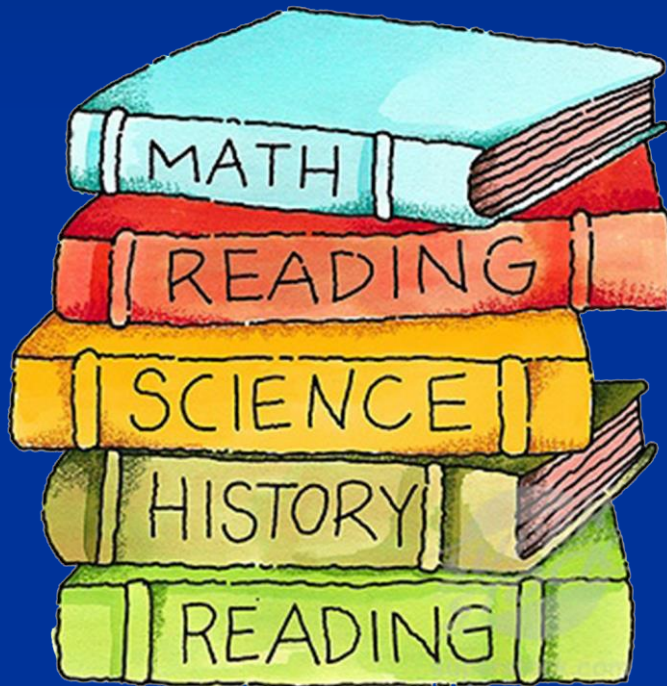




Coláiste Bríde
Guidance Counselling Service



Junior Cycle Subject Choice

Aisling McDonald
(Guidance Counsellor)

2023

Agenda

- Guide concerned parties in making informed decisions regarding the selection of JC subjects.
- ✓ Guidelines
- ✓ Junior Cycle Subjects (*Coláiste Bríde*)
- ✓ Third Level Education
- ✓ Science
- ✓ LC Subject Choice
- ✓ IT Resources
- ✓ How to make your choices (Ms R. McConville)

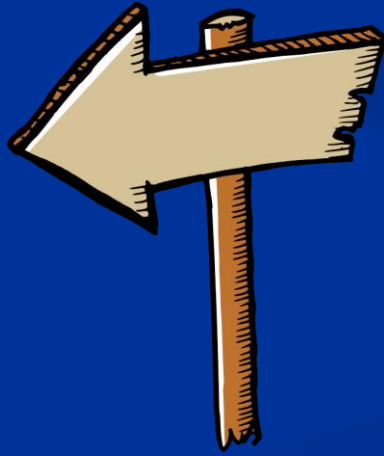






Keep
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Open!

Subject Choice Guidelines



Points to Consider when Choosing Junior Cycle Subjects

- What are my best subjects?
- Which subjects do I enjoy?
- Which subjects will I need for particular course(s) / career(s)? (*N.B.*)
- What are the consequences of NOT studying a subject for JC?



Do's of Making Subject Choice!

- Ask plenty of questions
- Discuss subject choice with:
 - Subject teachers
 - Senior students
 - Parents/Guardians
 - Siblings
 - Guidance Counsellor



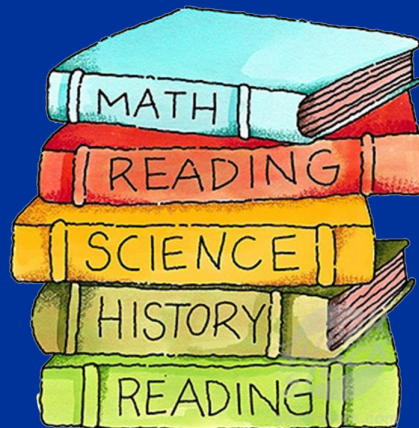
Don'ts of making subject choice!

