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Presentation to Third Year Parents

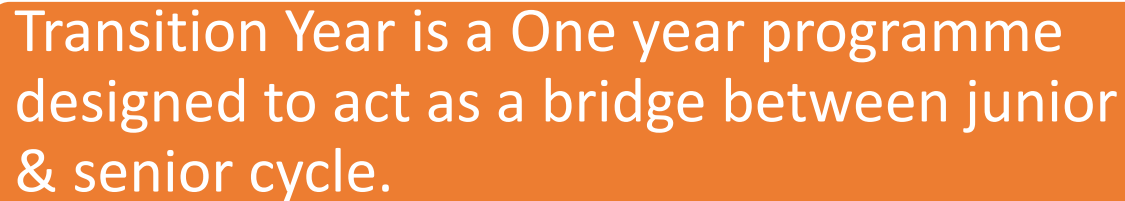


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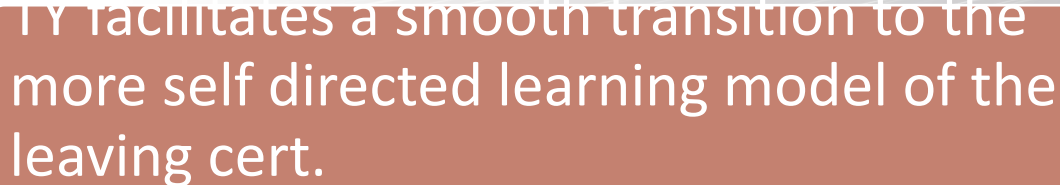
Transition Year Information Night

Transition Year Overview

Transition Year is a One year programme designed to act as a bridge between junior & senior cycle.

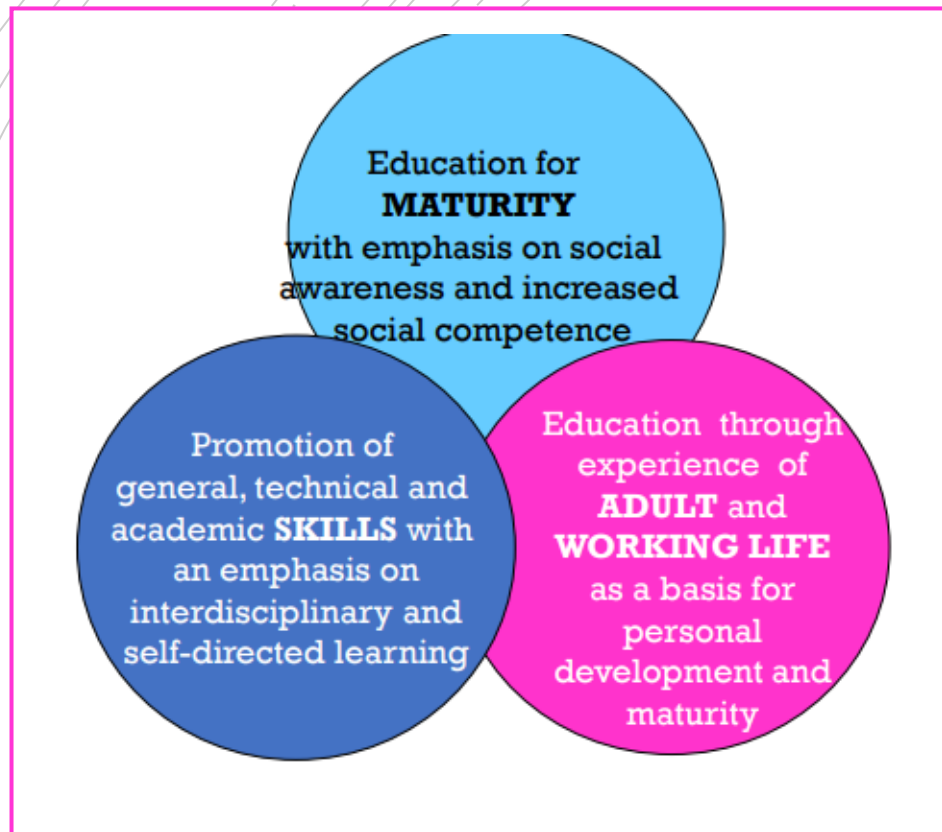
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TY facilitates a smooth transition to the more self directed learning model of the leaving cert.

