



Senior Cycle Subject Choice for 5th year 2024/2025



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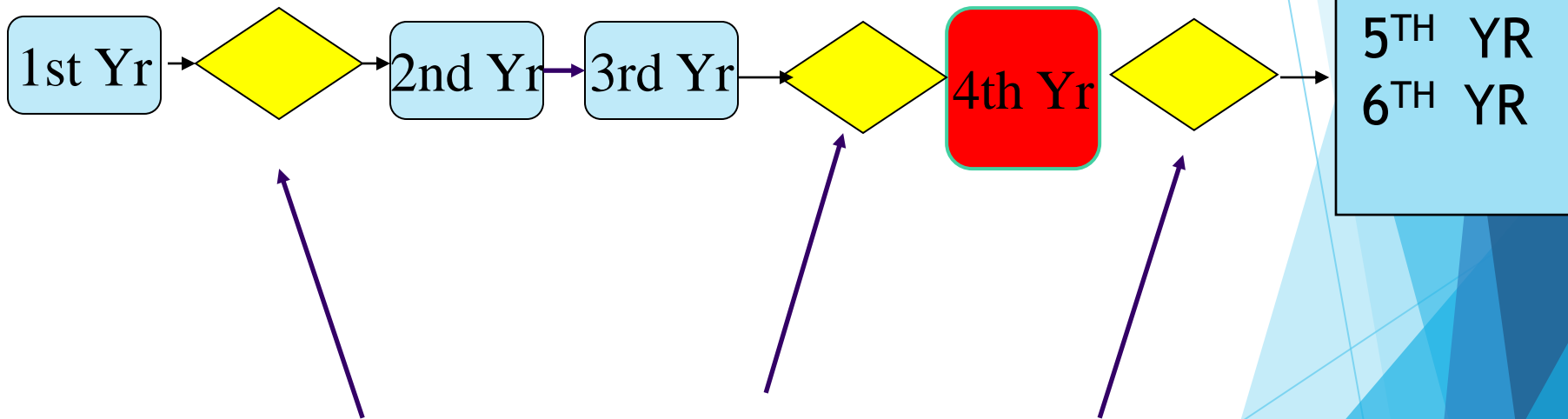
Agenda

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
 - ▶ www.careersportal.ie (CPIP)

Look at the results of the student's self assessment section in REACH plus on [www.careersportal](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

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Future Career/ Study path

Identify essential subjects for

- Third level courses
 - Apprenticeship programmes
 - Possible training or work entry requirements
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- ▶ 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

Am I taking the Established Leaving Cert programme?

Then, you will need to choose option subjects

Am I interested in the Leaving Cert Applied Programme?

Then, tick the box to say you're interested and then choose option subjects





TY : KEY Decision

What 4 subjects 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 5th 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 3/4 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 Applied Programme

- ▶ Being introduced to SCS for Sept 2024
- ▶ The LCA is a two year Leaving Cert available to students who wish to follow a practical Leaving Cert programme with a vocational focus.
- ▶ Work experience is a significant component of the programme and 1 day a week will be out on work experience.
- ▶ There is less emphasis on final examinations and course work is assessed throughout the two years. Credits are allocated for ongoing attendance, classwork, assignments, student tasks and there are 7 final examinations

Leaving Cert subjects for LCE

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 Economics Accounting*	French Spanish Music Art* Physical Education DCG Accounting* Construction Studies LCVP



5th & 6th Yr Core Subjects

- Gaeilge
- English
- Mathematics

Core + 4 Option Subjects

Other non-exam subjects:

- Guidance/ Religion / RSE
- Physical Education/ Study
- LCVP (extra subject)

Leaving Cert subjects in SCS (18)

