



# Optional Subject Information

1st Yr students 2024-2025



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**Welcome to 1st Year 2024-2025**

# Agenda



- Curriculum
- Choices
- Questions
- How to make your choice online

Welcome to 1st Year 2024-2025

# St Louis Curriculum – 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 2024-2025

Our Curriculum reflects our ethos, attitude & vision for students' success:

Catholic ethos – inclusive of all

Growth mindset-everyone can learn & improve, no streaming

Student/ Parental choice & voice – 1st Yr Taster

Nurturing young people – prioritisation of Wellbeing

Global developments in education and work

# St Louis Curriculum – 1<sup>st</sup> Yr 2024-2025

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**ENGLISH      MATHS      IRISH (EAL English as an additional language)**

**JC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Exam Subject)**

**HISTORY      GEOGRAPHY BUSINESS MUSIC**

**MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE : FRENCH OR SPANISH**

**WELLBEING: CSPE SPHE PE**

**ART / HOME ECONOMICS / TECHNOLOGY / SCIENCE – CHOOSE 2**

# Why you should consider studying Home Economics in 1st Year

- ★ Home Economics develops practical food literacy skills so that students can make informed decisions that positively impact their health and wellbeing.
- ★ It is a subject which nurtures resourcefulness, innovation, creative design, adaptability and competency.
- ★ Students develop positive self esteem, creativity, global awareness, time management, communication and problem solving skills, along with the hands-on skills necessary for their everyday lives.





# Why you should consider studying Home Economics in 1st Year

## Home Economics:



Course  
Content:

### Strand 1:

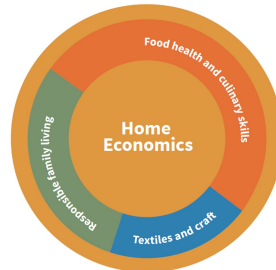
Food, Health  
and Culinary  
Skills.

### Strand 2:

Responsible  
Family Living.

### Strand 3:

Textiles and  
Crafts



Assessment:  
Common  
Level

### 2nd Year:

- CBA 1 -  
Creative  
Textiles

### 3rd Year:

- CBA 2 - Food  
Literacy Skills  
Brief.
- Practical Food  
Skills  
Examination  
(50%)
- Written  
Examination  
(50%)

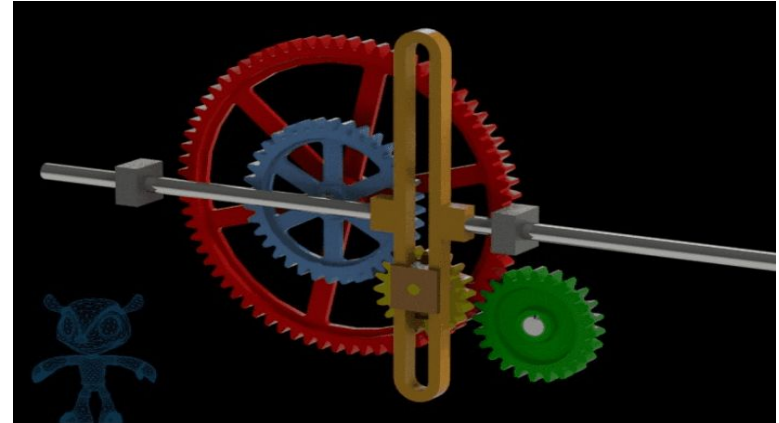
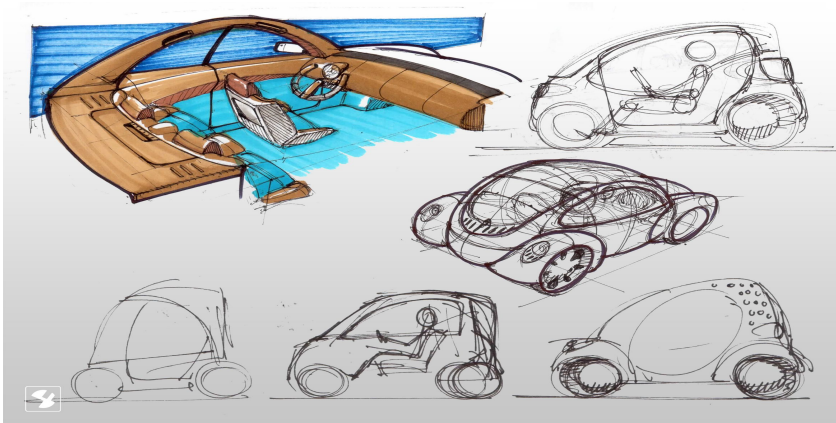
Who should  
pick Home  
Economics:

