




Introductions

Ms Cadogan



We strive to be a happy, safe,
caring and inclusive community
where everyone is supported to
reach their potential.

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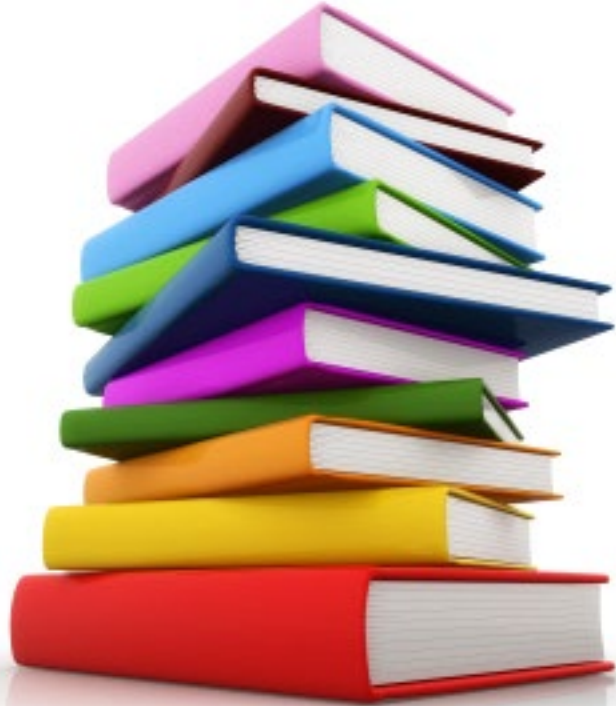
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School Day

- Please note that on Wednesdays and Fridays school finishes at 2:35. All other days will finish at 3:33

8:49-9:00	Tutorial	11:11-12:09	Class	1:37-2:35	Class
9:00-9:58	Class	12:09-1:07	Class	2:35-3:33	Class (No
9:58-10:56	Class	1:07-1:37	Lunch	class at this time on	
10:56-11:11	Break			Wednesdays and	
				Fridays)	

Books, Lockers and Uniform



School bus transport

- Visit www.buseireann.ie
- Go to the school transport page or click on the link below.
- Applications for school transport are now currently being accepted for the upcoming school year.
- More information can be found in [Apply for School Transport](#)

Subjects for Junior Cert

Junior Certificate

Compulsory subjects

- Irish (unless you have an Irish exemption)
- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Religion (not an exam subject)

Junior Certificate

- **Short Courses – These subjects are certified in the Junior Certificate**
 - Computer Studies - Digital Media Literacy
 - SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education)
 - CSPE (Civic Social and Political Education)
 - PE
 - Polish (Optional for some as an extra short course) – offered opposite Religion and CSPE

Optional Subjects

- Our aim is to be an inclusive school that helps all our children reach their potential.
- We offer a wide variety of subjects – subjects that will suit your child.
- We believe that offering a large choice of subjects will enable each child to reach their potential.



Optional Subjects

- Geography
- French
- Spanish
- Business Studies
- Art
- Woodwork
- Technical Graphics
- Metalwork
- Home Economics
- Music

Choosing Subjects

- We need you to help us to set everything up for next year by choosing the subjects your child thinks they would like to study for the Junior Cycle very soon.
- We will use your choices to set up the timetable.
- Each student will be able to change subjects when they come in if they wish anytime right up until the end of September.
- This will mean students will be able to study four optional subjects for the junior cycle.

- We totally understand that this may be difficult for students who are not familiar with all the subjects we offer but when they arrive we will work with each student to help them explore different options if they wish.
- Ms Glancy will give a presentation on the different subjects later.
- Our aim is to ensure all students are happy and reach their potential and helping students choose the right subjects is very important.

How the Option Process Works

Choosing First Year Options

Choose five of the following

- Geography
- French
- Spanish
- Business Studies
- Art
- Woodwork
- Technical Graphics
- Metalwork
- Home Economics
- Music

Your choices here

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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

What will we do with the choices?

- The choices are fed into a special computer programme.
- It will then give us a set of options that satisfy the **majority** of students.
- The options **might** look like this:

Sample Subject Bands

Band 1	Geography	Art	Home Economics	Business Studies	French	Music	Woodwork	Metalwork
Band 2	French	Woodwork	Music	Art	Home Economics	Geography	Business Studies	Technical Graphics
Band 3	Spanish	Technical Graphics	French	Woodwork	Metalwork	Business Studies	Home Economics	Music
Band 4	Business Studies	Metalwork	Geography	Technical Graphics	Art	French	Woodwork	Art

- Students will get one subject on each band depending on their choices
- Students can only do each subject once
- Students can move subjects up until the end of September so that they have time to settle in

How to enter Subject Options

- You will be sent a link to an online questionnaire by text.
- The link to the questionnaire is:
<https://forms.office.com/e/Ddd2ksJ5VG>
- You will be asked to put in five subjects starting with the favourite and working your way down.
- The fifth choice will help the computer programme to create the bands.

