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2024

SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

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AIMS

Programmes and Subjects on offer
Importance of 3rd language
Importance of science subjects
LCVP
Minimum entry requirements
Subject requirements
General advice
Summary





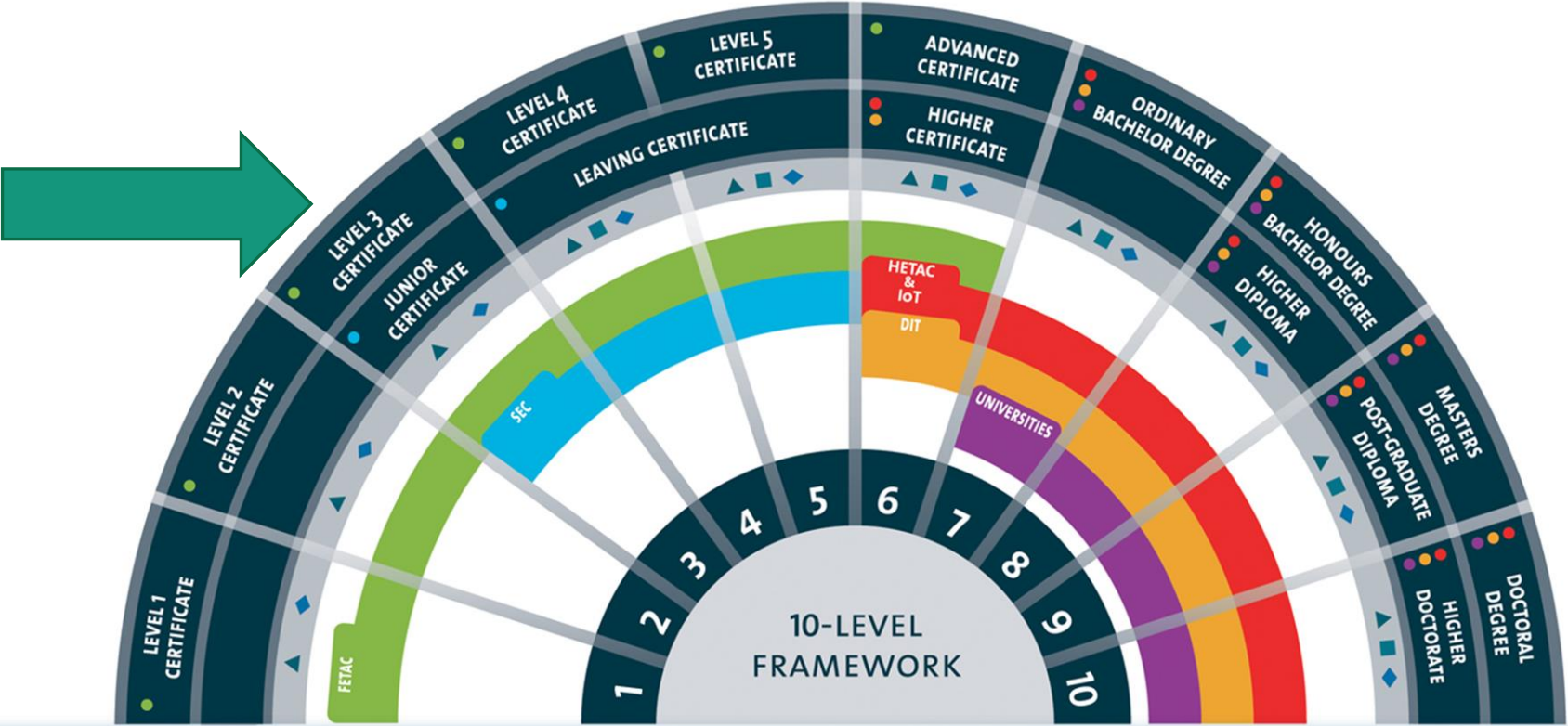
- ▶ Leaving Cert
- ▶ Leaving Cert Applied (must do TY first)
- ▶ Transition Year

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS NOW?

