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SUBJECT CHOICES FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2024

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 2024. 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. 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.

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
- My Future Choice- My Aptitude and Eirquest Interest Assessments

The results of these assessments will be discussed with the students and their results are available online for you to view with your daughter. They are available at <https://login.myfuturejourney.com/>. Students need to log into their account to access their results. This information reveals a picture of the student's stronger occupational and academic interests and related abilities. It includes results of the My Aptitude Test. This test comprises an assessment of a student's: Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Spatial Reasoning, Spelling, Arithmetic Calculation and Working Quickly and Accurately. The results are relevant in making college course selections and career decisions. They also throw light on a student's thinking and learning styles. We 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 Monday 28 February 2022 at 4.30pm. 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 early March 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

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discuss her career plans, subject choices and to receive feedback on her Eirquest and My Aptitude Profile results.

We are also offering students the opportunity to investigate choosing the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) as an additional subject for their Leaving Certificate. Information will be provided about this at the Students and Parents Information presentation.

We now have the facility to complete subject choice options on our VSWare system. We would appreciate it if you could complete your daughter's subject choices on the VSWare system by **Tuesday 15th March 2022**.

The VSWare link to complete Leaving Certificate subject choice will open on **Monday 28 February**.

The compulsory subjects for the Leaving Certificate are English, Irish and Maths. In addition to this students will study four optional subjects. Plus the option to take LCVP. 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.

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 password@olschool.ie to receive it by email/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 if interested in taking that as an additional subject.

Please see the demo video from VSware available here:

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

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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 Monday 28th February 2022 at 4.30pm.**

Yours sincerely

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