



Subject Choice Transition Year

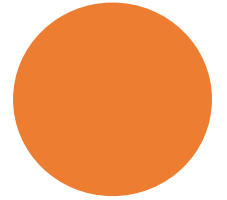
Thank you for attending

Subject Choice so far...

Subject Choice Presentation has begun for TY classes.

December - 2 hour Guidance Workshop 3rd Years.
Research & Questions

Feb/March – Individual Subject Talks from LC teachers



SUBJECT CHOICE

Most students will take seven leaving cert subjects... but, there are many different pathways through senior cycle.

Core subjects for students include:

- English
- Maths
- *Irish
(unless a student has a D.E.S.exemption)

You will then choose additional options.

Subject Groupings

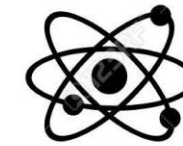
Business Studies Group

Business, Accounting, Economics



Science Group

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science, Applied Maths



Language Group

French, Spanish



Practical Group

Design and Communication Graphics, Construction Studies



Social Studies/Humanities Group

Geography, History, Art, Religious Education, Classical Studies, Music, P.E., Politics and Society

LCVP

Leaving Cert Vocational Programme

NB: Subject running depends on numbers who pick it

THREE FACTORS TO CONSIDER



1. INTEREST

You should choose subjects that you are genuinely interested in as you are most likely going to enjoy studying those subjects and do well in them.



2. WHAT I AM GOOD AT

Which are the subjects you do best in?



3. FUTURE OPTIONS

In addition to the core subjects (English, Irish and Maths) there are other subjects that are essential for some college courses and the world of work.

ENTRY TO FUTURE OPTIONS

3 FACTORS TO CONSIDER

College
Requirements



1.

**MINIMUM ENTRY
REQUIREMENTS**



2.

**SPECIFIC COURSE/ENTRY
REQUIREMENTS**

(may involve interviews,
portfolios etc.).



3.

