



# **LEAVING CERT SUBJECTS**

## **Core and Option**

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# **CASTLETROY COLLEGE**



# SEVEN LEAVING CERT SUBJECTS

▣ **Four Core Subjects**

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▣ **Three Option Subjects**

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▣ **LCVP**



# CORE SUBJECTS

- ▣ **English**
- ▣ **Maths**
- ▣ **Gaeilge**
- ▣ **Spanish or French or German**

# OPTION SUBJECTS

| Humanities           | Science           | Technology                      | Business   |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| History              | Biology (L)       | Engineering                     | Business   |
| Geography            | Chemistry (L)     | Construction                    | Economics  |
| Politics and Society | Physics (L)       | Design & Communication Graphics | Accounting |
| Art                  | Applied Maths     |                                 |            |
| Music                | PE                |                                 |            |
| Home Economics       | Computer Sciences |                                 |            |

# Science Subjects

Biology L

Chemistry L

Physics L

Applied Maths

PE

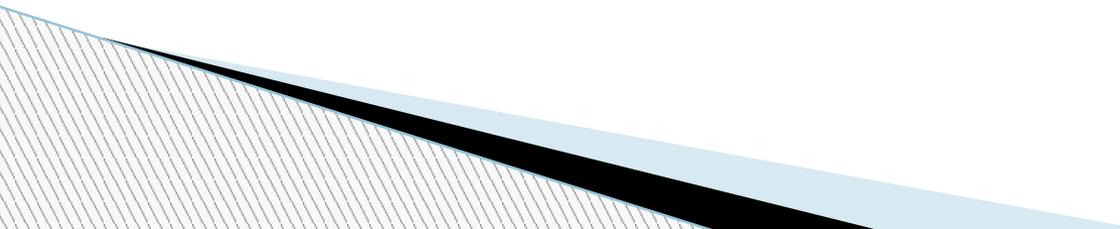
Computer Science

# Business Subjects

Business

Accounting

Economics

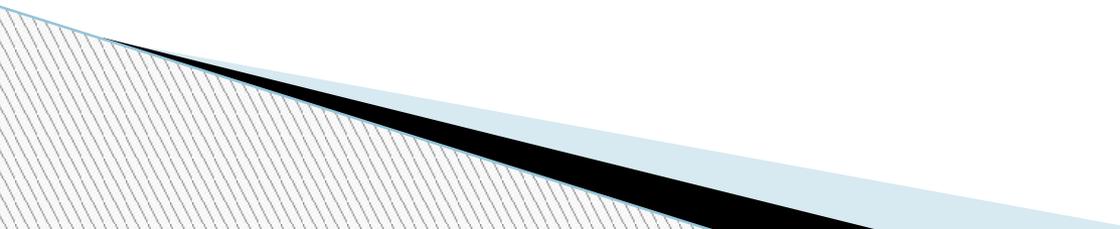


# Technology Subjects

Engineering (Metal)

Construction (Wood)

Design & Communication Graphics (TG)



# HUMANITIES SUBJECTS

History

Geography

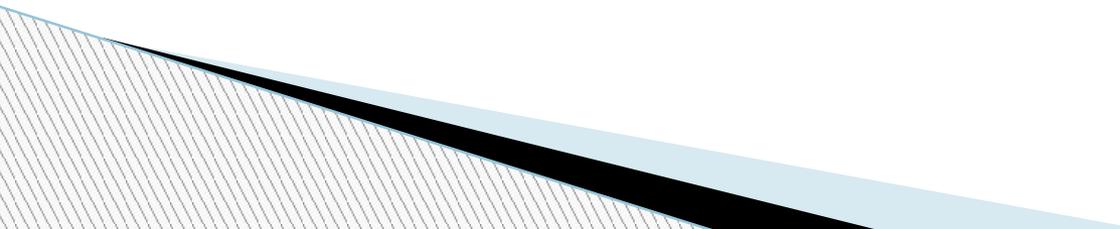
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Art

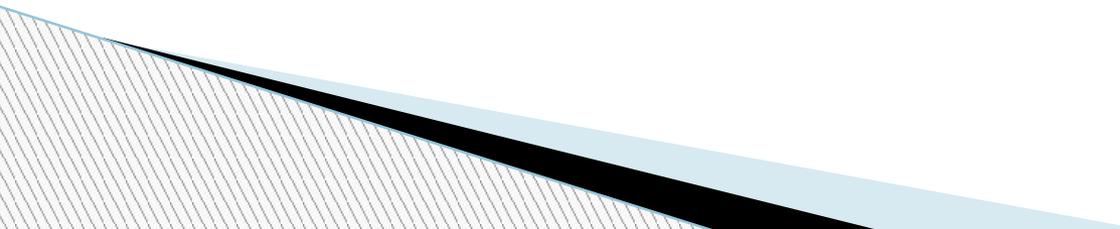
Music

Home Economics

Physical Education



# Leaving Certificate Information Booklet 2026

- [Website – leaving Certificate Examinations Information Booklet 2026](#)
  - [CareersPortal.ie](#)  
[Leaving Cert Subjects | CareersPortal.ie](#)
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# Leaving Cert Vocational Programme

- 2 Additional Link Modules
- Preparation for the World of Work
- Enterprise Education
- Pass, Merit, Distinction
- 60% Portfolio
- 40% Exam

Compulsory in 5<sup>th</sup> year  
for everybody



# Options after Second Level

- Employment/GAP Year
- Repeat
- Traineeships (ETB)
- Apprenticeships (ETB) old and new
- Colleges of Further Education (PLC)
- Technological Universities (formerly IT's)
- Universities Ireland & abroad



# National Framework of Qualifications

## Level 5

- Leaving Cert
- 1 year PLC

## Level 6

- 2 year PLC
- 2 year TU H.C.

