



# CAUSEWAY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

GUIDE

TO

SENIOR CYCLE

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## GUIDE TO SENIOR CYCLE PROGRAMMES

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# SENIOR CYCLE PROGRAMMES

- Transition Year Programme (TYP)
- Leaving Certificate Applied Programme (LCAP)

# DECISION MAKING

- Information and facts
- Examine options before you
- Consider & evaluate each one
- Choose one suitable to your needs at this time

## Aim of Transition Year

The aim of TY is to promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of the students and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participative and responsible members of society.

# A YEAR OF LEARNING

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00	LIFE SKILLS 4Lif-17.1 W03 09:00-10:00 Christopher Kirby	MATHEMATICS 4Mat-1.1 P2 09:00-10:00 Stephen O'Connor	SCIENCE 4Sci-4.2 N09 09:00-10:00 Marguerite O'Mahony +Andrea Stack	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 4Inf-C N06 09:00-10:00 Eoin Lynch	ACCOUNTING 4Acc-5.2 W04 09:00-10:00 Sheila Coffey
10:00	FOOD & PREPERATION 4Foo-8.2 EO1 10:00-11:00 Sinead Scanlon	PHYSICAL EDUCATION 4PE-12.1 S HALL 10:00-11:00 Sinead Leahy	ACCOUNTING 4Acc-5.2 W04 10:00-11:00 Sheila Coffey	IRISH 4Iri-3.3 EO3 10:00-11:00 Stuart Cournane	MATHEMATICS 4Mat-1.1 P2 10:00-11:00 Stephen O'Connor
11:15	SCIENCE 4Sci-4.2 N09 11:15-12:15 Marguerite O'Mahony +Andrea Stack	CAREER GUIDANCE 4Car-13.2 N05 11:15-12:15 Lesley McKenna	ART APPRECIATION 4Art-7.4 CO7 11:15-12:15 Marianne Browne	CONSTRUCTION STUDIES 4ConSt-9.2 EO6 11:15-12:15 John Griffin	PRACTICAL SKILLS 4Prac Skill-14.2 EO2 11:15-12:15 Sinead Scanlon
12:15	SOCIAL, PERSONAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION 4SPHE-C W03 12:15-13:15 Margaret O'Mahony	ACCOUNTING 4Acc-5.2 W04 12:15-13:15 Sheila Coffey	THEATRE & STAGE 4The-18.3 W09 12:15-13:15 John Flynn	ENGLISH 4Eng-2.3 W10 12:15-13:15 John Flynn	SCIENCE 4Sci-4.2 N09 12:15-13:15 Marguerite O'Mahony +Andrea Stack
13:50	ENGLISH 4Eng-2.3 W03 13:50-14:50 John Flynn	TY PORTFOLIO 4TYP-10.2 N06 13:50-14:50 Niall Drumm		GEOGRAPHY 4Geo-16.2 W03 13:50-14:50 Anna Stack	HISTORY 4His-15.2 EO3 13:50-14:50 Stuart Cournane
14:50	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 4Rel-C W07 14:50-15:50 Margaret O'Mahony	SPORT AND RECREATION STUDIES 4Spo-11.2 S HALL 14:50-15:50 John Griffin		FRENCH 4Fre-6.2 NO1 14:50-15:50 Caroline O'Dowd	IRISH 4Iri-3.3 EO3 14:50-15:50 Stuart Cournane

# SUBJECT SAMPLING

- ACCOUNTING
- AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE
- ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN
- BIOLOGY
- BUSINESS STUDIES
- CHEMISTRY
- CONSTRUCTION STUDIES
- DESIGN AND GRAPHICS COMMUNICATION
- ECONOMICS
- ENGINEERING
- GEOGRAPHY
- HISTORY
- HOME ECONOMICS
- MUSIC
- PE
- PHYSICS



