



# Leaving Certificate Subject Options 2010/2012



Pobalscoil na Tríonóide, Youghal

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cuirimid luach ar an bhfoghlaím,  
tugamid tús áite dár bpobal,  
téimid í dtreo na foirfeachta de shíor*



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## **Message from the Principal/ Focal ón bPríomhoide**

A Thuistí/Chaomhnóirí/Scoláirí

The Leaving Certificate examination is a very important milestone for most young adults.

The first step in obtaining an excellent Leaving Certificate is for each individual to choose subjects most suited to themselves.

We hope you find this booklet a valuable source of information and guidance.

As a matter of policy we will make every effort with the resources available to offer students the subjects of their choice.

Le gach dea-ghuí

***Seamus Ó Ceallacháin***

Príomhoide

# Introduction

Students may choose from four different options at Senior Cycle level. The four options are

1. Leaving Certificate
2. Leaving Certificate Applied
3. Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme LCVP
4. Transition Year

This booklet concerns those students who are progressing on to Leaving Certificate. It contains information that will help you to choose your subjects wisely. Information is provided on the content of all of the optional Leaving Certificate subjects, as well as information on the assessment of these subjects in the Leaving Certificate. We have given some examples of career areas linked to the various subjects.

In choosing your subjects for Leaving Certificate you also need to consider your options on completion of Leaving Certificate. Information is provided on the CAO points system as well as the essential subjects needed for specific courses. There is further information available regarding courses on college websites and other websites, details of which are provided in this booklet.

While the information contained in this booklet is accurate at the time of publication, course requirements are constantly changing and students need to check up-to-date requirements re specific course requirements with colleges via websites and/or brochures.

We wish to thank the subject teachers who provided the information on subject content for this booklet.

Guidance Department  
February 2010

## **Achieving your potential in the Leaving Certificate**

The Leaving Certificate requires a two year commitment to work and study from students.

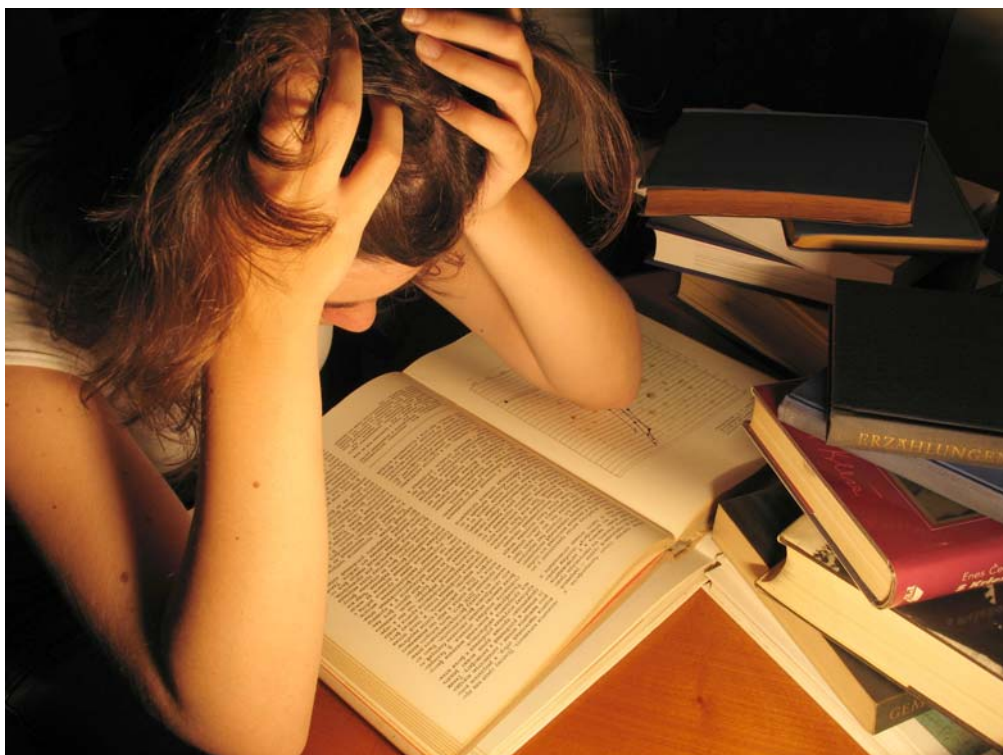
The following guideline is suggested for 5th year students

