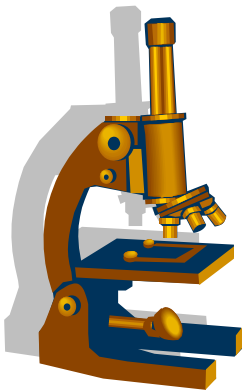




**Good Counsel College
Guidance and Counselling Department**



**1st Year
Subject Choice 2020**



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Introduction

Your son will have to make subject choices for Junior Cycle.

All students must choose **three of the following five subjects**:

1. Art
2. Business Studies
3. Modern Foreign Language
4. Technical Graphics
5. Technology

All other subjects (English, Irish (unless exempt), Maths, Geography, History, Science, Religious Education and CSPE are continued until Junior Cycle.

The importance of subject choice:

There are repercussions of dropping the modern foreign language for entry to some third level colleges. The following applies:

**National University of Ireland Colleges (NUI) namely:
UCD, UCC, NUI Galway, NUI Maynooth and RCSI.**

These colleges require a language for entry purposes regardless of what the student wishes to study upon arrival.

EXCEPT the following courses which no longer require a language for entry purposes:

**Engineering,
Science,
Agricultural Science,
Nursing
Social Science UCD**

DCU, UL, TCD and the Institutes of Technology (IOT's) like WIT / CIT do not require a language for entry purposes unless otherwise stated.

Depending on choices made now some subjects may not be available at senior cycle:

The following subjects are not available in fifth year if dropped at end of first year.

Modern Foreign Language

Technology

Technical Graphics

Accounting if Business Studies is dropped

Other subjects that may be available in fifth year if dropped at end of first year:

Art

Business

Economics

The Process

- With the Guidance Counsellor students will look at
 - (a) What's involved in various subjects
 - (b) Their likes and dislikes – where their own strengths lie;
 - (c) Jobs they think would be interesting;
 - (d) Subjects they think would be useful to these areas;
- Students will complete and submit their form online using their VS Ware pin number. Please ensure that 5 choices are applied for in order of preference as the form can only be submitted when all 5 choices are made.
- The number of students interested in each subject area will dictate the number of classes in each.
- Some subjects may run simultaneously on the timetable.

Will Students get all their choices?

It is hoped that as many students as possible get their top subject choices. However the following might happen:-

Students may not get all 3 of their Top-3 choices. It may happen that:
Two subjects your son most wants to do are on at the same time.
The class may be over subscribed.
There may not be enough interest to form a class.

Best Reasons For Choosing A Subject

- I like this subject
- I always do my best in this subject
- I always pay attention in class in this subject
- I always do my homework thoroughly in this subject
- I will spend time studying this subject
- I have got good marks in this subject so far
- This subject keeps my options open for the future
- This subject might be useful in careers that interest me

In the event that the student does not receive all his choices he will meet with the Guidance Counsellor to discuss how his subjects may impact on his future choices.