comments
 - The general attitude to the subject
 - how you feel about doing homework in that subject
 - how you feel about going into class in that subject



Future Career/ Study path

- ▶ Possible training or work entry requirements
- ▶ Identify **essential** subjects for
 - Third level courses
 - Apprenticeship programmes

- ▶ If unsure, keep your options open

Junior Cycle- where you are now

6 Common Exam subjects

- English
- Irish
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Modern Language- French or Spanish

➤ Plus 3 options subjects

Non - Exam

- ▶ CSPE, SPHE, RE, PE (Non Exam)

Junior Cycle

3 Option Subjects

- Art
- Business
- Geography
- Home Economics
- Engineering
- Music
- Technical Graphics
- Woodwork
- French/Spanish



Established Leaving Cert

5th & 6th yr : 7 subjects

- ▶ Core Subjects : English
Irish
Mathematics
- ▶ Choose 4 Option Subjects
- ▶ Non- exam: Guidance, RE, RSE, PE
- ▶ LCVP - extra optional subject for 5th & 6th yr

Leaving Cert subjects in SCS

Business

- ▶ Accounting
- ▶ Business

Science

- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Agricultural Science

Practical

- ▶ Construction Studies
- ▶ DCG
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Physical Education

Languages

- ▶ French
- ▶ Spanish

Humanities

- ▶ Geography
- ▶ History
- ▶ Home Economics

Creative

- ▶ Art
- ▶ Music

▶ Please note not all subjects may be available every year

3rd years : KEY DECISION to consider:

What subjects will I take for Senior Cycle

- Taster Programme in TY
- Choose **5 Option subjects** for TY carefully
- Two hours in each subject for the year
- Free choice but consider carefully subjects you have experience of at Junior Cycle



Rationale - use TY to really discover your aptitudes, strengths, interests with the aim of finalising subject choices for senior cycle



