



TRANSITION  
YEAR TALK  
SENIOR CYCLE  
OPTIONS  
2025-2027

PRESENTATION FOR STUDENTS &  
PARENTS/GUARDIANS



# OPTIONS

- LEAVING CERTIFICATE ESTABLISHED

- LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED





LEAVING CERTIFICATE ESTABLISHED



It is a 2 year programme with a level 5 qualification upon completion.



Students sit 6 or more subjects and are marked out of their best 6



The leaving certificate is based on points. The most points you can receive is 625.



Gaeilge, English and Maths are compulsory subjects in Leaving Certificate. (unless officially exempt)

## WHAT IS LEAVING CERTIFICATE ESTABLISHED?

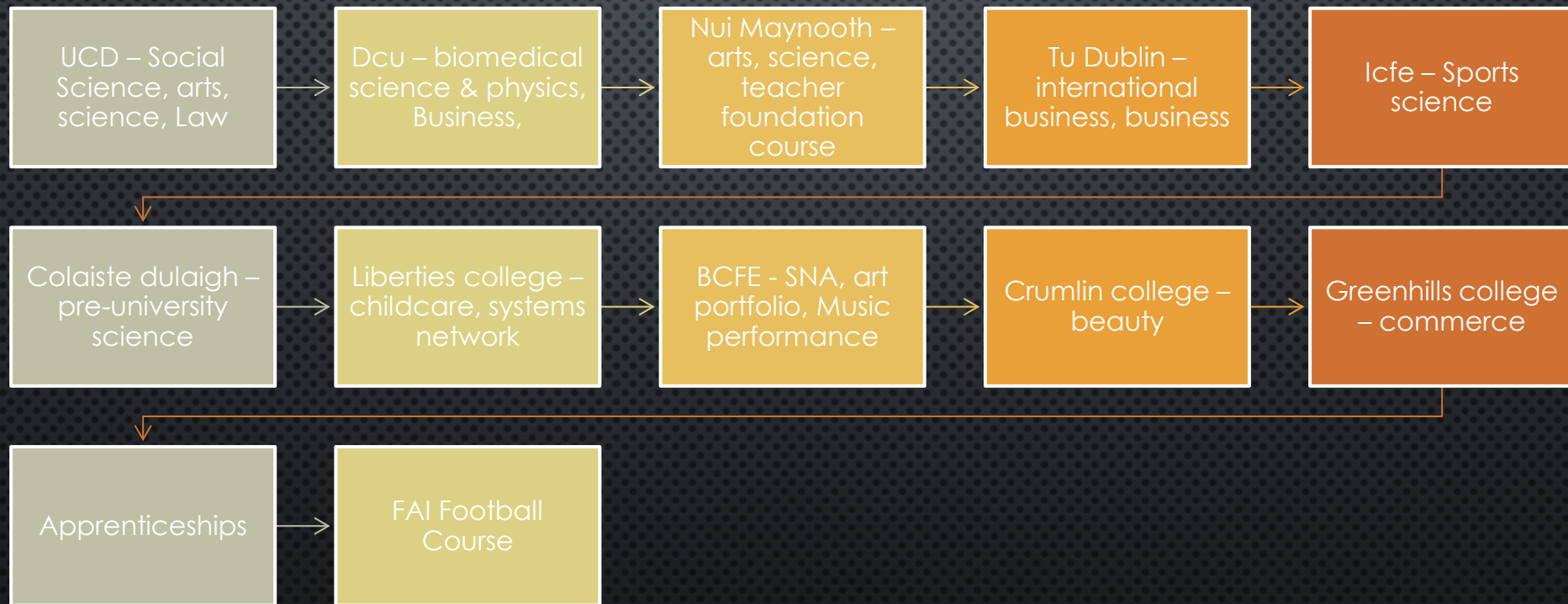


# LEAVING CERT ESTABLISHED POINTS

Higher Level	Points	Higher Level Maths	Ordinary Level	Points
H1 (90-100)	100	125		
H2 (80<90)	88	113		
H3 (70<80)	77	102		
H4 (60<70)	66	91		
H5 (50<60)	56	81	O1 (90-100)	56
H6 (40<50)	46	70	O2 (80<90)	46
H7 (30<40)	37		O3 (70<80)	37
H8 (0<30)	0		O4 (60<70)	28
			O5 (50<60)	20
			O6 (40<50)	12
			O7 (30<40)	0
			O8 (0<30)	0



