



Junior Cycle Subject Options

Guidance & Counselling Service

Ms Hennessy & Ms Egan

2026-2028

Core Subjects for Junior Cycle

State Examinable Subjects

- Irish (H and O)
- English (H and O)
- Mathematics (H and O)
- History (C)
- Geography (C)
- (plus 4 choice subjects)

Non-State Examinable Subjects

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



Topics

- Subjects Available
- Your Support Network
- Making your decision
- Information for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
- Submitting Your Choices

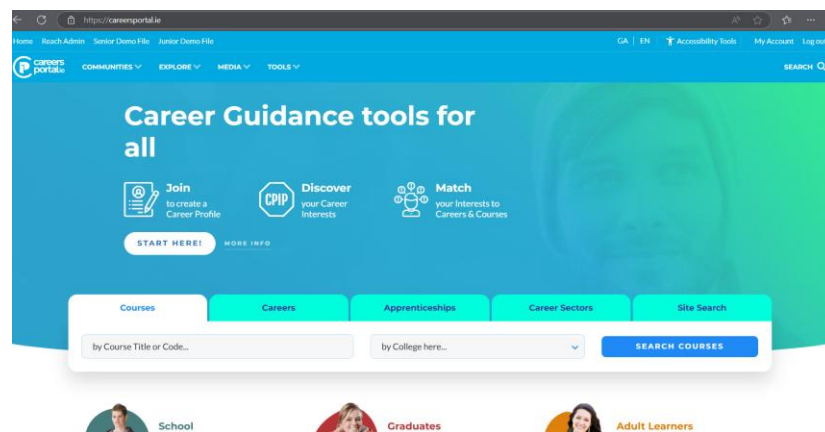
Your Support Network

- **Parents** – Talk to your parent(s)/guardian(s)
- **Teachers** – Ask your subject teacher questions in class
- **Guidance Counsellor** – Can tell you about what choice subjects will be required to get into particular college courses later.
- **IMPORTANT:** It's your choice, so choose what is best for YOU, subjects that YOU may need later, that YOU like, that YOU enjoy.

Online - Up To Date Junior Cycle Information

<http://www.curriculumonline.ie/>

http://www.careersportal.iehttps://careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer_jc.php?parent=2004&ed_sub_cat_id=325





YOUR CHOICES

**REQUIRE
CONSIDERATION**



Choice Subjects – All Common Level

(The school will try to facilitate your top 4)

Choose 6 Subjects in order of Preference with No 1 being the subject you most want to keep on

Art



Business Studies



Your chosen 3rd Language



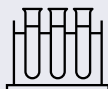
Home Economics



Music



Science



Firstly Consider.....

Junior Cycle subjects that divide in Senior Cycle: 5th Year

SCIENCE, divides into 3 subjects:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

BUSINESS, divides into 2 subjects:

- Business
- Accounting

Consider *Now*..... For College Later



What you like



What you're
good at



What you need

Consider *Now*, For College Later

- 3rd Language (Subject French, German)
- **National University of Ireland (NUI)**
- UCC, UCD, NUIG, NUIM
- 3rd Language (French or German) is a General Entry Requirement for *MANY, NOT ALL* courses at NUI's, through the CAO
- If you are exempt from Irish and 3rd language, your exemption will cover you, these general entry requirements don't apply.
- If you were born outside Ireland but have taken Irish since primary school, Irish will cover your 3rd language requirement

Third Language Requirement For Other Careers/Courses

Cadetship (officer) in Army, Air Corps, Navy (unless exempt)

College courses that have a specific requirement for a third language, where a 3rd language is a large part of the course

No Third Language Required For General Entry To:

- Trinity College Dublin
- University of Limerick / Mary Immaculate College Limerick
- Dublin City University
- Institutes of Technology/Technological University – e.g. MTU
- Post Leaving Certificate Courses (PLCs)
- NUI's - Science/Engineering courses, Nursing (CHECK WEBSITES)

