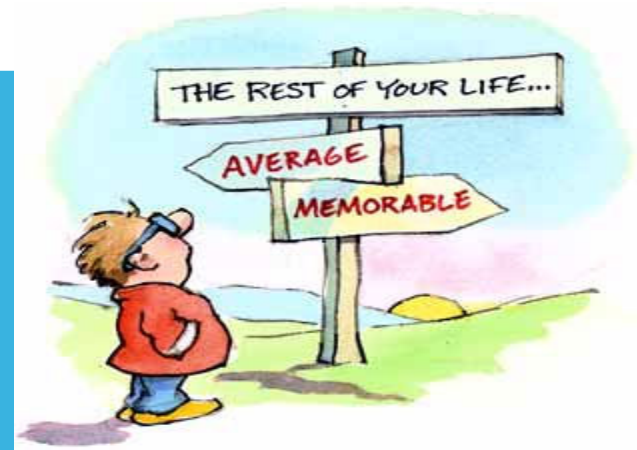


JUNIOR CYCLE - SUBJECT CHOICE SACRED HEART SCHOOL TULLAMORE

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SUBJECT OPTIONS FOR JCP

- Core subjects
- Options
- Advice when selecting subjects
- Careers associated with optional subjects
- Leaving Certificate Options
- General Questions

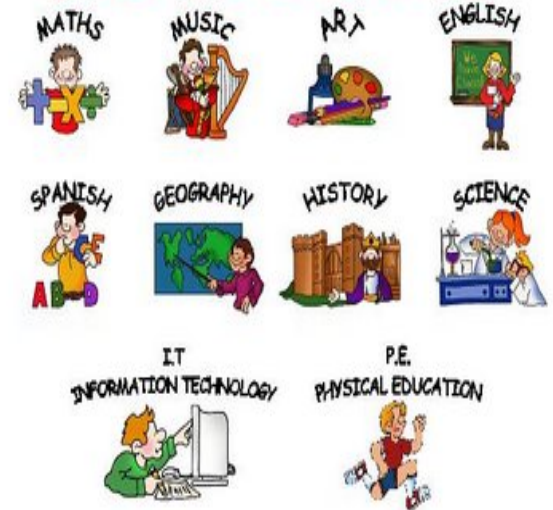


CORE SUBJECTS WITH EXAMS

All students will study the following subjects for Junior Cycle Programme:

- Irish (unless exempt)
- English
- Maths
- Science
- History
- Religion

SCHOOL SUBJECTS



NON EXAM SUBJECTS & WELLBEING

- Choir
- P.E.
- S.P.H.E.
- C.S.P.E.
- Developmental Skills is an option when not doing a language



SUBJECT LEVELS

Maths- HL & OL

**English & Irish Higher & Ordinary
Level**

**All other options are Common
Level**



JUNIOR CYCLE GRADING

Junior Cycle	
Percentage	Grade Descriptor
≥ 90 to 100	Distinction
≥ 75 and < 90	Higher Merit
≥ 55 and < 75	Merit
≥ 40 and < 55	Achieved
≥ 20 and < 40	Partially Achieved
≥ 0 and < 20	Not Graded (NG)

OPTIONS FOR JUNIOR CYCLE 2024

Choose **4** of the following options:

Business Studies

German

Geography

Spanish

Art Craft & Design

French

Music

Home Economics

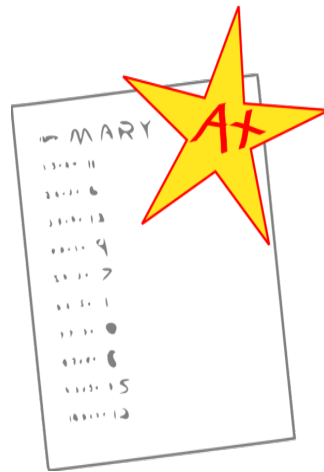
Technical Graphics

4B's
favourite
school
subjects
science
art
maths

REASONS FOR CHOOSING A SUBJECT

- **Personal interest and enthusiasm**
- **Aptitude for a particular subject**
- **Possibility of high attainment**
- **Relevance to possible career**
- **Entry requirement for desired third level course**



