

# Manor House School

Subject Choice Advisory meeting for  
Third year students

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# Subject Choice for Transition Year

- Compulsory subjects – Maths, English, Irish, European language
- You must choose nine subjects, in order of preference, from which you will be offered six to sample in fourth year. (Some exceptions) You will study three of these subjects up to Christmas and the remaining three after Christmas

# Subject Choice for Transition Year

Economics, Accounting, Business,  
Biology, Physics, Chemistry,

Agricultural Science

Art, Music,

Home Economics,

Geography, History

Accelerated Maths

ECDL

# Subject Choice

- Students must choose Accelerated Maths as one of their subjects if they wish to have the option of doing Honours Maths for Leaving Certificate. (Half year) They will sample five other subjects.
- Students who wish to have the option of doing Honours Irish for Leaving Cert will do Accelerated Irish instead of one of the TY specific modules.

# Subject choice

- ECDL – European Computer Driving Licence (Full year)
- Taken instead of sampling two academic subjects
- Cost – 150 euro
- Must still complete subject choice form in full as there is a limited number of places for ECDL

# Subject Choice for Transition Year

- If you have not done Business Studies for Junior Cert you should not choose Accounting – and will not be able to take it for Leaving Certificate
- If you have not done Science for Junior Cert you should not choose Chemistry or Physics but may choose biology or Ag. Science
- You must study Biology (and Chemistry highly recommended) in TY if you wish to take it for L. Cert

# Subject Choice for Transition Year

- You may not start a new European language in fourth year – you continue with the language you did for Junior Cert

# Subject Choice for Transition Year

- If you do not sample a subject in Transition Year and you did not do the subject for Junior Cert you will not be able to take it up for Leaving Certificate
- There are some exceptions to this rule – please see subject teachers if you want to take up a new subject.



# How to choose subjects

- Research! Research! Research!
- [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie). From home page go to Leaving Cert subject choice
- [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie) . From the home page click on Students/Support and Advice/Subject choice/ Leaving Cert
- [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) – for all syllabi

# How to choose subjects

- Familiarise yourself with the range of subjects available
- Look up your previous reports and tests from various subjects to confirm what you are good at
- Have a look at the senior cycle textbooks in various subjects.
- Talk to subject teachers

# How to choose subjects

- Link your talents to your subjects
- Talk to subject teachers
- As a general rule choose the subjects you like best
- Choose a good mix of subjects to keep your college and career options open

# What careers/courses are you interested in pursuing?

## Fields of Study

- Business
- Law
- Engineering/Science

## Useful choices

- Accounting/Business/Economics
- History
- Science –Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Ag. Science, Applied Maths

# What careers/courses are you interested in pursuing?

## Fields of Study

- Leisure/Entertainment
- Medical/Para
- Travel/Tourism

## Useful choices

- Biology/Geography
- Science subjects
- Languages/Business

# Language Entry Requirements for Third Level

- A Higher C in Irish is required to train as a Primary School Teacher in Ireland
- If you decide to go to England to train you must have a Science subject for Leaving Cert and will have to pass an Irish exam to register as a Teacher in Ireland

# Science Entry Requirements for Third Level courses

- If you hope to follow any third level course of study in engineering/medical/paramedical/science/technical areas at University you need to have at least one of Biology/Physics/Chemistry

# Science Entry Requirements for Third Level courses

Some courses specify a particular science subject or two science subjects, so check college and course requirements carefully

- the following are examples of science requirements



# Science Entry Requirements for Third Level courses

- You need a science subject for Nursing – preferably Biology , if you are taking only one Science subject
- A pass in one Science subject is required to study science in UCC, UCD, UCG, NUI Maynooth DIT and DCU
- A Higher C in Chemistry is required for entry to Veterinary Medicine in UCD and Human Nutrition and Dietetics in DIT

# Science Entry Requirements for Third Level courses

- Two Science subjects are required for entry to most science based courses in Trinity eg Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Medicine, Science. Some courses require higher B's and C's so check carefully

# The decision is yours!

You choose subjects which

- You have achieved well in so far
- Are interested in
- Like
- Are prepared to work at
- Need for your future

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- You DO NOT choose based on the belief that it is an easy subject, that your friends are doing it or that it will be a ‘doss’.

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Choosing your academic subjects for Transition year is a decision which you should put careful thought into as this decision will affect your choice of Leaving Cert. subjects