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Presentation to Third Year Parents

Format of the evening

1. Devices and Senior Cycle
2. Choosing subjects for senior cycle.
3. Structure of Transition Year
4. Explaining LCA – Leaving Certificate Applied.

Optional 3 Year Extended Support for the Leaving Cert Cycle

What's Included in the Extended Support Plan for your student's device:



- Full Hardware Health Check
 - Comprehensive diagnostics on all hardware components with a battery report and recommendations for optimal battery performance.



- Internal and External Clean
 - Dust removal and internal cleaning to prevent overheating and improve performance. External cleaning to maintain device aesthetics and durability.



- Complete Device Reboot and System Optimization
 - A full wipe and reload of your laptop, Installation of Windows 11 Professional — optimized for Leaving Cert needs. Full reconfiguration of system settings for the Leaving Cert exam cycle.



- Microsoft Account and eBook Configuration
 - Setting up your student's Microsoft 365 account. Pre-installation and configuration of essential programs including eBook Apps required for Leaving Cert studies.



- Extended 3-Year Warranty and Support Plan
 - 3 years of premium support with access to our dedicated support team.
 - Full warranty coverage on all hardware issues, including parts and labour.
 - Priority repair service for fast, hassle-free support.



Elasnik Computers,  021 4700507  info@elasnikcomputers.com
Collins House,
Market Square,
Kinsale, Co.Cork

HOW TO AVAIL

Breakdown of cost:

Assessment and configuration €91.60
3 Year Warranty Cover and Support €90

€181.60
incl VAT

An Online Form will be distributed after the Junior Cert has finished, this form is to be filled out if you want to avail of this extended Warranty and Service before the deadline (Provisionally the end of August 2025 when students return for the new school term.)

Devices will be collected in a batch once the date has passed and the works will be completed and the devices delivered back to the school for collection.

- Full Computer Health Check and Assessment.
- Full Reimage and Reconfiguration specific to student for the Leaving Cert Cycle.
- Extended 3 Year Warranty and Support.

YOUR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL IT PROVIDER

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
 - **Economics**
 - Home Economics
 - French
 - Spanish
 - Polish
 - Music
 - Biology
 - Physics
 - Chemistry
 - Agricultural Science
 - DCG
 - History
 - Geography
 - Leaving Certificate PE
 - Applied Maths
 - **Computer Science**
- (You will only get 4 subjects. Enter subjects in order of preference)**

LCVP

- LCVP is an additional subject that all students will study in fourth year and at the start of fifth year the students can choose to keep it on instead of Religion or just do Religion.
- It is a subject that gives points and is mostly a portfolio of work and an exam that is completed in May.
- Students won't need to decide on whether they are keeping this subject on or not until the start of fifth year.

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	Frenc h	Music	Economi cs	LC PE
Band 2	Hm Ec	Ag Sci	Geog	Const	Polish	Bus
Band 3	Art	Physic s	DCG	Frenc h	Comp Sc	Hm Ec
Band 4	Engr	Acc	Bio	Geog	Home Ec	History

- 1 subject from each band
- Some subjects appear twice

How to enter Subject Options

You need to enter subject options before 21st March 2025.

You enter them through the VSware app – Subject Options

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

Video Demonstration: [Parental-MobileApp-Options \(wistia.com\)](https://wistia.com)

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Other queries to admin@sbci.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