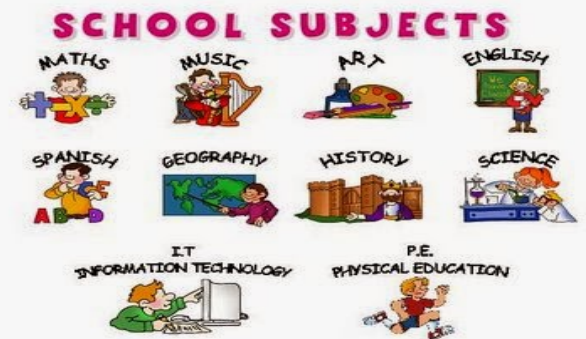


- YOU SHOULD SELECT THE SUBJECTS YOU HAVE BEEN GETTING THE HIGHEST GRADES IN.
- RESULTS ARE IMPORTANT FOR POINTS



SUBJECTS YOU LIKE & ENJOY

- You should also consider the subjects you LIKE and ENJOY
- Consider the subject carefully if you have a FLAIR for the subject, and your potential in the subject may come to fruition later.



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- I have many*
gifts
and
talents.

SHS SUBJECTS FOR JUNIOR CYCLE 2021/2024

Language Group	Business Group	Lab Science Group
French	Business Studies	Science
German		
Spanish		

Social Studies Group	Artistic Group	Applied Subject Group
Geography	Art	Home Economics
History	Music	Technical Graphics

PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

How First Year Subjects are
chosen impact on your:

- Leaving Cert Options
- Future Career Options



SHOULD I CHOOSE A LANGUAGE /SCIENCE?

At this early stage it is
good practice to choose a
Language and Science to
keep all your options
open.

LANGUAGE ESSENTIAL FOR:

- AN ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR ALL NUI UNIVERSITY COURSES (except engineering)
- NUI COLLEGES = UCC,UCD, UCG, Maynooth University and their constituent colleges.
- Medicine, Veterinary ,Architecture, Dentistry, Speech Therapy etc. all require a language if studying in an NUI university
- Having a language provides a lot of choice and at this early stage in your education and it is a good idea to continue with it.



CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

- You must keep your **future hopes and ambitions** in mind. BUT you must not be totally motivated by this.
- Ask yourself which subject it may be important to have a **foundation in to be able to continue at Leaving Certificate** Level and for future careers?
- Also consider if this subject is an **entry requirement** for courses /careers after Leaving Cert level?