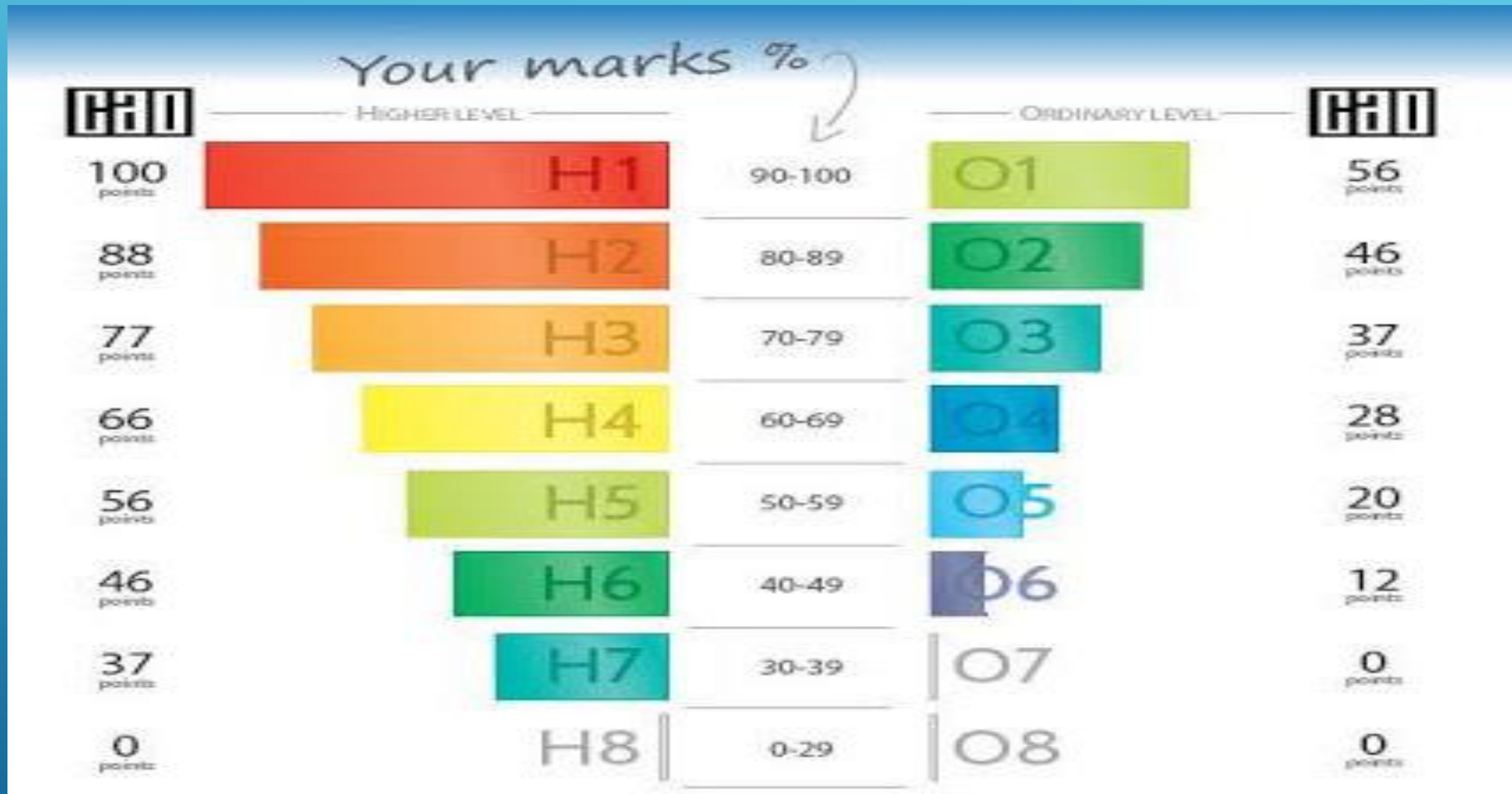
QUALIFICATIONS

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS

Údarás Náisiúnta
Cáilíochtaí na hÉireann
National Qualifications
Authority of Ireland



NEW CAO POINTS SYSTEM AND GRADES



They count your best 6 subjects points wise

- ▶ There is an additional 25 points added to every grade at Higher Level for Maths e.g.