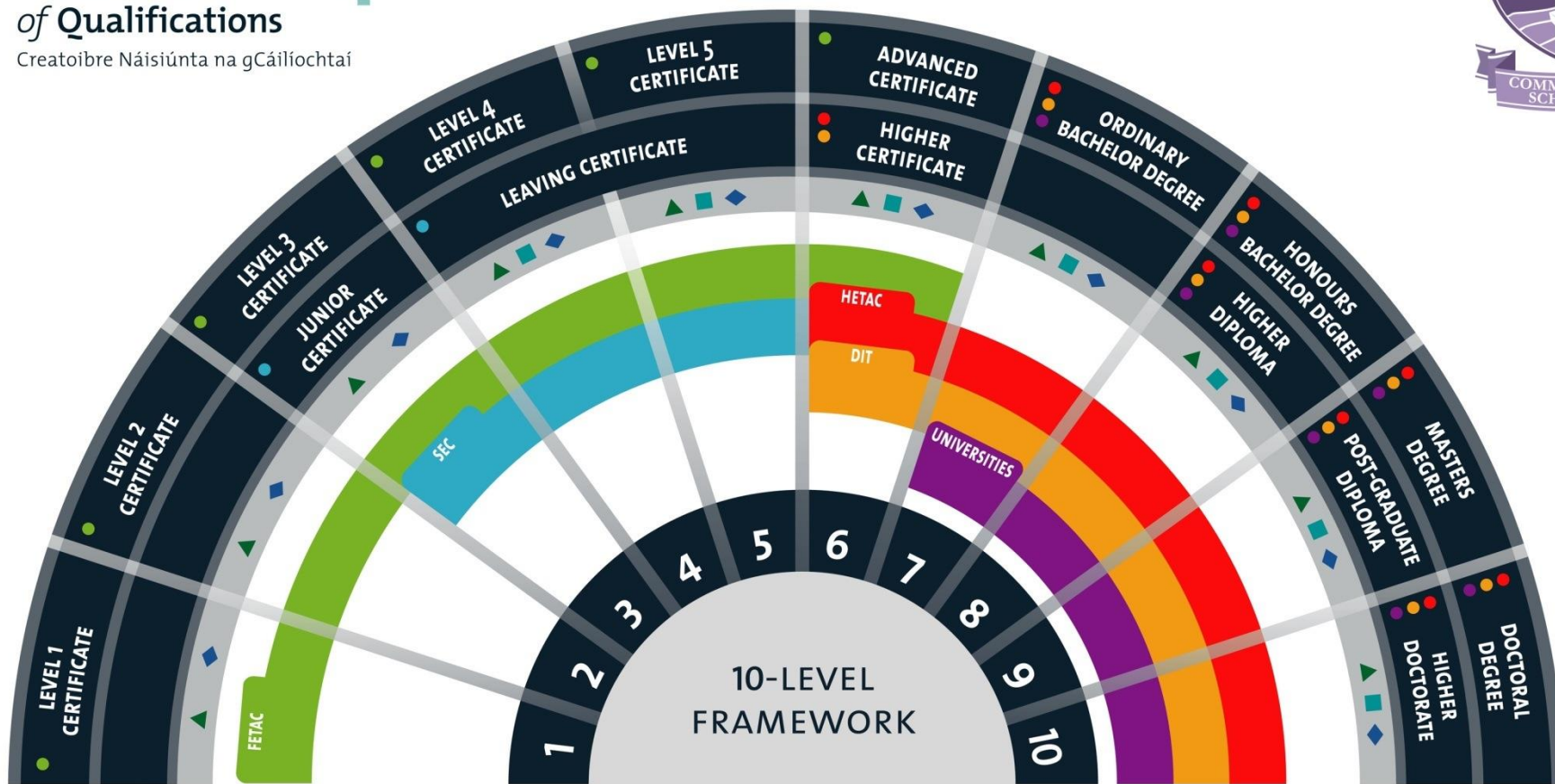
Senior Cycle Subject Choice

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

Subject requirements

*Entry requirements are often influenced
by the qualification you are working towards*



KEY

- FETAC - Further Education and Training Awards Council
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (*Department of Education & Science*)
- HETAC - Higher Education and Training Awards Council
- DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities

AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

There are four types of award in the National Framework of Qualifications:

- ◐ Major Awards: are the principal class of awards made at a level
- ▲ Minor Awards: are for partial completion of the outcomes for a Major Award
- Supplemental Awards: are for learning that is additional to a Major Award
- ◆ Special Purpose Awards: are for relatively narrow or purpose-specific achievement

Entry to third level CAO

Universities/ Technological University



3 Conditions to be satisfied to secure a College offer

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

THIRD LEVEL CHOICES

Option	Qualification (Level & Duration of Course)	General Minimum Requirements
NUI's (UCC,UCD,NUIM,NUIG,RCSI, NCAD,ShannonColl HM)	Hons. Degree (L8) 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 – HL Ma / Sc subj.
Other Uni's/Colleges (TCD,DCU,UL, MI,PontMayn,St.Pats,MaterDei,ColM h,)	Hons. Degree (L8) Level 8 (3/4 years of study) Ord. Degree (L7) Level 7 (3 years of study)	2 H5 & 4 H7/O6 To include; Eng, Ir/Lang & Ma (HL for L8) TCD 3 H5 & 3 H7/O6 5 H7/O6 To include; Eng, Ir/Lang & Ma
Institute of Technology (MTU, TUS, ATU, SETU,etc.)	Hons. Degree (L8) Level 8 (4 years of study) Ord. Degree (L7) Level 7 (3 years of study) Higher Cert (L6) 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****)
Further College of Education (West Cork Campus, Morrisons Is Tramore Rd, Douglas St Campus)	QQI Qualification Higher Cert (L6) Level 6 (2 years of study) Certificate (L5) Level 5 (1 year of study)	5 H7/O6 Interview Some special requirements (e.g.Biology) Apply Directly Cork College of FET

Core subjects

- **Maths**
 - 25 bonus points available for higher level maths at grades H6 and above
 - Most Level 8 **Engineering** degree courses demand higher level Maths (H4) as do degrees in **Mathematical Sciences**
 - Passing your Maths at Higher or Ordinary level is a minimum entry requirements for majority of courses in technological universities.
- **Irish**
 - HC3 (H4) in Irish for Primary Teaching courses
 - Oral exam worth 40%
- **English**
 - Good higher level subject for the majority of students

Points for CAO System

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

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

7 subjects: count your best 6 for points.

Honours Maths: + 25 points.