Work  
Placement

Work  
Shadowing

**GARDA VETTING NEEDED  
FOR 16 YEAR OLDS.**

**FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS  
YOU GET IN LETTER DURING  
THE SUMMER.**



TY  
2024/2025  
&  
2025/2026

# Drumming workshop



# Camino hike



# Kilfinane outdoor pursuits residential week

€275



# Credit union

CV preparation and  
Mock interviews



# Surfing



# Kayaking



# Reading Buddies in Killlury NS



# Coasteering



# Ploughing Championship

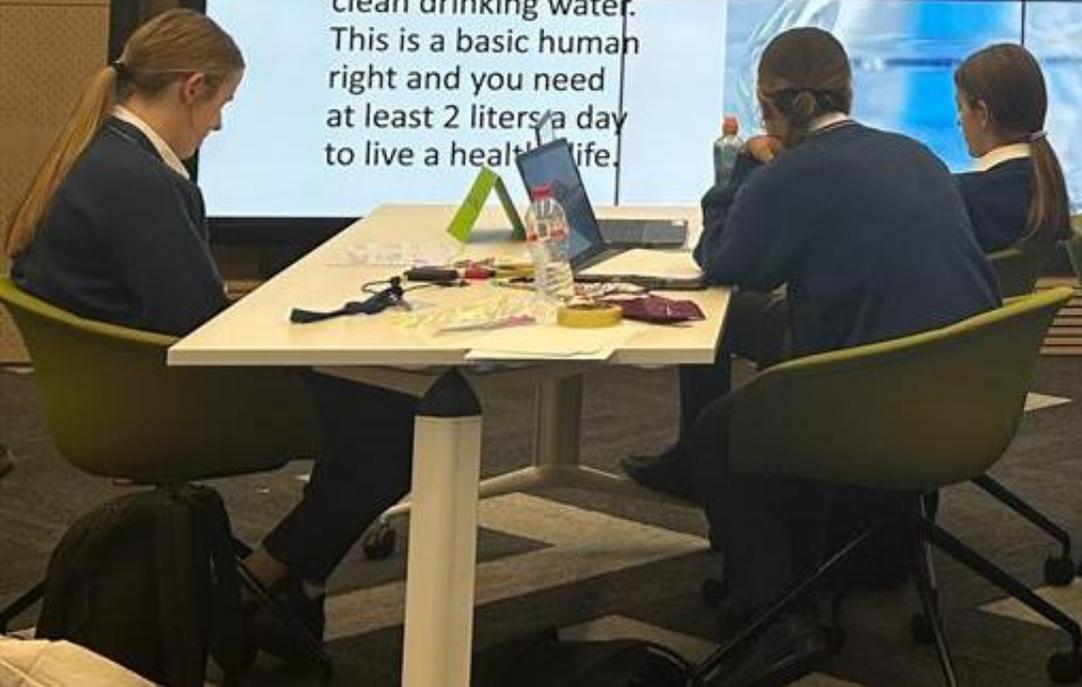




**STEM Passport Workshop  
50 CAO POINTS**

## The problem we are trying to solve

- The problem we are to try solve is the issue that not everybody in the world has access to clean drinking water. This is a basic human right and you need at least 2 liters a day to live a healthy life.





# Work Placement Opportunities

Radio Kerry



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# Work Placement Opportunities

Dáil  
Éireann



# Message in a bottle



# Tralee Lions Club



# Revenues Transition Year Outreach



# Filming

# Musical



Causeway Comprehensive School presents:

# SHOW TIME

*Variety Show*

SCHOOL OF ROCK  
HAMILTON  
MADOLIN BOUGLES  
MATILDA  
HEAVILY METAL

NOV 21ST & 22ND - 7.30PM  
BALLYHEIGUE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tickets:  
Adult: €20  
U18: €15

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR & IN SCHOOL

- Set up a mini-company.
- Kerry County Enterprise Board Mentor advises your company.
- Make money.