Language Exemptions

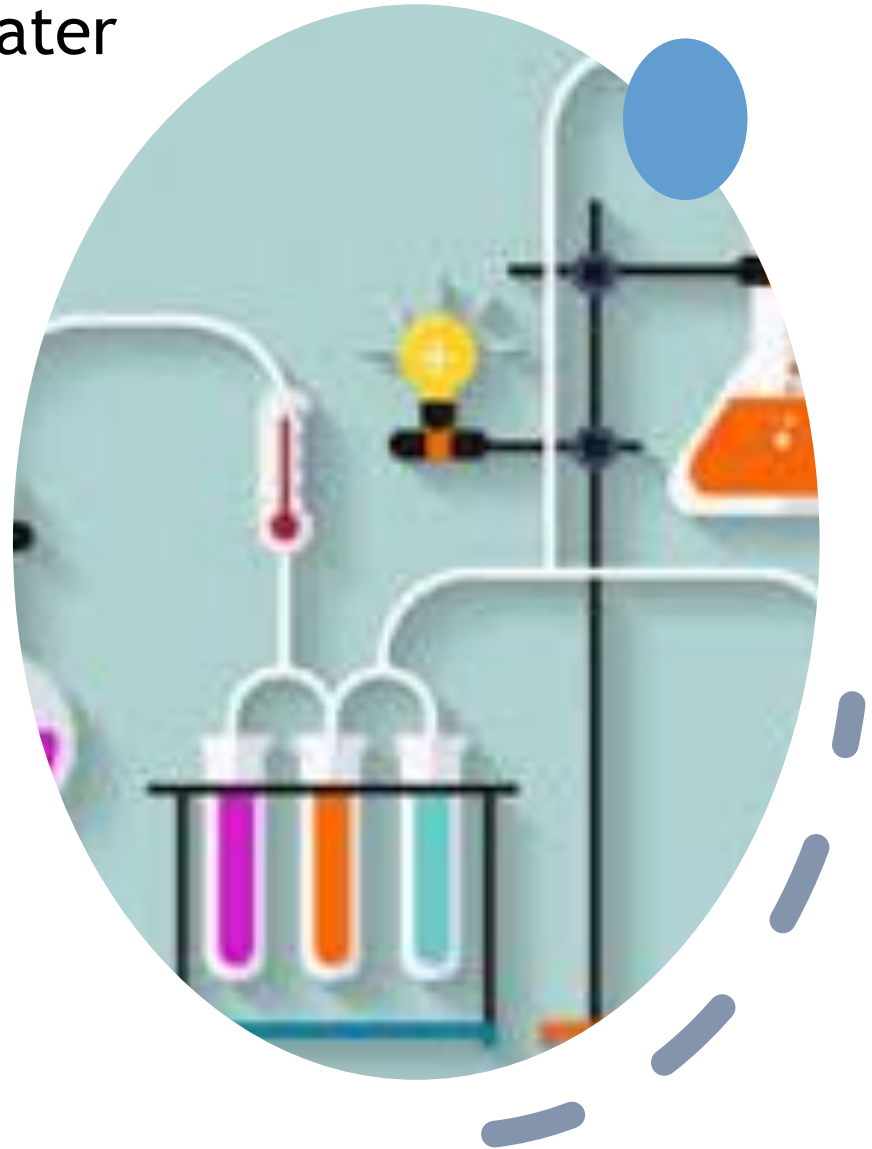


Ollscoil na hÉireann
National University of Ireland

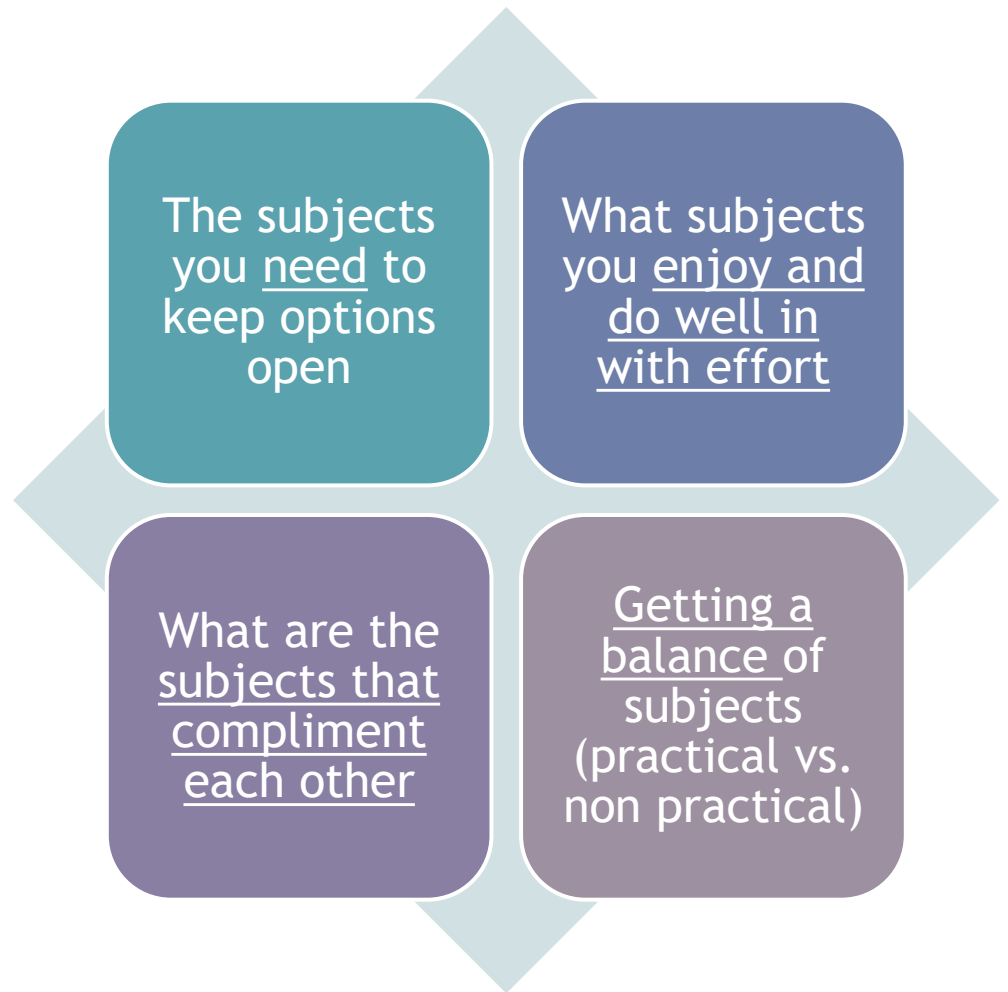
- If you are exempt from Irish and/or 3rd language, you can still qualify to get into a university without them.
- If you are exempt from Irish on the grounds of nationality you can still get into university without it.
- If you were born outside Ireland and educated fully in Ireland, you can use Irish to meet 3rd language entry requirements, so you don't need to keep on 3rd language.

Consider Now, For College Later

- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Many science/science related courses require 1 and in some instances, 2 science subjects.



Base Your Decision on What Suits YOU



Common mistakes



Following what friends are doing, instead of making the best choice for YOU



Basing decision on amount of work you think is involved in the subject, every subject requires effort



Making assumptions about who is teaching the subject



Relying *only* on non-professional opinions or outdated information



The Safe Bets To Keeping Options Open

- English
 - Irish (if exemption, you are covered)
 - Maths
 - Science
 - 3rd Language (if exempt, you are covered for general entry requirements)
- Note: With the above subjects, you are covered for almost every course in country.



BACK DOOR ROUTES TO COLLEGE

- If you *really* struggle with some choice subjects required for specific college courses , there are back door routes into many of these college courses without them.
- e.g. PLC Colleges - 1 Year course with entry to reserved places on courses.

Getting The Best From Supports



Speak to your teachers
about the subjects in
class. They have a good
grasp of your abilities and
can guide you in relation
to subject
content, assessment for
Junior and Leaving Cert.

If you are unsure
about consequences
