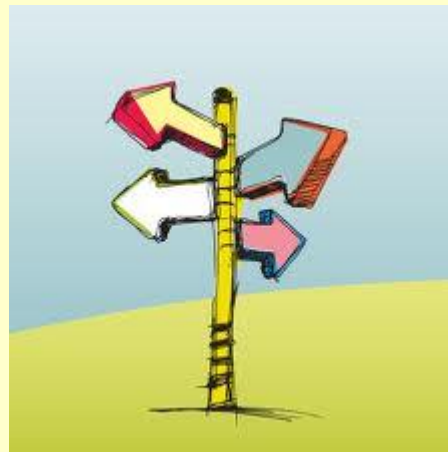




**SUBJECT CHOICE
LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2023
FEBRUARY 2021**





SUBJECT CHOICE FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2023

Mark the subjects below in order of preference (from 1 – 7 where 1 is your first choice). You must specify preferences for **at least** 7 subjects.

SUBJECT	PREFERENCE
Accounting	
Art	
Agricultural Science	
Biology	
Business	
Chemistry	
Economics	
French	
Geography	
German	
History	
Home Economics	
Music	
Physical Education	
Physics	
Spanish	

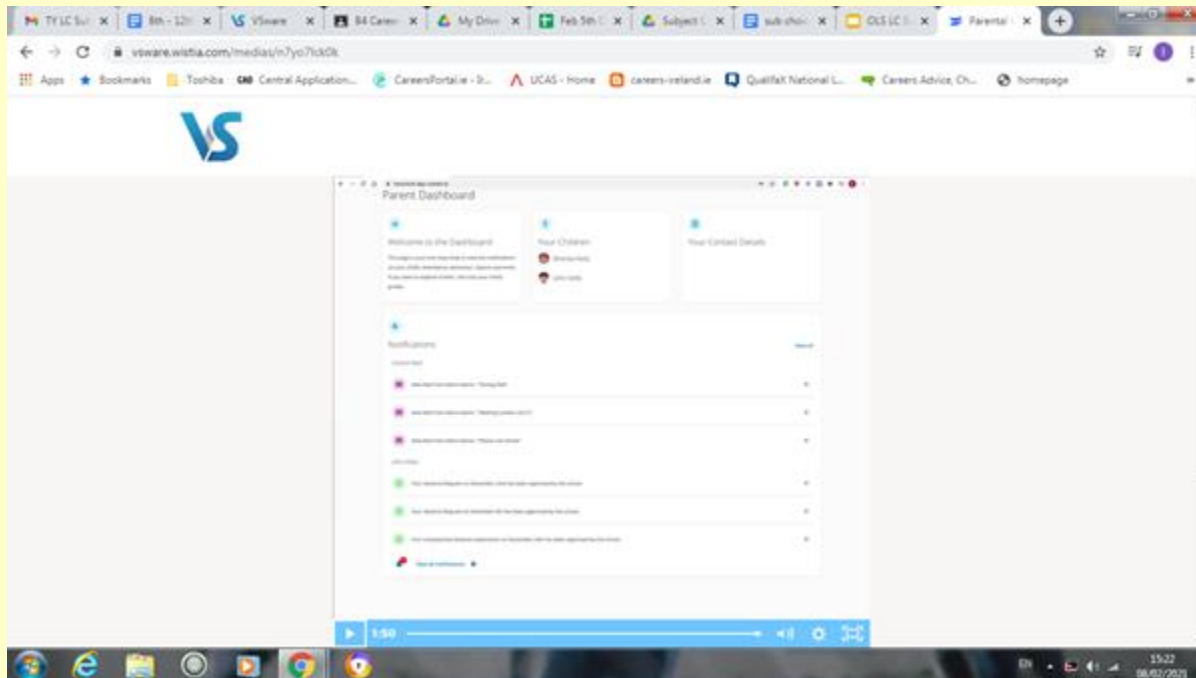


Subject choices must be made on VShare by **Thursday 11th March 2021**.

With regard to subject availability, every effort is made to offer each student her preferences. Please note however that due to timetabling restrictions, it may not be possible to offer all students their top preferences. The viability of running a specific subject is dependent on the number of students choosing this subject as an option as well as available staff resources.

