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Presentation to Third Year Parents

Structure of Transition Year

Students begin their courses at honours or pass level in Irish, English and Maths.

Students try each subject for 3-4 weeks

In January 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

Students also do Religion and PE but not as exam subjects.

Subject Choice

Our aim is to be an inclusive school that helps all our children reach their potential.

We offer a huge variety of subjects – subjects that will suit your child.

Choose the subjects that will enable your child to reach their potential.

You must choose five subjects starting with the one you most want to get and working your way down. You are choosing five subjects but will only be doing four.

The fifth option is just in case you don't get one of your top four.

Choose five of the following

- Construction Studies
- Engineering
- Art
- Business
- Accounting
- Home Economics
- French
- Spanish
- Music

- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Agricultural Science
- DCG
- History
- Geography
- Leaving Certificate PE

(You will only get 4 subjects. Enter subjects in order of preference)

Additional Options

- Opposite LCVP and Religion we offer two additional choices. We are offering these subjects at this time as they are niche subjects. Because we start in fourth year offering 3 classes a week in 4th, 5th and 6th year there is sufficient time to cover the curriculum.
 - **Polish** for the Leaving Certificate – format has changed recently and is assessed similar to French or Spanish with an oral, aural and exam.
 - **Applied Maths** – The applied maths programme has been revised by the Department of Education and we will be one of the first schools offering this new programme.


What will
we do
with the
choices?

- The choices are fed into a computer programme.
- 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	Const	French	Music	LC PE
Band 2	Hm Ec	Ag Sci	Geog	Const	Bus
Band 3	Art	Physics	DCG	French	Hm Ec
Band 4	Engr	Acc	Bio	Geog	History

- 1 subject from each band
- Some subjects appear twice
- Starting point for timetable

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- In January of Transition year the students and parents will be asked to pick one of the subjects out of a band after having tried each of the subjects for a few weeks.
 - If there are difficulties around the options chosen then we will have to go back and look at the original options chosen to decide.

How to enter Subject Options

You need to enter subject options before 25th March 2022.

You enter them through the VShare app – Subject Options

Link to instructions: [Parent App - Student Options \(vshare.ie\)](#)

Queries re: careers email admin@sbc.ie

Other queries to admin@sbc.ie or teresa.Vaughan@corketb.ie

Queries re: LCA email karen.Keohane@sbc.ie

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