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**Welcome....**  
**TY & 5<sup>th</sup> Year**  
**Information Evening**  
**2025/26**

# St. Mary's Transition Year Programme

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2024/2025

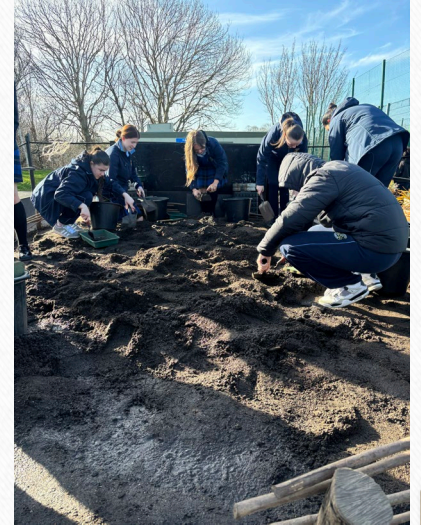
Spring/Summer Schedule



## Spring/Summer Programme

The TYs have had a busy term so far since January alone they have completed the following:

- A forensic workshop
- BTYS
- Hair Care workshop
- Awesome walls
- A visit to the Dail
- School of Life
- 'The Big Dig' archaeology
- Epic & The GPO Museum
- Create School movie making workshop
- Work experience & Gaisce





# Still to come...

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- Further Create School workshops
- Engineers week trip
- Overnight bonding trip
- GAA Museum & Skyline tour
- Make up workshop
- DCU Open Day
- Emerald Park

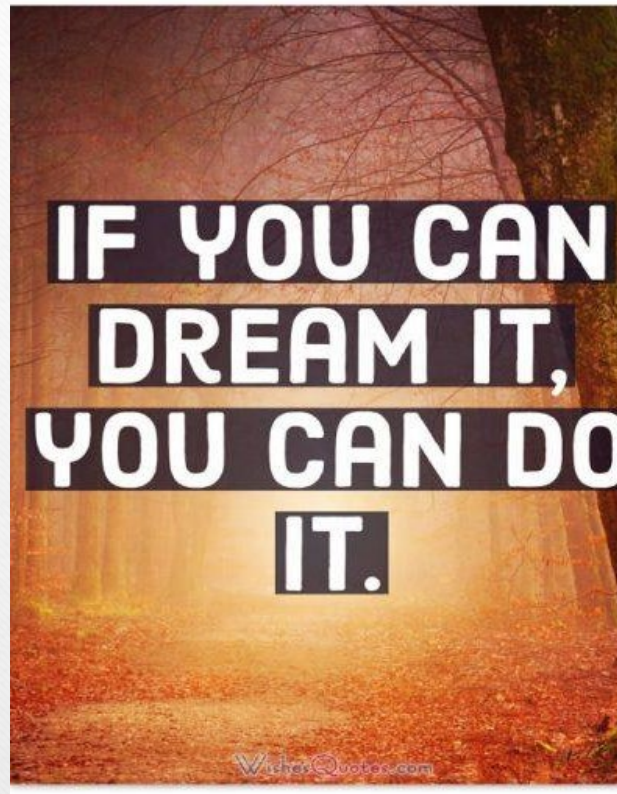


# Dates to remember

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- **E-portfolio** – contribute towards graduation and final interview assessment
- **26th-19th March** – In careers class students will be focusing on subject options and further education paths of interest.
- **Oscar Afternoon** – April 3rd
- **Graduation 15th of May 4:30**





## Student & Parent involvement

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- As we reach our final weeks of TY we hope students will avail the fantastic opportunities that are given to them as part of the TY programme.
- From schedule announcements to work experience opportunities and a range of guest speakers it is up to YOU make the most of this time and to begin to prepare yourself for 5th year!



