

*Subject Choice*  
*Junior Cycle*  
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# Moving forward

- \* As you progress to second year you will reduce the number of examinable subjects from 11 to 10.
- \* This will give you the opportunity to showcase your strengths and play to your individual aptitudes.
- \* It's important at this stage to be well informed on subject choice as making well-researched decisions will stand to you throughout your secondary school years.

# Core Subjects

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English  
Irish  
Maths  
History  
Religion  
+ max 5 other subjects

## Wellbeing

C.S.P.E  
S.P.H.E  
P.E  
Philosophy\*  
Digital Media Skills\*

# Making your subject choices

- \* Along with the core subjects just discussed, students will be required to choose 5 other exam subjects this week..
- \* Students will be examined in a maximum of **10 subjects**, in June of their Third Year.

# Subject Options in St. Louis

- ❖ Art
- ❖ Business
- ❖ **French or Spanish**
- ❖ Geography
- ❖ Home Economics
- ❖ Music
- ❖ **Science**
- ❖ Technology



# Considerations for Further Education

- \* Every college course will have entry requirements from a *one year certificate* to a *four year degree*
- \* These requirements vary from one place of learning to another.
- \* Generally speaking, it is very advisable to keep on a language, if at all possible ,as there is a need for entry to the following colleges of the N.U.I.(National University of Ireland).

# Where do St Louis Students generally go to do 3rd Level courses?

[St Louis Secondary School, Dundalk, Co Louth](#)



# Colleges within the N.U.I.

- \* Maynooth University
- \* R.C.S.I.
- \* N.C.A.D.
- \* St. Angela's, Sligo
- \* U.C.D.
- \* U.C.C.
- \* N.U.I.G.
- \* Shannon College - Hotel & Catering



# Exceptions to the third language rule

- \* A third language **isn't** required for the following colleges:
- \* **University of Limerick**
- \* **D.C.U**
- \* **T.C.D.**
- \* Any of the **Institutes of Technology** e.g DKiT
- \* **TU Dublin (Tallaght, Blanchardstown and DIT)**
- \* **TU Munster (Tralee and Cork)**

# Exceptions to the third language rule

Bear in mind the following-French or Spanish  
*not* required here.

- \* Engineering and Agriculture courses at U.C.D.
- \* Engineering and Science courses at Maynooth University
- \* Engineering and Science courses at N.U.I.G.
- \* University of Limerick-English and another language
- \* Trinity College Dublin accepts a language other than English-e.g. Irish
- \* Business at Maynooth University similarly doesn't require a third language.
- \* Institutes of Technology accept English or Irish for entry purposes

# Science

- \* There can be requirements for Science as a subject for a ***wide range*** of courses.
- \* Therefore it makes sense to keep it up until Junior Cert. at least ,to keep options open for careers in ***Medical, Paramedical or Science*** courses.
- \* Be guided by your ***grades*** and ***input*** from your Science teacher.

# Science is Essential for the following Career Areas

Science

Engineering

Medicine

Dentistry

Veterinary

Pharmacy

Physiotherapy

Radiography

Human Nutrition

Architecture

Occupational Therapy

Speech Therapy

Sports Science

Med Lab Science

Dietetics

Optometry and Nursing

# Some final points to consider

- \* The subjects you feel you will **need for future options**
- \* The subjects in which you are **successful** and can **achieve**
- \* Those you **ENJOY**
- \* Reflect carefully on your **strengths** and play to them
- \* If you have any questions, make sure to discuss with Guidance Counsellor—you are always welcome.

# And lastly...

- \* Your subject teachers know you at this stage and will be able to guide you well in your decision making .Make use of their experience!
- \* Take interest assessments online for direction([www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie))
- \* Get discussing and take advice on board
- \* Remember, most specific subject requirements are for a language or science subject so keeping these on will keep most options covered.
- \* Good luck with your selection and remember help is here

# Useful websites

- \* [www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)
- \* [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)
- \* [www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)
- \* Contact us at
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# Qualifax- Useful tools

- \* This handy search facility allows you to see which subjects are needed for courses at Third Level.
- \* [https://www.qualifax.ie/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=77](https://www.qualifax.ie/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=77)



# Thanks for your time

- \* If you have any queries please do get in touch.
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# Using VSWAre to enter your daughter's choices

Log in to VS Ware on a PC to chose subject options

<https://vsware.wistia.com/medias/n7yo7lckok>

Log in to VSWARE using a phone to choose subject options

<https://vsware.wistia.com/medias/nr3tejf165>

First Year - not “dropping” a subject but choosing 5 in order of preference.

Order is very important to give each student her top choices.