



St. Augustine's College

5th Year Subject Choice 2020/2021



Students Study Seven Subjects

All Students must study the following subjects in 5th year:

- English
- Gaeilge *
- Mathematics

Wellbeing Subjects

- SPHE & RSE
- Religion
- Physical Education



* **Exception:** If a student is exempt in Gaeilge/Language due to a Specific Learning Difficulty or educated outside of Ireland up to age 11.

RESEARCH NEEDED CAREER AREA & ESSENTIAL SUBJECTS

After choosing career area, the student must research:

- **Essential subject** required
- **Minimum grade** specified.



For example :

- A Third language is essential for the National University of Ireland i.e. NUIC, NUIG, NUID, NUIM.

If in doubt seek advice from the Guidance Counsellor.

Requirements



SCHOOL DECISIONS

The School must:

- Match the numbers taking various subjects with available staff
- Take **class size** into account

Sometimes not enough students opt for a certain subject so a class cannot be formed.

Therefore, it is important to have a substitute choice that you have researched and that you are happy with should one of your choices prove not to be feasible.

Choosing subjects does not necessarily mean that you will be able to study them for the Leaving Certificate.



HOW TO CHOOSE SUBJECT LEVEL

Look at:

- Junior Certificate results
- Career area
- Essential subjects & level requirements

Advice:

- **Start at the higher level and keep the head down.**
- It is easier to drop to a lower level.

Subject choice should not depend on:

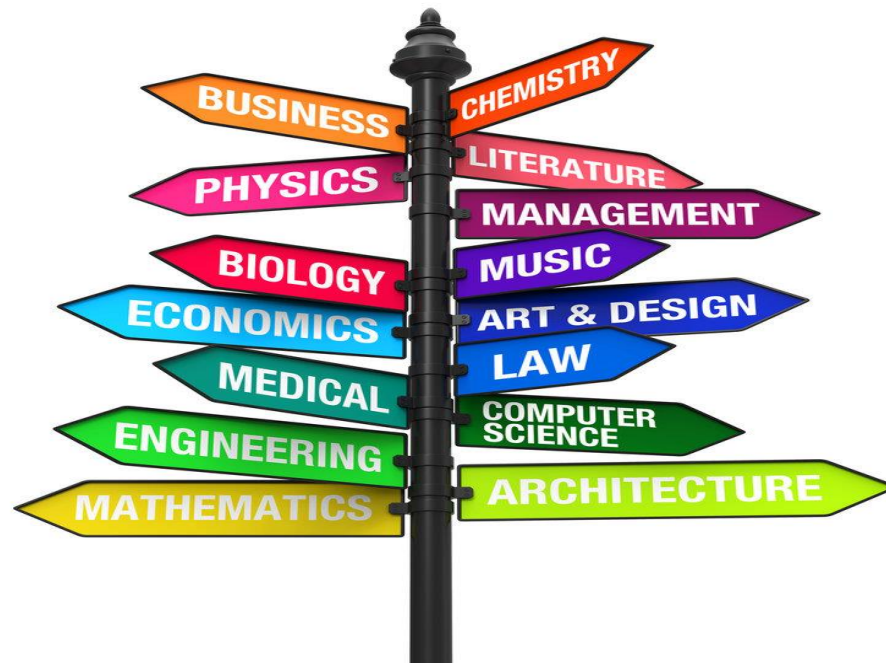
- Teacher
- Rumours about ‘easy’ subjects.

We would like to see students working to their full potential.

Subject Options

E. Moore

Guidance Counsellor



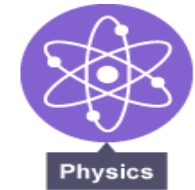
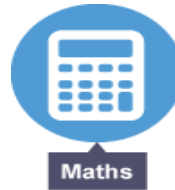
What Subjects
will I pick?

Will I go to
College/Work?

What are my
options?



How do I
choose my
subjects for
Leaving
Certificate?