To complete choices on VSware

[Video guide to competing subject choices on VSware](#)



Options after the Leaving Certificate

- Work
- Year Out
- Apprenticeships
- Further Education (Post Leaving Certificate courses - PLC)
- Higher Education (Third Level Education - CAO)



Continuing your education after the Leaving Certificate.

The options

Further Education

- Post Leaving Certificate Course
1 or 2 years

Higher Education - CAO

- Level 6 Certificate 2 years
- Level 7 Ordinary Degree 3 years
- Level 8 Honours Degree 3/4 years

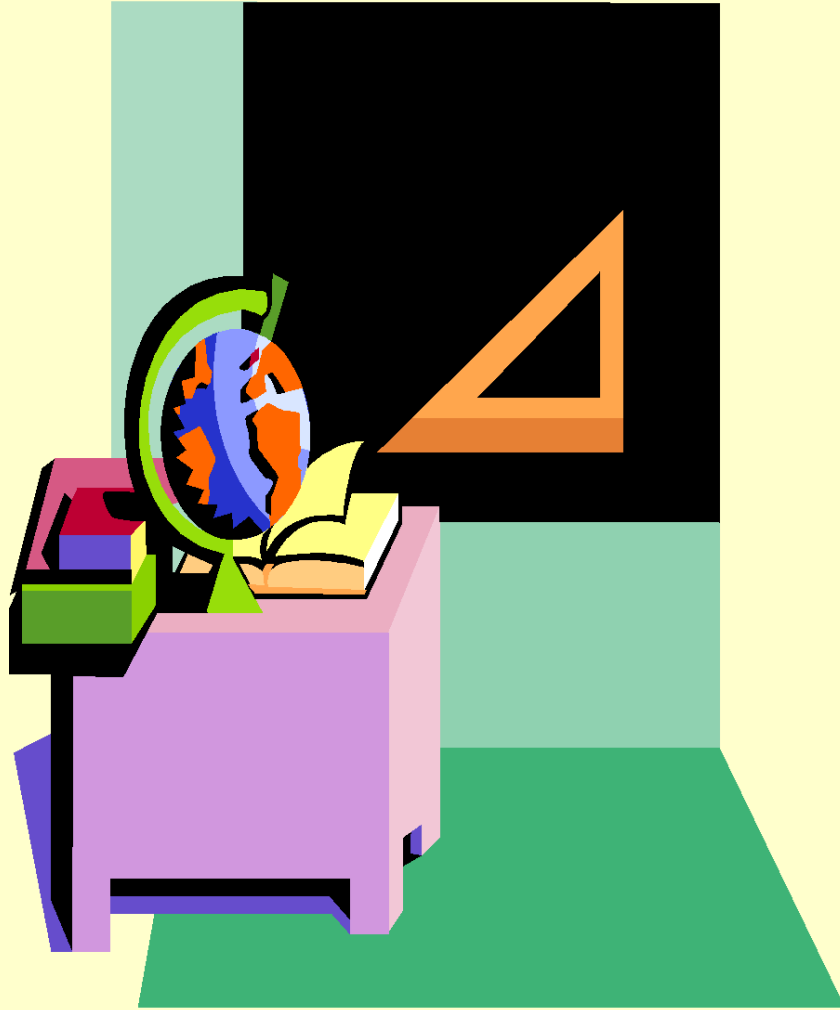


LC grading & CAO points

25 bonus points will continue to be awarded for Higher Level Mathematics for H6 and above.

Calculated on best 6 best grades

Higher Level Grades	Higher Level Points	% Bands	Ordinary Level Grades	Ordinary Level Points
H1	100	90-100%	O1	56
H2	88	80-89%	O2	46
H3	77	70-79%	O3	37
H4	66	60-69%	O4	28
H5	56	50-59%	O5	20
H6	46	40-49%	O6	12
H7	37	30-39%	O7	0
H8	0	0-29%	O8	0



Leaving Certificate

Two-year programme that gives the opportunity to take seven subjects at Higher, Ordinary or Foundation Level. Foundation level is available in two subjects - Irish and Mathematics.

The Leaving Certificate Applied

What is Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)?

It is a **two year course** available to students who wish to follow a practical Leaving Certificate programme with a **vocational focus**. It is an **alternative** programme to the traditional Leaving Certificate, which places particular emphasis on **preparation for the world of work and life**.

How is it different?