# WHERE CAN THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE TAKE ME? (EXAMPLES FROM PAST PUPILS)





# WHAT IS REQUIRED OF A LEAVING CERTIFICATE STUDENT?



INDEPENDENT  
LEARNING



2 – 3 HOURS OF  
HOMEWORK PER  
NIGHT



EXCELLENT  
ATTENDANCE



HARD WORKING



## LANGUAGE

FRENCH OR SPANISH

### Science

Chemistry, Biology

### Business

Business, LCVP

### Practical

Engineering, Construction

### Creative

Art, Music

### Home Economics

Home Economics

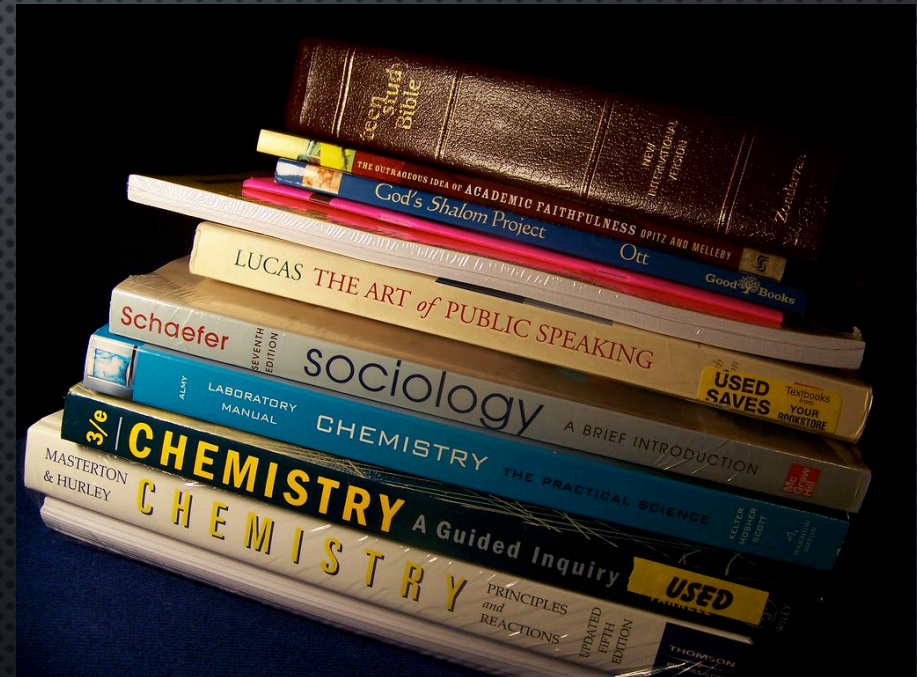
### Humanities

History, Geography,

Along with Gaelge ,English, & Maths.....  
take 4 of the above!

\*Modern Language is a requirement for many  
Universities

# SUBJECTS OFFERED





# HOW SHOULD I CHOOSE MY SUBJECTS?



Read the Subject information booklet



Keep options open.



Consider subjects you are good at.



Consider subjects you are interested in.



Subjects required for the area(s) you are interested in.



List in order of preference





# HOW TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE SUBJECT

- SPEAK TO THE SUBJECT TEACHER ABOUT THE SUBJECT AT LEAVING CERT AND ASK THEIR OPINION OF HOW SUITABLE THE SUBJECT WOULD BE FOR YOU
- [WWW.CAREERSPORTAL.IE](http://www.careersportal.ie)
  - WHAT TO STUDY> LEAVING CERTIFICATE SUBJECTS
  - **LINK:**  
[HTTP://WWW.CAREERSPORTAL.IE/SCHOOL/SUBJECT\\_EXPLORER.PHP#.VP9PMHYSWBI](http://www.careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer.php#.VP9PMHYSWBI)
- [WWW.CURRICULUMONLINE.IE](http://www.curriculumonline.ie)



# WHAT COLLEGES REQUIRE A THIRD LANGUAGE:

## NEEDED FOR:

UCC, UCD, NUI GALWAY,

- ARTS FACULTY
- COMMERCE FACULTY
- LAW FACULTY
- MEDICINE FACULTY (EXCL. NURSING)
- VETERINARY SCIENCE

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

- ARTS FACULTY

ARCHITECTURE UCD

NCAD

ST ANGELA'S, SLIGO

RCSI

SHANNON COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT

**COURSES WITH A LANGUAGE** E.G. LAW & FRENCH

## NOT NEEDED FOR:

- INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY (ENGLISH OR IRISH)
- DCU (ENGLISH OR IRISH)
- UL, INCL. MIC, & TCD (REQUIRE ENGLISH & ANOTHER LANGUAGE)
- NCAD- IF PRESENTING ART
- ANY NURSING DEGREE
- MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY:
  - BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING, ENGINEERING, FINANCE & LAW
- UCC, UCD, NUIG, MU:
  - SCIENCE FACULTY
  - ENGINEERING FACULTY

**CHECK COLLEGE WEBSITES FOR DETAILS!!!!**



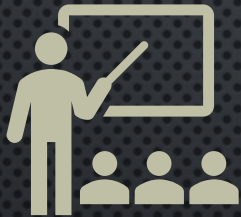


# LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

LCA



# WHAT IS LCA?



It is a 2 year alternative programme aimed at preparing students for working life.



It is a practical rather than an academic course



Promotes communication and decision making skills



# WHAT IS REQUIRED OF AN LCA STUDENT?

01

Excellent attendance – 90% attendance is needed to pass

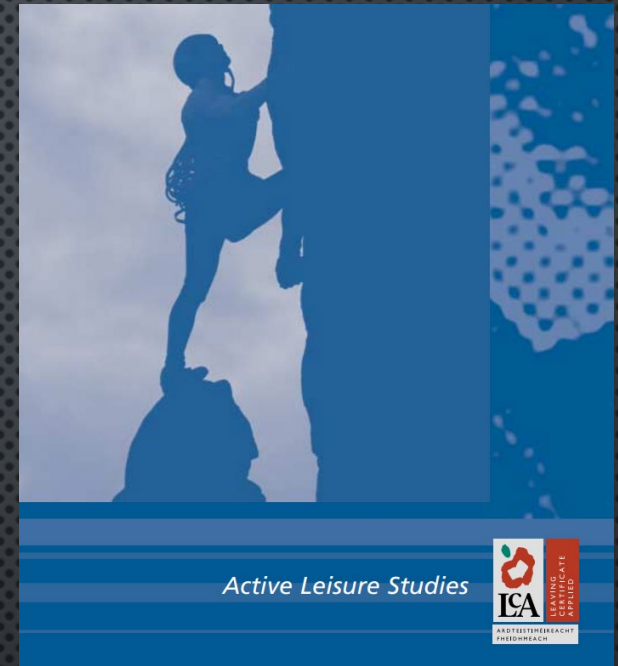
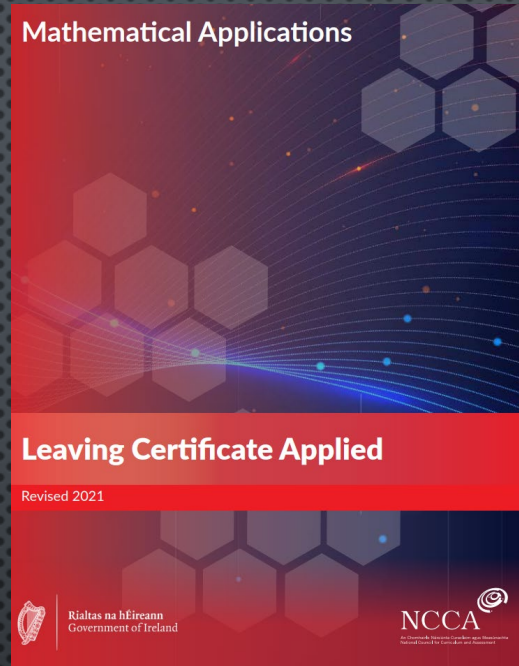
02

Students are required to take part in classroom discussions and work on group projects as well as individual projects.

