



JUNIOR CYCLE

SUBJECT CHOICE

Presentation Secondary School,
Listowel,
Co. Kerry.

February 2017

**COMPULSORY
JUNIOR CERTIFICATE
EXAMINATION SUBJECTS**

IRISH

ENGLISH

MATHS

HISTORY

GEOGRAPHY

CSPE

RELIGION



IRISH

- All First and Second Year classes are mixed ability. All classes in Second Year do basic common prose and poetry. At the beginning of Third Year, classes divide into higher and ordinary levels. Foundation level students will be catered for in ordinary level classes. Each student will be encouraged to make her own decision with the guidance of her teacher.
- If during the year a student wishes to change from higher to ordinary level or from ordinary level to foundation level they must complete a “Change of level” form, which is available from the office and must be signed by the student, parent(s) / guardian(s), teachers and principal. A copy of this completed form will be posted home.
- **Irish is a compulsory subject for the Leaving Certificate Examination (unless a student has an official exemption from the Department of Education and Science).**

ENGLISH

- All First and Second year classes are mixed ability. All students are encouraged to attempt higher level. If a student does not achieve the required standard the teacher will discuss this with the student and the parents/guardians also. The final decision rests with the parent/guardian and student. If at the beginning of third year a sufficient number of students choose to study ordinary level English then a separate class **may** be created.
- If during Third Year a student wishes to change from higher to ordinary level they must complete a “Change of level” form, which is available from the office and which must be signed by the student, parent(s) / guardian(s), teachers and principal. A copy of this completed form will be posted home.
- **English is a compulsory subject for the Leaving Certificate Examination.**

MATHS

- All First Year classes are mixed ability. If possible all Second Year Maths classes are timetabled for the same time to allow the possibility of making Higher and Ordinary level groupings after the February tests.
- If the results are very low during First Year students may be recommended to follow the Ordinary level programme.
- Students are encouraged to try higher, however if a student wishes to change from higher to ordinary level they must complete a “Change of level” form, which is available from the office and which must be signed by the student, parent(s) / guardian(s), teachers and principal. A copy of this completed form will be posted home. Likewise students not having the ability to pass ordinary level are recommended to do the foundation level.
- **Maths is a compulsory subject for the Leaving Certificate Examination.**

HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

- All classes are mixed ability. All students are encouraged to aspire to the higher level course. Based on class tests and the results of the Junior Certificate mock examination some students may be encouraged to take the ordinary level paper. If during third year a student wished to change from higher to ordinary level they must complete a “Change of level” form, which is available from the office and which must be signed by the student, parent(s) / guardian(s), teachers and principal. A copy of this completed form will be posted home.

CSPE

- CSPE is completed at a Common level by all students.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- All students take study Religious Education as it helps to awaken people to faith and help them throughout their lives to deepen and strengthen that faith.
- All classes in Religious Education are mixed ability – the level to be taken in the Junior Certificate examination will be recommended by the teacher based on class test results.
- Religious Education is offered as an examination subject at Junior and Senior Level.



WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING SUBJECTS?

1. Ask yourself “What am I good at?”

If you are good at a subject you will find it a lot easier to study this subject and to do well in it. As you will have a lot of subjects to study for the Junior Certificate it will be very helpful if you have chosen subjects you enjoy studying and are good at.

2. Ask yourself “What do I enjoy?”

What are the subjects that you like studying and you find interesting. If you enjoy a subject you will do well in it.

3. Keep your options open

Choosing a Science and a language – either French or German will keep all your options open. There are many courses that require a Science Subject and a Language. It is recommended that you keep on these subjects if at all possible.

4. Talk to your teachers

By talking to your teachers you will be able to find out more about what the subject involves and decide if this interests you or not.

5. Talk to your Guidance Counsellor

If you have any questions or queries - be sure to contact the Guidance Counsellor to seek any help or assistance which you may need.

***** IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT *****

- *You keep your options open.*
- *You should never pick a subject because your friends are doing that subject – decide what is best for you based on your own interests.*
- *Always ask for help whenever you need it.*



SUBJECT CHOICE

Choose **FOUR** of the following subjects

- *One of the four should be a language.*
- *It is possible to choose two languages.*

FRENCH / GERMAN

It is highly recommended that students take one language as it is a requirement for several college courses. For a full list of these courses see the following website: www.qualifax.ie

SCIENCE

Choosing Science is very advisable. There are many courses at third level that require science. For a full list of courses that you will not be able to do without a Science subject see Appendix 1 of this booklet.

However if you do not take a Science subject you will still be able to choose from over 980 courses. To view this list visit: www.qualifax.ie – students – subject choice – Junior Certificate.

MUSIC

ART CRAFT & DESIGN

HOME ECONOMICS

BUSINESS STUDIES

TECHNICAL GRAPHICS

- All classes are mixed ability and all students are encouraged to achieve their potential. The ability of students is observed during class. Based on evaluation of test results and mock examinations some students are advised to take an ordinary level paper. These students will be given a “Change of level” form, which is available from the office and which must be signed by the student, parent(s) / guardian(s), teachers and principal. A copy of this completed form will be posted home.

FACT SHEETS ON EACH SUBJECT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

www.careersportal.ie – School – Junior Cert – Subjects Listed at right side

or

www.qualifax.ie – Students – Subject Choice – Minimum Subjects Module

DECIDING BETWEEN TWO SUBJECTS?

*It often comes down to a decision between 2 subjects.
Use this sheet to help you decide which subject is best for you.*



<p>SUBJECT 1 : _____</p> <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••••	<p>SUBJECT 2 : _____</p> <p>Advantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••••
<p>SUBJECT 1 : _____</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••••	<p>SUBJECT 2 : _____</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••••••

- Write out the advantages and disadvantages of each subject for you.
- Sometimes when it is written on paper it can become clearer.

SUBJECT CHOICE CHECKLIST

1st Year Students



Subject	Good at	Enjoy it	Keeps my options open
French			
German			
Science			
Music			
Art			
Home Economics			
Business Studies			
Technical Graphics			

The following websites can be helpful when making up your mind:

www.ncca.ie
www.qualifax.ie
www.careersportal.ie
www.careerdirections.ie

QUESTIONS TO ASK MYSELF:

If you can answer yes to all of the following questions then you have chosen your subjects wisely and you can be confident that you have made an informed decision.

• Have I chosen subjects that I am interested in and that I enjoy?	YES / NO
• Have I checked to make sure that I am choosing the right subjects for the right career e.g. I must have science if I want to become a nurse.	YES / NO
• Have I chosen a Modern Language – French / German?	YES / NO
• Have I spoken to the subject teachers or guidance counsellor about any questions I had?	YES / NO
• Have I checked www.qualifax.ie : subject choice section?	YES / NO
• Have I made this decision for myself and not been influenced / persuaded by any one else? (Remember what is right for someone else may not be right for you).	YES / NO



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Should you have any further queries you can contact the Guidance Counsellor directly at the school as follows:

Ph: 068 – 57039

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Presentation Secondary School, Listowel, Co. Kerry.

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Appendix 1

Outlined in the following pages are a list of the Third Level Courses
which **require** a Science Subject.

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Code	Course	Course Provider
DN210	Archaeology & Geology	University College Dublin
DN120	Architecture - Landscape	University College Dublin
DC204	Athletic Therapy & Training	Dublin City University
GY318	Biopharmaceutical Chemistry	NUI Galway
GY304	Biotechnology	NUI Galway
MH202	Biotechnology	NUI Maynooth
DC181	Biotechnology	Dublin City University
DT299	Chemical Sciences with Medicinal Chemistry	Dublin Institute of Technology
TR074	Chemistry with Molecular Modelling	Trinity College Dublin
DT229	Clinical Measurement Science	Dublin Institute of Technology
TR007	Clinical Speech & Language Studies	Trinity College Dublin
GY350	Computer Science & Information Technology	NUI Galway
LM082	Construction Management & Engineering	University of Limerick
DN252	Dairy Business	University College Dublin
TR802	Dental Hygiene	Trinity College Dublin
TR801	Dental Nursing	Trinity College Dublin
TR052	Dental Science	Trinity College Dublin
TR803	Dental Technology	Trinity College Dublin
CK702	Dentistry	University College Cork
LM119	Design & Manufacture	University of Limerick