Students who  
have an interest  
in:

- Cooking
- Health
- Crafts
- Textiles /  
Clothing
- Sustainable  
living
- Family

# Why you should consider studying Technology in 1st Year

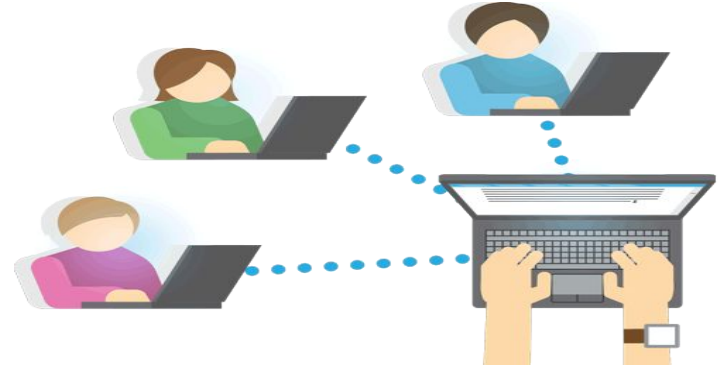
Junior Cycle Technology integrates the study of science, engineering, electronics, ICT and design. We analyse all of these areas in solving design problems.



# Why you should consider studying Technology in 1st Year

Electronics

ICT



**Students will design, manufacture and test  
self-built projects.**



# Why you should consider studying Visual Art in 1st Year

Visual Art is a creative outlet for any young teenager.

It is primarily Classroom and Practically based up to Junior Cycle.

We have 2 fully equipped Art Rooms with Printing Press and Kilns. It is a friendly, creative environment where chat and discussion is promoted.

The aim of our subject is to develop each students' individual creativity and Wellbeing in a stress free, welcoming space.



# Why you should consider studying Visual Art in 1st Year

## Areas that are covered in 1st year: —

- Drawing technique and the Elements of Art.
- Colour mixing and Painting.
- Ceramics - Pottery and creative sculpture.
- Lettering and Graphic Design.
- Pattern development.
- Printmaking and Photography.
- Introduction to Famous artists and their works.



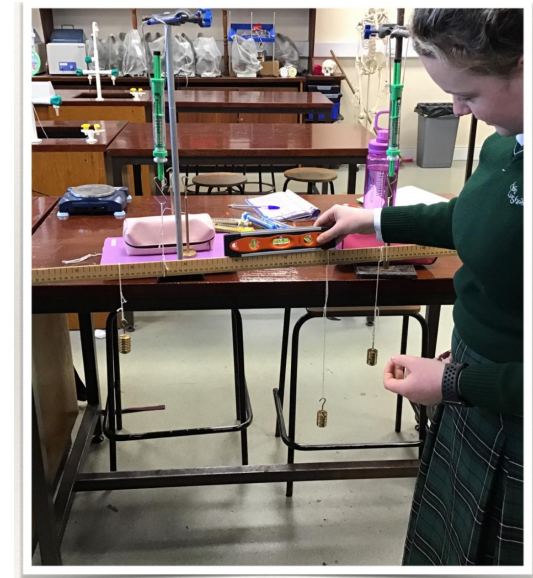
# Why should you consider studying Science in 1st Year

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Science is present everywhere in the world around us, both living and non-living. Students will develop an appreciation of the role and contribution of science and scientists to society.

## Who would this subject suit?

Students who are curious about the world & creative. Students who enjoy practical work like conducting experiments.

