

Subject Options for First Year

Presentation College, Carlow

February 2024



All students will be timetabled for the following:

English, Maths, Irish*, Geography, History, Science**

Wellbeing subjects: Social Personal Health Education (SPHE)
Civic, Social and Political Education (CSPE)
Digital Media Literacy, PE (short course)
Guidance Related Learning (Learning to Learn (Friends for Life Programme,
Developing Myself, Developing My Learning and Developing My Career Path)

Religious Education (RE)

Tutorial class with First Year, Year Head

*unless there is an official Department of Education granted exemption from Primary School. Please request a copy from your child's Primary School and send to our office to confirm.

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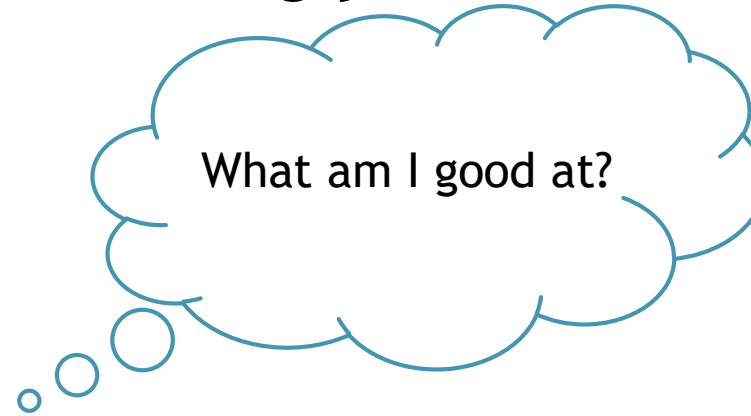
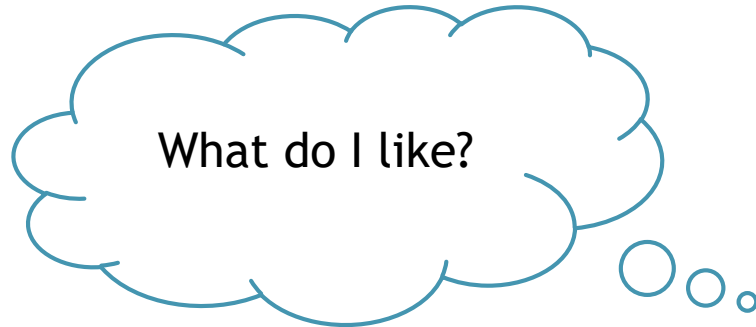
Optional Subjects:

Applied Technology	Home Economics
Business	Music
French	Science*
German	Visual Art
Graphics	Wood Technology

When entering subject option choices on VShare - subjects should be chosen based on preference. The one most wanted first and so on based on your top six choices. This will be detailed on the final slides.

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Questions to consider when choosing your additional subjects



And while this might seem strange to consider as you think about starting secondary school, it helps to think...

How can I make sure I keep the most options open as possible for my Fifth Year subject choice?

If I plan to go to Third Level are there any subjects and grades that I need for courses I may need to consider?

Subjects that split into different options at Senior Cycle:

Junior Cycle	Senior Cycle
Science	Agricultural Science Biology Chemistry Physics
Business	Accounting Business Economics

When it comes to Senior Cycle it is always better and in most cases necessary to have had experience of the subject at Junior Cycle.

Entry Requirements for Third Level

When applying to College/University each course has an **ENTRY REQUIREMENT**

You must study certain subjects and achieve a minimum grade to be able to apply

www.careersportal.ie is a great website to help with investigating the requirements.

The next slide gives an example for **Children's and General Nursing in DCU.**

NOTE: Not all students will want to go directly to Third Level, many will explore Apprenticeships, Further Education and Training and the new Tertiary Degree options. Build experience and exposure all through Post Primary School to help with making choices.

