

Guidance department

Subject Choice 2020

Presentation Secondary School, Listowel, Co Kerry



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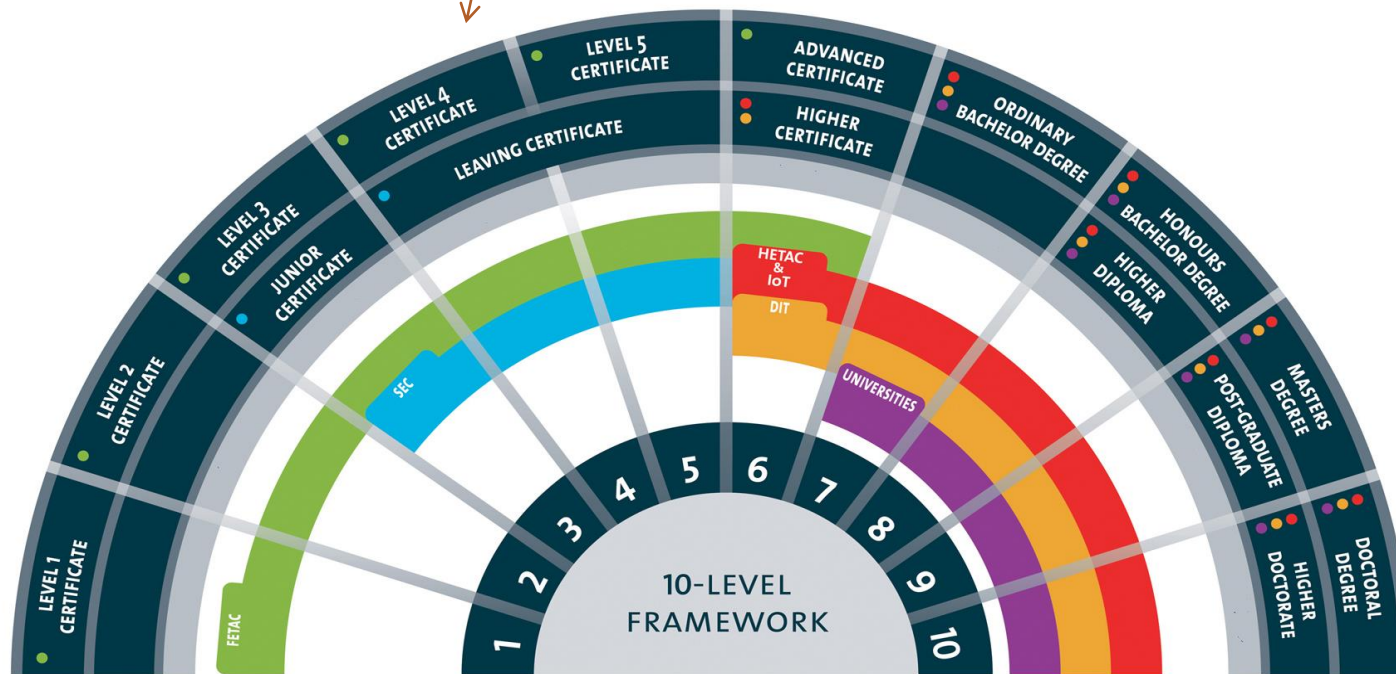
Presentation Outline



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- National framework of qualification
 - Essential deliberation for subject choice
 - Senior cycle options
 - Vital Entry requirements
 - Useful website

National Framework of Qualifications

You are here in 5th, 6th year



Essential deliberation for subject choice

What is next for you after Leaving cert?

- ❖ There are various options to choose from when you leave school (**options after school**)
- ❖ Choosing any of the senior cycle options allow you to progress to these different options after leaving cert.

However

You need to consider some **important points** before making your decision



Point to consider

- Your Interest
- Your Ability and Aptitude
- Your progression preference (education path)
- Your career aspirations



Options after school

- Education (CAO, PLC and Study abroad)
- Traineeships and Apprenticeship
- Public Service
- State Training
- Employment



SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

Leaving Certificate (Established) - LCE

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme - LCVP

Leaving Certificate Applied - LCA



Leaving Certificate (Established) - LCE

Students will be required to take 7 subjects

3 Core Subjects

- Irish*
- English
- Mathematics

And

4 other Choice Subjects

(other language)*

Non Exam Subjects

- Religious Education
- Career Guidance
- Physical Education

***unless exempt**

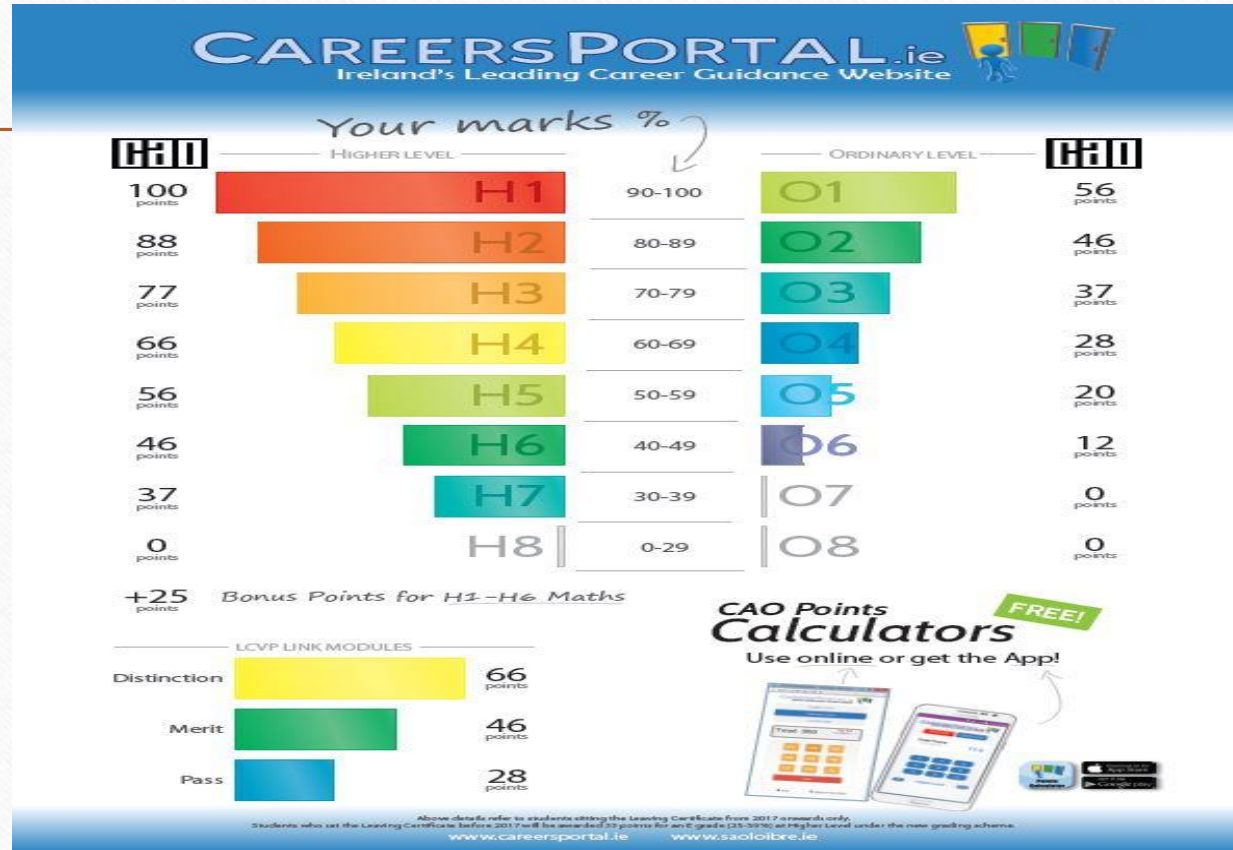
SUBJECT GROUPS

Business Studies	Sciences	Humanities	Humanities Languages	Social/Practical
Business	Physics	History	French	Home Economics
Accounting	Chemistry	Geography	German	Physical Education
Economics	Biology	Music	Spanish	
	Agricultural Science	Art		

Leaving Certificate (Established) - LCE

- The 6 subjects with the highest points are used for CAO Course Entry
- Points are calculated from one sitting of the Leaving Cert
- All students presenting H6 or above in Higher Level mathematics will have 25 points added to their score for Mathematics.
- The bonus points will only apply where mathematics is scored as one of a student's **6 best** subjects for points purposes

Interpretations of LCE grades



CHOOSING SUBJECTS

- ❖ Personal interest & enthusiasm
- ❖ Aptitude for a particular subject
- ❖ Possibility of high attainment
- ❖ Relevance to possible career
- ❖ Entry requirement for desired third level course

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme - LCVP

7 subjects + 1 (LCVP) = 8

While LCVP is recognised for points purposes, please note it is not accepted at NUI colleges (UCC, UCD, NUIG, Maynooth) as one of your 6 matriculation subjects

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme - LCVP

- LC with strong vocational/enterprise dimension
 - Develops information technology, presentation & organisational skills
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POINTS FOR LCVP SUBJECT

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Points</u>
Distinction 80-100%	66
Merit 65-79%	46
Pass 50-64%	28

- Distinction is 10 points more than a H5/O1
- Merit is same as an H6/O2
- Pass is same as O4

Leaving Certificate Applied

Students have the option to complete their Senior cycle in two years and achieve an award based on a unified programme rather than a set of grades achieved in discrete subjects.

(Students are advised to seek information and support from the Guidance counsellor and Teachers)

Vital Entry requirements

- ❖ NUI entry requirement
 - ❖ The choice of subject levels
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NUI entry requirement

Entry requirement for National Universities

(UCC, UCD, NUI GALWAY, NUI MAYNOOTH and affiliated colleges)

- Irish (unless exempt)
- English (for all courses)
- 3rd language required for most courses
- No 3rd language requirement for Science/Engineering courses including Nursing

NOTE: you have a choice with 3rd language and science subjects, if too difficult take back door routes

The choice of subject levels

It is important to understand the implications of choosing Ordinary or Honours subject

(Speak with the Guidance counsellor)

WHAT TO DO NOW... RESEARCH and more RESEARCH

- Qualifax.ie

https://www.qualifax.ie/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=131&Itemid=213

- CareersPortal.ie

https://careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer.php?community=guidance%2Breach&userid=828794&token=a3960b39a005ed6f8904922996574cf0

- Speak to subject teacher
- Consult the Guidance Counsellor



You are not expected to know now, what you want to do after your Leaving Cert,
so....

Keep college Options Open by choosing subject that covers almost every course

Example

- Core subjects – Irish, English, Maths

Then

- 3rd Language
- a Science subject or two if very interested in Science.

Or

- Other subjects that interest you most



Questions

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THANK YOU AND BEST OF LUCK WITH
THE DECISION

DECISION TIME