A key difference between Leaving Certificate Applied and the **traditional Leaving Certificate** lies in **assessment**. Two-thirds of the final grade in LCA is earned through coursework completed over two years with **only one third dependent on final written exam papers**.

More Information

[The Leaving Certificate Applied](#)

The Leaving Certificate Applied

What subjects will I study?

Leaving Certificate Applied students study **a broad range of subjects:** Vocational Preparation & Guidance (includes Work Experience), English & Communications, Mathematical Applications, Information and Communication Technology, Arts Education, Social Education, Languages, Leisure & Recreation, Religion, Hotel, Catering & Tourism, Agriculture/Horticulture.

What are my options *after* Leaving Certificate Applied?

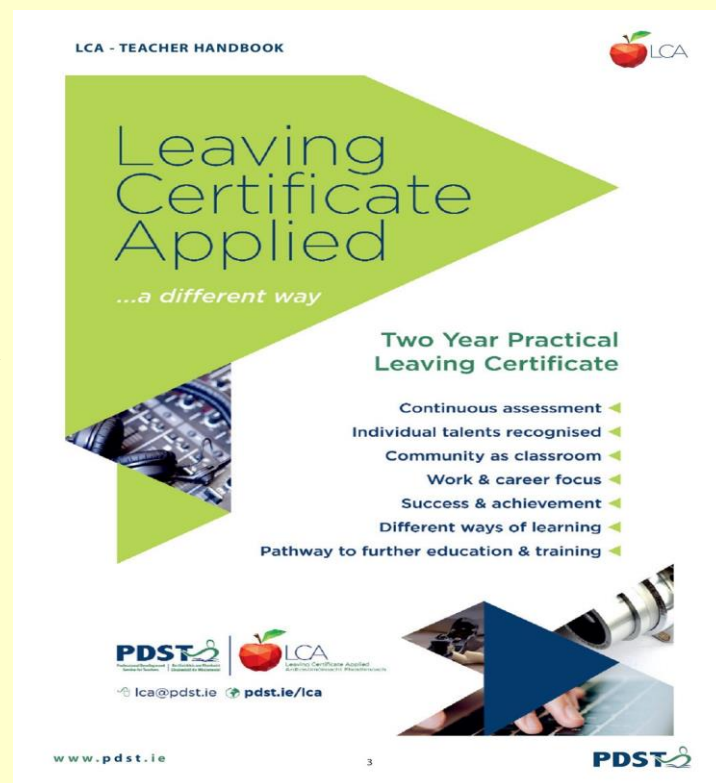
LCA is accepted for a wide range of Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses at FETAC Level 5. It also provides access to most apprenticeships and other vocational training awards. While students who complete LCA do not have direct access to Higher Education through the Central Statistics Office (CAO), achieving an appropriate further education award (e.g. FETAC Level 5) may provide access for those who wish to apply to courses in Third Level colleges.

Please note that the LCA programme will only run if we have a sufficient number of students selecting it.

The Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

If you are interested in finding out more about the LCA please email principal@olschool.ie before Friday 26th Feb. If there is sufficient interest, a follow up LCA information virtual meeting will be arranged for Monday March 1st

Final declaration of interest in taking up a place in LCA must be received via email to principal@olschool.ie by March 11th 2021





SUBJECT CHOICE

When it comes to making subject choice it is important to research options and to choose wisely.

There are

Essential subjects

Useful subjects





Subject Groupings

Language Group

Irish, English, French, German, Spanish

Science Group

Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Agricultural Science.

Business Studies Group

Accounting, Business, Economics.

Artistic Group

Art, Music.

Humanities & Social Group

History, Geography, Home Economics, Physical Education.

Mathematics Group

Mathematics.



