

Arklow CBS

Leaving Certificate

2026 - 2028



Leaving Certificate Subject Options

Core Subjects

- English – New course
- Irish
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Religion
- Career Guidance
- SPHE
- LCVP - Life, Community & Work

- History
- Geography
- German
- French
- Polish
- Business
- History
- Geography
- LCVP

Optional Subjects

1. History – 20% Project
2. Geography – New 40% A.A.C.
3. French - 25% Oral 20% Aural
4. German - 25% Oral 20% Aural
5. Business – 40% A.A.C.
6. Accounting – 40% A.A.C
7. Biology – 40% A.A.C.
8. Physics
9. Chemistry
10. Ag-Science - 25% Project
11. Art - 20% Practical Exam 50% Course Work
12. Music - Composing Exam 25% + Aural 25% + Performance 50%
13. Construction Studies – New Course 50% A.A.C.
14. Design & Communication Graphics - 40% Project
15. Physical Education – new 50% A.A.C
– Exam Subject – 20% Project 30% Performance

Life, Community & Work (LCVP) – 60% A.A.C.

- **Key Changes to LCVP (Current & Incoming)**
- **Subject Flexibility:** No specific subject criteria requirement.
- **Assessment:** The new, redeveloped subjects, including the new vocational components, will feature increased assessment by the State Examinations Commission.
- **Goal:** The aim is to equip students with skills for the modern workplace and foster an entrepreneurial mindset.
- **Existing Benefits (Applicable to Current & New Programme)**
- **CAO Points:** A Distinction in the Link Modules is equivalent to a H4 (66 points) in the Leaving Certificate, while a Merit equals 46 points and a Pass equals 28 points.
- **Portfolio & Exam:** The assessment consists of a portfolio of coursework (60%) and a written exam (40%).

Tranche 2 – Sept. 2026

Minimum 40% A.A.C

- English
- Geography
- Construction Studies
- Physical Education
- Accounting
- Life, Community & Work (LCVP)

Advice

1. What subjects is your son most interested in?
2. Which subjects is he likely to do best in?
3. What subjects will he need?
4. Subjects will be filled on 1st Come 1st served
5. Option programme will put subjects into group to maximise student choice & offer subjects according to student preferences

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Career Planning Work and Employment Education and Training

Career Planning

Change is constant

Planning your career means planning for change. The world of work is constantly changing, and we must be prepared to meet these changes without letting them get the better of us. We need to know our strength and know how to build up our skills.

As humans, we are capable of constant learning. As we learn and grow, we change. We develop new skills, gain more confidence, become open to new opportunities.

Our career is a journey - not a destination. Becoming a good traveller and learning to enjoy the trip is as important as reaching the destination. Career planning is the key to a successful journey.

Career planning is too important to be left to chance. After all, the decisions you make now will affect the rest of your life, especially the 25-40 years you will spend in the workforce. If you want a satisfying career, you must prepare by following these steps:

Step 1: Self Assessment

- Learn about yourself, your values, your interests, and your abilities.
- Talk to a careers counsellor about a variety of tests to give you information about yourself.
- Check out the links on this site, or check alternative websites here.

Step 2: Occupational Research

- Learn as much as you can about a variety of careers by using the Work and Employment section of this site.
- Investigate what's available and preparation needed.
- Try out careers through job shadowing, mentorship, cooperative education, or other means.
- Check out trends in occupations (Where are the jobs?)

Step 3: Decision Making

- Develop personal and career objectives.

Step 4: Education/Training

- Research postsecondary education and training.
- Enrol in and complete necessary training.

Step 5: Applying for Jobs

- Learn the skills to seek and keep a job.
- Develop a plan for your career.

Step 6: Work

- Find a job.

SHARE Google Custom Search Search

Online Resources

Prepares Planner (UK) A job exploration tool which aims to help you identify your skills, motivations and interests and then to provide you with relevant job types. Designed for at College students. (Registration required) [Careers Service \[H2\]](#)

Portal site from the government of New Zealand with lots of ideas about career planning

My Future (Australia) We developed Australian site containing excellent interactive online career planning module called "My guide". To see the results to suggest occupations, then look at local websites for Irish information. [Careers Service \[US\]](#)

American government-sponsored portal containing just about everything needed to plan a career. [Skills & Occupations Self-Assessment \[US\]](#)

Skills & Occupations Self-Assessment [UK] A useful skills assessment tool for adults that generates a printable report indicating top job sectors and occupation groups. UK based, free, no registration required. [NEW](#)

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Subject Selection Process

Round 1

1. Order all 15 subjects in order of preference 1 to 15.

To do this, parents must login to Tyro, Information Request and complete your selection

The number of Subjects available will be reduced by a minimum of three.

Subject Selection Process

Round 2

1. Students select levels for English, Irish & Maths
2. Students will select 6 subjects from the reduced list of Optional Subjects available.
3. Subjects are placed in 4 blocks, each block will contain 3 subjects and each student will be offered their highest Preference in each Block
4. If a student does not have a subject in the block, we will let them know so they can make a different choice from the block.
5. Students will be informed and given a printout of the outcome of their subject selection. (We do our best to ensure that student get their first preferences but it is not always possible.)

Online Form



GENERAL

-  Attendance >
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Information requests

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Name	For	Due date ↑	Status
Test options	 Killoran, Sé	10 Jan 2025 00:00	Incomplete

Pre-Selection Round, Please select your subject choice in order of preference as the lowest 3 will be eliminated from the next round in you subject choice

Preference #1

Preference #2

Preference #3

Preference #4

Preference #5

Preference #6

Preference #7

Preference #8