



St. Louis Community School,
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Information Evening

Subject Choice

Senior Cycle

2015-2016



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OVERVIEW

- FAQ'S
- 5TH YEAR SUBJECT CHOICES
- SUBJECTS V'S CAREERS



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Most Common Questions'

'How many subjects should you take?'

- CAO- top 6 subjects
- LCVP- extra
- No such thing as an easy honour



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**‘SHOULD YOU TAKE
EXTRA SUBJECTS’**

- 2 year commitment
- Must factor appropriate amount of study time needed
- Maybe additional cost



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‘HONOURS IRISH’

- Irish (Ord/Hons) is a Core Entry Requirement for all NUI
- C3(H) needed for Primary Teaching
- Exemption- rules apply



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‘HONOURS MATHS’ NUI- HONS DEGREE

- B3(H) generally necessary for Engineering
- C3(H) necessary for some courses in Computer Science, IT, Technology & Mathematical courses



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‘THIRD LANGUAGE’

- Core Requirement for all NUI
- Excluding Trinity, UL, majority of DCU courses & IT's
- Only need a D3(O) or C3 (H) if part of your course



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‘EASIEST V’S HARDEST’

- It’s a MYTH
- Academic ability of the student
- Junior Certificate subjects
- All subjects are a 2 year commitment



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‘COMBINATION OF SUBJECTS’

- Keep Options Open
- Must take Core Subjects
- Advisable to take 3rd Language
- Take note of Aptitude, Interest,
Personality & MI test



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3 HURDLES TO COLLEGE ENTRY

- Matriculation Requirements
- Subject Requirements
- CAO Points



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‘**Matric- Requirements**’

- The Matriculation Requirement is the minimum academic qualification for entry that a Third Level College requires
- **2 HC3 & 4 PASSES**



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- Specific subjects & grades
- Eg: Pharmacy (H)C3 Chemistry,
Veterinary (H)C3 Chem. & other,
Engineering (H)B3 Maths,
Primary Teaching (H) C3 Irish



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- Points are allocated for your 6 best grades
- Must be in 'one sitting'
- Entry to course offered to students with the highest points
- Colleges do not set the points



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‘Core Subjects’

- English
- Irish
- Mathematics



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‘Options’

- 17 Optional subjects are available
- Students choose 4 Options
- List 6 Options/Order of Preference/Tasters Useful



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‘Science’

- *Applied Mathematics*
- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Chemistry



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‘Science’

- Physics
 - *Physics & Chemistry*



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‘Artistic’

- Design & Communication
Graphics
- Music
- Art



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‘Humanities’

- French
- Spanish
- Geography
- History



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‘Social’

- Home Economics
- Religion



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‘Business’

- Accounting
- Business



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Subjects which have a Practical Content'

- Engineering- (25%) Day,
(25%) Project
- Construction Studies-(25%)
Day, (25%) Project
- Design and Communication
Graphics (40%)



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**‘Subjects which have
a Practical Content’**

- Art- (approx 62%)
- Music –(50%)
- Home Economics- (20%)
- Agricultural Science-
(25%)



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‘Subjects which have a Practical Content’

- Geography- (20%)
- History- (20%)
- Religion- (20%)
- LCVP



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Leaving Cert. Vocational Programme (LCVP)

- 2 subjects from a list of Vocational Subjects

Subjects studied

- Preparation for the World of Work/ Work Experience
- Enterprise



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Leaving Cert. Vocational Programme (LCVP)

Assessment

- Project 60%
- Written Exam 40% (held in May)



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'KEEP ALL OPTIONS
OPEN'

- ENGLISH, IRISH, MATHS &
LANGUAGE

CHOOSE 3 MORE FROM:

- BUSINESS HUMANITIES
- SCIENCE PRACTICAL



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Subjects V's Career Choice





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‘Core Subjects’

‘English’

- Useful in Education
(Primary/Secondary
Teaching/Lecturing), Journalism,
Editor, Translator



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‘Core Subjects’
‘Irish’

Useful for Education
(Primary & Secondary), Gardai,
Television, Translation,
Journalism, Government Jobs,
Politics



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‘Core Subjects’

‘Mathematics’

- Useful in Business, Commerce, Accounting, Sciences, Engineering, Architecture, Trades (electrician, plumber, carpenter etc), Education



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‘Choice Subjects’

‘Humanities’

French & Spanish:

- Useful in any job.
- Necessary for most 3rd level colleges.



