# St. Joseph's Secondary School Ballybunion 

Leaving Certificate

## Subject Options



## Leaving Certificate

It is rare that students of your age know exactly what you want to do, and even if you know at the moment you may change your mind over time. It is wise, therefore, to choose subjects which will give you flexibility and leave your options open for when you leave school.

Subject choices may determine the extent of your options when you leave secondary school; the third level course you follow, the jobs you do or the apprenticeship that you get. Therefore, you should think very carefully about your choice of subjects for Senior Cycle

## Subjects Studied

## Core Subjects

All senior students at St Joseph's Secondary School study the following core subjects:-
> Gaeilge
$>$ English
$>$ Mathematics
$>$ LCVP
$>$ Religious Education (non-exam)
> Physical Education (non-exam)

## SAMPLE of Subject Option Choices

## Options groupings vary each year based on the students' preference in each year group within the resources available to the school.

EXAMPLE - Students must choose one subject from each of the following option groups;-

| Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Construction <br> Studies | Home Economics | Biology |
| History | German | Physics |
| Art | Chemistry | Construction <br> Studies |
| Design Comm. <br> Graphics | Agricultural Sc |  |
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(This is a sample and varies from year to year)

## (LCVP) Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme: Link Modules

What is it?
An add on programme where you study two modules (Enterprise Education and the World of Work). It aims to prepare young people for both.

How do I get it?
By having the correct combination of subjects
Why is it a good idea?
If you do any ordinary level subjects, it is useful for points. It is good to help students prepare their CV and give them vital skills with interview techniques and the invaluable opportunity to do work experience.

It is common level
It is assessed before the Leaving Cert
60\% portfolio including items like CV, Career Investigation, Recorded Interview, Work Placement Diaries, Reports

40\% Exam in May of Leaving Cert year
Students taking the Leaving Certificate Examination will follow two Link Modules over the course of the two years in addition to their normal Leaving Cert.

## Link Module I - Preparation for the World of Work

Students will research and investigate local employment opportunities, develop job seeking skills such as letter writing, CV presentation, interview techniques; gain valuable practical experience of the world of work; interview and work shadow a person in a career area that interests them

## Link Module II - Enterprise Education

Students will be involved in organising visits to local business and community enterprises; meet and interview enterprising people on site and in the classroom; plan and undertake interesting activities that will build self-confidence, creativity, initiative and develop teamwork, communication and computer skills.

## Agricultural Science

## Topics

$>$ Soils
> The General Structure and Function of Plants
$>$ Farm Crops - cereal and roots
> Farm Crops - grassland
$>$ Food production
$>$ Health and Safety
> Animals
$>$ Nutrition
> Environment
$>$ Breeding
$>$ Sustainability
$>$ Policy and Economics

Practical laboratory work is an integral part of this course.


Examination Paper - 75\%
$>$ Section A - Short Questions (answer 6 questions out of 10)
Section B - Long Questions (answer 5 questions out of 9)

## Career Paths

$>$ Veterinary
$>$ Farming
$>$ Agricultural Consultant
$>$ Teagasc (agricultural advisory board)
> Veterinary Nursing
$>$ Wildlife/Park Services
$>$ Environmental Science
$>$ Teaching
$>$ Horticulture
$>$ Forestry Services
$>$ Nursing
$>$ Agri-business

## Art

Students who choose Leaving Certificate Art \& Design will study the following practical areas;-
$>$ Life Drawing
$>$ Still Life or Imaginative Composition
$>$ Design or Craftwork (calligraphy/batik/graphic design/wood-prints/screen-prints \& clay modelling.)

Students will also study Art History which includes;-
$>$ Irish Art - a Study of Irish Art from Newgrange to the present day.
$>$ European Art - from Medieval times to the Twentieth century.
$>$ Appreciation - including Film Appreciation, Review of Exhibitions, Interior \& Architecture design \& Public Art

## Assessment

Assessments
$>$ Still Life/Imaginative $-50 \%$ - 10 Weeks from January to March Composition and Craftu
$>$ Life Sketching 10\% - May
June Assessments
History of Art Examination Paper $\quad-\quad 40 \% \quad-2$ hours \& 30 mins
(Students write 3 essays - one from each section of the paper)

## Career Paths

$>$ Art \& Design $>$ Teaching
$>$ Architecture / Industrial Design
$>$ Animation / Games Design / Media Studies / Television
> Professional Artist
$>$ Fashion Industry
$>$ Interior Design
> Graphic Designer / Illustrator

## Biology

In biology you will gain an understanding of yourself and the natural world in which you live. The course uses practical activity and investigation to develop your skills and knowledge. The scope of biology is wide and varied and covers not only the traditional study of plants and animals but also areas such as molecular biology and biotechnology which have clear relevance to modern society.

