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Subject Choice Presentation

Welcome

- Ms. Leona Harrington – Principal
- Ms. Aoife Lattin – Year Head

Our Expectations

- Being organised (iPads fully charged , Lockers, Journal present each day and being punctual to classes).

- Being their best self by getting involved in school life.

- Role of Parents- Monitoring Progress in Journal, signing Journal at night , Parents Council, ensuring uniform is ready night before school

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1ST YEAR STUDENT OF THE MONTH

CALLED TO BE
OUR BEST SELVES

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DATE

Ms Lattin

YEAR HEAD

Punctuality

- **Mondays**
- 9.05am - 3.45pm
- **Tue - Thurs**
- 8.35am - 3.30pm
- **Friday**
- 8.35am - 1.10pm

Our 1st Years in weekly assembly

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Uniform

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Aim of Presentation

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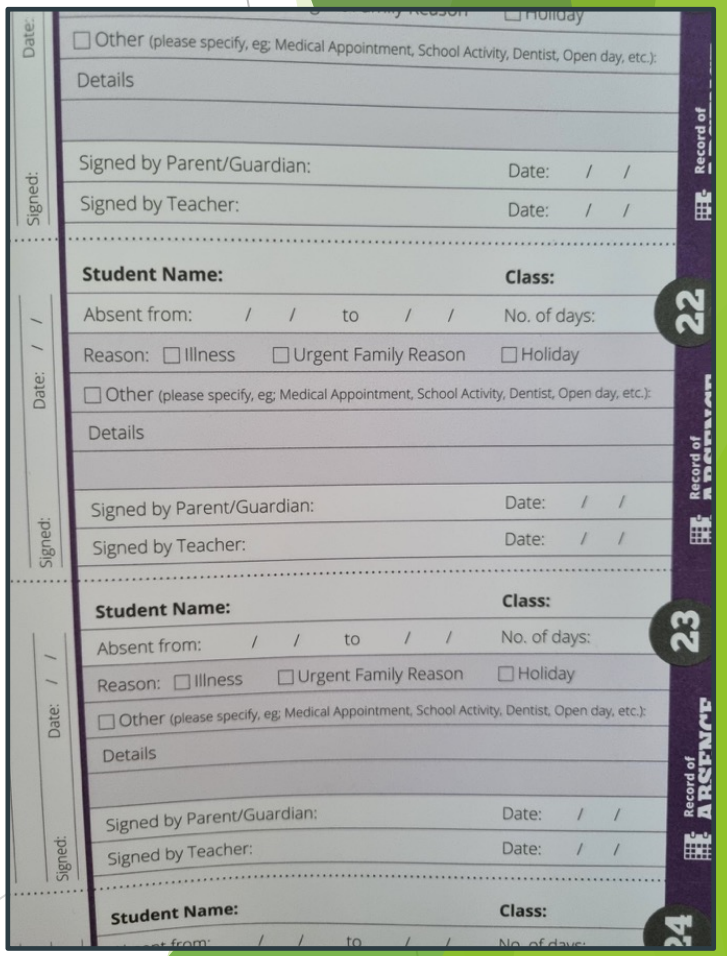
Absence Notes can be recorded in our school Journal or through the school iClass app

If your child is missing school for medical appointments or illnesses a note must be submitted to the class Tutors or email mslattin@lecheilesecondaryschool.ie directly.



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Aim of Presentation

'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)

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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 Counsellors – Ms O' Connell & Ms Leahy

msoconnell@lecheilesecondaryschool.ie
Msleahy@lecheilesecondaryschool.ie

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Reflect

- 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

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Decision

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!

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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 be 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.

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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 7th March.**

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What if I have any questions?

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