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

▶ **EXTRA: LCVP**



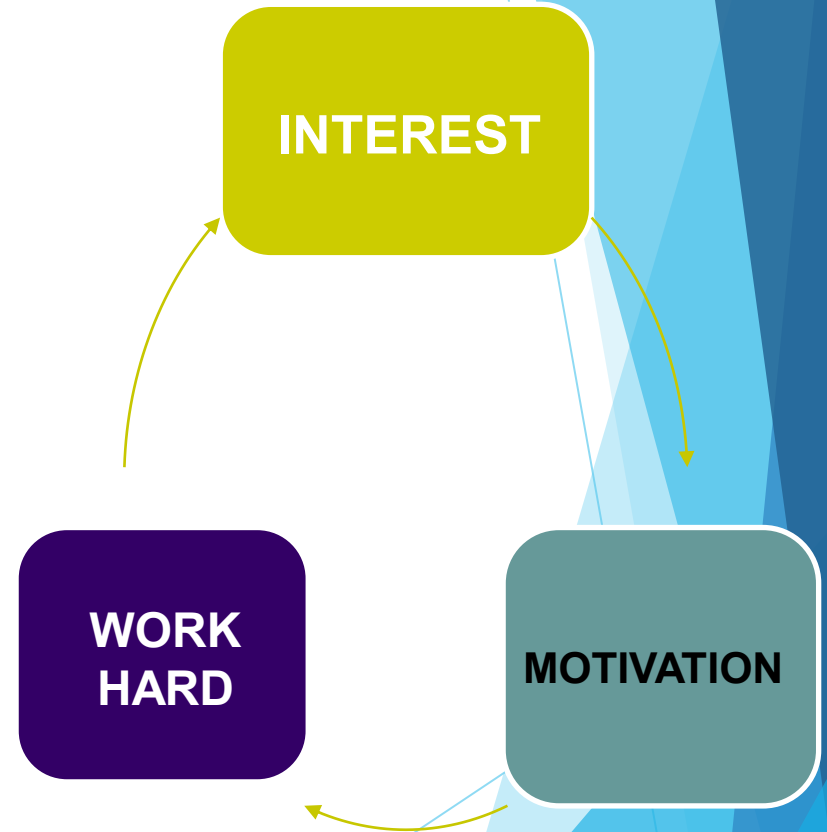
Senior Cycle Subject Choice

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

Specific Course Requirements



- Primary Teaching: H4 in Irish.
- Commerce: Accounting (NUIG): 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

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.



<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

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%

▶ Screen shot of www.careersportal.ie

▶ All TY students are fully registered with REACH plus

▶ Ireland's leading Guidance programme online and a great resource

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the careersportal.ie website. The URL in the address bar is careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer.php?community=guidance%2Breach&userid=276732&token=fe087585c7cf6dfa00eadb84c5182d19. The website has a blue header with navigation links: Home, Reach Admin, Student File, My Account, and Logout. Below the header is a dark green navigation bar with the careersportal.ie logo and menu items: COMMUNITIES, EXPLORE, MEDIA, TOOLS, and a SEARCH button. The main content area is titled 'School' and contains several links: All Leaving Cert Subjects, Useful Subject Tips, Guide to Choosing Subjects, Subjects & Career Choice, Subjects by Grade Explored, and FAQs. The 'Leaving Cert Subjects' section is highlighted, with a sub-section for 'Practical Group'. This section includes a description: '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.' Below the description are three buttons: Construction Studies, Engineering, and Technology. To the right of the text is a profile for Martin Dunn, Activities Manager, with a photo and a quote: 'What subjects did you take in school and how have these influenced your career path?'. Below the Practical Group section, the 'Science Group' is partially visible.

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Choosing Subjects

Useful Tips

Leaving Cert Subjects

Subjects & Careers

Grades Explorer

FAQs

Leaving Cert Subjects

Art 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 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 Higher or Ordinary Level?



Higher Points for Higher Level Grades- only relevant for CAO/UCAS

➤ Irish

Certain jobs/courses require HL grade H4
e.g. Primary Teaching or if want to study Irish at 3rd Level

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 CAO Level 8 (Honours Degrees) in Science and Engineering (H4)

BUT can do a CAO Level 7/6 courses - need O6

Can do Law, Social Studies, Arts in UCC or any NUI having failed maths!

