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SUBJECT CHOICES FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2027

Dear Transition Year Students and Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Over the coming weeks the Transition Year students will be assisted in deciding which subjects they will take in their Leaving Certificate Examination 2027. A copy of **Our Lady's School Subject Choice Booklet** will be provided online to your daughter and is also available on the school website and app. Please see the link below

<https://careersportal.ie/sites/default/files/documents/Transition%20Years%20OLS%20Subject%20Choice%20Booklet%202025%20for%20LC%202027.pdf>

We hope you find the information in this booklet useful in enabling your daughter to make well-informed decisions about subject choices for 5th and 6th Year.

We are investigating offering students the option to take the **Leaving Certificate Applied** programme as an alternative to the traditional Leaving Certificate. Information about this programme is available in the subject choice booklet page 5 and all interested students and parents are invited to join a meeting focussing specifically on the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme which will take place online on **Tuesday 4 February at 4pm.**

At Our Lady's School, we provide TY students the following to assist them to make appropriate subject choices for the senior cycle:

- Our Lady's School LC Subject Choice booklet
- Career classes
- Individual student appointments with Guidance Counsellor
- Virtual Students & Parents Subject Choice Information meeting
- Individual LC subject departments will give students a presentation providing students with further information about the various LC subjects
- OLS subject choice Expo for students to meet and talk with 5th/6th year students currently studying the various LC subjects
- RightCareer4Me career assessments

The results of RightCareer4Me career assessments will be discussed with the students and their results are available online for you to view with your daughter. These results will be emailed to your daughter over the coming days. The results can be helpful in making college course selections and career decisions. They also throw light on a student's thinking and learning styles. We

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encourage you to read this information with your daughter and hope it is useful in helping students to identify the appropriate range of subjects to choose for their Leaving Certificate.

We will be holding a virtual Students' and Parents' Information Presentation on Subject Choice on Thursday 27 Feb 2025 at 5pm. A link to this meeting will be shared with you on the day through the school app. We encourage all students and their parents to join this information session.

In the week **24th - 28th February** your daughter will attend a number of presentations, which will be given by the various subject departments to inform them about the Leaving Certificate subjects on offer in Our Lady's School. Each student will have an individual meeting with the Guidance Counsellor to discuss her career plans, subject choices and to receive feedback on her RightCareers4me career assessments results. However students are reminded have queries about LC subjects or would like to discuss your LC subject choices prior to the 5th March deadline, please email lporter@olschool.ie (T1, T3,) or fbannan@olschool.ie (T2 & T4) to arrange an early appointment. These early appointments will take place Jan 20 - Jan 31 and 24 Feb - 4 March 2025

We are also offering students the opportunity to consider choosing the **Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)** and/or **Applied Maths** as additional subjects for their Leaving Certificate. Information will be provided about this at the Students' and Parents' Information presentation. **In both of these subjects the classes will take place outside of school hours.**

Subject choice options are completed on VSWare. We would appreciate it if you could complete your daughter's subject choices by **Wednesday 5 March 2025.**

The VSWare link to complete Leaving Certificate subject choice will open on **Thursday 27th February.**

The compulsory subjects for the Leaving Certificate are English, Irish and Maths. In addition to this students will study four optional subjects. Care should be taken to ensure your daughter has the correct requirements for their future college course choices. Please check relevant college websites. For example, a third language in addition to Irish & English, is a requirement for some courses in the NUI colleges.

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.

The following are the steps to complete subject choices online.

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1. Log on to olschool.vsware.ie using your username and password (please note do not put www. in front of it.) If you cannot locate your username please contact admin@olschool.ie to receive it by text. **If you have forgotten your password, please follow the steps to Create/Reset Password on the VSware homepage.**
2. Click on Student Options in your daughter's profile.
3. Choose subjects 1 to 7 in order of preference.
4. Answer yes to LCVP and/or Applied Maths if interested in taking that as an additional subject(s).

Please see the demo video from VSware available here:

<https://vsware.wistia.com/medias/n7yo7lck0k> and apply the same steps to OLS subject choice.

In addition to the Our Lady's School Subject Choice Booklet, information regarding subject choices can also be found on the following websites:

- www.qualifax.ie
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.cao.ie
- www.ucas.com
- www.eunicas.ie
- www.apprenticeship.ie

We hope that you will find the above useful when discussing subject choices with your daughter. If you have any questions regarding Leaving Certificate subjects in general or your daughter's subject choices please feel free to contact us. We look forward to meeting you at the **virtual Students' and Parents' Subject Choice Information Meeting on Thursday 27 February 2025 at 5pm.**

Yours sincerely

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