Students who enjoyed science in the Junior Certificate might wish to consider studying biology at Senior Cycle. The course is a continuation of what was studied at Junior Cycle but in more detail. Students undertake 24 mandatory experiments, the details of which they record in their laboratory book. It is often perceived as an easier subject than physics or chemistry but this is not so. There are high failure rates at ordinary level.

## Assessment

Practical laboratory work is an integral part of this course.

Examination Paper - including assessment on mandatory experiments and practical work.
$>$ Section A - $25 \% \quad$ Short Questions (students answer 5 questions out of 6)
$>$ Section B - $15 \%-$ Experiments (students answer 2 questions out of 3 )
$>$ Section C - $60 \%-\quad$ Long Questions (students answer 4 questions out of 6)

## Careers paths

| Medicine | Veterinary | Dentistry |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nursing | Agriculture | Applied Biology |
| Biochemistry | Biotechnology | Botany |
| Ecology | Environmental Science | Genetics |
| Marine Science | Microbiology and Zoology | Psychologist |

Science teacher

## I didn't study business studies for my Junior Cert. can I study it for leaving Cert?

Yes. Business for Leaving Cert. is rather different to business studies for junior Cert. At Leaving Cert. level there is a three way split in business (like science). It splits into accounting, economics and business. As a result, there is no bookwork (books of first entry, ledgers, trial balances, trading profit and loss accounts etc.) on the Leaving Cert. business syllabus.

These units cover a mixture of areas, Such as: Enterprise• Conflict Management, Taxation• Cash flow analysis, Marketing, Transnational companies, International trade, European Union, The economy

## I'm not very good at maths?

At leaving Cert. level, maths is not a major issue for higher-level business. There are only two sections on the course, which require the use of a calculator. These sections can be avoided on the exam paper.

## Assessment

There is an ordinary and higher level paper in business. The ordinary level students sit only one paper. The exam lasts $21 / 2$ hours. • The higher-level students sit only one paper. The exam lasts 3 hours. There is an Applied Business Question (A.B.Q)

What is an A.B.Q?
An A.B.Q. is an applied business question. It is only on the higher-level paper. It is a number of questions on a case study. It is worth $20 \%$ of the exam. Each year the A.B.Q is on a different 3 units of the course.

## Careers Paths

> Marketing
$>$ Working in financial institutions
$>$ Accountancy.
> Insurance

| Advertising | $\cdot$ Economics |
| :--- | :--- |
| Enterprise | Management |
| Taxation | Financial Control- |

Teaching

## Chemistry

## Topics / Course Outline

Leaving Certificate Chemistry aims to provide continuity with and progression from the Junior Certificate Science programme. It includes various components including personal social development and preparation for adult working life. The course includes a high emphasis on practical work with approximately $40 \%$ of the Leaving Certificate exam paper assessing practical knowledge and understanding.

| $>$ Atomic Structure | $>$ Crystal Structures and Shapes of Molecules |
| :--- | :--- |
| $>$ Periodic Table | $>$ Chemical Equilibrium |
| $>$ Thermo Chemistry | $>$ Electrochemistry |
| $>$ Chemical Reactions \& Equations | $>$ Organic Chemistry |
| $>$ Environmental Chemistry | $>$ Volumetric Analysis |
| $>$ Chemical Calculations |  |

## Assessment

Practical laboratory work is an integral part of this course.

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Examination Paper - 3 hours
    > Section A - 3 Questions - Practical work, including assessment on mandatory
    experiments.
    > Section B - 8 Questions
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Students must answer a total of 8 Questions over the entire paper.