03

Students are required to do more practical work than theory work.





# LCA SUBJECTS



# Introduction to Information and Communication Technology

## Leaving Certificate Applied

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Government of Ireland



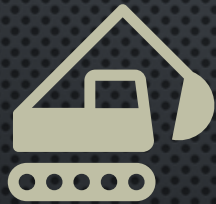
NCCA  
An Coimisiún Náisiúnta Curraíochta agus Measúnachta  
National Council for Curriculum and Assessment

# GENERAL EDUCATION

- SOCIAL EDUCATION
- PE
- GAEILGE
- SPANISH
- MATHEMATICAL APPLICATIONS
- ICT



# PRACTICAL COURSES



Engineering or  
Construction



Hotel, Catering &  
Tourism



Art/Visual Art





English and  
Communications



Guidance and Enterprise



Work Experience 1 day a  
week

PREPARATION  
FOR WORK



# COURSE BROKEN INTO 4 SESSIONS

- YEAR 1
  - SEP- JAN
  - FEB – MAY
  - FINAL EXAMS IN JUNE
- YEAR 2
  - SEP – JAN
  - FEB –MAY
  - FINAL EXAMS IN JUNE





## ASSESSMENT IN LCA

- ADVANTAGE – NOT ONLY DEPENDANT ON FINAL EXAMINATION
- CREDITS
- CREDITS BUILT UP OVER 2 YEARS
- MAXIMUM 200 CREDITS



Satisfactory Completion of Modules	62 Credits	31%
7 Student Tasks	70 Credits	35%
Final Examination	68 Credits	34%
Total	200 Credits	100%

## ASSESSMENT IN LCA





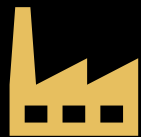
**Pass**  
**60-69%**

120- 139 Credits



**Merit**  
**70-84%**

140-169 Credits



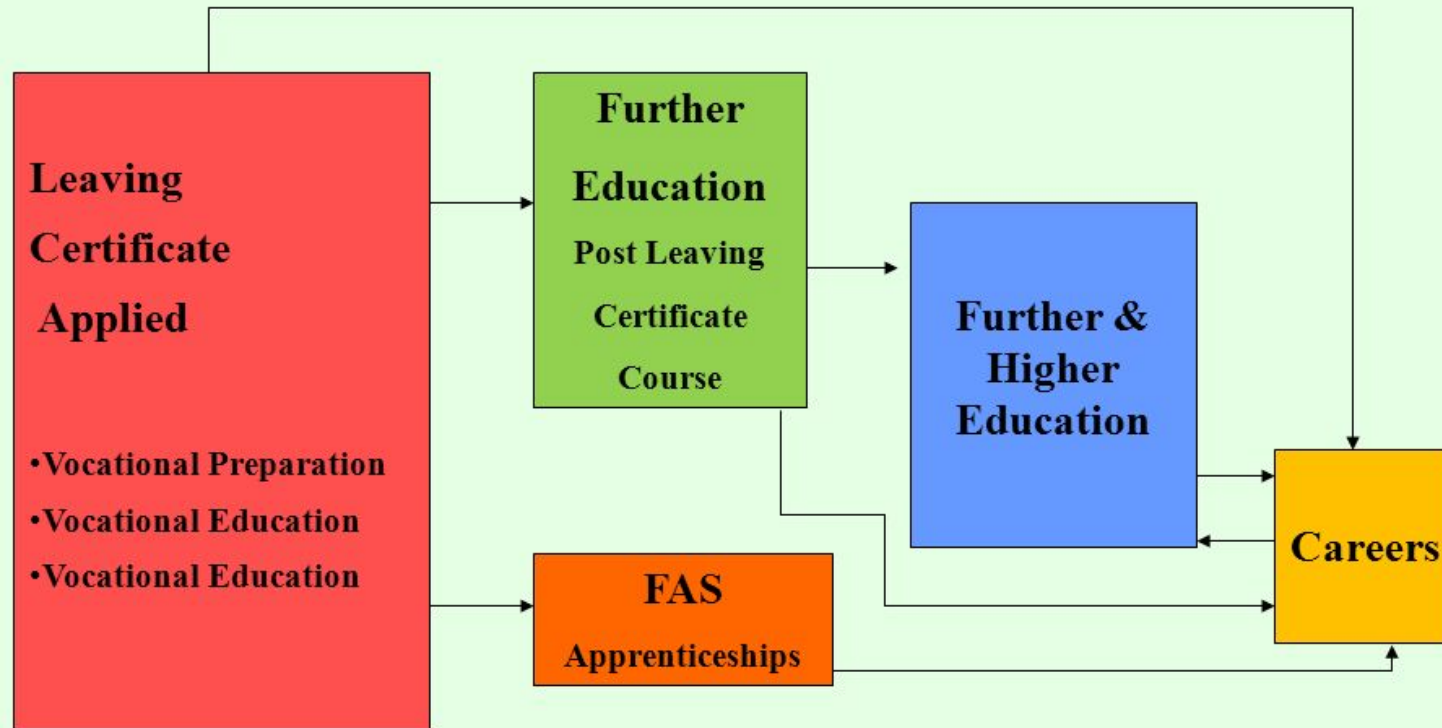
**Distinction** 170-200 Credits  
**85-100%**