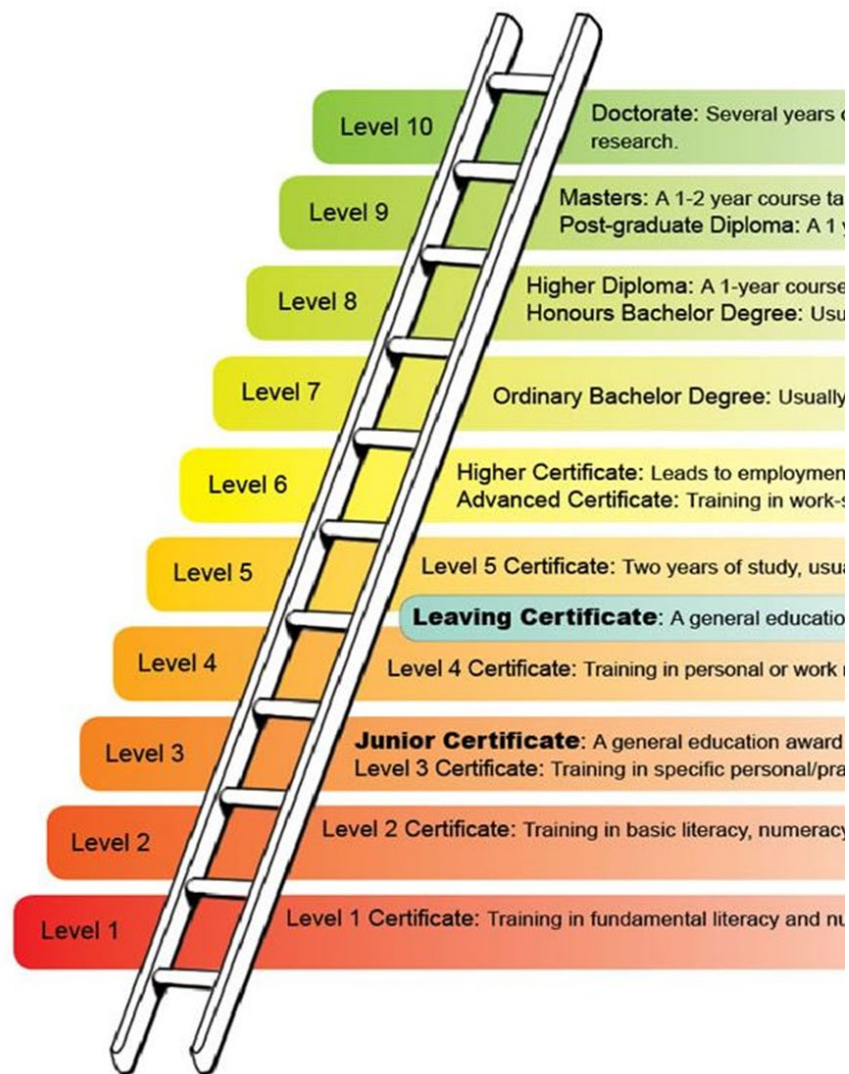
Subject Choice and After-School Options



After-School Options?

National Framework of Qualifications

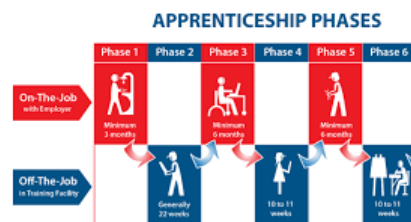
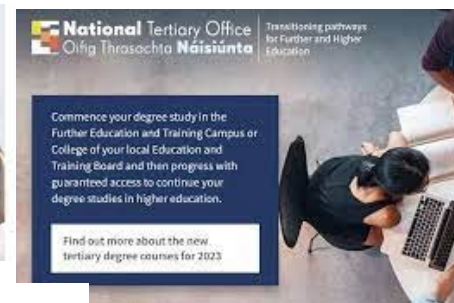
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After-School Options- Levels 5, 6, 7, 8

POINTS

CAO



Influencing for Business Connect & Learn

Home / Connect & Learn / Industries / Construction, Property and Engineering / Manufacturing Engineering Apprenticeships / Manufacturing Technician Level 6 programme

Manufacturing Technician Level 6 programme

2 Year programme - Manufacturing Technician Level 6 programme:



Cork College of FET
Cork's Further Education & Training Service

Subject
Choice for
Leaving
Certificate

Compulsory:
English, Irish,
Maths

Optional:
Students study
4 subjects

Choose
from the
following:

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

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

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



Subject Choice- things to keep in mind:

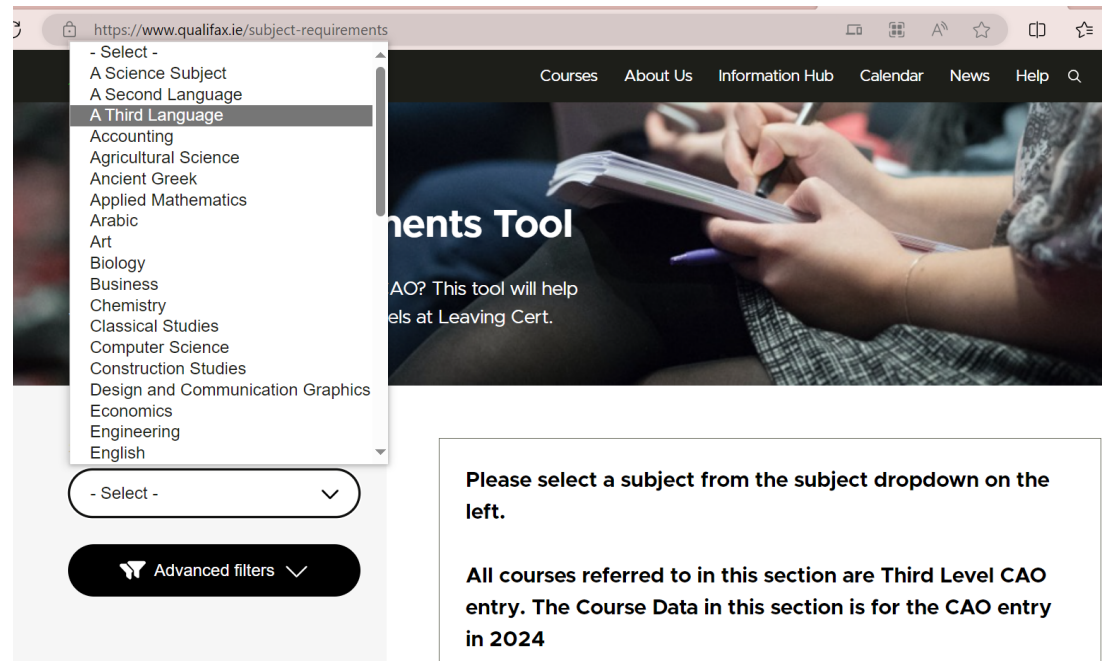
- You can **keep your options open** by choosing a 3rd Language and a Science | [Qualifax](#) (subject requirements tool)
- Choose subjects that you will **enjoy doing**
- Choose subjects that you know you are **good at**
- **Discuss** with your Parents, Teachers and your Guidance Counsellor
- **Research** about each subject and its content
[Leaving Cert Subjects | CareersPortal.ie](#)

The Third Language ...to choose or not to choose.....

- *If you have an Irish exemption **on the basis of a learning difficulty** you are likely to be eligible to apply for an exemption from the language requirements for college. Some colleges may look for evidence of a disability, for example through an Educational Psychologists report **OR** your Certificate of Exemption from Irish*
- French/ Spanish/ Polish - Did you study a language for Junior Cert?
- Any LC language exam offered by the State Exams Commission – eg: Italian, Romanian, Arabic..etc This is an extra subject (8th Subject) with learning taking place outside school.

The **Third** Language ...to choose or not to choose.....

- [Qualifax](#) (or Google 'qualifax subject requirements tool')
- Remember when using Qualifax - there is a difference between selecting 'A Third Language' and selecting 'French' or 'Spanish'



The screenshot shows the Qualifax website's subject requirements tool. The browser address bar displays <https://www.qualifax.ie/subject-requirements>. The page has a dark header with navigation links: Courses, About Us, Information Hub, Calendar, News, and Help. A large banner image shows hands writing in a notebook, with the text "Requirements Tool" and "CAO? This tool will help you choose your subjects at Leaving Cert." Below the banner, a dropdown menu is open, listing various subjects: - Select -, A Science Subject, A Second Language, A Third Language (highlighted), Accounting, Agricultural Science, Ancient Greek, Applied Mathematics, Arabic, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Computer Science, Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics, Economics, Engineering, and English. Below the dropdown is a button labeled "Advanced filters". To the right of the dropdown menu, a text box contains the instruction: "Please select a subject from the subject dropdown on the left." Below this, another text box states: "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".