## *Leaving Certificate Subject Choice*

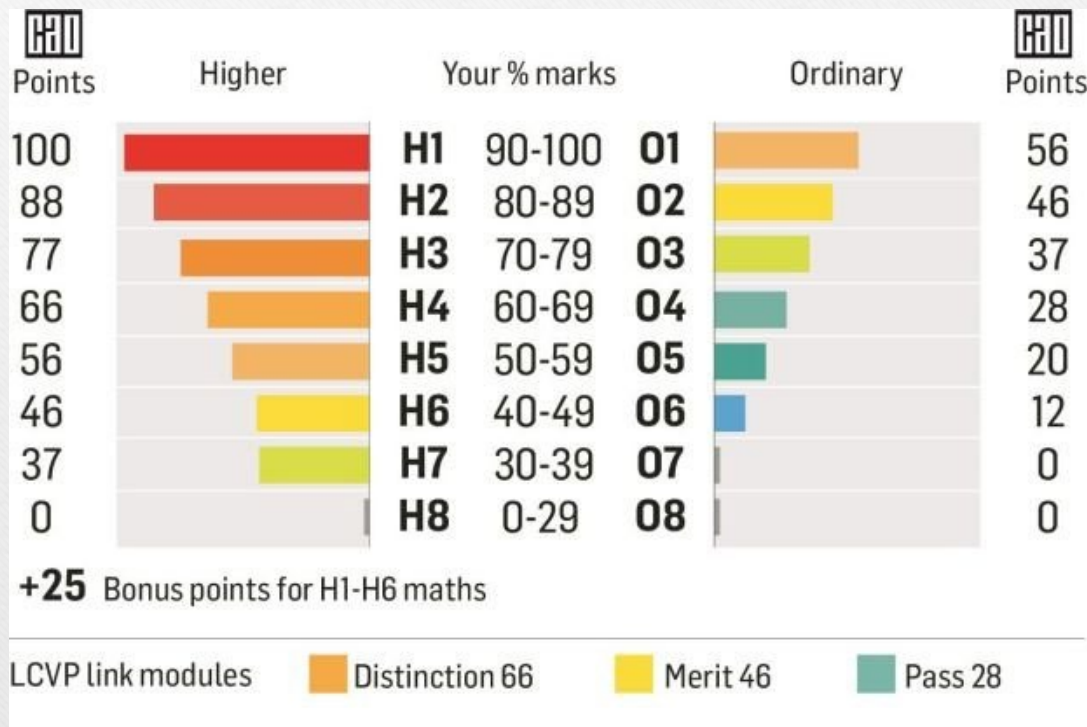
*Grainne Wall*

*Linda Sullivan*



# Traditional Leaving Certificate

Two-year academic programme that allows students to take seven subjects at Higher, Ordinary or Foundation Level





# Core Subjects

**Irish**

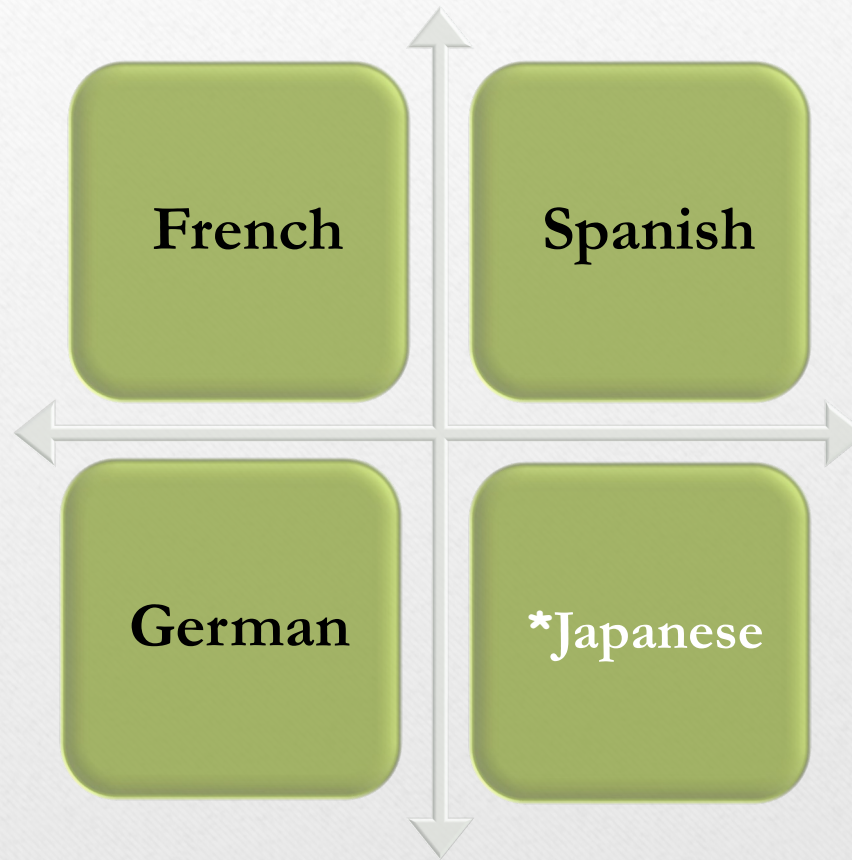
**Irish and Maths  
available at Foundation  
level**

