



Senior Cycle Information Evening

21st February 2024

Junior Cycle

Transition Year

Leaving Certificate
Program

Leaving Certificate
Applied Program
(LCA)

Sequence of Presentations

1. Leaving Certificate Subject Choice
2. Leaving Certificate Applied Program
3. Transition Year

Subject Choice

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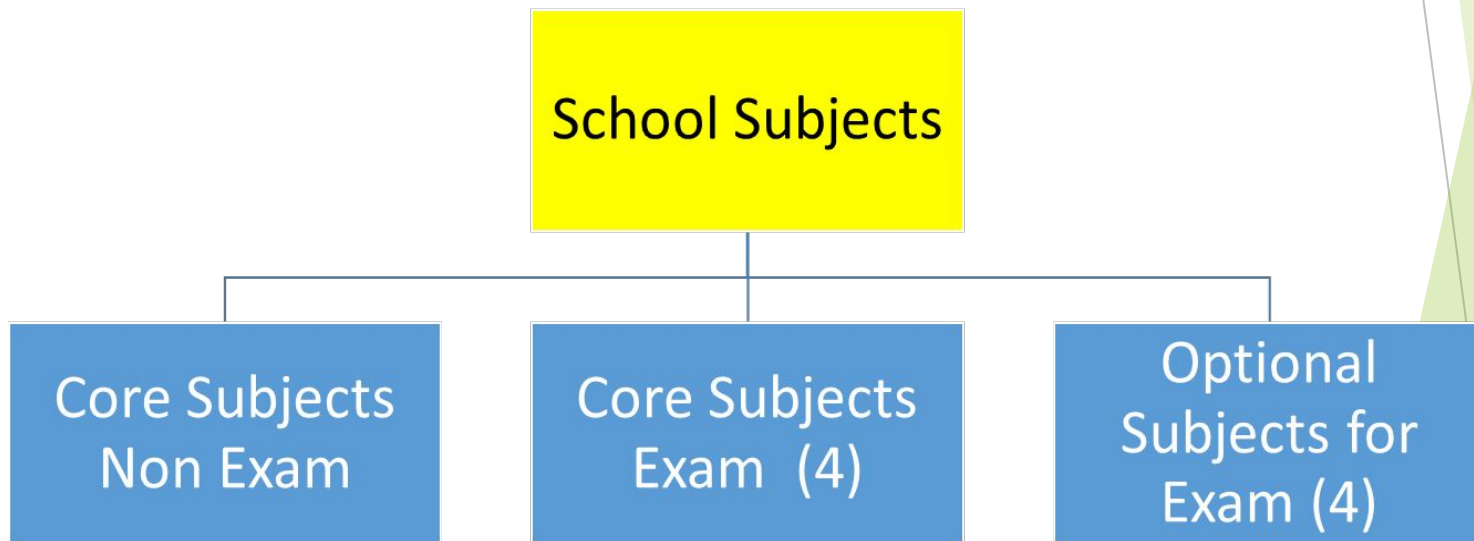
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3C,3D, TYC, TYD

Leaving Certificate

Students to consider and decide on
options

What will I study ...?



Core Subjects ...not for Exam (4)

- Computers
- Guidance
- PE
- SPHE

Core Subjects ... for LC Exam (4)

- English
- Gaeilge
- Maths
- Link Modules (LCVP)

Optional Subjects ... for LC Exam



- You must choose 4 out of a possible 21
- Each of these may be studied at Higher or Ordinary Level

Subject Choice Information

Read information on:

- important considerations
- subjects

Subject Choice Information

Each subject on our website will have the following information:-

- Content
- Assessment Procedure
- Career Possibilities

Subject Groups

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Arts



- Art
- Music

Business



- Accounting
- Business
- Economics

Humanities



- Geography
- History
- Religion

European Language



French

3rd Language Requirement

NUI Colleges- Maynooth, UCC, UCD, NUIG
-require 3rd language for all courses except
Science and Engineering