What colleges/courses require a Third Language?

UCC, UCD, University of Galway: Colleges of

- Arts
- Commerce
- Law
- Medicine (excl. Nursing)
- Architecture UCD
- Veterinary Medicine UCD

Maynooth University

- Arts

National College of Art and Design

- A Third Language or Art or DCG

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

- Medicine
- Physiotherapy
- Pharmacy
- Advanced Therapeutic Technologies

Shannon College of Hotel Management

- Business Studies (International Hotel Management)
- Commerce (International Hotel Management)

Any course with a language e.g. Law & French

What
colleges/courses
DO NOT require a
Third Language?

TUs/ ITs (English or Irish)

DCU (English or Irish)

UL (requires English & another language)

Mary I, Limerick. (requires English & another language)

- Primary School teaching (H4 Gaeilge)

TCD (require English & another language)

Any Nursing degree

**CHECK COLLEGE WEBSITES
FOR DETAILS!!!!**

UCC, UCD, UG, MU:

- Science
- Food Science
- Engineering

Maynooth University:

- Business, Accounting, Finance & Law

NCAD- if presenting Art or DCG

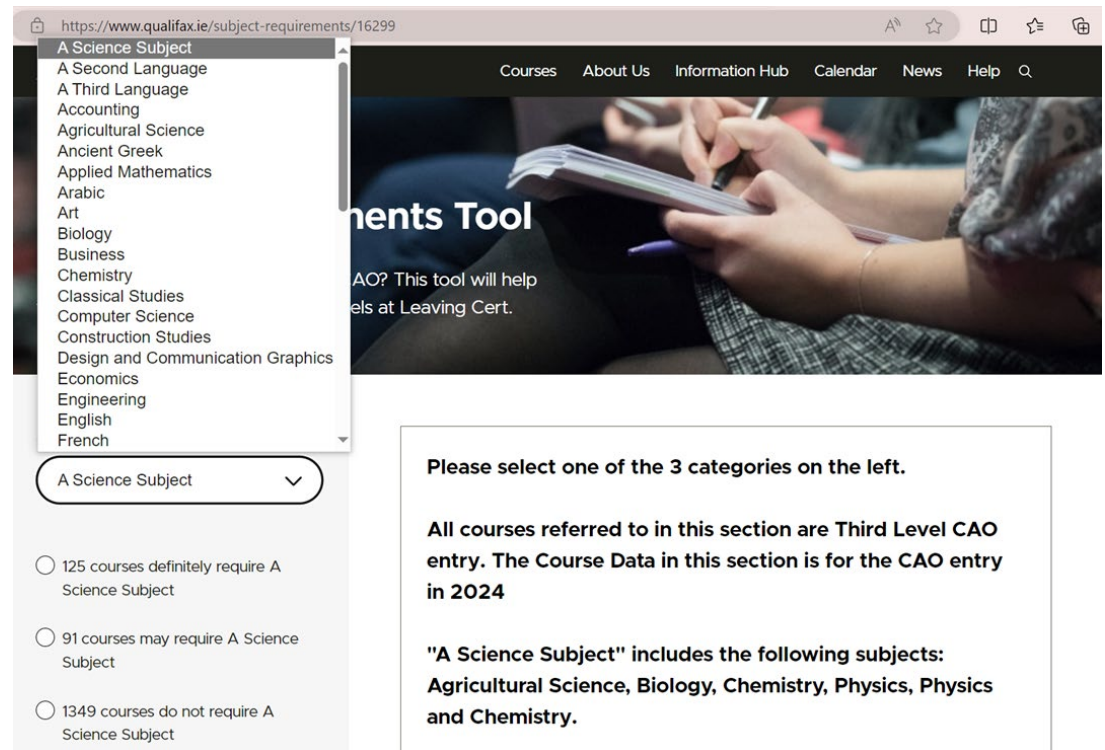
St Angela's College , Sligo
(now part of ATU)

An Garda Síochana
(English or Irish)

[| Qualifax](#)

Should I take a science subject?