# Ice skating



# Trip to the Young Scientist Exhibition



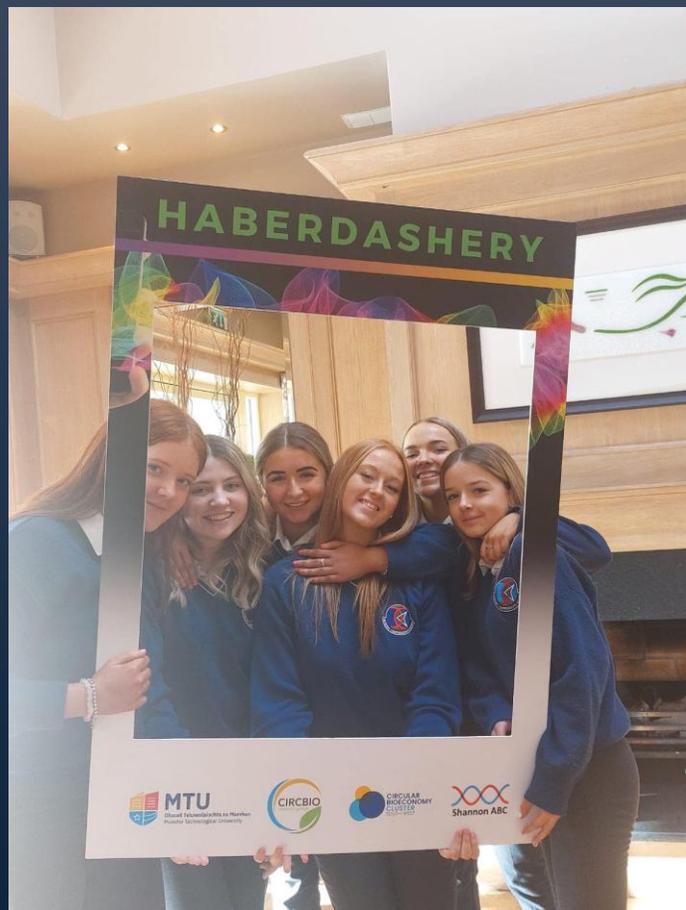
- **Health Related Fitness**
- **Media**
- **Network Infrastructure**
- **Construction Masonry trades**
- **Computer Networks & coding**



# In Class courses



# MTU run TY events





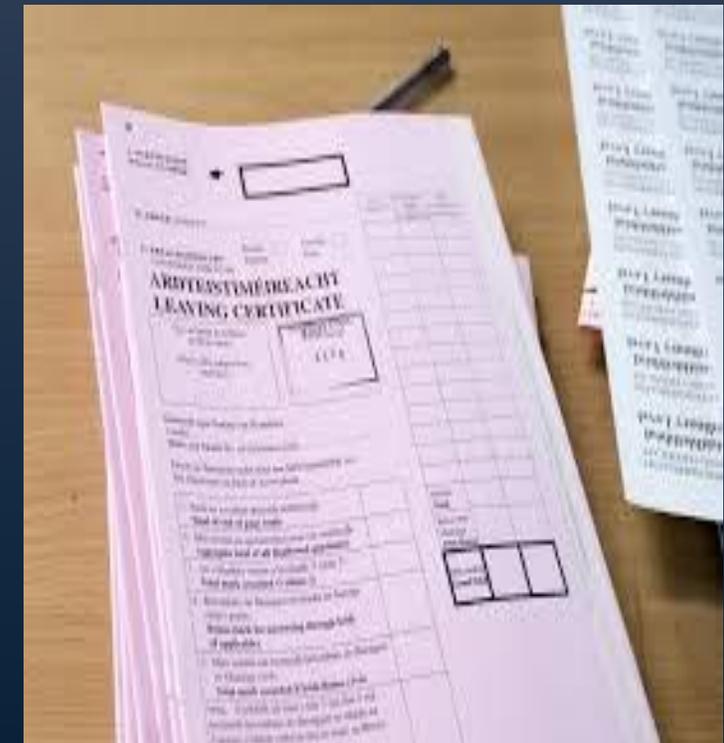
Programme to develop  
entrepreneurial skills