How to enter Subject Options

- Each student will only be doing four of the subjects.
- You need to enter subject options before **13th March 2026**.
- Queries re: careers email Sharon.glancy@corketb.ie
- Other queries to admin@sbc.ie or pat.kenneally@corketb.ie
0879700380



Ms Sharon Glancy
Guidance Counsellor

JC Subject Options

Business Studies

French

Music

Wood Technology

Home Economics

Geography

Spanish

Art

Engineering (Metalwork)

Technical Graphics

How do I know which subjects to choose?



Making Your Decision

1.
Choose

Choose the subjects you enjoy and are good at

2.
Research

Research the subjects you don't know much about

3.
Options

Keep your options open for the future

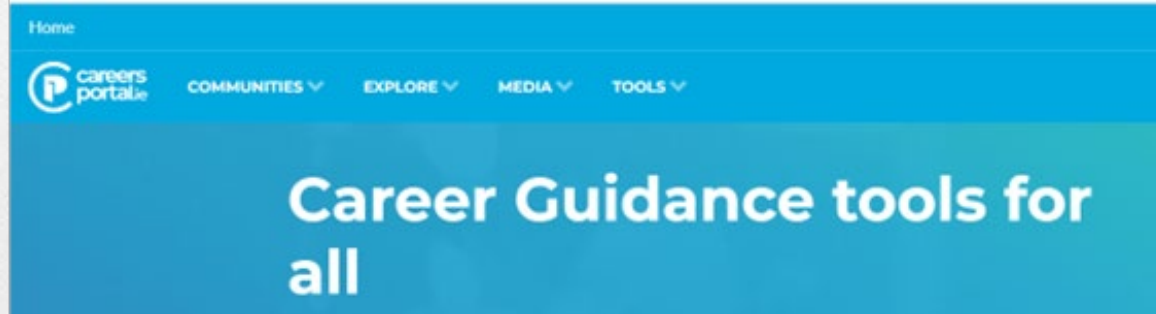
4. Talk

Talk to your parents/guardians



2. Research the subjects you aren't familiar with

www.careersportal.ie



Research the subjects you aren't familiar with

The screenshot shows the careersportal.ie website. The 'TOOLS' dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of resources. A blue arrow points to the 'JUNIOR CERT SUBJECTS' option. The website header includes navigation links for 'COMMUNITIES', 'EXPLORE', 'MEDIA', and 'TOOLS'. The main content area features a 'Career Guide for all' section with a 'Join to create a Career Profile' button and a 'START HERE!' button. Below this, there are tabs for 'Courses', 'Careers', and 'Apprenticeships'. A search bar is visible at the bottom right with a 'SEARCH NOW' button.

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- Careers
- CAO Calculators

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PROGRESSION ROUTES

FETCHCOURSES (FET)

SCHOLARSHIPS

COLLEGE PROFILES

JUNIOR CERT SUBJECTS

LEAVING CERT SUBJECTS

SUBJECT GRADES EXPLORER

Junior Cycle Subjects

In the Junior Cycle, students will study a combination of **Full Subjects** and **Short Courses**. Of the Full Subjects, *English, Irish, Maths and History* are compulsory while all the others are optional i.e. students will choose the remaining subjects during their school's subject choice process. For students who may struggle at this level, an additional range of subjects known as **Learning Programmes** has been designed, three at Level 2 and three at Level 1.

Short Courses are typically half the size of full subjects and do not have a terminal exam. Short Courses offered can vary between schools. **Wellbeing** is central to the Junior Cycle, meaning that subjects such as *SPHE, CSPE* and *PE* are also compulsory.

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.

Wood Technology

(Optional)

Applied Technology

(Optional)

Coding

(Short Course)

Digital Media Literacy

(Short Course)

Engineering

(Optional)

Junior Cycle Subject:

Wood Technology

(Optional)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Materials Technology Wood (MTW) is one of the technology subjects offered at Junior Cycle. In MTW you will learn to design small projects and the skills required to use tools and equipment to make your designs. You will work mainly with wood but also with other materials. You will learn about wood as a material and how it is produced.

HOW WILL WOOD TECHNOLOGY BE USEFUL TO ME?

COURSE AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

In Junior Cycle Wood Technology students learn woodworking skills, use design thinking and finally create projects as well as learning about sustainability and the importance of trees to the world around us.

