



Subject Choice for
Leaving Certificate
St. Flannan's College

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Purpose of Presentation



- Raise awareness of the importance of picking the correct subjects
- Subject requirements for further study after Leaving Cert
- How to decide which subjects to choose

Factors influencing subject choice

- **WHAT SUBJECTS DO STUDENTS ENJOY**
(THEY WILL WORK BEST AT THESE SUBJECTS)
- **ABILITY AND APTITUDE IN THE SUBJECT**
- **IS THE SUBJECT NECESSARY FOR THIRD LEVEL?**
- **FRIENDS/ PARENTS/SIBLINGS, ETC**
- **PERCEIVED AS 'EASY' OR 'HARD'**



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**THEIR CHOICE SHOULD BE BOTH MEANINGFUL AND
MANAGEABLE**

Subjects in Senior Cycle



Our method for students picking their subjects moving into senior cycle - student centred, flexible.

Students rate their top 6 subjects, of which they will get 3.

All students will continue with the core subjects which are Maths, English and Irish (unless exempt), we also recommend keeping their language.

WHY STUDY A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AT LEAVING CERTIFICATE?



- Students have already acquired language skills and knowledge at Junior Cycle. They will further develop their existing proficiency.
- A Foreign Language is compulsory to access many 3rd level courses, not just those which have a language incorporated.
- Languages are an asset to those working in the areas of STEM and business, not only in teaching.
- It improves communication skills and the ability to use resourcefulness and creativity.
- Ireland is the only EU country, beside Malta, with English as one of its official languages.
- The globalisation of the world economy and the emergence of new non-English speaking markets, multi-lingual Irish graduates will be in high demand.

Will also be asked to choose between

- Computer Studies (with option to complete Excel, Powerpoint, Word - Microsoft Office Specialist Qualification)
- Japanese
- Physical Education (Non Exam)
- L.C.V.P.

Subjects available

Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Agricultural Science

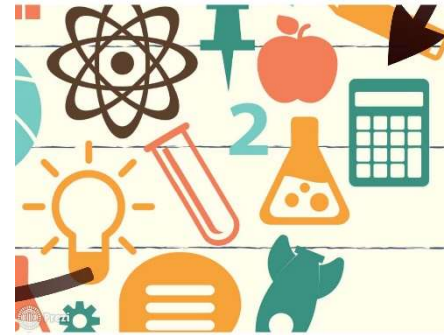
Home Economics
Business
Economics
Accounting

Physical Education
(as an exam subject)

Music
Art
Construction Studies
Design & Comm. Graphics

History
Geography
Classical Studies

LCVP
Japanese



Compulsory Subjects

- Maths Exam 100%
- English Exam 100%

- Irish Exam 50%
(Exemption will do Geography) Oral 40%
Aural 10%



Recommended Subjects

- French or German Exam 55%
- (Exemption/choice will do Business) Oral 20-25%
Aural 20-25%



Optional Subjects

Humanities

History

Exam 80% Project 20%

Geography

Exam 80% Project 20%

Classical Studies

Exam 100%

Practical

Construction Studies

Exam 50%

Project & Practical 50%

Design&Comm. Graphics
(DCG) Exam 60%

Project 40%



Optional Subjects

Artistic

Art Exam 37.5% Practical 62.5%

Music Listening 25%
Composition 25%
Performance 50%

Students choose where to allocate extra 25%
- usually performance.



Social

Home Ec. Exam 80% Project 20%

Optional Subjects

Physical

Physical Education - Exam Subject

Physical Activity Project	20%
Performance Assessment	30%
Written Paper	50%

For more information on PE as a Leaving Certificate subject

https://ncca.ie/media/3607/lcpe_single.pdf



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Optional Subjects affected by reform 2025

Science Subjects

- Biology
- Chemistry →
- Physics
- Agricultural Science – Exam 75% & Project 25%

Exam worth
100%



Business Subjects

- Business →
- Accounting
- Economics – Exam 80% & Research Study 20%

Exam worth
100%



Additional Assessment Component

- **Each** of the new and revised subject specifications will incorporate additional assessment components (called **AACs**).
- These components will **not** be a traditional written examination.
- AACs **will be assessed by the State Examinations Commission (S.E.C)**.