**September - December**

15 hours homework and study per week

**January - June**

18 hours homework and study per week



## How many subjects will you study for Leaving Certificate?

Irish, English and Maths are core subjects on the Senior Cycle curriculum. (Some students may have an exemption from Irish or a European language)

You will then study 4 other subjects from the following:

- Accounting
- Agricultural Science
- Applied Maths
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Construction Studies
- Design and Communication Graphics
- Economics
- Engineering
- French
- Fraincis
- Geography
- Tír Eolas
- German
- Gearmáinis
- History
- Home Economics
- Music
- Physics
- Religion
- Staidéar Foirgníochta

- Students may also choose LCVP as an extra subject

This choice will be made in May 2010

- Details of LCVP are on page 22
- The availability of certain subjects will be dependent on demand
- All subjects are offered at Higher and Ordinary Level. Maths and Irish are also offered at Foundation Level. However, in general, Foundation Level does not satisfy as an entry requirement for college

### Gaelscoil na Tríonóide

Students in Gaelscoil na Tríonóide will access some of their non-examination subjects through Irish. Beyond this a limited number of subjects from the options will be offered through Irish and will be available where the demand is sufficient.

The following subjects are being offered for 2010 - 2012

- Fraincis (French)
- Tír Eolas (Geography)
- Gearmáinis (German)
- Staidéar Foirgníochta (Construction Studies)

## How will you choose your subjects for Leaving Certificate?

- Identify subjects you like
- Identify subjects you are good at
- Some subjects are essential for entry to particular colleges. Check the list of essential subjects required for specific third level courses. Consult college websites e.g. [www.ucc.ie](http://www.ucc.ie), [www.cit.ie](http://www.cit.ie), [www.wit.ie](http://www.wit.ie)
- If you are uncertain about your future direction, choose a range of subjects which will keep your options open, perhaps a Science subject, and/or a Business subject, and/or a European language, and/or a practical subject

## Essential subjects - some examples

HC3 in Irish - Primary School Teaching.

HC3 in Honours Maths - Honours Engineering Degrees.

HC3 in Chemistry - Veterinary Medicine, Human Nutrition and Dietetics in DIT.

HC3 in Chemistry and either Physics or Biology - Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy in UCC.

HC3 in a Laboratory Science Subject - Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy in UCC.

A Laboratory Science Subject - Nursing.

All essential subjects for courses may be found on college websites and on [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

## Where can you get further information?



- Speak to your subject teachers
- Speak to your parents, older brothers and sisters, who may have studied these subjects before
- Speak to your Guidance Counsellor
- [www.curriculum.online.ie/en/-information](http://www.curriculum.online.ie/en/-information) on all subjects for Leaving Certificate
- [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)-information on courses requiring specific subjects in Leaving Certificate



## CAO Points

### Leaving Certificate Points Scoring System

Percentages	Grades	Higher	Ordinary
90-100	A1	100	60
85-89	A2	90	50
80-84	B1	85	45
75-79	B2	80	40
70-74	B3	75	35
65-69	C1	70	30
60-64	C2	65	25
55-59	C3	60	20
50-54	D1	55	15
45-49	D2	50	10
40-44	D3	45	05
25-39	E	-	-
10-24	F	-	-

## LCVP Link Modules

Grade	Points
Distinction	70
Merit	50
Pass	30



- You may only count 6 subjects for points
- All subjects are treated equally for points
- Max 600 points in one sitting of the Leaving Certificate
- You may satisfy course requirements in more than one sitting of Leaving Certificate

## **SCIENCE SUBJECTS**



### **Physics**

The topics covered are Mechanics, Temperature, Heat, Light, Electricity, Modern Physics. In addition at Higher Level there is a choice between

Option 1: Particle Physics or Option 2: Applied Electricity.

For all topics there is greater depth of treatment at Higher Level.

Students keep a record of practical work throughout the year.

Science Technology and Society is an aspect of the course that promotes an understanding of how physics relates to everyday life.