However only 2 courses in MTU not requiring Maths.
7 accept FL, most other courses require OL Maths

Can become a Primary School Teacher with OL

HL Maths worth 25 extra points once you attain over 40%!



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%).

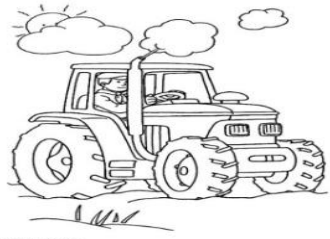
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Oral: 12/15 mins (H.L: 25%; O.L: 20%)

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

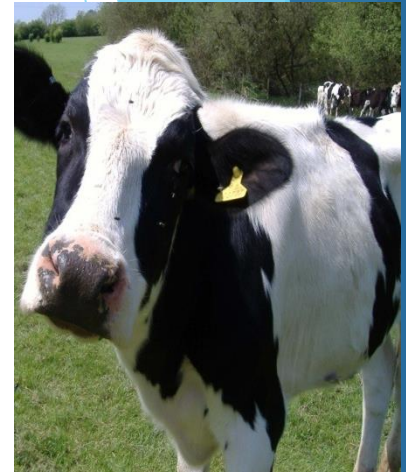
Animals

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.

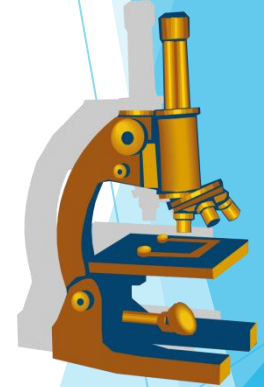
Section A (25%): Short Q's: 5/6.

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

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

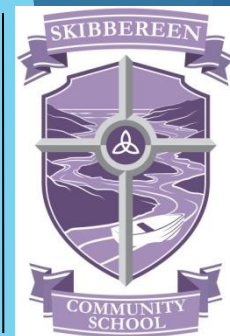
The course is long. Students need to like learning off information.

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 5th year as you can get lost easily.
Suits logical, analytical, numerate and creative.

Examination: Written Exam 100%: 3 hrs.

Careers/Courses: Medicine, Dentistry,
Science & Engineering




$$E=MC^2$$

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).

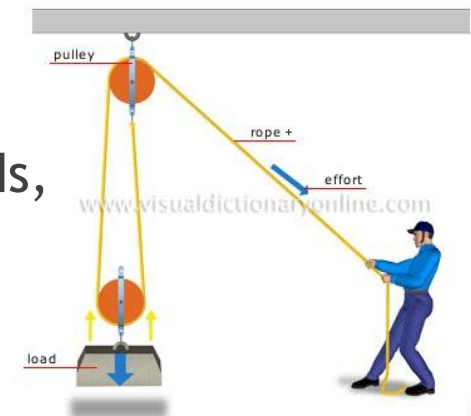
Examination: Written Exam (100%): 3 hrs.

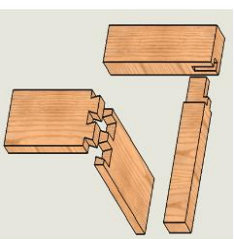
Section A: Assesses 24 mandatory experiments (30%).

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%

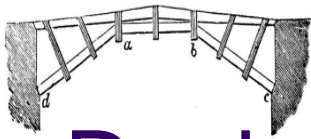
Course work submitted at Easter: 25%

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:

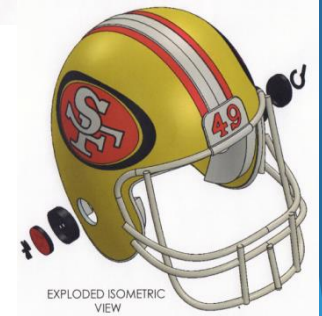
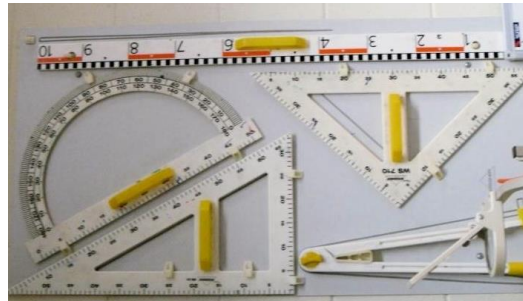
Civil Engineering Mechanical Engineering Construction Management