LCA  
CERTIFICATION

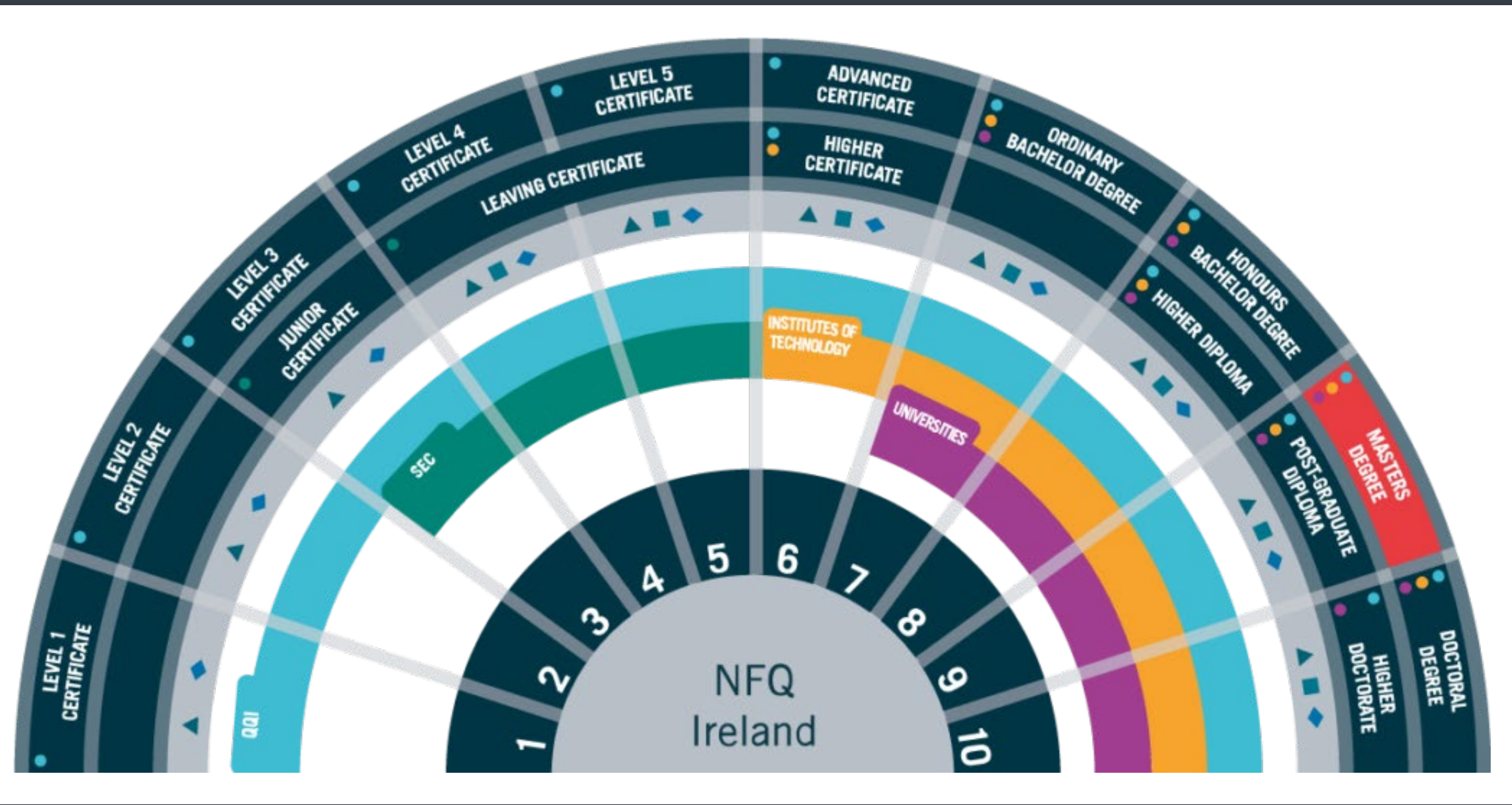


# Opening up New Options

## The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map









# DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LCA & LCE



# LCA OR LC ESTABLISHED

## LCA

- **WORK EXPERIENCE** ONE DAY A WEEK. 4 PLACEMENTS IN 2 YRS.
- PRACTICAL/ PROJECT WORK
- CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
- SMALL CLASS SIZES MORE ONE TO ONE TUITION
- IRISH COMPLETED IN ONE YR

## LC ESTABLISHED

- NO WORK EXPERIENCE
- PRACTICAL SUBJECTS – HOME EC, WOODWORK, ENGINEERING, ART
- ACADEMIC/POINTS ORIENTATED
- LC EXAM COUNTS FOR MAJORITY OF MARKS
- BIGGER CLASSES
- IRISH COMPULSORY FOR 2 YRS



