

We will begin at 7:30

A blue speech bubble graphic with a white border and a dark blue shadow, containing the text "Presentation to Third Year Parents".

Presentation to Third Year Parents

Format of the evening

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

Senior Cycle Reform – What is Changing

- There is a gradual change to content and assessment of Leaving Certificate Subjects.
- When your child is doing the LC some of their subjects will follow the old system and some the new system.
- For those subjects in the new system:
 - There will be a project/research task completed during the two years.
 - This is called an Additional Assessment Component (AAC)
 - The project is set nationally and is marked by the State Examinations Commission.
 - Each project/task counts towards the LC grade.
- Most reformed subjects will be:
 - 60 – 70% based on the final exam.
 - 30 – 40% based on the project or task.
- **In many subjects roughly one third of the marks will be earned before the final exam**

What does this mean for my Child

- There will be deadlines in 5th and 6th Year
- Attendance matters even more as projects must be completed in school time. They cannot be done at home.
- Organisation and time management will be critical.
- Consistent effort over the two years will be rewarded.

What is not Changing

- Leaving Certificate remains the final qualification
- Grades remain H1-H8/O1-O8
- CAO points system remains the same.
- Higher and Ordinary levels remain

What is changing

- What is changing is how marks are earned.
- Instead of 100% based on one exam
- It becomes
 - About 60-70% exam
 - About 30-40% project work.

What subjects will be changed for students doing the LC in 2029

- Biology (current 5th years)
- Chemistry (current 5th years)
- Physics (current 5th years)
- Business (current 5th years)
- Construction Studies (next year's 5th years)
- Engineering (next year's 5th years)
- Geography (next year's 5th years)
- PE (next year's 5th years)
- LCVP (next year's 5th years)
- Agricultural Science (New for this group)
- Computer Science (New for this group)
- DCG (New for this Group)
- History (New for this Group)
- Home Economics (New for this Group)
- Maths (New for this Group)
- Music (New for this Group)

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.



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Market Square,
Kinsale, Co.Cork

HOW TO AVAIL

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Breakdown of cost: | €181.60 |
| Assessment and configuration €91.60 | |
| 3 Year Warranty Cover and Support €90 | 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 2026 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.

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 higher level,
 - 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 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)

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 20th March 2026.

You enter them through the VShare app – Subject Options

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

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

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Other queries to admin@sbc.ie or liz.mchugh@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 |

Example 1 – All ordinary level 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 level 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 higher level 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 |

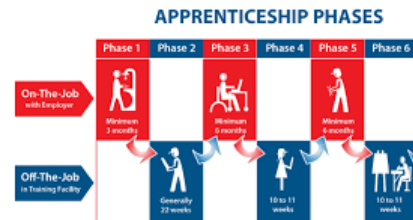
Subject Choice and After-School Options



Options after school

POINTS

CAO



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

In general, our advice is:

- 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'

https://www.qualifax.ie/subject-requirements

Courses About Us Information Hub Calendar News Help

Subjects Tool

CAO? This tool will help you find courses and subject requirements at Leaving Cert.

Please select a subject from the subject dropdown 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