Language Group

Irish

English

French

German

Spanish





Science Group
Physics
Chemistry
Biology
Agricultural Science





**Business
Studies
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Accounting
Business
Economics**





Artistic Group

Art

Music





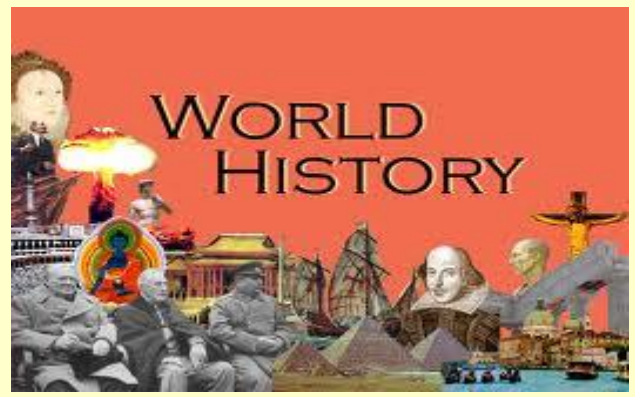
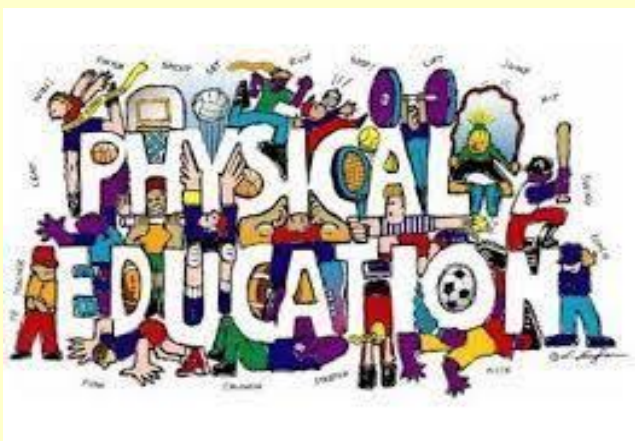
Humanities & Social Group

History

Geography

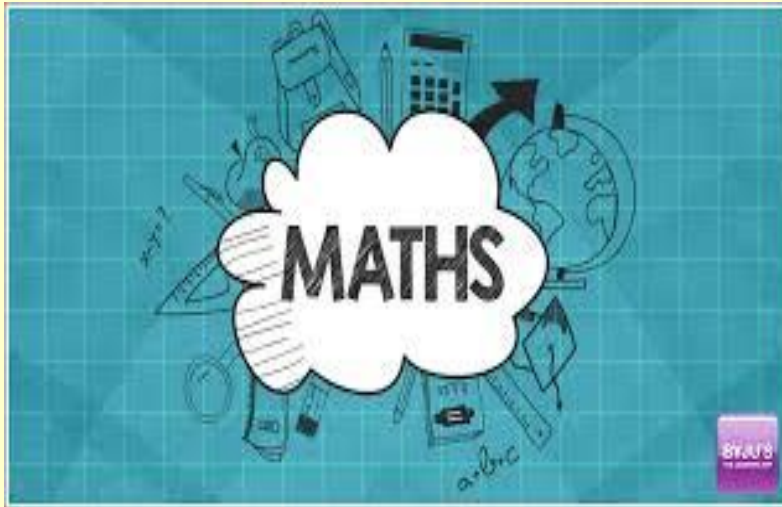
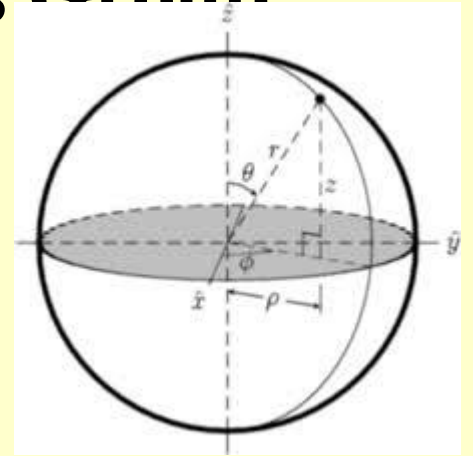
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Physical Education

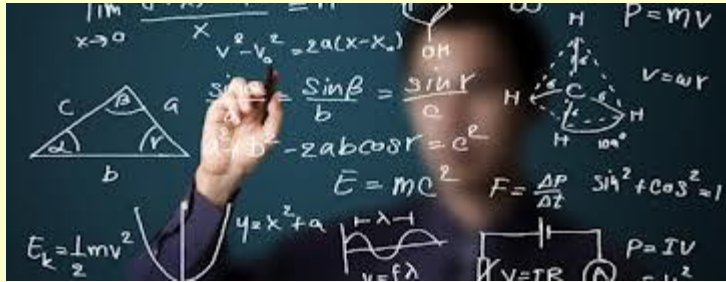


Mathematics Group

Mathematics



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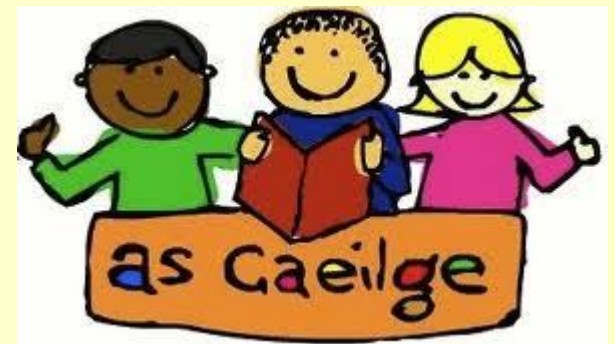
Obligatory subjects