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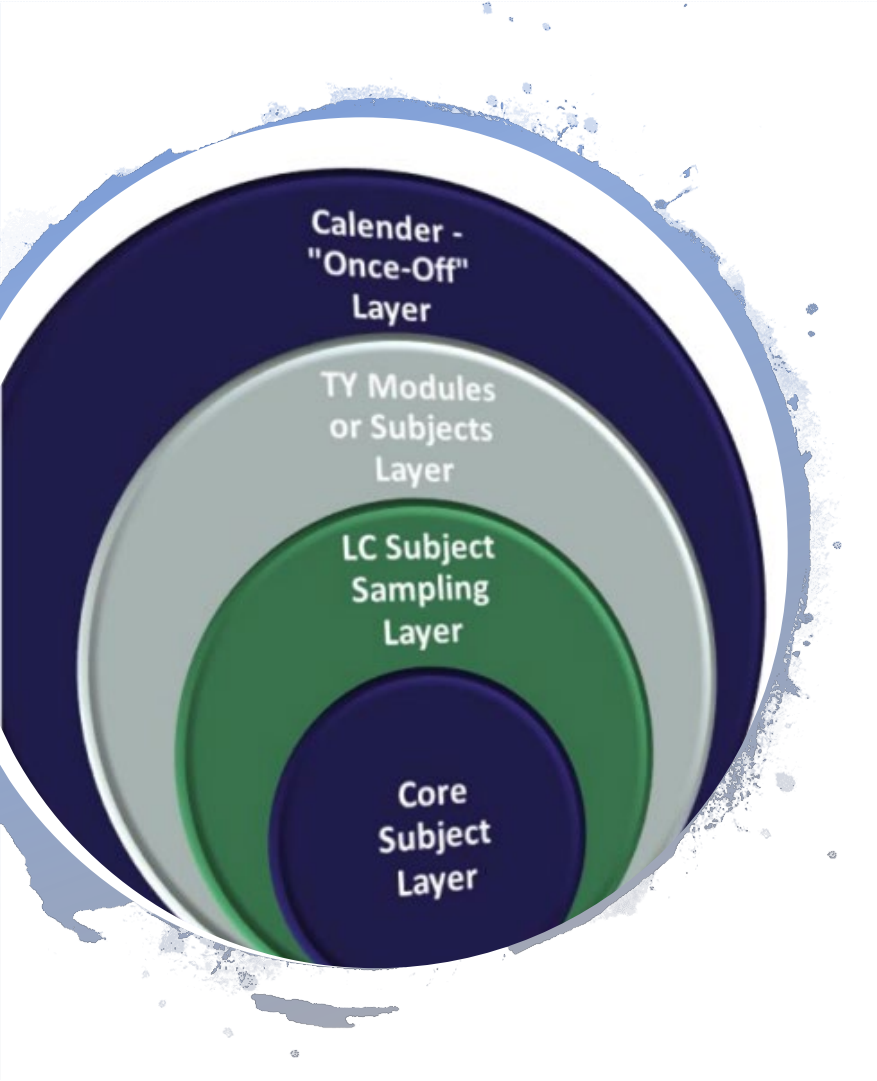
Opportunity to Grow, Develop New Skills, Make New Friends, Experience The Working World & Mature.