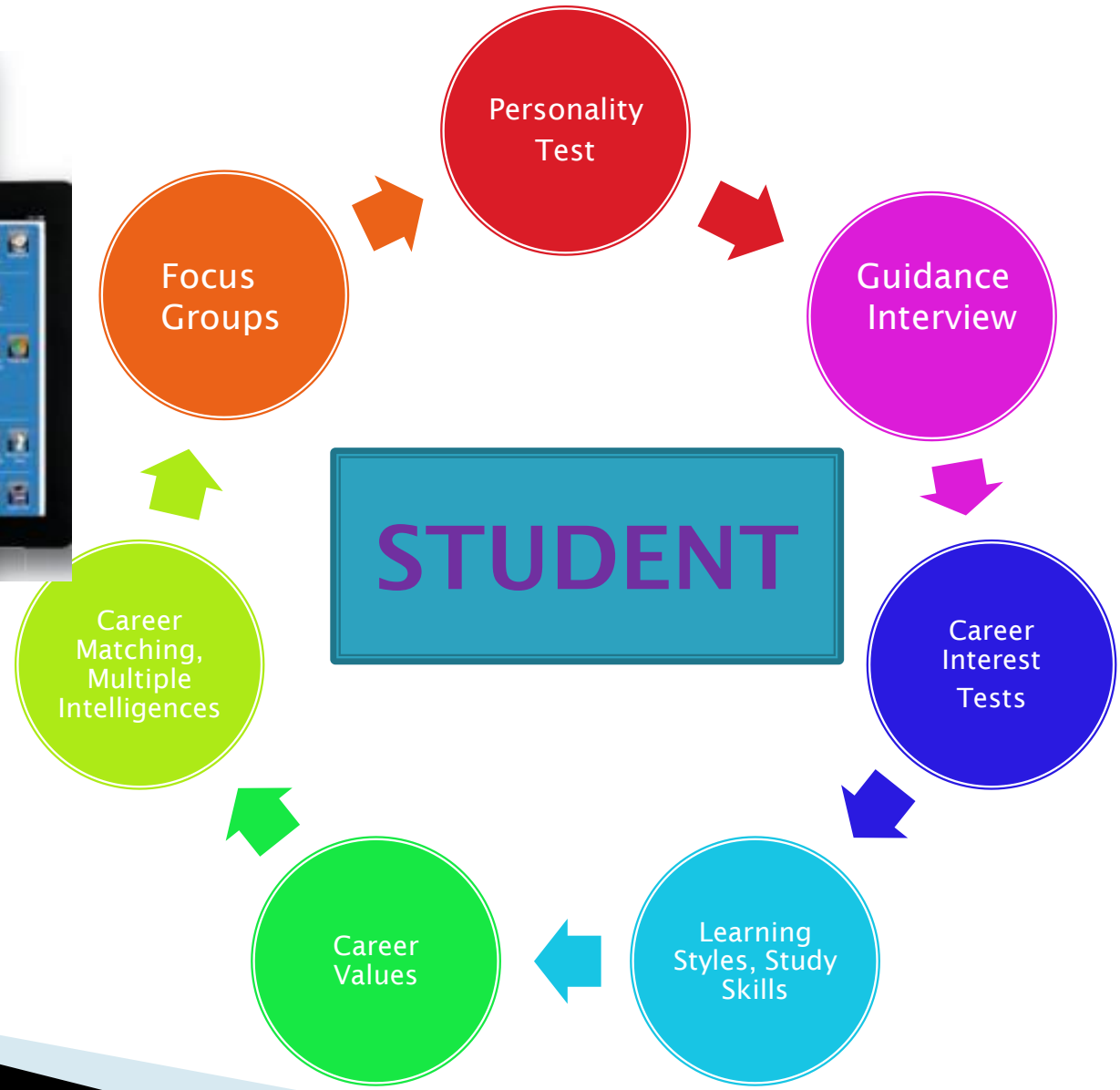
STUDENT OPTIONS AFTER SCHOOL



An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna
Further Education and Training Authority



TY Guidance Module



Influences on the decision



Making the decision....

Reach+
Careers classes

Individual Appointment



CAREER SKILLS Competition 2014

My Favorites [Show](#)

My Career Portfolio [Hide](#)

- | STATUS | TOPIC |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Guidance Interview |
| | Choosing a Career |
| | High Five Principles |
| | What Inspires Me |
| | My Talents |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | My Career Interests |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Personal & Career Values |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | My Personality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | My Multiple Intelligences |
| | My Aptitudes |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | My Exam Targets |

REACH+ Setup
Use these tools to change or edit your account details, or to get assistance on using the programme

- Account Details
- Help & Support
- My Documents
- CareerPad

Section 1: Career Planning and Research
Choosing a career path is one of the biggest decisions you will make. How can you help make good choices and what help can you get when you are unsure.