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

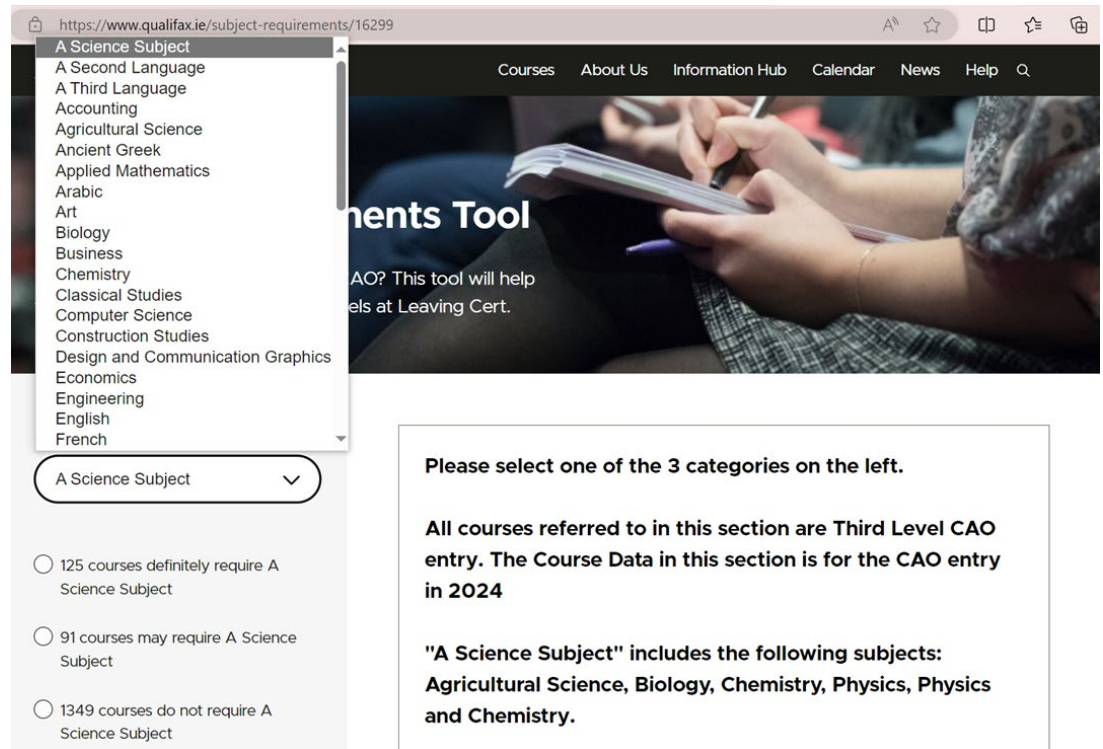
St Angela's College , Sligo (now part of ATU)

An Garda Síochana (English or Irish)

[| Qualifax](#)

Should I take a science subject?

- [Qualifax](#)
- **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



https://www.qualifax.ie/subject-requirements/16299

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Subject Requirements Tool

CAO? This tool will help you find courses that require A Science Subject at Leaving Cert.

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 is <https://www.qualifax.ie/subject-requirements/16305>. The page features a navigation menu with 'Courses', 'About Us', 'Information Hub', 'Calendar', 'News', and 'Help'. The main heading is 'Subject Requirements Tool', with a sub-heading: 'Planning to make application to the CAO? This tool will help you choose the right subjects and levels at Leaving Cert.' Below this, there is a dropdown menu for 'Subject' currently set to 'Chemistry'. To the right of the dropdown is a list of statistics: 6 courses definitely require Chemistry, 204 courses may require Chemistry, and 1355 courses do not require Chemistry. A 'Total: 1565' is also shown. A callout box on the right contains instructions: '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:

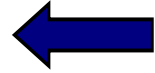
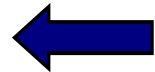
Essential for entry to Veterinary
Medicine UCD or Human Nutrition &
Dietetics TUD

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 |
| 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 |

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



NFQ Level

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



NFQ Level

4

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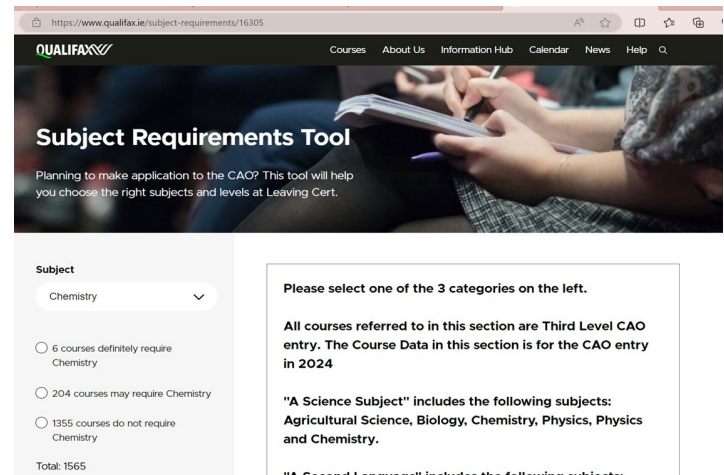
3rd Level Requirements

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**



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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



< Leaving Cert Applied Subjects

Subject Choice

Leaving Certificate Applied

Hotel, Catering & Tourism

Career Zone

1 2 3 4 5



NFQ Level

4

Duration

2 Years

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*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
- Q&A sessions at lunchtime next Tuesday and Thursday with current 5th year students

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!