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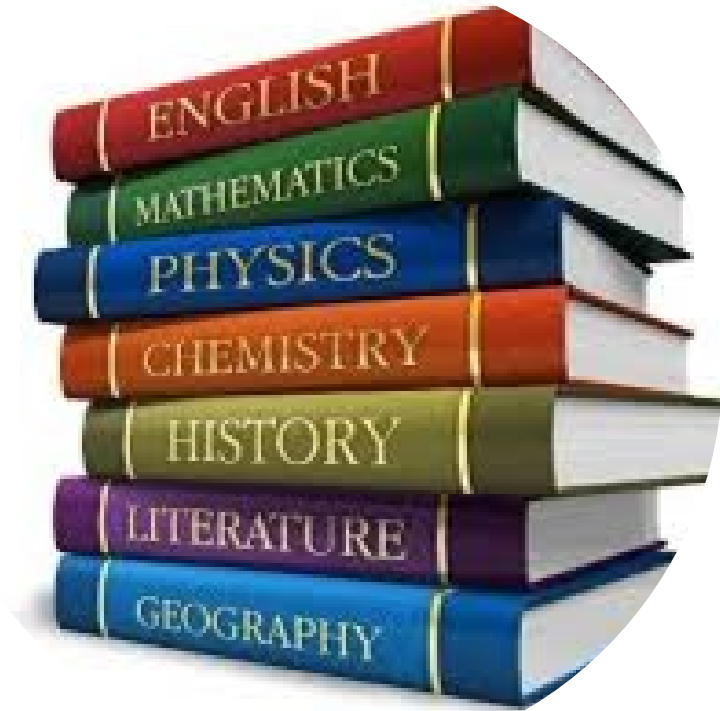
Aims of Transition Year

- Maturity by taking more responsibility
- Skills & active learning
- Bridge gap between Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate
- Build resilience and confidence by trying new things



Structure of Transition Year

4 layers to the TY calendar and timetable



- 4 modules for sampling Leaving Certificate subjects.
- Each module is three weeks duration.
- At the end of the 4 modules, subjects are chosen for the Leaving Certificate.
- Work experience in November.
- Two weeks work experience during May.



Work Experience

- Three separate weeks: November and two weeks in May.
- Education through life experience
- Practical exploration of the world of work
- Contacts with the wider community
- Evaluation by work providers and students
- Monitoring by TY teachers
- Preparatory and reflective analysis with Tutors

Gaisce President's Award

- A self-development programme
- Empowering young people
- Voluntary element of TY
- The school will register as your Gaisce PAL to support you as you work towards your award and facilitate the Adventure Journey





Workshops/Activities

Workshops and activities provide students with an alternative educational experience that forms the basis of TY.

- Workshops
- Guest Speakers
- Educational Outings (Trips)
- Competitions

Competitions & Mentoring Programmes

- Gaisce
- Young Social Innovators
- BT Young Scientist
- Aware
- Big Brother Big Sister
- The Bar of Ireland: Look into Law TY
- Enterprise Awards





Transition Year Specific Subjects

- GAA Future Leaders
- Magazine
- Yoga
- Orchestra
- Car maintenance
- Chinese Enterprise
- R.S.E.

Brogan's Bow Bank win Community Outreach Award!