H1 = 125 PTS

H2 = 113 PTS

H3 = 102 PTS

BONUS POINTS FOR HIGHER MATHS

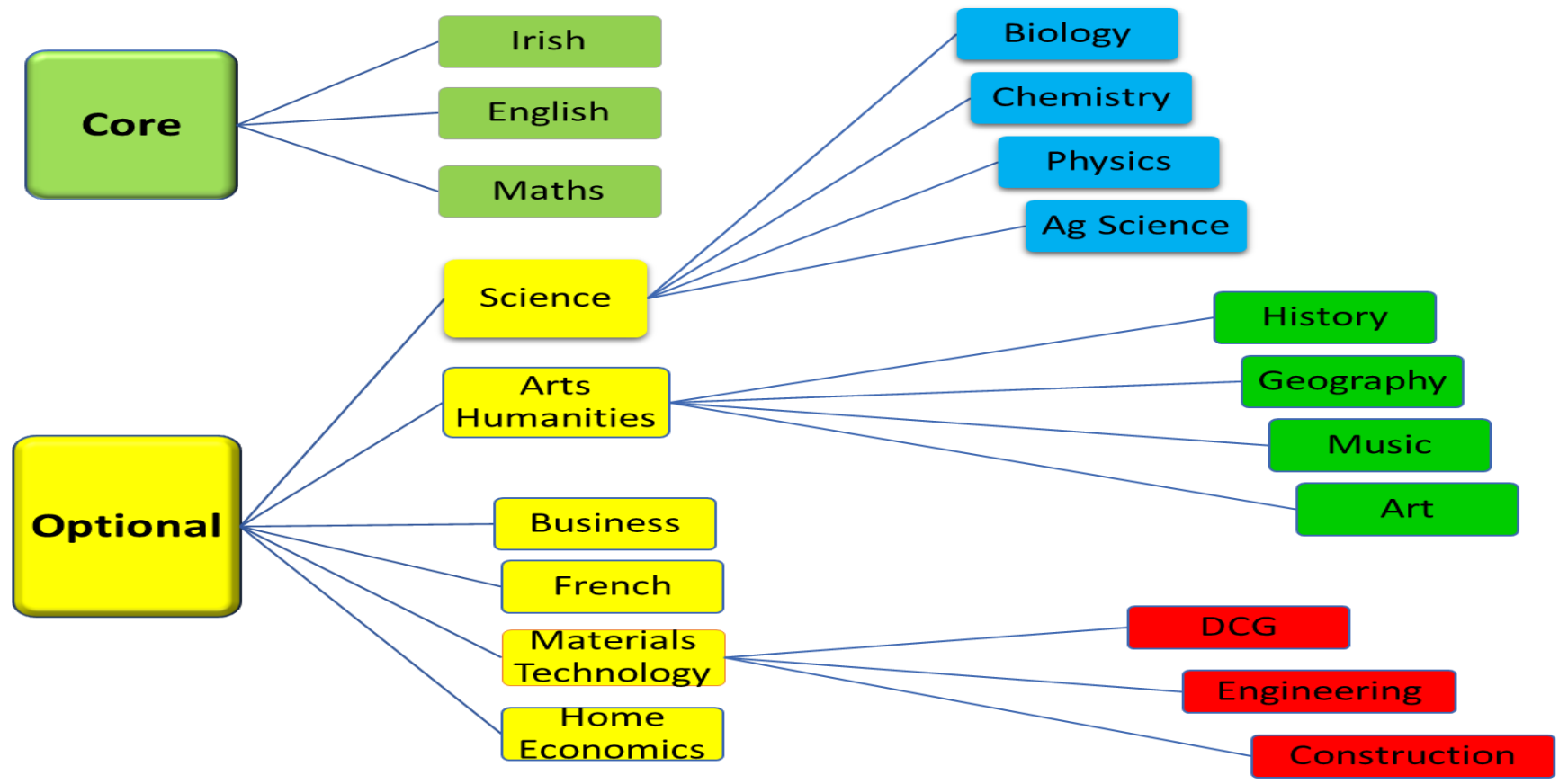
- ▶ This applies the whole way down to a H6 but only at Higher Level Maths.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

