



Ennis Community College & Gaelcholáiste An Chláir

March 2024

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Leaving Cert Subject Choice

Things to consider!!

5th Year- Subject Choice

- ? What is important when choosing subjects?
- ? Examine the importance of choosing the right subjects and the content of subjects for LC.
- ? Brief understanding of importance of subjects and the college requirements.

When considering subjects you need to consider progression!

College or PLC or Apprenticeship

- College-Matriculation/entry Requirements
- Faculty Course Requirements
- Points

Things Not To Do....

Pick a subject thinking it will be an easy H1

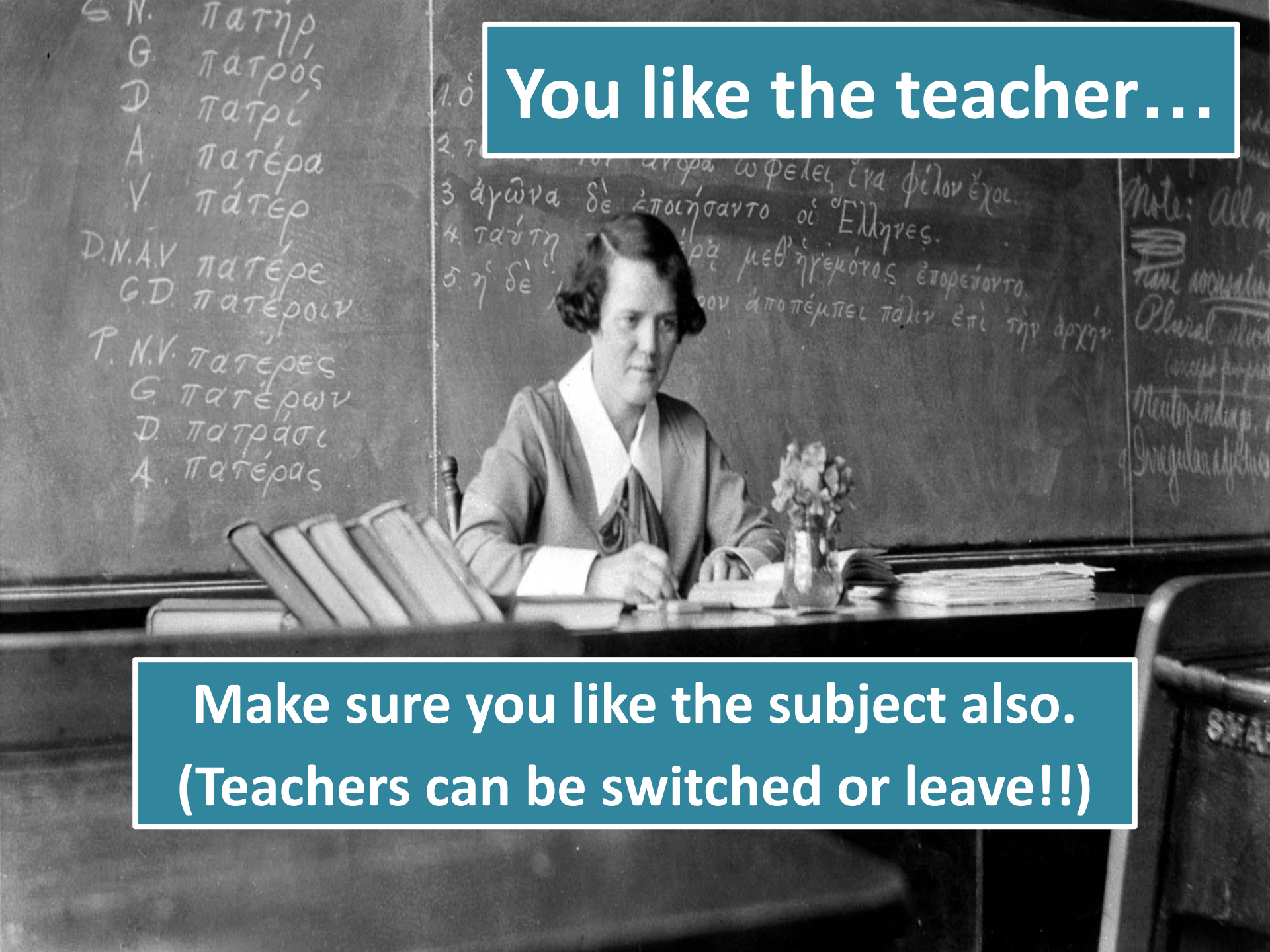


**Most subjects have the same
porportion of H1, H2 etc....**

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**Choose
that
subject
because all
of your
friends
are choosing
it...**

**Think for
yourself !!!!**



You like the teacher...