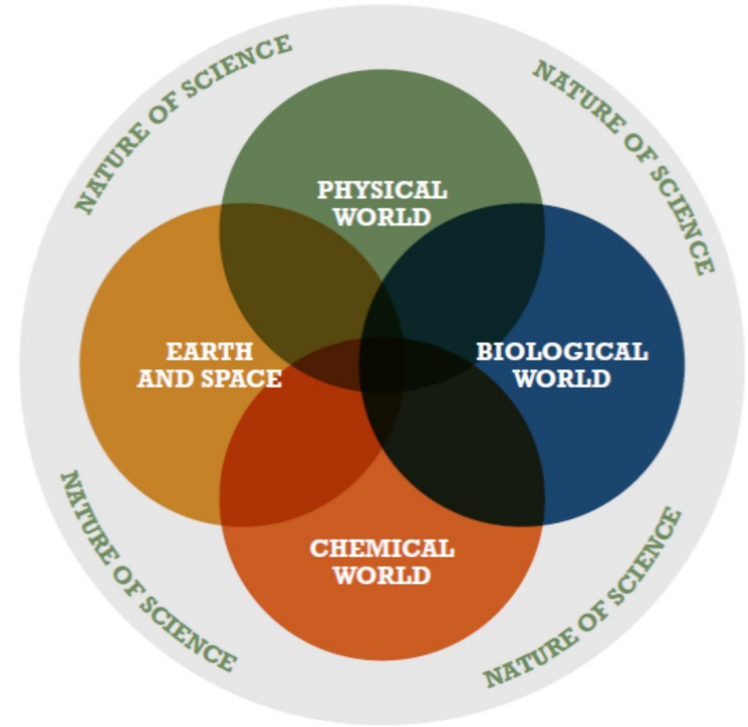


# Course Content

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Many of the skills you learn while studying science such as problem solving and investigation skills are very useful outside of school and will be of use to you in whatever job you choose to do.

After the Junior Certificate, Science splits into four lab science subjects: **Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Ag Science**. If you would like to choose any of these subjects in Leaving Certificate it is important that you take Science as a Junior Cycle subject



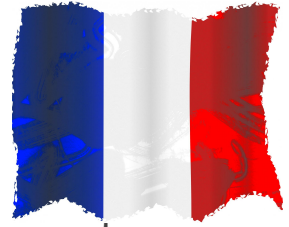
# Modern Foreign Languages

French or Spanish ( limited spaces)

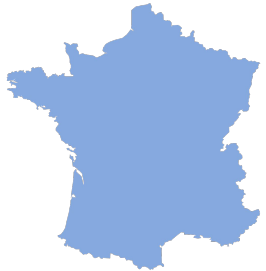
# Skills linked to learning Modern Foreign Languages



# Why you should consider studying French in 1st Year



- Over 300 million people speak French on 5 continents
- French is the language of fashion, cookery and international diplomacy
- Speaking French gives an advantage to those seeking work in hospitality, tourism and with multi-national companies
- French is an official language of major international organisations like the European Union, the United Nations and the International Olympic Committee

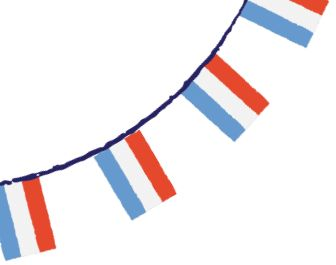


# Why you should consider studying French in 1st Year

During 1st Year French

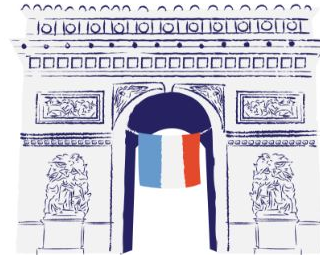
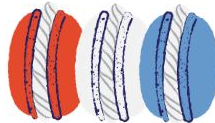
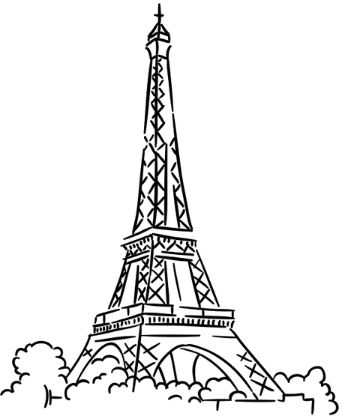
- You will develop four important skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking
- You will learn about France and other French-speaking cultures
- You will realise that you already know many French words, that are used in English (*ballet, restaurant, café, souvenir, avenue, mousse, gâteau* etc.)





Try the interactive game linked below  
and see how many  
secondary school subjects  
you can guess en français! 🇫🇷

<https://wordwall.net/resource/1/661750/les-mati%C3%A8res>



# Why you should consider studying Spanish in 1st Year

- 2nd most spoken language in the world after Mandarin Chinese.
- Official language of over 21 countries.
- Soon to be the most spoken language in the USA, making it a key business language.
- 3rd most used language on the Internet.





Spain has some incredible beaches, world-class museums, amazing food and rich culture and history, this Spanish programme is ideal for students who wish to fast track their fluency and experience a Spanish Secondary School classroom.

The Spanish are passionate about their food, their sport and their language and once you make the effort to speak in Spanish, they will welcome you as one of their own.





# Thank You

We look forward to seeing you, in person,  
very soon! Welcome to call to visit in June or mid August