TR077	Earth Sciences	Trinity College Dublin
LM080	Electronics	University of Limerick
LM087	Energy	University of Limerick
GY413	Energy Systems Engineering	NUI Galway
LM116	Engineering	University of Limerick
GY401	Engineering	NUI Galway
DN140	Engineering - Structural with Architecture	University College Dublin
LM077	Engineering - Aeronautical	University of Limerick
GY408	Engineering - Biomedical	NUI Galway
LM071	Engineering - Biomedical	University of Limerick
LM115	Engineering - Chemical & Biochemical	University of Limerick
LM085	Engineering - Civil	University of Limerick
GY402	Engineering - Civil	NUI Galway
CK602	Engineering - Civil & Environmental	University College Cork
DT025	Engineering - Common 1st Year	Dublin Institute of Technology
MH304	Engineering - Common Entry to Computer Electronic & Communications Engineering	NUI Maynooth
LM074	Engineering - Computer Aided & Design	University of Limerick
GY414	Engineering - Electrical & Electronic	NUI Galway
CK605	Engineering - Electrical & Electronic	University College Cork
MH302	Engineering - Electronic	NUI Maynooth
GY406	Engineering - Electronic & Computer	NUI Galway
LM118	Engineering - Electronic & Computer Engineering	University of Limerick
MH303	Engineering - Electronic with Communications	NUI Maynooth
MH301	Engineering - Electronic with Computers	NUI Maynooth
CK603	Engineering - Energy	University College Cork
GY409	Engineering - Environmental	NUI Galway
DT023	Engineering - Manufacturing & Design	Dublin Institute of Technology
DC196	Engineering - Manufacturing with Business Studies	Dublin City University
GY405	Engineering - Mechanical	NUI Galway
LM073	Engineering - Mechanical	University of Limerick
WD085	Engineering - Mechanical & Manufacturing	Waterford Institute of Technology
DN150	Engineering - Omnibus Entry	University College Dublin
CK601	Engineering - Process & Chemical	University College Cork
GY412	Engineering Innovation - Electronic	NUI Galway
DT491	Environmental Health	Dublin Institute of Technology
GY309	Financial Mathematics & Economics	NUI Galway
AS051	Food & Business Management	St. Angela's College Sligo
DT421	Food Innovation	Dublin Institute of Technology
DT424	Food Science & Management	Dublin Institute of Technology
DT203	Forensic & Environmental Analysis	Dublin Institute of Technology
DN271	Forestry	University College Dublin

CK405	Genetics	University College Cork
DC168	Genetics & Cell Biology	Dublin City University
DK880	Health & Physical Activity	Dundalk Institute of Technology
GY313	Health & Safety Systems	NUI Galway
DC209	Health & Society	Dublin City University
AS001	Home Economics with Biology - Second Level Teaching	St. Angela's College Sligo
AS004	Home Economics with Economics - Second Level Teaching	St. Angela's College Sligo
AS003	Home Economics with Irish - Second Level Teaching	St. Angela's College Sligo
AS002	Home Economics with Religious Education - Second Level Teaching	St. Angela's College Sligo
DC170	Horticulture	Dublin City University
DN272	Horticulture Landscape & Sportsturf Management	University College Dublin
TR073	Human Genetics	Trinity College Dublin
TR056	Human Health & Disease	Trinity College Dublin
DN262	Human Nutrition	University College Dublin
DT223	Human Nutrition & Dietetics	Dublin Institute of Technology
LM064	Industrial Biochemistry	University of Limerick
AD012	Industrial Design	National College of Art & Design
LM094	Materials & Architectural Technology with concurrent Teacher Education	University of Limerick
LM095	Materials & Engineering Technology with concurrent Teacher Education	University of Limerick
LM088	Mathematics & Physics	University of Limerick
TR075	Medicinal Chemistry	Trinity College Dublin
TR051	Medicine	Trinity College Dublin
GY501	Medicine	NUI Galway
CK701	Medicine - Undergraduate Entry	University College Cork
DN400	Medicine - Undergraduate Entry	University College Dublin
RC001	Medicine - Undergraduate Entry	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
LM083	Mobile Communications & Security	University of Limerick
TR076	Nanoscience Physics & Chemistry of Advanced Materials	Trinity College Dublin
AL631	Nursing - Dental	Athlone Institute of Technology
TR911	Nursing Childrens & General - Integrated - Standard	Trinity College Dublin
DN451	Nursing Childrens & General - Integrated - Standard	University College Dublin
DC218	Nursing Childrens & General Integrated - Standard	Dublin City University
CK712	Nursing Childrens & General Nursing Integrated - Standard	University College Cork
DK870	Nursing General - Standard	Dundalk Institute of Technology
WD116	Nursing General - Standard	Waterford Institute of Technology
AL830	Nursing General - Standard	Athlone Institute of Technology

