

Presentation to Third Year Parents

Leaving Certificate

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Structure of Transition Year

- ▶ Students begin their courses at honours or pass level in Irish, English and Maths.
- ▶ Students try each subject for 4 weeks
- ▶ At Christmas time students make the final decisions about which subjects they will do for the Leaving Certificate and will begin the Leaving Certificate courses.

Why choose subjects so early?

- ▶ The jump from Junior Cert to Leaving Cert is huge. The courses are long and the standard is very high. If we can start the leaving cert courses earlier then
 - ▶ students are more likely to do honours,
 - ▶ will have more time to cover courses and revise and
 - ▶ will not find it so hard to get back to work in fifth year.

Leaving Certificate - Core Subjects

- ▶ Irish
- ▶ English
- ▶ Maths

Choose four of the following

- ▶ Construction Studies
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Business
- ▶ Accounting
- ▶ Home Economics
- ▶ French
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Agricultural Science
- ▶ DCG
- ▶ History
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ PE

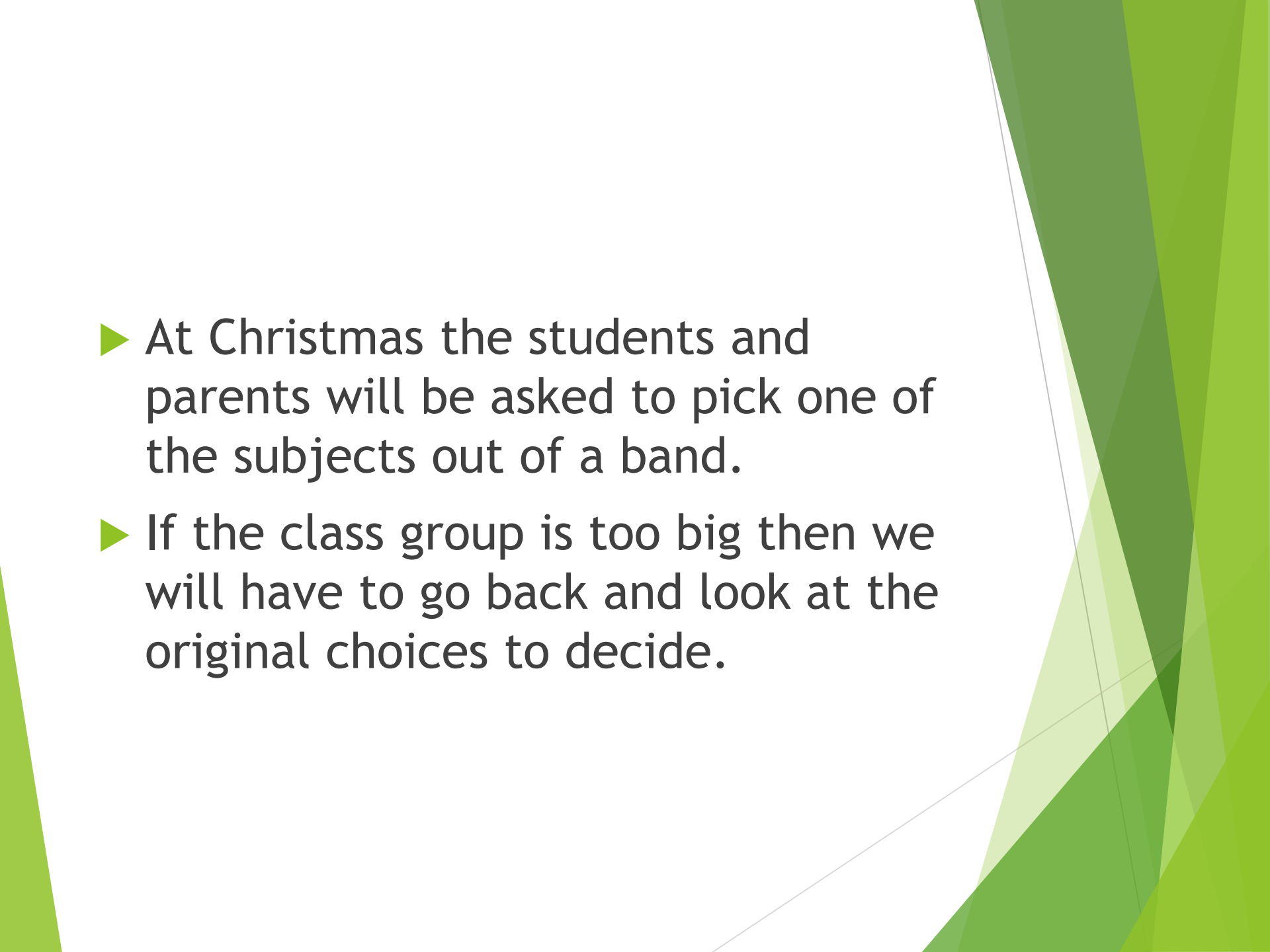
What will we do with the choices?

