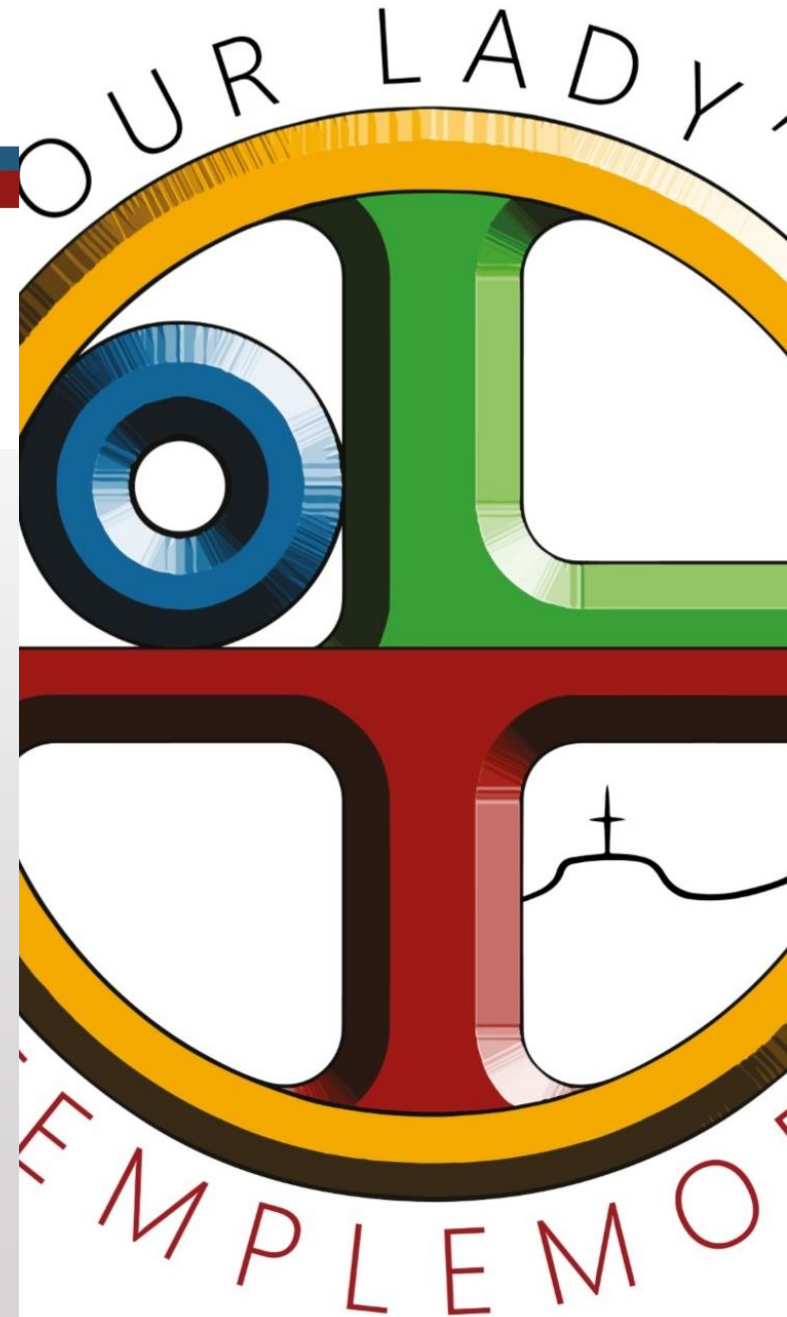


# Information Session

Programme & Subject Choice

29<sup>th</sup> February 2024



# WSE MLL Report -- Feb 2024



‘Commitment to Student care was central’

‘Teaching and Learning were very good’

‘Leadership and management was commendable’

‘nurturing of encouraging, respectful relationships’

‘high level of commitment to whole school wellbeing’

