

# Subject Choice For Junior Cert 2024



# Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement *comprises:*

- ▶ Results obtained in the SEC set examinations
- ▶ Class Based Assessments (CBA's)
- ▶ Report on extra-curricular achievements

# The Junior Cycle Curriculum

▶ Maximum of 10 exam subjects allowed

Or where available

❖ 9 exam subjects plus two short courses

Or

❖ 8 exam subjects and 4 short courses

Plus

“Wellbeing” - CSPE, PE, SPHE and other modules

*Some short courses are at Level 2 and some are at Level 3*

# The Junior Cycle Curriculum at DVS

- ▶ Students get to do all subjects in First Year (except in MFL) and then choose their subjects for second year

## **Factors that influence our curriculum:**

- DES regulations & curriculum reform
- Time
- Resources
- Parents' & Teachers' views
- Students choices
- Need to provide a choice that will not preclude anybody from a particular career path

# Changes in our curriculum set-up as a result of Junior Cycle Reform

- ▶ CSPE is no longer an exam subject
- ▶ Wellbeing - comprises PE, SPHE, CSPE and other modules - 400 hours over 3 years
- ▶ Some of the core subjects now require less time

## TIME

Each class is 40 minutes. At DVS 43 class periods per week (40 mins over the norm)

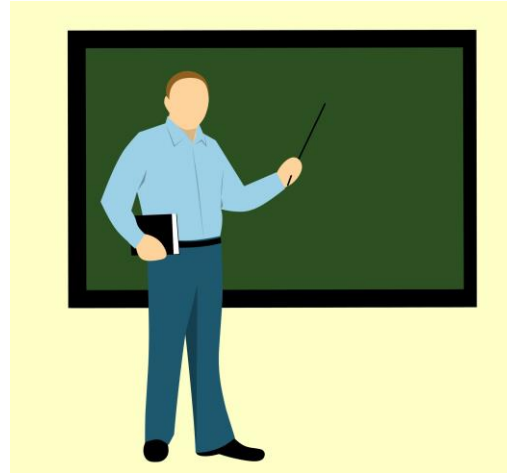
We allow more than required time to English, Irish & Maths

400 hours over 3 years to wellbeing

This impacts on the number of subjects that can be done

# Resources :

Subject teachers



Rooms:





Views of parents & staff ?

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Students preferences input on  
Vsware & this is one of the  
main factors in formulating  
the subject options bands

## One option for curriculum structure....concentrating on the exam subjects

### ► Core

Irish, English, Maths, Science, History, Geography,

**Plus**

Select **3** subjects from the following list:

French, Spanish, Woodwork, Metalwork, H Ec, Art,  
T. Graphics, Music, Business

*9 subjects and Hist & Geog compulsory*

## Another option for curriculum structure....concentrating on the exam subjects

### ► Core

Irish, English, Maths, Science, History,

Plus

Select 4 subjects from the following list:

French, Spanish, Woodwork, Metalwork, H Ec, Art, TG, Music, Business, Geography

*9 subjects with Geog optional*

# Subject Option Bands

*Not possible to have:*

Option Band 1: History, French, Woodwork, Metalwork, H Ec, Art, TG, Music, Business, Spanish

Option Band 2: History, French, Woodwork, Metalwork, H Ec, Art, TG, Music, Business, Spanish

Option Band 3: History, French, Woodwork, Metalwork, H Ec, Art, TG, Music, Business, Spanish

# How do we formulate the options bands?

This is different every year - depending on the student preferences that year

Using Vsware students select the optional subjects in order of preference from the full list. The student preferences are the main consideration when formulating the **subject option bands**.

*We use software to help us decide what the option bands are*

One year for example:

**Option Band 1:** Business, Art, Metalwork, TG

**Option Band 2:** French, Spanish, Art, TG

**Option Band 3:** H Ec, Music, Business, Woodwork


*\*Geog & History core...*

*Note: Students do not necessarily need to know what the options bands are.*

They pick their subjects in order of preference from the full list and the Guidance Counsellor meets all those (and/or their parents) that do not get their choice



# The procedure for selecting preferences



Parents/Guardians will need to know your username and password for Vsware. Click on “OPTIONS” and select preferences. No need to press “SAVE”

[Drumshanboys.vsware.ie](http://Drumshanboys.vsware.ie) or click link from our web-site: [www.dvs.ie](http://www.dvs.ie)

If the curriculum is set up so that students will be doing **3** optional subjects

Subjects should be selected **1,2,3**, in order of preference \* and then **4,5, 6**, for three reserve subjects

\* Exception - language

from the school. When the parent completes the preferences entry, they will receive an 'Options entry complete' confirmation message.

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My Children

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- Personal
- Term Reports
- Attendance
- Student Options**
- Behaviour
- Timetable
- Fee

### Student Options

PLEASE NOTE:- You can use this screen to enter the preferred subjects that your son/daughter would wish to student in the next school year. Please note that the order of preference does make a difference and No.1 will be get priority over No.2 etc. Our College will use this information in the compilation of Subject Option Blocks. We will endeavour to ensure that each student will be permitted to study their preferred subjects but we cannot guarantee this.

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

Preference Number	Subject Choice
1	HOME ECONOMICS
2	FRENCH
3	BUSINESS STUDIES
4	MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

Options entry completed

The preferences entered by the parent will then automatically display in the preferences table on the preferences screen.



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## Impact on L Cert Choice?

Students will do **7** subjects and some will also do LCVP module

Generally:

English, Irish, Maths

Most do either French or Spanish

Most will do a science: AG Science, Biology, Physics/ Chemistry

*Some will do two science subjects.*

That leaves two other subjects to  
be selected from:

H Ec, Business, Construction  
Studies, Engineering, Art, Music,  
History, Geog, Applied Maths, DCG

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**Thank You**

**Questions ?**

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