

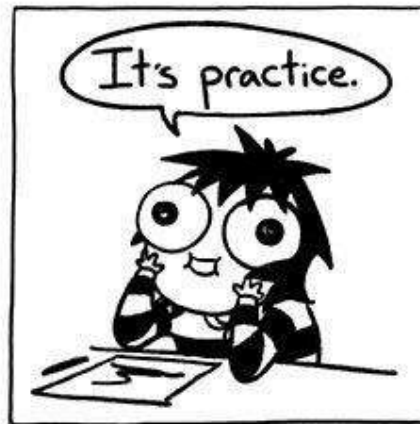
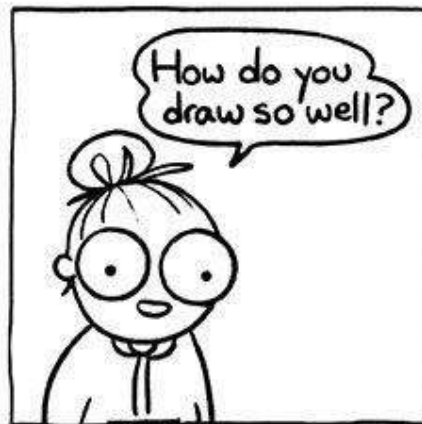


Leaving Certificate Programs & Subject Option Choices

Transition Year Parents & Guardians

March 2018





Leaving Certificate Programs

- Leaving Certificate Established (LCE)
&
Leaving Certificate Established (LCE) with
extra vocational program (LCVP)
- Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

Who does what in Newpark?

- LCA is a substantially different program to the LCE and the LCE + LCVP
- LCE = c70% (i.e. 100 pupils)
- LCE + LCVP = c18% (i.e. 25 pupils)
- LCA = c12% (i.e. 15 pupils)
- Choice depends on a) student's learning style, b) immediate plans after school

LCE

- Seven Subjects
- Compulsory Subjects: Mathematics
English
Irish
- Modern Language – French or German
- Three Subject Options
- Subjects available at either Ordinary or Higher level
- Mathematics and Irish may also be available at Foundation level

New Points Scale 2017 onwards

Higher Level Grade (%)	Points	Ordinary Level Grade (%)	Points
H1 (90-100)	100		
H2 (80-90)	88		
H3 (70-80)	77		
H4 (60-70)	66		
H5 (50-60)	56	O1 (90-100)	56
H6 (40-50)	46	O2 (80-90)	46
H7 (30-40)	37	O3 ((70-80)	37
H8 (0-30)	0	O4(60<70)	28
		O5 (50<60)	20
		O6 (40<50)	12
		O7 (30<40)	0
		O8 (0<30)	0

LCE + LCVP

- LCVP can best be described as the LCE plus an extra subject.
- This extra subject is called the 'Link Modules'
- The idea of LCVP is to combine LCE academic study with an extra course which is focused on enterprise and preparation for work and for students to learn more about the vocational dimensions of their option subjects
- Link Modules = one double period per week (during LCE Life-skills block)

Link Modules

Activity based units of study designed to help students make connections between:

1. school and community
2. study and future career
3. enterprise and the business of making a living

Link Modules

1. Preparation for Work

- Career Research
- Knowledge and Skills to find Work

2. Enterprise Education

- Investigate Local Enterprises
- Set up an Enterprise Project

Entry requirements for LCVP

- Minimum of five Leaving Certificate subjects (just like LCE)
- To include a Continental Language
- Two subjects must be from a list of Vocational Subject Groupings (see handout or google LCVP VSG)
- The Link Modules

Vocational Subject Groupings

Specialist Subject Groups

1. Construction Studies or Engineering or Technical Drawing (any two)
2. Physics and Construction Studies or Engineering
3. Agricultural Science and Construction Studies or Engineering
4. Agricultural Science and Chemistry or Physics or Physics & Chemistry (combined subject)
5. Home Economics and Agricultural Science or Biology
6. Home Economics and Art
7. Accounting or Business or Economics (any two)
8. Physics and Chemistry
9. Biology and Agricultural Science
10. Biology and Chemistry or Physics or Physics & Chemistry (combined)