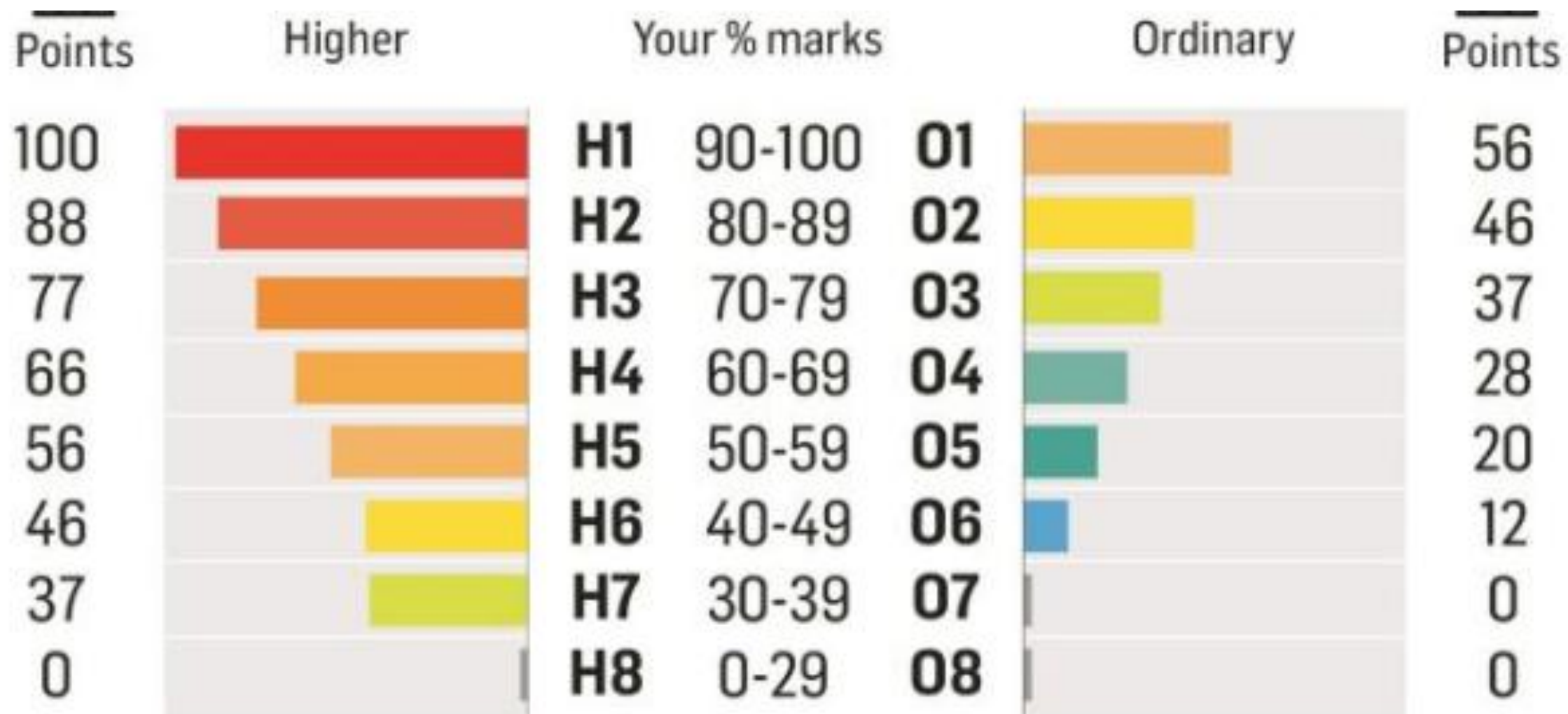
POINTS

(points are not required
for many options after
post-primary school).

1 Framework of Qualifications

FOR AWARD-TYPES AND AWARDING BODIES





+25 Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

WHAT IS AN ARMY OFFICER CADET

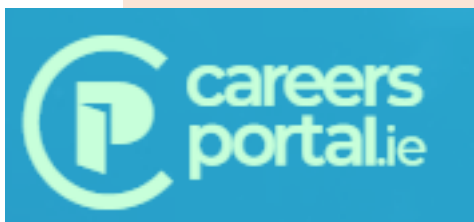


3 languages
required for the
Cadets

Tools to help you pick your subject



[Leaving Cert Subjects | CareersPortal.ie](#)



- With this tool you can search each subject to see if it is **essential** for your chosen **college** and **course**
- **interest assessment**
- This is a great site for watching **career videos**
- **interest assessment**
- **Read about subjects**

Book Grant

- As far as we are aware, the book grant will continue to be issued.
- That will cover all textbooks, workbooks and some stationery.



Digital Assessment Requirements

01

have a weighting of at least 40%

02

be set and marked by the SEC

03

be subject to the SEC arrangements for the completion, authentication and submission of coursework

What Subjects have Projects? AACs?

Currently have Coursework

Part of new Senior Cycle

Art

Classical
Studies

History

Geography

Religion

Economics

PE

Ag Sci

Design and
Communication
Graphics

Politics and
Society

LCVP

Construction

Tranche 1 – 2025

Business, Biology, Chemistry & Physics

Tranche 2 – 2026

Construction Studies, Engineering, Geography, Physical Education (PE), and the new Leaving Certificate Life, Community and Work (LCW) (replacing LCVP Link Modules)

Tranche 3 – 2027

Agricultural Science, Accounting, English, Design & Communication Graphics, History, Mathematics and Music

Managed Device – Wriggle - €627 Total inc case

Asus BR12 8GB RAM / 128GB SSD incl 3YR Warranty	€529
2 YR Service & Support	€40
SENSO – 2 Year Subscription	€18
Protective Case	€40

Devices

That means they need to be managed by Wriggle and SENSO

The devices used in school must be used exclusively as an educational tool (separate to any device they may use for gaming at home), with them all using the same spec device

The management system will be removed after 6th year, so the device can be used at Third level if he minds it.

This is so they do not access inappropriate content, and teachers can be confident that they are on task in class.