- Guidance Interview
- High Five Principles
- Dreams and Ambitions
- Open Days
- What Inspires Me
- Careers Fairs

Section 2: Self Assessment
How well do you know yourself? The exercises in this section are designed to make you think about yourself and what you want from your career.

- Career Interests
- Personal and Career Values
- Personality
- Multiple Intelligence
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GUIDANCE NOTICEBOARD

Friday, 7 February

Career Events Calendar

Saturday, 1 March
5th Years :)

Saturday, 1 March
Military vacancies

Monday, 3 March
5th Year Appointments

Monday, 17 March
TY- 5th Year Subjects

Sunday, 1 June
HPAT TESTING

Monday, 30 June
GRANT

Friday, 15 August
6th Year Appointments

Saturday, 1 November
UCC next year??

Home

St. Augustines College

Abbeyside, Dungarvan, Co Waterford,

Guidance & Counselling



Guidance Articles

- ▶ Scholarships in college
- ▶ Occupational Forecast 2015
- ▶ What are the easiest Leaving Certificate Subjects? Irish Times Article
- ▶ A guide to Leaving Certificate Subject Choice -Irish Times Article
- ▶ Post Leaving Certificate Courses NOW open. APPLY HERE
- ▶ SUSI (Student Grant)
- ▶ CAO & College Grants Handouts
- ▶ CAO ADVICE LINKS
- ▶ HEAR
- ▶ DARE
- ▶ College Accomodation
- ▶ Revision Websites/Twitter.
- ▶ How to make the best leaving cert choices
- ▶ College Entry Requirements
- ▶ Points
- ▶ Calculate Points - Get the App!
- ▶ Cao, Ucas, Fetac
- ▶ Revision Timetable



St. Augustine's College

Roll No: 64890W

Definition of Guidance

"Guidance facilitates people throughout their lives to manage their own educational, training, occupational, personal, social and life choices so that they reach their full potential and contribute to the development of a better society"

National Guidance Forum, 2007.

The Guidance Department:

Guidance Counsellor: Ms. Elaine Moore (BA, MSc, PGDE, PGGC)

Email: guidance@staugustines.ie

The Guidance Service:

Student Login

Email:

Password:

[Login](#) >>

Forgot Password? [Click here.](#)

Not Registered? [SignUp](#) >>

GUIDANCE NOTICEBOARD

01/03/2014

5th Years :)

01/03/2014

Military vacancies

03/03/2014

5th Year Appointments

17/03/2014

TY- 5th Year Subjects

01/06/2014

HPAT TESTING

Core Subjects

All students take

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- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ English
- ☐ Irish

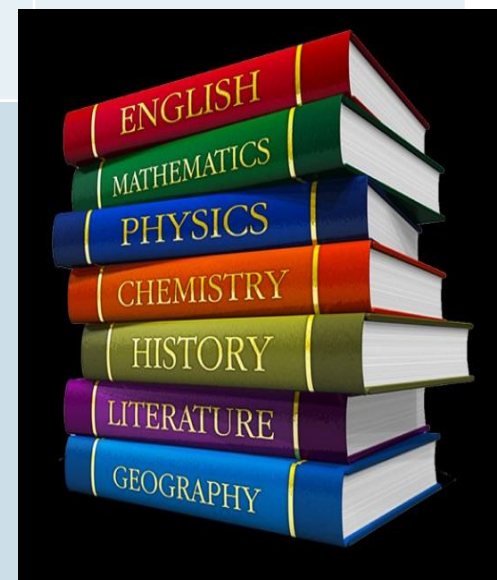
- ☐ Applied Maths -Extra Subject (after school)

- ☐ Religion
- ☐ SPHE
- ☐ Physical Education
- ☐ Wellbeing
- ☐ Careers



Choose A Further 4 Choice Subjects

| Business | Science | Humanities | Technical/Social |
|---|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Business Studies | Biology | Art | Construction |
| Accounting | Chemistry | Music | DCG |
| Economics | Physics | French | Home Economics – Scientific & Social |
| LCVP* <i>Must have subject combinations.</i> | Agricultural Science | German | |
| | <i>Applied Maths* (after school as an extra subject)</i> | History | |
| | | Geography | |
| | | Politics and Society | |
| | | Physical Education | |



Reasons for choosing a subject

- ❑ Personal interest and enthusiasm
- ❑ Aptitude for a particular subject
- ❑ Possibility of high attainment
- ❑ Relevance to possible career
- ❑ Entry requirement for desired third level course



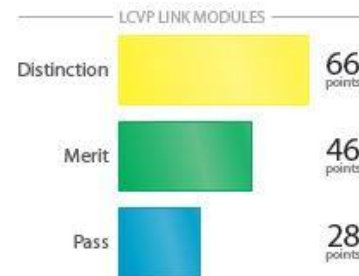


Common points scale

Higher Or Ordinary? ?