- Follow friends
- Teacher based decisions
- Misinformation
- Single test result (e.g. Christmas)



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JC Subjects



Compulsory Subjects

- **Compulsory Subjects (7)**

1) English

2) Irish

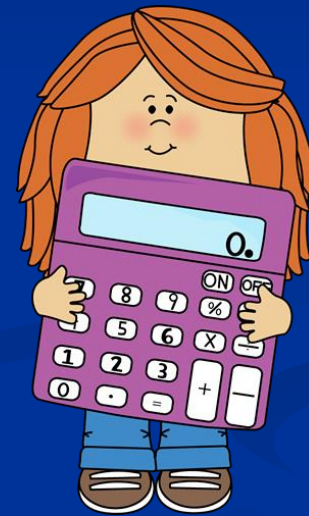
3) Maths

4) History

5) Geography

6) Religion

7) *Wellbeing* (CSPE, SPHE, PE and Guidance -
non-exam subjects)



Optional Subjects

- Optional Subjects (4)
- Must choose at least 1 Language
- ✓ **French**
- ✓ **German**
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Business Studies
- ✓ Home Economics
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Science



*Note:
All subjects
are equal!*



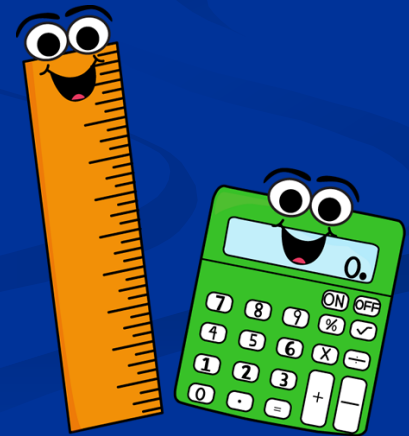
Total Number of Exam Subjects

- Maximum of 10 subjects is permissible for assessment purposes in the JC.



Junior Cycle Subject Levels

- English, Irish and Maths are available at *Higher* and *Ordinary* Level.
- All other subjects are studied at **Common** Level.
- Decide on levels later



JC Assessment



Most significant change in the Junior Cycle is the area of **assessment**.



Dual approach to assessment that supports student learning over the three years of Junior Cycle and also measures achievement at the end of those three years.



Assessment will be a mix of ongoing (**formative**) and end of topic/unit (**summative**).



Increases the prominence given to **CBAs** (Classroom Based Assessments).



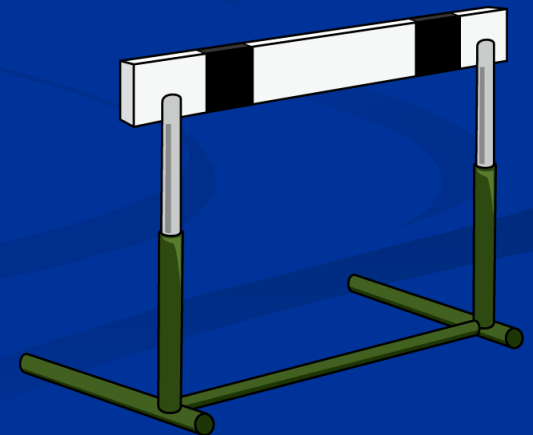
Most subjects will have a **two-hour final exam** at the end of 3rd Year, as well as CBAs in 2nd and 3rd Year.

Third Level Education



Third Level Hurdles

- After LC students may wish to proceed to Third Level (e.g. Technological/University).
- Hurdles to Third Level Education:
 - 1) Minimum Entry Requirements
 - 2) Specific Course Requirements
 - 3) Points
- My Sore Points!



1 Minimum Entry Requirements

- Minimum Entry (*‘Matriculation’*):
Requirements:

What you have to have before you can
be considered at all.



Minimum Entry Requirements {Example A}

- SETU Waterford - Bachelor of Arts (Hns.)
[2022]