Online Safety and Device Security

Problem

Access to Distracting or Inappropriate Content

Wriggle Solution



Wriggle's team of engineers install Mobile Device Management software onto each student's device before it arrives at the student's home.

Parents

Peace of mind knowing their children are safe to browse online.

Teachers

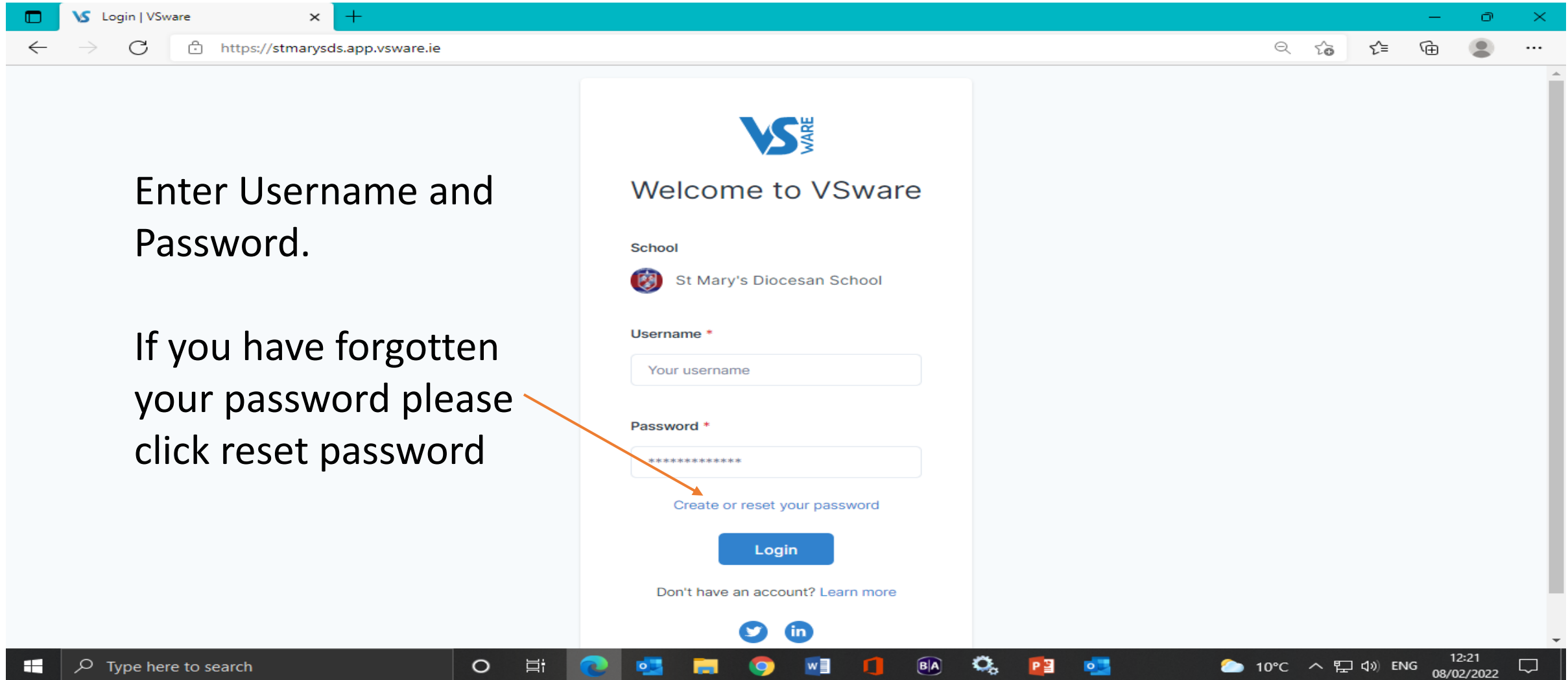
Keep on top of student behaviour with classroom management tools.

senso. 
Remote Monitoring and Management

Picking Subject Options on Vsware & Dates

Enter Username and Password.