Maynooth and UCD offer other courses also
which do not require a 3rd language

See exactly which courses require 3rd language
- pink sheet and on our website

Exemption - born outside ROI or already
exempt from languages

Practical/Applied Subjects

- Construction
- Engineering
- Home Economics
- Graphics
- Technology
- PE



Sciences

- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Phys/Chem
- Applied Maths*



Science Consideration

- In order to keep all options open students are strongly advised to keep one Science
- Science, Medical , Engineering and Healthcare require one science
- Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry require two sciences
- Qualifax minimum subject requirement tool

Science Requirement

- Dentistry
- Engineering
- Nursing
- Medicine
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Dietetics
- Optometry
- Podiatry
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Radiography
- Biomedical Science
- Dental Nursing
- Nutrition
- All Science Degrees
- Sport and Exercise Sciences
- Veterinary Nursing

Subject Requirements for 3rd Level

QUALIFAX

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Subject Requirements Tool

Planning to make application to the CAO? This tool will help you choose the right subjects and levels at Leaving Cert.

Subject

- Select -

- Select -

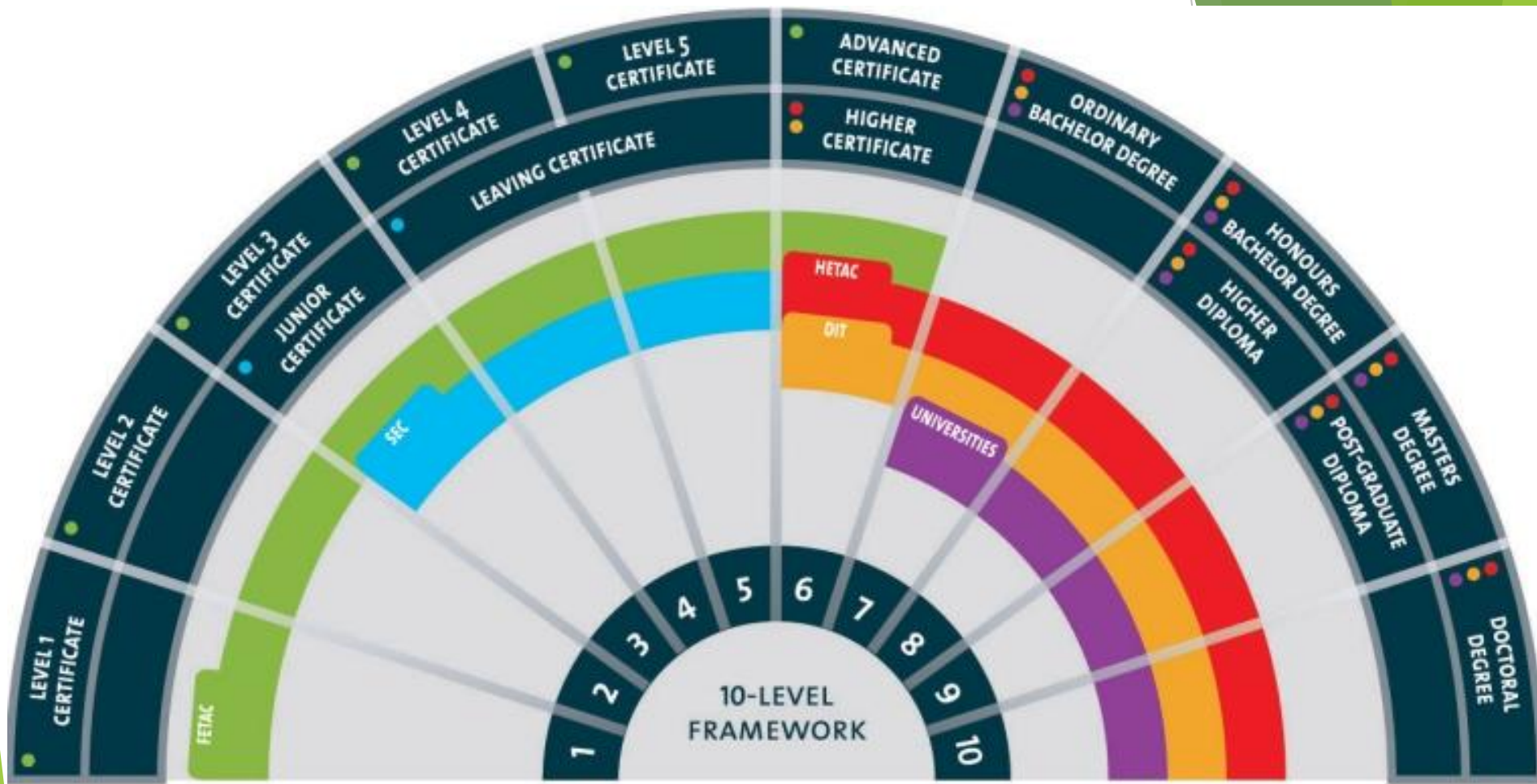
A Science Subject
A Second Language
A Third Language
Accounting
Agricultural Science
Ancient Greek
Applied Mathematics
Arabic
Art
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Computer Science
Construction Studies
Design and Communication Graphics
Economics
Engineering