Vocational Subject Groupings

Service Groupings

11. Engineering and Business or Accounting or Economics
12. Construction Studies and Business or Accounting or Economics
13. Home Economics and Business or Accounting or Economics
14. Agricultural Science and Business or Accounting or Economics
15. Art and Business or Accounting or Economics
16. Music and Business or Accounting or Economics

Link Modules assessment

- Written Examination June of LC year – 40% of marks
- Portfolio, completed over the two years – 60% of marks
e.g. C.V.
Career Investigation
Enterprise/Action Plan
Recorded Interview

Percent Obtained	Grade	Points
80-100	Distinction	66 (H4)
65-79	Merit	46 (H6 or O2)
50-64	Pass	28 (O4)

Who takes LCE + LCVP?

- I like the sound of it: I think I'm an enterprising person and I'd consider self employment in the future
- I think I'll need high points for the course I'm interested in, but I'm taking one or more subjects at ordinary level
- I'm exempt from Irish and/or a modern language and that leaves me with just 6 (or 5) subjects
- I really will consider anything to get me out of Norton's Life-skills classes in 5th & 6th year...

LCA

- Completely different program to LCE and LCVP
- Designed to facilitate students who are more practically or vocational orientated
- **Applied** as opposed to **theoretical** – so LCA allows students to *apply* their learning and experiences to practical educational tasks at school, in the workplace and in the community
- 4 work experiences done over 2 years

LCA curriculum = 3 strands

- **Vocational Preparation**

English & Communication, Job search, Work Experience, Community Work, Enterprise

- **Vocational Education**

Mathematical Applications, ICT, and 2 subjects from career related areas such as: Engineering, Hotel, Catering & Tourism, Active Leisure Studies, Childcare, Craft & Design

- **General Education**

Gaeilge, Modern language (Spanish), Leisure & Recreation, Social Education, Electives (Four over two years choices to date include Hairdressing & Beauty, Music, Horticulture/Agriculture, Science and Childcare)

LCA - Assessment

- 30% marks awarded for key assignments and attendance
- 35% marks awarded for 7 student tasks (completed over the 2 years)
- 35% marks awarded for exams at end of the second year
- So two thirds of your LC done before June 2020!