DN450	Nursing General - Standard	University College Dublin
AS110	Nursing General - Standard	St. Angela's College Sligo
TL110	Nursing General - Standard	Institute of Technology Tralee
DC215	Nursing General - Standard	Dublin City University
LM150	Nursing General - Standard	University of Limerick
CK710	Nursing General - Standard	University College Cork
LY908	Nursing General - Standard	Letterkenny Institute of Technology
TR093	Nursing General - Standard - Adelaide School of Nursing	Trinity College Dublin
GY515	Nursing General - Standard - Galway & Portiuncula	NUI Galway
TR091	Nursing General - Standard - Meath & St James	Trinity College Dublin
GA880	Nursing General - Standard at Castlebar	Galway-Mayo IT - Galway
TR097	Nursing Intellectual Disability - Standard	Trinity College Dublin
LY928	Nursing Intellectual Disability - Standard	Letterkenny Institute of Technology
DC217	Nursing Intellectual Disability - Standard	Dublin City University
WD120	Nursing intellectual Disability - Standard	Waterford Institute of Technology
CK730	Nursing Intellectual Disability - Standard	University College Cork
AS130	Nursing Intellectual Disability - Standard	St. Angela's College Sligo
DK872	Nursing Intellectual Disability - Standard	Dundalk Institute of Technology
LM154	Nursing Intellectual Disability - Standard	University of Limerick
TL115	Nursing Mental Health - Standard	Institute of Technology Tralee
LM152	Nursing Mental Health - Standard	University of Limerick
CK740	Nursing Midwifery - Standard	University College Cork
GY517	Nursing Midwifery - Standard	NUI Galway
DN452	Nursing Midwifery - Standard	University College Dublin
TR913	Nursing Midwifery - Standard	Trinity College Dublin
DK877	Nursing Midwifery - Standard	Dundalk Institute of Technology
LM156	Nursing Midwifery - Standard	University of Limerick
GY516	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard	NUI Galway
DK874	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard	Dundalk Institute of Technology
AL832	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard	Athlone Institute of Technology
DN453	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard	University College Dublin
TR095	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard	Trinity College Dublin
LY918	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard	Letterkenny Institute of Technology
DC216	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard	Dublin City University
WD117	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard	Waterford Institute of Technology
CK720	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard	University College Cork

