

Choosing Subjects (General advice)

- CHOOSE SUBJECTS THE STUDENT ENJOYS.
- CHOOSE SUBJECTS IN WHICH THE STUDENT HAS RECEIVED GOOD GRADES.
- IF YOU NOT SURE WHAT CAREER OR COURSE YOU WANT TO FOLLOW (MOST FIRST YEARS DON'T!) CHOOSE A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS FOR EXAMPLE A LANGUAGE, A PRACTICAL SUBJECT and A BUSINESS SUBJECT.

How do I choose?

- Interested
- Good grades
- Third level aspirations.
- Personal aptitudes.
- Take note of college entry requirements.
- Find out as much as possible about the subject matter. Read subject textbooks.
- Speak to subject teachers and students.
- Check out Careersportal.ie, careerdirections and qualifax.ie for further information on subject choice.

SUBJECT OPTIONS

- FRENCH
- GERMAN
- ART
- MUSIC
- BUSINESS STUDIES
- TECHNICAL GRAPHICS
- MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY WOOD
- MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY METAL
- HOME ECONOMICS

French/ German

Has become more practical

Role of communication greatly
enhanced

Aural (listening tests)

Letter writing

understanding written materials

FRENCH/GERMAN

- **YOU DO NOT NEED A FOREIGN LANGUAGE FOR ALL COLLEGES!**
- **MOST COURSES IN THE N.U.I REQUIRE A PASS IN A CONTINENTAL LANGUAGE (UCC, UCD, N.U.I GALWAY, N.U.I MAYNOOTH)**
- **YOU DO NOT NEED A LANGUAGE FOR ENTRY INTO THE INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY UNLESS THE COURSE IN QUESTION INCLUDES A LANGUAGE COMPONENT (BUSINESS AND GERMAN)**

FRENCH/ GERMAN

- YOU NEED A LANGUAGE FOR ENTRY INTO THE CADETS IN THE ARMY NAVY OR AIR CORP.
- A LANGUAGE IS USEFUL FOR THE FOLLOWING CAREERS
 - TRAVEL AND TOURISM
 - BROADCASTING
 - MARKETING
 - Air steward

Art Craft and Design

- Increases the pupils awareness of the visual world and environment.
- Activities encourage personal exploration and creativity.
- Students engage in the following still life, calligraphy, collage sketching, lettering etc.
- Project for junior cert

ART

- ART IS NOT NECESSARY FOR ENTRY INTO ART COLLEGE, ALTHOUGH IT IS RECOMMENDED.
- STUDENTS MUST PRODUCE A PORTFOLIO AND THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR STUDENTS WHO DO NOT STUDY ART AT LEAVING CERT LEVEL.
- ART IS ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE.
- NCAD requires Art or a Language for entry
- USEFUL FOR THE FOLLOWING CAREERS
 - ADVERTISING
 - ARCHITECTURE
 - FASHION DESIGN
 - PAINTING AND DECORATING
 - PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING.

Music

- Both practical and theoretical.
- A good background to Leaving Cert Music.
- Previous knowledge not necessary but a keen interest important.
- Every student studies a performing skill.

MUSIC

- NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IN ORDER TO STUDY MUSIC AT THIRD LEVEL, THOUGH HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
- IN ORDER TO STUDY MUSIC AT THIRD LEVEL A STUDENT MUST PASS A SPECIAL ENTRANCE EXAM.
- Music as part of an Arts Degree requires a H5
- MUSIC IS USEFUL FOR CAREERS IN
 - ENTERTAINMENT
 - SPEECH THERAPY
 - PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHING
 - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
 - ACTING
 - TELEVISION

Business

- Covers everyday business of living aswell as the world of business.
- A good foundation for all business subjects at leaving cert level.

BUSINESS STUDIES

- PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT BACKGROUND FOR THOSE WISHING TO STUDY BUSINESS AT THIRD LEVEL.
- IT IS BROKEN DOWN IN TO TWO SECTIONS BUSINESS AND ACCOUNTANCY.
- IT PROVIDES A USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR THE FOLLOWING CAREERS:
 - ACCOUNTANCY
 - BANKING
 - ADMINISTRATION
 - SALES
 - HOTEL MANAGEMENT
 - INSURANCE
 - QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Technical Graphics

- Technical graphics is a means of communication.
- A student learns how to communicate ideas and solve problems.
- You learn how to communicate information using diagrams and sketches.
- Draws on a student's logical thinking.

TECHNICAL GRAPHICS

- ONE OF THE RECOMMENDED SUBJECTS FOR ENTRY IN TO METALWORK AND WOODWORK TEACHING.
- IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE WISHING TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE
- USEFUL FOR ALL ENGINEERING COURSES.
- APPRENTICESHIPS ESPECIALLY MECHANIC, FITTER AND CARPENTER.
- TOOLMAKER
- BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
- TECHNICAL SALES

Materials Technology (Wood)

- Pupils learn to work with tools and other materials.
- They learn to plan and design projects.
- Learn how to read drawings.
- Students learn how to work in a workshop and take responsibility for their own safety and that of others.

MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY WOOD

- THIS SUBJECT IS KNOWN AS CONSTRUCTION STUDIES AT LEAVING CERT LEVEL.
- USEFUL FOR THE FOLLOWING CAREERS:
 - APPRENTICESHIPS ESPECIALLY CARPENTER AND BRICKLAYER.
 - CIVIL ENGINEERING
 - BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TEACHER
 - QUANTITY SURVEYOR.
 - FURNITURE SALES

Materials Technology (Metal)

- A mixture of theory and practice.
- An introduction to materials and process engineering.
- Project for Junior Cert.
- Learn to work in workshop and take responsibility for their own safety and that of others.

MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY METAL

- THIS SUBJECT IS KNOWN AS ENGINEERING AT LEAVING CERT LEVEL.
- IT IS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDED SUBJECTS FOR THOSE WISHING TO BECOME METALWORK TEACHERS.
- IT IS USEFUL FOR THE FOLLOWING CAREERS:
 - MOTOR MECHANIC
 - SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL
 - TOOLMAKER
 - WELDER
 - APPRENTICESHIPS ESPECIALLY IN THE ARMY AND AIR CORP.

Home Economics

- Direct relevance to life both in the present and in the future.
- Students study areas such as Food studies, consumer studies, social and health etc.
- Practical and theory element.

HOME ECONOMICS

- RECOMMENDED FOR HOME ECONOMICS TEACHING.
- HAS BOTH A PRACTICAL AND THEORETICAL ELEMENT.
- USEFUL FOR CAREERS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
 - CATERING
 - CHILDCARE
 - HOTEL MANAGEMENT
 - FASHION DESIGN
 - HAIRDRESSING
 - BEAUTY THERAPY
 - SOCIAL WORK