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

Specific Course Requirements



- Primary Teaching: H4 in Irish.
- Commerce: Accounting (UG): H4 in Accounting.
- Home Economics (2nd 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
- Human Nutrition & Dietetics- H4 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

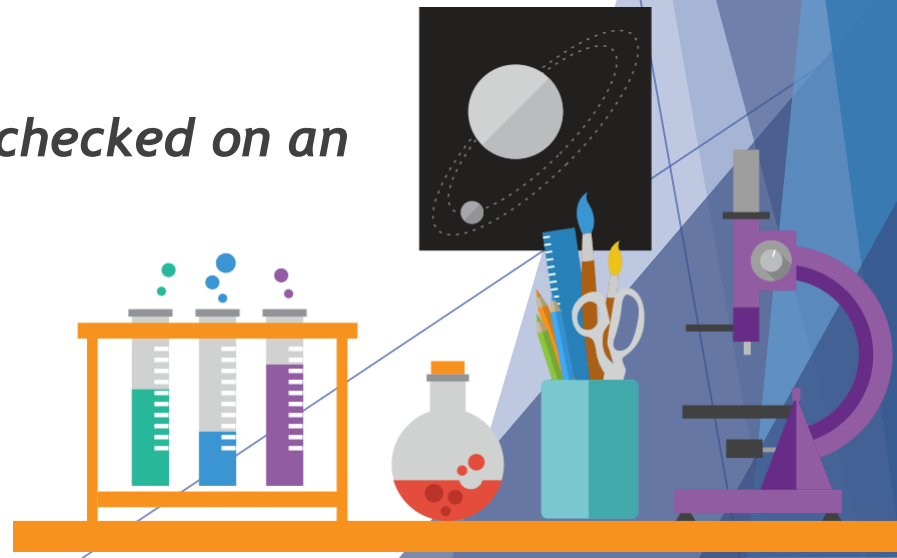
Subject Requirements - Should I choose a language?

- 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 or technological universities**
- 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.



Second Components-Projects & Practicals

▶ Home Economics

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

▶ Art:

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

▶ Music:

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

▶ Geography:

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

Second Components-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%

Second Components-Projects & Practicals, 2025 onwards

▶ **Biology**

- ▶ Theory Paper - 60%
- ▶ Second Component-Biology in practice Investigation 40%

▶ **Physics**

- ▶ Written Paper - 60%
- ▶ Second Component-Physics in Practice Investigation 40%

▶ **Chemistry**

- ▶ Theory Paper - 60%
- ▶ Second Component-Chemistry in Practice Investigation 40%

▶ **Business**

Details to be decided

Remember!

- ▶ At Leaving Certificate, subjects are studied in greater depth so more time is needed for each subject.
- ▶ There are no glamorous or “easy” subjects
- ▶ Be aware of the consequences of not taking a subject or a specific level
- ▶ Be careful if considering taking on a new subject for Leaving Certificate.

Useful Questions



Q: What subjects are you doing for Junior Cycle and like?

Q: What subjects tend to 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: Are you keeping your options open?

Where to find more Information

- ▶ College websites for entry requirements and course information.
- ▶ Discuss subjects with your teachers.
- ▶ Key Guidance websites include
 - ▶ www.qualifax.ie
 - ▶ www.careersportal.ie
 - ▶ www.cao.ie
 - ▶ wwwucas.com

Please check all course and subject information mentioned here as it is may be subject to changes.

<https://www.qualifax.ie/subject-requirements>



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Subject Requirements Tool

Planning to make application to the CAO? This tool will help you choose the right subjects and levels at Leaving Cert.

Subject

- Select -



 Advanced filters 

Please select a subject from the subject dropdown on the left.

All courses referred to in this section are Third Level CAO entry. The Course Data in this section is for the CAO entry in 2024

https://careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer.php

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Practical Group

These subjects are 'hands-on' and involve working with tools and machinery on physical things like wood, metals and plastic. They may involve designing, planning and building things.