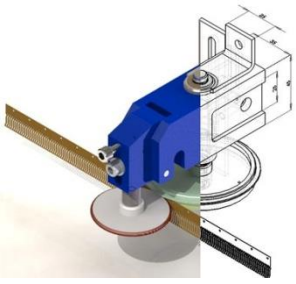
Architecture Product Design Quantity Surveyor

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?

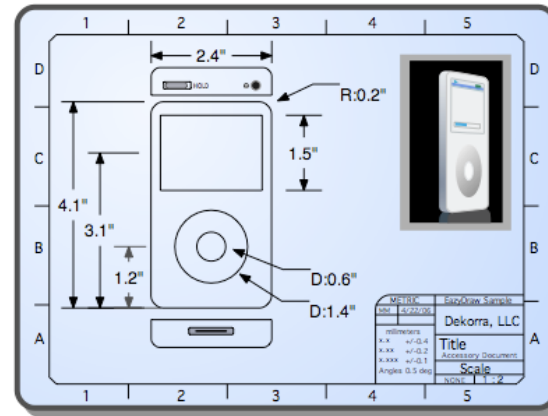
- 1. Workshop Processes:** Health and safety / Benchwork / Heat treatment of metals / Plastics processing / Fabrication and finishing of metals / Machining / Technology.
- 2. Materials and Technology:** Classification and origin of metals / Structure of metals / Iron and steel / Non-ferrous metals / 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 Sketching, Still Life, Imaginative Composition, Design and Craftwork

Art History exam in June: 2.5 hrs , 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:

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).

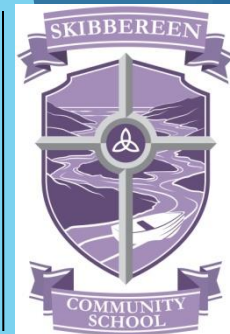
Short + Long questions + ABQ

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:

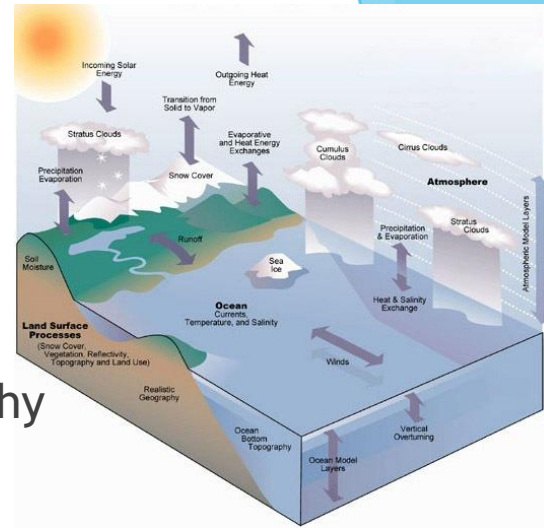
100% Written Paper (2.5 hrs): Mixture of short and questions with an excellent choice.

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)

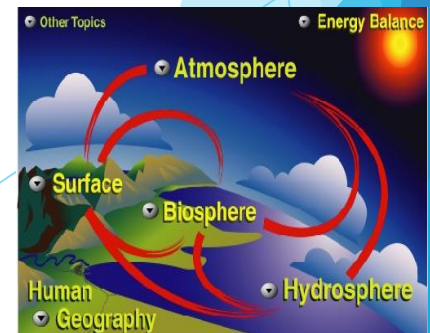
- Fieldwork Project due in April: (20%)

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 5th 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 , www.studyclix.ie



