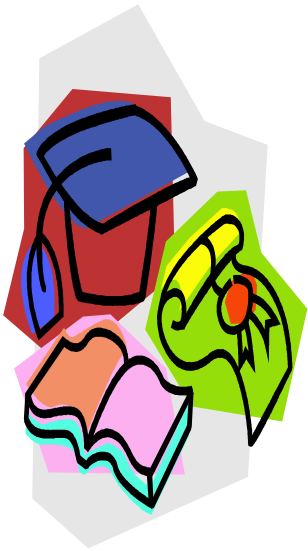


# Senior Cycle Options 2021-2023



- ▶ Leaving Certificate Applied
- ▶ Leaving Certificate Established (LCE) – 2 year programme
  - ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> Year
  - ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> Year

# Students will study Maths, English and Irish

In addition students will study 4 subjects from the following list

## **Business**

- ▶ Accounting
- ▶ Business
- ▶ Economics

## **Arts and Humanities**

- ▶ Art
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ History
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Physical Education

## **Languages**

- ▶ French
- ▶ German

## **Science**

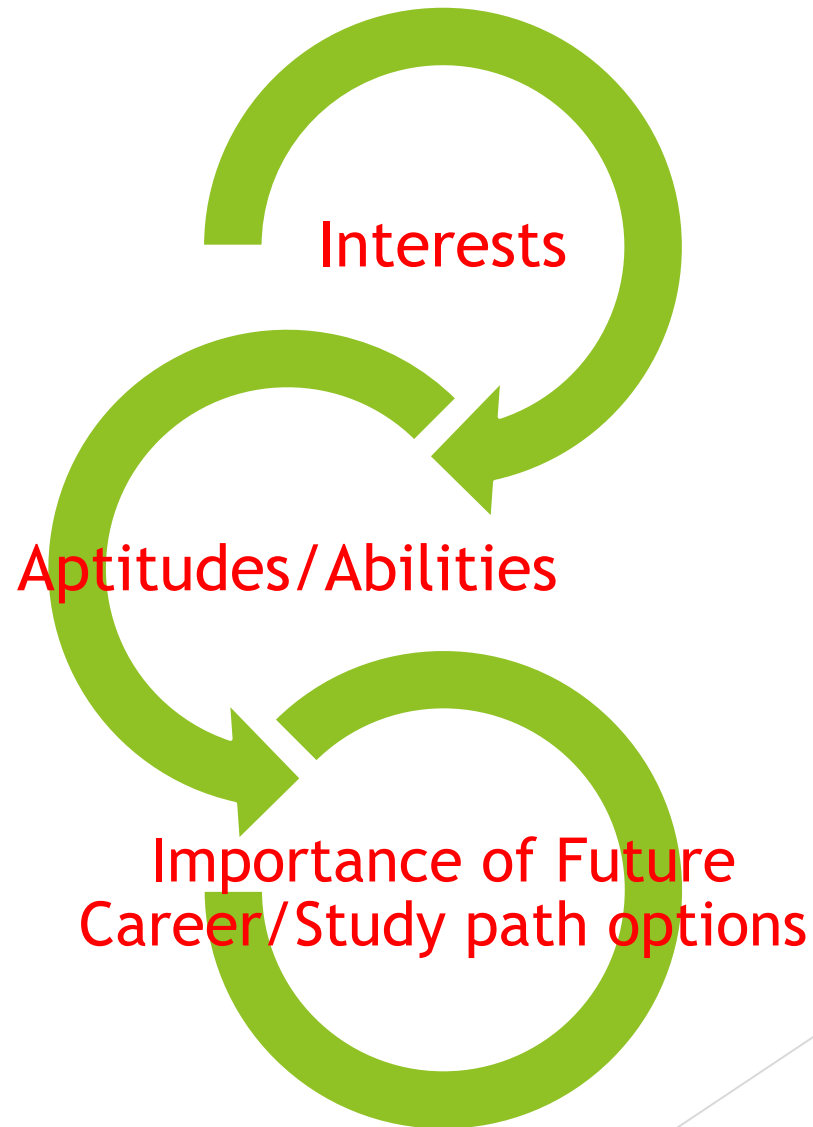
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Agricultural Science
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Applied Maths

## **Applied Science**

- ▶ Construction Studies
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Home Economics
- ▶ Design & Communication Graphics
- ▶ Technology