Minimum
40%
marks for
additional
assessment
components

Subject Tranches 2025-2029

11/11/2024

September
2025

Tranche 1

- Ancient Greek
- Arabic
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Climate Action and Sustainable Development
- Drama, Film and Theatre Studies
- Latin
- Physics

Current TYs

September
2026

Tranche 2

- Accounting
- Construction Studies
- Engineering
- English
- Geography
- LCVP Link Modules
- Physical Education

Current
3rd Years*

September
2027

Tranche 3

- Agricultural Science
- Computer Science
- Design and Communications Graphics
- History
- Home Economics
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics and Chemistry

Current
2nd Years*

September
2028

Tranche 4

- Art
- Economics
- French
- Gaeilge
- German
- Italian
- Politics and Society
- Spanish
- Technology

Current
1st Years*

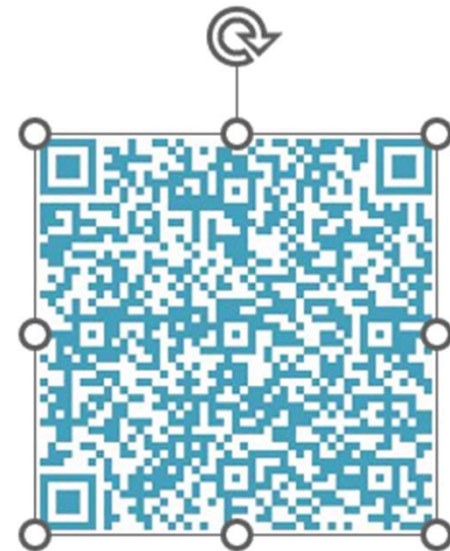
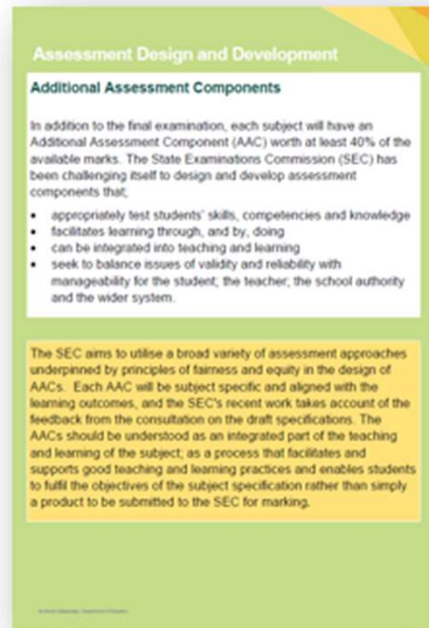
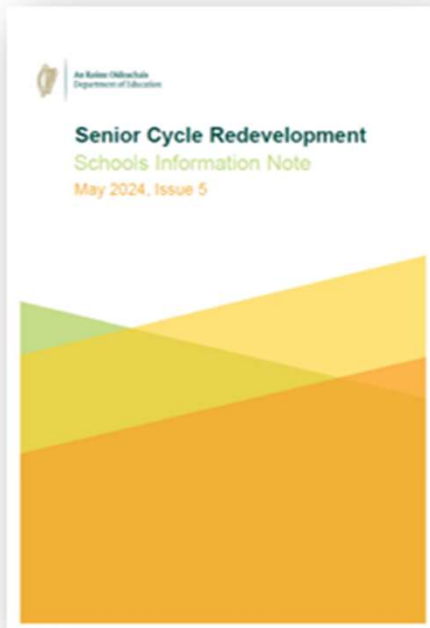
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Tranche 5

- Applied Mathematics
- Classical Studies
- Japanese
- Lithuanian
- Mandarin Chinese
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Religious Education
- Russian

Current
6th Class*

More Information:



<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/senior-cycle/senior-cycle-subjects/>

National Parents Council Podcast

Podcast with the National Parents Council



The National Parents Council have launched their podcast series on Senior Cycle. In their first episode, they chat with Esther Doyle, from the Senior Cycle Redevelopment Programme Management Office, about Senior Cycle Redevelopment. You can listen [here](#).



The National Parents Council are members of the Senior Cycle Redevelopment Partners' Forum, a representative stakeholder engagement group which underpins the collaboration necessary to support implementation and, where appropriate, further developments under the programme.

<https://creators.spotify.com/pod/show/national-parents-council/episodes/Understanding-the-Redevelopment-of-Senior-Cycle-Education-Insights-from-the-Department-of-Education-e2of9m7>

Leaving Cert Vocational Programme

Designed to enhance the vocational dimension of the Leaving Certificate (established).

The LCVP combines the academic strengths of the Leaving Certificate (established) with a new and dynamic focus on self-directed learning, innovation and enterprise.

What results can students achieve?

Distinction	66	(H4 in higher level paper)
Merit	46	(H6 in higher level)
Pass	28	(O4 in ordinary level)



New LC Grading Scheme	Marks	New Points Higher Level	New Points Ordinary Level
H1 / O1	90-100	100	56
H2 / O2	80 < 90	88	46
H3 / O3	70 < 80	77	37
H4 / O4	60 < 70	66	28
H5 / O5	50 < 60	56	20
H6 / O6	40 < 50	46	12
H7 / O7	30 < 40	37	0
H8 / O8	0 < 30	0	0

Do 7(or 8 with LCVP) Count 6

NB the “7th subject” can be the Modern Language. ie You can pass it for minimum entry requirement purposes but you don’t have to “count” it.