Please select a subject from the subject dropdown on the left.

All courses referred to in this section are **Third Level CAO entry**. The Course Data in this section is for the CAO entry in 2024

"A Science Subject" includes the following subjects:
Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics and Chemistry.

"A Second Language" includes the following subjects:
Ancient Greek, Arabic, French, German, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish,



National Qualifications Framework

College Requirements

- NUI Colleges – Pass in Ordinary Level European Language
- Most Level 8 Degrees – 2 H5 + 4 O6/H7 grades
- Most Level 7 Degrees – 5 O6/H7 grades

Course Requirements

- Any Level 8 Engineering course—
H4 in Maths
- Nursing Degrees – O6/H7 in a Lab
Science Subject
- Primary School Teaching Degrees –
H4 in Irish



Points

Higher

Your % marks

Ordinary



Points

100



H1

90-100

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56

88



H2

80-89

02



46

77



H3

70-79

03



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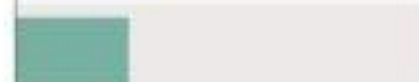
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H4

60-69

04



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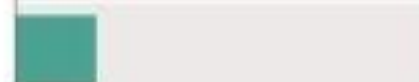
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H5

50-59

05



20

46



H6

40-49

06



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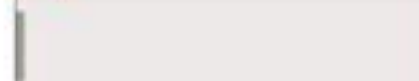
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H7

30-39

07



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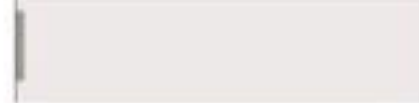
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H8

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08



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+25 Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules

 Distinction 66

 Merit 46

 Pass 28

Entry to many courses depends on “Points” total

- Important to maximise your points.
- Points are calculated on your Best 6 subjects.
- Examples:
 - Higher 1 = 100 points
 - Higher 3 = 77 points
 - Ordinary 1 = 56 points
 - Ordinary 3 = 37 points

(More complete details given in Bookle

Link Modules

- Preparation for the World of Work
- Enterprise Education

Assessment

- Portfolio - 60% (March of 6th Year)
- Exam - 40% (May of 6th Year)

Portfolio

- Career Investigation
- CV
- Diary of Work Experience
- Summary Report
- Action Plan
- Recorded Interview

Points Awarded for Link Modules

Distinction -66 (H4)

Merit- 46

Pass-28

Subject Choice General Guidelines

DO

- Choose subjects you enjoy
- Choose subjects you are good at
- Choose subjects you need for their chosen career
- Keep your options open for the future by making a balanced choice

Subject Choice General Guidelines

DON'T

- Choose a subject because your friend is taking it
- Choose a subject just because you like the teacher
- Choose a subject because you think it will be easy
- Choose a new subject without finding out more about it
- Make a decision at the last minute without thinking about it
- Choose a subject you have not studied before

Researching Course Entry Requirements

www.cao.ie - ROI courses

www.ucas.com -UK courses



Another Useful Website

www.careersportal.ie

The screenshot shows the careersportal.ie website interface. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the logo and menu items: COMMUNITIES, EXPLORE, MEDIA, TOOLS, and a search icon. Below this is a dark teal header with the word 'School' and a grid of links: All Leaving Cert Subjects, Useful Subject Tips, Guide to Choosing Subjects, Subjects & Career Choice, Subjects by Grade Explored, and FAQs.

Leaving Cert Subjects

Leaving Cert | Leaving Cert Applied (LCA)

Practical Group

These subjects are 'hands-on' and involve working with tools and machinery on physical things like wood, metals and plastic. They may involve designing, planning and building things.