Construction Studies

Engineering

Technology

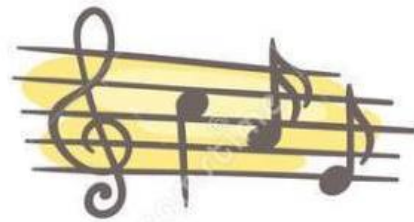
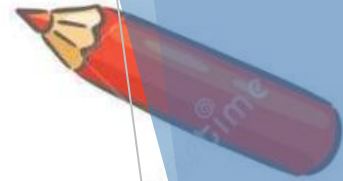


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What subjects did you take in school and how have these influenced your career

Subject Descriptions

Quick snapshot of each subject



For Senior Cycle subjects consider:

- ▶ What content will I cover in this subject?
- ▶ How will I be assessed? Exam, Practical, Project, Oral, Aural
- ▶ Do I need to have studied this subject at Junior Cycle to take it for Senior cycle?
- ▶ Is this subject useful to my future career or study preferences?
- ▶ Is this a subject I think I can do well in?



French & Spanish



What is covered?

Three components:

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

Examination:

Written Exam: 2.5 hrs (55%).

Aural: 30 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 high marks.

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





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 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.



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.
- Prepare to be challenged and complete tasks.

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

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

3 Parts – Part 1 & 2 : Financial Accounting

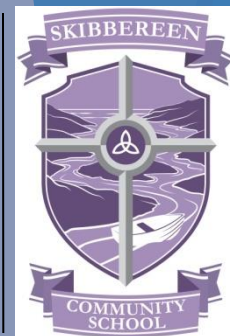
Part 3 : Management Accounting



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



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 long 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.

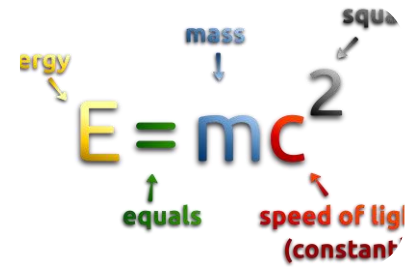
Science



Biology



Chemistry



Physics



Agricultural
Science



Agricultural Science



What is covered?

1. Soils/plants/farm crops - cereal/roots/grassland/trees & shelter.
2. Structure and function of the animal body - the cow, the sheep, horse, and pig.
3. Farm buildings and farm-house environment.

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



The Project - Discuss 2 crops and 1 animal on your own farm or a study farm, experiments and identification of plants and animals

The coursework involves work completed during the course and investigations carried out related to ecology, soil science, animal physiology, plant physiology, genetics and microbiology.

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 (60%) .

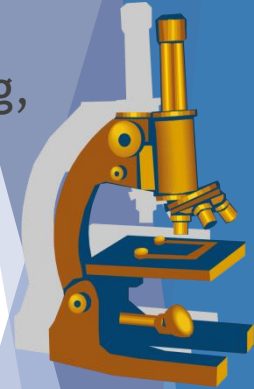
Biology Practical Component (40%)

More info on <https://ncca.ie/en/senior-cycle/curriculum-developments/>

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

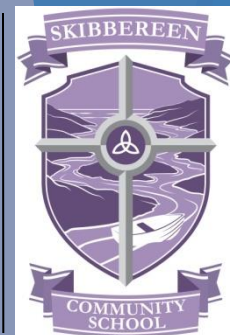
Careers/Courses: Nursing, Beautician, Health Professionals, Marine Biology, Food Industry, Environmental Officers.

Curriculum changes coming in 2025





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.

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

Examination: Written Exam (60%) .

Chemistry Practical Component (40%)

More info on <https://ncca.ie/en/senior-cycle/curriculum-developments/>



Careers/Courses: Medicine, Dentistry, Science & Engineering
Chemistry is a min entry requirement for some health related careers including Medicine/ Dietetics/Pharmacy

Curriculum changes coming in 2025

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Physics



What is covered?

Mechanics, Temperature, Heat, Waves, Vibrations and Sounds, Light, Electricity and Modern Physics.

Covers a good mixture of theory (definitions), calculations and mandatory experiments. A lot of maths involved.

Examination: Written Exam (60%) .

Physics Practical Component (40%)

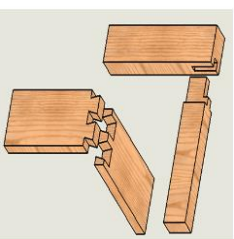
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Careers/Courses:

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

Curriculum changes coming for 2025





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%

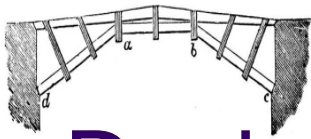
Course work submitted at Easter: 25%

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.