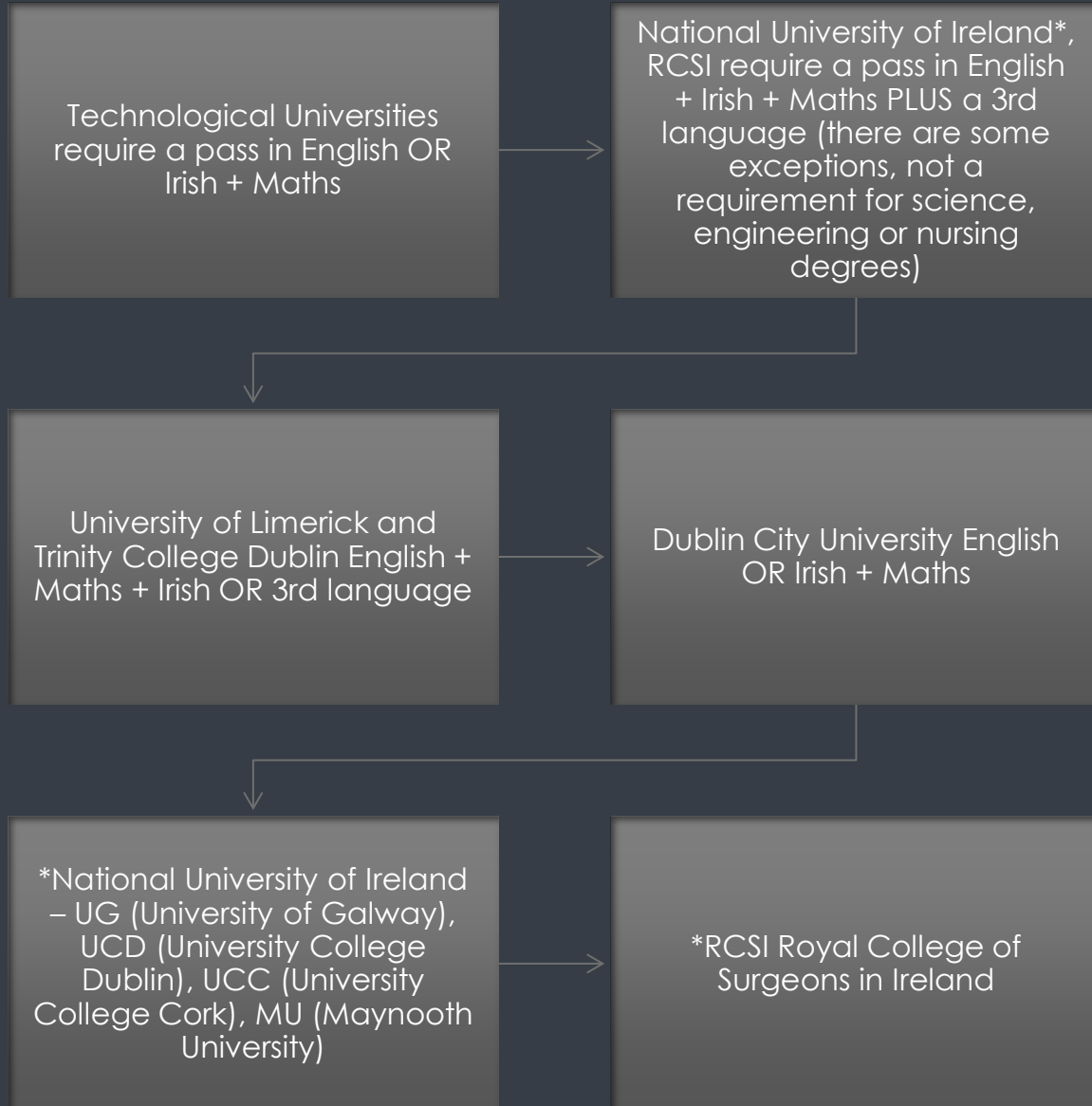
# SUBJECT CHOICES FOR 5TH YEAR

PICK 4 SUBJECTS

IRISH\*, ENGLISH & MATHS ARE COMPULSORY

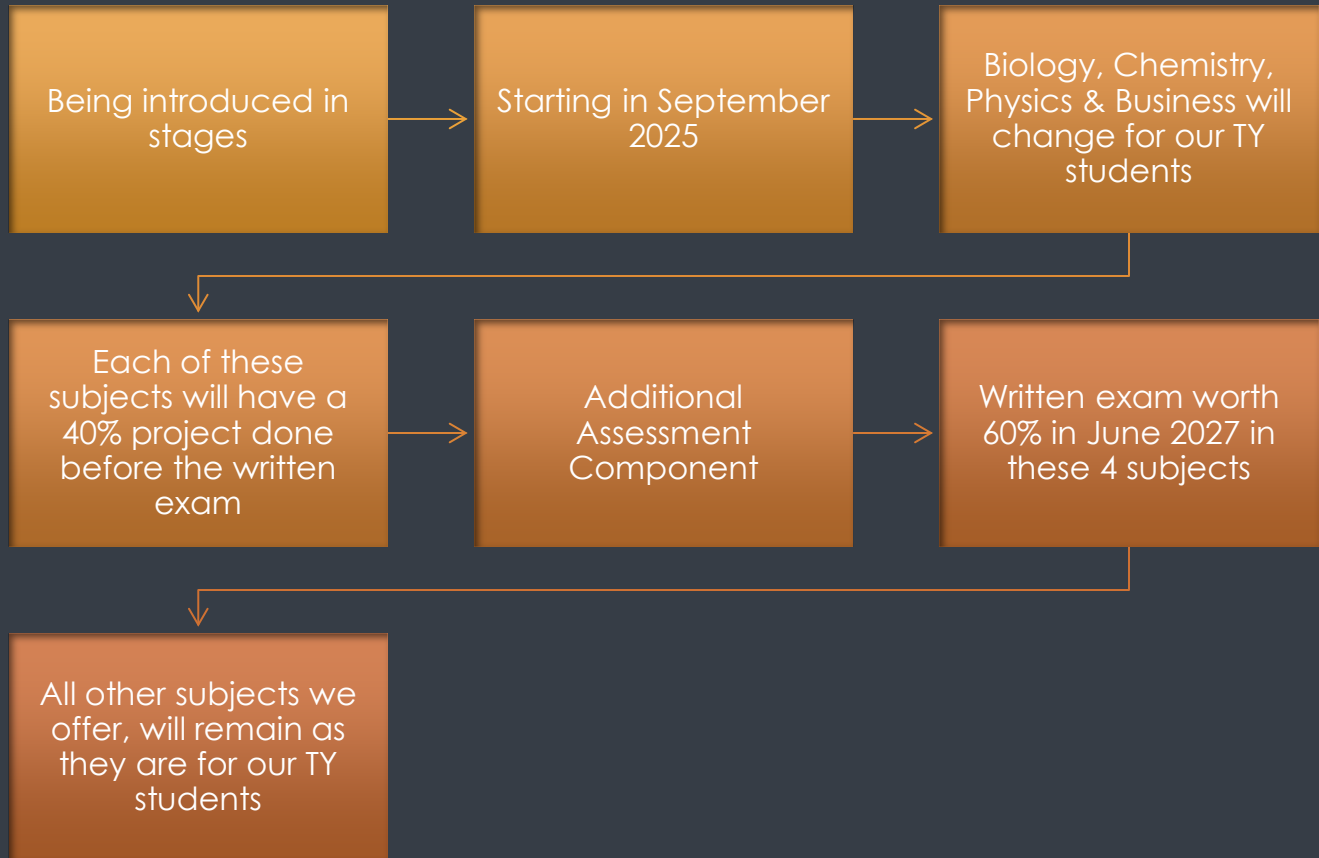
IF YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM IRISH, WE ARE PLANNING ON OFFERING AN EXTRA  
SUBJECT INSTEAD, SO YOU WILL BE OFFERED 5 OPTION SUBJECTS