The core subjects are:

Irish

English

Mathematics





What four to choose from the available subjects?

Accounting, Art, Agricultural Science, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Economics, French, Geography, German, History, Home Economics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Spanish.

European Language

Students are recommended to consider studying a European Language because it is generally an entry requirement to study at NUI colleges (eg. UCD, Maynooth, UCG, UCC) and RCSI

Some exceptions apply including courses in Engineering, Nursing, Science, Ag. Science, Social Science, Computer Science and some other others.

Please consult college websites.





Entry Requirements for 3rd level Colleges

1. Minimum entry requirements
2. Specific Subjects requirements
3. Points

These must be considered when choosing subjects.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR FURTHER/HIGHER EDUCATION

- Level 8 – Honours Degrees
 - 3/4 years study
 - Min. of 2 H5 and 4 O6/H7 for most courses
(TCD & a small no. of level 8 courses-
Min 3 H5 and 3 O6/H7)
- Level 7 – Ordinary Degrees
 - 3 years study
 - Min. 5 O6/H7
- Level 6 – Higher Certificate
 - 2 years study
 - Min 5 O6/H7
- Post Leaving Certificate Courses
 - 1 year study
 - Min. 5 passes in H/O/F or Leaving Certificate Appli





There are certain subjects that are essential for entry to particular courses, colleges and careers.

Look at the College website or Prospectus.

All subjects are equal. (Higher Maths has bonus points)



So what about the next three?

A science subject (often two science subjects) is essential for careers in medical, paramedical careers: physiotherapy, radiography, human nutrition, pharmacy biomedical science and nursing.

In Universities, a science subject is required for a career in engineering and most faculties of science require one to have a laboratory science subject.



However, many of the courses available in science, engineering and electronics in the Institutes of Technology do not require a science subject.

It really comes down to one's interest in science to date.

If one is struggling with science now it is highly unlikely that it will suddenly become one's best subject at Leaving Certificate!

Science Essential

SCIENCE

ENGINEERING

MEDICINE

DENTISTRY

VETERINARY

PHARMACY

PHYSIOTHERAPY

RADIOGRAPHY

NURSING

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

SPEECH THERAPY

SPORTS SCIENCE

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

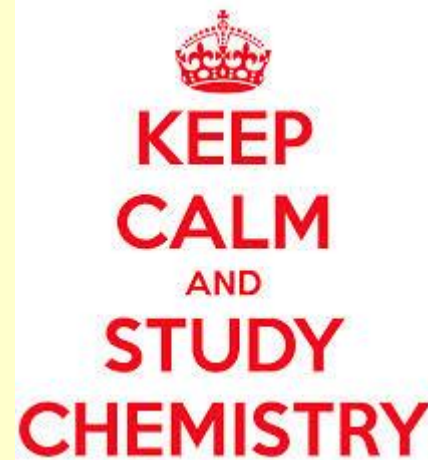
DIETETICS

OPTOMETRY





CHEMISTRY essential for:



- PHARMACY
- VETERINARY
- MEDICINE (essential for some, recommended for all)
- DENTISTRY
- HUMAN NUTRITION & DIETETICS
- Chemistry is essential for 7 CAO courses



Agricultural

Science/Biology/Physics



- Biology is an essential requirement for 5 CAO courses (Genetics - UCC, Health Science with Dietetics/Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy Studies - Letterkenny IT, Human Health & Disease -TCD)
- Physics is a essential requirement for 1 CAO course (Theoretical Physics - TCD)
- Agricultural Science is a useful subject for many college courses but it is not an essential subject for any course.



Art and Music



If you wish to take a course at third-level in music, some courses require that you have studied **MUSIC**, others may not but you may be required to complete a audition and /or a music test.