- ▶ Maths/English/Irish (Compulsory)
- ▶ Pick four other subjects (Optional)
- ▶ LCVP as an extra subject
- ▶ Leaving Certificate points calculated from the best six subjects.
- ▶ Higher and Ordinary level

WHAT IS LCVP?

- ▶ 2 Year course over 5th & 6th year
- ▶ It is an eighth subject
- ▶ Don't have to pick subjects based around LCVP anymore
- ▶ Good subject to have if you are doing a number of OL subjects
- ▶ Maximum points 66



- ▶ Possible new subjects- Politics and Society, PE
- ▶ Further detail will be given at subject choice assembly

POTENTIAL NEW SUBJECTS

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GENERAL ADVICE

IF A STUDENT IS NOT REALLY
SURE WHAT HE/SHE WANTS TO DO
IN THE FUTURE:

**PICK A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS IN
ORDER TO KEEP OPTIONS OPEN**

MANY STUDENTS WILL CHANGE THEIR
MINDS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE A
NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE NEXT 2
YEARS

- one language
- one science
- two subjects from the other options
- This combination would allow access into a broad range of courses/careers

DO I HAVE TO STUDY FRENCH? 3RD LANGUAGE?

- ▶ The entry requirement of a third language applies to a number of courses in a number of colleges (NUI's: UCD, UCC, NUIG, NUIM and its partner colleges).
- ▶ A third language as an entry requirement is not needed for DCU, UL, Trinity and all of the IT's/ TU's
- ▶ Please check this and consider this carefully

CHOOSING A SCIENCE SUBJECT – BIOLOGY/ CHEMISTRY/ PHYSICS/ AGRICULTURE SCIENCE

- ▶ **Some Courses require 2 Science Subjects:**
 - ▶ **TCD: Medicine, Dental Science**
 - ▶ **UCC: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy**
- ▶ **Some Courses require 1 Science Subject:**
 - ▶ **Medicine**
 - ▶ **Veterinary (Chemistry)**
 - ▶ **Pharmacy**
 - ▶ **Science**
 - ▶ **Nursing**
 - ▶ **Occupational Therapy**
 - ▶ **Speech & Language Therapy**
 - ▶ **Human Nutrition & Dietetics (Chemistry)**
 - ▶ **Radiography**

There are over 170 courses on the CAO that require a Science Subject

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Examples include:
- ❖ H4 In Irish for Primary school teaching
- ❖ H4 in Higher Level Maths for Engineering at a Level 8

- ▶ 1. Do I need it as an entry requirement into a potential course?
- ▶ 2. Do I enjoy learning the topics?
- ▶ 3. Did my CAT4 results say I have a strength in a certain area?
- ▶ 4. Am I interested in it?
- ▶ 5. Do I enjoy practical / project style-based learning?
- ▶ 6. Chat to your teachers e.g Geo Senior cycle teacher
- ▶ *Avoid choosing subjects based on teacher preferences or friends' decisions*



HOW DO I CHOOSE MY SUBJECTS?