Add 25 points to HL Maths result as long as its H6 or above but only

Add 25 points if you’re going to USE the points for Maths in your top 6.

Maths	O2	46	Maths	H5	81 *
English	O3	37	English	H4	66
Irish	O3	37	Irish	H5	56
French	O5	20	French	H5	56
Business	H5	56	Physics	H4	66
Home Ec	H3	77	Chemistry	H3	77
Ag Science	H6	46	Economics	H4	66
LCVP Dis		66			
Total		328	Total		412

Standard Entry Requirements

Technological Universities (IT's) require that you pass
Maths + English **OR** Irish at Ordinary or Higher Level

National Universities of Ireland (there are 8) require that you pass
Maths + English + Irish at Ordinary or Higher Level
PLUS a 3rd language (for many but not all of their degree programmes)

University of Limerick and Trinity College Dublin
Maths + English + Irish **OR** 3rd language



Specific Entry Requirements (Languages)

There are certain courses that require students to have specific subjects – usually if the **subject is central to the degree** it will be required. Below are some examples:

Irish

Primary Teaching – **H4**

Law & Irish UCC – **H3**

Commerce Int. with Irish UCC – **H3**

English

Journalism and Digital Communications UL – **H4**

Deaf Studies TCD – **H4**

Language

Commerce Int. – will require a language usually at higher level



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Specific Entry Requirements (Maths)

All* Level 8 Engineering Degrees require **H4**

Maths T.C.D. **H3**

Financial Maths U.L. **H3**

Financial Mathematics & Economics U.G. **H5/O1**

Computer Science T.C.D. **H4**

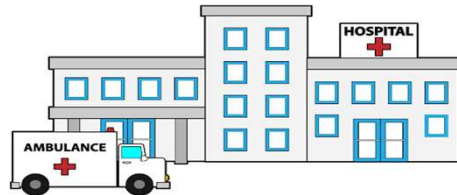
Education - Computer Science & Mathematical Studies -
Second Level Teaching U.G. **H6/O2**



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**25 Bonus
points for
Hons Maths
awarded from
H6 and
upwards**

Specific Entry Requirements (Science)



Nursing

1 Science

Science/Healthcare based degrees **1 Science***

Medical based degrees **2 Sciences***

Veterinary **H5 Chem**

Pharmacy(UCC) **H4 Chem & H4 in Phy or Bio**

Dentistry(UCC) **H4 Chem & H4 in Phy or Bio**



Some PLC courses & apprenticeship employers like or require a Science

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Specific Entry Requirements (Business)

With the exception of 1 course in Ireland
(Commerce, Accounting in U.G. – H4 in Accounting)
there are no courses that **specifically** require a
business subject as an entry requirement.

BUT, in a world which is so
business oriented,
studying a business subject
makes sense.



General Advice

If a student is undecided about their path after school:

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

one language

one science

one business

one other subject they feel comfortable with

This combination would allow access into a broad range of courses/careers and allows for them to change their mind which often happens

Subject Choice Submission

- All 3rd Years & TY's have been given a presentation in class.
- If your child was absent for the Subject choice talk, I will do the talk again next Monday 10.20am
- A message will be sent via text when VS Ware is ready for you to choose top 6 subjects in order of preference.

Deadline for receiving completed subject choice forms is Friday 21st March



Pick a subject

Leaving Certificate

Junior Cycle

Ardteistiméireacht

Sraith Sóisearach



Accounting

→ Higher

→ Ordinary



Agricultural Science

→ Higher

→ Ordinary



Applied Maths

→ Higher

→ Ordinary



Art

→ Higher

→ Ordinary



Biology

→ Higher

→ Ordinary



Business

→ Higher

→ Ordinary



Chemistry

→ Higher



Classical Studies

→ Higher



Computer Science

→ Higher



17 Jan 2025

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IGC National Conference 2025 - 21st & 22nd March



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CAO Application Dates and Fees

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ate researching career



Adult Learners

I want to return to education
and explore options and sup-

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Guidance & Counselling Dept. St Flannan's College

2 Guidance Counselling jobs (shared by 3 guidance counsellors)
Almost 1300 students

Senior Cycle

- **TY/5th/6th** College Open Days, info about Taster Days, Careers Events
- Career Guidance Classes
 - **TY -** Ms Mc Menamin All year
 - **5th -** Ms Campion/Ms O' Toole 8 wks Careers & RSE
 - **6th -** 3 Guidance Counsellors 12 wks Careers & RSE

One to one Career Guidance appointments in 6th year

One - to - One Counselling remains to biggest part of our job



Thank You!