# Senior Cycle



A lot of decisions

LC

LCA

TY

Subject Choice

# Preparation for Next Year



- Ms Boland & Ms Fogarty – speaking with students
- Form sent to parents to indicate preference
- Vsware open until **15th March** for subject choice at 5<sup>th</sup> Year
- Teachers are speaking with students about options next year
- Programme Choice by **tomorrow**



# Programme

- Introduction Ms Butler
- Leaving Cert Ms Boland
- Transition Year Ms Fogarty
- Leaving Cert Applied Ms Butler
- Questions

# SENIOR CYCLE MS BOLAND

Leaving  
Certificate

Leaving  
Cert  
Applied

Transition  
Year

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LEAVING CERT  
ESTABLISHED

# 2 Year Programme - 7 Subjects



- 3 Core - English, Irish, Maths
- + 4 Additional Subjects



**Leaving Cert.  
Results**



# Subject Choice

- +4 (five required on the form)
- French, German
- Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Ag Science
- Accounting, Economics, Business
- History, Geography, Home Economics, PE, Religion
- DCG, Engineering, Construction Studies
- Art, Music



# THINGS TO CONSIDER



Interests

Future

Strengths –  
Exam Results &  
CAT

# Interest Test Results



1. Realist - Practical, active
2. Naturalist - Outdoors, animals,
3. Enterprising - Business, managing
4. Social - People first
5. Investigative - Science
6. Administrative - Organisation, office
7. Creative - Design
8. Linguistic - Communication, languages

[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)



# CAT Results

- Verbal reasoning - Thinking with words
- Quantitative - Thinking with numbers
- Non-verbal reasoning -
  - Thinking with shapes & patterns
- Spatial ability - Thinking with shape and space

What subjects suit my natural ability?

# Implications for the future



## Requirement V Foundation

- Entry to third level -
  - College and Course Requirements
  - Points
  - Interview, Portfolio, Assessment



# College Requirements



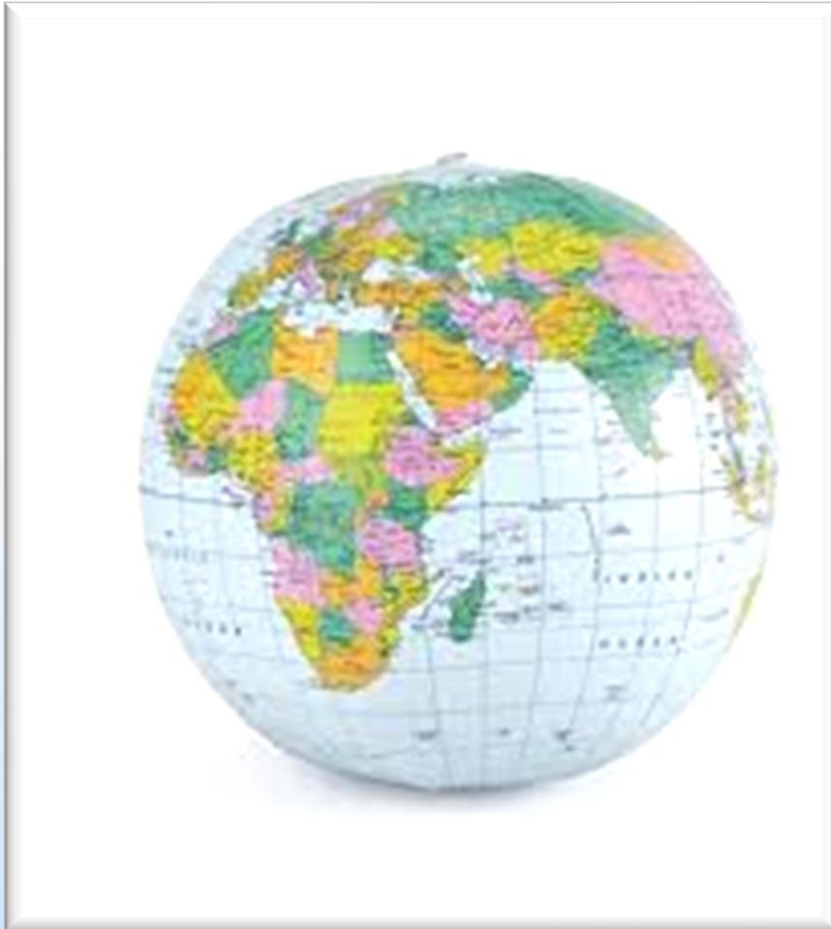
- Vary from one Higher Educational Institute to another
- English, Maths + 1 Language
- Additional requirements depend on the College & course
- Certain subjects are required while others are desirable.