**25 Bonus Points for  
Higher Level Maths  
(H1-H6)**

**English**

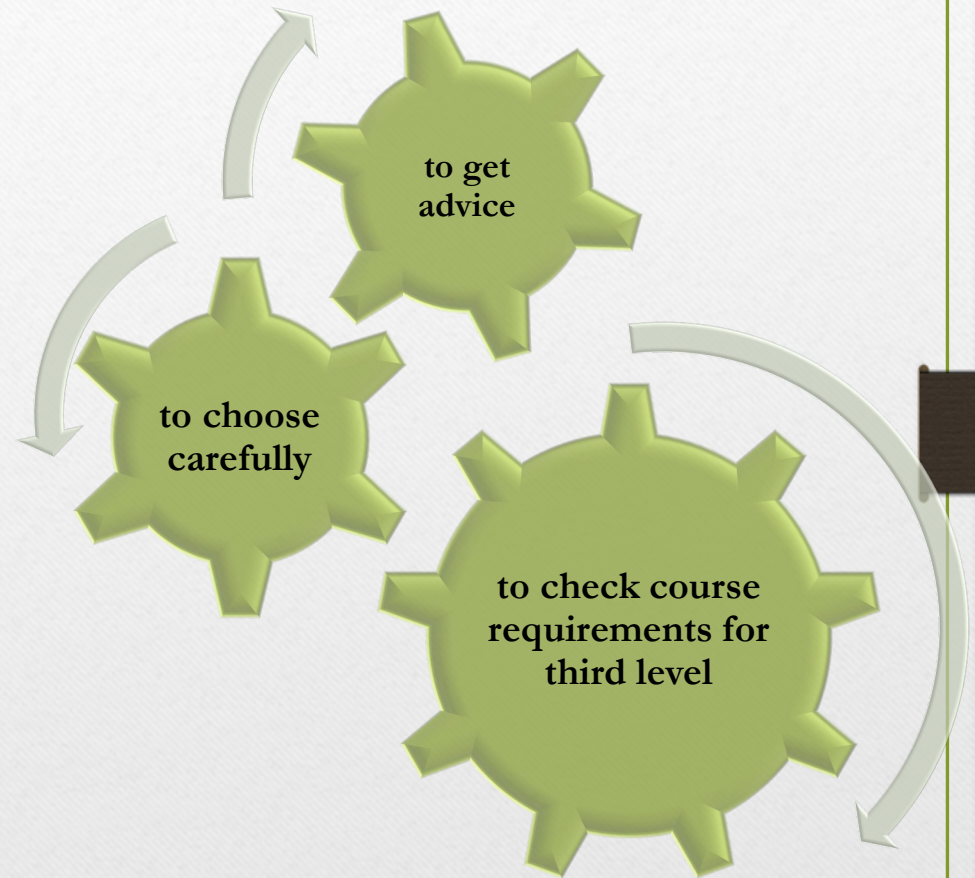
**Maths**

# LANGUAGES





# Subject Choice

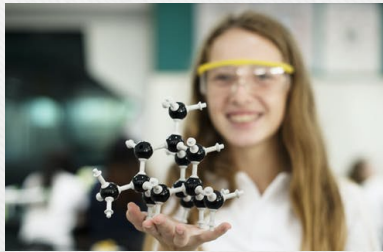