# STANDARD ENTRY REQUIREMENTS





# SENIOR CYCLE REFORM





# SPANISH



Develop skills from  
Junior Cycle

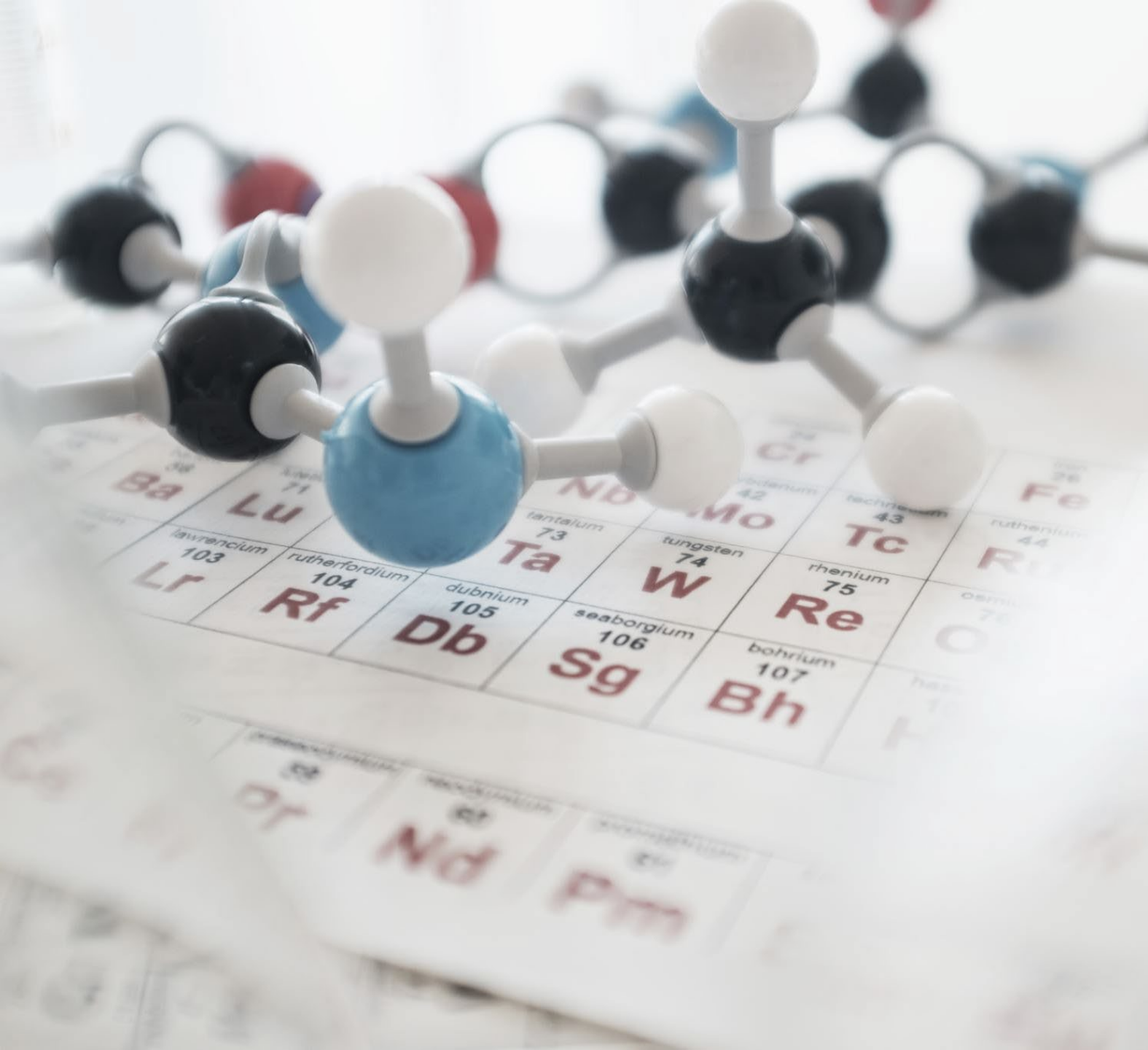


Written Exam 55%  
(HL & OL) at end of  
6<sup>th</sup> Year



Oral 25% (HL) 20%  
(OL) & Aural  
20%(HL) 25% (HL)