**Make sure you like the subject also.
(Teachers can be switched or leave!!)**

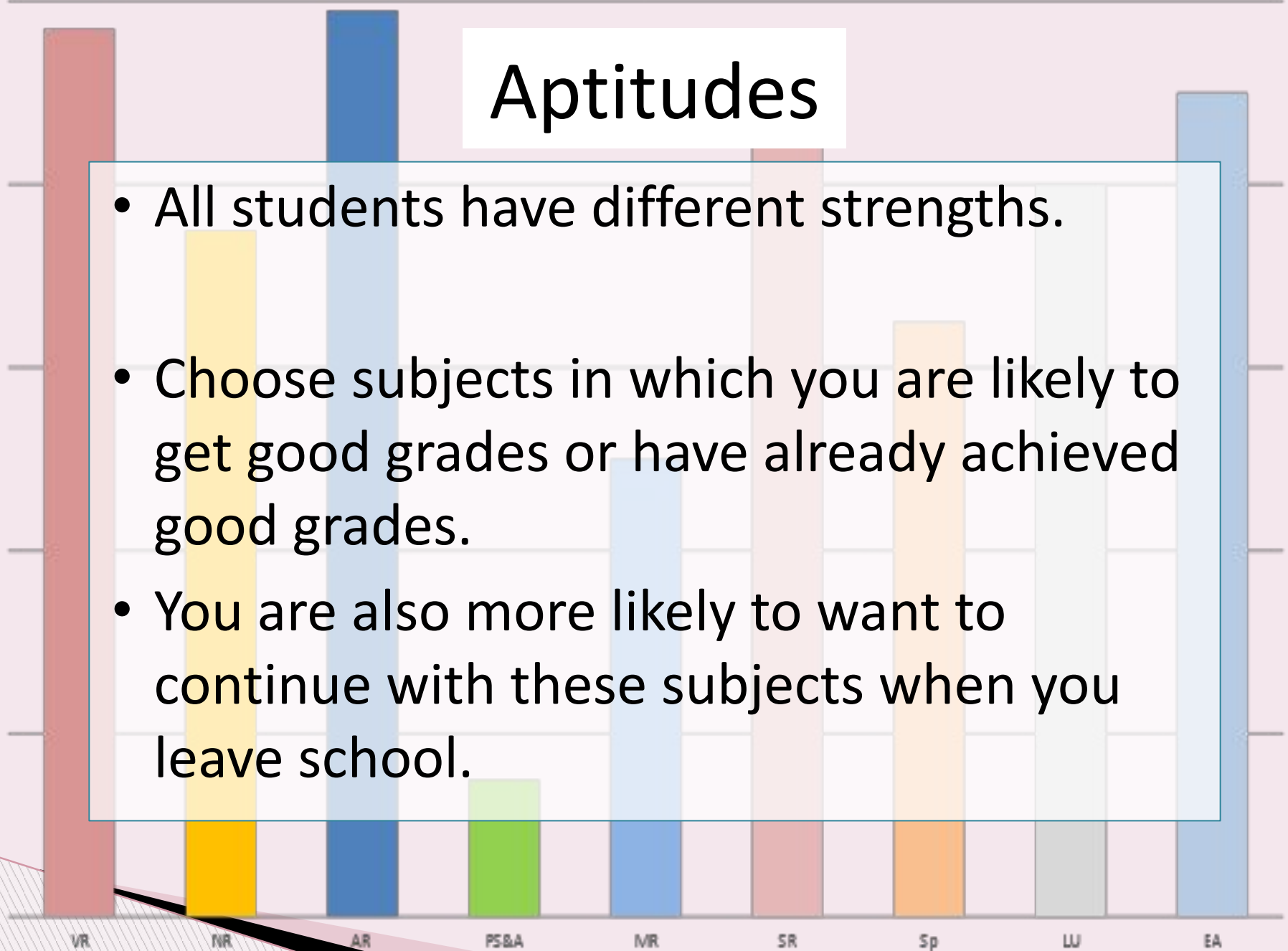


When choosing subjects, *do what comes naturally.*

1. It is easier and more comfortable for you.
1. Why make your life more difficult?

Aptitudes

- All students have different strengths.
- Choose subjects in which you are likely to get good grades or have already achieved good grades.
- You are also more likely to want to continue with these subjects when you leave school.



Career & Further Education

Apart from Irish, English and Maths, other subjects can be required for some courses & careers.



Check out these subject requirements with the course provider.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THIS.

www.qualifax.ie

Use this website to help you research courses you might like to take after school.

Lots of students do not know what they want to do and in that case we advise you to keep your options open.

For example: One science, one language, one business, one practical.

THE SCIENCES

A pass in *at least* one Laboratory Science subject is needed if you are applying for anything in:

Engineering	Pharmacy
Human Nutrition/ Dietician	Medical Laboratory
Paramedical	Podiatry
Radiography	Veterinary
Physiotherapy	Nursing
Medical	Science areas at Universities

!!! Course requirements should be checked on an individual basis !!!

THE SCIENCES

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Physical Ed. + Maths (DCU)

Design & Manufacture (UL)

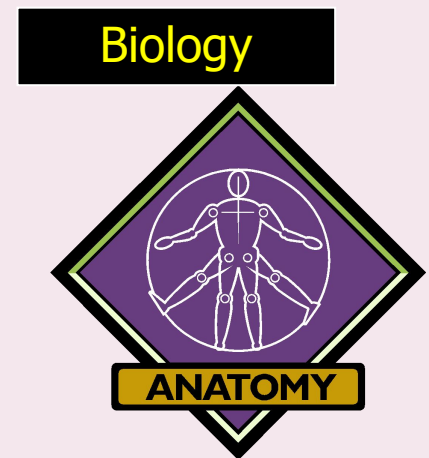
Both require a science subject.

i.e: Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Agricultural Science.

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WHY?

? If students are considering Medical, Paramedical, Nursing, Science or Engineering courses they should select a laboratory science subject or two for some courses and for some colleges a third language is required.



