



20th February 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As 1st year draws to a close it is now time for you and your son/daughter to consider their subject options for Junior Cycle.

As part of the Junior Cycle programme, students will sit a maximum of 10 subjects in June 2025. 1st year students have been studying 11. They now need to choose 10 of those 11 to continue onto Junior Cycle with. English, Irish, Maths, History and Religion are core subjects in our school. Students can now pick an additional 5 subjects from the remaining 6 subjects.

In the coming weeks Ms Boland will discuss with students their subject options for next year. An online Parent Information evening will take place on the 14th March at 7pm to inform you of your son/daughter's options and the Junior Cycle programme for the forthcoming 2 years.

The option to choose their preferred subjects will be accessible on VSware from the 6th March, in the meantime we encourage you to take some time to consider your son/daughter's preferences, create a dialogue at home and speak with students about their subject options. The final date for selection of subjects is the 24th March. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Fogarty

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Principal

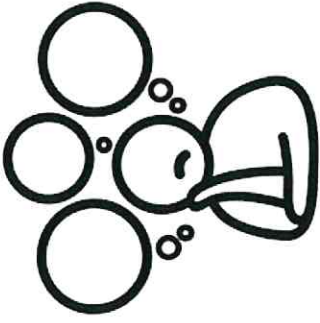
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Consider the following



- Students must make their subject choice from the subjects they are **currently studying**. Students are not allowed to choose a new subject in 2nd year.
- It is vital to consider what the implications of your subject choice are for your Leaving Certificate and therefore your future career and study options.
- Students who do not study Science for their Junior Cycle will not have the foundation required to study Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Agricultural Science at Senior Cycle. This will impact on the options available to them after their Leaving Certificate.
- Students who do not take Business for their Junior Cycle will not have the foundation required to study Accounting, Business or Economics for Leaving Cert and may be at a disadvantage if they wish to pursue a Business related course at third level.
- Students who do not take a Modern Foreign Language (MFL) will be restricted in gaining entry to some Universities and Third Level courses in Ireland

All subjects are assessed at Common Level.

There are 2 CBAs in each subject carried out in 2nd and 3rd Year. An Assessment Task worth 10%, and a final written exam no more than 2 hours.

Subject choice should not depend on...

- Rumours that suggest it is an easy option
- What your friends are doing
- What teacher may or may not be teaching it

Questions to ask yourself..

1. What do I enjoy?
2. What will I do well in?
3. What keeps my options open for Senior Cycle?
4. What keeps my options open for the future?

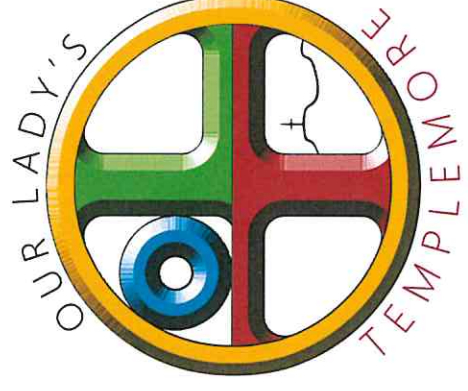
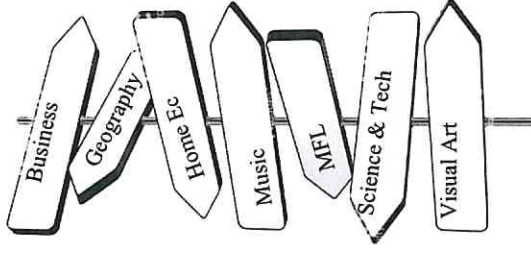
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) should feel free to contact the Guidance Counsellor, Deputy Principal or Principal if assistance is required with subject choices.

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Our Lady's Secondary School
Subject Choice for Second Years
2023-2024



Our Lady's Secondary School

Subjects

In preparation for moving into second year, students must choose five subjects . It is important to discuss your subject choice with teachers and parents/guardians before making your decision.

Business

Business encourages students to develop an appreciation of how their lives are shaped by economic and social factors. This subject leads directly to Economics, Business and Accountancy at senior cycle.

Geography

Geography is the study of the Earth's landscapes, peoples, places, and environments. The study of geography empowers the person to explore and understand the world around them. This subject leads to Geography at senior cycle.

Home Economics

Home Economics is a field of study aiming at achieving optimal, healthy and sustainable living for individuals, families and society. Students study - Food, Health and Culinary Skills, Responsible Family Living, Textiles and Craft. This subject leads directly to Home Economics at senior cycle.

Subjects

Music

A practical subject about the study of music and music making. With music, students can immerse themselves intellectually, emotionally, physically and kinaesthetically in the learning experience. This subject leads directly to Music at senior cycle.

Science

The science course covers the study of Biology, Physics and Chemistry. Science leads directly to Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Agricultural Science at senior cycle.

French (MFL)

Is the study of French language and cultures. This subject leads directly to French at senior cycle.

German (MFL)

Is the study of German language and cultures. This subject leads directly to German at senior cycle.

Subjects

Visual Art

A practical subject where students will have the opportunity to create images and objects using a variety of tools and materials. This subject leads directly to Art at senior cycle.

Engineering

A design based subject based around the practical knowledge and skill of metal and materials processing. This subject leads directly to Engineering at senior cycle.

Graphics

Teaches design capabilities and modelling both digitally and by hand. This subject leads to Design & Communication Graphics at senior cycle.

Wood Technology

Students will explore the natural and made world through the medium of design. This subject leads directly to Construction Studies at senior cycle.