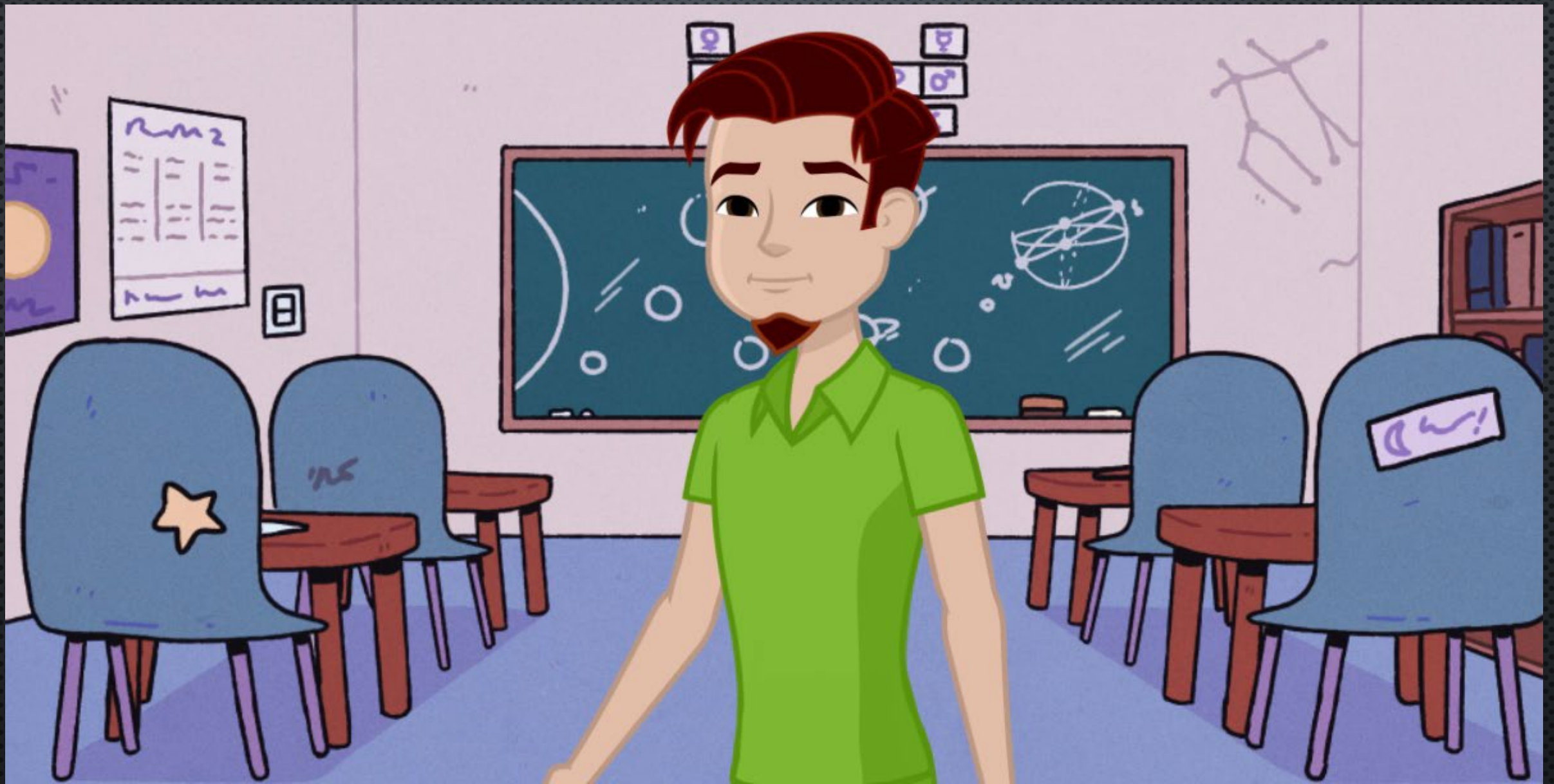




# BIOLOGY

- WHY CHOOSE BIOLOGY?
- TOPICS: LIFE PROCESSES, STRUCTURES, AND INTERACTIONS.
- INCLUDES A 40% AAC COMPONENT FROM 2025.
- CAREERS: MEDICINE, GENETICS, AND BIOCHEMISTRY.







# CHEMISTRY

New Specification in 2025



What does Chemistry involve?



- Covers matter, interactions, and sustainability.



- Includes a 40% AAC component from 2025.



- Careers: Medicine, pharmacy, and environmental science.



# PHYSICS

New Specification in 2025



Why study Physics?



- Topics: Forces, waves, electricity, and modern physics.



- Includes a 40% AAC component from 2025.



- Careers: Engineering, IT, and healthcare.





# HISTORY

- WHAT DOES HISTORY INVOLVE?
- - STUDY IRISH AND WORLD HISTORY.
- - INCLUDES A RESEARCH PROJECT (20% OF MARKS).
- - CAREERS: JOURNALISM, LAW, POLITICS, AND MORE.





# GEOGRAPHY

- WHY CHOOSE GEOGRAPHY?
  - - STUDY PHYSICAL, REGIONAL, AND HUMAN GEOGRAPHY.
  - - FIELD STUDY COUNTS FOR 20% OF THE GRADE.
  - - CAREERS: PLANNING, TOURISM, GIS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE.





# HOME ECONOMICS

- KEY AREAS:
  - - FOOD STUDIES, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, AND SOCIAL STUDIES.
  - - INCLUDES ELECTIVES AND A 70% WRITTEN EXAM.
  - - CAREERS: NUTRITION, NURSING, TEACHING, AND MORE.



# BUSINESS

## New Specification in 2025

- KEY TOPICS:
  - - BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, ENTERPRISE, AND ETHICS.
  - - INCLUDES A 40% ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT (AAC).
  - - CAREERS: MANAGEMENT, HR, LAW, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.







# ART, CRAFT, AND DESIGN

- WHY CHOOSE ART?
- - DEVELOPS CREATIVITY THROUGH PRACTICAL AND THEORETICAL WORK.
- - 70% PRACTICAL AND 30% WRITTEN ASSESSMENTS.
- - CAREERS: DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE, ADVERTISING, AND MORE.





What does *Music* cover?



- Performing, composing, and listening.



- Practical assessments account for 50% of marks.



- Careers: Media, teaching, sound engineering, and performance.

