



First Year Choice Subjects Explained

Choose 3 Subjects

Choose a 4th if you choose
Coding/P.E. as one of your first 3 -
incase numbers are not big enough to
run it



Choices

- Home Economics
- Metalwork
- Materials Technology Wood
- Technical Graphics
- Music
- Art
- Business Studies
- French
- Spanish
- Coding/P.E.

Home Economics



What will I study?

- Practical cooking classes
- Practical sewing of small items for yourself and your home
- Interior design
- Food and nutrition
- Money Management

Why study Home Economics?

- Do you have an interest in food?
- Do you want to learn about managing money?
- Have you an interest in fashion and house design?



A good Home Economics student has

- An interest in cooking, balancing flavours & tastes, & nutrition with value for money.
- An interest in clothes design, materials, styles & even a desire or skill in making some.
- A flair for design of houses, kitchens & areas to be functional & effective.
- An informed interest in current affairs, social issues & family life & a capacity to write on these supporting their views.

Metalwork



What will I study?

- How to read and follow technical drawings.
- Shaping cutting and joining materials
- Using different tools
- Properties of different metals
- Working with basic electronic components

Why study Metalwork?

- Do you like handling and examining materials?
- Do you want to find out how things work?
- Have you an interest in DIY?
- Like drawing sketches

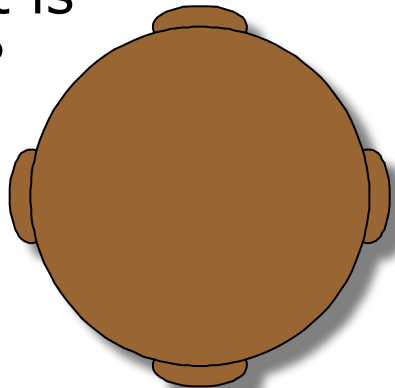
Materials Technology Wood

What will I study?

- You will design, draw, and make a project
- How to read drawings
- How to safely use hand and power tools
- You will learn about wood as a material and how it is produced?

Why study MTW?

- Do you like handling and working with wood?
- Do you want to learn more about wood?
- Have you an interest in DIY?
- Do you like working with your hands?



Technical Graphics



What will I study?

- You will design, draw, 3D objects on paper and on a computer.
- How to read drawings
- How graphics relate to the design and manufacture of products
- Properties of different metals

Why study Technical Graphics?

- Do you like problem solving?
- Are you a creative thinker?
- Have you an interest how things are created?
- Do you like computers?
- Do you pay attention to details?
- Do you like things to be completed properly and neatly?



A good practical student

- Be accurate & careful in drawings & tasks.
- Think logically & in sequence when approaching a task.
- Be creative when designing a solution to a problem
- Be co-ordinated & skilful in carrying out their assignments..

Music



What will I study?

- All different styles of music pop, classical, traditional Irish
- Start composing
- Singing and learn an instrument
- Read music

Why study Music?

- Do you like all types of Music?
- Are you a creative person?
- Do you want to learn about the technicalities of music?
- Would you like to be part of a choir? (You don't have to do music to be in the school choir)

Art



What will I study?

- How to create images and objects using a variety of materials?
- You learn and understand by doing?
- Study other artists and how they were creative
- How to plan and create your own designs

Why study Art?

- Do you like working with different materials?
- Are you a creative person?
- Do you want to learn more about famous artists?
- Do you like reading paintings as well as creating them?



A good Art/Music student

- A desire for self-expression & a commitment to work at perfecting this.
- An appreciation of the artistic & creative side of life.
- A willingness to work on exercises & technique to increase ability & perfect style.
- An interest in the works of the great artists.
- A willingness to work solo/ as part of a group.
- A dedication to their craft.

Business



What will I study?

- The world of work
- What happens in a business?
- Rights as a consumer
- Knowing your wages
- Financial workings

Why study Business?

- Do you want to know how a business works?
- Are you interested in money management?
- Do you like record keeping?
- Do you want to learn more about the world of work?



A good Business student is

- Interested in the world of business.
- A follower of business news in the newspapers, television & internet.
- Able to give an opinion & assessment & back it up with references..
- Interested in consumer trends, market fluctuations & business practice.
- Accurate in dealing with balance sheets & accounts

Languages French/Spanish

What will I study?

- Read, hear, talk and write in a new language
- Learn about France/Spain and its culture
- How to correspond in another language



Why study a Language?

- Do you want learn a new language?
- Do you want to speak a language when you are on holidays?
- University entry requirement possibly?
- Do you want to learn about another country?
- Have you enjoyed other languages?



A good Language student....

- Express themselves well.
- Pick up sounds & phrases
- Show an eye for detail in grammar.
- Be interested in the culture from which the language emerges.
- Work to build up vocabulary, expressions & phrases
- Try to visit or stay where the language is spoken



Other

- In the new Junior Cert Curriculum all subjects have classroom based assessments (CBAs) as well as state exams at the end of three years.

Coding/P.E.

Both these are new subjects for 20/21 First Years

P.E. is being offered for the first time in Leaving Cert also this year.

P.E. is based on Scientific investigation

Coding is a reflection of the need to meet growing demands in IT sector.

There is a subject - Computer Science - that is being piloted in some schools (not ours yet) at Leaving Cert level that would follow on from Junior Cert Coding.