CAO (Higher Education - HET)

www.careersportal.ie

Degree - Honours Bachelor

Children's and General Nursing (Integrated)



Dublin City University - DCU

☆ Add to favourites

Course Code

DC218

Zone

1 2 3 4 5



Level

8

NFQ Type

Major

Duration

4.5 Years

Attendance

Full Time

CAO Points 2023 (Round 2)

487

Points Change

-22

Course Summary

Language Options

Entry Requirements

QQI / FET Links

The Student

Career Progression

Further Research

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Points History

487[▼]

Minimum Subjects

2 H5 & 4 O6/H7

* **Garda Vetting Required**

✓ **O6/H7** IN English OR Irish

✓ **O6/H7** IN Maths

✓ **O6/H7** IN Agricultural Science OR Biology OR Physics OR Chemistry

OR Physics/Chemistry

COLLEGE PROFILE



Dublin City University - DCU

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A Third Language - French and German are offered as optional subjects in our school.

For entry into National University of Ireland colleges:

A third language must be included among the other subjects for most degree programmes in Arts, Human Sciences, Law, Social Science, Commerce, Medicine and Health Sciences and some other degrees.

Students who have an exemption from Irish with the Department of Education, can apply for an exemption for Irish and/or a third Language through <https://exemptions.nui.ie/> before applying for these courses in senior cycle.

A Third Language is also required for entry to the Cadets in the Defence Forces in Ireland.

It is not required for most courses offered in Technological Universities, unless there is a language element to the course, or for most Engineering and Science related courses.

Many of our students who speak and write fluently in another language (e.g. Polish, Lithuanian, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Mandarin...) choose to sit this language as an additional subject for their Leaving Certificate. This will often satisfy the requirement if the minimum grade is achieved. In most cases this is an O6 (40%+ in an ordinary level paper).

CAO (Higher Education - HET)

www.careersportal.ie

Degree - Honours Bachelor

Arts - Geography

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Maynooth University

Course Code	Zone	Level	NFQ Type	Duration	Attendance	CAO Points 2023 (Round 2)	Points Change
MH101	1 2 3 4 5	QQI 8	Major	3 Years	Full Time	307	-29

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Minimum Subjects

2 H5 & 4 O6/H7

- ✓ **O6/H7** IN English
- ✓ **O6/H7** IN Irish
- ✓ **O6/H7** IN Any Other Language

Disclaimer: Details subject to change - If this is a course you are considering applying for you should check on the [Colleges' website](#) to ensure you have the latest entry requirements information.

CAO Points History

600 -

COLLEGE PROFILE



Maynooth University

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www.qualifax.ie

Very useful **Subject Requirements Tool** to help identify what options may be restricted or opened up depending on subjects a student takes.

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Subject Requirements Tool

Planning to make application to the CAO? This tool will help you choose the right subjects and levels at Leaving Cert.

Subject

A Third Language

- 161 courses definitely require A Third Language
- 12 courses may require A Third Language
- 1392 courses do not require A Third Language

Total: 1565

Advanced filters

Please select one of the 3 categories on the left.

All courses referred to in this section are **Third Level CAO entry**. The **Course Data** in this section is for the **CAO entry in 2024**.

"A Science Subject" includes the following subjects: **Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics and Chemistry.**

"A Second Language" includes the following subjects: **Ancient Greek, Arabic, French, German, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.**

"A Third Language" includes the following subjects: **Ancient Greek, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.**

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Summary

Subject Choice = Subjects you like + Subjects you could be good at.

Pick a broad range of subjects.

If you are practically minded, choose subjects that are practical.

Be independent, try not to be overly influenced by others.

Think Long Term (Domino Effect) - pick subjects that will give me the most possible options, to help with future options.

Check Entry / Subject Requirement on careersportal.ie or qualifax.ie when looking at possible courses.

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Presentation College

Username *

Password *

[Create or reset your password](#)

Don't have an account? [Learn more](#)

Video showing how the subjects are entered on VSware:
<https://vsware.wistia.com/medias/n7yo7lck0k>

Step one:
Login



myschool.app.vsware.ie

Parent Dashboard Your Children

Parent Dashboard

Welcome to the Dashboard
This page is your one-stop-shop to view live notifications on your child's attendance, behaviour, reports and more. If you want to explore further, click into your child's profile.

