

East Glendalough School
 Éagsc Glendaloughaigh

subject choice evening

leaving certificate 2021

Optional Subjects

Accounting	Ag. Science	Art
Biology	Business	Chemistry
DCG	Engineering	French
Geography	History	Home Economics
Physics	Music	

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Subject Choice Evening

- 7.30 Introduction
- 7.40 Curriculum and Choices for Leaving Certificate 2021
- 7.50 Q-Set subjects
- 7.55 Implications of Subject Choices

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The Options Process

- Subject preference forms completed (by 13 March)

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Compulsory Subjects

Exam Subjects	Additional Subjects
Irish (5)	PE (2)
English (5)	Guidance (1)
Maths (6)	Tutorial (1)

SECTION A Pupil's Name _____ Exam _____ (please PRINT)

Each pupil will study English, Irish (unless exempt) and Maths and FOUR optional Leaving Certificate subjects. These subjects will be chosen from a grid, and will come from the list given below.

Remember, it may not be possible for every pupil to have his/her first four choices, and if a subject doesn't receive sufficient demand, it may not be possible to offer that subject at all.

Regardless of how you answered Section A, please rank your top 8 subjects below in order of preference. It is very important that the subjects are listed in order of preference, as this information will be used by the computer to compile the final grid from which you'll choose your subjects.

Depending on there being sufficient demand for each subject, the optional subjects are likely to be:

Accounting	Ag. Science	Art	Biology	Business
Chemistry	D.C.G.	Engineering	French	Spanish
Geography	History	Home Ec.	Music	Physics

From the subjects listed above, please rank your top 7 in order of preference below (it is mandatory, in that preference):

- _____ 4. _____
- _____ 5. _____
- _____ 6. _____

SECTION B

There is also the option to study an elective 8th Leaving Cert subject for TWO periods a week (this will only be required if the subject Choice information evening, in seventh year, students who have availed of this opportunity have tended to score very highly in their extra subject, and nearly all scored in their top 8 subjects for occupying Q10 points). On the other hand, if you don't score well in this, you don't have to - you will simply have a study period when the others are doing these subjects. There is a cost to the School in putting on Q10s, so if demand isn't high, some subjects may not happen.

We can only put on subjects for which there is sufficient demand, but traditionally, the extra elective which have been subjects such as:

Applied Maths	Economics	LCVP
Classics	Study	

Please rank your top 2 choices for the elective subject. The subjects listed above are only guidelines. If there's a further subject that you'd like to do that hasn't been mentioned, please feel free to list it anyway.

- _____ 2. _____

Signed: _____ Signed: _____
 (Pupil) (Parent/Carer/Staff)

Please return this form to the school office by **13 March** at the latest.

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The Options Process

- Subject preference forms completed (by 13 March)
- Don't game the system – put in your *honest* preferences
- Subject option bands compiled and released after St Patrick's Day

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PLEASE NOTE:

- It is very, very difficult to change a subject after they have begun.
- The answer may very well be 'no'

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Optional Subjects: sample bands

Band 1	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4
Geography	Chemistry	Biology	Physics
French	Engineering	Business	DCG
Home Economics	History	Art	Accounting
	French	Geography	Spanish

Leaving Certificate Subjects

Important factors to note

- You need SIX strong subjects in the Leaving Cert
- Subjects do progress from Junior Cycle – ask your teachers about differences
- Late returns lose priority
- An extra subject *can* be a big advantage

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- Final subject choices made (forms returned 7 April)

Q-Sets

Q-Sets

- Two periods in the week
- The opportunity to attempt an EXTRA Leaving Cert subject
- Most of the responsibility for learning will be placed on the student
- Some statistics for Q-Sets
 - c. 80% select a Q-Set in their choices, but c. 60% sit it in the Leaving
 - 67% of Q-setters use the points they gain
 - The average grade for a Q-Set is a H5/O1 – 56 points
 - For some, this is a no-brainer
 - Language exempt
 - LCVP
 - High fliers
 - For others, it needs to be thought about very carefully
 - 8 subjects
 - Higher and Ordinary Level subjects
 - Stress

Remember...

- Subject preference forms by 13 March
- Final subject choices by 7 April

Q-Sets – generally from:

LCVP

Applied Maths

Economics

Classical Studies

Study

Implications of Subject Choice

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Q-Sets

If there's anything else you can study (eg any EU language) it's worth doing so.

If there aren't enough students to provide a Q-Set option, we won't be able to lay it on.