Number of hours over 3 years	Final Exam	Classroom-Based Assessments (CBAs)	Assessments Task
200 hrs minimum	1hour 30min paper Taken at Common level Worth 30% of overall grade	Two CBAs to be taken over 2 nd & 3 rd year CBA 1- Wood Science in Our Environment CBA 2- Student Self-Analysis and Evaluation	Students complete a project set by the SEC after CBA 2 in 3 rd Year. Worth 70% of overall grade

PDFS & USEFUL LINKS



[View / Download Assessment Guidelines](#)



3. Keep your options open for the future

When you are coming into First Year you are not expected to know what you want to do after Leaving Cert!

But it is helpful to keep your options open as much as possible.

Choosing a language will help ensure this.

Be aware- there are subjects you will need for entry to specific courses after Leaving Cert.

We do not produce enough language graduates!!

Language requirements for after school options:

If you have an exemption from the study of Irish on the basis of a learning difficulty you are likely to be eligible for exemption from the language requirements for college.

Some colleges may look for evidence of a disability, for example through an Educational Psychologists report

Third Language Requirement

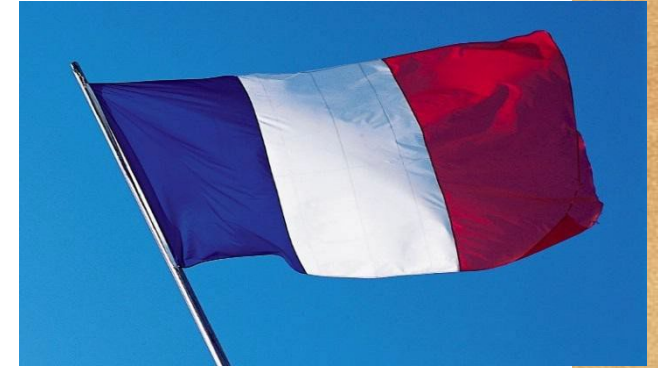
Some third level colleges require students have a **third language** to gain entry - English & Irish are the first two. (Not applicable to students with a language exemption)

NUI's – UCC, UCD, Maynooth and University of Galway, RCSI, Shannon College of Hotel Management require a 3rd language for entry into many of their courses.

Other colleges do not, however **if a language is part of your chosen degree, that language will be a requirement to gain entry to that course.**

For Example:

University of Limerick does **not** require a third language, however, if you choose to study **French and Law** you must have taken French for your Leaving Cert.



Colleges that require a Third Language for many of its courses: National University of Ireland

- **Maynooth University**
- **University of Galway**
- **University College Cork (UCC)**
- **University College Dublin (UCD)**
- **Royal College of Surgeon's, Ireland (RCSI)**
- **National College of Art & Design (NCAD)**
- **Shannon College of Hotel Management**

Colleges that do NOT require a Third Language for Entry

University of Limerick (UL), Trinity College Dublin (TCD), Will accept English & another language.

Technological Universities (formerly ITs) and Dublin City University (DCU) Will accept English or Irish for entry purposes



The exceptions to the rule!

A third language is **not required** for most courses in **Engineering, Science or Nursing** programmes.



Science



Making Your Decision



Not recommended:

- Choose a subject because your friend is taking it
 - Choose a subject because you like or dislike the teacher
 - Choose a subject because you think it will be easy
 - Choose a subject without finding out more about it
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- Make a decision last minute
 - Panic
 - Choose a subject based on the opinion of one other person.

Have you chosen a 3rd Language? French/Spanish/ Polish

Have you chosen subjects you like or are good at?

Have you researched the subjects you have chosen?

Have you discussed your choices at home?



One to One Devices

Digital Skills

- We want our students to have all the digital skills they need for
 - College
 - Work
 - Future lives
- Students need to be proficient at:
 - Word
 - Powerpoint
 - Teams
 - OneNote
 - Internet
 - Email
 - Excel





Books

- Students will have Books and Ebooks
- They will keep the actual books at home unless a teacher requests a particular book like a novel in school.
- The weight of the bags will be reduced.
- Classes will involve 'lids down' time as well as 'lids up' time.

Devices

- All First year students must purchase a device.
- We have sourced the best possible price and service.
- The device will be set up ready to go.
- Students will be trained in its use and will use it instead of books in school. They will have their books at home.
- Students who have had devices purchased for them by the Department of Education in primary school may continue to use these devices and we will add the required software.
- There is a clear acceptable use policy relating to how the devices are to be used and this will be presented at the next meeting.



Who are Elasnik, and what do we do?

Elasnik was established in Kinsale in 2004 by Trevor Ryan and 22 years later Elasnik is now a leading supplier of IT products and services to the educational sector.