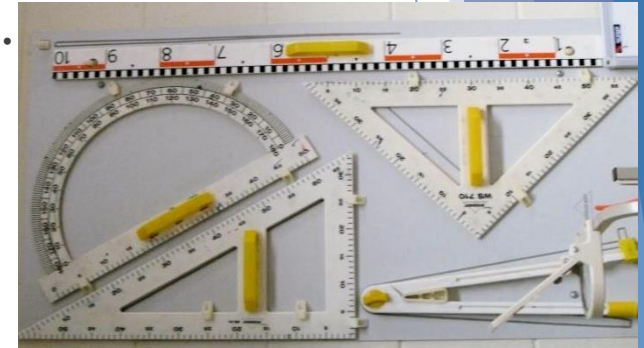
Design & Communications Graphics



Formerly Technical Drawing, Having Junior Cycle Tech Graph very beneficial for DCG

What is covered?

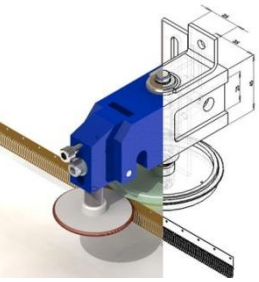
DCG involves visualizing and understanding information presented verbally or graphically. Drawings and designs (2D / 3D) are prepared using sketching, traditional draughting equipment and Solidworks.



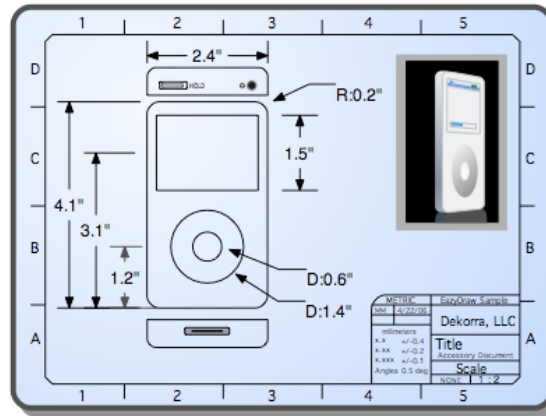
Examination: Written Exam:60%

Course work submitted at February: 40% of which CAD (Solid Works) will form a significant component.

Careers/Courses: Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Construction Management, Architecture, Product Design, Quantity Surveyor, Draughtsman, Graphic Design and Teaching.



Engineering



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%

Course work: a project and a one-day practical test in early May.

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. Life Drawing
2. Craft or Design
3. Still Life or Imaginative Composition
4. History and Appreciation of Art.

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

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

Examination:

Project over 6-8 weeks on a topic decided by the state exams.

Practical exam: Life Sketching, Still Life, Imaginative Composition, Design and Craftwork.

Art History exam in June: (2.5 hrs & worth 30%)

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:

Practical exam: 50% of the overall mark and each student performs either 6 pieces on 1 Instrument, or 4 + 4 on two different instruments. Exam takes place on the March/April.

Written exam is in two parts:

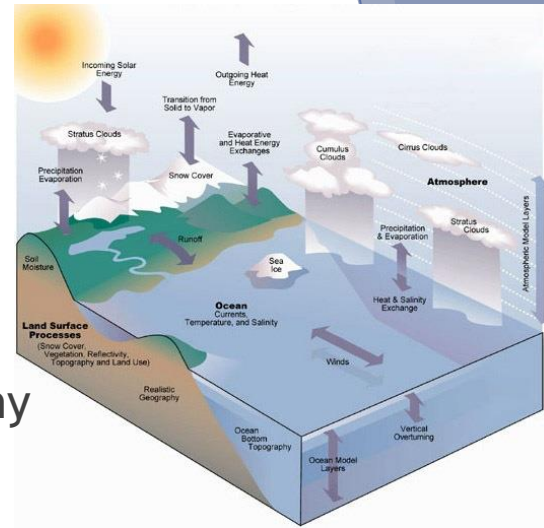
The Composing paper and The Listening paper