- ▶ The choices are fed into a special computer programme which can work on the list for days on end.
- ▶ It will then give us a set of options that satisfy a **majority** of students.
- ▶ The options **might** look like this:

Sample Band

Band 1	Bus	Con	French	Music
Band 2	Hom E	Ag	Geog	Const
Band 3	Art	Physics	DCG	French
Band 4	Engr	Acc	Bio	Geog

- 1 subject from each band
- Not all subjects included
- Some subjects appear twice eg French
- Starting point for timetable

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- ▶ At Christmas the students and parents will be asked to pick one of the subjects out of a band.
 - ▶ If the class group is too big then we will have to go back and look at the original choices to decide.

Points system

Percentage	Grade	Points at Higher Level	Points for Higher Level	Grade	Points at Ordinary Level
90% - 100%	H1	100	125	O1	56
80% < 90%	H2	88	113	O2	46
70% < 80%	H3	77	102	O3	37
60% < 70%	H4	66	91	O4	28
50% < 60%	H5	56	81	O5	20
40% < 50%	H6	46	71	O6	12
30% < 40%	H7	37	37	O7	0
0% < 30%	H8	0	0	O8	0

Points for LCVP

LCVP	Percentage	Points
▶ Distinction	80-100%	66
▶ Merit	65-79%	46
▶ Pass	50-64%	28

Example 1 - All ordinary subjects

Subject	Grade	Points
Irish	O4 (60-70%)	28
English	O4 (60-70%)	28
Maths	O4 (60-70%)	28
French	O4 (60-70%)	28
Construction Studies	O4 (60-70%)	28
Engineering	O4 (60-70%)	28
Physics	O4 (60-70%)	28
LCVP	Pass	28
	Total	168

Example 2 - All ordinary subjects

Subject	Grade	Points
Irish	O1 (90-100)	56
English	O1 (90-100)	56
Maths	O1 (90-100)	56
French	O1 (90-100)	56
Construction Studies	O1 (90-100)	56
Engineering	O1 (90-100)	56
Physics	O1 (90-100)	56
LCVP	Merit	46
	Total	336

Example 3 - All honours subjects

Subject	Grade	Points
Irish	H4 (60-70%)	66
English	H4 (60-70%)	66
Maths	H4 (60-70%)	91
French	H4 (60-70%)	66
Construction Studies	H4 (60-70%)	66
Engineering	H4 (60-70%)	66
Physics	H4 (60-70%)	66
LCVP	Distinction	66
	Total	421

What is the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

- ▶ This is a two year programme
- ▶ Practical / Applied Programme

Opportunities from the LCA

- ▶ Students doing the LCA would have the following courses available to them
- ▶ Apprenticeships
- ▶ Post leaving Certificate courses, Scoil Stiopháin Naofa, St Johns College, College of Commerce
- ▶ Teagasc Courses
- ▶ Clonakilty Agricultural College

Timetable

- ▶ Students will have a four day week in school and one day a week in an approved place of work
- ▶ Work experience is very important to give students a taste for different work places

Examples of work

▶ Experience placements

- ▶ Carpenters
- ▶ Plumbers
- ▶ Green keeping
- ▶ Plastering
- ▶ Panel beating
- ▶ Retail business
- ▶ Agricultural Contractors
- ▶ Landscaping
- ▶ Childcare
- ▶ Hairdressing

Subjects- Core

- ▶ Vocational preparation-job seeking, work experience
- ▶ Guidance
- ▶ English and Communications
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Information Technology
- ▶ Irish
- ▶ French
- ▶ Art , Craft & Design
- ▶ Social Education
- ▶ Leisure and Recreation

Options

- Construction Studies
- Engineering
- Active leisure
- Hotel & Catering
- Agricultural
Science/Horticulture

Tasks

- ▶ During the duration of the programme students will have seven tasks to complete as a part of their assessment.
- ▶ Tasks help students to develop initiative and experience in putting reports together

Assessment

- ▶ Continuous Assessment over the 2 years divided into 4 sessions (Sept-January. Feb-June)
- ▶ Satisfactory completion of modules-31%
- ▶ 7 Student Tasks - 35%
- ▶ Final Examination -34%

Attendance

- ▶ Students must have 90% attendance

Certification

- ▶ On successful completion of the course each student will receive a Leaving Certificate Applied Certificate
- ▶ They will be awarded Pass, Merit or Distinction depending on the grades

How are places allocated

- ▶ Places are first offered to transition years and then we look at the places that are left and offer them to third years.
- ▶ Anyone who doesn't get a place this year can seek a place after Transition Year.
- ▶ There is very high demand for places and transition years come first.