## Career Paths

$>$ Medicine
$>$ Dentistry
$>$ Dietetics
$>$ Forensic Science
$>$ Engineering
> Veterinary
$>$ Nursing
$>$ Optometry
$>$ Pharmacy
> Physiotherapy
> Biotechnology
> Science

## Construction studies

## Topics / Course Outline

$>$ Architectural Awareness
Design Appraisals \& Processes
$>$ Structure \& Fabric of Buildings
$>$ Architectural \& Craft Heritage
$>$ The External Envelope \& Superstructure
$>$ Consumer Issues
$>$ Services \& Environmental Technologies
$>$ Health \& Safety
$>$ Processing of Materials

Assessment

Project \& Brief - $25 \%$

Practical Exam - $25 \%$
Examination Paper - 50\%

## Career Paths

$>$ Construction Management $>$ Trades \& Apprenticeships
$>$ Quantity Surveying $>$ Civil \& Structural Engineering
$>$ Teaching
> Town Planning
$>$ Animation and Game Design
> Furniture Design/ Manufacture
> Furniture Restoration

## (Technical Graphics/Drawing)

## Topics / Course Outline

> Plane \& Descriptive Geometry
$>$ Communication of Design and Computer Graphics
$>$ Applied Graphics

On successful completion of their studies students will be:-
$>$ Familiar with the principles, concepts, terminology and methodologies associated with the graphics code.
$>$ Able to produce neat \& accurate drawings that comply with internationally recognised standards.
$>$ Competent and confident in the application of CAD and other technologies in the solutions, modelling and presentation of graphic design.

## $\underline{\text { Assessment }}$

Student Assignment - $40 \% \quad-\quad$ CAD (Computer Aided Design)
Examination Paper - 60\%

## Career Paths

$>$ Civil Engineering
> Architecture
$>$ Engineering
$>$ Animation and Game Design
$>$ Teaching
$>$ Quantity Surveying
> Trades \& Apprenticeships

## Geography

Leaving Certificate geography will help students develop an understanding of the changing relationships between the physical and human worlds. Through their study of geography, students will develop geographical skills that will help them to make informed judgements about issues at local, national and international levels. Students develop skills such as information gathering, using statistics, analysing information, critical thinking, reporting, communication and evaluating data.

## Topics / Course Outline

> Core Units

1. Patterns and processes in the physical environment
2. Regional geography
3. The Geographical Investigation and skills unit

## Elective Units

4. Patterns and processes in economic activities
5. Patterns and processes in the human environment

## Optional Units

6. Global interdependence
7. Geoecology
8. Culture and identity
9. Atmosphere-ocean

Ordinary level students study all core units and one of the elective units. Higher level students study all core units, one of the elective units and one of the optional units.

## Assessment

> Examination Paper - 80\%
> Report on a Geographical Investigation - $20 \%$

## Career Paths

> Conservation Work
$>$ Civil Engineering
> Town Planning
$>$ Architecture
$>$ Auctioneering
$>$ Horticulture
> Market Research
> Archaeology
$>$ Teaching
$>$ Air Traffic Control
$>$ Anthropology
> Cartographer
$>$ Marine Studies/Development
$>$ Geology
$>$ Pilot
$>$ Civil Service / Dept. of Foreign Affairs
$>$ Tourism

## German

German as a Leaving Certificate subject aims to bring students closer to fluency in the German language, as well as developing a good knowledge of literature, culture, geography, and history to provide a context for communication. Germany plays a major role in the wider European context and consequently German as a language is becoming ever more important in the lives of young Europeans in offering career opportunities in the years ahead. Germany has over 82 million inhabitants and German is the most widely spoken native language in Europe. It is also an official language in Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg and Liechtenstein. German plays a role as a recognized minority language in Denmark, France, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia. Approximately 55 million Europeans speak German as a foreign language. Germany is the EU's biggest economy and is Ireland's fourth largest trading partner. There are over 300 German companies in Ireland employing more than 20,000 . Foreign language skills give a job applicant an edge over his/her competitors. German and international firms are increasingly looking for language skills. Graduates with combined degree programmes (Business and German) are highly employable.

## Mark Allocation for Leaving Cert German

The oral exam takes place in March/April of 6th year and consists of a 15-minute interview in which students are examined in 3 different sections; general conversation, project/picture sequence and role plays

| Section | Higher Level | Ordinary Level |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Speaking | $25 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Listening Comprehension | $20 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Reading Comprehension | $30 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Writing | $25 \%$ | $15 \%$ |

## Careers

Irish companies need professionals with a good knowledge of German. German would be very useful in the following career areas:
$>$ Engineering
$>$ Business \& Finance
$>$ Teaching

| Technology | Tourism/Hospitality |
| :--- | :--- |
| Law | Sales and Marketing |
| Careers in the EU (interpreter) |  |

Careers in the EU (interpreter)

## History

## Topics / Course Outline

Students study one document based study module and three others from the following;-

