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## **SUBJECT CHOICES FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2020**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Over the coming weeks the 4<sup>th</sup> Year students will be assisted in deciding which subjects they will take in their Leaving Certificate Examination 2020. A copy of **Our Lady's School Subject Choice Booklet** is available on the school website. Copies of this booklet are also available at reception in school. We hope you find the information in this booklet useful in enabling your daughter to make well-informed decisions about subject choices for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year.

At Our Lady's School, we provide 4<sup>th</sup> Year students the following to assist them to make appropriate subject choices for the senior cycle:

- Career Guidance classes on Subject Choices
- COA Eirquest and Cambridge Profile aptitude and interest test

The students have received the **Eirquest Student Booklet**. This workbook reveals a picture of the student's stronger occupational and academic interests and related abilities. It includes results of the Cambridge Profile 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 university course and career decisions. They also throw light on a student's thinking and learning styles. We encourage you to read this workbook 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 Parent's Information Evening on Subject Choice on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm.**

As per previous correspondence the Leaving Certificate Applied is also being offered to students as an alternative to the traditional Leaving Certificate. An information meeting with details on this programme has taken place and further meetings can be organised as requested.

In 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 also have an individual meeting with the Guidance Counsellor to discuss her career plans, subject choices and to receive feedback on her Eirquest and Cambridge Profile results.

Each student will also be given a Subject Choice Option Form. **Please note that the deadline for return of this form will be Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.** We now have the facility to complete subject choice options on our VSWare system. We would much appreciate if you could complete your daughter's subject choices on the VSWare system as well as completing the paper subject choice form.

The following are the steps to complete subject choices online.

1. Log on to [olschool.vsware.ie](http://olschool.vsware.ie) using your username and password (please note do not put www. in front of it.) If you cannot locate your username and password please contact [password@olschool.ie](mailto:password@olschool.ie) to receive it by email/text.
2. Click on student options on the left hand side of the page under your daughter's photograph.
3. Choose your language option.
4. Choose subjects 1 to 6 in order of preference.

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](http://www.qualifax.ie)
- [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
- [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)
- [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

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.

Yours faithfully

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