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





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

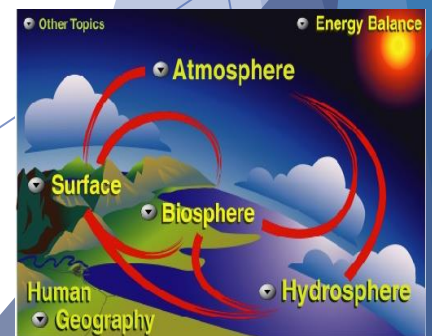
6. Global Interdependence
7. Geo-Ecology
8. Culture and Identity
9. The Atmosphere

Examination:

- Written Exam (HL: 80%; OL: 75%): 2 hrs 50 mins.
Short Answer Questions/Multi-Part Questions/Essay (optional HL only)
- Fieldwork Project due in April: (HL: 20%; OL: 25%)
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. 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, Archeology, Media, Museum Work, Librarian, Civil Service.





Social & Scientific

Formerly Home Economics

What is covered? 3 core areas and 1 elective.

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

Electives: 3 of which 1 is chosen (20%):

Home Design and Management,
Textiles, Fashion and Design,

(10%) for written and (10%) for Sewing Assignment & Social Studies

Examination:

Written Exam: 80%: 2.5 hours (Core: 60% & Electives: 20%)

Practical coursework: 20%

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





On-Line Research

- www.qualifax.ie

It gives information on which subjects are needed for what courses, as well as information on all college courses
Look up Subject Requirements Tool (at the very bottom of the home page)

- www.careersportal.ie

Subject information + personal assessments.
Also gives information on Courses & Careers

- www.cao.ie

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

TASK FOR STUDENTS

Start Researching
subjects of
interest

Submit your
choices by 13th
March on VSWARE





TY : KEY Decision

Do I wish to take the Established Leaving Cert or would I like to learn more about Leaving Cert Applied





TY : KEY Decision



What 5 option subjects will I take for TY? I must choose 7 but I will be allocated 5 dependent on availability





TY 2024 : KEY Decision



What Vocational Module would I like to take for TY?





TY 2024 : KEY Decision



What Creative Module would I like to take for TY?





The Process (TY students 2024)

- Students can express interest in learning more about the Leaving Cert Applied programme being introduced in Sept 24
- Students select their subjects and Vocational/Creative Modules and complete the online application form
- They select 7 subjects in order of preference out of all options subjects
- They will be allocated their highest available 5 preferences for Transition year.
- Students will choose **1 Vocational Module** and **1 Creative Module**. Please rank all module options in order of preference. We will again aim to give you the highest choice on your preference list

- **Closing Date: 13th March '24**



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ADMISSIONS 2021/22

Go to School website and Click on VS WARE Tab



Login

Password

Sign In

A username and password will be sent to parent/guardian by text.
Use your Login and Password to Sign in to VSWare as you would to access student school reports

Go to the Drop down Menu
and click into Subject
Options

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
11:10 - 11:50

Music
F42
Ms. Colette Brennan
1Mus-1.1-R2
11:10 - 11:50

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
1MatT-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
1MatT-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

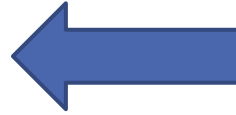
Geography
F27
Ms. Nicola Deane

Religious Education
F08
Ms. Rosie O'Brien

Physical Education
G111
Mrs. Máire Keating

Mathematics
F23
Ms. Orla Courtney ; Mr. John McCarthy

Preference Number	Subject Choice
1	
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Question 1

If you would like to learn more about LCA (Leaving Cert Applied), tick YES here.

At this stage you are expressing an interest in LCA but no firm commitment is made by doing this

No Filter

Subject Set 1

Student Options

Timetable

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

Options entry completed



Include your **7** Option subjects but **PUT THEM IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE**

We will aim to give you your top **5** choices for TY

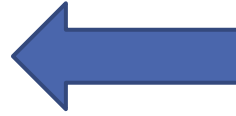
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Subject Set 1

Student Options

Timetable

Preference Number	Subject Choice
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Include your **Vocational Module preferences** by **INPUTTING THEM IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE**

We will aim to give you your **top 1** choice for TY

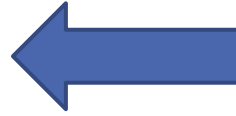
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Subject Set 1

Student Options

Timetable

Preference Number	Subject Choice
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Include your **Creative Module preferences by INPUTTING THEM IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE**

We will aim to give you your top **1** choice for TY



Senior Cycle Subject Choice



Thank you