CHEMISTRY/CEIMIC

Is required for:

Human Nutrition & Dietetics - TUD

Dentistry - *UCC*

Medical & Health Sciences -UCC

Medicine - *UCC (plus either Physics or Biology)*

Veterinary Science - UCD

Pharmacy - UCC & RCSI

Medicine - UCC

BIOLOGY/BITHEOLAÍOCHT

Is required for:

Veterinary Medicine - UCD

Elective Biology in Home Ecc. - St Angela's

Genetics - UCC

Human Health & Disease - TCD

Health Science with Dietetics Studies,
or Occupational Studies or

Physiotherapy Studies - LYIT

Is very useful for:

P.E. teaching with Biology - DCU

PHYSICS/ FISIC

Is required for:

Theoretical Physics - TCD

Is very useful for:

*Anyone considering courses in
Engineering or Electronics.*

Medicine

Medical Entry degrees in Ireland require at least 1 science subject with options to complete your medical degree in 5 years if you have 2 science subjects.

An Exam called the HPAT is also part of the application process. www.cao.ie - this website has a link to a complete guide to medicine.

Third Language:

UCC
NUI Galway
UCD
Maynooth University Royal
College of Surgeons

All require a **pass** in a third language for most of their courses.

Other colleges require it for certain courses with a large language component.

For example:

- European Studies
- Languages & Marketing
- Hotel Management
- Languages & International Tourism

Third Language:

- Most students choose to study a Foreign language as it ensures that they do not rule out any college where a third language is an entry requirement. If you want to keep all your options open chose to study at least one additional language.
- A **third language** is required for entry to **National University of Ireland colleges** for most degree programmes in Arts, Human Sciences, Social Science, Medicine and Health Sciences and some other degrees.

