

St. Ciarán's Community School

Junior Cycle Subject Choice

September 2024



MOTIVATION?

IT'S RIGHT INSIDE YOU!!

Motivation is a better indicator
of Academic Success than I.Q.

2023-2024



1st Year Option Form



Sample of Form from Last Year

1.	Three blocks of options are provided.
2.	Please must choose one subject from each block.
3.	No subject may be chosen more than once.
4.	Students must pick a reserve subject.
5.	A student may choose any subject as a reserve.
6.	This survey must be completed on or before: <u>9am Tuesday 12th of September.</u>

Option 1	Option 2
Subject	Subject
Home Economics	Business
French	German
Graphics	Art
Music	Science
Science	Wood Technology
Option 3	Reserve Subject
Subject	
Home Economics	
Science	
Wood Technology	
Engineering	
Business	

[Click here to choose 1st year option subjects.](#)

Useful Websites

guidanceoffice.info
curriculumonline.ie
qualifax.ie
careersportal.ie



www.guidanceoffice.info

Click Here

Guidance Office

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Remember The Basics!

- Talk to students studying the subject at the moment
- Talk to teachers of the subject
- Look at a copy of the textbook
- Look at a copy of the Leaving Cert Exam papers for the subject
- If you made a mistake, rectify it as soon as possible.

Helpful Internet Sites

- www.examinations.ie: Copies of the exam papers on-line.
- www.cao.ie: You can search for any course by name.
- www.qualifax.ie: A database of thousands of courses.
- www.careersportal.ie: An online database of courses, helpful videos and career information.

First Year Subject Choice

- Letter to Parents / Guardians from the Guidance Counsellor [here](#).
- Guidelines on how to use Qualifax to find the requirements around certain subjects.
- Copy of the Option Form for First Year Subject Choice [here](#). (MOCK VERSION!)
- Copy of Presentation given to First Years in class [here](#).

A link to the list of factsheets on the subjects available to Junior Cert students [here](#).

Here





Welcome to curriculumonline

Here you will find all curriculum documentation and supporting material for the Irish curriculum for children from the ages 1 – 6 (Aistear), pupils from the ages 5 – 12 (primary), students from the ages 12 – 15 (junior cycle) and the ages 16 – 18 (senior cycle).



[Click Here for
more
information](#)

You can look at each individual subject

Business Studies

Welcome to Junior Cycle Business Studies.

This new specification for Junior Cycle Business Studies covers teaching, learning and assessment in business studies for the first, second and third years in post-primary school.

The specification focuses on improving students' understanding of the business environment and on developing skills for life, work and further study through the three inter-connected strands: Personal Finance , Enterprise and Our Economy .

[Report on Early Enactment of JC Science and Business Studies](#)



Specification

Click on the graphic below:

Curriculum
Specification

Assessment
Guidelines

Examples of Student
Work

Sample Questions

CBA Revised Arrangements

To research which courses at college level require which subjects and at what grade go to

www.qualifax.ie

The logo for Qualifax features the word "QUALIFAX" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letters "I" and "F" are connected by a white, stylized wave that continues to the right. A bright green wave is positioned below the letter "Q". The entire logo is set against a solid black rectangular background.

QUALIFAX

you discover your pathway.

Our comprehensive database of up to 15,000 courses is here to help students, jobseekers, parents, guidance professionals and graduates explore their education and training options. So whether you're a student looking for a CAO course or an employee interested in microcredentials for that next promotion, we have you covered.



CAO

Everything you need to know about the CAO process



Further education and training

Lifelong education and training options



Adult learners

Continuing education options for adults

Useful Tools



CAO subject requirements



CAO Points Calculator



Saved Courses

Here

Subject Requirements Tool

Planning to make application to the CAO? This tool will help you choose the right subjects and levels at Leaving Cert.

Subject

- Select -



Advanced filters

Click Here

Please select a subject from the subject dropdown on the left.

All courses referred to in this section are Third Level CAO entry. The Course Data in this section is for the CAO entry in 2024

"A Science Subject" includes the following subjects: Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physics and Chemistry.

"A Second Language" includes the following subjects: Ancient Greek, Arabic, French, German, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.

