

Dear Parent / Guardian/Student,

All our Transition Year Students, and some 3rd year students hoping to begin Fifth Year in September 2021 are about to embark on their senior subject options journey.

As most parents/guardians/students are aware, subject choice is very important and subject choices need to reflect the student's aptitude and ability. Subject choice also needs to ensure entry requirements are met and courses are available to the student when they choose their career path in Leaving certificate.

To help students choose Fifth Year subjects wisely we have compiled a senior cycle subject options package for parents/guardians/students.

The St. Augustine's College Fifth Year options 2021 package includes;

- A recorded presentation on senior subject options.
- A detailed subject options booklet.
- Fifth Year subject options form.
- College entry requirements (as a guide).

All documents will be available on the School Website on **Tuesday 9th February** and also on the School App.

Making a decision about Senior Cycle subject choice is exciting for students. They must consider; do they like the subject, how important or useful it might be to them in the future, whether they have the ability to perform well at the subject, whether the subject is required or

recommended for their future career or course choice. Students also have to listen to their

teacher's advice if they seek it as to the suitability of the subject for them. Parents/ Guardians

you are very influential and your guidance is extremely important at this time.

All students will receive a live presentation on subject choice by the School Guidance

Counsellor Ms Elaine Moore before students are asked to make a decision. The presentation

will demonstrate how to investigate courses and entry requirements.

We strongly advise that parents/guardians/students familiarise themselves with;

• the subject options entry requirement document,

• the subject options booklet and

• the voice recorded presentation.

(All be available on www.staugustinescollege.ie on Tuesday 9th February).

You can research Fifth Year subjects and entry requirements on www.cao.ie,

www.careersportal.ie, www.qualifax.ie.

When selecting your subjects for Fifth Year, our advice is to keep your options balanced and

broad. If you have any difficulties or concerns, please contact the school.

Kind regards and keep safe,

Michael O'Sullivan

Principal