The syllabus does not require Higher Level Mathematics but all topics require use of the calculator to solve numerical problems (mainly algebra and trigonometry) and the drawing of graphs.

### **Assessment**

Terminal 3 hour written examination (includes questions based on practical work).

### **Courses and Careers with Physics**

Architecture, Astronomy, Biophysicist, Dentist, Doctor, Engineer, Marine Radio Operator, Medical Laboratory Scientist, Metallurgist, Meteorologist, Naval Service, Pharmacist, Optician, Teacher, Science Laboratory Technician, Telecommunications and various trade apprenticeships especially that of Electrician and Instrumentation Technician.

- Physics is an important subject in Engineering courses
- Radiography and Physiotherapy involve the study of Physics.

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### **Biology**

Biology involves the study of three units:

Unit One - Biology -the study of life

Unit Two - The Cell

Unit Three - The Organism

A: Diversity of Organisms

B: Plant Anatomy and Physiology

C: Human Biology

## Assessment

A terminal three hour exam which includes a section on practical work undertaken during the course and recorded in a journal. While this does not earn the student any marks in his/her final year, an inspector of the Dept. of Education and Science may at any time ask to see it. A student may be prevented from sitting his/her final exam if this is not kept to the inspector's satisfaction

## Courses and Careers with Biology

Biology is an essential aspect of careers which include, Oceanography, Ecology, Medicine, Biotechnology, Agricultural Research, Oceanographer, Zoologist, Radiographer, Nursing, Marine Biologist, Occupational Therapist, Microbiologist, Geneticist, Health Inspector, Biomedical Scientist, Dietician, Food Scientist, Chiropodist and Paramedic.

- Students wishing to study Genetics in UCC require a HC3 in Biology in Leaving Certificate
  - Students wishing to study Beauty Therapy at Cork College of Commerce require Leaving Certificate Biology.
  - Biology is an essential requirement for entry to Dental Hygiene Nursing (UCC)
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## Chemistry

The Leaving Certificate Chemistry course is a wide-ranging and interesting subject for students who have a liking for Science.

What do you study?

Atomic Chemistry, Molecular Bonding, the Periodic Table of Elements, Physical Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Environmental Chemistry.

There is also a very important practical aspect to the subject. Each student is expected to carry out 28 mandatory experiments and to keep a laboratory notebook of his/her work. While this does not earn the student any marks in his/her final year, an inspector of the Dept. of Education and Science, may at any time ask to see it. A student may be prevented from sitting his/her final exam if this is not kept to the inspector's satisfaction.

## **Assessment**

One terminal three hour exam.

## **Courses and Careers with Chemistry**

Chemistry is a core science subject and offers a wide range of opportunities in the Scientific field including Brewing, Bio-Technology, Medical Laboratory Science, the Pharmaceutical Industry, Pharmacy and Human Nutrition and Dietetics.

- Human Nutrition and Dietetics in DIT requires a HC3 in Chemistry
  - Dentistry, Pharmacy and Medicine in UCC requires HC3 in Chemistry plus HC3 in Physics or Biology
  - Veterinary Medicine in UCD requires HC3 in Chemistry
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## **Agricultural Science**

It covers the study of soils, plants and their functions including farm crops, animals and trees.

It is preferable that students should have studied Science at Junior Cert level.

The course contains large segments of Biology

## **Assessment**

A terminal exam: 75% of marks

Coursework: 25% of marks which includes a project based on an actual farm experience.

An oral exam forms part of the assessment procedure.

## **Careers with Agricultural Science**

Laboratory Technician, Farm Manager, Pharmacologist, Sales Representative, Veterinary Assistant and Agricultural Advisor. Agricultural Science graduates may work in the Dairy Industry, with Feed Manufacturers, Pharmaceutical/Biotechnological firms and in Environmental Companies

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## **Applied Maths**

The Leaving Certificate Applied Maths course is a wide-ranging course which acts as a huge benefit to students who are thinking of taking Engineering at Third Level

What do you study?