# SCIENCE SUBJECTS

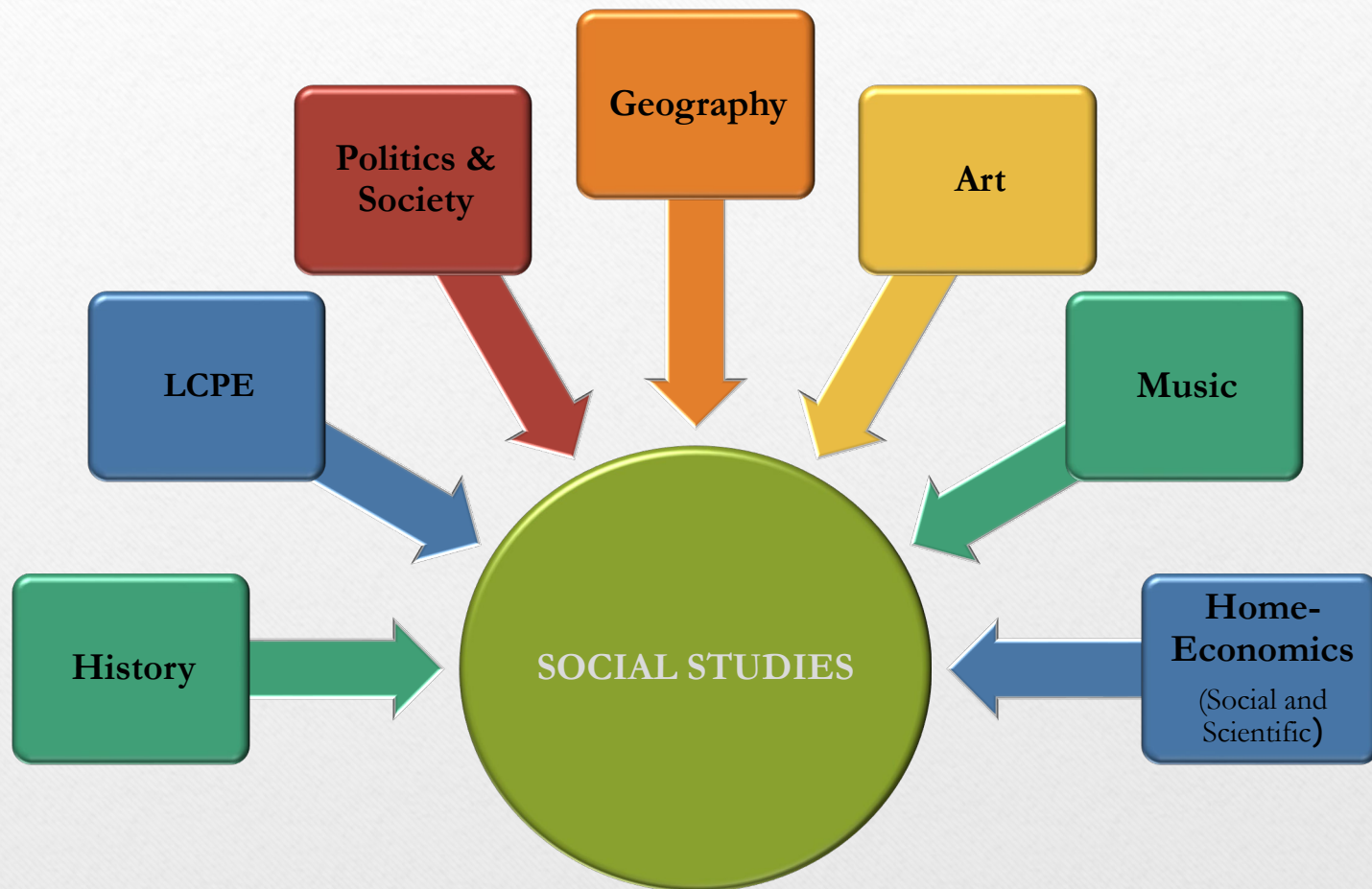
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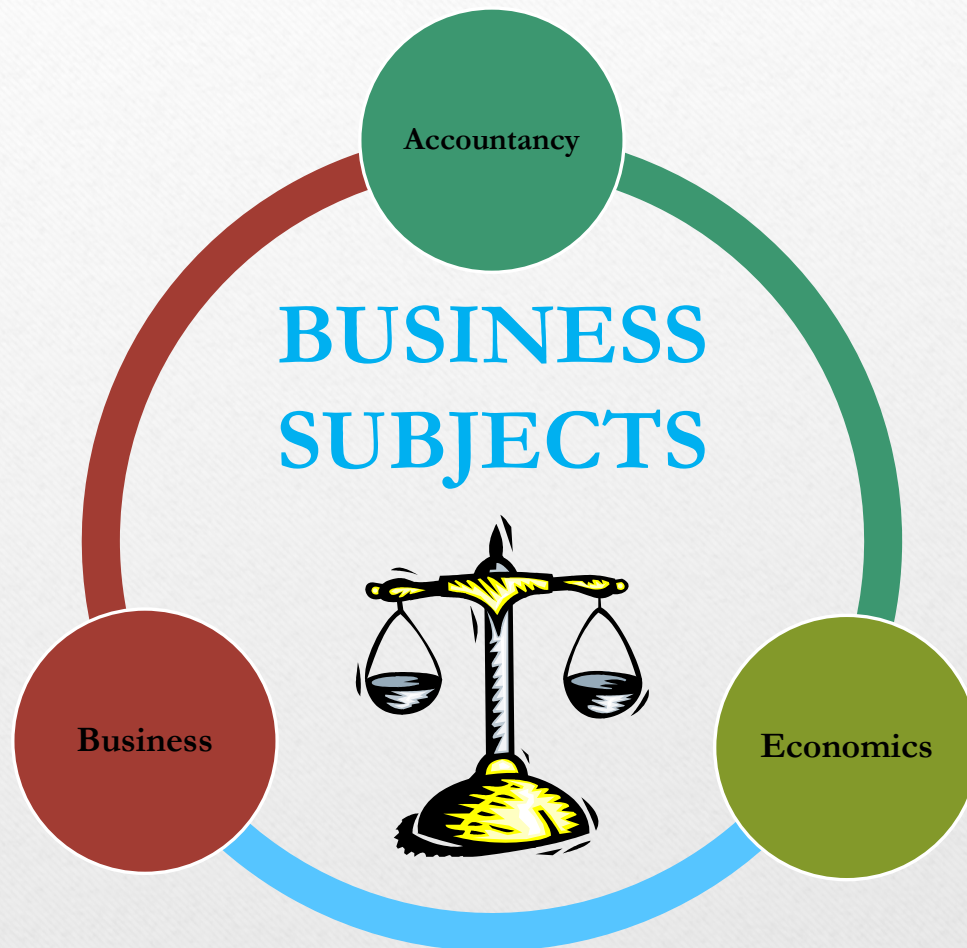
Chemistry