Your Children
Brenda Kelly
John Kelly

Your Contact Details

Notifications

School Mail

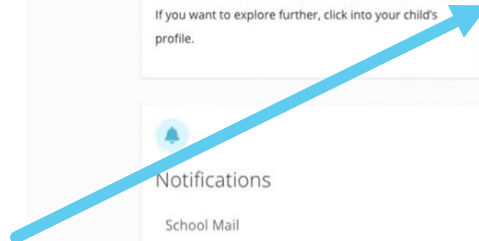
- New Mail from Mark Adams: "Testing Mail"
- New Mail from Mark Adams: "Meeting London 20212"
- New Mail from Mark Adams: "Please Call School"

John Kelly

- Your Absence Request on December 23rd has been approved by the school.
- Your Absence Request on December 4th has been approved by the school.
- Your Unexplained Absence explanation on November 24th has been approved by the school.

[View all notifications](#)

Step two:
Select your child who is entering First Year.





Child Profile



Pick an area to explore

- Attendance**
Monitor your child's attendance at a glance, view records from an entire year or specific lesson.
[Learn More](#)
- Assessment**
View your child's full academic record, track progress over time and download term reports.
[Learn More](#)
- Behaviour**
Keep track of your child's behaviour, monitor progress & teacher feedback.
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- Timetable**
View your child's timetable, see realtime data for which lesson they are in at any given time.
[Learn More](#)
- Personal Info**
Overview of your child's key info. Ensure that this is up to date.
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- Fees**
Overview of school fees for the year, pay directly via card online.
[Learn More](#)
- Student Options**
Submit next year's subject preferences directly to the school.
[Learn More](#)

**Step three:
Select Subject
Options**



Student Options



Please have a discussion with your daughter and then enter her subject preferences for her Leaving Certificate studies. Enter 6 preferences - the last two of these will be reserves subjects. We will make every effort to ensure that each student can study their preferred subjects but we cannot guarantee that this will happen.

On the table(s) below choose subjects in order of the highest priority of preference (1, 2, etc).

Closing date: 05/02/2021

Subject Set 1

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject
2	Select a subject
3	Select a subject
4	Select a subject
5	Select a subject
6	Select a subject

Confirm



**Step four:
From the drop down
menu select Subject
Options in order of
preference. First
the subject most
wanted and so on
down the list...**

Student Options



Brenda Kelly

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Preference	Subject Choice
1	Spanish
2	Music
3	Metalwork
4	Technical Graphics
5	Geography
6	Select a subject

✓ Your preferences have been saved

Confirm

Step five: Once all subjects are entered in order of preference. Press Confirm.

We will be in touch to let you know when the subject choice facility is open and when it will be closed.

Child profile

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Closing date: 05/02/2021

Subject Set 1

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Spanish
2	Music
3	Metalwork
4	Technical Graphics
5	Geography
6	History

✓ Your preferences have been saved

Confirm

Yay!

You have updated student options.

If you have changed your mind, you can re-submit these options again before the closing date.

Closing Date: 05/02/2021

Back to Parent Dashboard

I've changed my mind!

Subject Choices are now made.

CAT4 Assessments will take place on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd March. You will have received a letter with the date and time your son/daughter has been allocated. Please notify the school office as soon as possible if there is an issue with attending and we may be able to switch the day and time to better suit.

Assessment in English, Irish and Maths will take place on **Saturday 9th March from 10am - 12.30pm.**

The transition to Post Primary School can be difficult for some. We want to support your child as much as we can throughout this time and help them reach their potential.

You can help by letting us know if there are any difficulties that your child is having so we can begin to put supports in place where required. Mr Murray meets with all students and parents prior to starting in August. We will also be in touch with all Primary Schools to help with the move to our school.

Our Meitheal Leaders (Sixth Year students) will play a large part in helping our First Years of 2024-2025 to settle in and become part of our Presentation College, Carlow community when they join us in late August.

We look forward to officially welcoming them!!