

## Secondary School Programme

shutterstock.com · 1899513844

Three Year Programme leading to Junior Cycle, followed by

Two year Programme leading to Leaving Certificate (under reform)

In Junior Cycle, students get a broad grounding in a wide variety of subjects

For Leaving Cert, students make choices about which subjects they wish to take



#### Class Groups

All class groups made prior to starting school.

Placed in groups with some of their peers from their primary school so there will be some level of familiarity when they start

Best attempt to accommodate students in their desired chosen

subject.

#### Classes are:

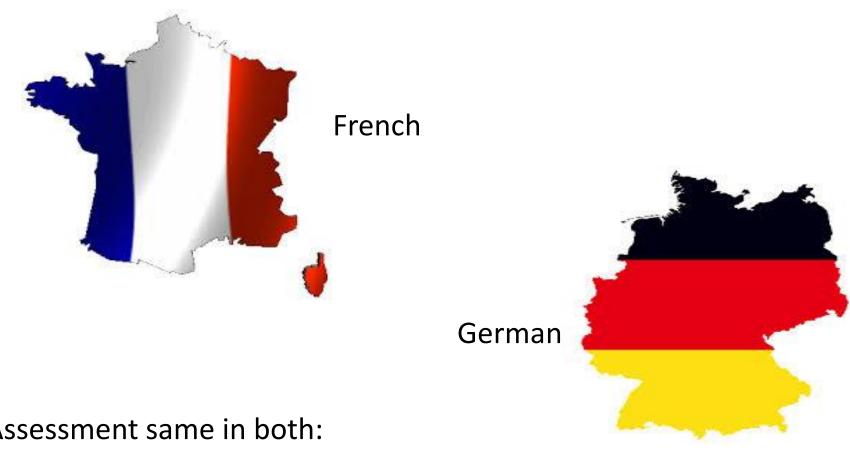
Typically between 26 & 30 per class
Mixed ability classes in 1<sup>st</sup> Year
Boys and Girls in each class

# Subjects taken by all for Junior Cycle.

- 1 Maths
- 2 Irish (unless exempt)
- 3 English
- 4 Business Studies
- 5 History
- 6 Geography
- 7 Science
- 8 Religious Education
- CSPE (Civic, Social and Political Education)
- SPHE (Social, Personal and Health Education)
- Physical Education
- Wellbeing



## 9. European Language



Assessment same in both:

Listening & Reading Comprehension, Writing

### 10. Optional Subject

**Classical Studies** 

Visual Art

Materials Technology Wood

**Technical Graphics** 

**Home Economics** 

Music

CHOICE OF 6
STUDENTS PICK 1

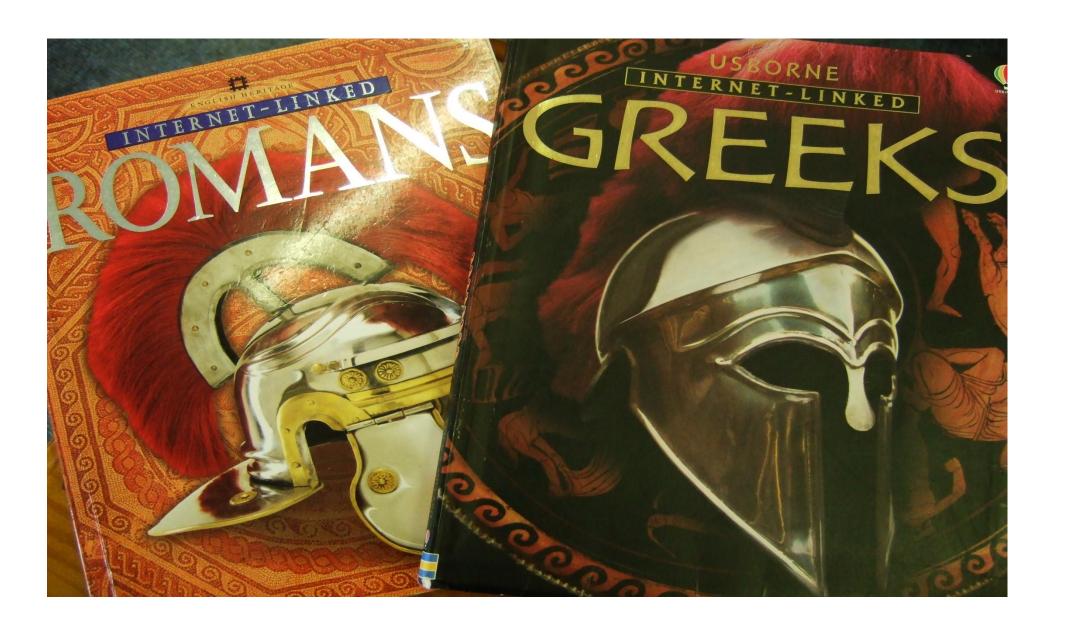
We will try our best to ensure that every student gets their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, but due to capacity and demand this is not always possible.