Third Language:

- Students may be officially exempt due to the recommendation of an Educational Psychologist. The exemption is granted for many reasons including being diagnosed with dyslexia or because the psychologist feels the student may benefit from additional learning support. If the student is officially exempt this does not affect their opportunities to apply for courses in any college even where a language is a required for entry to those courses. This is the case in some colleges but not all. Exemptions are not accepted for courses where the student will study a language.

Other conditions under which the exemption can be granted to NUI colleges include;

- If the student is born outside the country.
- If the student is exempt from Irish on grounds of specific learning difficulty they are automatically exempt from a third language (NUI only)
- If a student comes to Ireland over the age of 11 they are not required to study Irish but are required to study a third language.



Third Language:

Entry to the Cadetships in the Defence Forces requires a third Language. They can however start as a soldier and work their way up if they don't have a language.

NCAD require a third language or Art.



No Third Language Required:

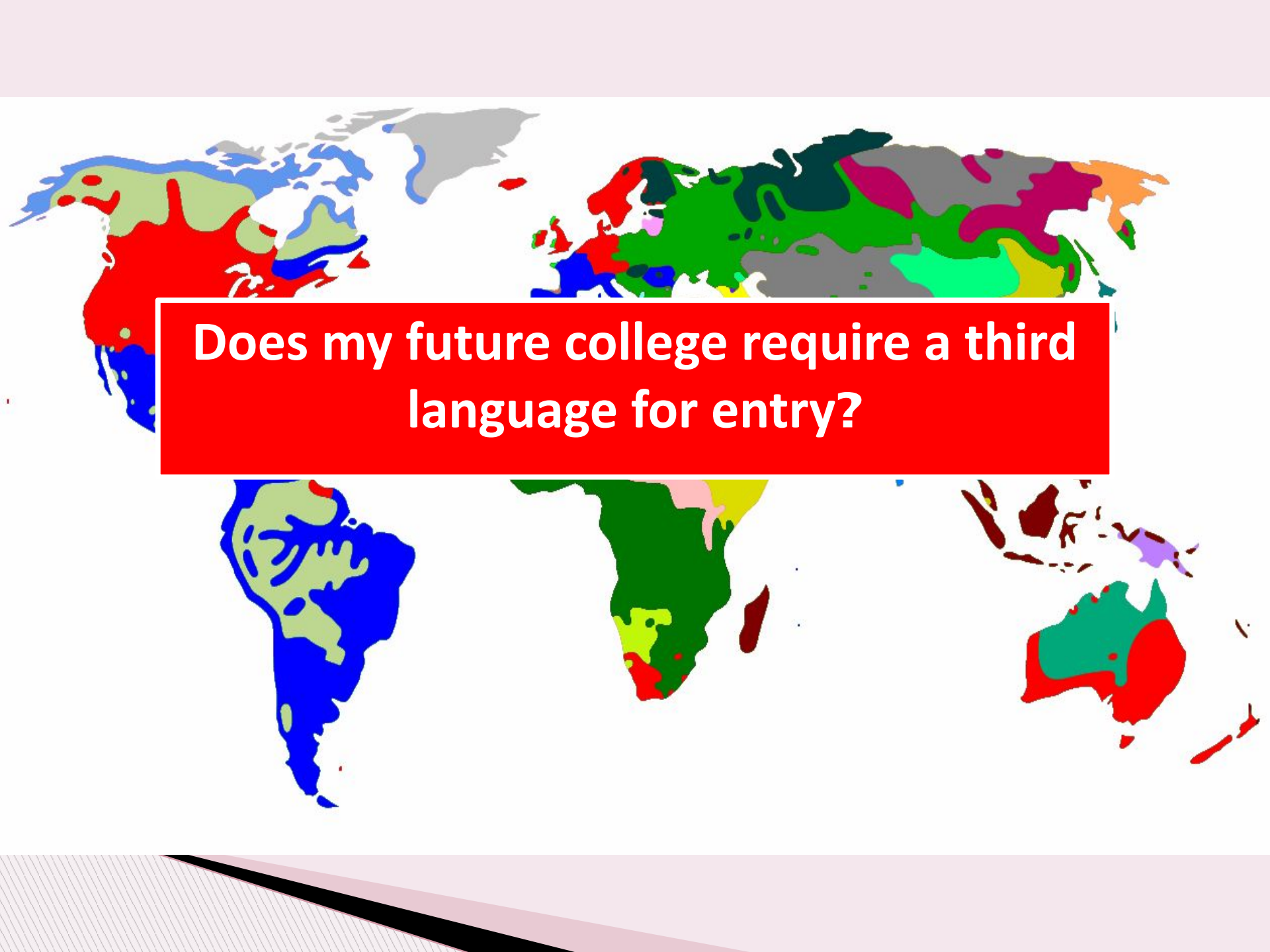
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Trinity College
University of Limerick
D.C.U.
T.U.D.
Institutes of Technology