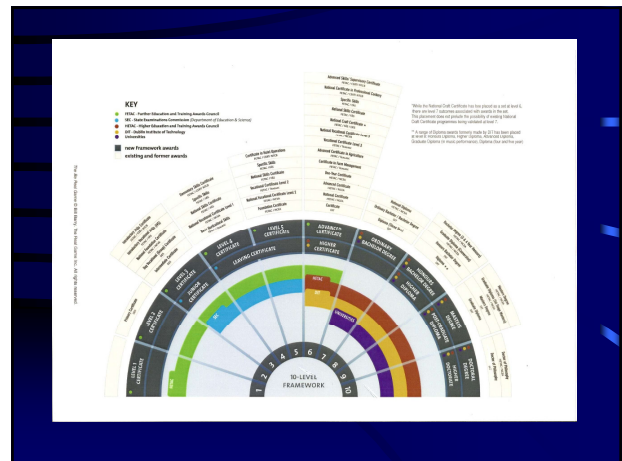
Play smart – regarding both levels and numbers of subjects, we are looking for **quality** first, **quantity** second.

Subject Choice

- Important decision for each student
- Concept of a job for life is virtually gone
- Rapidly changing workplace

Which subjects should you choose?

- Subject choice is not as complicated as you think
- Not many courses have specific requirements
- Which subjects do I need?
- Which subjects am I interested in?
- What subjects am I likely to do well at?



To help with subject choice

- Subject teachers presentation to students
- Subject choice booklet
- Students have completed Cambridge Profile Aptitude & Eirquest Career Interest tests

Requirements for college

- General Matriculation Requirements
- Subject requirements
- Points

National Framework of Qualifications

- Why? – Compare qualifications
- Levels 1 –10
- Leaving Cert = Level 5
Higher Cert = Level 6 (2 years)
Ordinary Degree = Level 7 (3 years)
Honours Degree = Level 8 (3/4 years)

General Matriculation Requirements

- For Level 8 Honours Degree, six passes with two at Grade H5 or above and four at Grade O6/H7
- For Higher Certificate Level 6 or Ordinary Degree Level 7 courses, five passes at Grade O6/H7 to include Maths and English

National University of Ireland (NUI) Colleges

University College Dublin
 University College Cork
 University College Galway
 NUI Maynooth
 Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin
 National College of Art & Design, Dublin
 Shannon College of Hotel Management
 St Angela's College, Sligo
 Burren College of Art & Design
 Institute of Public Administration

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

Course specific requirements

- Level 8 Engineering/Computer Science – H4/H5 Maths
- Level 8 Language Degree – H3/H4 French
- Science, Medicine, Physiotherapy, Dentistry, Veterinary, Pharmacy, Nursing and some Engineering courses require 1 or 2 sciences
- Higher Chemistry is required for Veterinary, Pharmacy, Dietetics and some Medicine/Dentistry courses

Exceptions

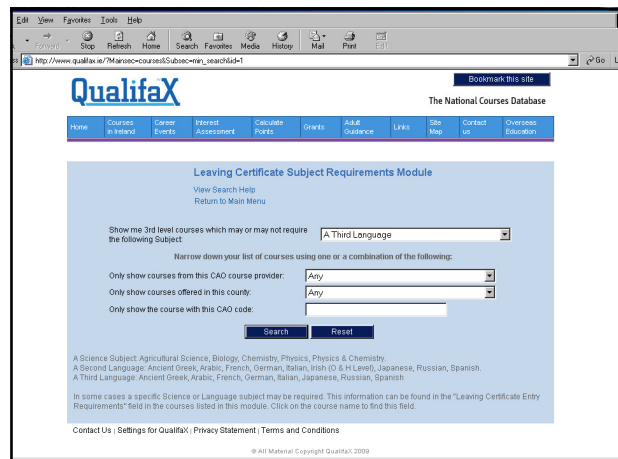
- Agricultural & Food Science, Engineering, Science & Nursing courses
- National College of Art & Design - Art accepted in lieu of third language
- If exempt from Irish or not studying a language on account of a specific learning difficulty

Other courses have no specific requirements

- Business subjects are not required for any Business, Commerce or Accountancy courses
- DCG is not an essential requirement for Architecture, Engineering or Construction courses
- Art is not an essential subject for Art College, but a portfolio is

Other Universities

- Trinity College Dublin & University of Limerick Maths, English and Irish **or a third language**
- Dublin City University & Technological University, Dublin Maths and **either** English or Irish
- **IMPORTANT**– Wide variety of Degree & other courses available that do not require a third language as long as you have Maths & English or Irish