## Irish History

> Ireland \& The Union (1815-1870)
> Movement For Political \& Social Reform (1870-1914)
> The Pursuit of Sovereignty \& The Impact Of Partition (1912 1949)
> The Irish Diaspora (1840-1966)
> Politics \& Society In Northern Ireland (1949 - 1993)
> Government, Economy \& Society In The Republic Of Ireland

## Europe \& the Wider World

> Nationalism \& State Formation
$>$ Nation States \& International Tensions
> Dictatorship \& Democracy (1920-1945)
> Division \& Realignment in Europe
$>$ European Retreat From Empire
> The United States \& the World

## Students must study two Irish History modules and two Europe \& the Wider World modules

## Skills

The study of History at Leaving Certificate fulfils many of the general aims and principles of the Leaving Certificate programmes, as well as allowing for the development of many useful 'life-skills'.
$>$ It empahises the importance of individual thought
> It helps students to structure thoughts in a logical and methodical way.
$>$ It fosters a spirit of inquiry and critical thinking
$>$ It helps to prepare students for both further education and for adult/working life.
> It helps prepare students for their role as active and participative members of society

## Assessment

Research Study
(submitted before exam)

Examination Paper - $\quad$ - $\sim$ The examination features $a$ documents-based question and three general questions.
$\sim$ All four questions are of equal value.
~ Document Question for 2019/21 "The
United States and the World, 1945 -
1989"

## Career Paths

> Architecture
$>$ Archaeology
> Journalism
> Barrister / Law
> Researcher
$>$ Solicitor
> Museum/Library Work
$>$ Politics
$>$ Teaching/Lecturing
$>$ Local Government
$>$ Sociology
$>$ Social Work
> Economist
$>$ Tourism Industry
$>$ An Garda Siochana
> Broadcaster/Television/Media
> Civil Service
$>$ Trade Union Work
$>$ Administration / Management

## Home Economics

## Topics / Course Outline

The syllabus is based on a core of three areas of study that is studied by all students and one elective area, from a choice of three.

## Core

> Food Studies (Food science \& nutrition, diet \& health, preparation \& processing food)
> Resource Management and Consumer Studies (Family resource management, consumer studies)
> Social Studies (Sociological concepts, family \& society)

## Electives

The elective allows students the opportunity to undertake a more detailed study of one area of the core. There are three electives, from which one may be chosen:
> Home Design and Management
> Textiles, Fashion and Design
> Social Studies

## Assessment

| Examination Paper | - | $80 \%$ | (Core $60 \%$, Electives $20 \%$ ) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Assessment of Practical Coursework | - | $20 \%$ |  |

## Career Paths

$>$ Dietician
$>$ Nursing
$\Rightarrow$ Childcare
> Baking \& Confectionary
> Consumer Advisor
$>$ Hotel Management
$>$ Teaching
> Environmental Designer / Advisor
$>$ Food Science
$>$ Fashion Designer
> Health Inspector / Environmental Safety
$>$ Catering
> Social Work

## Physics

## Topics / Course Outline

Physics is the branch of science that studies matter, energy and the relationship between them. In Leaving Certificate Physics you will study various topics including;-
> Mechanics and Motion
$>$ Heat
$>$ Waves and Sound
> Light and Optics
$>$ Electricity and Magnetism
$>$ Atomic Physics and Electronics
> Nuclear and Particle Physics

## Assessment

Practical laboratory work is an integral part of this course.
Examination Paper - 3 hours
$>$ Section A - Answer 3 out of 4 Questions - Based on the mandatory experiments.
$>$ Section B - Answer 5 out of 8 Questions- Based on the theory learned in class.
Students must answer a total of 8 Questions over the entire paper.

## Career Paths

$>$ Medicine
> Architecture
> Astronomy
> Biophysics
$>$ Dentistry
> Medical Laboratory Technician
$>$ Radiography
$>$ Meteorology
$>$ Naval Services
$>$ Oceanography
> Pharmacy
> Pilot
> Medical Physic
> Software Design \& Research
$>$ Engineering
$>$ Geophysics
> Marine Radio Operation

## Career Choices

When you are considering which subjects to take, remember this decision will have long-term consequences on what careers are open to you.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## HOW MANY SUBJECTS SHOULD I TAKE AND AT WHAT LEVEL?

St Joseph's offers you the option of studying eight subjects. Your best six grades, achieved in one sitting of the Leaving Certificate, will be used to calculate your point score for entry purposes to college courses.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT TAKE HIGHER LEVEL GAEILGE?