Unless it is a specific course requirement. A pass in Irish will suffice.

2.

UCC (23 courses not needing a third language)
NUIG (23 courses not needing a third language)
UCD (25 courses not needing a third language)
Maynooth Uni (38 courses not needing a third language)



Does my future college require a third language for entry?

Click any of the logos to link to the
Qualifax Subjects Requirement Page.

Here you can find all course subject requirements.

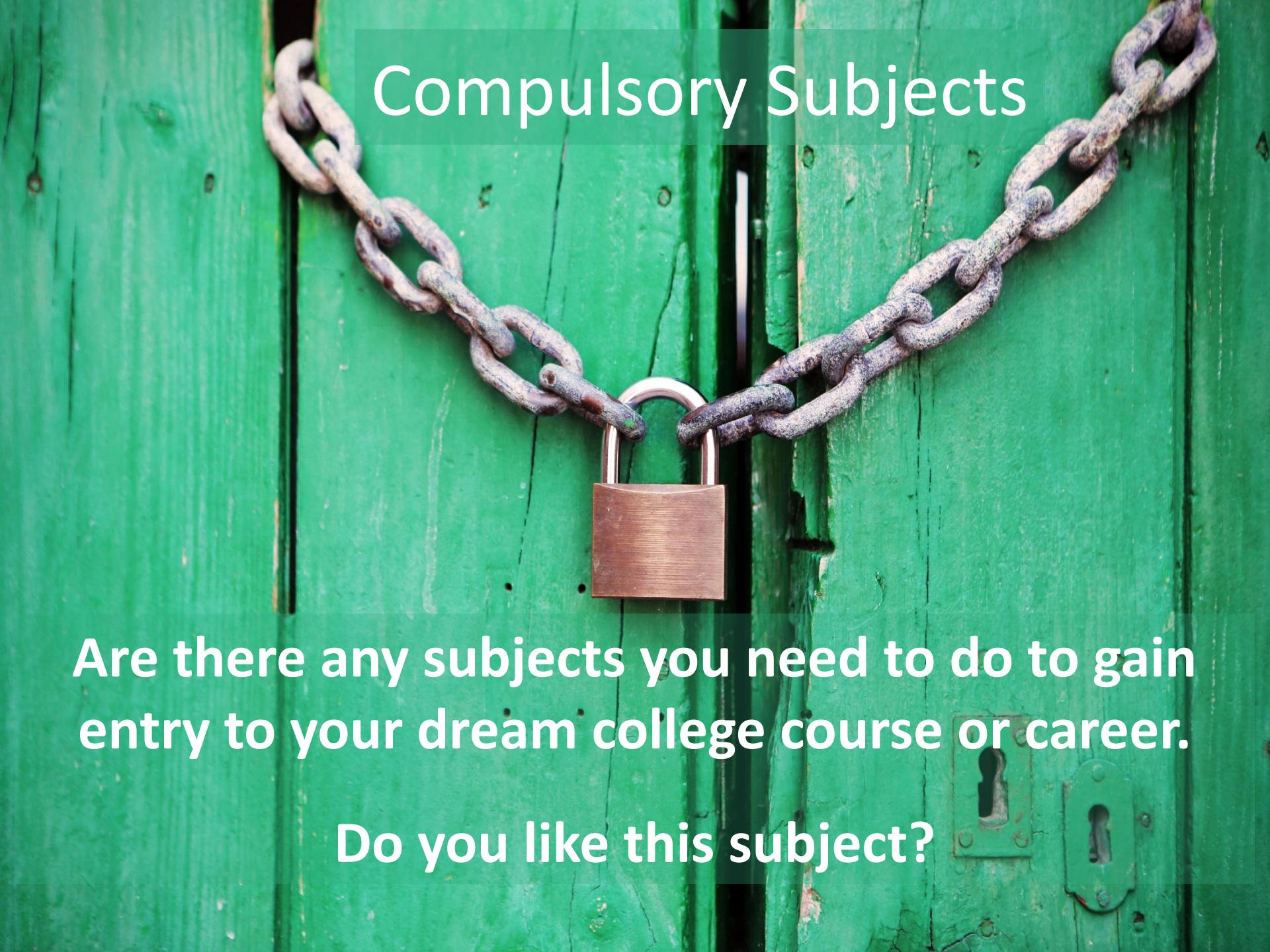


Required Subjects



Make a list- Does my possible future career have any required or desirable subjects.

Compulsory Subjects

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Are there any subjects you need to do to gain entry to your dream college course or career.

Do you like this subject?

Subject Choice Form

- ? Completed online.
- ? Must be submitted by
- ? Must list 7 subjects in order of genuine preference

Consider the following factors when choosing your subjects:

▣ **ABILITY** - choose subjects in which you are likely to get good grades.



▣ **APTITUDES** - Taken throughout school years, additional test on www.careersportal.ie. CAT 4 Tests in school, check your results.



INTEREST - Choose subjects that you are genuinely interested in as you are much more likely to study those subjects and do well in them. Career Tests can help too.



▣ **CAREER** - In addition to the core subjects (Irish, English, Maths) there are other subjects that are essential for some courses and careers.