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 Minimum Entry Requirement under Useful Tools

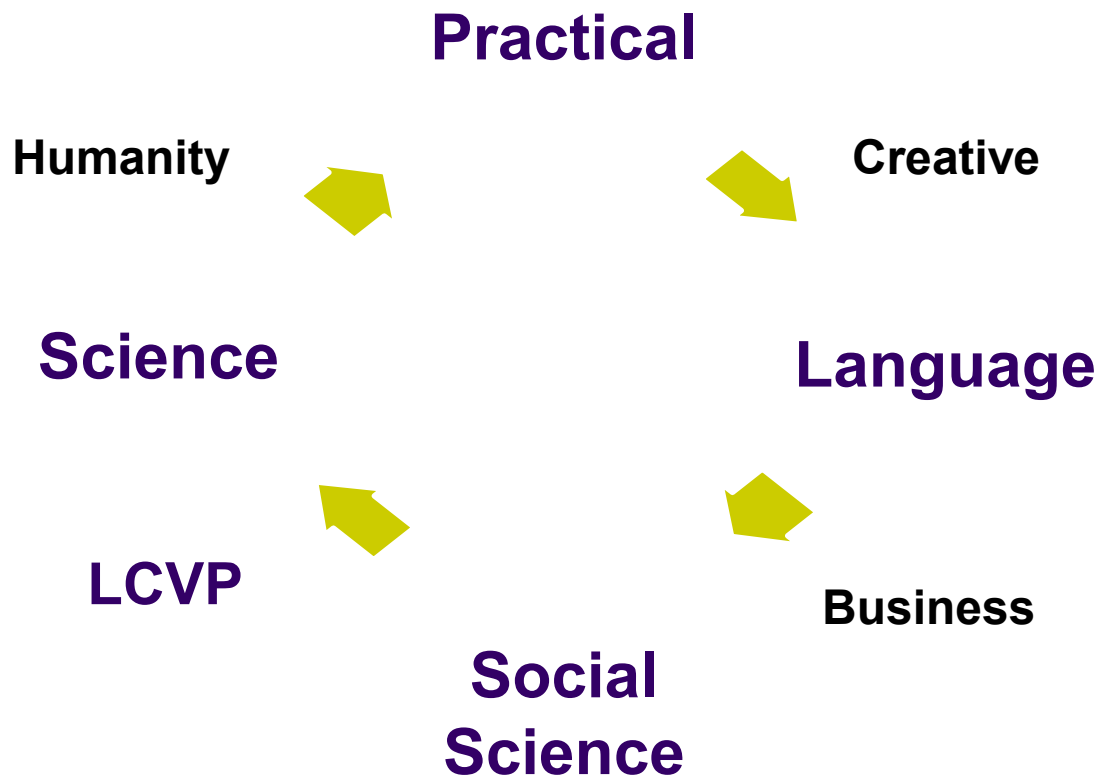
➤ www.careersportal.ie

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

➤ 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 indicate if they are interested in the Established Leaving Cert or the Leaving Cert Applied.
- Then, select 6 subjects in order of preference on the application form
- Then they will be allocated their highest available 4 preference subjects for 5th year
- **Closing Dates: Wed 13th March**

The Process Part 2 (TY students)



- Students who have indicated that they are interested in LCA will be given more information and their suitability for the programme will be considered
- Leaving Cert established 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 5th and 6th 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





Login

Password

Sign In

Use your Login and Password to Sign in 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

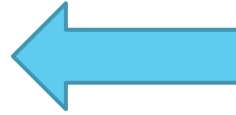
Geography
F27
Ms. Nicola Deane

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	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	



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

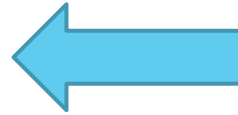
Subject Set 1

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 **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 Wed 13th March 2024
- Missed deadline – choose from bands

Research your subjects of Interest

Submit your preferences by the 13th March 23

Guidance counsellor

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Senior Cycle Subject Choice

Thank you