6 Subjects



2 Subjects: **2H5**

4 Subjects: O6/H7



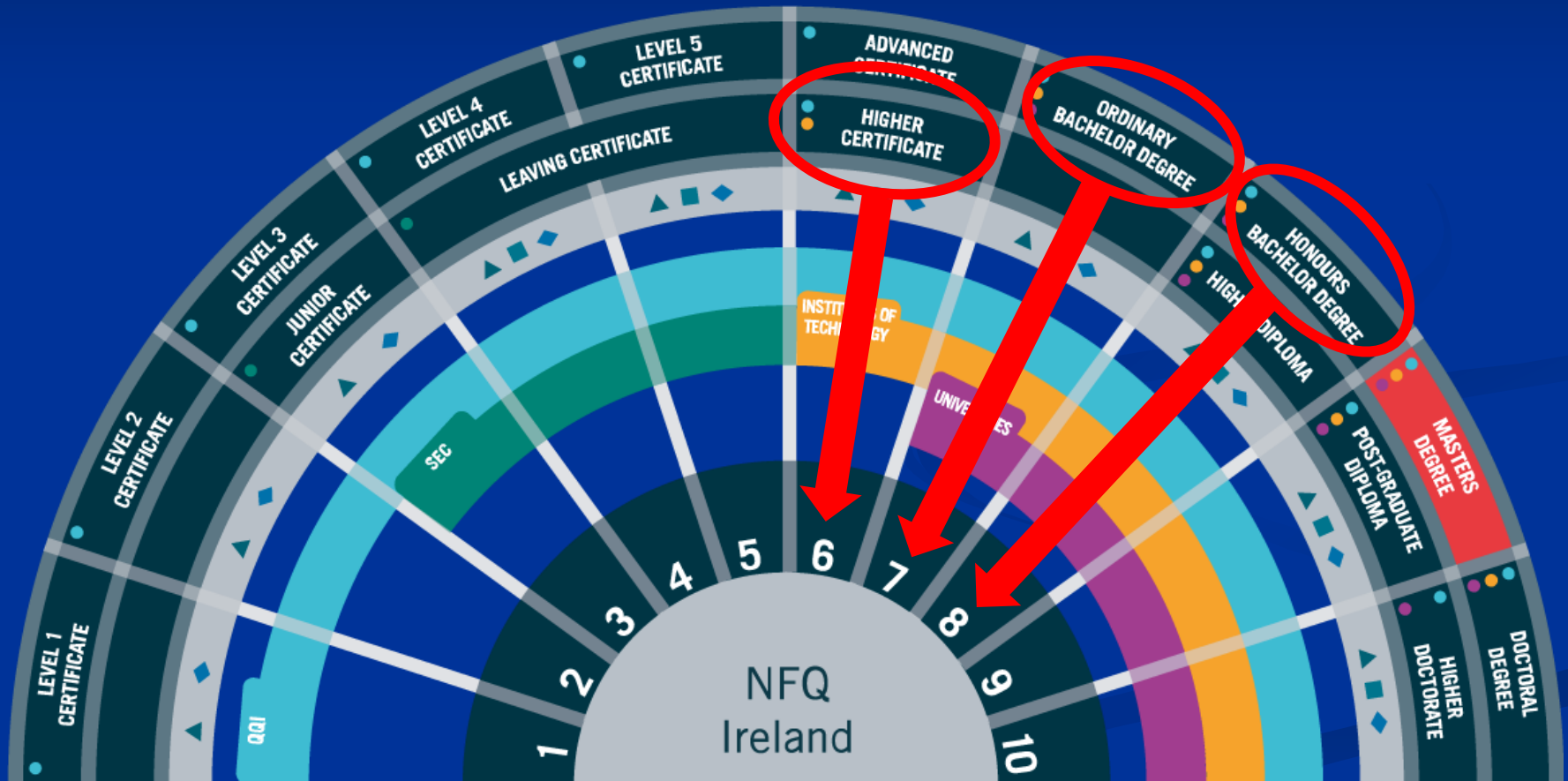
- English or Irish: O6/H7

Typical Minimum Entry Requirements

Qualification Title/Level	Min. Entry Requirements
(Level 8) Honours Degree	2H5 grades 4O6/H7 grades
(Level 7) Ordinary Degree & (Level 6) Higher Certificate	5O6/H7 grades
Honours Degree in certain Institutions/Courses (e.g., Primary Teaching in Trinity)	3H5 grades 3O6/H7 grades



National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)