1. Motion of a particle.
2. Newton's laws.
3. Motion in a straight line under uniform acceleration

4. Equilibrium of a particle under concurrent forces, including friction.
5. Centre of gravity of simple bodies and systems of particles.
6. Liquid pressure. Thrust on a horizontal surface. Archimede's Principle.
7. Projectiles. Projectiles on inclined plane.
8. Angular velocity. Uniform motion in a circle without gravitational forces. Conical pendulum. Circular orbits.
9. Conservation of momentum. Collisions.
10. Simple harmonic motion of a particle in a straight line.
11. Motion of a rigid body about a fixed axis.

### **Assessment**

A two and half hour terminal exam. There are no projects or other forms of assessment.

### **Careers with Applied Maths**

#### **How is Applied Maths useful to me?**

It is a huge advantage to any student thinking of taking up Engineering and/or Science at Third Level. In addition, the problem solving skills which a student learns are a bonus when studying Maths and Science at Second Level.

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## **HUMANITIES**

### **Geography**



The Leaving Certificate course is a direct continuation of Junior Certificate i.e. Physical, Social, Regional and Economic Geography. The topics are dealt with in much greater detail. Students who are prepared to work can achieve a very good grade in this subject. Geography is a very valuable asset for students considering third level courses in Teaching, Town Planning, Engineering, Science, Horticulture, Tourism, Politics and Communications.

### **Assessment**

Pre submitted Geographical Investigation.

A terminal exam.

Students are expected to answer 5 questions in the Leaving Certificate exam which lasts two hours and fifty minutes. The paper is fair and offers a wide range of choice.

### **Key Times of Year**

April of 6th Year: Geographical Investigation report is handed up (20% of Leaving Certificate exam).

## **Careers with Geography**

Geography is a useful subject for students interested in Town Planning, Architecture, Meteorology, Surveying, Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry, Archaeology, Air Traffic Controller, Anthropologist, Marine Officer, Development Work Abroad, Geologist, Tour Guide, Naval Cadet, Quantity Surveyor, Dept. of Foreign Affairs Official, Tourism and Teaching.

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## **History**

Students choose four topics, two Irish and two European/World from a list of eight. The topics contain key personalities and key case studies to be analysed. Two text books required - One Irish, one European/World.

## **Assessment**

A pre-prepared special topic essay to be handed in prior to the Leaving Certificate exam. - A 2 ¾ hour terminal exam. 4 questions to be answered, 3 essays and a documents question.

## **Key times of Year**

The special topic must be completed by April of 6th Year (20% of overall mark in Leaving Certificate).

## **Careers with History**

History is useful for careers in Politics, Journalism, Social Work, Sociology, Archaeology, Civil Service, Teaching, Museum Work, Law, Trade Union Official, Prison Service, Garda, Tourism, Broadcasting and Librarianship.

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Syllabus:

Unit One The search for meaning and values.

Unit Two: Christianity: origins and contemporary expression, World Religions, Moral Decision Making.

Unit Three: One of the following - Religion and Gender, Issues of Justice and Peace. Worship, Prayer, and Ritual. The Bible: Literature and Sacred Text.

Religion: the Irish Experience and Religion and Science

## **Assessment**

Two elements:

Coursework	20%
Terminal Written Paper	80%

## **Careers with Religion**

Teacher, Faith Education, Diocesan Catechist, useful in the study of Sociology, Social Studies, Social Science, Faith Development, Youth Work, Retreats and Chaplaincy in Hospitals and Schools

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## **BUSINESS SUBJECTS**

### **Accounting**

Accounting involves the preparation of Final Accounts - of Sole Traders, Manufacturing Firms, Departmental Firms, Companies, Farms, Clubs and Service Firms.

Other topics include:

Assessment of a Business, Cash Flow Statements, Published Accounts and Management Accounting (Costing - Budgets).

Students **must** have studied Junior Certificate Business Studies in order to take Accounting for Leaving Certificate. Transition Year Accounting is not a sufficient foundation for Leaving Certificate

## **Assessment**

A terminal 3 hour written paper - Higher and Ordinary Level

Section 1 1Q (x 120 marks) or 2Qs (x60 marks) from Q2, Q3, Q4

Section 2 (2 x 100 marks) from 3 Questions

Section 3 (1 x 80 marks) from 2 Questions

## **Careers with Accounting**

Essential for a career as an Auditor, Budget Analyst, Financial Accountant, Management Accountant, Tax Accountant/Consultant.