Biology





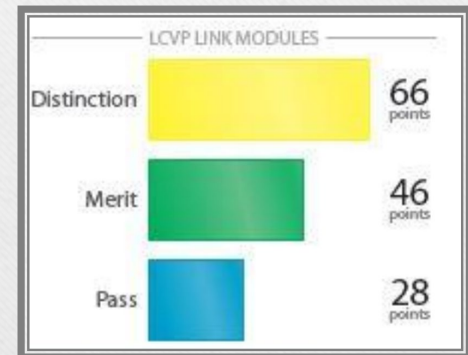






# Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

- This is an **additional** subject (i.e. this would be an 8<sup>th</sup> subject for students)
- Any student can choose it regardless of other subject choice combination
- Points are awarded differently to other LC subjects (Pass = 50% Distinction = 80%)
- While LCVP can be used for points purposes, it cannot be used for matriculation at NUI colleges
- It has a **strong vocational dimension** with two link modules (work preparation and enterprise)



# LCVP

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- Exam Structure
  - 60% Portfolio of Coursework
  - 40% Examination
- Students who would suit LCVP would:
  - Have excellent attendance and engagement
  - Work well to deadlines
  - Organised and can work independently



# What four to choose:



Accountancy	Art	Biology	Business
Chemistry	French	German	History
Home Economics	Music	Physics	Economics
Spanish	Geography	<b>PE</b>	Politics & Society

# What subjects to choose?



- Choose subjects you **enjoy**
- Choose subjects you have an **aptitude** for
- Research **what this subject consists of** for the leaving cert.
- Look at **exam results** to date
- Ask your subject teacher or Guidance Counsellor for information
- Choose subjects you need for your chosen career
- Keep options open for the future
- Talk to parents/guardians or older family members
- Have a look at senior textbooks and exam papers online.
- Read the subject information booklet carefully
- Research using online resources & websites





## Don't make rash decisions

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Subject choice should not depend on what teacher may be teaching a certain subject at Leaving Certificate