Refer to www.qqi.ie



QQI AWARD

Minimum Entry Req's. {Example B}

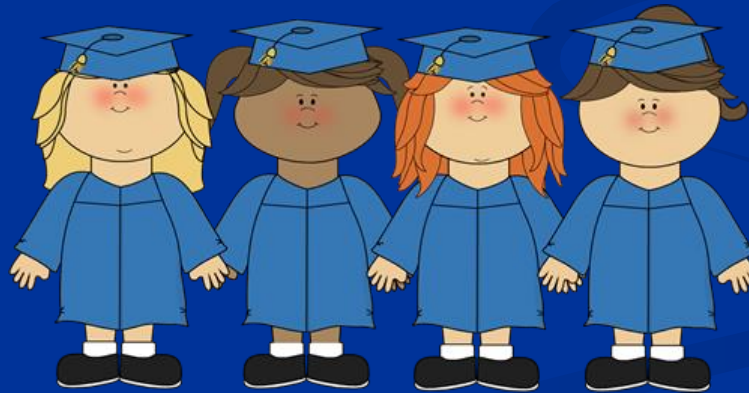
- As well as **English** and **Irish**, a **Third Language** is required for many of the courses in colleges of the National University of Ireland (NUI)*
- Exceptions to the third language requirement (e.g. Nursing, Science, Engineering, etc.)
- Maths may also be required, depending on the area of study.
- For further information see **www.nui.ie**

* Examples of NUI Colleges = UCD, UCC, NUI Galway, Shannon College of Hotel Management, Maynooth University, RCSI, IPA, NCAD, Burren College of Art, etc.



2 Specific Course Requirements

- These are particular **subjects** or **combination of subjects** that you must have to get a place in a specific course.



Examples of Specific Course Requirements

1) Students must study a **Laboratory Science Subject** for Nursing.



2) Higher Level Irish, **Grade H4** for Primary Teaching.



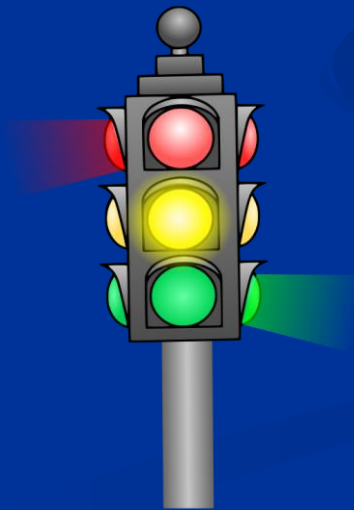
3 Grades and Common Points Scale

Grade (%)	Points	Grade (%)	Points
H1 (90-100)	100	O1 (90-100)	56
H2 (80<90)	88	O2 (80<90)	46
H3 (70<80)	77	O3 (70<80)	37
H4 (60<70)	66	O4 (60<70)	28
H5 (50<60)	56	O5 (50<60)	20
H6 (40<50)*	46	O6 (40<50)	12
H7 (30<40)	37		

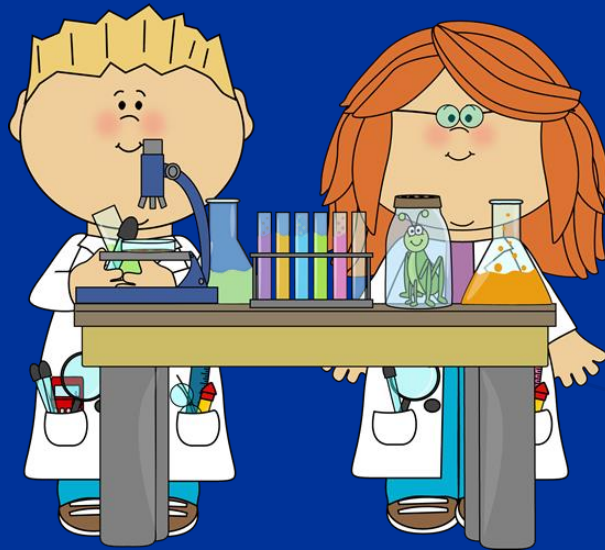
*25 Bonus points are awarded for HL Maths for H6 and above.

Check Requirements Carefully!

- Vital you check the requirements for **every** college and **each** individual course that you are interested in.



Science



Should I consider Science?

