



# Senior Subject Choice Information

## St Joseph's, Fairview

# Subject Choices

- Core compulsory subjects are: Irish (unless exempt), English, and Maths.
- 4 more subjects are to be selected from:

**History, Geography, French, Spanish, Business, Art, Music, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Phys/Chem**

All information on individual subjects can be found here: [Senior Cycle Subjects](#)

- Students will be asked if they are interested in also taking **P-Tech** as an additional subject
- Students will be asked if they are interested in also taking **LCVP** (a Business based practical subject) as an additional subject. Information on LCVP can be found here: [LCVP](#)
- Every effort is made to ensure that students get their choice of options for Leaving Certificate classes.
- However, when the number of students electing for one of the above options is low, the BoM reserves the right to cancel the option or to offer one class only of that option.

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Leaving Cert Options



## Core Subject

Gaeilge

English

Mathematics

Modern Foreign  
Language

*French OR Spanish*

Religion

*Non Exam*

Career Guidance

*Non Exam*

## Option Subjects

Art

Biology

Business Studies

Chemistry

Geography

History

Music

P-Tech

Physics

Phys-Chem

LCVP

*Subject dependent*

# Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

Students will be given the option to take LCA.

Leaving Cert Applied is a two year Leaving Certificate available to students wishing to follow a practical Leaving Certificate programme with a vocational focus.

Further information regarding LCA can be found here: [LCA](#)

Subjects taught in LCA at St Joseph's are:

- Vocational Preparation and Guidance
- English and Communication
- Mathematical Applications
- Information and Communication Technology
- Office Administration\*
- Agriculture/Horticulture\*
- Gaeilge (5th year only)
- Religion\*
- Spanish/French (6th year only)
- Physical Education (with rest of year group)
- SPHE
- Social Education
- Visual Arts\*
- Leisure and Recreation

# How LCA is Awarded

As students complete and submit their Leaving Certificate Applied course work, they are awarded **credits**. There are 200 credits to be awarded in total over the two years. They are awarded as follows:

Completion of Modules (classes):	62 Credits (31%)
7 Tasks (projects):	70 Credits (35%)
Final Examination:	68 Credits (34%)
Total:	200 Credits

The Leaving Cert Applied is awarded at three levels:

Distinction:	170-200 Credits (85%-100%)
Merrit:	140-169 Credits (70%-84%)
Pass:	120-139 Credits (60%-69%)

\*Students who record fewer than 120 credits receive a Record of Experience

# Subject Requirements for colleges in Ireland

**It is important to think long term and understand that some colleges/courses require you to take a certain subject/achieve a certain level in a subject**

- **Requirements for National University of Ireland** (UCD, Maynooth University, UCC, NUIG, Royal College of Surgeons, NCAD) : Six subjects, minimum of two Higher Level H5 (or higher); pass in English, Irish
- **Third language** needed for some faculties – most science & engineering courses excluded but NOT health sciences.
- **Maths** required for Business, Science, and Engineering etc.
- **Trinity College**: Six subjects, minimum of three H5s; pass in English; pass in Maths and another language.
- **Institutes of Technology and DCU**: Six subjects, minimum of two H5s. Pass in English or Irish essential. Maths essential for most business, science, education and health science courses.

# Essential Subjects:

- Science Subjects are required for science degrees and medical/ health courses.
- Honours Engineering Degrees require Honours Mathematics.
- An H4 (or higher) in Honours Irish is required for Primary Teaching.
- Chemistry required for Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine, Dietetics, Medicine in UCC

# Courses that need a science subject:

- ★ SCIENCE
- ★ ENGINEERING
- ★ MEDICINE
- ★ DENTISTRY
- ★ VETERINARY\*
- ★ PHARMACY\*
- ★ PHYSIOTHERAPY
- ★ RADIOGRAPHY
- ★ NURSING
- ★ ARCHITECTURE
- ★ OCCUP. THERAPY
- ★ SPEECH THERAPY
- ★ SPORTS SCIENCE
- ★ MED LAB SCIENCE
- ★ DIETETICS\*
- ★ OPTOMETRY
- ★ INDUSTRIAL DESIGN
- ★ INFO. TECHNOLOGY

\* = Chemistry needed.

All information on course requirements can be found at

<https://careersportal.ie/>