Likewise, it is not always essential to study **ART** in order to pursue it at third-level. However, a substantial portfolio of work is usually required.



Humanities & Social Group

History

Geography

Home Economics

Physical Education



History, Geography, Physical Education are useful for many college courses but not essential for any.

Home Economics is essential for 1 CAO course (Home Economics - St Angela's College Sligo)





Business Subjects

Accounting, Business and Economics are useful subjects if you are thinking of taking a Business/Economics/Accounting course at college but Business and Economics are not essential for any college courses. Accounting is essential for 1 CAO course. (Commerce - Accounting- NUI Galway)



HOW DO STUDENTS MAKE THIS TOUGH CHOICE?



Research



- Interest
- Motivation & ability to work at a subject
- Aptitude
- Career Options

HOW DO STUDENTS MAKE THIS TOUGH CHOICE?

- Look for subjects you would like and be good at
- Find out as much as you can about the subjects
- Talk to teachers
- Look at some of the text books
- Talk to students taking the subject
- Consider the possible careers related to the subject



After final selection students should examine options carefully to see that they have kept their career options open.

They should check to see if they have the **essential requirements** for third-level courses in which they have an interest. It is too late finding out in your final Leaving Certificate year. Use the

[Guide to Specific Course Requirements](#) on the Qualifax website



The image shows the homepage of the Qualifax website. At the top left is the Qualifax logo with the tagline "THE NATIONAL LEARNERS' DATABASE". To the right is a search bar labeled "Qualifax Website" with the text "Search this site" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the logo and search bar is a navigation menu with tabs for "Home", "Students", "Adult learners", "Guidance professionals", "Parents / Family", "News", and "NFQ". The main content area features four large tiles: "Further Education PLC" with a collage of colorful paper scraps, "Higher Education CAO" with a group of students sitting around a table, "Lifelong Learning" with a laptop displaying "LEARNING NEVER ENDS", and "Postgraduate Study" with a hand holding a graduation cap. Below these tiles is a "Welcome to Qualifax" section with a paragraph of text: "Qualifax is Ireland's National Learners' Database and is the 'one stop shop' for learners and the public. Comprehensive, annually updated information is provided about further and higher education and training options in Ireland and further afield. Articles and links are also provided to assist students, jobseekers, parents, guidance professionals and graduates to make informed choices for education, training and career pathways." To the right of this text are three icons in a row: a green magnifying glass labeled "Search all Courses", a purple envelope labeled "Take an Interest Assessment", and a blue graduation cap labeled "Check a Qualification".

Information on Leaving Certificate Subjects

www.careersportal.ie

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Leaving Cert Subjects

Practical Group

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Science Group



Lisa Curry, Catering Sales Executive

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

As well as the standard leaving certificate

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Chemistry

Career Zone

1 2 3 4 5



NFQ Level

4

Duration

2 Years

Summary

Grades Awarded

Course Overview

Course Content

Exam Structure

Career Possibilities

Career Guidance

Summary



To summarise:



- Essential & Useful Subjects
- How to make the tough choice?
- Check course and college requirements carefully!!!!!!!!!!!!

Subject Choice

Closing date for completing subject choice is
Thursday 11th March 2021



Useful Websites

- www.qualifax.ie
- www.cao.ie
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.ucas.com
- www.eunicas.ie
- www.apprenticeship.ie
- Also Our Lady's School Subject Choice booklet
(available on school website)

www.olschool.ie → Curriculum → The Guidance Department

→ Subject Choice Booklet LC 2023



My Future Journey -Interest & Aptitude assessments

TY students have completed these assessments and can access their results here <https://login.myfuturejourney.com/>

Students need to log into their account to access their results and their individual report. We recommend parents and students read and discuss the results.

[My Future Journey sample report](#)

Welcome to MyFutureJourney

MyProgrammes

MyAptitude

Aptitude Test (Formerly known as "Cambridge Profile") - Irish Version MyAptitude is a psychometrically based aptitude test developed with renowned Occupational Psychologist, Dr. Charles Johnson.

Questionnaire in progress

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EirQuest

A specifically designed version for our Irish customers. MyCareerChoices analyses individual student responses to 200 questions and produces an Interest Profile based on over 40 broad career areas.

Questionnaire has been completed

Explore Results 

Results PDF ▾

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