St. Ciarán's Community School

First Year Subject Choice

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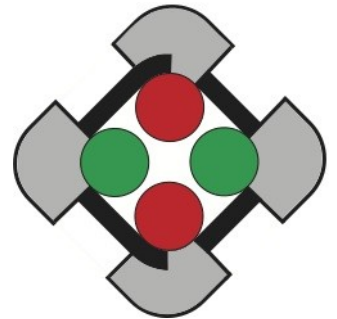
Motivation is a strong indicator of Academic Success

1st Year Option Form

Provisional Example of Form

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: **9am Tuesday 12th of September.**

Option 1		Option 2	
Subject		**Subject**	
Wood Technology		Business	
Engineering		Home Economics	
German		Graphics	
Music		Science	
Science		Wood Technology	

Option 3		Reserve Subject	
Subject			
Home Economics			
French			
Wood Technology			
Engineering			
Art			
Science			

Click here to choose 1st year option subjects.

Useful Websites

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

https://www.stciaranscs.ie/

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St. Ciaran's Community School
Guidance Department

email: info@guidanceoffice.info

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.

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Search Curriculum Online

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

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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○ 1390 courses do not require A Third Language

Total: 1563

▼ Advanced filters ⌄

Indicate your choice and click view courses

Please select one of the 3 categories on the left.

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Courses that definitely require A Third Language

| Higher Education CAO | Level 8 NFQ | NFQ Type: Major | CK202 |

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Accounting

🎓 University College Cork

📍 Cork City

🗎 CAO Points: 492

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| Higher Education CAO | Level 8 NFQ | NFQ Type: Major | RC006 |

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Advanced Therapeutic Technologies

🎓 Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

📍 St Stephens Green

🗎 CAO Points: 487

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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

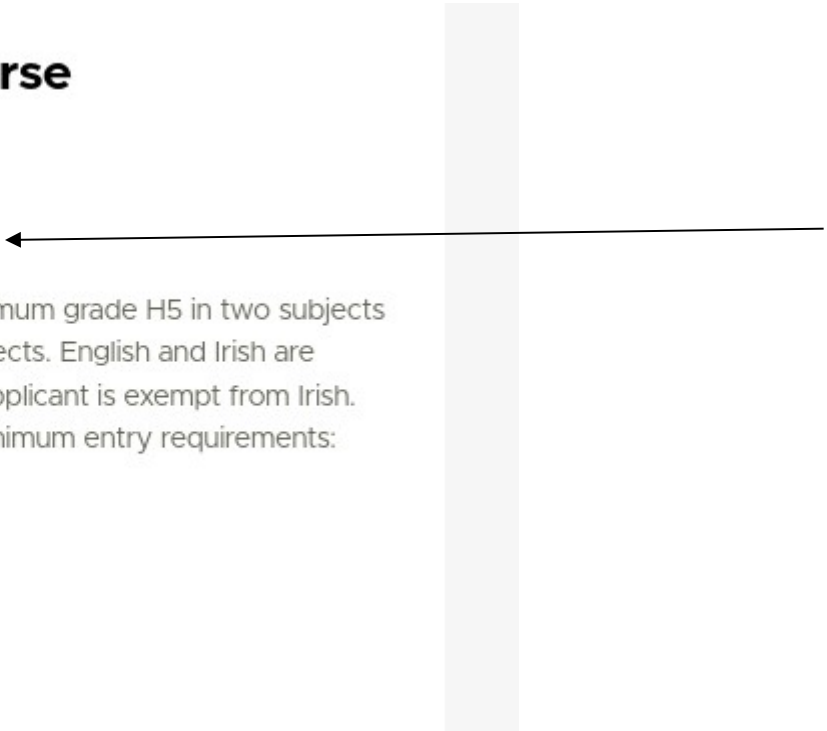Leaving Certificate entry requirements:

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:
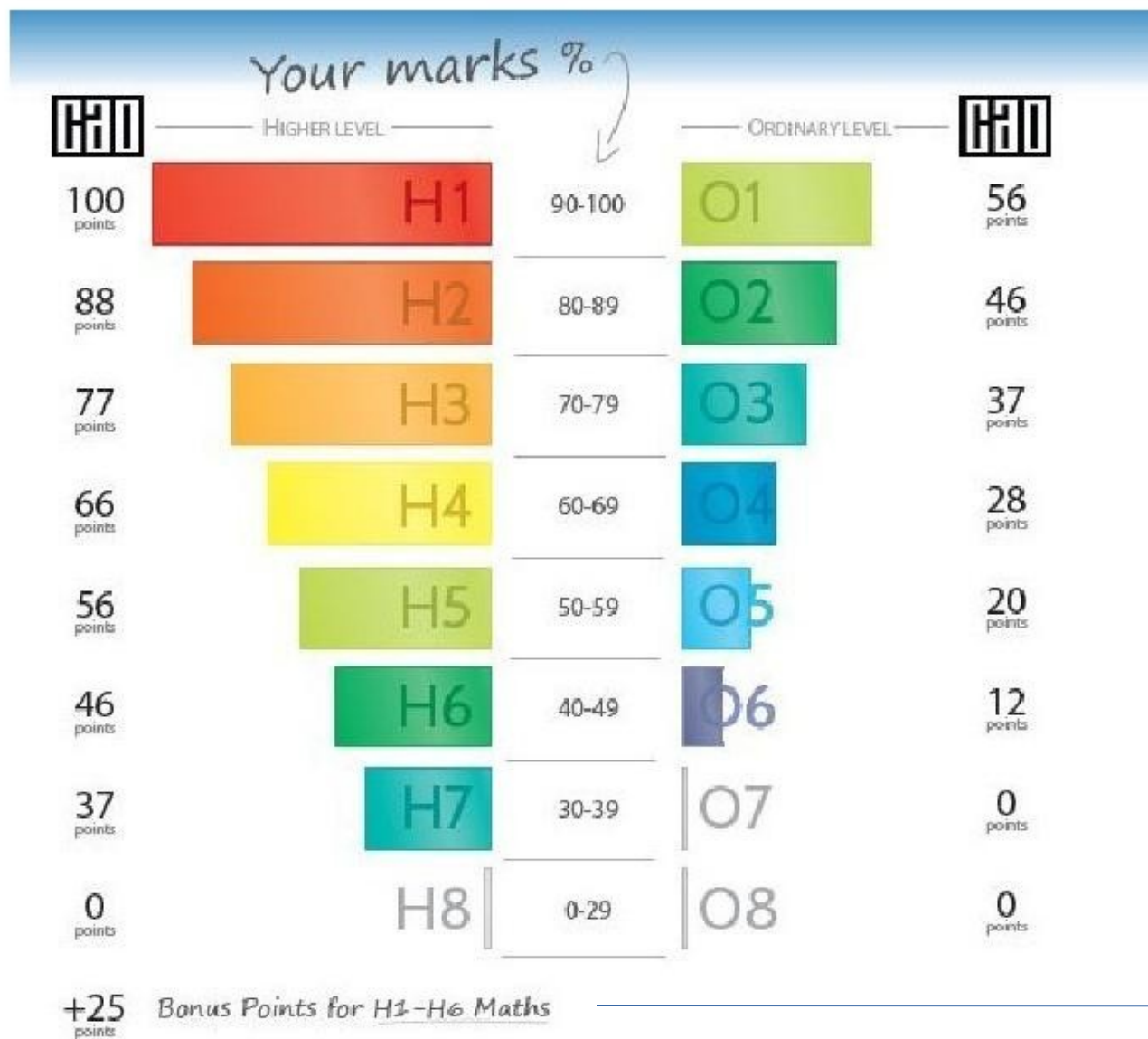
English O6/H7
Irish O6/H7
Maths O6/H7
Other Language O6/H7

Now you have the specific requirements of an individual course.

Leaving Cert Points

CAO	HIGHER LEVEL	Your marks %	ORDINARY LEVEL	CAO
100 points	H1	90-100	O1	56 points
88 points	H2	80-89	O2	46 points
77 points	H3	70-79	O3	37 points
66 points	H4	60-69	O4	28 points
56 points	H5	50-59	O5	20 points
46 points	H6	40-49	O6	12 points
37 points	H7	30-39	O7	0 points
0 points	H8	0-29	O8	0 points
+25 points	Bonus Points for H1–H6 Maths			

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 *Fees apply for the Master's portion of this course* Please note: subject to approval the language requirement may be removed for 2025	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 *For details of options available please see prospectus*	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

English
Irish*
Maths

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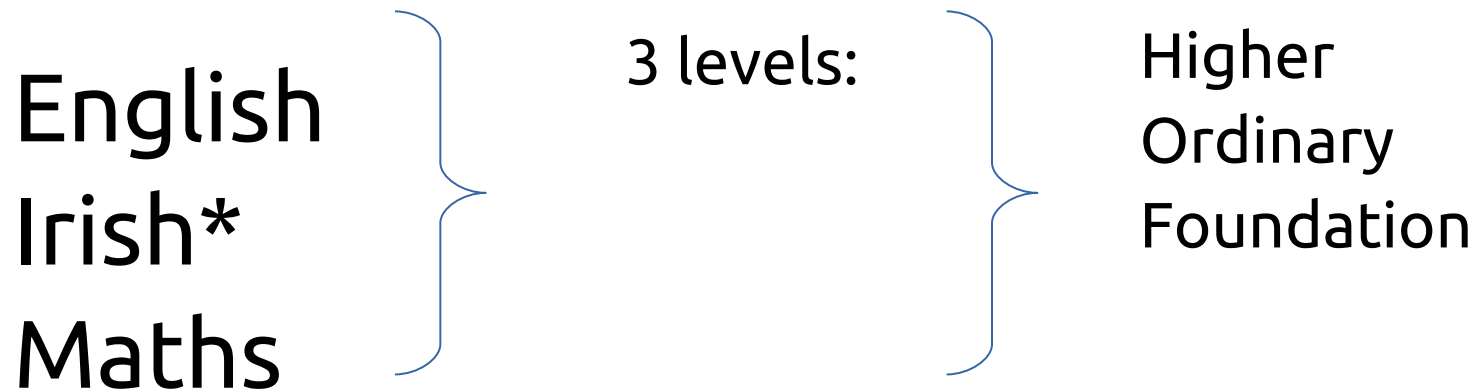
Plus – Two 100 Hour Short
Courses in P.E. + SPHE

* 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

ADVICE

- Select your <u>best</u> (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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