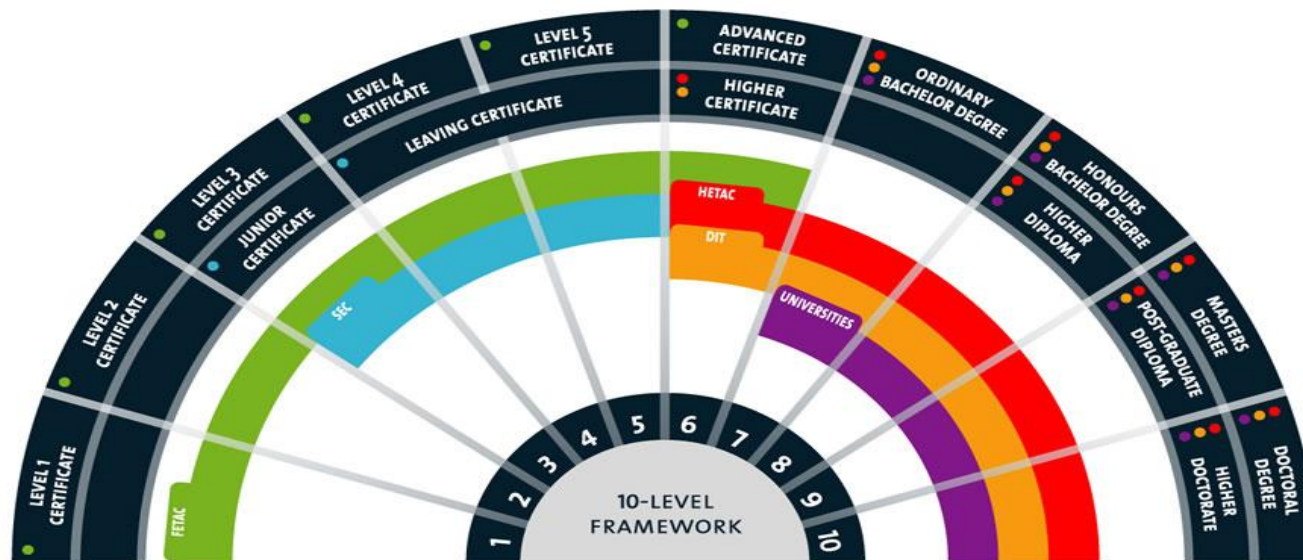
National Framework of Qualification



AWARDS IN THE FRAMEWORK

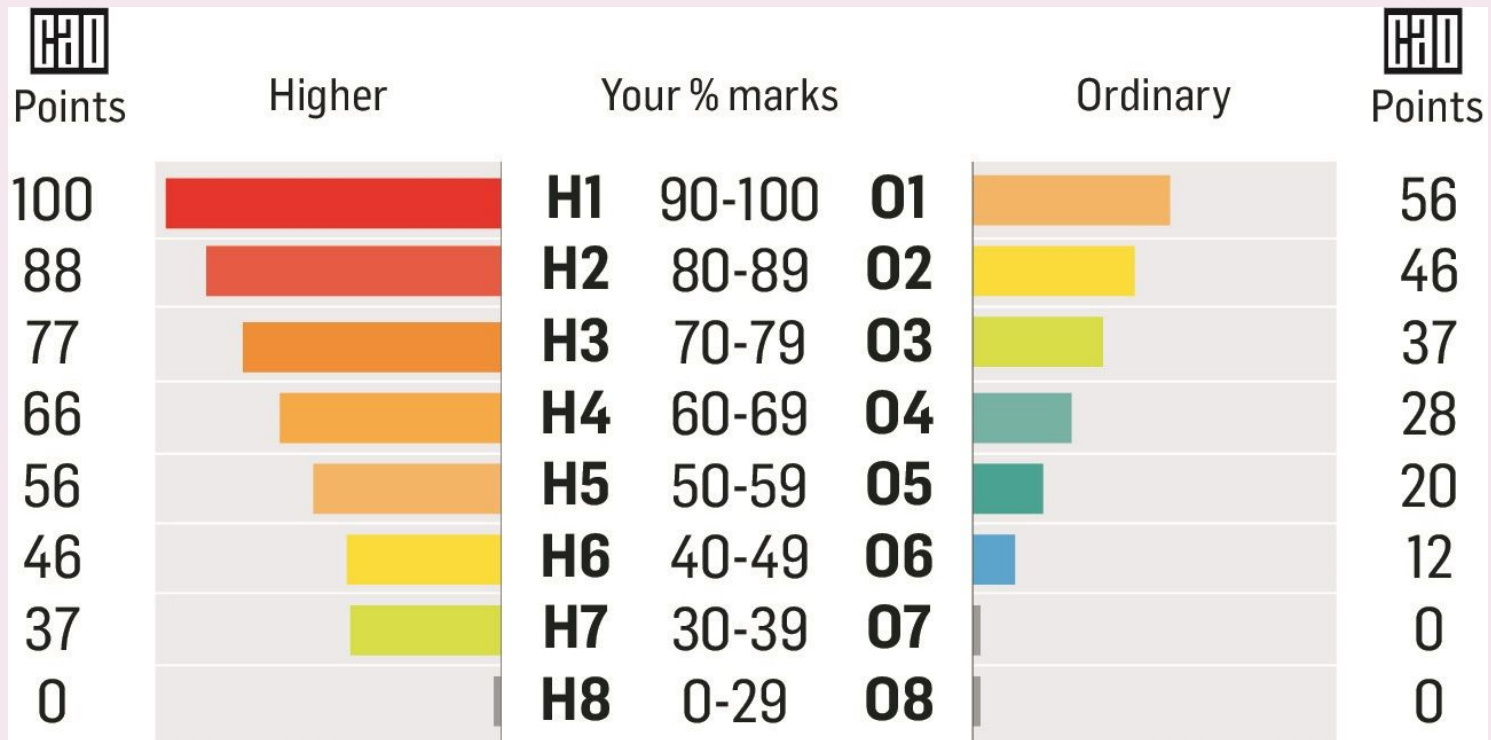
KEY

- FETAC - Further Education and Training Awards Council
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education & Science)
- HETAC - Higher Education and Training Awards Council
- DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities
- new Framework awards



Leaving Certificate Points

Hons Maths bonus 25 points



+25 Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules

Distinction 66

Merit 46

Pass 28

F /Subject Requirements

? Particular courses may require grades at certain levels, in particular subjects
Some examples are:

- ? Primary Teaching requires H4 in Irish
- ? Medicine in UCC requires H5 in chemistry + H5 in Physics or Biology
- ? Business in UL requires O6 in Ordinary level maths
- ? Engineering courses (Level 8) need maths H4 and some require a science subject, some a practical subject
- ? Science courses require a science subject and sometimes a specific grade.