STEPS I MUST TAKE

- ▶ Subject Choice Info evening **23rd February**
- ▶ Fill in Google forms by 1st March

Resources



- ▶ 1. www.careersportal.ie
- ▶ 2. **Education -> Careers -> Careers Explorer**
- ▶ 3. Search – Occupations/Apprenticeships
- ▶ 4. Research career of interest
- ▶ 1. www.careersportal.ie
- ▶ 2. ***Tools -> Education -> Leaving Cert Subjects***
- ▶ 4. Compare/Contrast options
- ▶ 5. ***Guide to Subject Choice (FAQ's)***

PREPARATION & RESEARCH

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS RESEARCH

- A. WWW.CAO.IE
- B. SEARCH COURSES
- C. INSTITUTION OR COURSE
- D. SELECT COURSE
- E. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



Course Entry Requirements

**Guidance
Department
Supports**

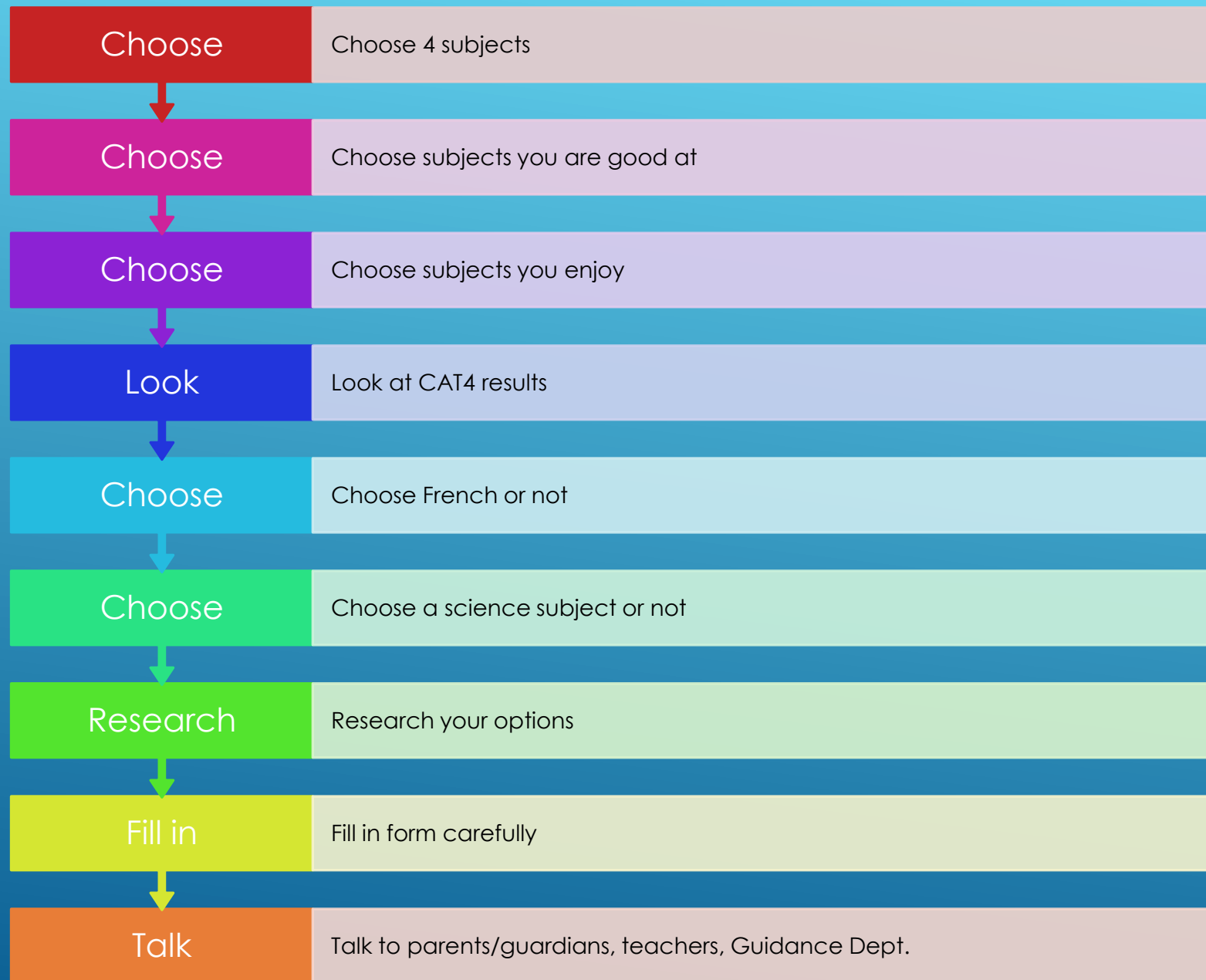
THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT IN ST. OLIVER POST PRIMARY OFFERS A **“DROP IN”** SUPPORT SERVICE WHERE STUDENTS CAN FREELY DROP BY THE GUIDANCE OFFICES (EITHER OFFICE) TO SEEK SUPPORT IN COUNSELLING, CAREER ADVICE OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR.