SENIOR CYCLE CONSIDERATIONS

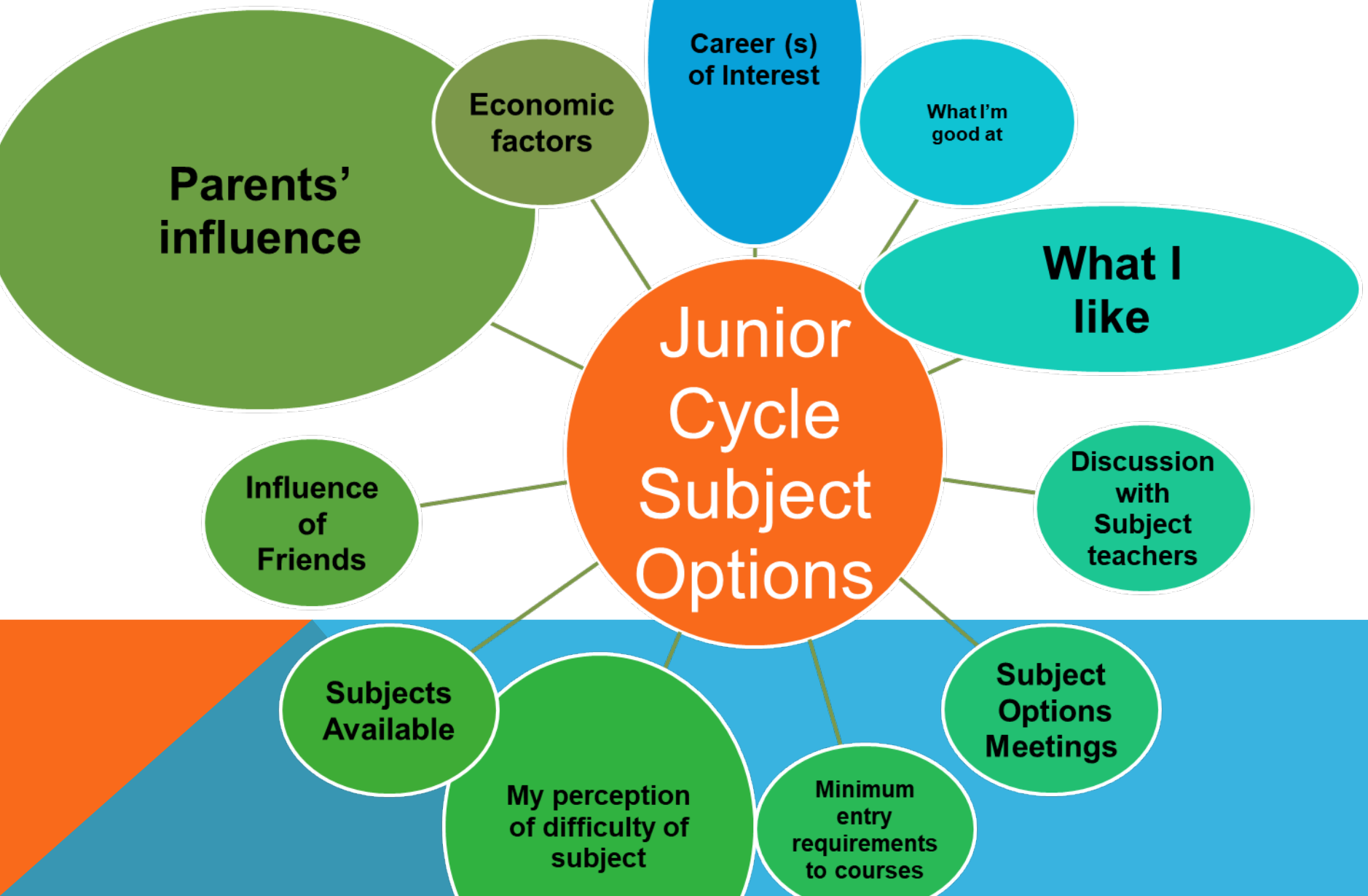
- You may pick up a subject (except a language) at 5th year level, regardless of whether you have studied it at Junior level.
- However, you may not be able to take it at higher level - this will depend on your ability and willingness to work!

SHS SUBJECTS FOR SENIOR CYCLE 2027

Language Group	Business Group	Lab Science Group
French	Accounting	Agricultural Science
German	Business	Biology
Spanish	Economics	Chemistry
		Physics Applied maths

Social Studies Group	Artistic Group	Applied Subject Group
Geography	Art	Home Economics
History	Music	Design and Communication Graphics
Religious Education		PE (started in 2020)