# College Requirements & Languages



- The National Universities of Ireland (UCD, UCC, Maynooth University and University of Galway) require a third language for many courses especially in the Arts, Law, Business, Health science, Medical and Social Science areas
- Also required by RCSI and to join the Cadets in the Defence Forces
- (Required for 161 courses, not required for 1392)
  
- In addition to this, a European language gives students an advantage when seeking work placement or travelling in 3<sup>rd</sup> level and beyond

# College Requirements & Languages



- Having a third language to LC also gives students a life skill which they may draw on in the future

# College Requirements - Examples



- A Business subject is not required for entry into some Business related courses; however it would serve as an excellent foundation to many courses.
- A Science subject is required for entry into a broad range of courses including courses in Sport, Health, Engineering, Science etc. (125 third level courses currently require a science subject and an additional 91 may require a science subject)

See [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

# College Requirements - Examples



- Chemistry is currently required for 6 courses
- Medicine in Trinity requires H3 + H4 in two laboratory Science subjects
- Aeronautical Engineering in UL requires H4 in Maths & O6/H7 in a Science Subject or Construction or Engineering or DCG
- Human Nutrition & Dietetics in TU Dublin requires H4 in Chemistry

SEE [WWW.QUALIFAX.IE](http://WWW.QUALIFAX.IE) & [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

# Points



- Calculated on the six highest grades in the Leaving Cert
- Higher & Ordinary Level
- The points for College courses change each year and depend on the demand for the course



# Leaving Cert Points Table

CAO Points Table					
	%	HL Points	OL Points	LCVP	
H1/O1	90 – 100	100	56	Distinction	66
H2/O2	80 – 89	88	46	Merit	46
H3/O3	70 – 79	77	37	Pass	28
H4/O4	60 – 69	66	28		
H5/O5	50 – 59	56	20	<b>HL Maths</b>	
H6/O6	40 – 49	46	12	+ 25 for H6 or above	
H7/O7	30 – 39	37	0		
H8/O8	0 - 29	0	0		

# LC Subjects and Projects



- Construction – Practical 25% Project 25%
- Engineering – Practical 25% Project 25%
- DCG – 40%
- Ag Science – 25%
- Art – 50%
- Music – 50%
- Home Ec – 20%
- Geography – 20%
- History – 20%
- PE – 50%
- Economics – 20%
- French/German Oral – 25%
- Irish Oral – 40%
- LCVP – 60% Portfolio 40% exam

# What is next?



- Discuss results of Interest Test & cat test
- Research content of subjects on [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
- Check entry requirements on [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)
- Speak to teachers and friends
- Ask for help if required

# Conclusion



- Subject Choice - Keep your options open
- Choose subjects that you will enjoy and that you can do well in
- Research!
  - [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
  - [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