Accountants work in Private Accounting Firms, Government Agencies and Departments, Public Companies, Banks and Co-Ops.

Certified Accountants also work as Sole Traders or in Partnerships providing Accountancy Services to small businesses, farms etc.

Education - Teaching and Lecturing.

## **Economics**

Economics at Leaving Cert is designed to develop your ability to understand and apply economic thought, principles and critical knowledge covering such concepts as wealth, income, welfare, consumption and so forth. It provides a good foundation in economic growth and policies and prepares you well for both further education and jobs within this field.

### **Objectives:**

- 1) To give students a general picture and an understanding of economic activities, patterns and principles.
- 2) To develop in students the capacity to apply these principles and to help them transfer this knowledge to new situations, and to achieve critical thought.
- 3) To develop in students an interest in everyday economics and to aid them in their education for citizenship.
- 4) To provide a suitable basis for further study of the subject.

### **Assessment**

A two and a half hour terminal exam.

Part A: Answer 6 of 9 short questions.

Part B: Answer 4 of 8 long questions.

### **Careers and Courses with Economics**

Economics is useful for Administration, Accounting, Banking, Law, Civil Servant, Business Teacher, Economist, Hotel Management, Insurance, Journalist, Human Resource Management, Politician, Public Relations Officer, Quantity Surveyor and Marketing.

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## **Business**

Topics

People in Business

Solving Conflicts - legislative and non legislative methods

Enterprise and Entrepreneurs

Management skills and Characteristics and Activities

Business Organisation

Categories of Industry

Business, Government and the Economy

The EU, Foreign Trade and Global Markets



## The EU, Foreign Trade and Global Markets

### **Assessment:**

Terminal exam

#### Higher level

3 hour written examination

8 short questions (80 marks), 1 compulsory question (80 marks)

4 long questions (60 marks each)

#### Ordinary level

2 ½ hour written exam

10 short questions (100 marks)

4 long questions (75 marks each)

### **Careers and Courses with Business**

Business is useful for Banking, Book-Keeping, Teaching, Hotel Management, Financial Services, Management, Receptionist, Hospital Administrator, Merchandising, Customs and Excise and Recreation and Leisure Courses.

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## **ARTISTIC/CREATIVE SUBJECTS**

### **Art**



Art offers students the opportunity to develop their creativity by using a range of skills in a wide variety of contexts. It develops the expressive, communicative and functional modes of art, craft and design in the individual.

Students who choose Art should have a genuine interest in drawing, graphic design, painting and art history. Some students may wish to pursue a career in Art but generally the subject is chosen because it is a creative and enjoyable one.

<b>Art History:</b>	Art in Ireland	50 marks
	European Art	50 marks
	Art Appreciation	50 marks
<b>Still Life:</b>	Painting/Drawing	100 marks
<b>Graphic Design:</b>	Creative Visual Communication	100 marks
<b>Life Drawing:</b>	Drawings of Human Form	50 marks

Gallery visits are organised in both 5th and 6th Year

## Assessment

Practical exams are held in May of 6th year

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| 1. Life drawing exam | (50 marks)  | 1 hour    |
| Still Life           | (100 marks) | 2 ½ hours |

Both of these exams take place on the same day

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|-----------------|-------------|---------|
| 2. Craft/Design | (100 marks) | 5 hours |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|

Terminal written exam in June (150 marks) 2 ½ hours

## Careers with Art

Architecture, Art Teacher, Advertising, Artist, Graphic Designer, Painter and Decorator, Marketing, Primary Teacher, Fashion Designer, Florist, Television and Theatre, Sign Writer, Occupational Therapist, Sculptor and Interior Designer.

Art is a useful subject for those students who are applying for Art and related courses at Third Level, where a portfolio is required for entry, e.g. Architecture and Graphic Design.

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## Music

Music at Leaving Certificate level comprises two sections: practical performance and a written examination.

### Practical Performance

50% of the overall mark in Music is awarded for the practical examination. Students may present for examination on one instrument of their choice or alternatively may choose to perform four pieces as part of a group and four pieces on their own. Marks are easily obtained in the performance examination provided students work consistently and attend regularly for either private or classroom based tuition.