# OTHER ACTIVITIES

- First Aid Course
- Barista Course
- Hospitality Course
- GAA Referee Course
- GAA Coaching Course
- JFK Forensics Course
- Trip to Tralee Wetlands



- End of year exams.
- Leaving Cert papers





# Leaving Cert Applied

- One of the three (3) Leaving Certificates offered to Students.
- Specifically aimed at Students who want to enter the work place immediately on leaving School.

## SUBJECTS

Vocational Preparation & Guidance

English & Communications

Mathematical Applications

Information Technology

Vocational Specialisms - Craft & Design – Agriculture/Horticulture

Arts Education – Visual Art/Music.

Languages - Irish/French

Leisure & Recreation

Social Education

Elective Modules - Technology/ Hotel Catering & Tourism





- Every Wednesday
- Organised by parent/student

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09:00	VOC. PREPARATION & GUIDANCE 9Voc-4.1 W04 09:00-10:00 Sheila Coffey	HOTEL CATERING & TOURISM 9Hot-6.1 EO1 09:00-10:00 Margaret O'Mahony		MUSIC 9Mus-11.1 N05 09:00-10:00 Denise Fitzgerald	AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE 9Agr-8.1 SO7 09:00-10:00 Micheál Corridan
10:00	TASK PREPARATION 9TP-14.1 CO5 10:00-11:00 Eoin Lynch	HOTEL CATERING & TOURISM 9Hot-6.1 EO1 10:00-11:00 Margaret O'Mahony		SOCIAL EDUCATION 9Soc-1.1 WO7 10:00-11:00 Hazel Stafford	INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY 9Inf-2.1 CO5 10:00-11:00 Eoin Lynch
11:15	ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION 9Eng&C-5.1 Library (C03) 11:15-12:15 Emer O'Brien	CRAFTS AND DESIGN 9Cra-9.1 S03 11:15-12:15 Caroline Fitzgibbon		VOC. PREPARATION & GUIDANCE 9Voc-4.1 N06 11:15-12:15 Sheila Coffey	ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION 9Eng&C-5.1 S03 11:15-12:15 Emer O'Brien
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14:50	RESOURCE 8Res-6.2 CO5 14:50-15:50 Thomas Nolan	VOC. PREPARATION & GUIDANCE 9Voc-4.1 N09 14:50-15:50 Sheila Coffey		LEISURE & RECREATION INCLUDING PHYSICAL EDUCATION 9Lei-13.1 Astro - PE time 14:50-15:50 Jackie Horgan	TECHNOLOGY 9Tec-10.1 EO4 14:50-15:50 Adrian O'Leary

# ASSESSMENT

- Results are measured in Credits rather than Points
- Maximum number of Credits is 200
- Total of 62 Credits for being in school doing classwork
- Total of 70 Credits for seven (7) Student Tasks which are completed over two (2) years
- Total of 68 Credits in the Leaving Cert Exam.



All modules and Tasks are done in school.

If student not in they can't get credits.

90% attendance is required.

# LCA Activities



## WOULD YOU BENEFIT FROM LCA?

- YES, if you want to enter the world of work immediately after school.
- YES, if you wish to enter into an apprenticeship after school.
- YES, if you want to do a PLC course after school.
- NO, if you want direct access to Third Level Education through the CAO system

# Any Questions



Email [margaret.omahony@causewaycs.ie](mailto:margaret.omahony@causewaycs.ie)