## Level 7

- 3 year
- TU Ord Degree

## Level 8

- 3 or 4 year
- TU or Uni/Coll Hons Degree



# Tertiary Degrees

Alternative route to 3rd  
level

Year 1 completed in FETC



# Tertiary Degrees



## Congratulations Graduate - A new route to a Degree outside the CAO system



No CAO points required  
Open to all

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### Apply on NTO.ie

- 1 Find a course that interests you on NTO.ie
- 2 Check the requirements for the course
- 3 Hit the **Apply** Button

Easy Steps

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- > Applications assessed
- > Eligible applicants interviewed
- > Places offered

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Tertiary degree students are registered in their ETB and University for the duration of their course

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- 1 Smaller class sizes in ETB
- 2 Use of university facilities
- 3 Access to clubs and societies
- 4 Step Back awards
- 5 ERASMUS and work placement options

Enjoy the benefits of being a student in both campuses

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Graduate with a degree awarded by the university

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# National Framework of Qualifications

## INITIAL MAJOR AWARD-TYPES AND AWARDBODY





# HIGHER LEVEL

| GRADES | % MARKS  | POINTS |
|--------|----------|--------|
| H1     | 90 - 100 | 100    |
| H2     | 80-90    | 88     |
| H3     | 70-80    | 77     |
| H4     | 60-70    | 66     |
| H5     | 50-60    | 56     |
| H6     | 40-50    | 46     |
| H7     | 30-40    | 37     |
| H8     | <30      | 0      |



# ORDINARY LEVEL

| GRADES | % MARKS  | POINTS |
|--------|----------|--------|
| O1     | 90 - 100 | 56     |
| O2     | 80-90    | 46     |
| O3     | 70-80    | 37     |
| O4     | 60-70    | 28     |
| O5     | 50-60    | 20     |
| O6     | 40-50    | 12     |
| O7     | 30-40    | 0      |
| O8     | <30      | 0      |



Rectangular Spin

| Higher Level Grade | Points | Ordinary Level Grade | Points |
|--------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| H1                 | 100    |                      |        |
| H2                 | 88     |                      |        |
| H3                 | 77     |                      |        |
| H4                 | 66     |                      |        |
| H5                 | 56     | O1                   | 56     |
| H6                 | 46     | O2                   | 46     |
| H7                 | 37     | O3                   | 37     |
| H8                 | 0      | O4                   | 28     |
|                    |        | O5                   | 20     |
|                    |        | O6                   | 12     |
|                    |        | O7                   | 0      |
|                    |        | O8                   | 0      |



# Minimum Entry Requirements

- **2 H5s & 4 O6s or H7s** for any Level 8 Hons Degree
- Third Level Colleges have **Minimum Entry Requirements for all courses**
- **NUI Colleges** – English + Irish + Maths + Language
  - + 2 other subjects
- **UL & Trinity** – Maths + English + Language
  - + 3 other subjects
- **TUs** - English + Maths
  - + 4 other subjects



# Specific Course Requirements

- Lab Science subject ( two for medicine )
- Higher Level H4 Maths for **Engineering Degrees**
- Higher Level H4/H3 for **Language Courses**
- Higher Level H4 Gaeilge **B Ed in Mary I**



UNIVERSITY OF  
**LIMERICK**  
OLLSCOIL LUIMNIGH

**Study at UL**  
**2026/27**





# Option Subject Choice

Remember to pick a subject that

- You like
- You are good at
- Don't restrict your Third Level options
- LCVP can be used for points but NOT for college entry as a 6th subject.
- Do not pick a subject because of a teacher or because your friend is doing it.
- There is no guarantee that students will get their first three preferences.

## Summary

- Students should talk to subject teachers if they have a particular query about a subject
- 3rd years going directly to 5th year will be CAT 4 tested on **Tuesday February 3rd** and met with a guidance counsellor before the deadline.
- Option Subject Fair **Thursday 5th February**
- Subject Option Form (sent through VSware) - **Wednesday 11th February at 12 Midday**

# Castletroy College

## 5th Year Student Information 26/27

Deadline for completion Wednesday 11th February at 12 Midday.



## 5th Year Student Information 26/27

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW CAREFULLY IN ADVANCE OF COMPLETING THE FORM.

Form to be completed by **Parent/Guardian** of 3rd Year students moving to 5th Year in September 2026 & current Transition Year students.