INFLUENCES ON THE DECISION



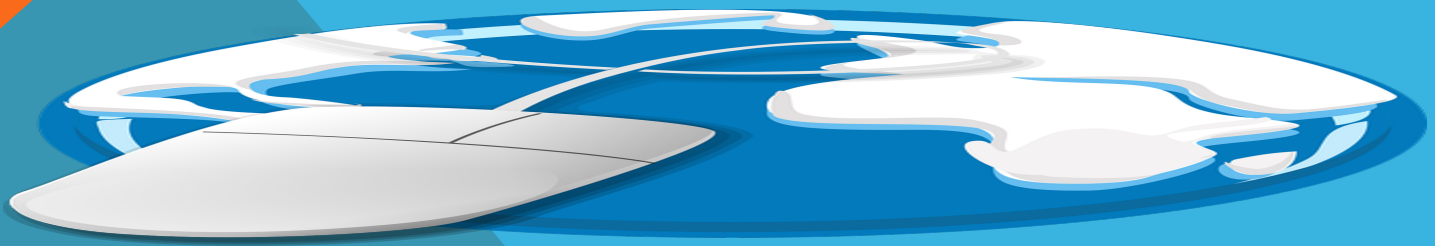
TECHNOLOGICAL WORK



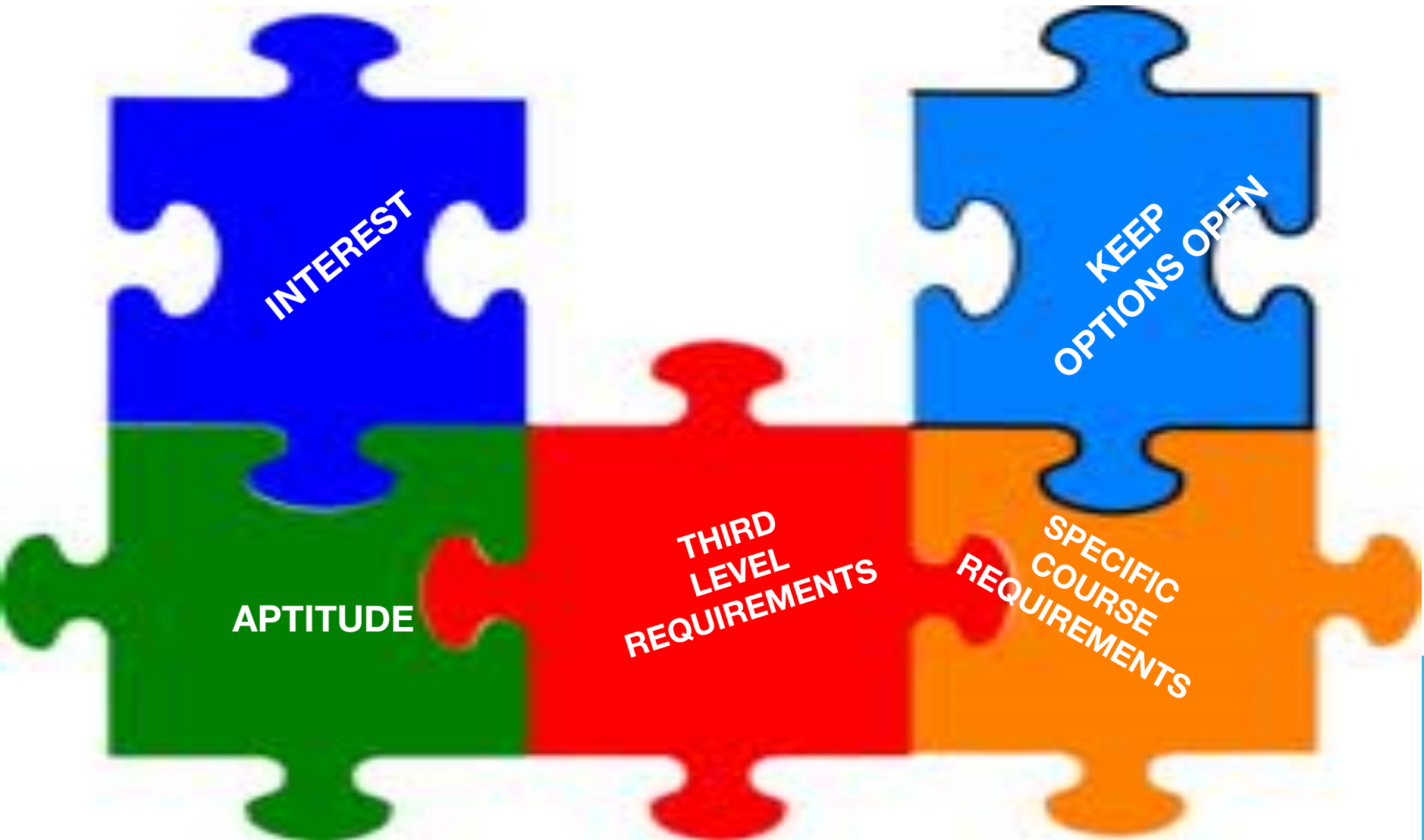
What subjects are most relevant and appropriate to the new world of work? Global economy is being transformed with jobs outsourced to developing nations and artificial intelligence

Work is no longer a place to go....?