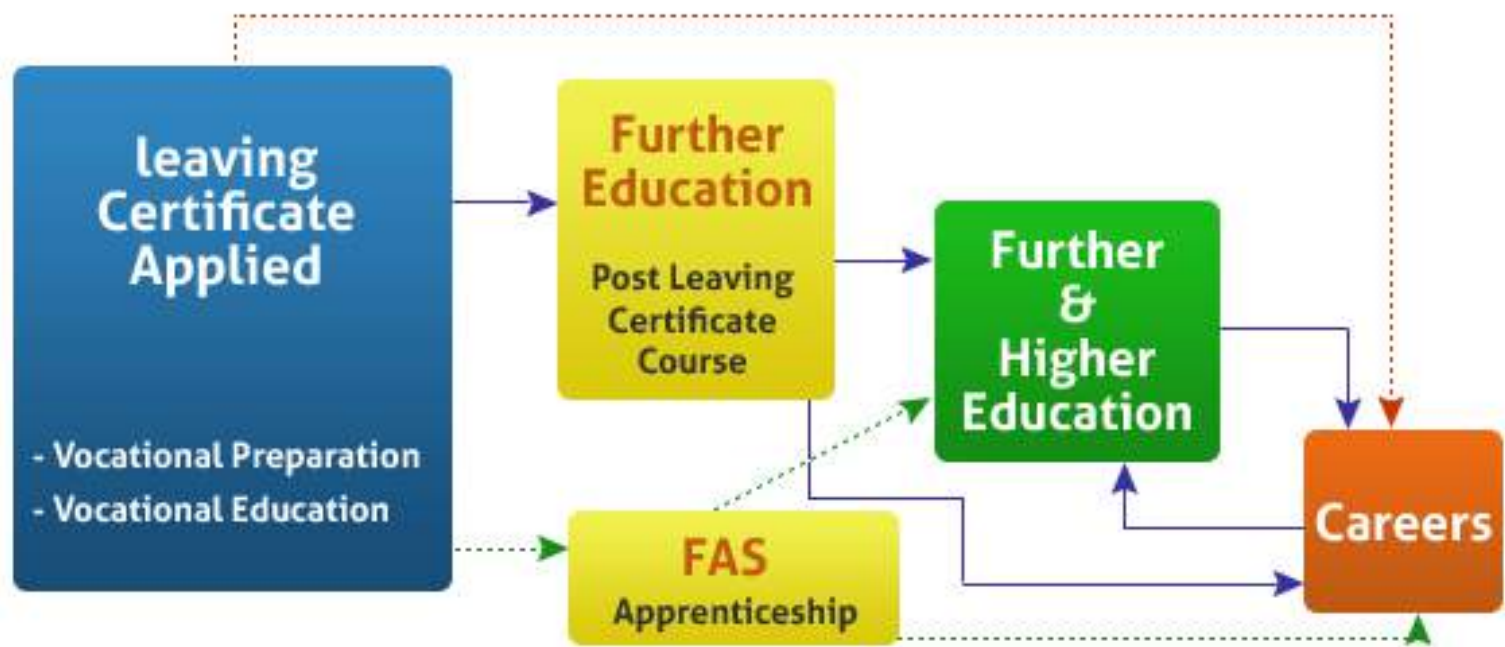
Who takes LCA?

- I'm more practical than academic
- I learn better through *doing* than *studying* (Think Jamie Oliver, Richard Branson...)
- Continuous assessment will suit me better than terminal exams
- Higher Education isn't a priority for me *right* after school. I'd prefer first to do a FE course, a traineeship/apprenticeship or go to work (and maybe go to Higher Education later).

Students sometimes *encouraged to consider*, but never told...
For more information contact Janine Brennan or Eoin/Jenny.

LCA Progression

The LCA Route Map.



Information on Subject Choice

- *Students*
 - Guidance Counsellors
 - Option subject teachers
 - Careers Education Module in Lifeskills
 - TY Lecture x 2
- *Parents/Guardians*
 - Information Evenings (PowerPoints available online)
 - Overview of Program & Subject Choice available on [facebook.com/newparkguidance](https://www.facebook.com/newparkguidance)

facebook/newparkguidance

The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook page for Newark Guidance. At the top, the Facebook logo and a 'Sign Up' button are visible. To the right, there are input fields for 'Email or Phone' and 'Password', along with a 'Log In' button and a 'Keep me logged in' checkbox. The main header features a yellow background with an illustration of a beehive and several eggs. A text box on the page reads: 'Newark Guidance is on Facebook. To connect with Newark Guidance, sign up for Facebook today.' Below this, there are 'Sign Up' and 'Log In' buttons. The page name 'Newark Guidance' is displayed, followed by the category 'Education'. Navigation tabs include 'Timeline', 'About', 'Photos', 'Notes', and 'More'. The 'Notes' tab is highlighted with a red box. On the left side, there are sections for 'PEOPLE' (398 likes), 'ABOUT' (with a link to 'http://www.newparkschool.ieguidance' and 'Education'), and 'PHOTOS'. The main content area shows a post from Newark Guidance, dated September 22, 2015, with the text: '8th years - online survey about the criteria you use when deciding on a higher education course (and an opportunity to win an iPad Air) http://www.mccp.ie/trendstream-blog/student-choices-survey'. Below the text is a graphic that says 'Click HERE to complete Studer Choice Survey' and 'Student Choices Survey - MCCP'. The MCCP logo is also present. A 'Share' button is located below the post. On the right side, there is a 'Create Page' button and a 'Recent' list showing years from 2014 to 2010.

