

# 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

2+2=



### **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

NB: Subject running depends on numbers who pick it

### **LCVP**

Leaving Cert Vocational Programme

## 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

College Requirements

### 3 FACTORS TO CONSIDER



1.

#### MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



2.

#### SPECIFIC COURSE/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

(may involve interviews,  
portfolios etc.).



3.

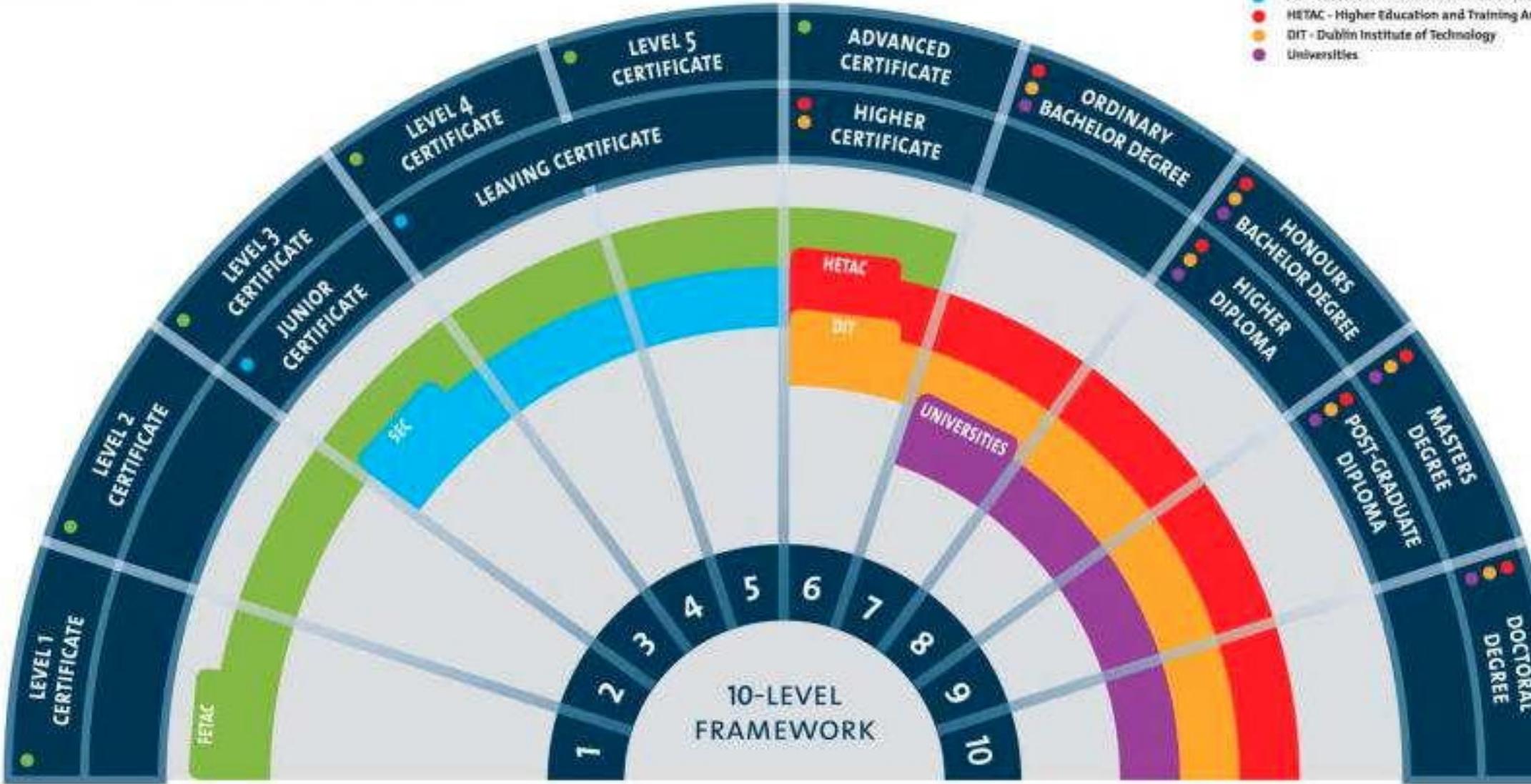
#### POINTS

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

# 1 Framework of Qualifications

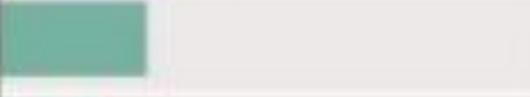
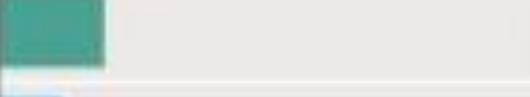
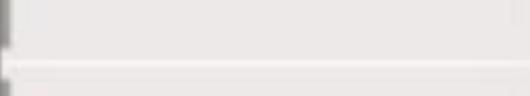
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#### KEY