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- 12 courses may require A Third Language
- 1390 courses do not require A Third Language

Total: 1563

Advanced filters

Indicate your choice and click view courses

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Courses that definitely require A Third Language

Higher Education CAO

Level 8 NFG

NFG Type: Major

CK202

Accounting

University College Cork

Cork City

CAO Points: 492

Higher Education CAO

Level 8 NFG

NFG Type: Major

RC006

Advanced Therapeutic Technologies

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

St Stephens Green

CAO Points: 487

You are now presented with a list of courses that require a Third Language



You can pick one of these courses if you would like to explore the subject requirements further.



Specific Subjects or course requirements

Leaving Certificate entry requirements:

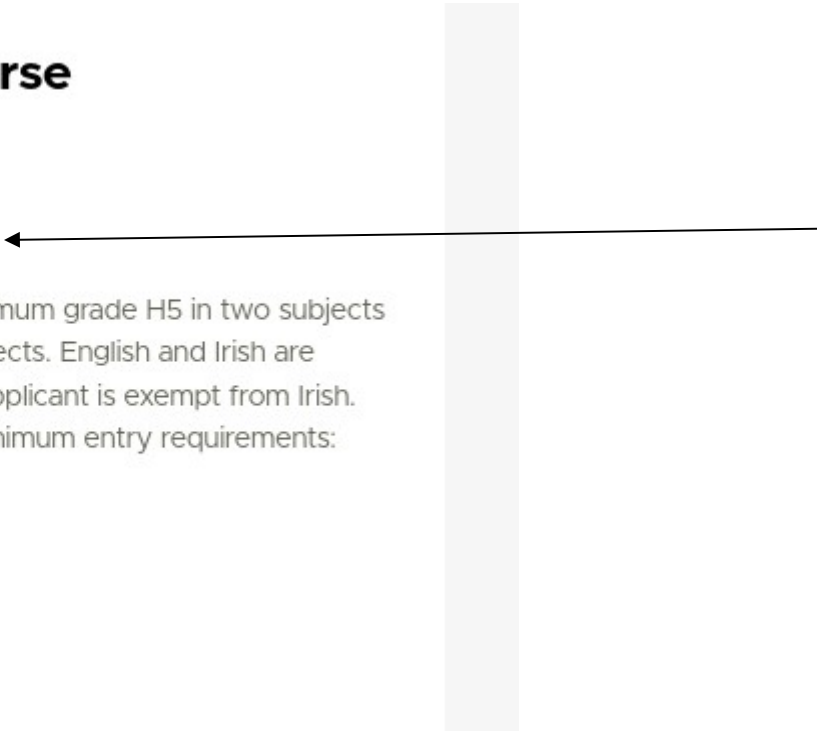
At Least six subjects must be presented. Minimum grade H5 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. English and Irish are requirements for all programmes unless the applicant is exempt from Irish. Applicants will need to meet the following minimum entry requirements:

English O6/H7

Irish O6/H7

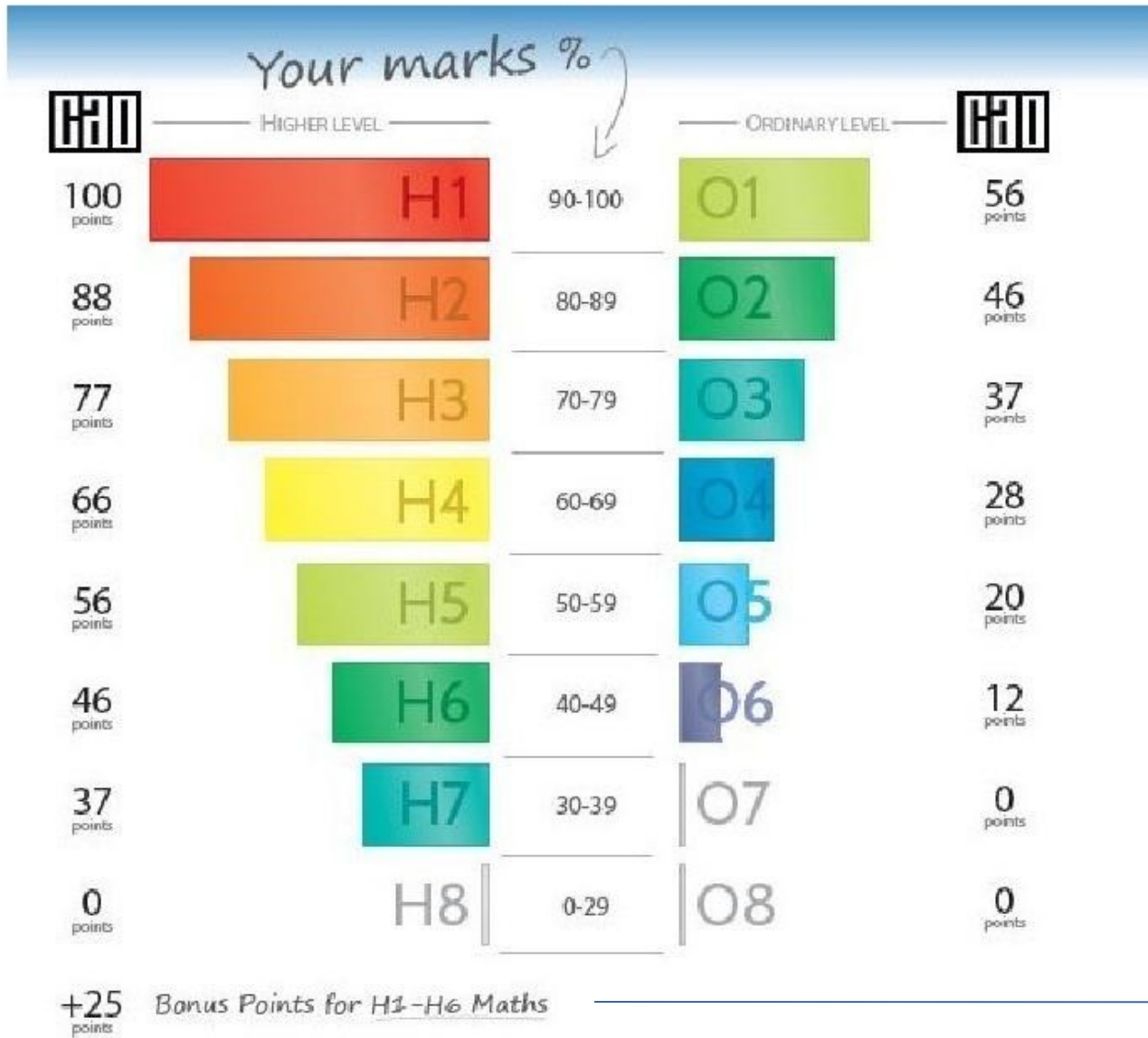
Maths O6/H7

Other Language O6/H7



Now you have the specific requirements of an individual course.

Leaving Cert Points



Higher Grades
↓
More Points
↓
More Choices

Honours Maths

An example of how this works in the real world.