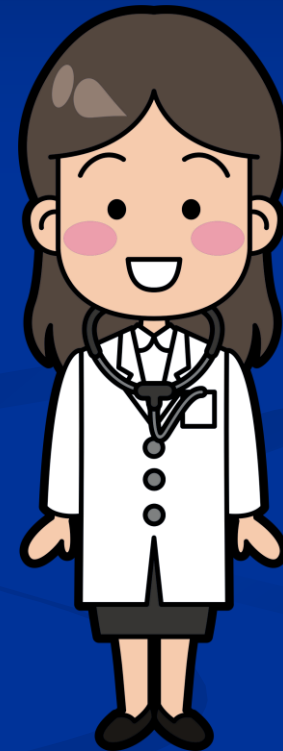
Science is essential for careers in:

Course:
Medicine
Nursing
Veterinary Medicine
Physiotherapy
Dentistry
Optometry
Radiography
Pharmacy
Dietician
Environmental Health
Medical Laboratory Science



Science and Nursing

- Science is a must for a career in Nursing!
- Biology is not vital; but would be very useful.

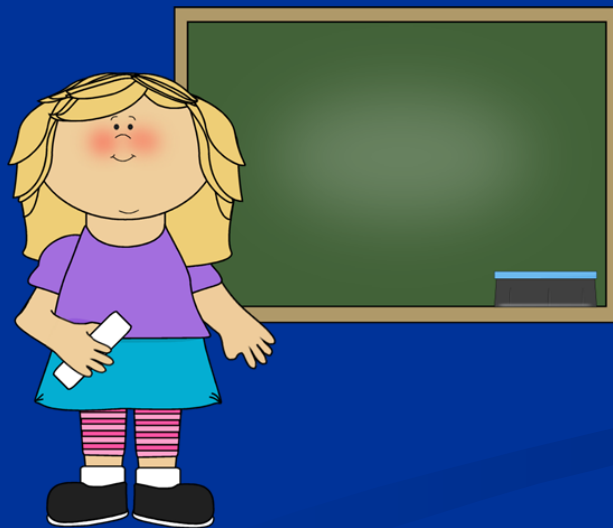


Science

- Science is highly recommended for all careers in Science.
- Science is an essential subject for:
 - Veterinary Medicine (UCD)
 - Physiotherapy (UCD)
 - Speech and Language Therapy (NUIG)
- Do I require **TWO** science subjects?
(e.g. Medicine in TCD).



Leaving Certificate Subject Choice

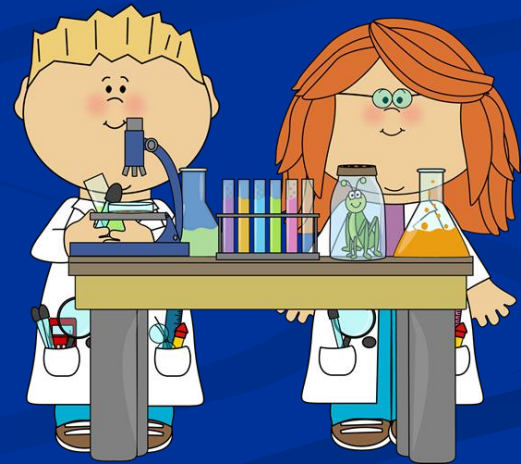


Leaving Certificate Subject Choice

- Further decisions and greater choice!
- Subject breakdown:

1) Science

2) Business



Leaving Certificate Subject Choice



Science

Physics*

Chemistry*

Biology*

Ag.
Science*

* Leaving Certificate Subjects offered in Coláiste Bríde numbers permitting.

Leaving Certificate Subject Choice



Business Studies

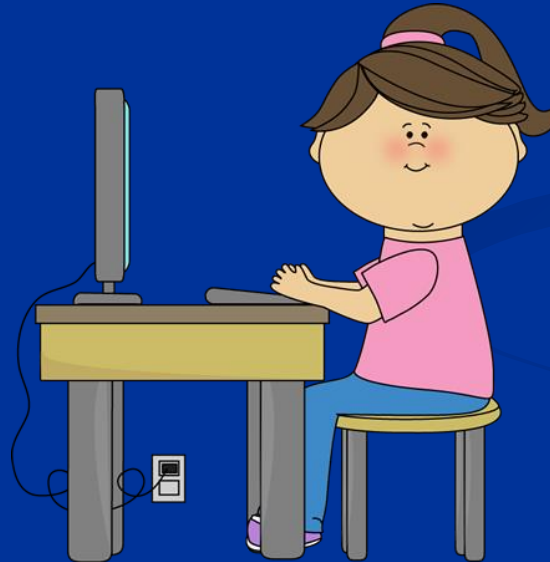
Business*

Economics*

Accounting*

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IT Resources



IT Resources



- NCCA – www.curriculumonline.ie
 - Junior Cycle Subject information (e.g. Curriculum specifications, Assessment guidelines, etc.)
- Qualifax – www.qualifax.ie
 - Search for Entry & Course Requirements (CAO, PLC Courses, etc.)
- CareersPortal – www.careersportal.ie
 - Subject Choice, Courses, Career information, etc.

