

SUBJECT OPTIONS FOR 2ND YEAR

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- Subjects on offer
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- Your online forms



All Study Core Subjects

EXAMINABLE

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- History
- Geography
- (plus 4 choice subjects)

NON EXAMINABLE

- Religious Education (RE)
- Wellbeing:
 1. Civic Social & Political Ed. (CSPE)
 2. Social Political & Health Ed (SPHE)
 3. Physical Education (PE)
 4. Wellbeing – Self-Care

Your Choice Subjects

Choose 6 subjects in Order of Preference

(The school will try to get you your top 4)

Choice Subjects in order of Preference

Art

Business Studies

French

German

Home Economics

Music

Science

Who can help you out?

- * **Parents** – Can help you choose
- * **Teachers** – Can discuss what their subject is like
- * **Guidance Counsellor** – Can tell you the consequences in relation to access to 3rd Level College e.g. UCC,CIT
- * **Other Students**- Can tell you what the subject is like, but be careful as this only an opinion.

IMPORTANT:

Remember it's your choice, you are the best person to make the decision!

So what subjects then?



Careful Considerations

Subjects that split in 5th Year

Science

Biology

Physics

Chemistry

Business

Business

Accounting

Careful Consideration

Third Level Consequences

YOU ARE NOT EXPECTED TO KNOW WHAT CAREER/COURSE YOU WANT TO TAKE AFTER SECONDARY SCHOOL, HOWEVER THERE ARE SUBJECTS YOU WILL NEED TO KEEP FOR SPECIFIC COURSES.

IT'S IMPORTANT THEREFORE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR OPTIONS OPEN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE NOW.

Careful Considerations for your future/3rd Level College Science and 3rd Language (German or French)

- * Many science related careers/courses require at least 1 science subject.
- * Unless you are exempt, a 3rd Language is a General Entry Requirement for direct entry from secondary school into many university courses e.g. UCC (exception: Science/Engineering courses and Nursing)
- * 3rd Language not needed for General Entry at CIT.
- * To be an officer in the Army, Air Corps, Navy, a 3rd Language is required (exception: if you've been to college already).

Careful Consideration

1. The subjects you need to keep options open
2. What subjects you enjoy and are able for
3. What are the relevant/helpful subjects
4. What type of learner you are
5. Are you getting a balance of subjects
(practical vs. non practical)

What not to do



Do not choose subjects according to:

- * Who is teaching the subject
- * What your friends are doing
- * Amount of work or homework you think is involved in the subject
- * The sole opinion of a non-professional person

The Safe Bets To Keeping Options Open

- * English
- * Irish
- * Maths
- * Science
- * 3rd Language – French or German

You are covered for *almost every course in country.*
However if you really struggle with a choice subject,
e.g. a 3rd Language, there are back
door/alternative routes into courses without them.

Information Online

* www.careersportal.ie

Courses Section - Junior Cert Subjects
Requirements for 3rd level

* www.curriculumonline.ie

Information on Junior Cycle subjects

Filling out your form

- * List your subject options (your choice subjects) in order of preference 1-6, 1 being the subject you are most interested in keeping. The school will try to give you your top 4.
- * Your parents have received a text regarding filling your form online and your online subject choice form is due by 15th February 2019.

Any Questions?

- * Speak to your teachers about your subjects, they have a good grasp of your abilities and can guide you in relation to subject content, assessment.
- * If you are unsure about consequences later please make an appointment to see me. I am located near Joan's office.
- * Information presented here will be available on school website, there is also a presentation for your parents.

Thank you.