What subject will prepare you for the future world of work...? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpEFjWbXog0>



SUBJECT CHOICE - DECISION MAKING



OTHER THINGS TO DO:

- Consult subject teachers.
- Talk to your parents.
- Consult with a Guidance Counsellor
- Send us an email if you are finding it difficult to decide:
- r.lynch@shstullamore.ie
- c.cosgrove@shstullamore.ie

NEGATIVE CONSIDERATIONS

- Friends
- Homework
- Career only considerations
- Teacher



LANGUAGES ARE USEFUL FOR:

- Entry requirement to NUI universities {not for all courses}
 - International careers
 - Keeps all career options on the menu at this early stage
 - Global space-any working environment in the world
- of a language



SCIENCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR: SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FACULTIES IN UNIVERSITIES

Relevant for careers in:

Pharmacy, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary,
Physiotherapy. Engineering , Architecture,
Dietician , Speech Therapy , Radiography, Med Lab
Technician, Food Technology, Occupational Therapy,
Nursing, Pharmacy Technician

Course has equal amounts of Physics Chemistry and Biology

Junior Cert Science Marks

10% CBA –Research Assessment

EXAM: 90%=Biology , Chemistry and Physics



ART IS VERY USEFUL FOR:

- Primary Teaching
 - Digital Arts
 - Graphic Designer
 - Fashion Designer
 - Beautician
 - Hairdresser
 - Illustrator
 - Jewellery Designer
 - Photography
 - Arts Administration
 - Animation
- Exam 100% Practical Art



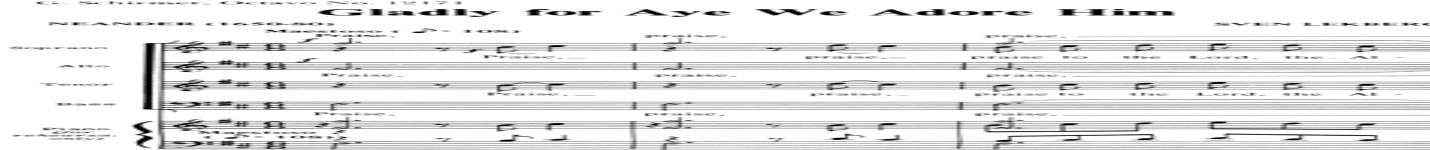
GEOGRAPHY



- Skills of geographers are every day skills
- Social subject exposes students to the world around us
- Concerns the physical landscape and the human landscape
- A common sense subject requiring students to be solution focussed and critical thinkers
- Useful for every career



MUSIC



- Music Practical for Junior Cert - 30%
- Suits students who already play music as a hobby **but** you don't have to have any prior knowledge
- Music spans the technology and **digital arts** industry and **media arts**
- Music is necessary at LC level to study it in U.C.D. U.C.C. Trinity & Maynooth University
- Useful for Primary Teaching

HOME ECONOMICS IS VERY USEFUL FOR:

Dietician/Nutritionist
Food science
Sports science
Food stylist/blogger
Hairdresser
Nursing
Childcare
Occupational therapist



Examination Details: 50% practical

HISTORY

A factual understanding of the past
to help understand the present



Includes: Ancient history and
modern history, world wars, Irish
history

Useful for any career and develops
a broad skillset

BUSINESS STUDIES

- Has elements of Accounting, Economics, Business Studies
- Junior Cert has 1 exam papers
- Current affairs and common-sense are relevant
- Calculations and budgeting are an important part of the course
- Useful for a wide variety of careers: in business, finance, law, human resource management, stockbroking, actuary etc.



- **Exam :CBA 10%**
- **Theory Paper:90%**

TECHNICAL GRAPHICS

- Orthographic projections
- Pictorial Drawings
- 3D graphics
- The Ellipse
- Freehand Sketching
- CAD
- Examination: 100%
- Useful for Engineering, Architecture, Robotics, Art and Design



AFTER THE JUNIOR CERT

Transition Year

**Leaving Cert. Vocational Programme
L.C.V.P.**

Leaving Cert. Applied Programme L.C.A.P.

Leaving Certificate Traditional



COMMON POINTS SCALE

**Higher
Or
Ordinary?**



Your marks %

HIGHER LEVEL		ORDINARY LEVEL	
100 points	H1	90-100	O1
88 points	H2	80-89	O2
77 points	H3	70-79	O3
66 points	H4	60-69	O4
56 points	H5	50-59	O5
46 points	H6	40-49	O6
37 points	H7	30-39	O7
0 points	H8	0-29	O8

+25 Bonus Points for H1-H6 Maths

LCVP LINK MODULES

Distinction	66 points
Merit	46 points
Pass	28 points

CAO Points
Calculators

FREE!