+25 Bonus Points for H1-H6 Maths



CAO Points Calculators

FREE!

Use online or get the App!



Above details refer to students sitting the Leaving Certificate from 2017 onwards only. Students who sat the Leaving Certificate before 2017 will be awarded 33 points for an O grade & 23-29% at Higher Level under the new grading scheme.



Requirements



“Course Entry Requirements”

Generally there are **2 sets of ‘Entry Requirements’** which must be met **before** ‘points’ can be considered.



A) Minimum Entry Requirements

- Particular subjects and minimum no. of honours / passes in the L.C. required to apply to an individual college.

B) Specific Course Requirements

- Particular subjects and/or levels required to gain entry to specific faculties or courses.

College Requirements

Prior to picking your subject choices for your Leaving Certificate please ensure that you have the correct entry requirements for colleges and courses at 3rd level institutions. Keep your options open!

French/German Requirements

The Colleges listed below do not require a 3rd language.

2 languages are required.
Entry requirements are met by taking Irish & English unless you wish to complete a degree with a language i.e business and French.

University Limerick
Mary Immaculate (MI)
Trinity
Waterford Institute of Technology
Cork Institute of Technology (CIT)
Athlone Institute of Technology
Carlow College
Carlow IT
Griffith Cork/Dublin
All Hallows
American College
Church of Ireland Primary teaching
Marino
DBS
IADT
Froebel
Grafton College
Institute of Business & Technology
Blanchardstown
Tallaght

The Colleges listed below require a 3rd language to enter most of their degrees programmes.

UCC: majority of courses require a 3rd language.
Exception: =nursing/biomedical science/

UCD: majority of courses require a 3rd language.
Exception: agriculture /actuary/computers/mathematical science/physics/pharmacology/medicinal chemistry & biology/neuroscience/biochemistry/food science/forestry/landscape architecture/food and agri-business/animal & crop production/animal science/engineering technology/horticulture/engineering/nutrition/nursing/

UCG: majority of courses require a 3rd language.
Exception: science/environmental science/financial maths/marine science/health & safety/earth & ocean/ physics/ biopharmaceutical chemistry/ IT/ all engineering/ sports and exercise engineering/ engineering innovation/ nursing/

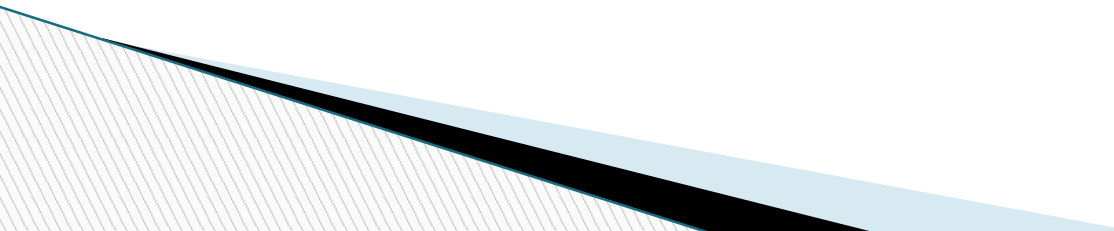
NUIM: majority of courses require a 3rd language.
Exception: science/biotechnology/computer science/physics & astrophysics/genetics/biomedical/psychology via science/ chemistry/ multimedia/science education/ engineering/

Royal College of Surgeons: all courses require a 3rd language.
medicine/physiotherapy/pharmacy/general nursing/