Apart from ruling out a number of honours degree programmes which have Gaeilge as a core entry requirement, the main consequence of dropping higher level Gaeilge is that you are precluded from studying to be a primary school teacher in any of the Irish training colleges.

## HOW IMPORTANT IS MATHS?

A pass in ordinary level maths is essential for entry to the majority of courses. The 5,000 students who fail to secure a grade D in ordinary level are in a particularly difficult situation. A further 5,000 students each year now choose foundation level maths, and there is a growing number of colleges and courses that offer places to students who secure a minimum of a grade A or B in maths at this level. Whatever you do over the next two years, don't neglect your studies in this subject.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT TAKE HIGHER LEVEL MATHS?

There are many Level 8 degree programmes you can't take if you don't get a minimum of C3 in higher-level maths; engineering, computer science, science, information and computer technology courses and most degrees that include maths as a core subject.

If you are interested in any of these courses you could start your third level journey with a twoyear higher certificate programme, which will require a minimum of a O6 in ordinary level maths. Provided you secure a minimum of 60 per cent in your various examinations, you can then progress on to ordinary degree level and from there to an honours bachelors degree. This
entire process may add only one or two extra years to your studies, over and above those who secure a place on an honours bachelors degree programme, immediately after their Leaving Cert.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT TAKE A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN IRISH AND ENGLISH?

The colleges of the National University of Ireland require a pass in a third language for entry into a large number of their courses. These colleges are NUI Maynooth, Dublin, Galway and Cork, and a range of associated constituent colleges, all of which are listed on the NUI website at nui.ie. In recent years NUI colleges have dropped their third language requirement for engineering and science programmes. Nursing at NUI colleges never required a third language. A third language must be included for arts, human sciences, law, social science, commerce, medicine and health sciences and some other degrees. A third language is also a requirement for entry into the cadetship in the army or air corps.

Trinity accepts Gaeilge as a second language requirement. UL and DCU and the Technological Universities do not require a continental language for entry purposes to most of their courses, apart from those which involve the study of such a language.

In summary,

## A Third Language is required for:

- UCC, NUI Galway, UCD, NUI Maynooth and the Royal College of Surgeons require a pass in a third language for most of their courses.
- Other colleges have it as a requirement for certain courses that have a large language component. E.g.: European Studies, Languages \& Marketing, Hotel Management, Languages \& International Tourism.
- Entry to the Cadetships in the Defence Forces requires a third Language.
- National College of Art and Design require a third language or Art
- Many science and engineering courses include the study of Technical French or German from beginners level.


## No Third Language is required for:

- University of Limerick, Trinity College, D.C.U., and Technological Universities (formerly the Institutes of Technology) unless it is a specific course requirement (a pass in Irish will suffice).
- No language for Engineering \& Science NUI Maynooth
- No language for Engineering, Science \& Ag Science in UCD (except for DN037Biomedical, Health \& Life Sciences)
- No language for Engineering, Science \& Food Science UCC
- No language for Engineering \& Science NUI Galway (except for GY304-

Biotechnology)

- Gardai, Nursing, Apprenticeships and most PLC Courses

Irish Exemptions carry through if they are OFFICIAL exemptions BUT Gardaí, Army cadetships, Primary Teaching - exemptions do not apply

Limerick colleges do not require a third language unless it is part of the course of study.
This information is correct in February 2020 but is subject to change- check with the course provider or your Guidance Counsellor.

## WHAT'S THE EASIEST SUBJECT IN THE LEAVING CERT AND WHAT'S THE HARDEST?

No Leaving Cert subject is easy, but studying something you are really interested in will make it seem easier and as a result you will probably get higher marks in it. If you dislike a subject, you will have to work harder to achieve a good grade, and your motivation would need to be strong.

## WHAT COMBINATIONS OF SUBJECTS WORK?

You should attempt to select a balanced range of subjects that will leave your further and higher education options open for as long as possible. Most students study Gaeilge (unless exempted), English, Mathematics and LCVP (leaving Certificate Vocational Programme).

In selecting your remaining four subjects, you should consider what third level courses you might be interested in when you leave school. If you have specific courses in mind, check that your subject choices and levels match the entry requirements for these courses.

Unless you have a specific career or course interest that is guiding your remaining subject choices, you should spread your final four choices across the entire spectrum of business, scientific, humanities and practical subjects. You should also be mindful of the results of previous examinations when making these choices.