Program Choice and Subject Choice for Leaving Certificate

The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook page for 'Newpark Guidance'. The page features a blue header with the Facebook logo and a 'Sign Up' button. On the right side of the header, there are input fields for 'Email or Phone' and 'Password', along with a 'Log In' button and a 'Keep me logged in' checkbox. Below the header, the page is titled 'Notes' and displays a list of four notes. The note dated March 20, 2014, is highlighted with a red rectangular border. This note is titled 'Program Choice and Subject Choice for Leaving Certificate' and contains the following text: 'Information for TY students and TY parents/guardians on program choice and subject choice for Leaving Certificate'. Below the main text, there is a section titled 'Leaving Certificate Framework' and a 'Continue Reading' link. The other three notes are dated May 26, 2015, May 28, 2015, and November 20, 2010, and cover topics such as 'Using the web for career research', 'Student Grant and Financial Supports', and 'Health and Allied Health careers'.

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Notes

Newpark Guidance May 26, 2015

Using the web for career research

Google foogle, Bing sming. Relying on search engines isn't always the wisest option when looking for career information on the web. The results can often come up with information that is more misleading than helpful. So rather than type 'I wanna be a lawyer' into google (it's happened), use the following four or five ke...
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Newpark Guidance May 28, 2015

Student Grant and Financial Supports

Financial Supports

Each year, around March or April, we invite Dun Laoghaire Youth Information Centre into the school to speak to 6th years about student grants and other financial supports. Their offices are on Library Road in Dun Laoghaire and they can be a great source of help if you have money queries/issues about going to college.
...
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Newpark Guidance March 20, 2014

Program Choice and Subject Choice for Leaving Certificate

Information for TY students and TY parents/guardians on program choice and subject choice for Leaving Certificate

Leaving Certificate Framework
...
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Newpark Guidance November 20, 2010

Health and Allied Health careers

Where can I find out more about careers in the health and allied health sectors?

Along with http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=156760177699915, good information on careers in the health and allied health professions can be found here http://ww2.prospects.ac.uk/p/sectors/health_and_social_care_sector.jsp.
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Subject Choice for LCE & LCE (LCVP)

- Irish, English, Mathematics
- French (or European Section) or German

3 from the following 17 option subjects*

- *Physics, Biology, Chemistry*
- *Construction Studies, Engineering, Design & Communication Graphics*
- *Accounting, Economics, Business Studies*
- *Home Economics*
- *Music, Art*
- *History, Geography, RE, Politics and Society, Physical Education*

** Please be aware that some options may not be available for the 2018-2020 group*

- Everyone does Physical Education & Life-skills

How do I choose? The bottom line...

- What subjects am I most interested in?
- What subjects am I likely to be best at?
(JC results may assist, and perhaps TY, but motivation and work rate in senior cycle...)
- What subjects will I need for course entry requirements? (What's *essential*, what's *desirable*?)

**** Detailed subject information available at**

www.curriculumonline.ie Search 'curriculum online + senior cycle subjects'

www.careersportal.ie Search 'careersportal + subject choice'

Search for 'curriculum online +senior cycle'

www.curriculumonline.ie/Senior-cycle

Leaving Certificate Subjects

Here you'll find the full range of subjects for Senior Cycle.

Ac Accounting	AE Agricultural Economics	AS Agricultural Science	AG Ancient Greek	AM Applied Mathematics
Ar Arabic	A Art	Bi Biology	BS Business	Ch Chemistry

Search for 'careersportal + subject choice'

The screenshot shows the Careers Portal website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Home, SignUp, and My Career File. The main header features the 'CAREERSPORTAL' logo with the tagline 'Ireland's Leading Career Guidance Website'. To the right of the logo are social media icons for Twitter and Facebook, and a Google Custom Search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with categories: @School, Juniors, Graduates, Adult Learners, Job Seekers, Parents, and Guidance Professionals. A secondary menu includes Getting Advice, Self Assessment, Career Sectors, Courses, Careers & Jobs, and Videos. The search results for 'Guide to LC Subject Choices' are displayed, showing a video player and a sidebar with related content.