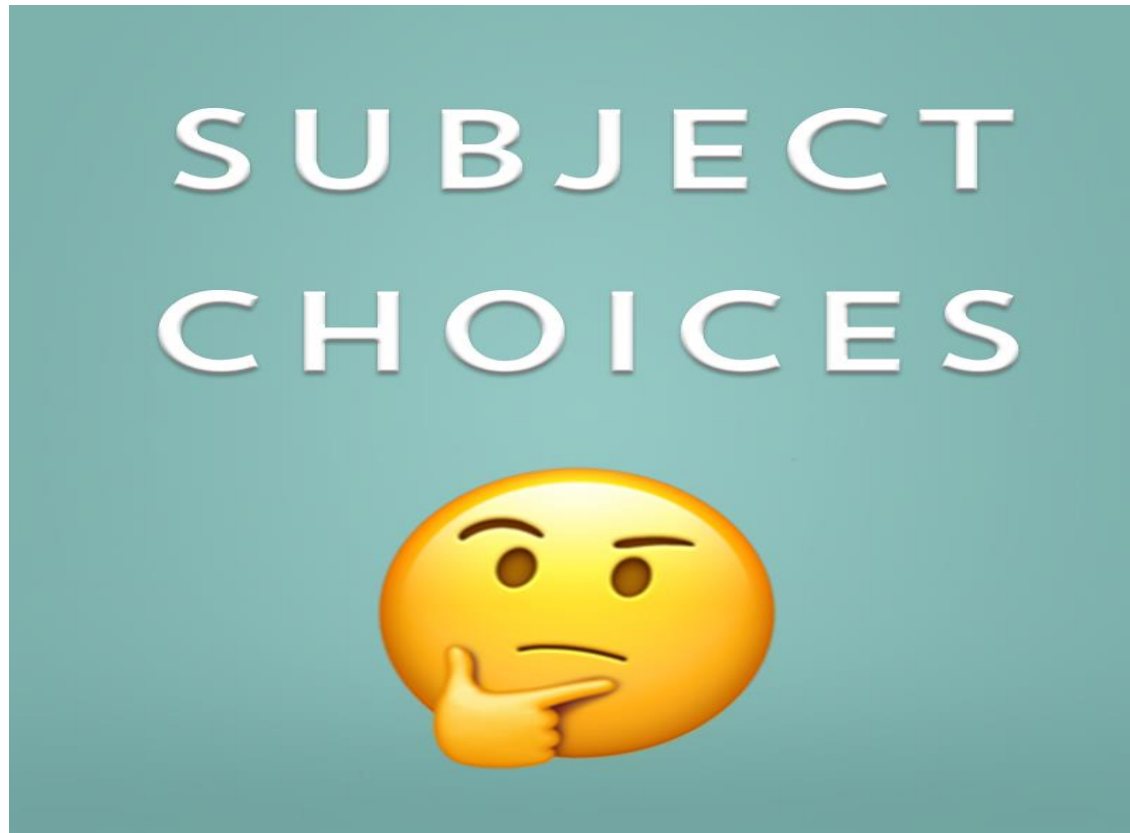
Pontifical College, Maynooth – all courses

Shannon College of Hotel Management –all require a 3rd language.

Appliance of Science



How to Rank Subjects for 5th year



Subject Options Form

How to Rank Subjects

Rank your 5th year subjects from 1-6

1=Most wanted/needed

6= Least wanted/needed.

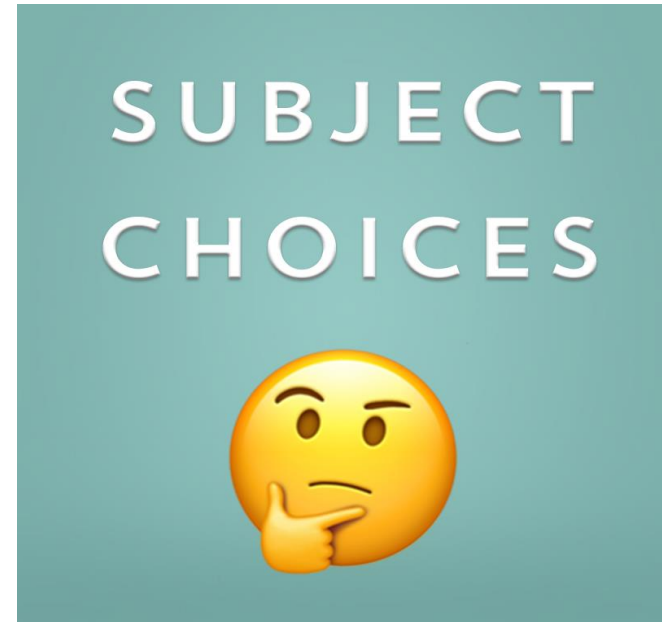
Preference No. 1,2,3,4 are your most preferred options.

