

FIFTH YEAR OPTIONS

FORMAL & INFORMAL STEPS IN THE PROCESS

- ◉ Taster Modules during TY
- ◉ Careers Class
- ◉ Teacher input
- ◉ Collect student preferences
- ◉ Confirm option blocks
- ◉ Collect student options

CONSIDERATIONS

- ◉ Some subjects have a maximum number of students which can be in the class, e.g. practical subjects.
- ◉ Each staff member can be timetabled for a maximum of 32 class periods.
- ◉ Department of Education decides the allocation of staffing each year.
- ◉ Opportunity to share with CBS.

TWO STEP PROCESS

- ◉ **Step 1:** Gathering information on student preferences. The information given on this preference form will be used to arrange subject option blocks.
 - **This will vary each year because the combination of subjects that each girl prefers will differ.**
- ◉ **Step 2:** You will receive a second form outlining the option blocks for the coming school year.
 - **Your daughter will be asked to indicate the 4 subjects which she will hope to study for Leaving Certificate 2027.**
 - **Where a subject is oversubscribed, places in that class will be allocated in accordance with the first preference survey form already filled in.**
 - **Where subjects are undersubscribed, we reserve the right to withdraw that subject(s) in any given academic year.**

EXAMPLES

- 5.1 Art/French/German
- 5.2 Biology/Business/Music
- 5.3 History/Chemistry/Home Ec.
- 5.4 Physics/Biology/Accounting/Geography

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A FEW DON'TS!

- ⦿ Don't base your preferences or choices on what your friend/sibling/cousin etc did!
- ⦿ Don't base it on what your friends are planning to do!
- ⦿ Don't base your decisions on who you think will be the teacher!
- ⦿ Don't base your decision on whether it might be in Ard Scoil or CBS!
- ⦿ Don't base your decision on whether a subject is perceived to be “easy” / ”easy points”!

A FEW DOs

- ⦿ Speak with your teachers.
- ⦿ Speak with Ms. O'Shea if necessary.
- ⦿ Research the entry requirements if you have a particular course in mind for post leaving certificate.
- ⦿ Discuss with your parent(s)/guardian(s).
- ⦿ Speak with students who are already studying the subject.
- ⦿ Think “big picture” and keep your options open.... You still have 2 years to decide what life after secondary school will look like!