If you have forgotten your password please click reset password



The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL <https://stmarysds.app.vsware.ie>. The page features the Vsware logo and a 'Welcome to VSware' message. Below this, the school name 'St Mary's Diocesan School' is listed. The login section includes fields for 'Username' (labeled 'Your username') and 'Password' (masked with asterisks). A link labeled 'Create or reset your password' is positioned below the password field, with an orange arrow pointing to it from the text 'click reset password'. A blue 'Login' button is located below the password field. At the bottom of the page, there is a link 'Don't have an account? Learn more' and social media icons for Twitter and LinkedIn. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar and various application icons.



Parent Dashboard

Your Children ▾



Parent Dashboard



Welcome to the Dashboard

This page is your one-stop-shop to view live notifications on your child's attendance, behaviour, reports and more. If you want to explore further, click into your child's profile.



Your Children



Your Contact Details



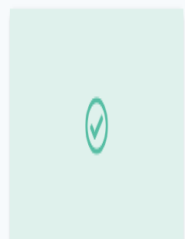
Notifications

Nothing to report!

Notifications related to your children will appear here when available.

Click here
for your son

Pick an area to explore



Attendance

Monitor your child's attendance at a glance, view records from an entire year or specific lesson.

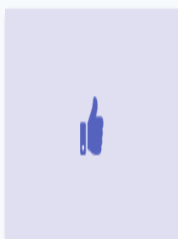
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Assessment

View your child's full academic record, track progress over time and download term assessments.

[Learn More >](#)



Behaviour

Keep track of your child's behaviour, monitor progress & teacher feedback.

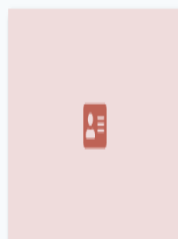
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Timetable

View your child's timetable, see realtime data for which lesson they are in at any given time.

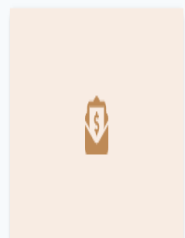
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Personal Info

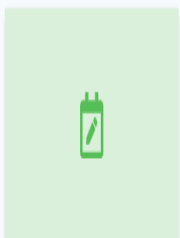
Overview of your child's key info. Ensure that this is up to date.

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Fees

Overview of school fees for the year, pay directly via card



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Scroll down to click
'Learn more under
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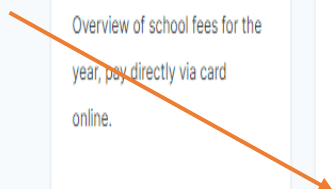
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[Learn More >](#)



Child profile

Student Options



Please select options 1-7 otherwise they will be chosen at random

On the table(s) below choose subjects in order of the highest priority of preference (1, 2, etc).

Closing date: 18/02/2022

Subject Set 1

Preference	Subject Choice
1	Select a subject ▼
2	Select a subject ▼
3	Select a subject ▼

Click on each number from 1-7

Confirm

LCVP



Renamed Leaving
Certificate Life,
Community and Work
(LCW)

It is an **optional
extra subject**

LCW - Leaving Certificate Life, Community and Work specification

- ▶ A new Leaving Certificate Life, Community and Work specification will be introduced for fifth year students in September 2026. This will replace the current Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme Statement.
- ▶ Link to specification [SC-LCW-Spec-ENG-INT.pdf](#)
- ▶ Link to information on the AAC [Guidelines-to-complete-the-Portfolio-in-Action-AAC-EN.pdf](#)