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Students Information

Are you looking for the widest range of education and training programmes? Are you considering further



Adult Learners

Thinking of returning to education / training? Qualifax has all the information you need about a wide



Guidance Professionals

There is specific information and materials available to support your work with others.



Parents & Family

Is your son or daughter not sure what to study at university or college or perhaps he or she has dropped

Welcome to Qualifax

Qualifax is Ireland's National Learners' Database. It is the "one stop shop" for learners. We provide the most comprehensive information on further and higher education and training courses. Qualifax has developed services to ensure that you have all the information you need to make informed choices about your education, training and career paths.

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Useful Tools

There are a number of useful tools

The [Points Calculator](#) is particularly relevant to students who have not yet taken their Leaving Certificate. You can enter your expected results to see how they compare to the points required by applicants in recent years.

The [Interest Assessment](#) is suitable for everyone to give an indication of areas or types of work that would match your interests.

[Minimum Subject requirements](#) provides an easy way to see the effect of taking / not taking particular subjects at Junior or Leaving Certificate.

Click on the links in red above, or use the menu on the left.

Subject Requirements Module



[View Search Help](#)



[Return to Main Menu](#)

**What is the situation regarding 3rd Level Course Provider
Courses available to me if I do not have:**

Search

a Science Subject ▾

Please Select...

a Second Language

R a Third Language

a Science Subject

Higher Mathematics

Higher Irish

Maths (HL or OL)

Irish (HL or OL)

A Science Subject: Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Ph

A Second Language: Ancient Greek, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Iris, Latin, Russian, Spanish.

A Third Language: Ancient Greek, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish

In some cases a specific Science or Language subject may be required. This information can be found in the "Leaving Certificate Entry Requirements" field in the courses listed in this module. Click on the course name to find this field.

Select Courses To View

There is a total of 211 courses that match your search requirements.
Please select one of the options below to view your results.

Show me the courses that:

- ☒ Definitely requires: A Science Subject- Total of 124 courses
- ☐ May require: A Science Subject - Total of 87 courses
- ☐ Does not require A Science Subject - Total of 1370 courses

[View Courses](#)

[New Search](#)

AU173	Dental Nursing - Letterkenny Campus	ATU - Donegal Campuses
TR052	Dental Science	Trinity College Dublin
TR803	Dental Technology	Trinity College Dublin
CK702	Dentistry	University College Cork
AU985	Education Home Economics & Biology with concurrent Teacher Education - Sligo St. Angela's	ATU - Sligo St. Angela's
DN150	Engineering - Common Entry with Degree Options	University College Dublin

Course Name	Dentistry			
Course Provider	University College Cork			
Course Code	CK702			
Course Type	Higher Education CAO			
Qualifications	Award Name	NFQ Classification	Awarding Body	NFQ Level
	Degree - Honours Bachelor (Level 8 NFQ) More info...	Major	National University of Ireland	Level 8 NFQ
Apply To	CAO	Points History		
Attendance Options	Full time, Daytime	Year	Points	
Location (Districts)	Cork City	2022	625	* (Not all on this points score were offered places)
		2021	625	* (Not all on this points score were offered places)
Qualification Letters	BDS	2020	613	* (Not all on this points score were offered places)
Duration	5 years			
Specific Subjects or Course Requirements	LEAVING CERTIFICATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS			
	Minimum grade H4 in Chemistry and H4 in either Physics or Biology. Minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. Subjects must include Irish, English, another language and Mathematics.			

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Science

These subjects demonstrate how to explore nature using carefully planned methods, and teach the basic methods and findings of scientific investigation.

Mathematics

Science

**CSI: Exploring Forensic
Science [SC]**

Artistic

These subjects involve developing creativity and the appreciation of the work of others. This involves learning the methods and techniques of the subject and producing your own work using these skills.