Or call into W11



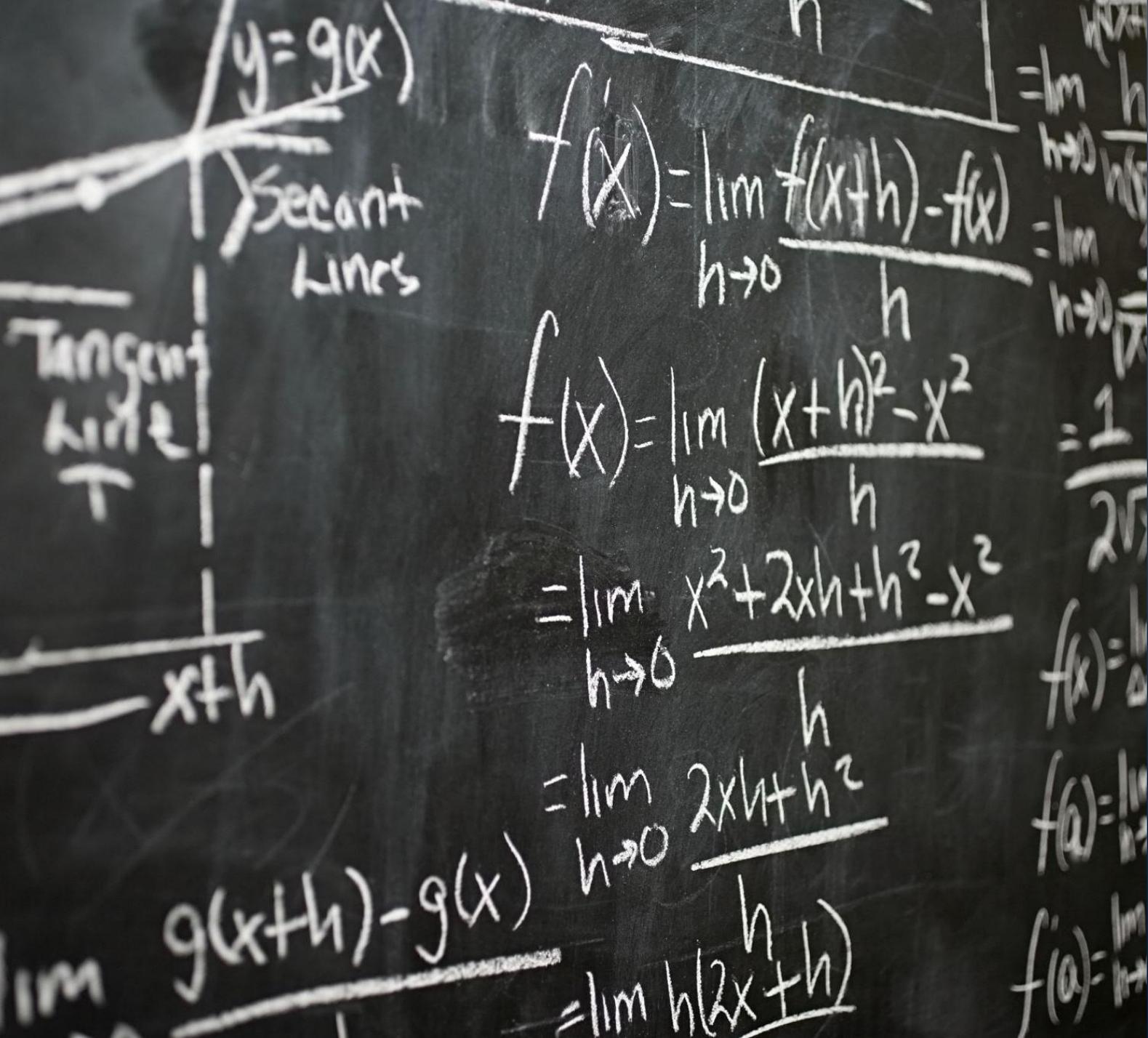
# Senior Cycle Subject Choice

Causeway  
Comprehensive  
School

Guidance Counsellors

Lesley McKenna

Paula O'Hanlon –



## Leaving Certificate Established

Core Subjects (English, Irish and Maths)