## Specific Subject Requirements:

Nursing: Science subject
Beautician: Biology
Medical Sciences: 1 or in some cases 2 science subjects
Many of these courses also have specific grade requirements e.g. H2 etc. College information is subject to change and should be checked

If you are considering Medical, Paramedical, Nursing, Science or Engineering courses you should select a laboratory science subject or two for some courses.

## NOT SURE: SAFE OPTION?

Irish
English
Maths

Language
At least one Science subject

## CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WHEN CHOOSING YOUR SUBJECTS:

- ABILITY

Consider your abilities in the different subjects and choose subjects in which you are likely to get good grades.

- APTITUDES

Consider your aptitudes these results when choosing your subjects as you will do well in subjects for which you have an aptitude.

- INTEREST

Choose subjects that you are genuinely interested in as you are much more likely to study those subjects and do well in them.

## - CAREER

In addition to the core subjects (Irish, English, Maths) there are other subjects that are essential for some courses and careers. It is important to check out these subject requirements with a Guidance Counsellor or the course provider and it is your responsibility to do this.

Do not choose subjects based on what your friends are choosing- there is no guarantee you will be in the same classes. Similarly it is unwise to choose a subject solely because of who teaches it- again there is no guarantee you will have that teacher. Consider your options after school.

## Your Options After Secondary School

## Work

$>$ Higher risk of unemployment
SOLAS www.solas.ie
$>$ Training and Apprenticeship

## Hotel \& Catering

$>$ Hotel \& Catering training through CAO, Post Leaving Certificate courses or through the workplace
Defence Forces www.military.ie
$>$ Cadetships in Army, Naval Service, Army Equitation, Air Corps
$>$ Entry requires $3 \mathrm{H} 5 \& 3 \mathrm{O} 6 / \mathrm{H} 7$ in a single sitting including Maths, English, Irish, third language

- Age requirement of 18 on closing date of application.
(language exemptions apply)
Gardai www.garda.ie
Applicants must have obtained...
(a) an Irish Leaving Certificate with a grade 6 minimum in five subjects at ordinary level*, or
(b) a Level 5 Certificate (Major award) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), or
(c) a recognised qualification (at level 5 or greater), deemed comparable to the above in terms of both level and
volume of learning as determined by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)
AND
(d) Must have a proven proficiency in two languages; one of which must be Irish or English. Such competency may be proven by achieving the relevant grades in an Irish Leaving Certificate or for English or Irish through such assessments as set out by the Public Appointments Service;
*Subjects taken at Foundation Level Leaving Certificate are not considered equivalent for entry to this competition.
$>$ Language Exemptions do NOT apply


## Post Leaving Certificate Courses (Level 5/6)

$>1$ or 2 years - e.g. Veterinary Nurse ( 2 years) at St. John's Central College, Cork.
$>$ Can be a route to IT/University or English Colleges
Kerry PLC Colleges

- Kerry College of Further Education
- North Kerry College of Further Education
- St. Joseph's, Ballybunnion

Agricultural Colleges (Level 5/6)
$>$ Clonakilty $>$ Pallaskenry $>$ Kildalton

## Technological Universities (formerly Institutes of Technologies) \& Universities (Level 6/7/8) <br> The main third level institutes across the Republic of Ireland that can be accessed through the CAO system.

## UCAS AND EUNICAS

$>$ Students can apply to English, Scottish and Welsh colleges through UCAS. Students may also apply to European colleges.
> Increasingly, students are applying to Holland for physiotherapy, Budapest for veterinary, Budapest and Poland for medicine, using eunicas application system www.eunicas.ie

## RESOURCES

www.curriculumonline.ie Syllabus for LC Subjects
www.examinations.ie Look at past exam papers
www.qualifax.ie Check entry requirements
www.careersportal.ie Read about all LC Subjects
College websites www.ul.ie www.lit.ie www.mic.ul.ie
College Prospectuses
Guidance Counsellor - make an appointment

## Teachers

Senior Cycle Textbooks
CAO App www.cao.ie
Qualifax/Student/useful tools/minimum entry requirements/Leaving Cert Subjects

- Choose a subject and check the implications of not choosing

Qualifax/Student/coursefinder/higher education/CAO/Keyword + Search

Disclaimer- all information in this booklet is correct as of $1^{\text {st }}$ February 2023. Please consult qualifax.ie and careersportal.ie to check subjects required for specific third level course.