# MUSIC

Paper 1- Listening (100 Marks)	Paper 2- Composing (100 Marks)
Set Works Irish Music Listening Irish Music Essay Aural Skills	Melody  Writing  Harmony
Practical (200 Marks)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students play/sing 6 pieces of music (200 Marks)</li> <li>2. Student play/sing 4 pieces on one instrument (100 marks) and play sing another 4 pieces on another instrument (100 marks)</li> <li>3. Student play/sing 4 pieces on one instrument (100 marks) and completes a Music technology task (100 marks)</li> </ol>	



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- WHY STUDY PE?
  - - COVERS PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AND PROJECT WORK.
  - - 50% WRITTEN, 30% PERFORMANCE, AND 20% PROJECT.
  - - CAREERS: SPORTS SCIENCE, COACHING, AND PHYSIOTHERAPY.

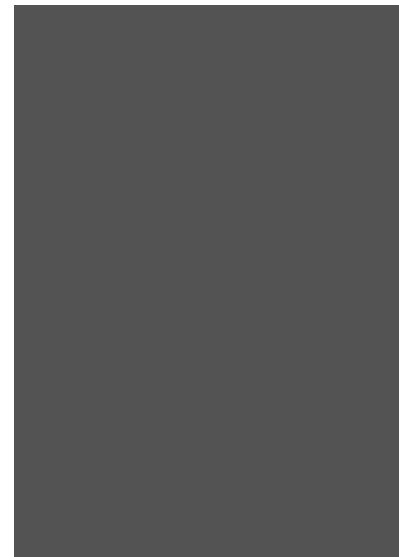
Assessment Component	Weighing	Level
Physical Activity Project	20%	Higher and Ordinary
Performance Assessment	30%	Common Level
Written Exam	50%	Higher and Ordinary



# CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

- WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?
- - HANDS-ON PRACTICAL, PROJECT, AND WRITTEN WORK.
- - INCLUDES A 25% PRACTICAL EXAM.
- - CAREERS: ARCHITECTURE, CARPENTRY, AND ENGINEERING.

Construction Studies	Higher Level		Ordinary Level	
Project	25% of marks		30% of marks	
	Artefact – 10%	Portfolio 15%	Artefact – 15%	Portfolio 15%
Practical Exam	25% of marks		30% of marks	
Written Paper	50% of marks		40% of marks	





















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# ENGINEERING



Why choose Engineering?  
Those with an interest in design and practical work.



- Focus on workshop processes and materials.



- Includes practical and theoretical components.



- Careers: Design, manufacturing, and biomedical tech.

## Assessment:

Engineering	Higher Level	Ordinary Level
Written Paper	50% of marks	40% of marks
Practical	25% of marks	30% of marks
Project	25% of marks	30% of marks

This subject is examined at Higher and Ordinary level.



New for St Kevin's CC in 2025

# Accounting

Course overview	Financial Accounting ( $\frac{2}{3}$ of the course) Management Accounting ( $\frac{1}{3}$ of the course)
Skills	Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking Numerical Proficiency Analytical Skills
Examination	A 3-hour end-of-year exam will cover six major topics studied over two years. All topics covered in the course are guaranteed to appear in the exam.
Career option	<b>Chartered Accountant</b> , Financial Analyst, Tax Consultant, and Management Accountant roles offer salaries ranging from €30,000–€50,000 at entry-level, €55,000–€85,000 mid-level, and €90,000–€150,000+ at senior-level.





New for St Kevin's CC in 2025

# Computer Science

Course overview	Basics of computer, Coding language, Python and AI in different fields.
Different Approach at St Kevin's CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collaborating with Trinity College on select topics</li><li>• Six programs per topic, ensuring low stress.</li><li>• Creative and self-driven work is rewarded with monthly perks and recognition.</li></ul>
Examination	A 2.5-hour year-end exam accounts for 70% of the grade, with coursework contributing 30%. One hour of the exam is dedicated to a practical systems question.
Career option	<b>Software Developer, Data Analyst, Cybersecurity Specialist, IT Support, or Web Developer,</b> with salaries ranging from <b>€25,000 to €150,000+</b> depending on experience and role







## St. Kevin's Community College

Coláiste Chaoimhín  
Fonthill Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22  
Telephone: 6266277

Principal: Tony Barry  
Deputy Principal: Ciarán Duffy

Email: admin@stkevinscc.ie

### 5<sup>th</sup> Year Option Form 2024/25

Student Name:

Please rank the following subjects in ORDER OF PREFERENCE (1-12) where 1 is your 1st choice and 9 is your last choice. You should fill in all 9 options. Please return to Ms Lynam ASAP. This form MUST be signed by a parent/guardian. While we cannot guarantee that every student will get all of their options, we will do our best to ensure that everyone gets at least 3 of their options. There is also no guarantee that all of these subjects will be offered in 24/25; this depends on teacher availability and demand from students for the subject.

Please note that Spanish/French is part of our option structure. It would be very important for you to know the implications\* for 3rd level studies if you do not study Spanish/French. Our advice would be if you are in doubt about what course you would like to study in the future you SHOULD do Spanish/French. Please speak to Ms Ni Chruialaoich for more information.

\* [From Qualifax Website]

*In recent years NUI colleges have dropped their third language requirement for engineering and science programmes. UCD has also dropped it for their agricultural programmes. Nursing at NUI colleges never required a third language. A third language must be included for arts, human sciences, law, social science, commerce, medicine and health sciences and some other degrees. A third language is also a requirement for entry into the cadetship in the army or air corps. Trinity accepts Irish as a second language requirement. UL and DCU and the Institutes of Technology do not require a continental language for entry purposes to most of their courses, apart from those which involve the study of such a language.*

Subject	Preference Number (1-12)	Subject	Preference Number (1-12)
Art		French	
Biology		Geography	
Business		History	
Chemistry		Home Economics	
Construction Studies		Music	
Engineering		Spanish	

Students also choose to do either Link Modules  or PE.  (Please tick one box only)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (student)

# WHAT NEXT?





THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

ANY QUESTIONS?