+

FOUR Option Subjects

+

Life, Community and Work (LCW) (Optional)



Points

Higher

Your % marks

Ordinary



Points

100



**H1**

90-100

**01**



56

88



**H2**

80-89

**02**



46

77



**H3**

70-79

**03**



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**H4**

60-69

**04**



28

56



**H5**

50-59

**05**



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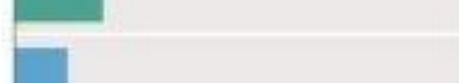
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**H6**

40-49

**06**



12

37



**H7**

30-39

**07**



0

0

**H8**

0-29

**08**



0

**+25** Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP link modules



Distinction 66



Merit 46



Pass 28

# Life, Community & Work (Formerly LCVP)

- **Life, Community and Work (LCW)** is designed to support students in becoming **confident, informed and adaptable young adults**, capable of navigating life beyond school. It focuses on:
  - Personal development and wellbeing
  - Active citizenship and community engagement
  - Preparation for further study, apprenticeships, training and employment
  - Replaces the LCVP statement. Treated as an additional subject, taken alongside the student's core and optional subjects.

# Life, Community & Work

## **Module 1 – Me and My Future**

- Strand 1 – Understanding Myself
- Strand 2 – Understanding My Progression Opportunities

## **Module 2 – Community & Work**

- Strand 1 – Appreciating My Community
- Strand 2 – Engaging with the Workplace

# Life, Community & Work

## **Assessment**

- Portfolio – 60%
- Exam – 40%

## **Grading**

- Distiction – 80-100%
- Merit – 65-79%
- Pass – 50-64%

# Optional Subjects

Language	Science	Business	Humanities	(S)TEM
French	Biology	Business	Geography	Engineering
Spanish	Chemistry	Accounting	History	Construction
	Physics	Economics	Art	DCG
	Agricultural Science		Home Economics	Applied Maths
			Music	
			Physical Education	

# Subject Choice and Third Level

- All universities and IT's will have subject requirements as well as points requirements.
- These can differ between various colleges and courses.
- More specialised areas, such as Science, may require students to achieve a particular grade in a LC laboratory science.
- Some universities will require students to have studied a third language.

Arts in UCC/NUIG/MU/UCD - O6/H7 in another language	Primary Education – H4 in Irish
Medicine – Language and Science requirements.	Pharmacy in UCC – O6/H7 in another language, H4 in Chemistry and Biology/Physics
Veterinary Medicine UCD – O6/H7 in a language and H5 in Chemistry	Nursing will require a Science.
Studying languages at third level will usually have a language requirement.	Data Science and Analytics in UCC – H3 in Maths.
Art Education in ATU – H5 in Art or DCG.	Engineering may require HL Maths – UCC & UL require H4
LCPE meets the science requirement for Physiotherapy in UL.	Commerce/Law courses in UCC, UG and UCD – O6/H7 in another language

CAO (Higher Education - HET)

Degree - Honours Bachelor

# Education - Primary Teaching



Mary Immaculate College

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Course Code

MI005

Zone

1 2 3 4 5



Level



NFQ Type

Major

Duration

4 Years

Attendance

Full Time

CAO Points 2024 Round 2

488

Points Change

-9

Course Summary

Language Options

Entry Requirements

QQI / FET Links

The Student

Career Progression

Further Research

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Points History

488<sup>▼</sup>

Minimum Subjects

3 H5 & 3 O6/H7

\* Garda Vetting Required

✓ O4/H7 IN English

✓ H4 IN Irish

✓ O4/H7 IN Maths

## COLLEGE PROFILE



Mary Immaculate College

Visit College Profile

View Prospectus

View Scholarships

# Where do I find this information?

- College Course Information

Individual College Websites

Careersportal.ie

Qualifax.ie

Apprenticeship.ie

- For Subject Information

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curriculum online

- <https://curriculumonline.ie/senior-cycle/senior-cycle-subjects/>

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English & Accounting - delayed by at least a year.