Use online or get the App!



Above details refer to students sitting the Leaving Certificate from 2017 onwards only.
Students who sat the Leaving Certificate before 2017 will be awarded 50 points for an O grade & 25-50% for an H grade under the new grading scheme.

NEW AWARD SYSTEM

THE NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK



SCIENCE FOR LEAVING CERT

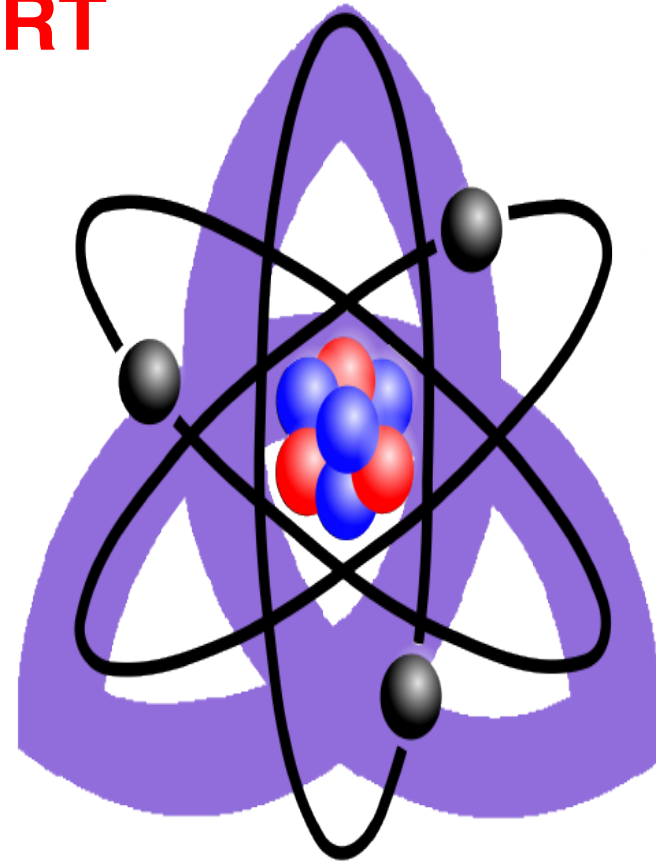
Chemistry-Exam=100%

Biology-Exam=100%

Physics-Exam=100%

Agricultural Science -Exam=75%

Applied Maths



ART FOR LEAVING CERT

- Includes Art History
30%
- Practical 70%



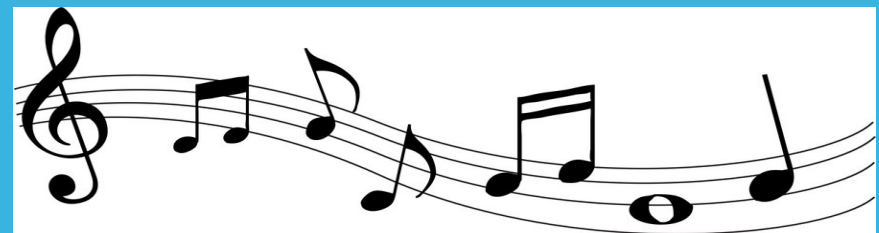
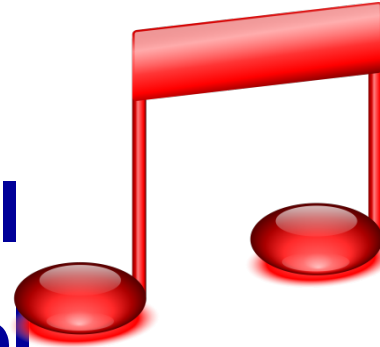
MUSIC FOR LEAVING CERT