Volunteering for Age Action

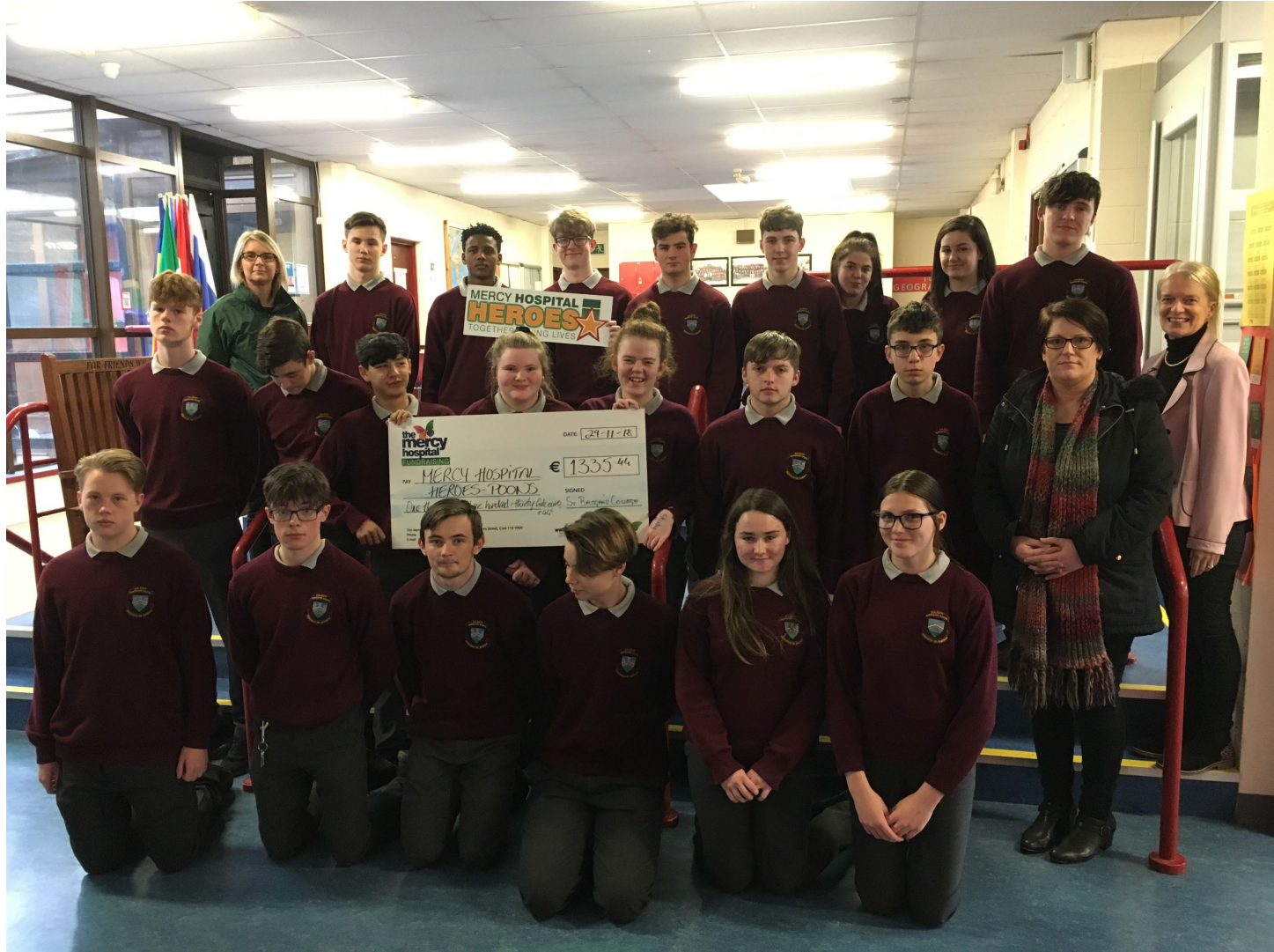


Transition Year Hoodies!



Career Trips





M.O.G. Car Safety



Team building



Driving Simulator





Guest Speakers



First Aid





Assessment in Transition Year

- No Department exam
- Department Certificate - satisfactory attendance
- St. Brogans: Two simultaneous forms

Assessment

1. Class work assessments.

- carried out by individual teachers
- project work, written/ oral tests continuous assessment

2. Transition Year Assessment

- ❖ Portfolio +Interview
- ❖ Transition Year Diary
- ❖ Work Experience
- ❖ Attendance and Behaviour
- ❖ Special Task

Transition Year Points

- Diary 20 points
 - Portfolio and Interview 50 points
 - Attendance 20 points
 - Behaviour 20 points
 - Special Task 20points
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- 130 points can be earned in total during Transition Year.

Transition Year Certificates

- 52-77 Pass
- 78-103 Merit
- 104 –116 Distinction
- 117-130 Excellence

- Various external/internal certificates- First Aid etc.

What are the benefits of Transition Year?

Discover	Discover New Skills & Interests
Become	Become A More Independent Learner
Develop	Develop Confidence
Make	Make New Friends
Gain	Gain Valuable Work Experience
Grow	Grow Maturity
Value	Value New Opportunities
Try	Try New Subjects

Perceptions of TY

- Difficult to study in 5th year? NCCA Longitudinal study (1999) found:
 - TY students scored on average 26 more points in their LC results (versus extra 5 for repeat candidates)
 - 1.3 times more likely to apply & enter third level & less likely to fail first year college exams
- Study compiled by Irish Secondary Students Union and DES (2014)
 - “Teachers have noticed this within 5th year classes...students who have done TY enter the room, sit down and are ready for work...to a greater extent than students who didn’t do TY”.
- Doss Year?
 - DOSS: Develop Other Skill Sets!