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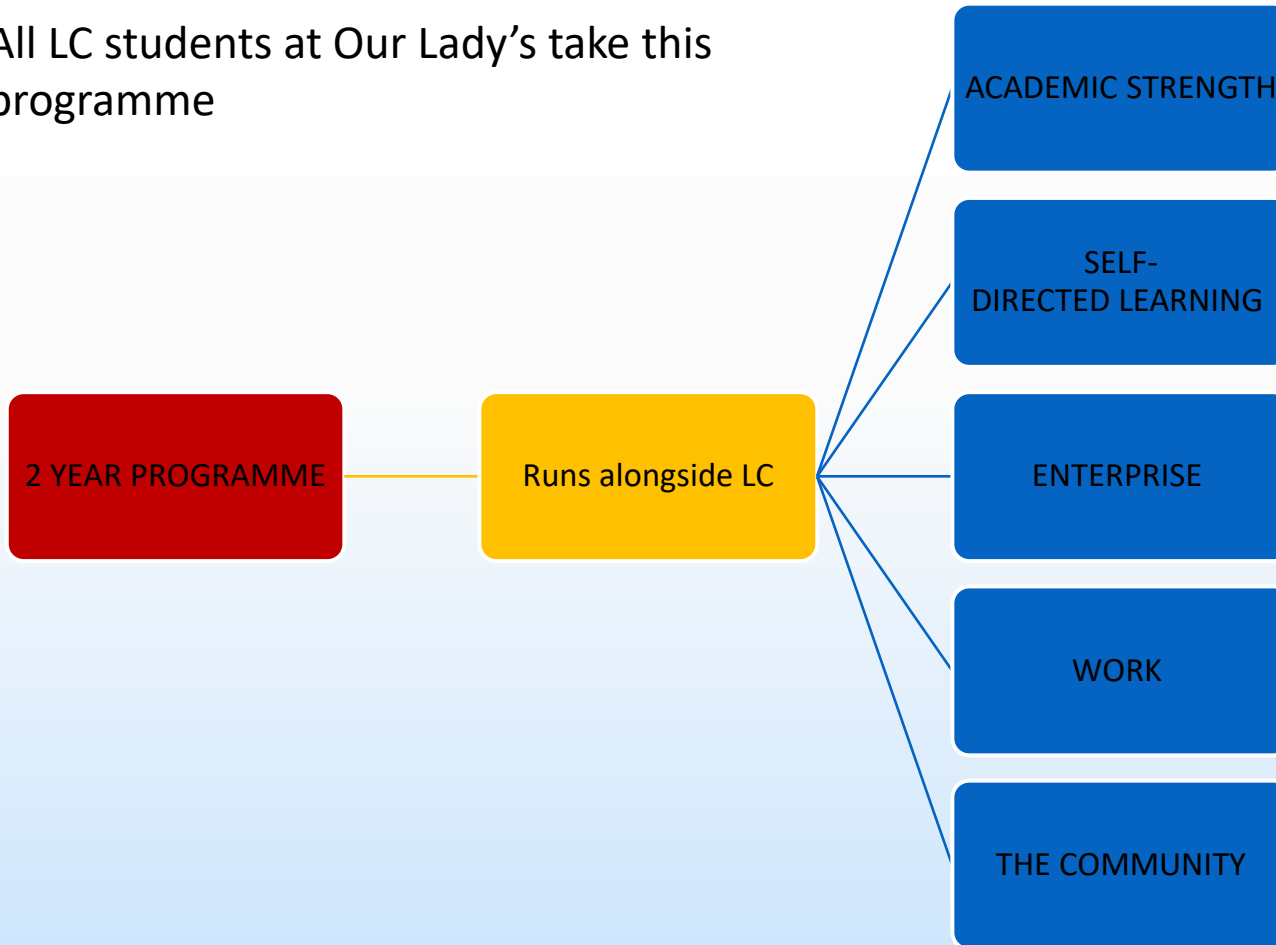
# Transition Year & LCVP