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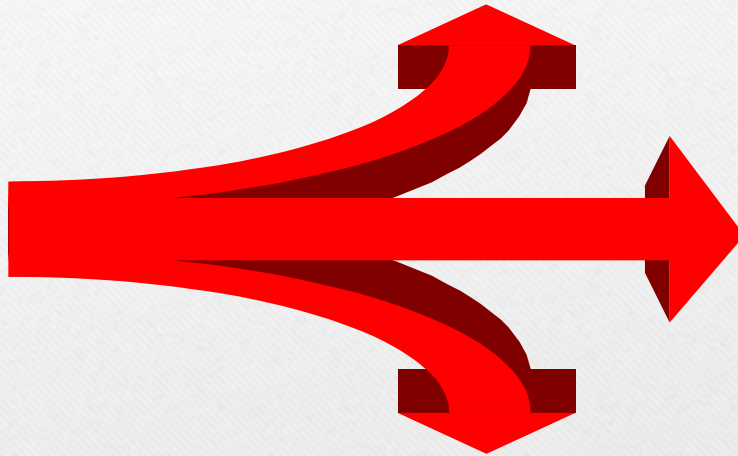
Neither should it depend on rumours as to what is an 'easy' subject

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Don't pick a subject because a friend is doing it

# Entry to College: 3 Factors

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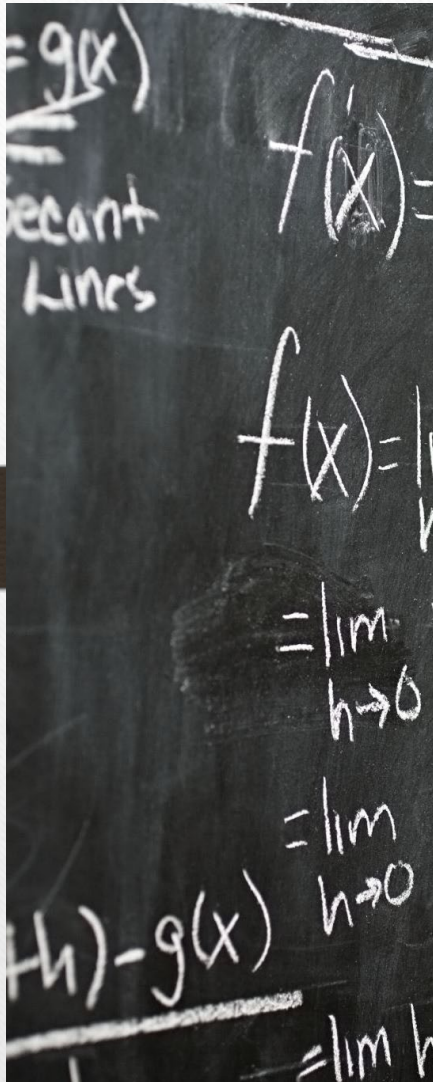


- Minimum Entry Requirements for each University/College
- Specific Course Entry Requirements (may also involve interviews, portfolios etc)
- Points in leaving cert



# Matriculation Requirements of major CAO Colleges

Institution	Minimum grades	Required subjects
<b>NUI Colleges:</b> UCD, MU, NUIG, UCC. (RCSI, St. Angela's, NCAD, Shannon)	2H5 + 4O6/H7	O6/H7 in English, Irish & Modern Language*.
<b>Trinity College Dublin</b>	3H5 + 3O6/H7	O6/H7 in Maths, English & another Language
<b>University of Limerick</b>	2H5 + 4O6/H7	O6/H7 in Maths, English. & Irish or another Lang.
<b>Dublin City University</b>	2H5 + 4O6/H7	O6/H7 in Maths, English or Irish
<b>Technological University Dublin</b>	2H5 + 4O6/H7 (H.D.) 5O6/H7 (O.D. or H.C.)	O6/H7 in Maths, English or Irish
<b>Regional Institutes of Technology (DK*)</b>	2H5 + 4O6/H7 (H.D.) 5O6/H7 (O.D. or H.C.)	O6/H7 in Maths, English or Irish



# Specific Subject Requirements

- Maths, English and \*Irish – Core subjects
- A third language is required by NUI colleges
- Higher level Maths – \*most Engineering courses
- Higher level Irish - Primary teaching