Art, Craft Design

Music

Technical Graphics

**Artistic Performance
[SC]**

Graphics

Visual Art

Humanities

These subjects explore the ways in which humans live and communicate in the world. Human life is examined by looking at our past, our present and into our future. These subjects help people to express themselves clearly and develop their reasoning ability.

French

History

Italian

Spanish

English

Latin

Ancient Greek

Classical Studies

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Contact

- Parents/Guardians/Students are always welcome to make an appointment with the Guidance Counsellor.

➤ Teams 'Chat' facility



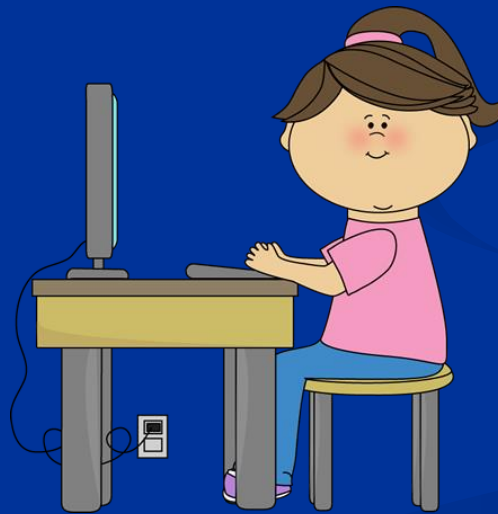
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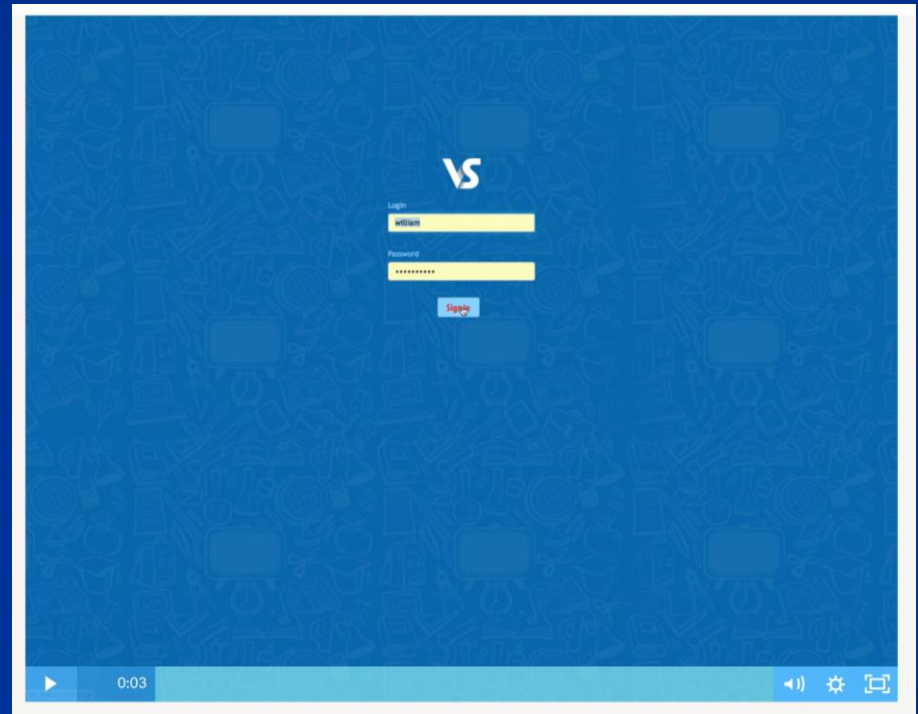


Making Your Subject Choices



VSware Options Instruction Video

- Subject Choices will be submitted through your VSware Parent App.
- Video instructions and details will be uploaded to the 1st Year Student TEAM.



Choosing Your Subject Options

The 2nd Year Subject Options can be accessed via VS Ware from this evening, 19th of April until the 26th of April.

Students should submit their subject choices, in order of preference 1-6.