LCW (formally LCVP) – 60% Portfolio 40% Exam.

Yellow: Subjects with Practical Elements already embedded (Projects/ Orals) - Unchanged

Turquoise: 100% Exam – Unchanged

Pink: Changed last year (2025) – Higher % for practical

Green: Changing this year (2026) – Higher/ Same % for practical

# Languages

- French and Spanish
- **Structure:** Percentage breakdown differs for HL and OL, but students are expected to complete:
  - Oral Exam
  - Aural Exam
  - Written Exam
- Language requirement for some third level institutions.

# Science



Biology, Chemistry and Physics deepen knowledge from Junior Cycle Science.



Agricultural Science - 25% Project & 75% Exam



New Biology, Chemistry and Physics specifications 2025.



40% Investigation Report & 60% Exam

# Business

- Business, Accounting and Economics deepen knowledge from Junior Cycle Business.
- Business/Economics focus on theory, while Accounting is more practical/hands on.
- Business – 40% Project
- Economics – 20% Project
- Accounting – 100% Exam but changing in 2026/27 to 30% Project – **Delayed by a year**



# Humanities



History – 20% Research Project & 80% final exam



Geography – 40% Project & 60% final exam



Art - 50% for Project, 20% Practical Exam & 30% for Art History Exam

# Humanities



Home Economics - 20% for Journal Coursework & 80% for Final Exam



Music - 50% Performing [OR 25% Performing and 25% Music Technology] & 50% final exam



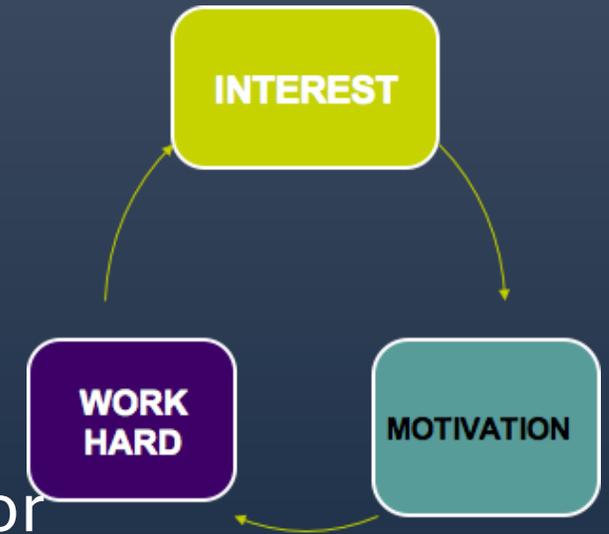
Physical Education - Project, 50% & Written Exam 50%

# (S)TEM

- Engineering – Practical Project 50% & Written exam 50%
- Construction Studies - Practical Test 20%, Project 30% & Written exam 50%
- DCG - 40% for Project & 60% for Final Exam
- Applied Maths – 100% exam

# Subject Picking Do's

- Choose subjects you like
- Choose subjects you're good at
- Talk to subject teachers and guidance counsellor
- Research course requirements in areas you are interested in.
- Make the decision that's right for you, not for others.





## Subject Picking.... Don'ts

- Don't do a subject because your friends picked it.
- Don't choose a subject based on the teacher.
- Don't choose a subject because you think it will be easy.
- Don't pick without researching first or putting time into making the decision.

# A Good Subject Choice...



Subject Teachers, Transition  
Year

**Research**

LC Books, Revision websites and  
publications, other students

Guidance Counsellor,  
Current Teachers

**Discussion**

Family, Friends.

Consider all information,  
views and opinions

**Reflection**

Ultimately, each student will make  
up their own mind.

**DECISION**



Any Questions?