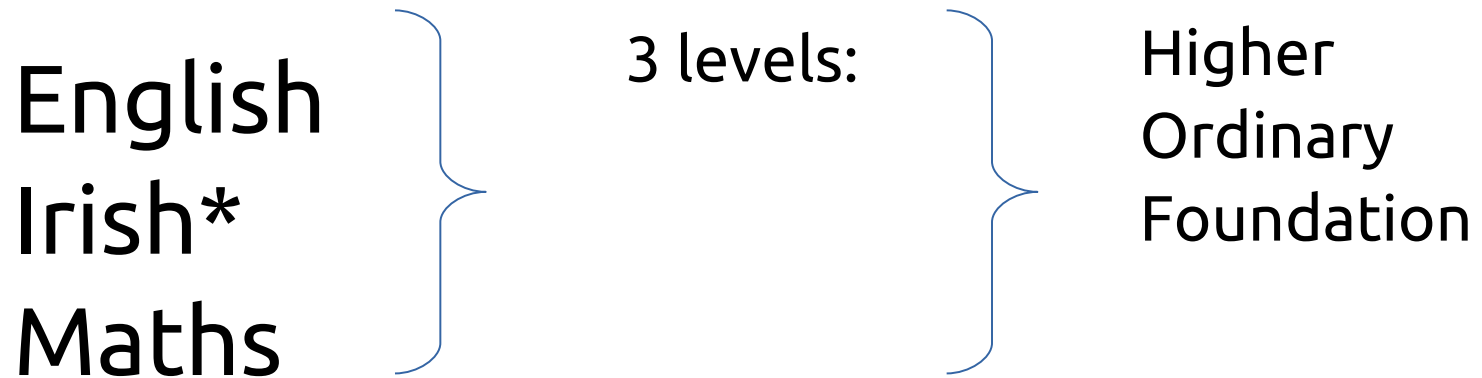


Course	2024 Course Entry Requirements and notes	Points 2023	Points 2022	Approx Places 2024	Alternative Entry Routes
DN100 Architecture	O6/H7 in Irish, English, another language, Mathematics and 2 other recognised subjects <i>Fees apply for the Master's portion of this course</i> Please note: subject to approval the language requirement may be removed for <u>2025</u>	566*	555*	57	DARE HEAR MY Prog
DN120 Landscape Architecture	O6/H7 in Irish, English, Mathematics and 3 other recognised subjects	477	440	28	DARE HEAR MY FET
DN130 City Planning & Environmental Policy	O6/H7 in Irish, English, Mathematics and 3 other recognised subjects	487	455	29	DARE HEAR MY
DN150 Engineering	H4 in Mathematics and H6 in a Laboratory Science subject and O6/H7 in Irish, English and 2 other recognised subjects	567	566	285	DARE HEAR MY Prog
DN200 Science	O2/H6 in Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject (OR Geography OR Applied Mathematics OR Computer Science) and O6/H7 in Irish, English, and 2 other recognised subjects <i>For details of options available please see prospectus</i>	555	556	420	DARE HEAR MY Prog FET
DN201 Computer Science	O2/H6 in Mathematics and O6/H7 in Irish, English and 3 other recognised subjects	558	556	105	DARE HEAR MY Prog FET

Don't Get Stuck with Non-Essential Subjects

- You don't need Design and Communication Graphics to become an Architect
- You don't need Engineering to be an Engineer
- You don't need Biology to be a Nurse
- You don't need Accountancy to become an Accountant
- You don't need Business to take a Management Degree
- You don't need a Modern Language for Primary School Teaching
- You don't even need Chinese to study Chinese Studies in Maynooth University!

Obligatory Subjects



Plus – Two 100 Hour Short
Courses in P.E. + SPHE

* May have an exemption

Language Options

- Irish (Gaeilge)
- English
- French
- German
- Latvian / Lithuanian / Polish*



* Later as Leaving Certificate Options taken outside of school

Other Options

- Engineering
- Wood Technology
- Home Economics
- Visual Art
- Graphics
- Business
- Science
- Music



- Select your **best** (for points)
- If you have a **specific career** in mind, check the exact requirements
- Beware of the '**easy**' and '**hard**' subject
- Where possible stick with **Honours** Level
- Your choices should not totally depend on which **teacher** is teaching a certain subject
- The Junior Certificate is a full-time **three year course**
- Where a **mistake** is made rectify it as soon as possible

What must be done



- If possible, talk to students studying subjects at the moment
- Do the online research

25 in-demand jobs of 2024

1. Registered nurse
2. Information security analyst
3. Software engineer
4. e-Commerce manager
5. Digital content creator
6. UX/UI designer
7. Financial advisor
8. Automation engineer
9. Sustainability manager
10. Data scientist
11. Compliance officer
12. Freelance tutor
13. Construction worker
14. Truck driver
15. Physiotherapist
16. Web developer
17. Mortgage underwriter
18. Construction manager
19. Healthcare assistant
20. Digital marketing specialist
21. Technical writer
22. Quality assurance specialist
23. Lead generation agent
24. Pharmacy technician
25. Social care assistant

The Top Growth Industries in Ireland today

Most of the job search engines, career sites and economists agree that the top growth industries include:

Manufacturing

Software Engineering

Aerospace

Medical Devices

Renewable Energy

Any questions?

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