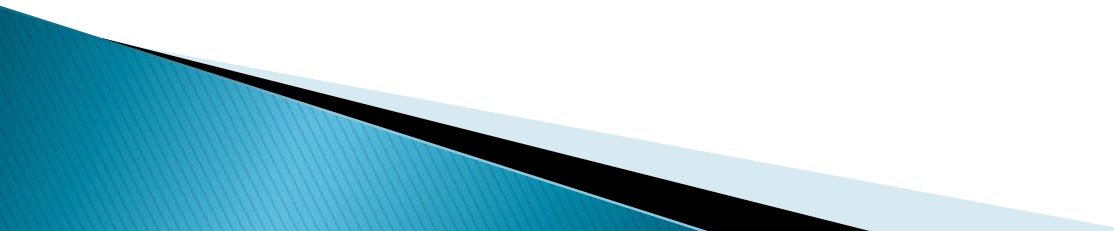
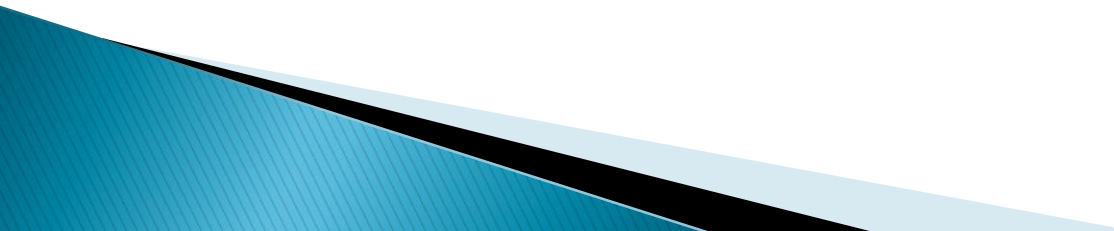


Welcome to Borrisokane Community College

Agenda

1. Procedure for allocating students to subjects
 2. Career Guidance
 3. CAT4 Test
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Assessment

- ▶ Monthly Assessments in class by teachers. Results and comments to go on EPortal.
 - ▶ Option Subjects keep an eye on November Assessments.
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After Christmas

- ▶ Core Subjects – as current classes
- ▶ Option Subjects – new classes

Option Subjects

- ▶ French
- ▶ German
- ▶ Business Studies
- ▶ Home Economics
- ▶ Music

- Technical Graphics
- Art
- Materials Tech.
(Metal)
- Materials Tech.
(Wood)

Choosing Options

- ▶ Early December process commences
- ▶ Students choose five preference subjects

Student Preference

List subjects in preference order

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Parents will sign this sheet.



Student Preferences

Analysed by computer to form a set of bands which satisfy the majority of students.

Example of Band Set


French German Mat. Tech. (Wood) Home Ec.

French Mat. Tech.(Wood) Business St. Art

Home Ec. Mat. Tech. (Metal) Tech. Gr. Music



Constraints on achieving Options

1. Number of pupils opting for a subject
Class size
 - Maximum 24, 30
 - Minimum 10 approx.
 2. Two required subjects on one line when making choices
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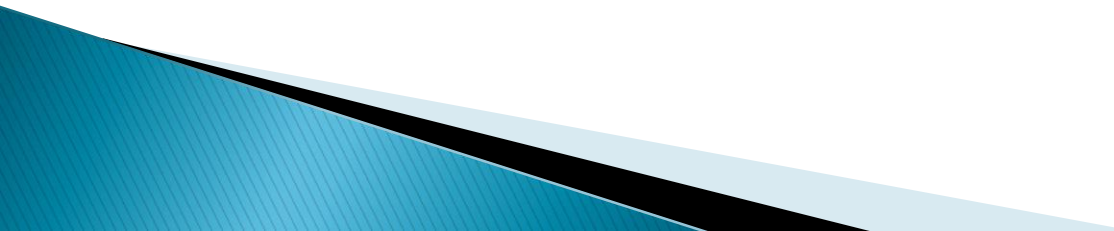
Constraints on achieving Options (contd)

3. Availability of Teaching Staff

e.g. 32 students ask for subject X

- ▶ class size maximum 24
- ▶ no teacher available to form a second class

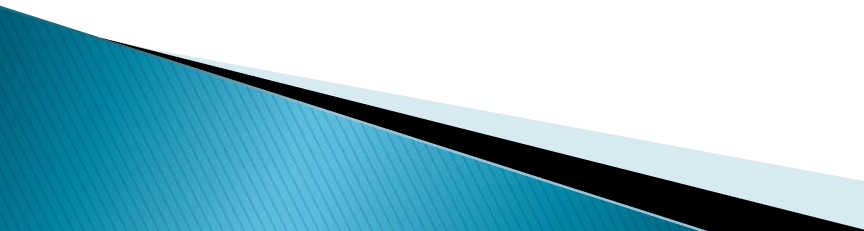
Result: Eight students will be placed in another class on that option line based on Preference 4 and 5

- ▶ Parents can contact Class Teachers, Career Guidance Teacher or Principal for further information during the process.
 - ▶ Parent/Teacher Meeting 22nd Nov. 4.15pm to 6.45pm in the school.
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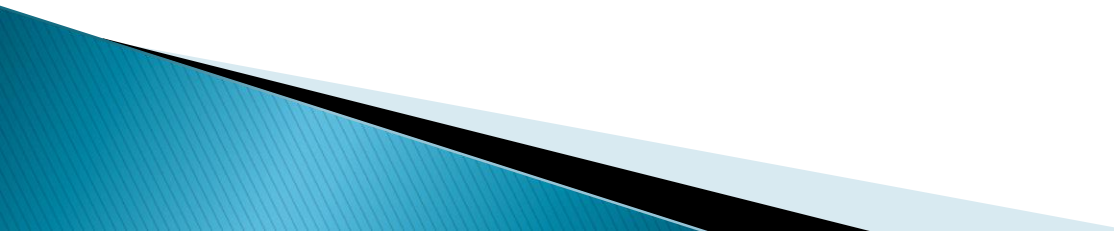
CAT4 – Cognitive Ability Test

- ▶ A test of students ability
- ▶ Similar to Micra T and Sigma T from Primary School
- ▶ Give Statistical Indication of student achievement not of actual results.
- ▶ Shows areas of strength
- ▶ Need also to consider students motivation, school attendance, effort, etc.
- ▶ Identify areas where students may need support.
- ▶ Teachers with students can set targets based on results.





CAT4 – Cognitive Ability Test

- ▶ Established for over 30 years
 - ▶ Tests students reasoning ability in the following areas:
 - Verbal – Words
 - Quantitative – Numbers
 - Non-verbal – Shape, patterns and sequences,
 - Spatial – Space, e.g. Three Dimensional (potential in STEM areas)
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Subjects linked to the four test areas:

- ▶ **Verbal:** Languages, CSPE, History, Geography
 - ▶ **Quantitative:** Maths, Science, Physics, Business Studies, Home Economics, Practical Subject – Measurements etc.
 - ▶ **Non-Verbal:** Tech Gr, MW, WW, Art, Home Ec, Geog, Music, Higher Maths, Science
 - ▶ **Spatial:** Tech Gr, MW, WW, Art, Home Ec, Geog, P.E., Science. (STEM Subjects)
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Profile

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|--------------|---|--|
| Verbal |  | |
| Quantitative |  | |
| Non-verbal |  | |
| Spatial |  | |