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‘Choice Subjects’

‘Humanities’

French & Spanish:

- Leaving Cert Level needed if you choose to study at University eg: Business & French/Law & French etc



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- Useful in Television, Radio, Journalism, Translation, Education, Tourism, Business, Politics etc
- Useful in Traveling/Exchange
- Excellent addition to CV



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- Defence Force Cadetships
- Entry Requirement for many Irish Universities (NUIG, UC, DIT, DCU, UCD, Maynooth etc)



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There are Exceptions'

- University of Limerick
- Trinity College Dublin
- Science, Nursing, Engineering
& Primary Teaching



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'History'

- Useful in Education, Law, Business, Tourism, Research, Environmental Studies, Heritage, Economics, Politics, Sociology, Library & Museum



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‘Geography’

- Useful in Education, Tourism, Business, Archaeology, Planning, Environmental Science



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‘Choice Subjects’

‘Science’

‘Applied Maths’

- Useful in Education, Finance,
**Engineering, Science, Sports
Science, Architecture,
Computing & Business**



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‘Science’

‘Agricultural Science’

- Useful for Veterinary,
Agricultural Science,
Education, Medicine, Science,
Agricultural Sector



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‘Physics’

- Useful in Science, Education, Engineering, Technology, Mathematics, Aviation, Pilot, Medicine, Electronics & IT



St. Louis Community School, Kiltimagh ‘Chemistry’

- Useful in all areas of Science, Environmental Science, **Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary, Dentistry, Human Nutrition, Research & Education**



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'Biology'

- Useful in Medicine, Nursing, Veterinary, Dentistry, Agriculture, Applied Biology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology



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- Botany, Ecology,
Microbiology, Zoology,
Psychologist, Astronomer,
Education, Researcher,
Genetics



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‘Physics & Chemistry’

- Useful in Science, Education, Medicine, Environmental Science, Engineering, Technology



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‘Artistic’

‘Design & Communication
Graphics’

- Graphic Design,
Engineering, Architecture



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‘Art’

- Architecture, Photography,
Interior, Industrial &
Fashion Design,
Animation, Education,



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- Web Design, Game Design,
Marketing, Advertising,
Film & T.V Production,
Textiles



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‘Music’

Education (Teacher,
Lecturer), Music
Technology, Sound
Technician



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- Business (Sound Engineer, Reviewer, Therapist),
Performance (Composer, Performer, Conductor)



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‘Construction Studies’

- Construction Studies,
Construction Management,
Education, Carpentry



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- Construction Architecture
- Construction Technology
- Building Sector,
Engineering



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‘Engineering’

Engineering, Civil

Engineering, Mechanical

Engineering, Electronic

Engineering



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- Software Engineering,
Structural Engineering,
Automobile Engineering,
Biomedical Engineering etc



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Education, Chef, Catering,
Fashion & Textiles,
Childcare, Food Industry



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- Tourism, Dieticians, Social Studies, Food Technology, Nursing



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‘Business & Accounting’

- Business/Commerce,
Accountancy, Marketing,
Advertising, Management



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- Finance, Banking, Office Information, Education, Computing, Law



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‘LEVELS’

- Higher V's Ordinary

Which level is best?



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LCVP points awarded: Distinction - 70, Merit - 50, Pass - 30

Pre-1992 LC Grade	%	Current Points Higher Level	Current Points Ordinary Level	New LC Grade Equivalent	New Points Higher Level	New Points Ordinary Level
A	85-100	95	55	H1 / O1	100	56
B	70 – 84.9	80	40	H3 / O3	77	37
C	55 – 69.9	65	25	H4 / O4	66	28
D	40 – 54.9	50	10	H6 / O6	46	12
E	25 – 39.9	0	0		33	0
F	10 – 24.9					
NG	<10					



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‘THE 7 DEADLY SINS OF SUBJECT CHOICE’

1. ‘Only Swots/Nerds do that subject’
2. ‘That’s just a girls/boys subject’
3. ‘None of my friends are doing that subject’



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4. 'I don't want to do that subject because I'll have teacher X'

5. 'If I don't do it for my Leaving Cert, I won't be able to do it in College'



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6. 'I'll do that subject because it's a doss'

7. 'Even though I really hate it I'll do that subject because I'll need it to get into a particular course in college'



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**“Choose a job you
love, and you will
never have to work a
day in your
life.”** (*Confucius*)