## Ms Emma Fogarty

# Leaving Cert Vocational Programme



All LC students at Our Lady's take this programme



# Leaving Cert Vocational Programme



## Portfolio

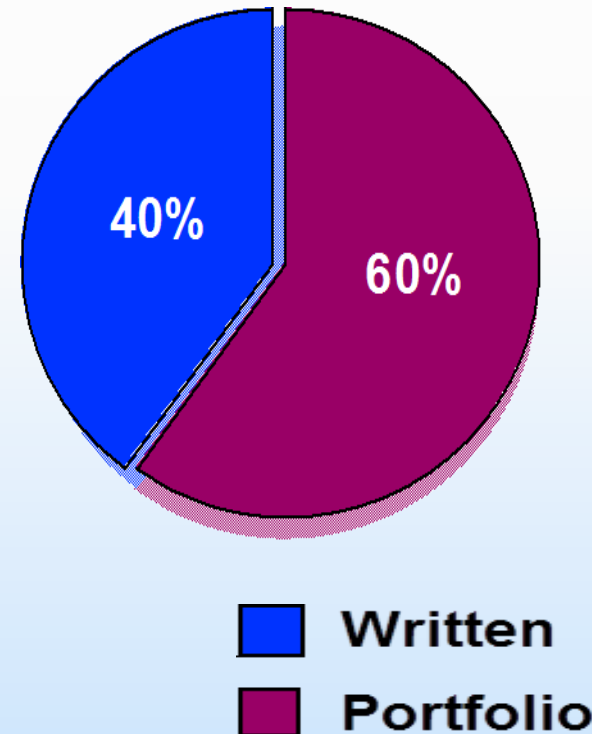
- Curriculum Vitae
- Enterprise Action Plan
- Career Investigation
- Summary Report

2 of the following -

- Diary of Work Experience
- Enterprise Report
- Recorded Interview
- Report on My Own Place

## Assessment –

Completed by May of LC year



# Work Experience



- All ICVP students will complete 3 days work experience in 5th year.





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# What is TY?



It's a one-year school based programme between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle.

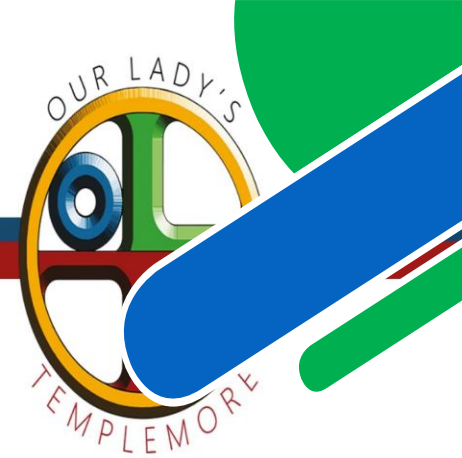


Designed to act as a bridge between the two.



Helps to facilitate the smooth transition from the more dependent learning of Junior Cycle to more independent self-directed learning required at Senior Cycle

# Aims of Transition Year

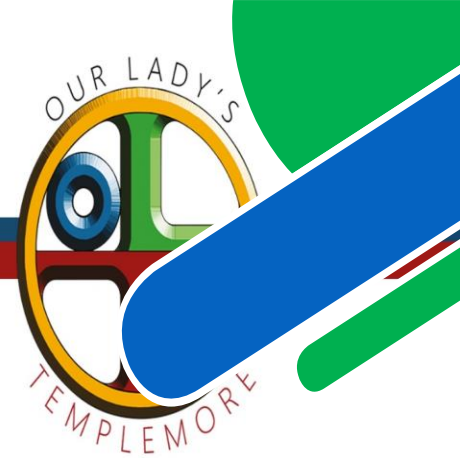


Education for **Maturity** with emphasis on social awareness and increased social competence

Promotion of general, technical and academic **skills** with an emphasis on interdisciplinary and **self directed learning**

Education through experience of **Adult & Working Life** as a basis for personal development & maturity

# Why opt for TY at OLT?



MATURITY



INDEPENDENCE  
AND MORE  
RESPONSIBLE  
ATTITUDES



LEARN NEW  
SKILLS



MAKE NEW  
FRIENDS



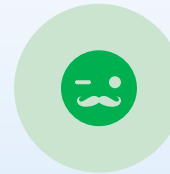
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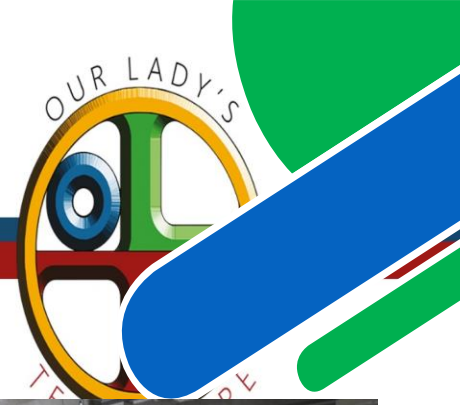
EMBRACE NEW  
EXPERIENCES  
AND CHALLENGES