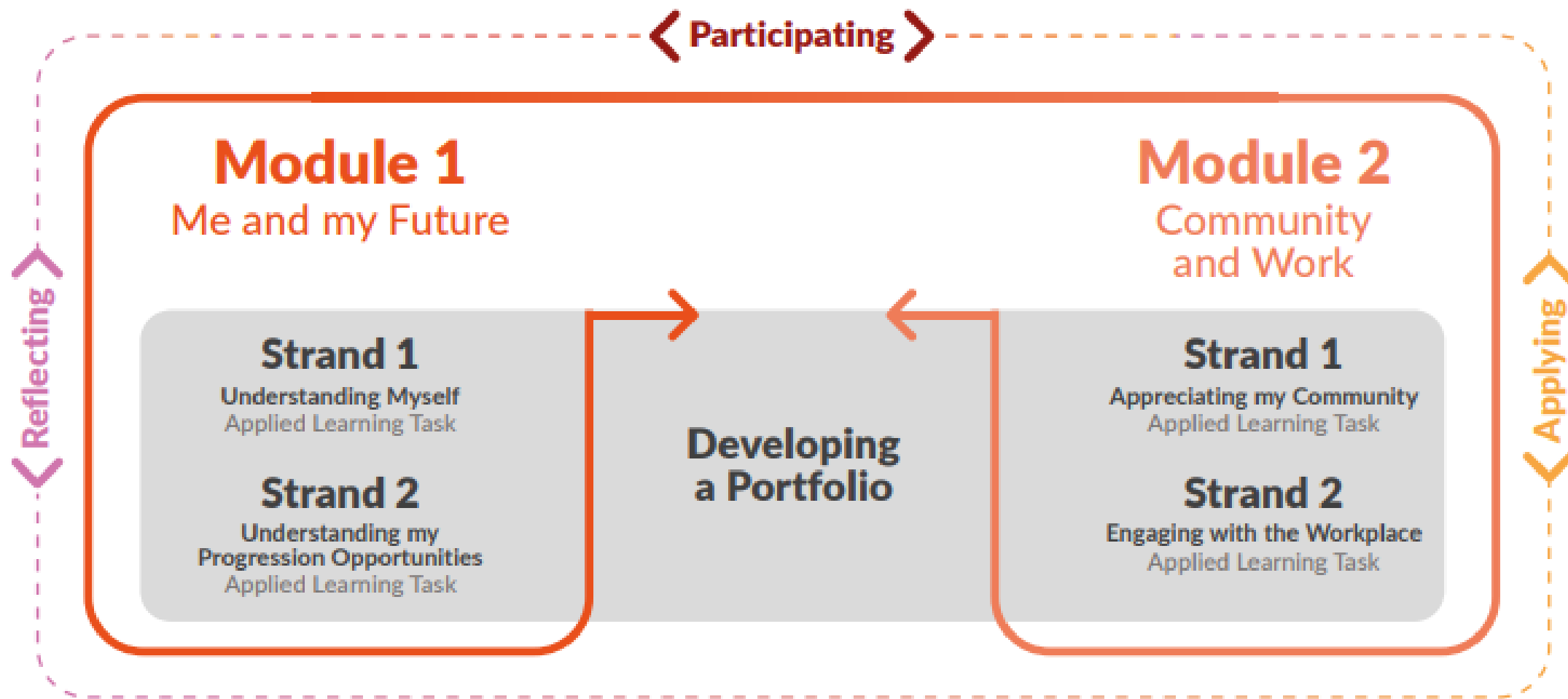


Figure 3: Overview of the specification

CAO POINTS FOR LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME (LCVP)

LCVP AWARD	UNIVERSITIES & INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY
Distinction (80 - 100%)	66 points (equivalent to grade H4 in Higher Level) Note: grade O1 in Ordinary Level = 56 points.
Merit (65 - 79%)	46 points (equivalent to grade H6 in Higher Level / grade O2 in Ordinary Level).
Pass (50 - 64%)	28 points (equivalent to grade O4 in Ordinary Level).
Not achieved (0-49%)	

Advantages of taking LCVP



For CAO purposes, fall back subject. 80% of students end up using it in their CAO.



60% portfolio work, which is completed mainly in 5th year and the AAC done in early 6th year. The remaining 40% is examined in a written exam held in May of 6th year.



Develops skills involving IT, report writing, case studies, interview techniques and teamwork, all of which are very useful for third level and in employment. The LCW qualification provides an opportunity for students to become better informed regarding career choices.

What's next for 3rd Year??