We operate our sales and repair clinic from the centre of Kinsale town, and provide service and support to numerous schools & colleges throughout Cork and county.

We have a growing team of dedicated engineers who are fully aware of the IT requirements and expectations both on and off the school campus.

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128GB NVMe SSD
8GB DDR5 RAM

11.6" Touchscreen - Includes Digital Pen
Windows 11 Professional
Hard shell case €49.99(Optional)

Walk-in Repair Clinic - Same-Day Service
3 Year Warranty / Device Management.
Full initial Setup for Student
Microsoft 365 account setup

€599

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An Asus 2 in 1 Laptop that empowers students.
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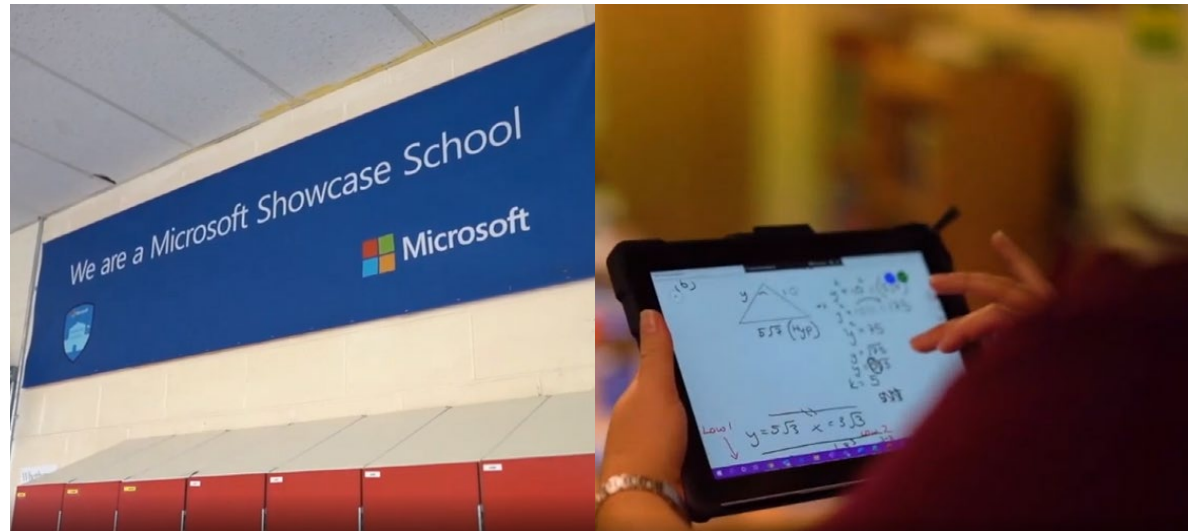
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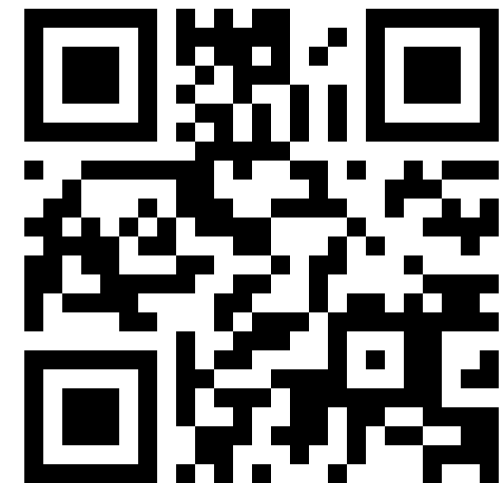
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What Next?

What happens next?

- On Saturday **7th March** first years will be invited to the school for one hour to do a short reading test on the computers and get a tour of the school.
- Parents are also welcome for the hour and can meet year heads and school management as well as getting a tour of the school.
- On the evening of **29th April** we will have a second zoom meeting to go through all information on uniforms, policies, school calendar and so on.
- If any of you wish to discuss the individual needs of your children or the worries they have or you have please make contact with the school.
- You can phone Mr Kenneally our Home School Community Liaison teacher on 0879700380, you can phone the office 0238841120 and speak to me or Ms McHugh. If you have specific queries about Special Educational needs email Ms Mary Foley. You can email any of us with the email addresses at the start of the presentation.

Worries

- Every child and parent will have their own concerns and they will be different for everyone.
- If it helps to ease those make contact with Mr Kenneally or ourselves and we will see if we can help.
- If there are any students with special needs we will be working through the reports over the next few months and may be in touch with you regarding supports.



Team Effort

- We believe that the only way to help your child be happy and reach their potential is if all of us work together – **parent, student and school** to make it happen.
- Good **communication** is key to this.



Questions