Points System

- All subjects count equally for entry to Institutes of Technology or University
- Points are calculated from the student's six best results in one sitting of the Leaving Certificate, maximum 625 points
- L.C.V.P. – Distinction 66, Merit 46, Pass 28

Bonus Points for Higher Maths

- 25 bonus points will be awarded to students achieving a H6 (40% or above) in Higher Level Maths
- The bonus points will only be relevant in cases where Higher Level Maths is scored as among their six best subjects for points purposes

New Grades

New Grades	% Marks
H1 / O1	90-100
H2 / O2	80-90
H3 / O3	70-80
H4 / O4	60-70
H5 / O5	50-60
H6 / O6	40-50
H7 / O7	30-40
H8 / O8	0-30

Summary

- Check any essential subjects
- Choose subjects you like and enjoy
- Make a balanced choice e.g. Irish, English, Maths, Language, Science + 2/3 other subjects
- Keep your options open

Higher		Ordinary	
Grade	Points	Grade	Points
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

Options after leaving school

- University
- Institute of Technology
- College of Further Education (FETAC)
- Private College
- Apprenticeship
- Study overseas
- Gap Year
- Employment

Universities

- Level 8 Honours Degree – 3/4 years leading to a B.Commerce, B.Arts., B.Science, B.Engineering
- NUI colleges – University College Dublin, University College Cork, University College Galway, NUI Maynooth, The Royal College of Surgeons, National College of Art & Design, St. Angela's Sligo, Shannon College of Hotel Management
- University of Limerick, University of Dublin (Trinity College), Dublin City University, Technological University Dublin

Apprenticeships

- 5 passes in Junior Certificate BUT much better prospects with Leaving Certificate
- Need to find an employer/register with SOLAS
- 2 - 4 years phased on the job/college training
- Wide range of new apprenticeships under development

Institutes of Technology

Higher Certificate Level 6 (2years)
Ordinary Degree Level 7 (3 years)
Honours Degree Level 8 (4 years)

Athlone
Dundalk
Letterkenny
Tralee

Carlow
Dun Laoghaire
Limerick
Waterford

Cork
Galway
Sligo

Study in the United Kingdom

- Wider selection of courses
- Courses in specialised/high points area
- Helps to keep options open
- Independence
- Experience another culture
- Fees
- Research courses at www.ucas.com & apply from 1st September on year prior to starting college

Further Education Courses QQI (FETAC)

- Full time courses – Blackrock, Bray, Dun Laoghaire, Sallynoggin, Stillorgan, Ballsbridge
- No points required – based on an interview
- Very practical – include work experience
- Links to Higher Education Courses in Institutes of Technology and University (FETAC LINKS SCHEME)

Study in Europe

- Degree courses taught entirely in English
- Tuition is frequently free or less than you pay in Ireland
- Universities are highly placed in global rankings
- Hanze, Copenhagen, Maastricht, Utrecht
- Over 1,000 Irish students now studying in the Netherlands

Study in Europe

Apply for up to eight degree programmes, taught through English, in universities in Europe

The Eunicas website features details of 689 programmes at 226 universities

www.eunicas.ie

Where will the jobs be?

6 out of every 10 jobs will be in Engineering, Science or Technology related areas

It is predicted that.....

- A Job for life is gone
- Early school leavers will find it increasingly difficult to find a job
- Work will become less routine
- Growth in professional, managerial & services sector
- Many jobs will require higher level qualifications and technical skills

Career Opportunities

- Accountancy/Finance/Banking/Data Analytics
- Digital Marketing
- Pharmaceuticals
- Healthcare Professionals
- Construction/Engineering
- Technology Sector
- Agricultural Science, Food & the Environment

Skills Required for the 21st century workplace

- Communication/Teamwork/Flexibility
- Innovative/Entrepreneurial skills
- Creative Problem solvers
- Ability to acquire new skills quickly
- Information Technology skills
- Customer Service skills
- Language Skills

Career Guidance in East Glendalough

- Opportunity to try out different subjects & gain work experience in 4th year
- Aptitude & Career Interest Tests in TY – discover your strengths & interests
- Information evening on Subject Choice
- Career classes in 5th / 6th year
- Introduction to the world of College and Work
- Careers Project
- Internet Research & Careers Library
- Guest speakers from Colleges & Industry
- Careers & College videos
- College Open days
- Applying to College
- Interviewing techniques



