

Dear student,

You are about to make a very important decision, namely, Subject Choice for the Leaving Certificate. To make a good, informed decision it is essential that you have the information that you need, so in Salesian College we have arranged the following for you:

- Individual Subject Department Presentations
- Career classes on Subject Choice
- An information session on how to use the relevant ICT in your research and assistance for independent research.
- An evening information meeting for parents/ guardians
- Individual career appointments if required

We also recommend that you do the following:

- Give all the presentations and information sessions your full attention
- Discuss your potential choices with your subject teachers. They are experts in their subject areas and will be able to give you essential information on the Leaving Certificate curriculum.
- The information given to you on Subject Choice should be reflected on very carefully. Most of the work on choosing subjects however can only be done by you, through considered reflection, thorough research, asking questions and in particular by discussing all this information at home with your parents/ guardians who can support you with your decisions..

Finally, when choosing your subjects keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Ensure that you are choosing subjects that will keep all your options open for Third Level education. Examine entry requirements, matriculation requirements, course specific entry requirements and levels carefully for any course or course area you may be interested in.
- Consider your own personal interests and aptitudes.
- Look at previous experiences and past achievements in specific subjects.
- Choose subjects you enjoy or have a genuine interest in.
- Research and give serious consideration to any decision that you make.

Best of luck

Ms Harris and Ms Dolan

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Helpful Websites

Topic	Web address	Description
Course search and career path	www.careersportal.ie	Excellent site including resources, video clips and lots of information on careers and courses. In particular this is excellent for Subject choice.
Course Searching	www.qualifax.ie	Provides an A to Z of courses in Ireland and information on each one, including the necessary entry requirements.
Matriculation Requirements	www.nui.ie	Provide matriculation requirements for the NUI Colleges/ Universities
Apprenticeships	www.solas.ie	Information on apprenticeships
Grants	www.heai.ie / www.susi.ie	Information on grants and funding
Careers in Hospitality and Tourism	www.failteireland.ie	Information on courses and training opportunities in tourism and hospitality
DARE scheme	www.accesscollege.ie	Information for anyone with an SEN/ Disability/medical condition etc. who may be eligible for this scheme.
HEAR scheme	www.accesscollege.ie	Information for anyone eligible for the Higher Education Access Route
Central Application Office	www.cao.ie	Information on all third level courses currently on offer the application process.
UCAS	www.ucas.ac.uk	College application system in the U.K.

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Worksheet 1

CareersPortal

- Log onto [www. Careersportal.ie](http://www.Careersportal.ie)
- Click onto Communities (Top menu bar)
- Click onto Leaving Cert Subjects

Here you will find information under the following headings:

- Guide to choosing subjects
- Subject Grades Explorer
- Leaving Cert Subjects
- Subjects and Career Choice
- Useful Tips
- FAQs

Please ensure you spend time in each of these sections. In particular spend time researching each individual subject you intend to study.

Qualifax

- Log onto www.qualifax.ie
- Click on Students
- On the menu on the left hand side click Useful Tools
- Click on Minimum Subject Requirements
- Click on Leaving Certificate Subjects
- Enter a subject and click search

A list of courses will appear for which this subject is required. Enter all subjects you intend to study to see the implications of your choices.

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Worksheet 2

Before you submit your subject choices please complete the following checklist and if you answer no to anything please make sure you ask for help

	Yes	No
I have gone through and understand the presentation on Subject Choice covered in class by the guidance counsellor		
I know which websites are helpful and where to find the relevant information on them		
I understand what is meant by Matriculation Requirements/ Minimum Entry Requirements and where to find more information on them		
I understand what is meant by Specific Subject Requirements and where to find more information on them		
I have read all the relevant information on www.careersportal.ie		
In particular I have used www.careersportal.ie to read the in-depth information on each subject I intend to choose		
I know how to use www.qualifax.ie		
I know how to check entry requirements on www.qualifax.ie for courses in which I am interested		
I have attended Subject presentation given by the teachers		
I have asked the relevant teachers questions about subjects in which I am interested		
I have gone through all of the above information with my parents/ guardians at home and discussed my subject choice with them		
I have asked all of my questions and they have all been answered		
I fully understand the implications of my choices		