Performing -50% for Higher Level

Composing -25% for Higher Level

Listening -25% for Higher Level

**Overall 50% is practical exam and
remaining 50% for a composition
paper and paper on set works.**



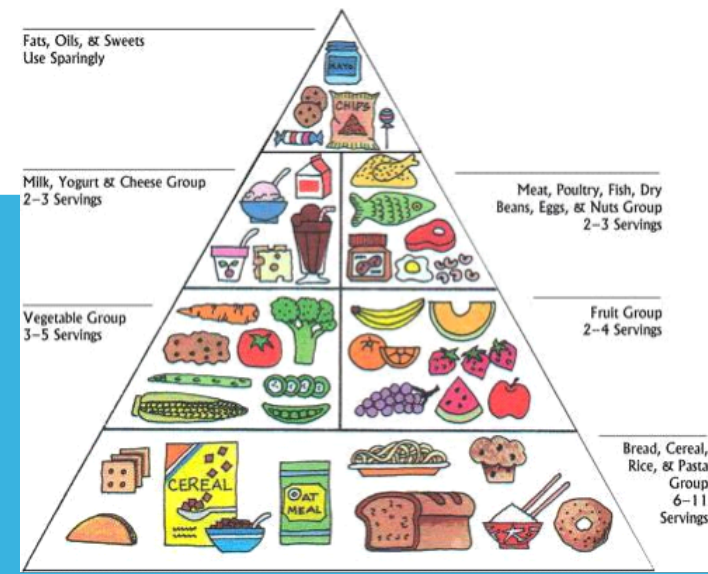
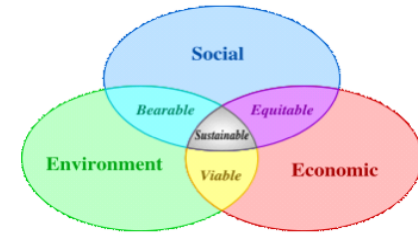
HOME ECONOMICS FOR LEAVING CERT

Project for Leaving Cert is 20%

No practical exam

Study 3 core elements:

- Food Studies
- Resource & Consumer Management
- Social Studies
- Exam 80%



BUSINESS STUDIES FOR LEAVING CERT

- Business Studies
- Accounting
- Economics- 20%
Project



• Exam is 100% in Business and Accounting



LANGUAGE SUBJECT GROUP FOR L.CERT

Modern Languages: French, German & Spanish



- **Modern languages require students to be proficient in the following skills: Oral/Speaking, Written, Aural/Listening, Reading.**
- **A wide variety of themes are covered, e.g. Family, School, Hobbies, Sport, Current Affairs.**
- **Grammar and Cultural Awareness are essential elements of these courses.**
- **Examination breakdown: Oral-25% Aural-20% Reading-30% Writing-25%**

MAKING INFORMED DECISIONS

Discuss with subject teachers

Reflect on your school results

Discuss with parents

Discuss with your Guidance Counsellor

Look up examination papers on www.examinations.ie

**Look up the career websites on entry requirements-
CareersPortal and Qualifax**



REMEMBER!!!



- There are no “doss” subjects.
- Be aware of the consequences of not taking a specific subject.
- **Don't give up subjects you love**

Choosing a good balance of subjects leaves all your options open. Consider all the facts and ask for help if you need it.

JUNIOR CYCLE PROGRAMME 2024

Core Subjects

English

Irish

Maths

Religion

History

Science

Select 4 Options



John Kelly

DOB: 21 June 2001

STATE CERTIFIED
FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Examination number: 456985

English (O)

Distinction

Irish (O) ⁽²⁾

A

Mathematics(H)

B

History (H)

C

Geography (H)

D

French (O) ⁽²⁾

C

Business Studies (H)

B

Science (H)

B

C.S.P.E. (C)

A

Classroom-Based Assessments - English

Oral Communication

Above expectations

Collection of Texts

In line with expectations

Classroom-Based Assessments - Short Courses

Coding

In line with expectations

Physical Education

Above expectations

Artistic Performance

Exceptional

Philosophy

In line with expectations

Other Areas of Learning



The school has flexibility to report on other learning experiences/events that the student has participated in outside the formal timetabled curriculum such as:

- Engagement with co-curricular or extra-curricular activities such as a science fair, school's sporting activities or debating.
- Specific learning opportunities that do not form part of subjects or short courses, i.e.; leadership training; activities relating to guidance; membership of school clubs or societies; membership of school's student council.
- Engagements that form part of the formal timetabled curriculum but not reported on in other sections of the JCPA i.e.; engagement with a school's own religious education programme or with elements of the PE, SPHE curriculum and CSPE.