#### Classical Studies

#### Some of the things the students will learn are:

- Life in Ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt
- Mythology, hero's, Gods
- The daily life in antiquity
- Philosophy
- Architecture
- Warfare and conquest
- 2nd year CBA- create a myth
- 3rd year CBA- study a Roman structure





#### Visual Art

Some of the things that students will learn are:

- ❖ Focus on the three different areas of Art, Craft & Design
- Use a wide variety of materials to produce small projects.
- Develop observational skills
- Classroom based assessment (CBA):

1 project in 2<sup>nd</sup> year

1 project in 3<sup>rd</sup> year

❖ Project in 3rd Year (worth 100%)















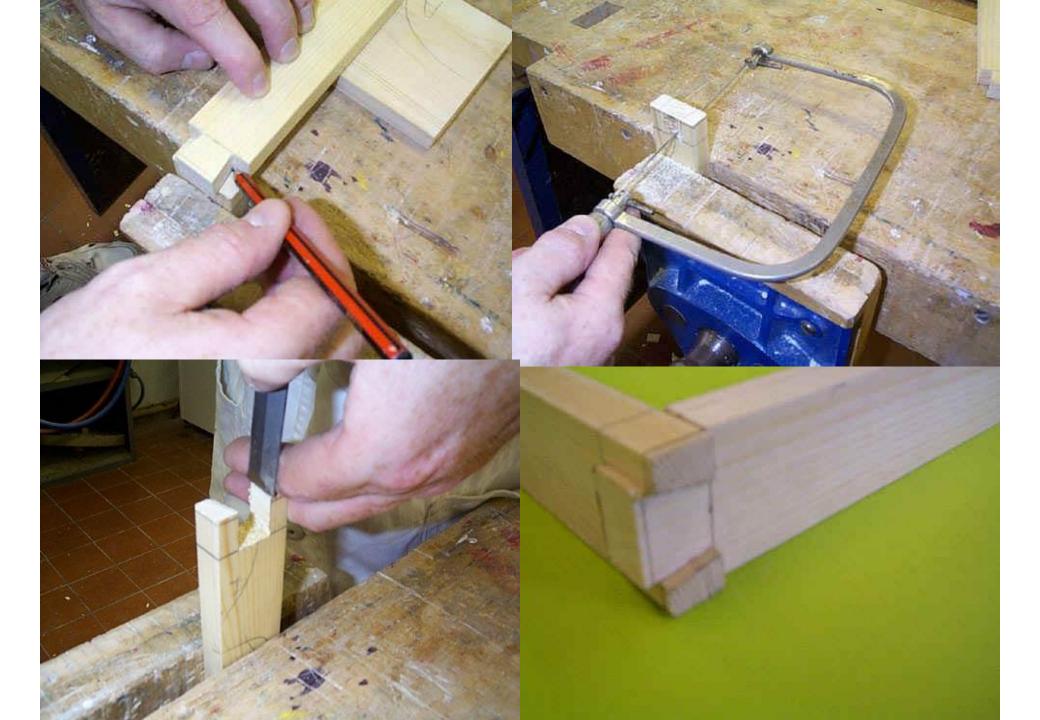


## Materials Technology Wood

Some of the things that students will learn are:

- How to use freehand sketching to communicate ideas
- ❖ How to prepare a design drawing/plan
- How to read design drawings and make small projects
- **❖**The safe use of tools
- ❖ Project in 3<sup>rd</sup> Year (worth 66%)
- ❖24 per class (typically 3 class groups)





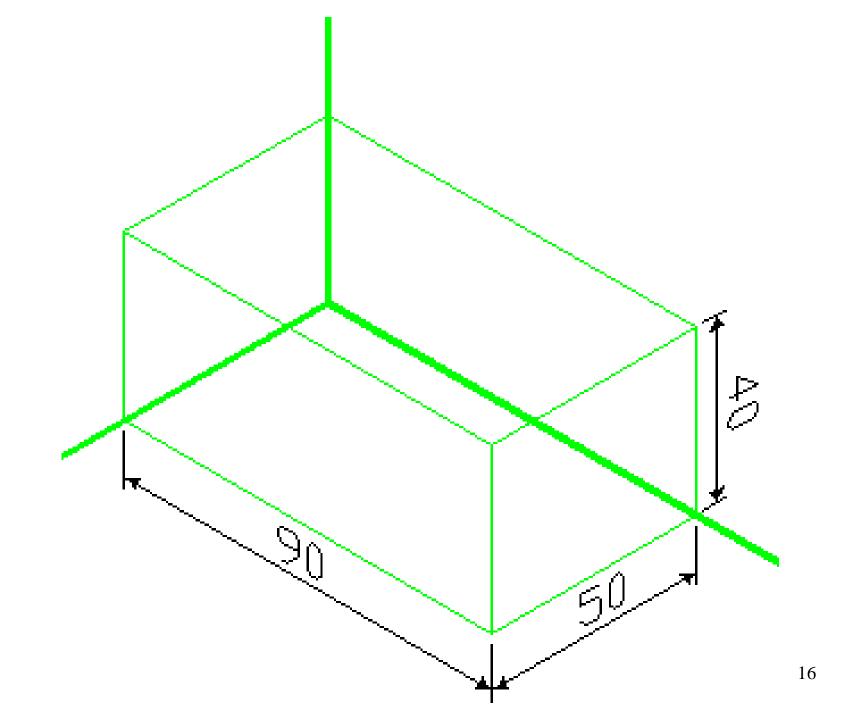


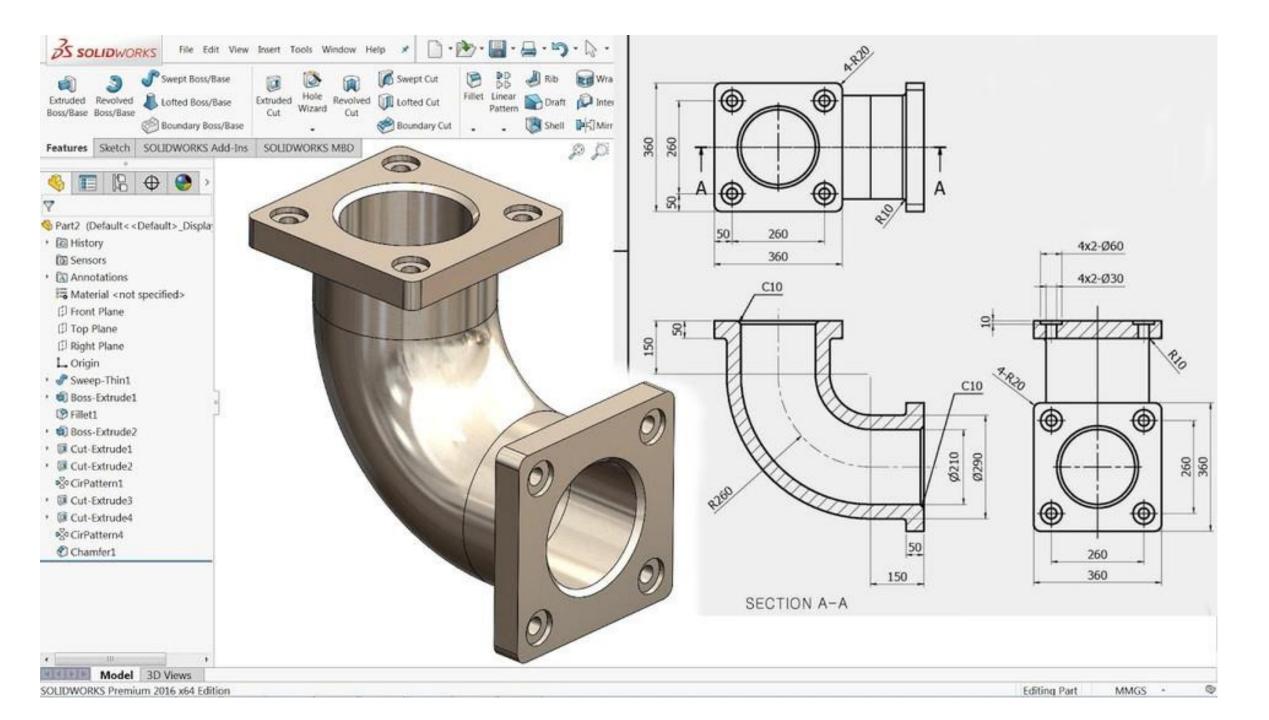
#### Graphics



#### Some of the things that students will learn are:

- How to produce drawings using relevant equipment, freehand and using computers (SolidWorks)
- How to read and interpret drawings and diagrams
- Develop students' spatial and graphic skills
- Use a variety of media to produce sketches and use computer aided design to aid the process further
- Mathematically average or above an advantage
- ❖ Assessed by exam at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> year





#### **Home Economics**

Junior cycle Home Economics is made up of three main strands

- Food, Health and Culinary skills
- Responsible family living
- Textiles and Craft.



- Recognises how important it is for young people to learn basic cookery skills which they can use throughout their life.
- Cookery classes in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year allow students to develop their culinary skills making nutritious but everyday dishes from scratch in an economical and sustainable way.



• The subject also **Basic sewing & Craft skills, Nutrition and Healthy Eating, Family Budgeting and Home Design** — it deals with topics from everyday life.



• Sustainability and the everyday things we can do to protect the environment is a theme that runs throughout the course.









#### Music



Some of the things that students will learn are:



- Focus on 3 key areas: Composition, Performing and Listening
- How to read and write music
- Use new technology (recording equipment, making videos, recording compositions)
- ❖ Different genres of music- classical, folk, jazz etc.
- ❖30% of exam in 3<sup>rd</sup> year consists of a practical exam
- **NOTE:** The College does not provide or rent instruments

Strong interest in music desirable, prior experience playing an instrument would be an advantage







#### Does it matter?



There is no subject of these 6 that will stop a child from pursuing any career

# Interest is the most important thing...

As with anything your son or daughter will get the most out of the subject if they are interested and have a desire to do it

Take a look at the links to read about each subject

www.curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle

www.studyclix.ie/subjects





## Rainbows Programme at St. Flannan's College







#### Rainbows.. In brief...

Bereavement

Separation/ Divorce

- Rainbows is a peer support group for our students who have suffered a loss of one type or another.
- 9 week, after school programme
- Small groups (4 8 students)
- Similar age
- Similar loss type
- Free service

## Thank You for your attention

Questions?