Expectations of Transition Year Students

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- Attendance
 - Expectations of transition Year Students
 - Punctuality
 - Openness
 - Try New Things



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.

How to enter Subject Options

You need to enter subject options before 24th March 2023.

You enter them through the VShare app – Subject Options

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

Queries re: careers email
Sharon.glancy@corketb.ie

Other queries to admin@sbc.ie or
derry.odonovan@corketb.ie

Queries re: LCA email
karen.Keohane@corketb.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

FOUR ADDITIONAL CHOICE SUBJECTS

IRISH
ENGLISH
MATHS

3 CORE
SUBJECTS



THERE ARE 3 IMPORTANT
POINTS TO CONSIDER
WHEN CHOOSING YOUR
ADDITIONAL LEAVING
CERT SUBJECTS:

1. WHAT DO I LIKE?
2. WHAT AM I GOOD AT?
3. WHAT SUBJECTS AND
GRADES MIGHT I NEED
FOR THE COURSE OR
COLLEGE I
AM INTERESTED IN?

LEAVING CERT SUBJECTS & THE WORLD OF WORK



The RIASEC test asks questions about your aspirations, activities, skills, and interests in different jobs and activities to help you discover fields of study and careers that are likely to satisfy you.

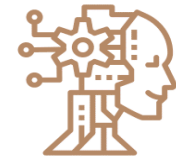
RIASEC stands for 6 characteristics: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional.

ALL 3RD YEAR
STUDENTS HAVE
COMPLETED THE
RIASEC TEST

PRACTICAL

STEM

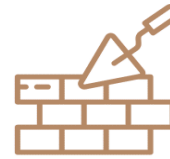
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Technology



Geography*



Construction
Studies



Biology*



Chemistry



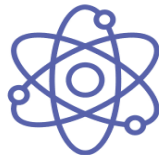
Engineering



Physical
Education



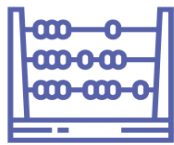
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Economics*