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Guide to LC Subject Choices

Guide to LC Subject Choices

Leaving Cert Subjects

The Three Leaving Certs

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Subjects & Career Choice

Subjects and Grades

Guide to LC Subject Choices

Selecting the right subjects for senior cycle, and the level at which to take them, is a critical task faced by 60,000 second-level students every year. Making the wrong choice at this stage can have unintended consequences in two years' time - certain paths into college may be blocked by not having the particular subjects required for entry to a chosen course.

Aishling Butler
Garda Trainee

What subjects did you take in school and how have these influenced your career path?

LCVP - Work Experience influenced my career path.

View another interview

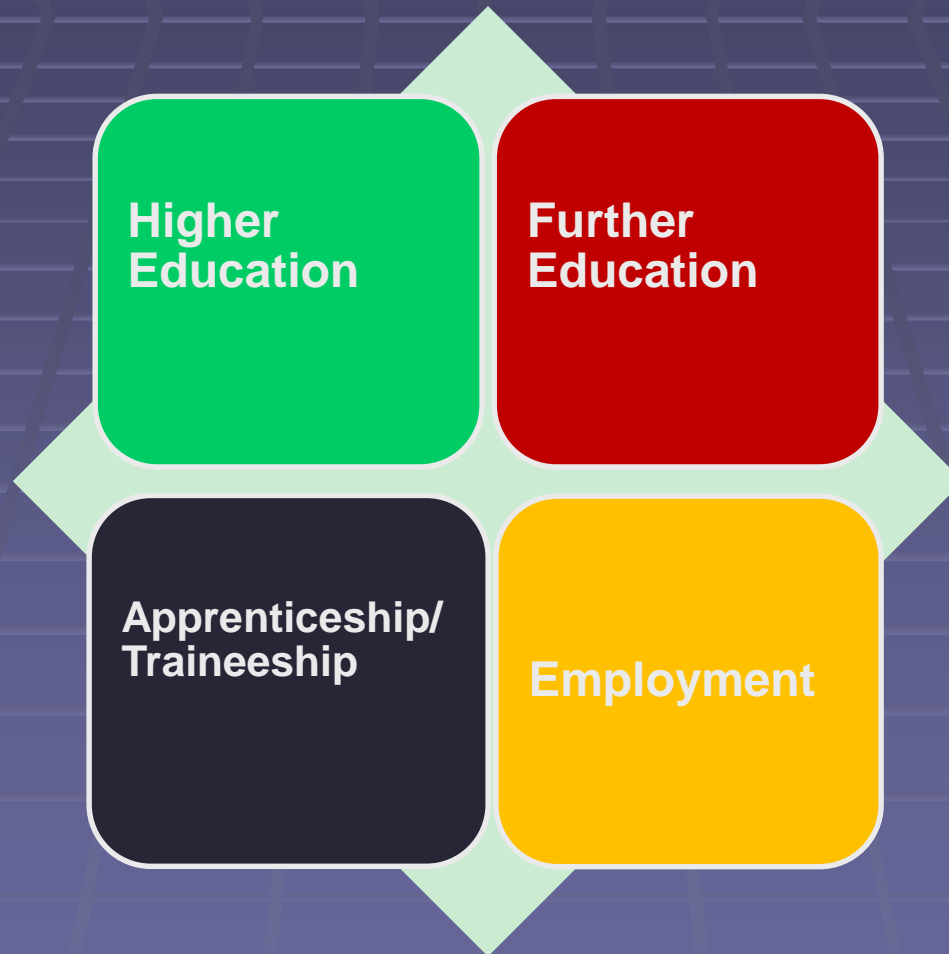
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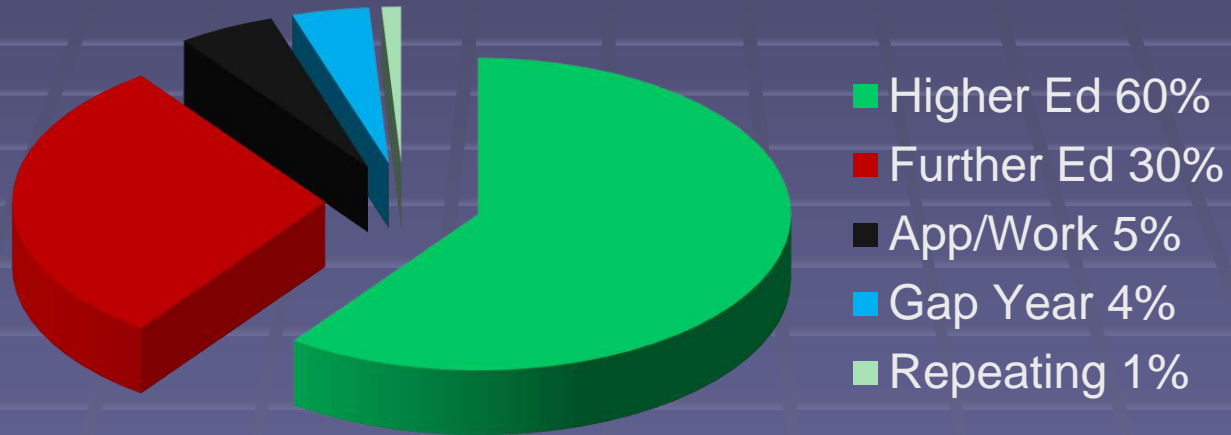
Video: Studying STEM subjects in school and college and their importance for Irish industry.