GA882	Nursing Psychiatric - Standard at Castlebar	Galway-Mayo IT - Galway
DT420	Nutraceuticals in Health & Nutrition	Dublin Institute of Technology
CK704	Occupational Therapy	University College Cork
GY502	Occupational Therapy	NUI Galway
TR054	Occupational Therapy	Trinity College Dublin
DT224	Optometry	Dublin Institute of Technology
MH210	Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Chemistry	NUI Maynooth
LM061	Pharmaceutical & Industrial Chemistry	University of Limerick
DT422	Pharmaceutical Healthcare	Dublin Institute of Technology
CK703	Pharmacy	University College Cork
RC005	Pharmacy	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
TR072	Pharmacy	Trinity College Dublin
AL630	Pharmacy Technician	Athlone Institute of Technology
LY806	Pharmacy Technician	Letterkenny Institute of Technology
DT425	Pharmacy Technician Studies	Dublin Institute of Technology
DC205	Physical Education with Biology	Dublin City University
DC206	Physical Education with Mathematics	Dublin City University
GY315	Physics & Applied Physics	NUI Galway
CK408	Physics & Astrophysics	University College Cork
LM065	Physics - Applied	University of Limerick
DC171	Physics - Applied	Dublin City University
DT222	Physics Technology	Dublin Institute of Technology
DC167	Physics with Astronomy	Dublin City University
GY317	Physics with Astrophysics	NUI Galway
MH204	Physics with Astrophysics	NUI Maynooth
GY316	Physics with Medical Physics	NUI Galway
DT235	Physics with Medical Physics & Bioengineering	Dublin Institute of Technology
TR053	Physiotherapy	Trinity College Dublin
DN420	Physiotherapy	University College Dublin
RC004	Physiotherapy	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
LM100	Physiotherapy	University of Limerick
GY504	Podiatry	NUI Galway
MH305	Product Design	NUI Maynooth
LM076	Product Design & Technology	University of Limerick
LM063	Production Management	University of Limerick
GY410	Project & Construction Management	NUI Galway
MH209	Psychology through Science	NUI Maynooth
CK706	Public Health	University College Cork
TR055	Radiation Therapy	Trinity College Dublin
DN410	Radiography	University College Dublin
LM117	Science	University of Limerick
TR071	Science	Trinity College Dublin
GY301	Science	NUI Galway
DN200	Science	University College Dublin

MH201	Science	NUI Maynooth
GY303	Science - Biomedical	NUI Galway
DN250	Science - Agricultural	University College Dublin
DC161	Science - Analytical	Dublin City University
DN251	Science - Animal - Equine	University College Dublin
DK781	Science - Applied Bioscience	Dundalk Institute of Technology
DT204	Science - Biomedical	Dublin Institute of Technology
CR320	Science - Biomedical	Cork Institute of Technology
DC201	Science - Common Entry	Dublin City University
DC203	Science - Education	Dublin City University
GY308	Science - Environmental	NUI Galway
LM066	Science - Environmental	University of Limerick
DC166	Science - Environmental & Health	Dublin City University
LM093	Science - Equine	University of Limerick
CK505	Science - Food	University College Cork
DN261	Science - Food	University College Dublin
LM068	Science - Food & Health	University of Limerick
DN425	Science - Health & Performance	University College Dublin
GY310	Science - Marine	NUI Galway
GY319	Science - Mathematical	NUI Galway
GA785	Science - Medical	Galway-Mayo IT - Galway
DK783	Science - Pharmaceutical Science	Dundalk Institute of Technology
DC202	Science - Sport & Health	Dublin City University
LM067	Science - Wood & Technology	University of Limerick
MH212	Science Education	NUI Maynooth
LM092	Science with concurrent Teacher Education - Biological Sciences with Physics or Chemistry	University of Limerick
LM096	Science with concurrent Teacher Education - Physics & Chemistry	University of Limerick
DT227	Science with Nanotechnology	Dublin Institute of Technology
MH208	Sciences - Biological & Biomedical	NUI Maynooth
CK402	Sciences - Biological & Chemical	University College Cork
DN440	Sciences - Biomedical Health & Life Sciences	University College Dublin
CK406	Sciences - Chemical	University College Cork
DC162	Sciences - Chemical & Pharmaceutical	Dublin City University
GY314	Sciences - Earth & Ocean	NUI Galway
CK404	Sciences - Environmental & Earth System	University College Cork
CK504	Sciences - Nutritional	University College Cork
DC173	Sciences - Physics with Biomedical	Dublin City University
LM089	Sciences - Sport & Exercise	University of Limerick
CK705	Speech & Language Therapy	University College Cork
GY503	Speech & Language Therapy	NUI Galway
GY411	Sports & Exercise Engineering	NUI Galway
MH206	Theoretical Physics & Mathematics	NUI Maynooth
DN300	Veterinary Medicine - Undergraduate Entry	University College Dublin
DN310	Veterinary Nursing	University College Dublin

DK784	<u>Veterinary Nursing</u>	<u>Dundalk Institute of Technology</u>
LY847	<u>Veterinary Nursing</u>	<u>Letterkenny Institute of Technology</u>
AL731	<u>Veterinary Nursing</u>	<u>Athlone Institute of Technology</u>