- 10 full weeks left in school
- State Exams Timetable: [EN-EX-90634608.pdf](#)
- 10 subjects, 2 hours
- Mock Results- Academic monitoring with Ms Coleman and Mr Spain
- Study Skills- Inspire Education
- StudyClix subscription
- Study Timetables, Past Papers, Effective use of his time
- Rewards, Awards & Trip

St. Mary's D.S. Transition Year

2026-27

Coordinator - R Curtis

Yearhead - B Healy

What is Transition Year for your son?

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.

Personal Growth- Students mature socially and emotionally.

Being a Learner – Building on previous experiences begin to develop as senior cycle students.

Civic & Community Engagement – Make a positive difference in their schools, communities and society.

Career Exploration – Explore diverse future pathways. First hand work experience and developing career competencies.

The Year to ACHIEVE:

- Time-Management
- Responsibility
- Charity Work
- Community Involvement
- Self Regulation

A golden opportunity to think about options for Leaving Cert Subjects and get ahead in the core subjects!!!

Timetable

Core Subjects

- ▶ English
- ▶ Irish
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Modern Foreign Language *

Coursework

- ▶ Enterprise
- ▶ P.E.
- ▶ Pastoral Care
- ▶ Portfolio
- ▶ Careers
- ▶ SPHE
- ▶ Wellbeing
- ▶ Community Care
- ▶ Digital Literacy

Tasters

Accounting/Biology/Geography/Law/

Physics

Ag Science/Business/Classics/Music/

Religion

Art/Economics/History/Politics/Statistics

Sustainability/Chemistry/Construction/DIY/Podcasting

Chess/DCG/Journalism/French/Spanish

- ▶ Cookery (Canteen)
- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Yoga
- ▶ Film Making
- ▶ Home Economics (Sacred Heart)

Assessment

Your son will have exams/presentations at Christmas and summer in the following subjects:

- English
 - Irish
 - Maths
- ▶ **He will have coursework in all other areas**

ATTAINMENT

- ▶ *Based on Attendance, Behaviour, Subject Effort & Work Experience.*

1. Distinction
2. Merit
3. Pass

There are a total of 300 Credits available

- ▶ Distinction above 260 Credits
- ▶ Merit above 240 Credits
- ▶ Pass above 180 Credits

Work experience

3 weeks (Nov & April)

- Vetting
- Variety
- Evaluation
- Insurance
- Community Placement at Christmas

ACTIVITIES & TALKS (Cost €350)

SEPTEMBER – Reptile Haven, Causey farm, Barista Workshop, Jui Jitsu, Stephen Kiernan Motivational Workshop, DAR Collection.

OCTOBER – SFX Workshop, DCU Climate Change, School of Life, Wolftones match.

NOVEMBER – Work Experience, Cinema.

DECEMBER – SVDP Collection, Poetry Slam Workshop, TY Craft Fair, Sacred Heart Bake Sale, Xmas Party.

JANUARY – Skincare Workshop, Barber Workshop, Law Online, Cyber Security Talk.

FEBRUARY – Alan Devine Public Speaking Workshop, TY English Play, RNLI Water Safety Talk, Self Defence, Dare to Believe Olympics Talk.

MARCH – Work Experience, Trip to Balbriggan Play, Louth Enterprise, Fencing Workshop, Belfast trip, Big Legal, Self Defence.

APRIL – Belfast, Hilton Hotel, Danish Visitors, Movie Magic, Bodhran Workshop.

MAY – Special Olympics Collection, Cupcake Competition, DCU Flynn Park, Oscars, Movie Magic, Cavan Adventure Centre, Emerald Park, TY Grad

Transition Year Motto

*“You will get back from T.Y.
what you put into it.”*

Be Active! Be Involved!

CONS

- ▶ 1. Extra year in school
- ▶ 2. The cost
- ▶ 3. Fear of getting 'lazy'
- ▶ In conclusion, TY is a great year offering new opportunities for personal development. But it does not suit all young people.

How to Apply/Deadline

- ▶ A link to the online application will be posted in Microsoft teams by end of day Friday, **February 13th 2026**.
- ▶ Application must be submitted by **3pm Friday 20th February**.
- ▶ Late applications will not be accepted.