There are good reasons why students tend to have a science subject and a third language in their arsenal and, as you will find out if you read on, there are no "soft" options on the Leaving Cert exam.

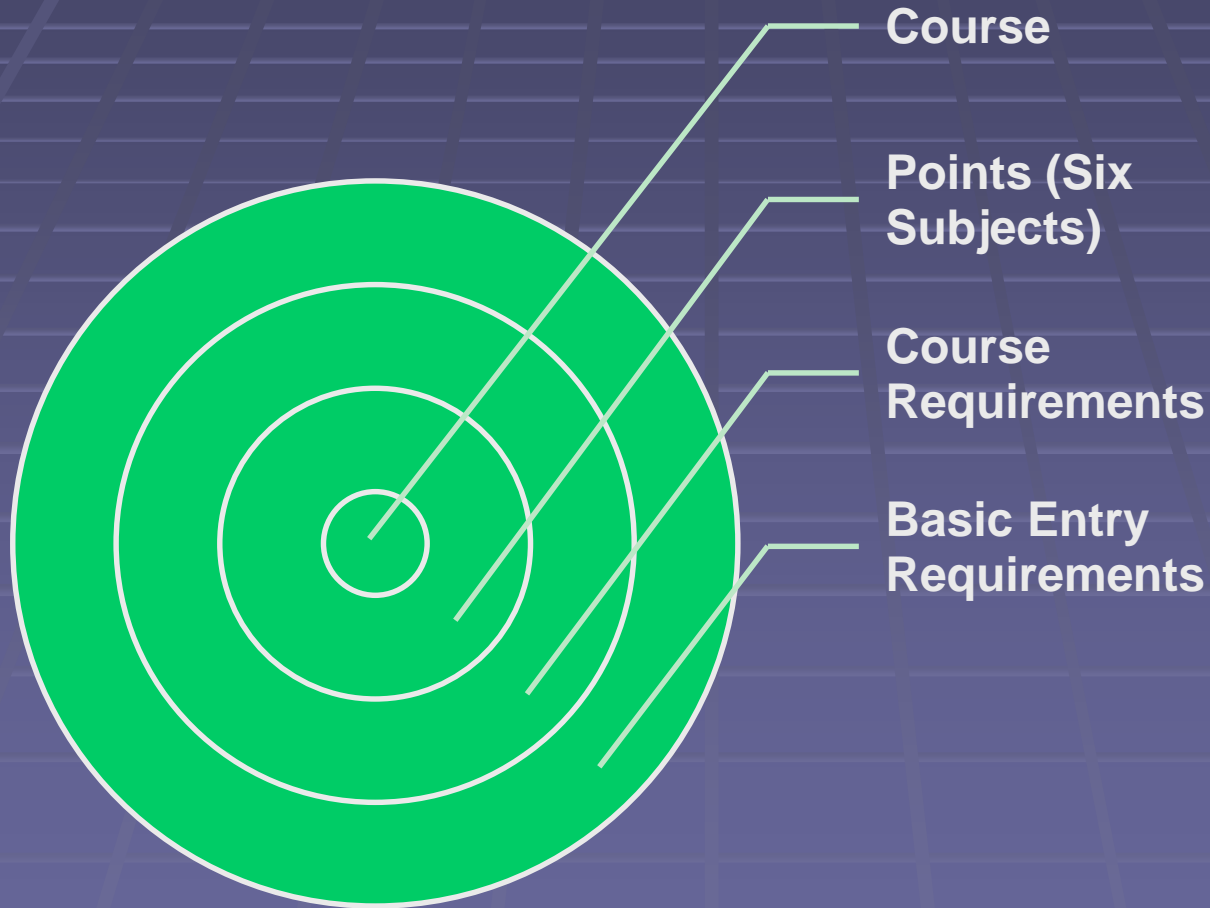
Four options after school



Where do Newpark students go?



Higher Education



Entry Process to HE (CAO)

- ***Minimum Entry Requirements (Matriculation Requirements)***

Level 8 (Honours Degree/4 year) courses = 2H5 + 4O6 (or H7), to include (NUI) English, Irish and a modern European language

Level 7/6 (Ordinary Degree/Higher Certificate, 3/2 year) courses = 5 O6 (or H7), to include English or Irish and Maths

- ***Course Requirements (some examples)***

Engineering (Universities & Level 8 in most ITs) – H4 Maths

Nursing – O6 Science

Journalism (DIT) – H4 English

Creative Digital Media (ITT) – H5 English

- **Points**

- **Interview – Aptitude Test – Portfolio – Performance Test**

Examples of Essential Subjects

- H4 in Irish for Primary Education (English and Maths O4/H7)
- Two lab science subjects for Trinity College physio, medicine, pharmacy or dental science
- H4 in English for English, Media & Cultural Studies in IADT

See www.qualifax.ie for a summary of essential subjects

Examples of Desirable Subjects

■ Art

- ✓ Not essential for entry to Art College
- ✓ Preparation of a portfolio would be difficult without an Art teacher

■ Business

- ✓ Business subjects not essential for entry into any Business course but one or more do provide an excellent foundation

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- Subject choice help
- Lists requirements for each course in the CAO system
- Clear and transparent
- Compare requirements for similar courses in different institutions



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 Are you considering further
 or higher education and training? Unsure which subjects to take?

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Subject Choice

Minimum Subject module in Qualifax

Subject Choice is often referred to as Decision time!

You are either First Year in Secondary School or moving forward into the Leaving Cert cycle and some major decisions have to be made by you. This may be the first time you have the chance to choose which subjects you want to study.

It's important that you choose your subjects carefully as this could affect what you do in the future.

You might already know which subjects you enjoy or have some career ideas. Don't worry if you don't know what you want to do in the future. As long as you choose a good balance of subjects now, it should leave all your options open. Just remember to consider all the facts and ask for help if you need it.