DROP IN EVERY MORNING AT TUTOR TIME

EMAIL

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REMINDER...



OVERVIEW OF PROCESS



Online Application only way to apply for TY / 5th Year Subjects

Must sit down and discuss before hand

Have your research complete

Link will be text to parents only

- Will be sent on after this presentation
- Will close on Sunday 3rd March at 6.00pm
- We will progress with those that are in / if you aren't you will have to fit in to the structure that is created in the absence of your choices

ONLINE APPLICATION



TY – put your best foot forward, some applicants may be interviewed and/or declined

LCA runs every 2nd year

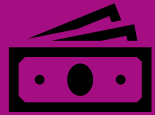
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GUARANTEED

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Please rank the Option Subjects below from 1 to 7 based on your own preferences. 1 being your 1st choice and 7 being your 7th choice. You will be given 4 subjects but we cannot guarantee they will be your top 4. Note - you need to rank the option subjects below from 1 to 7 in order to move on to the next question. *

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RANK YOUR TOP 7 LEAVING CERTIFICATE SUBJECTS



Fees for 5th Year are €200



Fees for TY are €380



If fees are paid for a course (for example TY) and a pupil subsequently changes their mind, those fees will not be lost, they will be transferred against other school fees or payments for that pupil.

FEEES FOR TY / 5TH YEAR

Take this process seriously and get it right the first time

- If you accept a position in TY and back out at a later date – every chance the subjects you are left with will be unsuitable
- If you look to switch subjects at a later date it may not work out well. After the deadline, WE WILL NOT ENTERTAIN REQUESTS FOR CHANGES.
- If you take up an extra subject outside of school you will still have to participate in all your subjects in school

Any questions – please email relevant coordinator or guidance staff directly

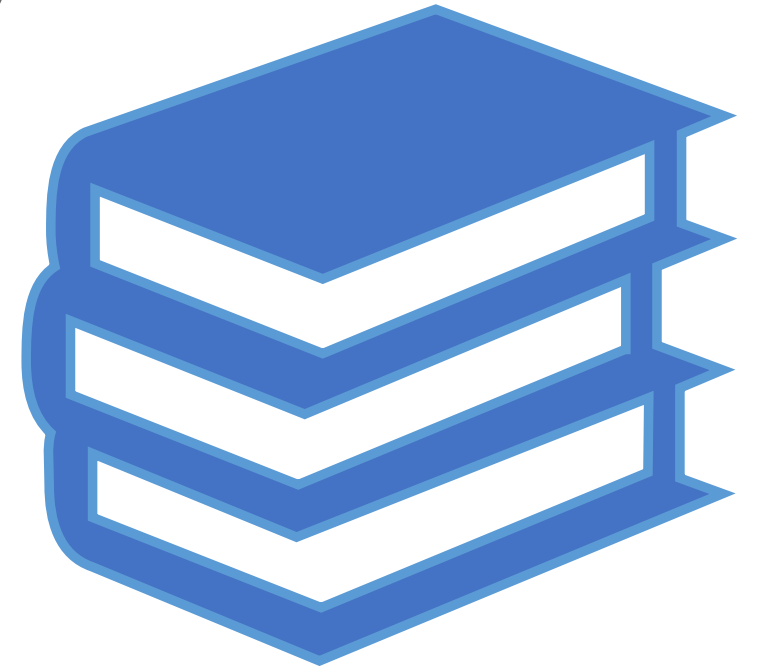
BEFORE TY
PARENTS/PUPILS
LEAVE

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TRANSITION YEAR ST. OLIVER POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR:
MS. G. MCSTAY

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St Oliver Post Primary strives to achieve the mission of Transition Year which is:

‘To promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of the students and to prepare them for their role as responsible members of society’



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Perhaps you don't feel ready, or you are too young to move onto the Leaving Certificate Programme.