Preference No.5 & No.6 are the backup choices.

(these may be used where timetabling constraints exist.

- Subjects you need must be in your top 3
- We always try to give students their top 2/3 choices
- Circle the correct level for English/Irish/Mathematics
- If a student wishes to take L.C.V.P then No. 2 & No. 3 must fall into L.C.V.P Vocational Groupings.

If a student requires a subject transfer they must contact the Guidance Counsellor by mid September 2020. **Transfer** will depend on availability (Class size or subject line bands).




St. Augustine's College
Fifth Year Subject Choices 2020/2021

Student Name: _____

Core Compulsory Subjects

Please check Higher/Ordinary level.

| | | |
|---------|--------|----------|
| English | Higher | Ordinary |
| Maths | Higher | Ordinary |
| Irish | Higher | Ordinary |

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|--------------------|
| SPHE |
| RELIGION |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION |

Does your son/daughter have an official exemption from Irish and/or language? (please check) Yes No
 If yes, on what grounds? _____

(i.e.g. Assessment for dyslexia; educated outside of Ireland up to the age of 11 years?)

Please submit 2 copies of the exemption and/or psychological assessment with the School Principal if one has not been previously submitted

Is there any other need that we need to be aware of? (please check) Yes No

Choice Subjects

In addition to core subjects, students will study 4 choice subjects

Please rank your subject choices below in order of your preference.

Please rank 6 subjects.

(lowest preferred, 6th least preferred)

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| ACCOUNTING | |
| AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE | |
| ART | |
| BIOLOGY | |
| BUSINESS | |
| CHEMISTRY | |
| CONSTRUCTION | |
| DESIGN & COMMUNICATIONS | |
| ECONOMICS | |
| FRENCH | |
| GEOGRAPHY | |
| GERMAN | |
| HISTORY | |
| SOCIAL & SCIENTIFIC | |
| MUSIC | |
| PHYSICS | |
| POLITICS & SOCIETY | |
| L.C.V.P | |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION | |

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (L.C.V.P):

L.C.V.P Yes () No ()

Please note L.C.V.P is a choice if you wish to participate in the programme.

We will endeavour to give students their highest preference. Students will be offered 4 choice subjects. It is envisaged that parents/guardians will return this subject choice form fully completed by **02nd March 2021**. Failure to do so will result in a student's subject choices not being accommodated.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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L.C.V.P Yes () No ()

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|-------------------------|--|
| ACCOUNTING | |
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| L.C.V.P | |
| PHYSICAL EDUCATION | |



Choosing Subjects

A wise choice of subjects requires:

Subject Teachers,
Guidance Classes, TY
Programme

Guidance Counsellors,
Subject Teachers

Consider all the
information, views and
opinions

RESEARCH
↓

DISCUSSION
↓

REFLECTION
↓

DECISION

L.C. Books, Publications,
Other Students

Family, Friends

Then, ultimately each
student must make up
their own mind.

General Advice

If a student is not really sure what he/she wants to do in the future:

Pick a broad range of subjects in order to keep options open

Many students will change their minds about their future a number of times in the next 2 years

- one *language*
 - one *science*
 - one *business*
 - one *humanities / applied science*.
- ☐ This combination would allow access into a broad range of courses/careers.

E.g.

Before you Leave...



Subject Choice Handbook
E-copy will be available online on
www.staugustines.ie
click on Guidance-Articles.

Application Form Deadline:
Monday 23rd March 2020

More Information

School website-Guidance Webpage- Articles
Twitter - @FriaryGuidance



www.cao.ie

www.careersportal.ie



[Email: guidance@staugustines.ie](mailto:guidance@staugustines.ie)

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR SUBJECT CHOICE



- ❑ www.careersportal.ie (jobs, courses and more)
- ❑ www.cao.ie (3rd level courses in Ireland)
- ❑ www.qualifax.ie (look up courses)
- ❑ www.careerdirections.ie (Job Descriptions)
- ❑ www.skooool.ie (look up senior cycle subjects)
- ❑ www.examinations.ie (all about exams)
- ❑ www.skillsireland.ie (all about jobs in the future)
- ❑ www.fas.ie (all about apprenticeships)
- ❑ www.ucas.co.uk (3rd level courses in the UK)
- ❑ www.eunicas.ie (for studying in Europe)