

# Subject Choice 2024

DOMINICAN COLLEGE WICKLOW





**14 subjects on offer**

**Choose any FOUR  
(+Option of LCVP)**

# Optional Subjects

- Accounting
- Business
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Computer Science
- Home Economics
- French
- German
- Spanish
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music
- \*\*\*LCVP

# Making a Wise Choice

- ▶ What subject am I most interested in?
- ▶ What subject am I likely to be best at?
- ▶ What subjects will I need?
- ▶ Balanced choice of subjects

# How to Choose

- **Know what you want to do** - Research and choose accordingly
- **No idea what you want to do**- Include a Science and a Third Language
- **Talk** to teachers, family, friends
- **Read subject booklet**- make sure you are aware of what skills are required in each subject, e.g. physics(Maths)
- **Friends Subjects**- *Avoid* choosing a subject just because your friend is doing it

# Three Hurdles to Third Level Education Entry

- ▶ General College Entry Requirements
- ▶ Subject Requirements
- ▶ Points

# 1. College Requirements

- 5 passes (5 O6/H7) in Leaving Certificate including Maths and English for Level 6 courses

- 6 subjects (2 H5 and 4 O6/H7) or 3 H5 and 3 O6/H7 for most Level 8 Honours. Degrees

- ▶ These requirements can be found in the relevant college brochures & on Qualifax

## 2. Course Requirements

- ▶ A modern European Language is required for entry to a number of college courses.
- ▶ Some courses have subject requirements e.g. H4 in Maths for engineering, Science subject for Nursing



# COLLEGES REQUIRING MODERN LANGUAGE

- N.U.I. Colleges and NUI Recognised Colleges Only
- **Not** every course
- University College Dublin
- University College Cork
- National University of Galway
- Maynooth University
- Royal College of Surgeons
- National College of Art and Design
- Shannon College of Hotel Management
- St Angela's College, Sligo
- Modern Language required for **Cadets** in Army

# Modern Language is Required for:


- Architecture (UCD only), Arts, Business, Human Sciences, Law, Social Science and Veterinary Medicine in the NUI Colleges
- Officer Cadet in the Army
- Any course which has a language component

# Science Requirements

- If you are considering Human Sciences (e.g. Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physiotherapy, Optician, Dietician), Science, Engineering or Veterinary Medicine *you should select at least one laboratory science subject - two for some courses*(e.g. Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy)
- Make sure you check for specific grade requirements.

# 3. Points System

- ▶ Entry to 3<sup>rd</sup> Level is dependent on CAO Points.
- ▶ Points are calculated by adding the total sum of the students Six Best Subjects, in one sitting of the LC.



If they like all subjects and are uncertain about which course to pursue keep options open by choosing:

- A Science
- A Modern Language (French)

# Research – Useful Websites

# Qualifax™

**Qualifax** – [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)  
(Students/Subject Choice/Subjects Requirement Module)





[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)



# Research

It is the responsibility of each student to do their own research for Entry Requirements.

Entry requirements for Third Level courses vary from course to course so you **must refer to the relevant literature** or information given on the websites.



# Our advice to you as Parents before your child chooses their subjects

- ▶ Ensure your child has done enough research
- ▶ Make sure they know what is involved in each subject - by speaking to teachers, getting books off students and looking at past papers
- ▶ Ensure they realise the cost of not doing a subject
- ▶ Make sure they are not closing off career options after school
- ▶ Ensure they pick subjects that suit their strengths & abilities

# The Process

1. Talk to parents/guardians on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February
2. Student information talks Weds 28<sup>th</sup> / Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>
3. Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February subject choice will be accessible on Tyro - please ensure that you enter the subjects in order of preference
4. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March Tyro closes for subject options
5. Subject option blocks will be formed. Ms O'Shaughnessy and Mr. Martin will meet with students who do not get their top 4 options

# Sample option blocks

Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		Group 4	
French		Art		Accounting		Biology	
German		Business		Biology		Computer Science	
Spanish		Chemistry		Home Ec.		Geography	
Biology		Home Ec.		Music		History	
		Physics					

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French		Art		Accounting		Biology	
German		Economics		Biology		Business	
Spanish		Biology		Chemistry		Geography	
Home Ec.		Music		History		Physics	
				Home Ec.			

# Any Questions