- FETAC - Further Education and Training Authority
- SEC - State Examinations Commission (DCETB)
- HETAC - Higher Education and Training Authority
- DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities

Points	Higher	Your % marks			Ordinary	Points
100		<b>H1</b>	90-100	<b>01</b>		56
88		<b>H2</b>	80-89	<b>02</b>		46
77		<b>H3</b>	70-79	<b>03</b>		37
66		<b>H4</b>	60-69	<b>04</b>		28
56		<b>H5</b>	50-59	<b>05</b>		20
46		<b>H6</b>	40-49	<b>06</b>		12
37		<b>H7</b>	30-39	<b>07</b>		0
0		<b>H8</b>	0-29	<b>08</b>		0

**+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

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- 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

Art	Classical Studies	History
Geography	Religion	Economics
PE	Ag Sci	Design and Communication Graphics
Politics and Society	LCVP	Construction

Part of new Senior Cycle

## 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
	€40
Protective Case	

# 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

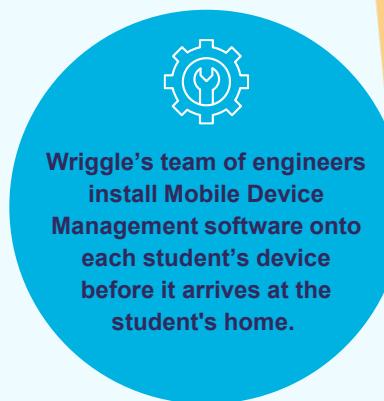
The management system will be removed after 6th year, so the device can be used at Third level if he minds it.

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



### Problem

Access to Distracting or  
Inappropriate Content



### Wriggle Solution

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

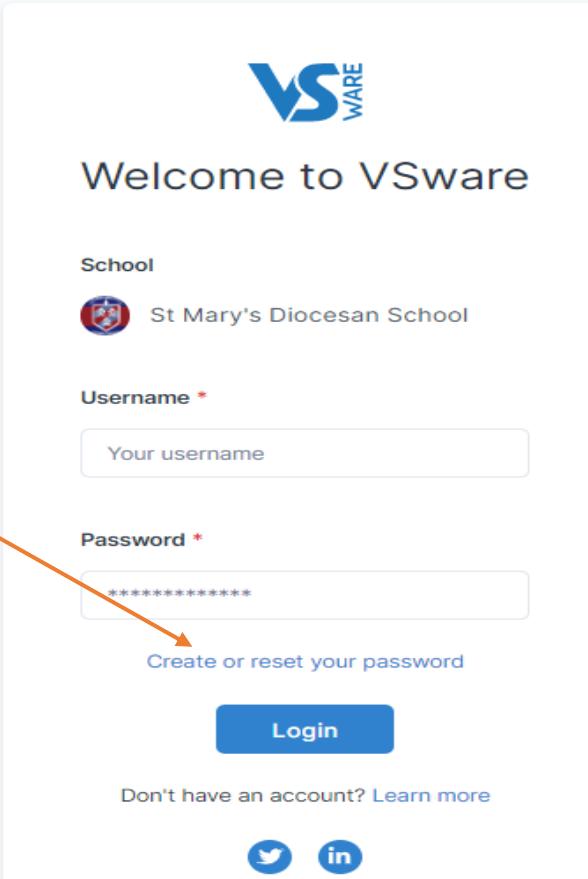
- Teachers  
Keep on top of student behaviour with classroom management tools.

**senso.**   
Remote Monitoring and Management

# Picking Subject Options on Vshare & Dates

Enter Username and Password.

If you have forgotten your password please click reset password



VSWARE

Welcome to Vshare

School

St Mary's Diocesan School

Username \*

Your username

Password \*

\*\*\*\*\*

Create or reset your password

Login

Don't have an account? [Learn more](#)

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## 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

Click here  
for your son



## Notifications

Nothing to report!

Notifications related to your children will appear here when available.