Physics



Applied Maths



Mathematics



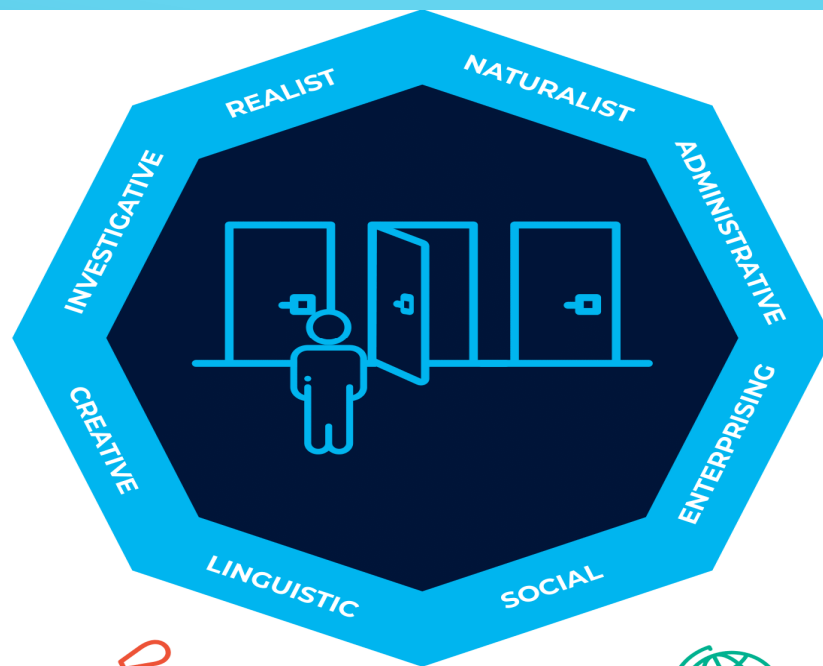
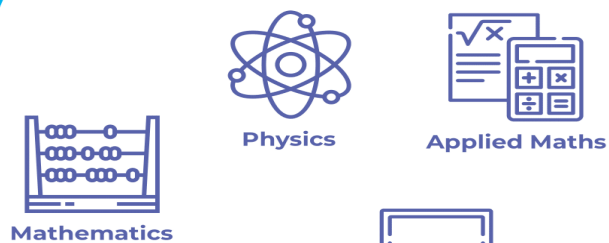
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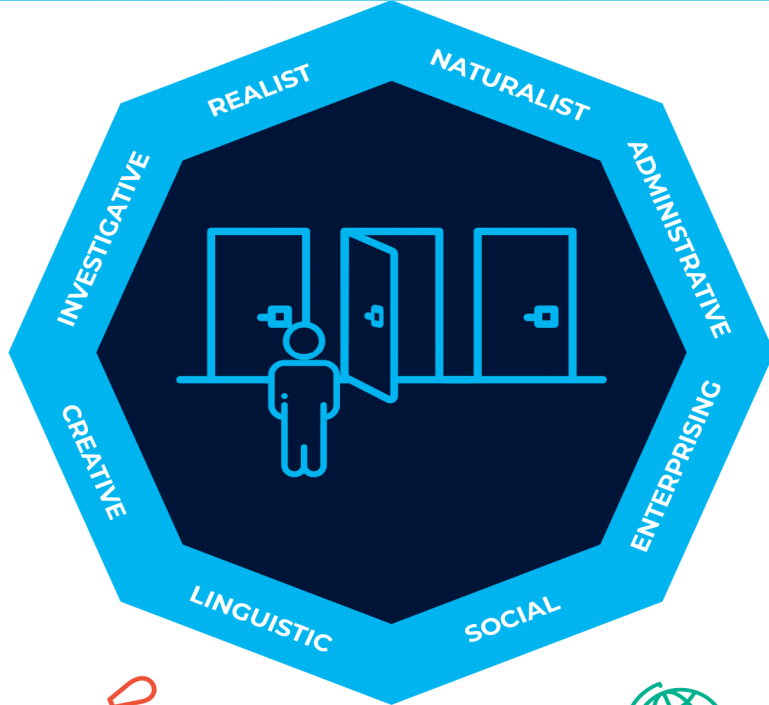
INVESTIGATIVE





ARTISTIC & CREATIVE

HUMANITIES



Business



Economics



LCVP Link
Modules



Home
Economics*



Geography*



Politics
& Society



Religious
Education



Gaeilge



Latin



Ancient Greek



History



Classical &
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BUSINESS

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PRACTICAL



Technology



Geography*



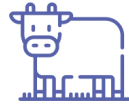
Home Economics*



Physical Education



Biology*



Agricultural Science



Accounting



Business



Economics



LCVP Link Modules



Home Economics*

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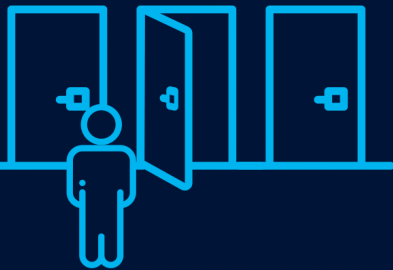
NATURALIST

ADMINISTRATIVE

ENTERPRISING

SOCIAL

LINGUISTIC



BUSINESS

WHAT LEAVING CERT SUBJECTS DO WE OFFER IN ST. BROGAN'S?

Science (Investigative)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Ag Science
- Applied Maths

Languages (Social)

- French
- Spanish
- Polish

Artistic (Creative)

- Music
- Design & Communication Graphics (DCG)
- Art

Practical (Realist)

- Construction Studies
- Engineering

Business (Enterprise & Conventional)

- Business
- Accounting

Humanities (Social)

- Geography
- History
- Home Economics
- Physical Education

SUBJECTS WITH ASSESSMENTS/PRACTICALS

Subject	Work Submitted prior to L.C.	Submitted	%	Written Exam
Ag. Science	Journal Oral Exam	March L.C. End of May L.C.	25%	75%
Home Economics	Journal	Nov. L.C.	20%	80%
History	Research Project	April L.C.	20%	80%
Geography	Geographical Investigation	April L.C.	20%	80%