# Science Subject Requirement

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- One science subject required for most Nursing, Medical/ Health Sciences/ paramedical courses
- One Science subject –Engineering courses
- **Chemistry** –required for Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Human Nutrition and Dietetics
- **2 Science subjects** - required for Medicine in most Universities
- **Biology** – Advisable for Nursing studies, Beauty therapy, Nutrition



# 5<sup>th</sup> Year Options – Form online

This is a screenshot of a Microsoft Forms survey titled "5th Year Options". The form is for students who are awaiting for 5th Year options. It includes a header with the title and a note to read questions carefully and submit by Wednesday 15th March. The form is divided into sections: 1. Please rank in order of preference 1-5 from the following subject list. 2. Please choose your language from Junior Cycle. 3. I would like to do LCVP as an additional subject in 5th and 6th Year. 4. I would like to take Japanese as an additional subject after school in 5th and 6th Year. The form includes a list of subjects, a language selection dropdown, and radio buttons for yes/no answers. A "Submit" button is at the bottom.

**5th Year Options**

This is a form for students who are awaiting for 5th Year options. Please read each question carefully and submit by Wednesday 15th March. Thank you, Ms. Devaney.

Hi, Devaney, when you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

\* Required

1. Please rank in order of preference 1-5 from the following subject list. We hope to be able to offer you the top 3 choices from your 5 choices.

- Accountancy
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Home-Economics
- LCVP (Leaving Cert Physical Education)
- Music
- Physics
- Politics & Society

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

Option 5

2. Please choose your language from Junior Cycle.

French

German

Spanish

Exempt from a Language \*

Enter your answer

3. I would like to do LCVP as an additional subject in 5th and 6th Year \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. I would like to take Japanese as an additional subject after school in 5th and 6th Year \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

Submit

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- Ms. Devaney will share a form for students who want to do 5th Year on Teams.
- Please fill in the subject options ranking them in order of preference 1-5
- Please fill in the language you did for Junior Cycle German, Spanish or French.
- Any student who has a language exemption since 3rd year will indicate this on the form.
- Indicate on the form if you want to do LCVP and/or Japanese as additional subjects



1. Please **rank in order of preference 1-5** from the following subject list.

*\*We hope to be able to offer you the top 3 choices from your 5 choices.*

- Accountancy
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Geography
- History
- Home-Economics
- LCPE (Leaving Cert Physical Education)
- Music
- Physics
- Politics & Society \*

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

Option 5



2. Please **choice your language from Junior Cycle.**

French

German

Spanish

Exempt from a Language \*

Enter your answer

3. I would like to do **LCVP as an additional subject in 5th and 6th Year?** \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. I would like to take **Japanese as an additional subject after school** in 5th and 6th Year? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

+ Add new





## Resources to assist with subject choice

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- You can explore each Leaving Certificate subject in detail using the following link:
- [https://careersportal.ie/school/subject\\_explorer.php](https://careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer.php)
- <http://www.qualifax.ie>
- [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

# Finally...

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- All information including tonight's presentation can be found on Teams.
- Students can make an appointment with a Guidance Counsellor by messaging on Teams
- Subject Choice for Leaving Certificate must be completed by Friday **March 15th** through an online form which will be available on Teams.





**St. Mary's**  
**Transition Year**  

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**Programme**

2024-2025

# What is Transition Year?

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- It is an optional year between junior and senior cycle
- It allows for personal growth and social development
- It allows students develop a broad range of skills
- TY Co-ordinator: O. A. Griffin
- Year Head
- Tutors



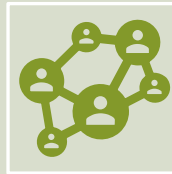


# Research shows that students who have completed TY

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GAIN ON AVERAGE 40  
POINTS MORE IN THE  
LEAVING CERT



HAVE BETTER  
RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
THEIR TEACHERS



MAKE NEW AND  
LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

# The Myth –v- The Reality

Here at St. Mary's, we believe Transition Year to be a programme of huge benefit to students. Here is why.

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## The myths...