for college later,
please send a
message or call into
the offices of Ms.
Hennessy/Ms Egan

Information
presented here is
available on 1st Year
Team account and on
the school website.

Information for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

- Keep an open mind. Much has changed in terms of subject content and assessment.
- Discuss choices with your child.
- Encourage seeking support at the school if they are struggling with the decision.
- Important that informed decisions are based on up-to-date and correct information.



For Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Subject Information

- Students have had a taster of each choice subject, so check with them which subjects they are leaning towards.
- We encourage students speaking to subject teachers in class about what is expected over the next 2 years. This can help with making the decision regarding a student's suitability for a subject.

For Parent(s)/Guardian(s): College Implications

- College websites and the Guidance Counsellor have the most up to date information in terms of college implications.
- Encourage seeking an educational one-to-one guidance session with Ms. Hennessy/Ms Egan if there is struggle with making the decision.
- This can help with making a subject choice decision now regarding a student's progression to college later.



Parent(s)/Guardian(s) - Filling Out The Online Subject Choice Form

- Complete forms online using the school Tyro.
- Details on how to access Tyro and fill/submit forms will be posted on teams. You will also receive a reminder text. Contact the school if your contact details have changed, or you have not received the text.
- List subjects in order of preference 1-6, No 1 being the subject of highest interest. The school will do it's best to facilitate the top 4 preferences.
- Forms must be submitted online by 6th February



thank
you!