



Option 1: Students study ONE of these (3 periods a week) for the full year: Number in order of preference 1-4

Art, Craft & Design

TY Art is for everyone regardless of whether or not you have done the subject before. Over the year you will experience different crafts, materials and techniques. This will give you a good idea about the various ways artists and designers work in today's world and also, for those who might want to do Art for the Leaving Cert, an insight into what is required at Senior Cycle. You will also be involved in designing props for the TY musical!

Music Production

Singers, dancers, actors and those aspiring to be! Hard work and enthusiasm needed in preparation for an exciting performance in January 2022! If you choose this option you must be prepared to be on stage and be fully committed to the musical. It will, nearer the musical, involve some extra rehearsals and full attendance at all will be mandatory.

Enterprise & Event Management

Enterprise is all about setting up and running your own business and making a profit. You will need to use your initiative and work outside of class time to make your projects a success. Event Management will involve working behind the scenes at various school events to ensure that everything runs smoothly. This option involves lots of practical activity and working together in teams to achieve results.

Sports Leadership & Active Schools Flag

For students enthusiastic about sport and interested in coaching. Students will be working towards gaining a Level 1 in sports leadership, they will be coaching each other and 1st Year students and will be formally assessed in April/May. Students will be involved in the OLS Active Schools Flag initiative organising whole school activities and student VS teacher sporting events.

Option 2: Students study ONE of these (2 periods a week) for the full year:

Number in order of preference 1-5

Junk Kouture

This primary objective of this class is to work towards creating an avant-garde garment from recycled items and second hand clothes. Finished garments may apply to the International *Junk Kouture* competition. Garments may be made by individuals; or students can work in pairs or groups of three. Students will be exposed to a variety of textile and sculptural techniques that they may use in the design & construction of their garment. This class has its foundations in Art, Craft & Design and once the Junk Kouture competition component of this class is completed (roughly February Mid-term) then students will be working on a variety of Art, Craft & Design projects for the remainder of the academic year.

Climate Action & Horticulture

This option is an interactive way to learn about climate change and innovative solutions to reducing our carbon footprint. Students will gain appreciation of the Irish horticultural sector. Through this module students will discuss common practices completed in the industry and develop approaches to support sustainability and biodiversity in habitats. Students will develop their horticulture skills on the school grounds with various sustainable gardening projects.

Film

This option involves learning the crafts of film making such as camera shots and angles, storyboarding, script writing and Foley artistry. Movie making techniques and themes are also explored. This option would suit those students that can work independently, creatively and with initiative.

Journalism

This module looks at how the world of the media operates. It involves examining what kind of things the media report on (entertainment, sports, politics, etc.), how they do it (newspaper, magazines, online articles, blogs, etc.) and the skills they need. These skills of investigation, photography, interviewing, researching, writing, designing and formatting are put into action in creating the school magazine and other school publications. You would be suited to this module if you are interested in media, writing, art and design, computers, photography, working as part of a team.

Chinese Language & Culture

This option involves the learning of the Mandarin language up to YCT level. Throughout the course of the year the students will also delve into the rich culture of China, engaging with topics such calligraphy, sports, food and tai chi to name but a few. The course will be broken down into 70% language and 30% culture and would suit those interested in languages.

Block 1: Students study THREE of these (1 period a week) for 9 week blocks over the course of the year:

Number in order of preference 1-5

Human Rights & Development Education

This module explores how human rights abuses can affect the development of countries. It looks at issues such as culture, gender equality, war and politics with a particular focus on genocide. Students who have an interest in equality, history, geography and politics would like this module.

World Affairs

The content of this module depends on the contemporary issues of the day. This year students looked at: the question of Gun Control in the USA, the Black Lives Matter movement, North Korea and Immigration & the international Migrant Crisis. Next year will follow the same patterns, but who knows what we will be discussing!

Home Economics

Students will research, plan and prepare a range of healthy dishes, sweet and savoury. They will also identify and examine some topical health related issues and get an insight into what Senior Cycle Home Economics involves.

Music

The Music module involves learning ukulele skills, developing other instrumental skills, group performing and music technology. Activities incorporate the three strands of Leaving Certificate Music - Listening, Composing and Performing.

Philosophy

Philosophy is the study or creation of theories about basic things such as the nature of existence, knowledge, and thought, or about how people should live. This Philosophy module is led by class discussion and individual thought. During the module we discuss a range of interesting questions such as are we 'real'? What is love? Is there life after death? What is your purpose in life? and many more. Philosophy requires you to think for yourself and share your ideas on a range of topics. It is essentially a module where you don't simply accept what you are told but rather you question everything around you. There is no right or wrong in Philosophy and that is what makes it an interesting module. It is different to your other Leaving Certificate subjects, but those who have an open mind, enjoy discussions and have the ability to question existence, knowledge or thought should enjoy this module.