DISCOVER MORE  
ABOUT PERSONAL  
STRENGTH'S



# Longitudinal Study -ESRI



- Difference in points on average 25+ on CAO
- (Raw data 45 + points)
- **Reasons given**
  1. Students were a year older
  2. Students had developed better study skills
  3. Students had improved both aural and oral language skills ( 25% - 40% of language exams)
  4. Students were more likely to take higher level subjects and stick with it
  5. Subject sampling in TY and Work Experience



# Longitudinal Study -ESRI



- Can you measure self-confidence, maturity, coping skills etc?
- Anecdotal evidence to suggest that students who take TY do better in college and make more appropriate choices for third level study.
- TY students are twice as likely to complete third level education as their counterparts.
- TY students 1.5 times more likely to pass first year

# 21st Century Skills -OECD



## 21st-Century Skills

### Foundational Literacies

How students apply core skills to everyday tasks

-  1. Literacy
-  2. Numeracy
-  3. Scientific literacy
-  4. ICT literacy
-  5. Financial literacy
-  6. Cultural and civic literacy

### Competencies

How students approach complex challenges

-  7. Critical thinking/ problem-solving
-  8. Creativity
-  9. Communication
-  10. Collaboration

### Character Qualities

How students approach their changing environment

-  11. Curiosity
-  12. Initiative
-  13. Persistence/ grit
-  14. Adaptability
-  15. Leadership
-  16. Social and cultural awareness

Lifelong Learning

# Subjects/Modules



Core Subjects

Modules

TY Specific Modules

IT Training

Competitions such as Student Enterprise, Scifest, Angus Beef, EPAS and Microsoft Dreamspace Ambassador Programme



# Work Experience

- Every Friday
- Maximum of three work experiences over the course of the year.
- Work Experience is evaluated and attendance checked
- Appeal to interests and future career choices





# TY Activities & Trips



# Sample Calendar of Events



2024		February				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	31	01	02 Work Experience	03	04
05 School Closed	06 Fitness Class Karate	07 Rome Trip	08 Rome Trip & German Film	09 Work Experience & Rome Trip	10 Rome Trip	11
12 Midterm	13 Midterm	14 Midterm	15 Midterm	16 Midterm	17	18
19	20	21	22 SEGWAYS Workshop	23 Work Experience and SEA County Finals TUS Thurles	24	25
26	27 Architecture in schools Course	28	29 TY Oscars *** to be confirmed & Senior Cycle Information Session	01	02	03

# Cost of TY Activities

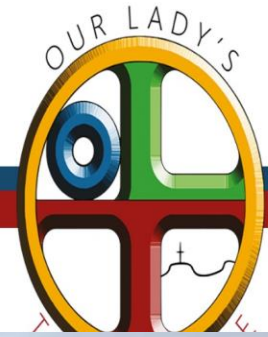


€600

- €200 first payment to secure place by 19th of April
- 2nd €200 instalment by 7th of June
- Balance due by 2nd of September



# Optional Foreign Trip



**Possible locations Rome/Barcelona/  
Amsterdam (TBC)**

April 2025

Cultural Tour

Approx. cost €900 (TBC)

Letter will issue to all 2024 TY  
Students in March/April 2024



# How is TY assessed at Our lady's



Digital Portfolio

Work Experience Evaluations

Interview

Projects/Class Assignments

Oral language Tests

Christmas and Summer assessments in English Irish and Maths.

Credit System – students are awarded Pass, Merit or Distinction on completion of TY

You reap what you sow.





# Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore

## Leaving Certificate Applied

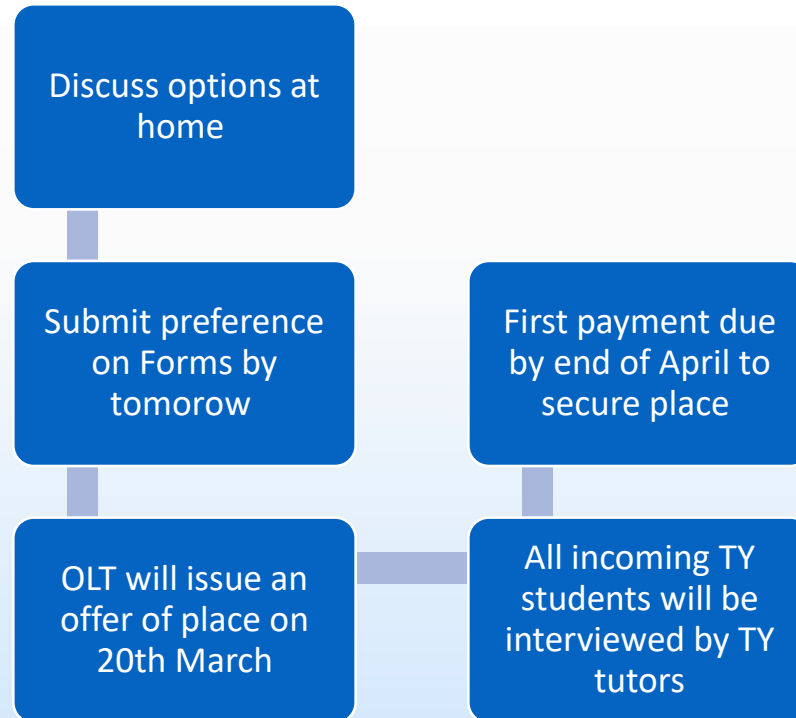


# Who would benefit most?



- Students who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes.
- Students who choose not to opt for the traditional Leaving Certificate.

# What Next? Students Going in to TY



# WHAT NEXT? STUDENTS GOING IN TO 5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR



Discuss options at  
home



Submit programme  
preference on Form  
sent to parents via text  
message by tomorrow



Submit subject choice  
for 5<sup>th</sup> year on Vsware  
before 15th March



## 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



### Your Contact Details



### Notifications

Nothing to report!

Notifications related to your children will appear here when available.

# Pick an area to explore



## Attendance

Monitor your child's attendance at a glance, view records from an entire year or specific lesson.

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## Assessment

View your child's full academic record, track progress over time and download term reports.

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## Behaviour

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## Timetable

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## 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.

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## Student Options

Submit next year's subject preferences directly to the school.

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Dear Parent/Guardian, Please select five subjects in order of preference from the list provided. Every effort will be made to assign student their top four choices. Please select the levels your son/daughter would like to opt for in Maths, English and Irish ( If exemption exist select Curriculum Access) . If your Son/Daughter wishes to study LCVP, please select 'Enterprise Education', If not please select 'Social, Personal and Health Education'

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

Closing date: 24/03/2021

## Options

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▲
2	Geography
	French
	Agricultural Science
	Biology
3	Music
	Construction Studies
	Physics
4	Business
	Accounting
	Economics
5	Design & Communication graphics
	Chemistry
	Home Economics (New Syllabus - Scientific & Social)
	German
	Art (with Craftwork option)
	Physical Education
	History - Early Modern
	Engineering
	Religious Education

Maths Level

Preference
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5	Select a subject ▼
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### Maths Level

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▲ Select a subject Maths (Higher) Maths(Ordinary)

### English Level

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼

### Irish Level

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼

### LCVP

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼

## Irish Level

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼

## LCVP

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▲ Select a subject Enterprise Education Social, Personal and Health Education

[Confirm](#)



# What LC Programme has your son/daughter chosen?



Senior Cycle Programme Selection  
Third Year Students 2024-2025



# Conclusion



Questions