



Subject Choice for
Leaving Certificate
St. Flannan's College

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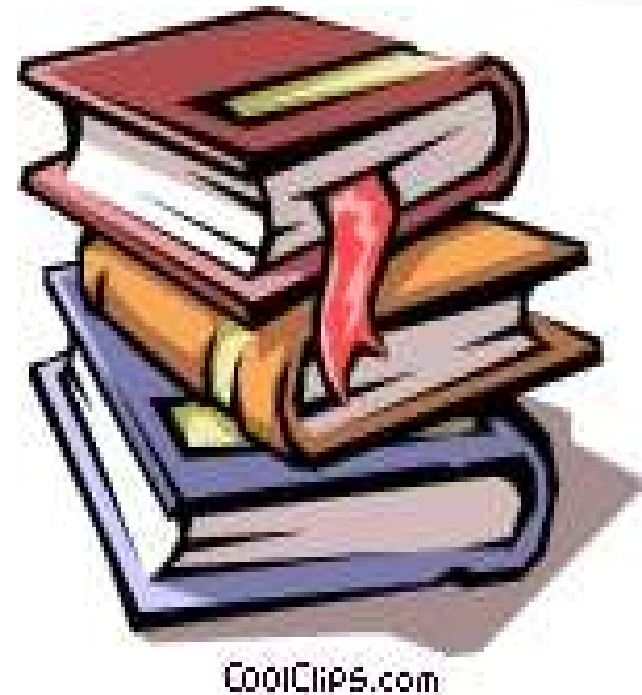
Purpose of Presentation



- 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 A COURSE ENTRY AT THIRD LEVEL?**
- **FRIENDS/ PARENTS/SIBLINGS, ETC**
- **PERCEIVED AS 'EASY' OR 'HARD'**



**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.

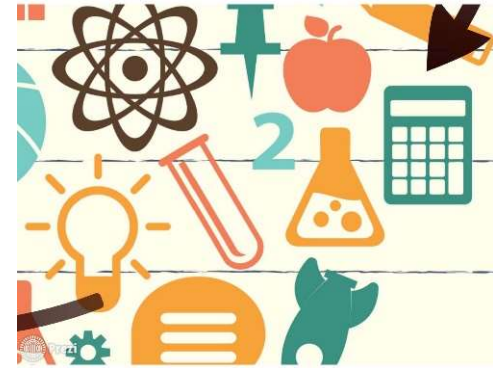
All students will continue with the core subjects which are Maths, English and Irish (unless exempt), we also recommend keeping their language

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, the ability to be resourceful and creative.
- Ireland is the only EU country with Malta, where English is an official language.
- The globalisation of the world economy and the emergence of new non-English speaking markets, multi-lingual Irish graduates will be in high demand.

Subjects available



Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Agricultural Science

Home Economics

Business

Economics

Accounting

Physical Education

(as an exam subject)

Music

Art

Construction Studies

Design & Communication

Graphics

History

Geography

Classical Studies

LCVP

Japanese

Computer Studies (non exam)



Compulsory Subjects

- Maths Exam 100%
- English Exam 100% (?)
- Irish Exam 50%
Oral 40%
Aural 10%

(Those with Exemption will do Geography)



Recommended Subjects

- French & German Exam 55%
Oral 20-25%
Aural 20-25%

Optional Subjects

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%



Optional Subjects

Humanities

History

Geography

Classical Studies



Exam worth 80%
Project worth 20%

Exam 100%



Practical

Construction Studies

Exam 50%

Project & Practical 50%

Design & Communication Exam 60%

Graphics (DCG)

Project 40%



Optional Subjects



Artistic

Art Exam 37.5%, Practical 62.5%

Music Listening 25%
Composition 25%
Performance 25%



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%



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For more information on PE as a Leaving Certificate subject

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

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)



Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (LCVP)

Involves

- Work placement
- An enterprise visit
- Guest speakers
- Career investigation
- CV Preparation