Subject	.Practical	When	%	Written Exam
Art	Practical Art Exam	May L.C.	62½%	37½%
Music	Performance	May L.C.	50% if taken as elective	25% or 50%
L.C.V.P	Portfolio	March L.C.	60%	40% (May)

Subject	Work Submitted prior to L.C.	Practical	%	Written Exam
Construction	Project 25%	May L.C. 25%	50%	50%
Engineering	Workshop Assessment 25%	May 25%.	50%	50%
DCG	Student Assignment	Jan L.C.	40%	60%
PE	Project	Performance	50%	50%

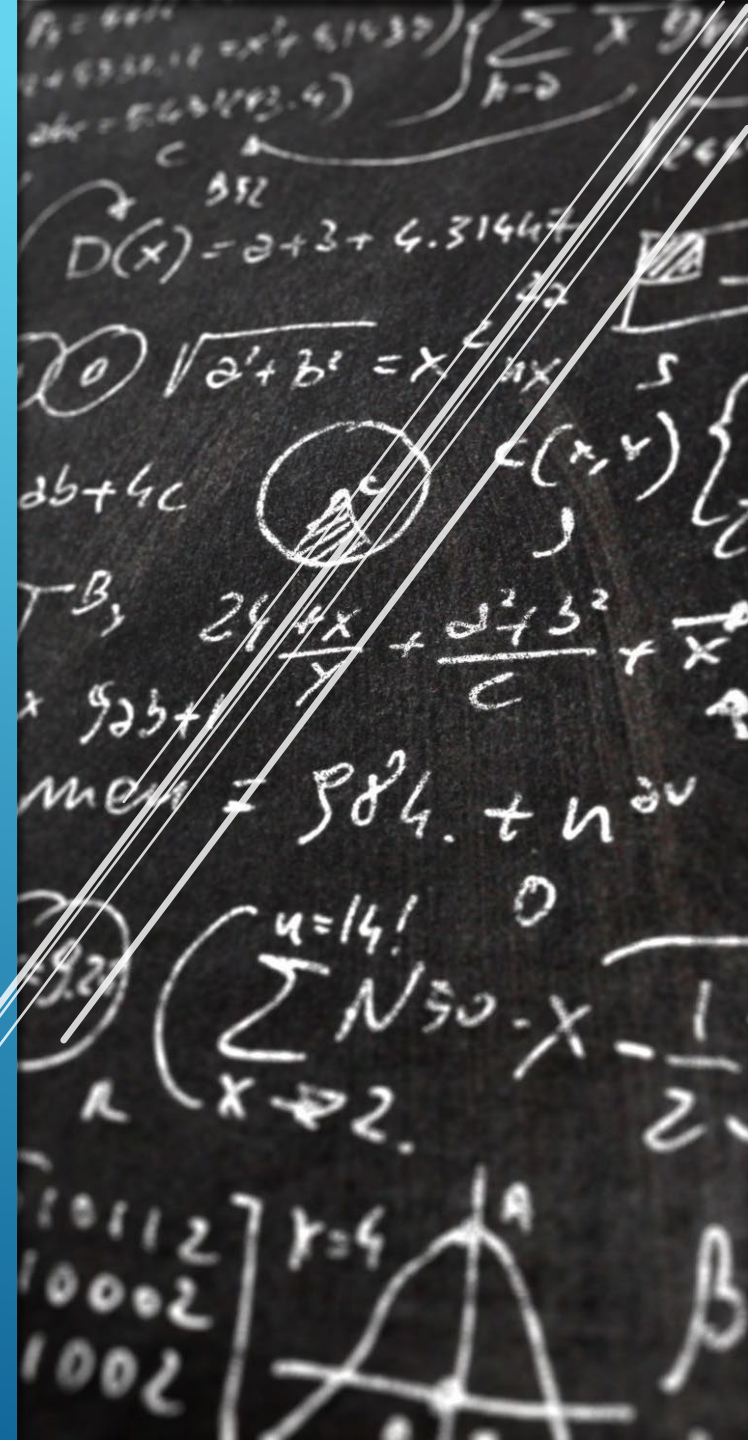
ARE THERE ANY COMBINATIONS OF SUBJECTS THAT GO WELL TOGETHER?