? www.qualifax.ie/students/usefultools



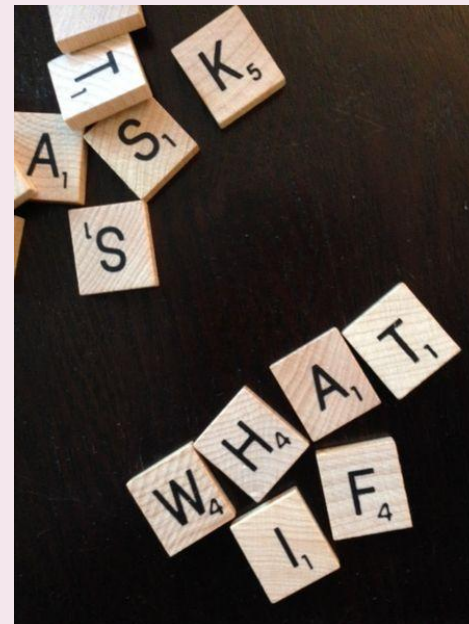
Points



- ? Points are allocated for the six best grades
- ? Grades for points must be achieved in one sitting of the Leaving Certificate but faculty or college requirements can be achieved separately.
- ? Entry to a course will be granted to those who have highest points
- ? Colleges do not set the points
- ? The points reflect: the results of the student and the number of places available in the college in that year

Appointments

- ? All students who are dropping the foreign language without an exemption in languages must now meet with Ms Meehan/ Ms Murrihy to discuss future plans.



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Useful websites!!!!

careersportal.ie

Cao.ie

Qualifax.ie

Ncca.ie

Gotocollege.ie

Check out all these websites to get more information.

Apprenticeships

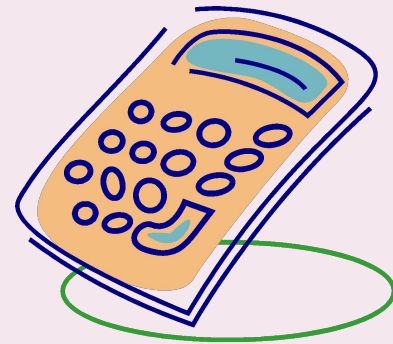
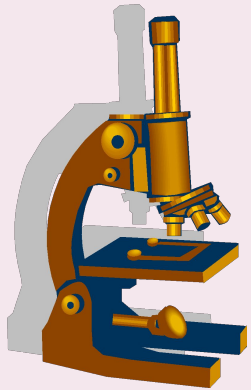
- ? There are a wide variety of apprenticeships- www.apprenticeship.ie - link here to learn more.
- ? Some more traditional like carpentry, electrician etc require finding an employer.
- ? Others – engineering, aeronautical require aptitude tests in mechanics, maths and sometimes DCG so these are important subjects.
- ? Interviews, CV's too.
- ? Visits to Apprenticeship Fair in FET every year.

Post Leaving Cert Courses (PLC Level 5)

- ? Ennis College of Further Education- excellent courses.
- ? New links called Tertiary Courses- business, construction. Straight from these courses to college 2nd Year.
- ? No Points/ 5 LC subjects plus an interview.
- ? Pathways programme in place – Taster days for Beauty, Barbering, Culinary Skills, Barista
- ? Two week apprenticeship tasters- electrical and plumbing. More links to follow.

And finally...

Do not give up
subjects you love!



**The Leaving Cert
is like a cake:
Bake it in 5th
Year,
Ice it in 6th Year!**





Aine Meehan, Moira Murrihy
Guidance Counsellors

Questions



Subject Choice Form

- Completed online [HERE](#) (form available from Thursday March 14th)
- Must be submitted by 12 noon on Tuesday March 19th 2024
- Must list 7 subjects **in order of genuine preference**

Consider LCVP:

- A Leaving Cert Plus programme
- Strong vocational (work focus)
- Two modules over two year:
 - Preparation for the world of work
 - Enterprise education
- [More information here](#)

CAT 4

The Cognitive Ability Test

[Click here to view the sample report](#)