### Written exam

25% of the marks are awarded for a listening exam. Students undertake a study of Irish music and orchestral works. 25% of the marks are awarded for composition. Students are obliged to complete a 24 bar harmony exercise and complete a 16 bar melody.

## Assessment

Practical exam which takes place in April of 6th Year.

Three hour terminal exam

## Careers with Music

Teaching - Primary and Secondary, Musician, Conductor, Composer, Dancer, Actor, Film/TV Work, Music Producer, Marketing/Sales and Entertainment-groups, orchestra, bands etc

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## PRACTICAL SUBJECTS

### Home Economics



The revised Leaving Certificate Home Economics syllabus was first examined in 2004. The new syllabus has been designed to provide students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable students to take control of their own lives. It is concerned with the way individuals and families manage their resources to meet physical, intellectual, social and economic needs. The emphasis is on the acquisition of management theory and skills and the application of the principles of management. The course is divided up into the following sections:

Food studies	(45%)
Resource Management and Consumer Studies	(25%)
Social Studies	(10%)
Social Studies Elective	(20%)

### Assessment

Practical and investigative work are an integral part of the course. All students are currently required to complete five cookery assignments in class time. The students are required to fill in a written record of their five cookery assignments together with evidence of carrying out investigatory research on the topic. The written record books are examined in **November of 6th Year**. Students may be awarded up to 20% upon successful completion of the food studies assignments. The written exam paper is worth 80% of the overall result. The exam is composed of twelve short questions, one compulsory food studies question, one compulsory elective question and any other two long questions from section B. The course is offered at both higher and ordinary level. Every effort is made to encourage students to think independently and apply the knowledge they acquire in class to their everyday lives.

### Careers with Home Economics

Chef, Nutrition and Food Science, Hotel Management, Social Worker, Home Economics Teacher, Fashion Design, Demonstrator, Textile Science, Baking, Confectionery, Childcare and Tourism, Food Styling, Food Testing/Taster, Food Demonstrator, Lecturer in Food, Social and Tourism areas

## **Design and Communication Graphics (DCG)**

DCG is a follow on from Junior Certificate Technical Graphics.

More emphasis on design is required.

It is similar in content to the old course but with a more cross-topic approach.

### **Assessment**

40% of marks: - awarded for project completed between September and Christmas of Leaving Certificate Year. 60% of marks: terminal drawing exam

### **Careers with Design and Communication Graphics**

All Engineering and Engineering Technician Careers, Architecture, Architectural Technician, Construction trades e.g. Bricklayer, Carpenter etc., Engineering Trades e.g. Fitter, Toolmaker, etc. Industrial Designer, Industrial Engineer, Structural Designer and Town Planner.

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## **Engineering**

### **Topics**

Theory/Structure of materials and properties, Equilibrium Diagrams, Ferrous/Non Ferrous and Plastics, Welding, Material testing, Lathe work / Grinding / Milling / Drilling, Brazing and Soldering, Pneumatics, Electronics, Structures and Mechanisms and Design Process.

### **Assessment**

#### **Higher Level**

150 marks - 25% - project (Design based) and folder

150 marks - 25% practical (6 hour exam in May)

300 marks - 50% theory (written exam in June)

600 marks TOTAL

#### **Ordinary Level**

150 marks - 30% - project (Design based) and folder

150 marks - 30% practical (6 hour exam in May)

200 marks - 40% theory (written exam in June)

500 marks TOTAL

### **Key Times of Year**

Project: November - March of Sixth Year

Practical Exam: - 1 day in May of Sixth Year

A terminal exam



### **Careers with Engineering**

Mechanical, Production, Civil and Structural Engineer, Welder, Turner, Motor Mechanic, Metalwork and Engineering Teacher, Mechanics, Electrician, Fitter, Plumber, Army and Air Corps

## Construction Studies

Construction Studies is a straight follow on to Senior Cycle from Materials Technology Wood in the Junior Certificate.

It offers pupils an insight into the various technologies and designs that shape the world we live in and looks into the new technologies that are being developed to provide sustainable energy in our homes

The core topic for the theory side is looking at the various components that make up a modern dwelling. Other topics that are covered in this course are Planning, History of Buildings, Construction and Environmental Sustainability.