- Construction Studies
- Engineering
- Technology

Science Group

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

- Agricultural Science
- Applied Maths
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Physics and Chemistry
- Computer Science

Liam McCaul, R&D Engineer

What subjects did you take in school and how have these influenced your career path?

Physics, Chemistry and French. I also studied German in college. It is good to have another language regardless of what it is. Anything to do with Engineering, I would highly suggest Maths and Physics.

Ask me another question!

I really have no idea what I want to do after the Leaving Cert

choose 4 subjects that reflect balance

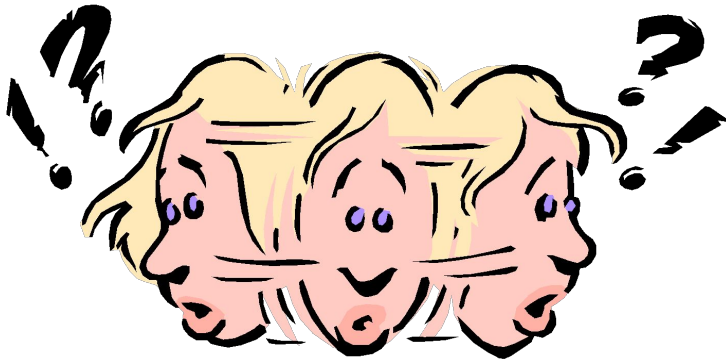
- French
- 1 Business
- History or Geography
- 1 Science
- Art or Music
- 1 Practical/Applied
- 1 Science
- French

The Process

- Research
- Discussion
- Reflection
- Decision



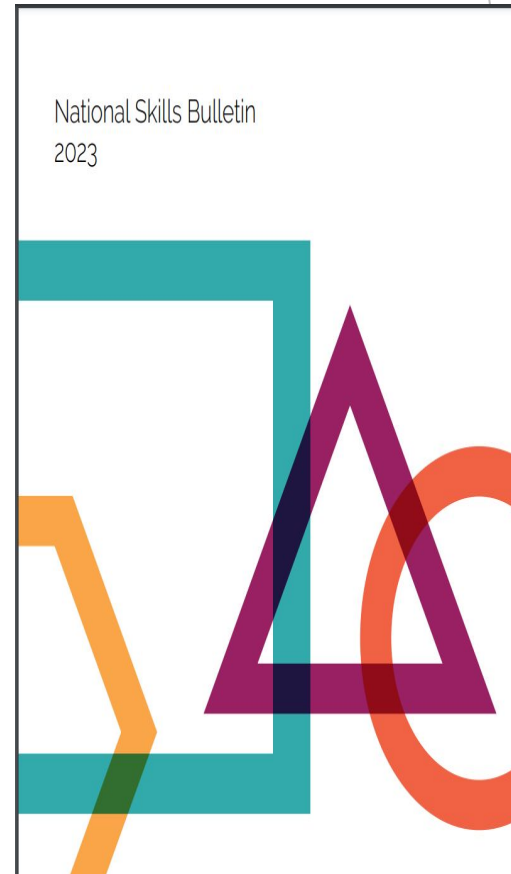
I think that I need more information ...



- Look at school website - subject info
- www.careersportal.ie
- Members of your family
- Guidance Counsellor
- Subject teachers

Labour Market Information

www.careersportal.ie



Resources for Parents/ Guardians

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@ college

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jobseeker

Parents & Guardians

Guidance Professionals

Explore yourself...

- Self-Assessment →
- Career Interests →
- Career Skills →
- Learning Skills →

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Career Exploration Toolbox

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The Next Step

Decide on programme choice- Google Form posted on Google Classroom

5th Year Subject Choice

- Read Subject Choice information on school website
- Refer to this presentation on google classroom
- Further information ? - contact Ms Mc Carron/Ms Donaghy via email and we can arrange a meeting
- Instructions on completing Subject Choice will be sent to parents via Vsware - **choices submitted on Vsware**

Subject Choices - VSware

- ▶ When making their subject choices students will be asked to list their preferences from **1 - 7**. 1 being their first choice subject and so on.
- ▶ Every effort is made to accommodate students their highest preference subjects.