Subject	Practical and Project work	Assessment		Leaving Cert Exam	Homework	Skills required
		5 <sup>th</sup> Year	6 <sup>th</sup> Year			
Art	Craft-life drawing-still life/imaginative.	Project, life drawing	AOL's	Life drawing - 12.5% Still life/imag. - 25% Craft - 25% Art History - 37.5%	1.5 hours per week	Imagination, drawing skills and writing skills
History	Research project. Completed by April of 6 <sup>th</sup> Year	AOL's Continuous Assessment	AOL's, Continuous assessment	Written Exam - 80% Project - 20%	Constant revision of notes. Written homework nightly	Researching Comprehension
Geography	Field Study/Geographical investigation	AOL's Continuous Assessment	Field Study and AOL's	Written Exam - 80% Field Investigation - 20%	30 mins each night	Interpretive, Maths and analytical skills
Music	Practical (25 - 50%)	AOL's Practical and written tests	AOL's	Written exam - 50% Practical - 50%	Composition and practice of instrument. Aural analysis	Listening and commitment to working on your own initiative
German	Oral work (Project)	AOL's Class tests and house exams	AOL's and class tests	Written exam - 55% Listening Comp -20% Oral - 25%	40 mins each night with additional time at weekends	Communication skills

# Questions Students should ask about subjects





# COA

December 2020

## ‘MyAptitude’

An eight battery aptitude test profiling students aptitudes in verbal, numerical and abstract reasoning; two and three dimensional spatial reasoning; spelling, arithmetic calculation and working quickly and accurately.

## ‘MyCareerChoice’

Combines results from My Aptitude and analyses individual student responses and correlates them with relevant career areas.

# Common Points scale

Grade	%	Higher	Ordinary
H 1	90-100	100	56
H 2	80-89	88	46
H 3	70-79	77	37
H 4	60-69	66	28
H 5	50-59	56	20
H 6	40-49	46	12
H 7	30-39	37	0
H 8	0-29	0	0

# Why seven/eight subjects?

- ▶ Leaving Cert points are calculated on the best **SIX** subjects
- ▶ The seventh or eighth subject can be a safety net

# Points for higher maths

- ▶ Provided you gain a Grade D3 or higher
- ▶ You gain 25 points + Grade points
- ▶ e.g.

H2 = 88 points (+25 points) = 113 points



# REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC COURSES

- ▶ NUI Colleges UCD (including NCAD), UCC, NUIG and NUI Maynooth)

**Maths, Irish, English and a third language**

**with the exception of Science, Engineering, Nursing, Social Science (UCD only), Business and Law (Maynooth NUI only) and Agricultural Science programmes)**

- ▶ Trinity College, DCU, UL, TU Dublin, MTU (Munster Technological University) and IT's

**Maths, Irish and English**

## ▶ Primary Teaching

**Irish H4**

- ▶ Science subjects essential to study any of the following at university (preferably two in some cases):

Medicine, Architecture, Veterinary,  
Science, Engineering, Radiography,  
Physiotherapy, Agriculture

- ▶ Medicine, Veterinary, Pharmacy, Dentistry,  
Dietetics

– **Chemistry**

▶ **Nursing** – A laboratory science subject, no third language required

▶ **Engineering**

- NUI's, DCU, UL, TU Dublin and Trinity –  
Maths >H4, Science subject, no third language

- IT's – Maths O5 (with some exceptions)

**If unsure of potential career path, it is advisable to choose subjects from different groups:**

- ▶ **Science**
- ▶ **Languages**
- ▶ **Business**
- ▶ **Arts/Humanities**
- ▶ **Practical's**

**LCVP**



*An enhanced* Leaving Certificate

# Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

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# LCVP

- ▶ Extra subject **not** an alternative Leaving Cert
- ▶ Can be counted as one of your **six** subjects for CAO points

## Assessment:

- ▶ 60% for portfolio
  - ▶ CV, Career Investigation, Summary Report, Enterprise Action Plan, Work Experience, Recorded Interview.
- ▶ 40% for written exam (May)
  - ▶ Enterprise Education and World of Work

# CAO points

- ▶ **Distinction** 66 points (80% - 100%)
- ▶ **Merit** 46 points (65% - 79%)
- ▶ **Pass** 28 points (50% - 64%)

# RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH...

- ▶ The number of courses which require specific subjects are quite limited, but these courses need to be researched.
- ▶ [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)
- ▶ [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)



# Remember!

- ▶ At Leaving Certificate, subjects are studied in greater **depth** so more **time** is needed for each subject.
- ▶ A significant amount of time should be given to each subject.
- ▶ Exercise caution if considering taking on a new subject for Leaving Certificate, consultation with subject teacher is required.



# Remember!

- ▶ Beware of bias or incorrect information
- ▶ The student should ask '*Is this right for me?*' They should **not be influenced negatively by others**
- ▶ It should be the student's personal decision

In summary...