TY will give you that extra year to mature, develop your potential and increase your self-confidence.

Perhaps you have talents that you would like to explore and develop further and would like the time and space to do so.

TY will afford you with the time to do this without the pressure of the Leaving Cert.

Perhaps you want to develop a variety of new transferable life skills e.g. communication skills, presentation skills, organisation skills, research skills, IT skills, administration skills, interview skills etc.



THE ACTIVITIES
OFFERED IN TY
MAY EVEN HELP
YOU TO REALISE
SOME NEW
TALENTS OR
AREAS OF
INTEREST

Work Experience (Fridays), Trips (Adventure/Educational/Fun), Gaisce Presidents Award, Guest Speakers, Road Safety Classes, Driving Campus, Film Making, Song Recording, Photography, Public Speaking, Microsoft Office Specialist Courses (MOS), Youth for Justice Competition (SVP), First Aid Training, Self - Defence, Swimming, Dance, GAA Coaching, Peer Education Programmes in Mental Health (Jigsaw), Sports Leaders Programme, RCNI Online/Onsite Courses, UNICEF Activism Course, Certified Irish Angus Competition, Work Experience Opportunities e.g. Defence Forces/Garda/Tara Mines, TY Stand Up, Workshops: Team Building/Crime Scene/Haircare/Beauty/Life Skills, Ice Skating, Belfast Trip.....and more!



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

In TY you will:

Have the opportunity to bond with new people and form new friendships.

Improve relationships with teachers based on maturity and respect.

Get to work with new people e.g. course instructors, guest speakers etc.

Get to develop a working relationship with your employer and other colleagues during work experience.

Learn the importance of showing respect, making a good impression and the importance of teamwork in the workplace.



EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TY will allow you to become more confident in subjects and therefore be more likely to do Higher Level for the Leaving Cert.

TY will give you a year to sample many different subjects, therefore, helping you to make a more informed decision when choosing your Leaving Cert subjects.

TY will also give you the opportunity to improve in subjects you may have found difficult up to now, giving you a better foundation for the Leaving Cert at any level.

VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Perhaps you still have no idea of the career area you wish to pursue.

TY will facilitate you to become familiar with adult and working life through the provision of work experience and career guidance.

Work Experience occurs **one day a week for the entire year (excluding December) and there is at least one week of block experience.**



A selection of photos from recent site visits to students currently on work experience.

STUDIES
SHOW
THAT
STUDENTS
WHO DO
TY TEND
TO:

Be more likely to take Higher Level subjects for their Leaving Cert and are less likely to change subjects or options in 5th year

Do better in their Leaving Cert, gaining at least 40 more points, and are less likely to repeat.

Have a better understanding of the world of work and can better map their career paths.

Take more responsibility for their own learning and decision making.

Have better self-management and time-management skills.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACE IN TY

Application forms will be made available to you via a text to your parents. In the online application form you will be required to elaborate on how TY will help you to improve your personal, social, educational and vocational development.

Do your own research to make your application stand out – have a look at TY.ie for plenty of information or talk to some of our own students who did TY. If you are serious about a place in TY (and places may be limited) your first step is a top class effort with your application form.

- Traditionally, at this time you need to be considering
 - Exam Payment (this has been waived by the DES)
 - Levels Forms (Paper version traditionally)
 - Changes to levels need to be sanctioned by the school.
 - If pupils drop a level for JC exams, they won't be doing Higher for Leaving Certificate.
 - Leave JC exams early, will be supervised in a room until exam is over

Junior Certificate Exams





Thank you