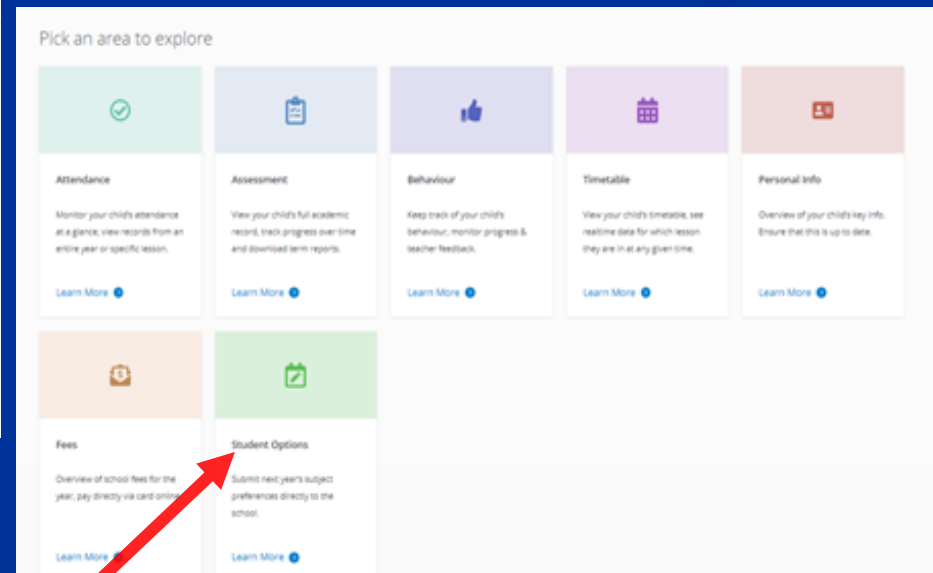
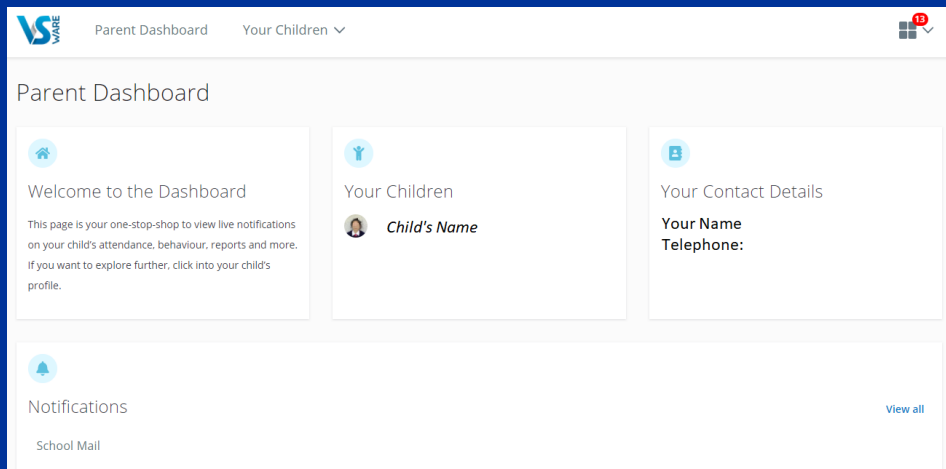
Students will be contacted individually if there is an issue with their subject choice.

We will do our best to ensure that every student gets their preferred subjects, but it is advised to include a 5th and 6th option just in case.

Steps to Completing Your Subject Options

Log onto your
Parent Dashboard

Click on
Student
Options



Steps to Completing your Student Options

Choose your subjects
in order of preference
from the list

Fill in
all 6
boxes

Parent Dashboard Your Children

Child profile

Student Options

Student's Name

PLEASE NOTE: Use this screen to enter the preferred subjects that your daughter/ward would wish to study for her Junior Cycle. We will endeavor to ensure that each student will be permitted to study their preferred subjects but we cannot guarantee this. On the table below, choose subjects in order of highest priority of preference (1, 2, 3, etc.). Selections 5 and 6 are reserve subject choices. A foreign language is compulsory.

On the table(s) below choose subjects in order of the highest priority of preference (1, 2, etc.).

Closing date: 03/05/2021

Subject Set 1

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼
2	Select a subject ▼
3	Select a subject ▼
4	Select a subject ▼

Subject Set 1

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▲ Select a subject French Home Economics Music Science (JC - Revised Syllabus) Business Visual Art German
2	
3	
4	Select a subject ▼
5	Select a subject ▼
6	Select a subject ▼