Decisions to be made by students...

- ▶ At what level will I take Maths, English and Irish i.e. Higher or Ordinary?
- ▶ Will I undertake a third language (French or German)?
- ▶ What other 4 subjects will I choose?

# A wise choice requires...

- ▶ Research
- ▶ Discussion
- ▶ Reflection
- ▶ Decision

# Useful websites:

- ▶ [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
- ▶ [www.careerdirections.ie](http://www.careerdirections.ie)
- ▶ [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)
- ▶ [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)
- ▶ [www.scoilnet.ie](http://www.scoilnet.ie)
- ▶ [www.ncca.ie](http://www.ncca.ie)

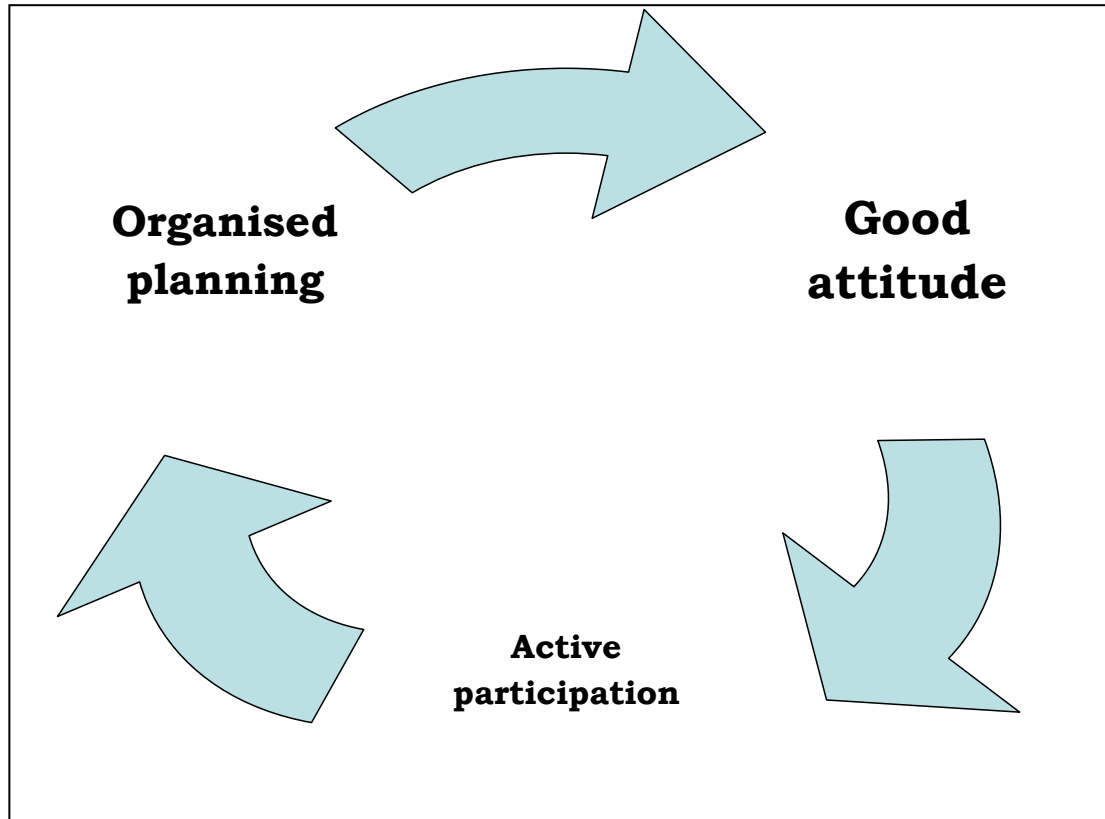
# Open Days

- ▶ Colleges exhibit their courses of study to entice students to attend.
- ▶ Universities host open days on Fridays and Saturdays
- ▶ IT's – host open days on weekdays.
- ▶ Details – college websites, notices outside my office and [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

# Senior Cycle Activities

- ▶ One to one guidance interviews
- ▶ Careers Evening
- ▶ Visiting speakers
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year Induction Days
- ▶ Study skills
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> Year – *The Irish Times* Higher Options in the RDS.

# Working towards Leaving Cert 2023





In 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year, always remember to –

## **A.I.M.**

**A – Avail of opportunities**

**I – Improve yourself**

**M – Monitor your progress**

**In summary.....**

- ▶ **Decisions to be made by students.**
- ▶ **Engage in active research**
- ▶ **Adopt a proactive approach and be positive.**



**Thank you.....**