Maths, Physics and Applied Maths

Biology, Agricultural Science and Home Economics

Business and Home Economics

Art and DCG



WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT TAKE A 3RD LANGUAGE? (IE: A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH & IRISH)

MOST COURSES IN THE NUI COLLEGES REQUIRE A 3RD LANGUAGE

UCC

UCD

Maynooth
University

University of
Galway

RCSI

NCAD

Shannon
College of
Hotel
Management

THERE ARE ALWAYS EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULE!

- In the NUI colleges listed on the previous slide:
 - 3rd language is not required for engineering, science, ag science and nursing degrees
 - In Maynooth University a 3rd language is not required for law or any business/accountancy courses
- In other colleges – any course which has a language as a main part of the course often requires a H3/H4 or higher grade in that language – for example: Law and French in UCC, Speech and Language Therapy
- Technological Universities, such as MTU Cork, do not generally require a 3rd language
- UL, DCU, TCD require English and any other language
- Primary teaching/nursing courses do not require a 3rd language
- All of this information is correct for entry into college in 2023


SHOULD I CHOOSE A SCIENCE SUBJECT?

One lab science subject is needed for most science and health related courses

MUST BE BIOLOGY FOR:

- HUMAN HEALTH AND DISEASE (TCD)
- GENETICS (UCC)
- BEAUTY THERAPY (PLC COURSES)
- ADVISABLE FOR NURSING

It must be Chemistry for:

- ✓ Human Nutrition Dietetics in DIT
 - ✓ Dentistry, Pharmacy & Medicine in UCC – these courses also require 2 science subjects
 - ✓ Applied Chemistry degrees
 - ✓ Pharmacy in TCD
 - ✓ Veterinary Medicine
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COLLEGE SUBJECTS

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Biology Horticulture
Agriculture Marine Biology

CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Chemistry Biochemistry
Chem. Engineering Medicinal Chem.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Physics Astronomy
Electronics Computing

ENGINEERING

Civil Mechanical
Aeronautical Electrical

MEDICAL SCIENCES

Pharmacy Physiotherapy
Ophthalmic Optics Nutrition

MEDICINE / DENTISTRY

Medicine Dentistry
Vet. Medicine

Leaving Certificate Science Subjects in order of importance to college subject

1

2

3

Biology

AG.Science

Chemistry

Chemistry

Mathematics

Physics

Physics

Mathematics

Chemistry

Mathematics

Physics

Chemistry

Chemistry

Biology

Physics

Chemistry

Physics

Biology




- ▶ Art is generally not needed for Art and Design courses but advisable. A portfolio is however required.
- ▶ For Business courses, a minimum grade in Maths is generally a requirement rather than Business subjects.
- ▶ Accounting: Only course with an A/C requirement - B. Comm in Accounting- University of Galway (H4)
- ▶ Most Music courses will have a practical and theory test as part of entry requirements. LC Music is generally not a requirement

SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS - UNUSUAL EXAMPLES

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO AFTER SCHOOL. WHAT SUBJECTS SHOULD I CHOOSE?

If a student is not really sure what they want to do in the future:

Pick a broad range of subjects in order to keep options open

- ▶ *two subjects you like/are good at*
 - ▶ *one language*
 - ▶ *one science*
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TO SUMMARISE:

DO'S & DON'TS

- ▶ Choose subjects you enjoy
 - ▶ Choose subjects you are good at
 - ▶ Choose subjects you need for your chosen career
 - ▶ Keep your options open for the future by making a balanced choice now
 - ▶ Ask the subject teacher about the LC Course
 - ▶ Research your chosen subjects here: [Subject Choice Explorer](#)
- ▶ Choose a subject because your friend is taking it
 - ▶ Choose a subject just because you like or dislike the teacher
 - ▶ Choose a subject because you think it will be easy
 - ▶ Choose a new subject without finding out more about it
 - ▶ Make a decision at the last minute without thinking about it
 - ▶ Don't panic!

REMEMBER:
THERE ARE
BACKDOORS
INTO EVERY
CAREER!

