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Subject Choice Presentation

Welcome

- ▶ Ms. Leona Harrington - Principal
- ▶ Ms. Emer Walsh - Deputy Principal
- ▶ Mr. Eoin Walshe - Deputy Principal
- ▶ Ms Ciara Sheehan - Deputy Principal
- ▶ Ms. Ciara Fitzpatrick- Year Head
- ▶ Ms. Clodagh Carey - Guidance Counsellor



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Aim of Presentation



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'The success of a programme of subject choice in terms of student satisfaction and motivation and...educational benefit depends on the quality of student preparation for choice.'

Stables (1997)

How to decide?

- ▶ Research
- ▶ Discuss
- ▶ Reflect
- ▶ Decide



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Research

► **Subject Websites -**

www.ncca.ie

www.curriculumonline.ie

www.jct.ie

► **Career Websites**

www.qualifax.ie

www.careersportal.ie

www.CAO.ie



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Discuss

- ▶ Subject Teachers
- ▶ Reports, Results, Course Content
- ▶ Parents/Guardians
- ▶ Older Brothers & Sisters
- ▶ Guidance Counsellor - Ms Carey
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Reflect



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- ▶ Do I like this subject?
- ▶ Am I good at it? How have I performed up to now?
- ▶ Is there a chance I might need it for further study/career?
- ▶ Am I keeping my options open?
- ▶ Make an independent decision - don't be influenced by your friend's choices

Decision



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We do not have a crystal ball to see into the consequences of our decisions, but we tend to be happier and more at ease with our decisions when we have done our work!

Subjects

All students will study:

- Religious Education
- Irish
- English
- Maths
- History
- Physical Education (non exam)
- CSPE (short Course)
- SPHE (non exam)
(together are "wellbeing")

Option Subjects: (choose four):

French
German
Spanish
Visual Art
Home-Economics
Science
Business
Technical Graphics
Technology
Materials Technology Wood
Geography
Coding & Digital Literacy*

* Coding & Digital Literacy are short courses and will be studied together



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In Summary

Students either take:

- ▶ 8 exam subjects or
- ▶ 7 exam subjects and 2 short courses*

*If you chose the short courses, these will not be assessed through a Junior Cycle. Each short course will have a CBA which is assessed in school.

Students can only choose the language that they have studied in 1st Year.

Implications of choosing/not choosing a subject

- ▶ www.qualifax.ie
- ▶ Students
- ▶ Useful Tools
- ▶ Minimum Subject Requirement
- ▶ Junior Certificate Subjects



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How to input your choices

- ▶ Subject choices should be input on Vsware
- ▶ Log onto your Vsware account and on the left-hand side you will see a tab named Options
- ▶ Click on this and it will bring you to the subject list
- ▶ You should give each subject a preference number. Although only 4 subjects will be studies you should preferences up to 8



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Order of Preference

Be sure that you write down your choices in order of preference. List them from 1 to 8

The subject you most want to study is 1 and continue until you reach number 8.

The deadline for submitting Subject Choice is **Friday 15th March.**



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What if I have any questions?

- ▶ Ask any questions you have before you leave this meeting.
- ▶ If you have a query around subject choice or a Careers question you can contact your teacher or Ms Carey
- ▶ If you have a query around using Vsware to input your options, you should contact Ms Harrington at msharrington@lecheilesecondaryschool.ie