- [Qualifax](https://www.qualifax.ie)
- **IMPORTANT TO NOTE:**
 - There is a difference between searching to see what courses require 'A Science Subject' and what ones require a specific Science subject.
- We see that 125 courses definitely require a science subject



The screenshot shows the Qualifax website interface. The URL in the browser is <https://www.qualifax.ie/subject-requirements/16299>. The page has a navigation bar with links: Courses, About Us, Information Hub, Calendar, News, Help. The main heading is 'Subjects Tool'. Below this, there is a dropdown menu for 'A Science Subject' which is open, showing a list of subjects: A Second Language, A Third Language, Accounting, Agricultural Science, Ancient Greek, Applied Mathematics, Arabic, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Computer Science, Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics, Economics, Engineering, English, and French. Below the dropdown, there are three radio button options: '125 courses definitely require A Science Subject' (selected), '91 courses may require A Science Subject', and '1349 courses do not require A Science Subject'. To the right of the dropdown, there is a text box that says: 'Please select one of the 3 categories 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. "A Science Subject" includes the following subjects: Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics and Chemistry.'

Which courses require a SPECIFIC science subject?

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Ag Science
- Use Qualifax for this!!

The screenshot shows the Qualifax website's 'Subject Requirements Tool' page. The URL in the browser is <https://www.qualifax.ie/subject-requirements/16305>. The page has a dark header with the Qualifax logo and navigation links: Courses, About Us, Information Hub, Calendar, News, and Help. The main content area features a large image of students writing in notebooks, with the title 'Subject Requirements Tool' and a subtitle: 'Planning to make application to the CAO? This tool will help you choose the right subjects and levels at Leaving Cert.'

Subject

Chemistry

☐ 6 courses definitely require Chemistry

☐ 204 courses may require Chemistry

☐ 1355 courses do not require Chemistry

Total: 1565

Please select one of the 3 categories 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

"A Science Subject" includes the following subjects: Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics and Chemistry.

"A Second Language" includes the following subjects:

Implications of not taking certain subjects:



If you do not have a subject that is deemed 'Essential' for entry into a third level course you will not get into that course.



Two year rule exists with Third Level colleges.



Example:
H4 Chemistry=
Dentistry UCC;
Dietetics TU Dublin



Please refer to Qualifax for details of this



**[| Qualifax](#) –
Subject
Requirements Tool**

IMPORTANT-
'Essential'
v.
'Useful'

Chemistry:

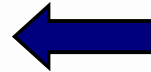
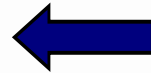
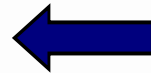
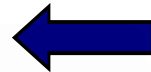
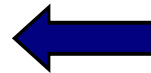
Essential for entry to Veterinary
Medicine UCD or Human Nutrition &
Dietetics TUD

Physics:

Very useful if you want to study
Engineering, but it is not essential for
entry.

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
Opthalmic 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

How to find out subject content:

Talk, question and listen to the subject teacher about what is in the subject at Leaving Cert.

[Careers Portal Subjects Tool](#)

[Subjects by Grade Explored](#)[FAQs](#)

Leaving Cert Subjects

Leaving Cert | Leaving Cert Applied (LCA)

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](#)

Science Group

These subjects demonstrate how to explore nature using carefully planned methods, and teach the basic methods and findings of scientific investigation.