### What do I need to do this course?

Having studied Materials Technology Wood at Junior Cycle is important but not vital. A good knowledge of Technical Graphics is important.

### Assessment

Theory exam	50%
One day practical exam	25%
A practical project which includes a portfolio	25%

### Careers and Courses with Construction Studies

Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer, Architecture, Carpenter, Town Planner, Cabinet maker, Production Designer, Quantity Surveyor and Construction Site Manager

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## LANGUAGE

### German

Further development of the four German Language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Greater emphasis on development and use of oral skills to reflect examination structure of the Leaving Certificate.

Good level of attention to detail needed. On-going consistent work required to achieve a good level of language competency.

### Assessment

Oral exam	25%
Listening Comprehension	20%
Reading Comprehension	30%
Grammar	6 ¼ %



Written Expression

18 ¾%

## **Key Time of Year**

Oral Exam in April of Leaving Certificate year.

A terminal exam.

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## **French**

The benefits of studying a language are varied, apart from university requirements. Studying a language raises cultural awareness and the development of language skills. French is very helpful for students preparing for medical and legal professions. Fluency in a language also makes travel infinitely more enjoyable. We are fortunate in Pobalscoil na Tríonóide to have our French department headed by a native French speaker. We are part of the French Assistants' programme whereby a native French speaker may be appointed to assist in language classes in our school.

### **Assessment**

12 minute oral exam in March / April  
of Leaving Cert year.

Terminal exam consisting of a Listening  
comprehension (35mins),  
Reading. Comprehension,  
and Written Expression.



### **Careers with Languages**

Business Careers, Teacher, Translator, Pilot, Journalist, Dept. of Foreign Affairs, Librarian, Archivist, Bilingual Secretary, Hotel Receptionist, Tourism, Law with Languages and International Marketing.

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## LCVP (Link Modules)

### Brief Subject Content

- Two Year programme designed to enhance the vocational dimension of the traditional Leaving Certificate. LCVP combines the **academic** strengths of the Leaving Certificate with a focus on self-directed, **student-centred** learning
- Students compile a Portfolio of their ongoing work throughout the two year programme. This Portfolio includes reports (based on speakers invited to visit the school and on a visit out to a local business/industry), Action Plan (developing students' planning/organisational/ entrepreneurial skills), Career Investigation (incorporating Work Experience placement) and a CV.
- ICT is a prominent component of the LCVP programme and therefore students need to have a certain level of ICT skills on entering the programme. These skills will subsequently be developed and enhanced through participation in the programme.

### Assessment

- Students are assessed through a combination of Portfolio items (60% of overall mark) and a written examination (40% of overall mark).
- Six Portfolio items are submitted during the course of the two year programme.
- Written examination takes place on the first Wednesday of May of year two (6th Year)
- Grades are awarded at three levels
  - Distinction 80%-100% (Equivalent of 70 points for entry into Third Level Education)
  - Merit 65%-79% (Equivalent of 50 points for entry into Third Level Education)
  - Pass 50%-64% (Equivalent of 30 points for entry into Third Level Education)

### Eligibility

- Eligibility of students is determined by the subject groupings set out by the Department of Education.
- When students receive confirmation of their subject choices, those who are eligible will be offered the opportunity of participating in LCVP.

## Remember:

- Take time to discuss options with parents, subject teachers, friends and your guidance counsellor
- All subjects carry equal points
- Be realistic about your abilities

## Contact Details of Guidance Counsellors

Guidance Counsellors meet with students on an individual basis. Parents/Guardians are also welcome to discuss any concerns or queries they may have. Please contact us if you so wish.

Ms Eilís O Mahony	024 25730	3A1, 3A2, 3A6 and 4A2
Mr Frank Delaney	024 25722	3A3, 3A4, 3A5 and 4AG
Ms Gillian Crowley	024 25733	3AG and 4A1



## **Useful Websites for further information**

[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

[www.ucc.ie](http://www.ucc.ie)

[www.cit.ie](http://www.cit.ie)

[www.wit.ie](http://www.wit.ie)

[www.careerdirections.ie](http://www.careerdirections.ie)

[www.fas.ie](http://www.fas.ie)

[www.skool.ie](http://www.skool.ie)

[www.scoilnet.ie](http://www.scoilnet.ie)

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