Principal

Ms Mary Ryan

Year Head

MR. Jack Quigley

Roll Number: 600900

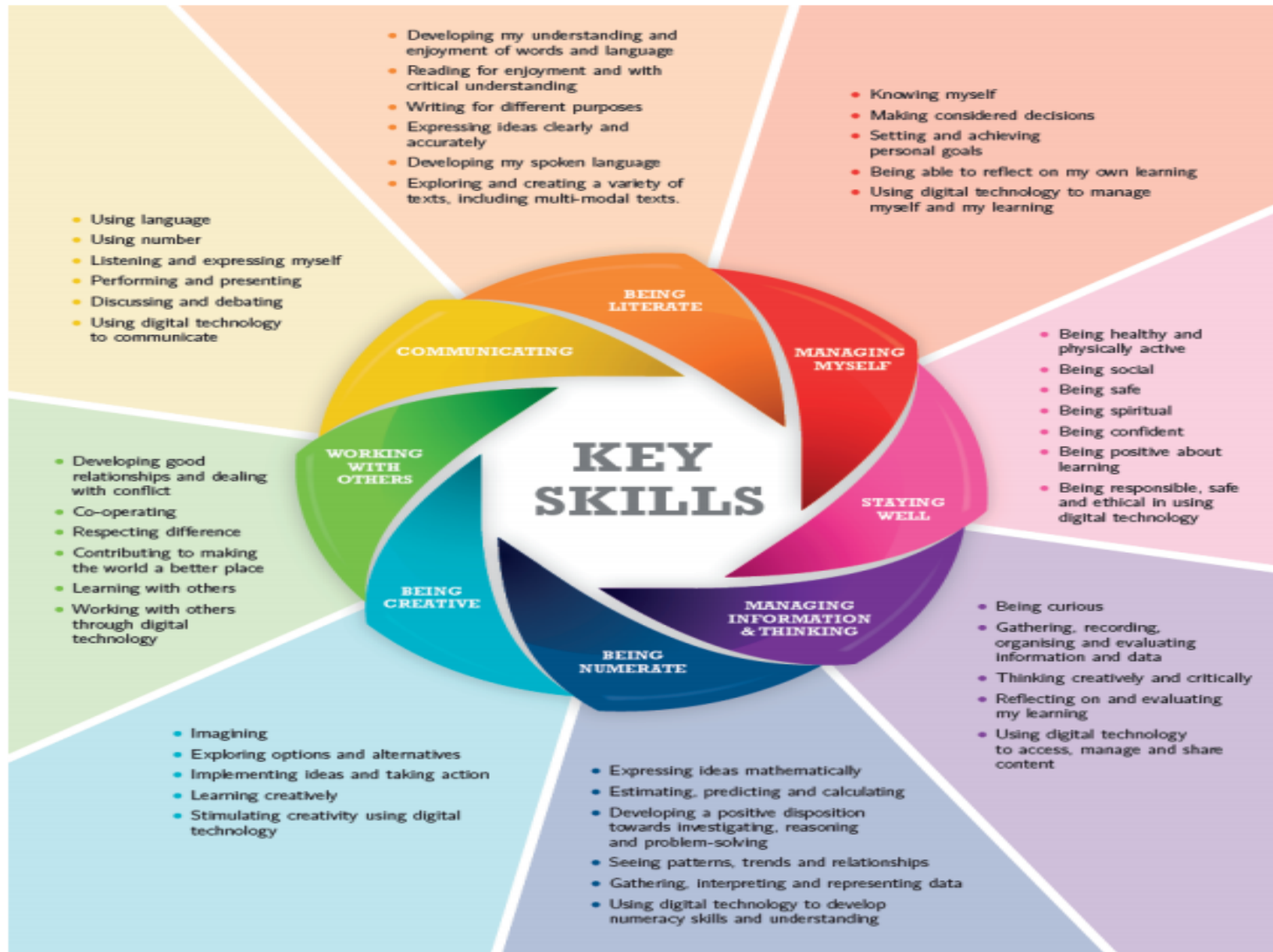
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Anytown Secondary School

This JCPA recognises and records achievements in Junior Cycle.

KEY SKILLS IN JUNIOR CYCLE



RESOURCES

Careers and courses

- www.qualifax.ie
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.careernews.ie

Junior Cert exam papers

examinations.ie

Study:

- www.skooool.ie



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