Subject choice is often regarded as a minefield. Course and entry requirements not checked by students can have serious consequences. It must always be pointed out to students that the onus is on them to check the requirements for each of the courses in which they have an interest. To this end they should go to the Minimum Subject module here in Qualifax. This module will enable you to see the consequences of taking or not taking any particular subject. To start with, students must consider the options open to them after the Junior Certificate. The implications of each option should be carefully studied to see which one suits one's potential best. Apart from the advice available in school, parents should be kept informed.

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Subject Req

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Show me 3rd level courses which may or may not require the following Subject:

- Any
- A Science Subject
- A Second Language
- A Third Language
- Accounting
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Science
- Ancient Greek
- Applied Mathematics
- Arabic
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Construction Studies
- Design and Communication Graphics
- Economics
- Engineering
- English
- Any

Narrow down your list of courses using one or a combination of the following:

Only show courses from this CAO course provider:

Any

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Interest Assessment

Interest Assessment follow up

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Search Criteria: Subject Design and Communication Graphics. (Might need subject).

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Code	Course	Course Provider
GC489	Architecture - Interior Architecture	Griffith College Dublin
LM082	Construction Management & Engineering	University of Limerick
LM119	Design & Manufacture	University of Limerick
GA980	Design & Technology Education - Letterfrack Campus - Second Level Teaching	Galway-Mayo IT - Galway
LM080	Electronics	University of Limerick
LM087	Energy	University of Limerick
LM077	Engineering - Aeronautical Engineering	University of Limerick
LM071	Engineering - Biomedical Engineering	University of Limerick
LM115	Engineering - Chemical & Biochemical Engineering	University of Limerick
LM085	Engineering - Civil Engineering	University of Limerick
DT025	Engineering - Common First Year	Dublin Institute of Technology
LM118	Engineering - Electronic & Computer Engineering	University of Limerick
DT023	Engineering - Manufacturing & Design Engineering	Dublin Institute of Technology
LM072	Engineering - Mechanical Engineering	University of Limerick

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All courses referred to in this section are Third Level CAO entry. The Course Data in this section is for the CAO entry in 2012.

Click on the Course to get details about that course. Click on the Course Provider to get details about that course provider.

Search Criteria: Subject Chemistry. (Definitely need subject).

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Code	Course	Course Provider
CK702	Dentistry	University College Cork
DT223	Human Nutrition & Dietetics	Dublin Institute of Technology
CK701	Medicine - Undergraduate Entry	University College Cork
TR072	Pharmacy	Trinity College Dublin
CK703	Pharmacy	University College Cork
DT225	Public Health Nutrition	Dublin Institute of Technology
DN300	Veterinary Medicine - Undergraduate Entry	University College Dublin

Process

- Information – March 13 and March 20
- Poll – Monday April 9, for return Friday April 13
- Final subject choice – late April

2016 Options (Current 6th years)

Language Option	Option A	Option B	Option C
French German European Section	Biology Geography Politics & Society Business Art Chemistry DCG	Biology Biology Geography Music History Engineering Home Ec	Biology Politics & Society Art Physics Construction Economics

2017 Options (Current 5th years)

Language Option	Option A	Option B	Option C
French German European Section	Biology Geography Accounting Construction Politics Home Econ RE	Biology Geography DCG Physics Art History Music	Biology Biology Geography Economics Art Politics Engineering Chemistry

Subjects

Everyone takes

- Maths
- English
- Irish
- French or German

Undecided?

We recommend

- Consider 1 Science
- Two more subjects taking into account your strengths, interests and third level course requirements

Some Useful Web Addresses

- www.qualifax.ie
- www.cao.ie
- www.curriculumonline.ie
- www.newparkschool.ie/guidance

Some Myths

- ‘It’s bound to help me if my best mate is doing the same options’
- ‘But isn’t History (Music, Physics, whatever) a very hard subject?’
- ‘I’ve heard from my sister’s boyfriend that it’s easier to get an A in Accountancy than it is in Art’

Thank you!

- Questions, queries? To get in touch...
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