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Pick an area to explore

				
<b>Attendance</b> Monitor your child's attendance at a glance, view records from an entire year or specific lesson. <a href="#">Learn More</a>	<b>Assessment</b> View your child's full academic record, track progress over time and download term assessments. <a href="#">Learn More</a>	<b>Behaviour</b> Keep track of your child's behaviour, monitor progress & teacher feedback. <a href="#">Learn More</a>	<b>Timetable</b> View your child's timetable, see realtime data for which lesson they are in at any given time. <a href="#">Learn More</a>	<b>Personal Info</b> Overview of your child's key info. Ensure that this is up to date. <a href="#">Learn More</a>
		<b>Scroll down to click 'Learn more under Student Options'</b>		
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[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



Type here to search



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ENG

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1 French

2 Construction Studies

3 Physics

4 Physical Education  
LC Exam

5 Economics

6 Music

7 Classical Studies

 Your preferences have been saved

**Confirm**

- Subject options will open Fri 27th Feb
- You can change the subjects as often as you need to until the closing date Wed 11th March
- If the green tick is there you do not have to click confirm
- If you have any problems please email [cerrie.byrne@stmarysds.ie](mailto:cerrie.byrne@stmarysds.ie)
- If you are having difficulty you can write the subject in order of preference and **sign it** and ask your son to go to Ms. Byrne and I will enter them with him onto the system

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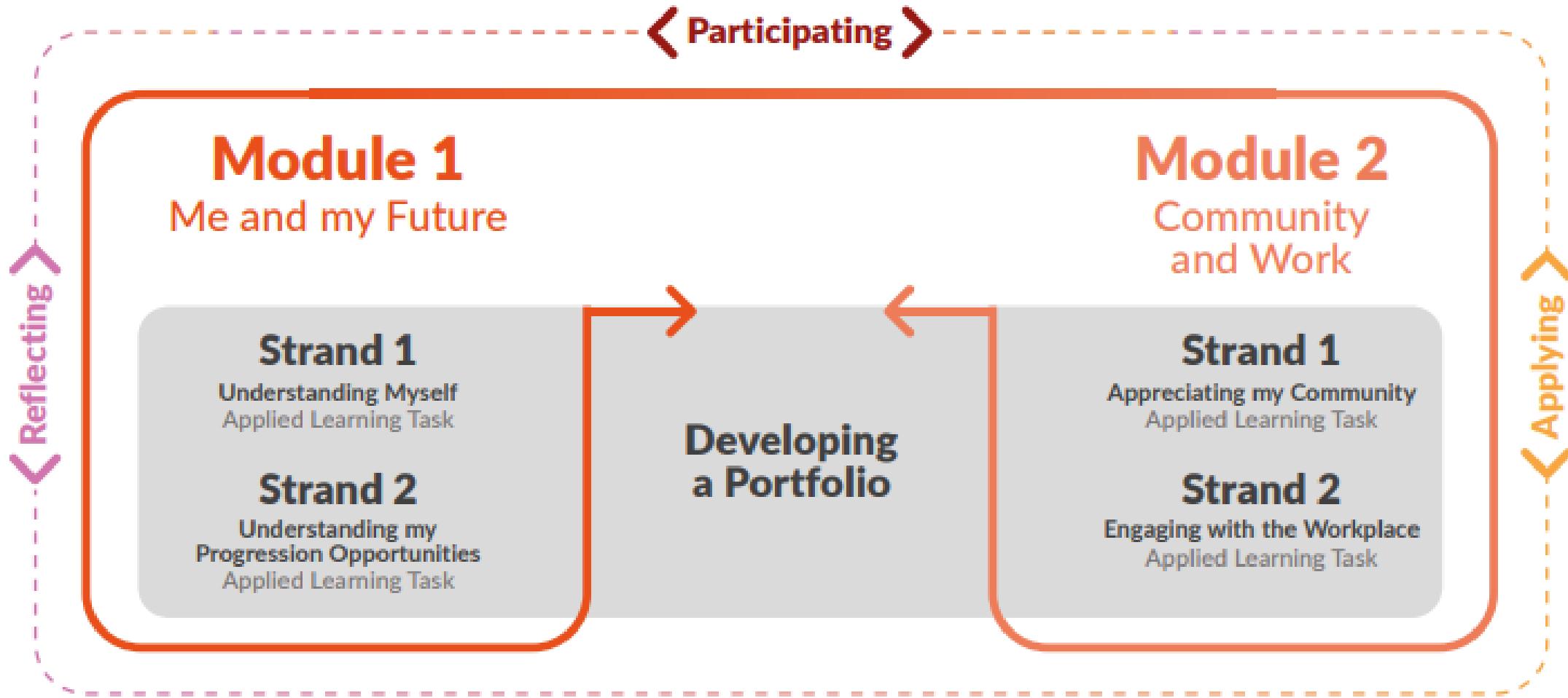


**Renamed Leaving  
Certificate Life,  
Community and Work  
(LCW)**

**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) <b>Note:</b> 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 5<sup>th</sup> year and the AAC due in early 6<sup>th</sup> year. The remaining 40% is examined in a written exam held in May of 6<sup>th</sup> 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 be 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.