Develops

- Self-directed learning
- IT skills
- Report writing

Assessment – Portfolio of work 60% & Exam 40%

Exam done in May before the Leaving Certificate

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 of their degree programmes)

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



Specific Entry Requirements

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

Cadets in Army/Air Corps



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Specific Entry Requirements

Maths

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

Maths TCD – **H3**

Financial Maths UL – **H3**

Financial Mathematics & Economics NUIG – **H5/O1**

Computer Science TCD – **H4/O2**

Computer Science & Maths – 2nd Level Teaching - UG -
H5/O1



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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 – usually 1

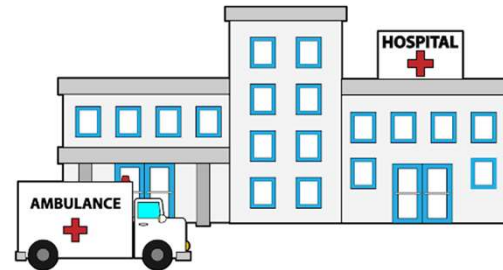
Medical based degrees – usually two

Veterinary **H5 Chem**

Pharmacy **H4 Chem**

Dentistry **H4 Chem**

Some PLC courses & apprenticeship employers like or
require a Science



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Business Subjects

With the exception of one course in Ireland (*Commerce, Accounting in NUIG – H4 in Accounting required*) 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.



New LC Grading Scheme			
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 get 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

Choosing a Subject

Key Questions



1. If I'm interested in a particular course/career area, what subjects are essential? (Course Entry Requirements)
2. If not essential, what subjects would be useful/helpful for this course/career area? (useful vs. points)
3. What subjects do I like? (motivation) (not the teacher)
4. What subjects am I relatively good at?

General Advice

If a student is undecided about their path after school I would always advise them to 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

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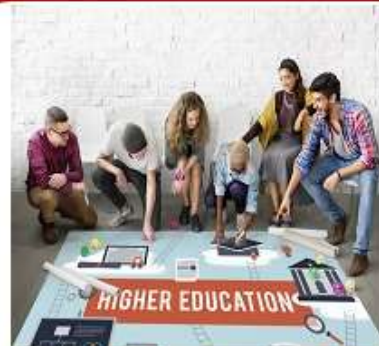
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Qualifax aims to support individuals of all ages and backgrounds to make informed and confident career choices.

Is your son or daughter not sure about what to study at university or college?

Perhaps he or she has dropped out of college and is not sure what to do next?

Has your son or daughter graduated from college or university and is unsure what direction to take?

Are you considering a career change or returning to education or training?

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What do NFQ levels mean?

Not sure how the education and training system has changed in recent years?

Do we qualify for a grant?



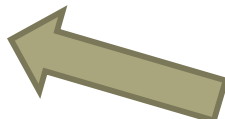
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The Course Data in this section is for the CAO entry in 2021.

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Agricultural Science	Classical Studies	Ceimic	Eacnamaíocht Bhaile
Applied Maths	CSPE	Ceol	Eolaíocht
Art	English	Cuntasaíocht	Fraincis
Biology	French	Eacnamaíocht Bhaile	Gaeilge T1
Business	Geography	Ealaín	Matamaitic
Chemistry	German	Eolaíocht Talmhaíochta	Staidéar Gnó
Classical Studies	History	Fisic	Stair
Computer Science	Home Economics	Fraincis	Tíreolaíocht

Subject Choice Submission

- All 3rd Years & TY's will be given a presentation in class
- If your child is absent for the Subject choice talk, I will run a lunch time session on Friday 3rd March for him/her to attend.
- A message will be sent via text when VSWare is ready for you to choose top 6 subjects in order of preference on Mar 6th.
- Whether or not you want to do TY, these must be submitted. You will have a 'clean sheet' at the end of TY to change your subjects again.

**Deadline for submitting subjects:
Thursday 16th March**

THANK YOU