- Waste of time
- Forget how to study
- Too old doing the Leaving Cert
- Costs a lot of money

## The reality...

- Many new skills
- Independent study habits
- Older doing the Leaving Cert
- can lead to higher points in the Leaving Cert
- Maturity



# So, what exactly does the year involve?

- These new skills will be invaluable for third level studies and in future employment
- Presentation skills
- Working as a team
- Getting your own work experience position
- Meeting deadlines

# TY Programme Structure

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Core Subject

Leaving Cert Sample Subjects

TY Modules

Calendar 'once off' events



# Core Subjects & Leaving Cert Sample Subjects

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- The programme content in core subjects for Transition Year, are chosen largely with a view to augmenting the Leaving Certificate experience, laying a solid foundation for Leaving Certificate studies, this is particularly beneficial in core subjects **English, Irish, Maths and Modern Languages.**
- Students also have the opportunity to sample elements and develop skills required in leaving cert subjects such as **history, biology, physics, chemistry, economics, art** etc.

# Module Subjects

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- Craft & Design
- Performance arts
- Japanese
- Architecture
- Mini-Company
- Nutrition
- Cultural studies
- Multimedia







# TY Elective Modules

- Craft & Design
- Sport Science/PE Expo
- Business Bootcamp & NIFTE
- Coding





# Exciting Opportunities

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- Coding & Robotics
- Barista training
- Shout out workshop
- Trips e.g Phoenix Park, ZOO
- Create School movie making workshop
- Attend Healthfest Expo
- PE Expo



# Leaders in the School Community

- TY Wellfest
- Health Week
- Stand Up Week
- Green Schools week
- Science Week
- SVP Hampers
- Safer internet day
- Maths Week





# Gaisce



- Gaisce or 'great achievement' is a self-development programme
- 1. Community Involvement
- 2. Personal Skill
- 3. Physical recreation
- 4. Adventure journey







# Gaisce

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- *All students will partake in aiming to achieve their Bronze Gaisce Medal from the President of Ireland.*
- *The school facilitates the Gaisce's Community Placement for all students who meet specific criteria, with support provided once they qualify to have an enjoyable Community Placement during TY.*
- *Eligible students can sign out at 1:10 pm on Wednesdays. The requirements will be outlined in May by a letter to all TY students and again in September by Mr. Farrell. A €15 fee, paid directly to Gaisce in September is required (not the school).*



## Early University Entrance Programme DCU

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- TY students may participate in Early University Entrance at DCU. Students get the opportunity to study modules from a degree programme of their choice on one day each week, over the course of one or two semesters.



# DCU Taster Days

- DCU Health, Society, Nutrition and Nursing
- Literature & Media: How Wicked gets representation wrong
- Music Performance as a career: An introduction to jazz, blues and the art of improvisation  
Mechanical engineering
- Computer Science



# STEMP to Inclusion with Maynooth University & Microsoft Dreamspace

- On completion students will graduation with a level 6 certificate from Maynooth University.





# Work Experience

- UCD School of Physics
- It's the Law Programme
- Mini Med
- Virtual e-commerce internship
- Houses of the Oireachtas TY work experience programme
- Irish Guide Dogs
- Village Vets



# Other Activities

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- Short Film Production
- Song writing & recording
- Bodhran workshop
- Dublin Zoo
- Glasnevin Cemetery tour
- Young Scientist & Explorium
- Team Building in Howth
- Guest Speakers





# Parents Support

We really need your support as parents /guardians:

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- To make sure your daughter fully gets involved with all TY events
  - Help your daughter find an appropriate Work Experience placement
  - Make sure your daughter knows where & when to meet on trips (especially in the beginning)
  - Financial Support

# So, what is the criteria for TY?

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- Behaviour record
- Good attendance & punctuality
- Commitment to school activities
- Good relationship with teachers
- Interview (may be called for interview)
- TY Fee: €360



What to  
do next?

- Complete the online application form – due **Friday 14th March**
- The first instalment of €120 is to be paid by **Friday, 28th March**
- The second installment of €120 is to be paid by **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> of April**
- The final payment of €120 is to be paid by **Friday 23<sup>th</sup> of May**
- Any Questions?

# TY Foreign Trip - 2026

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- A viability and expression of interest survey has been sent to all 3rd year parent & guardians via the app
- We hope to add a TY Cultural trip to Rome as part of the 2025/26 programme.
- Four days/3 Nights
- Return flights Dublin to Rome
- Itinerary includes; The Colloseum, Trevi Fountain, Walking Tour, Pompeii, Vatican & St Peters Basillica.
- €1050 approx



Code for Survey

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Thank you...

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Questions?