[Agricultural Science](#)[Applied Maths](#)[Biology](#)[Chemistry](#)[Mathematics](#)[Physics](#)[Physics and Chemistry](#)[Computer Science](#)

Subject Choice

Leaving Certificate Chemistry

Career Zone

1 2 3 4 5



NFQ Level

4

Duration

2 Years

Summary

Grades Awarded

Course Overview

Course Content

Exam Structure

Career Possibilities

3rd Level Requirements

Course Content

The syllabus consists of approximately 70% pure chemistry; the remaining 30% deals with the social and applied aspects of chemistry.

The syllabus is comprised of all the essential and relevant topics within general chemistry. The major topics involved include the following:

1. Atomic structure
2. Volumetric analysis
3. Organic chemistry
4. Water chemistry
5. Reaction mechanisms.

There also is an option to be taken as part of the course which involves the study of atmospheric and industrial chemistry or the study of materials and electrochemistry.

Subject Choice

Leaving Certificate

Chemistry

Career Zone

1 2 3 4 5



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4

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Exam Structure

Chemistry	Higher	Ordinary
Written Paper	1 Paper - 100% of Marks	1 Paper - 100% of Marks

The leaving cert exam is three hours in duration. Each candidate must answer at least two questions from Section A (experimental section) and a maximum of six questions from Section B.

There are eleven questions in total on the exam paper, each carrying 50 marks.

There is no element of continuous assessment but experimental copies must be available for inspection by the State Examinations Commission. Students taking chemistry have to memorize the chemical components of a series of prescribed experiments. They will need to present the elements of four such experiments in their exam.

Subject Choice

Leaving Certificate Chemistry

Career Zone

1 2 3 4 5



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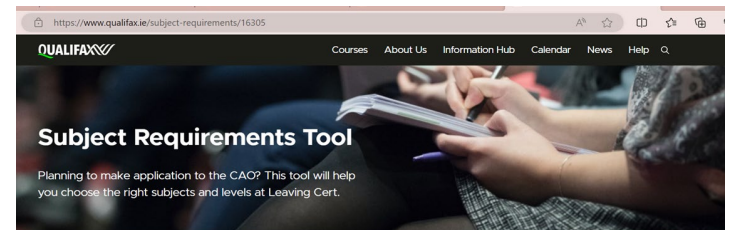
3rd Level Requirements

3rd Level Requirements

Required for 3rd Level?

This subject may be essential for entry into some Third Level courses. Click on the link below to view courses that may require this subject for entry:

 **Chemistry**





Leaving Cert Applied Subjects

Leaving Cert | Leaving Cert Applied (LCA)

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.

Agriculture/Horticulture

**Graphics &
Construction Studies**

**Hotel, Catering &
Tourism**

Technology

Science Group

These subjects demonstrate how to explore nature using carefully planned methods, and teach the basic methods and findings of scientific investigation.

Engineering

Introduction to ICT

ICT Specialism

**Mathematical
Applications**

Science



Subject Choice

Leaving Certificate Applied

Hotel, Catering & Tourism

Career Zone

1 2 3 4 5



NFQ Level

4

Duration

2 Years

Summary

Course Content

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Career Possibilities

Summary

***This subject is a Specialism. Two specialisms are selected from a choice of eleven.**

The Hotel, Catering and Tourism course reflects the overall philosophy of the LCA Programme by helping students develop personal and vocational skills. Emphasis is placed on social inclusion, teamwork, quality, interpersonal skills and creativity. There are many progression opportunities for students interested in the industry through a number of routes, such as PLC courses, CERT Basic Skills, full-time training programmes or directly into local employment.

Subject Group: Practical

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.



How do
we help
students
choose?

- RIASEC Test in school
- Subject Focus Week - 5 hours of subject presentations from LC teachers
- Every class has had a subject choice workshop with Ms Glancy
- Individual Guidance Appointments
- This evening's meeting with parents who can support their choices and research

To conclude

CHOOSE:



Subjects you LIKE - you are more likely to work well at these



Subjects you are GOOD at - maximise your strengths



Subjects you NEED - useful subjects that will provide a good foundation for future learning/ training.

Remember:
There are
back doors
into every
career!

