

JUNIOR CYCLE SUBJECT OPTIONS



Making subject choices

When trying to choose your Junior Cycle subjects, it may be helpful to ask yourself the following questions:

What subjects am I most interested in?

What subjects do I enjoy?

What subjects am I likely to do well in?

How do I like to learn?

Things to consider

If you select subjects you like and enjoy, you are more likely to succeed in the Junior Cycle.

The subjects you enjoy may indicate a future career path e.g. creative arts, technology, engineering, or business for example.

Choose subjects that provide you with several options for future career choices.

Discuss your choices with your teachers, family and friends to help you decide.

Common mistakes

Here are some mistaken ideas which can lead to poor subject choices:

None of my friends are doing that subject so I'm not either.

Only nerds do that subject.

I don't want to do that subject because I'll have X/Y as a teacher.

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

I hate that subject, but I might need it at a later stage.



English

Irish

Maths

French

Spanish

History

Geography

Science

CSPE

SPHE

Ethical
Education

PE

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Core subjects

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Choice subjects

The following slides will provide information on the choice subjects available at MPETSS:

Home Economics

Business Studies

Art, Craft and Design

Technical Graphics

Applied Technology

Music

Classical Studies

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Home Economics

Home Economics teaches students about craftwork and design, home management, health, fitness and food preparation.

Three main sections: 1) Food, Health and Culinary Skills)
Responsible Family Living 3) Textiles and Craft

Examination: a practical assessment (cooking/craft worth 50%) and a written exam (50%)

Career options: Catering, Food Science, Dietician, Interior Designer, Childcare Worker, Chef, Nutritionist, Food Safety Auditor

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Business Studies

Business Studies sets the foundation for lifelong financial literacy and looks at how the business world and the economy impact our daily lives.

Three main sections: 1) Personal Finance 2) Enterprise 3) Our Economy

Examination: an assessment task (10%) and final written exam (90%)

Career options: Accounting, Banking, Bookkeeping, Administration, Insurance, Sales, Marketing, Merchandising, Customs and Excise, Taxation and Law.

Please note that Junior Cycle Business Studies provides a foundation for three subjects at Leaving Certificate level: Business Studies, Accounting and Economics. Depending on availability, you can choose to do different combinations of these. If you would like to choose any of these subjects in the Leaving Certificate, it is important that you take Business Studies as a subject for Junior Cycle.

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Visual Art



Visual Art aims to increase the awareness of pupils' awareness of the visual world in which they live and explore their own ideas and to find personal expression through art, craft and design



Five main sections: 1) Critical and Visual Language 2) Drawing 3) Visual Culture and Appreciation 4) Art Elements and Design Principles 5) Media



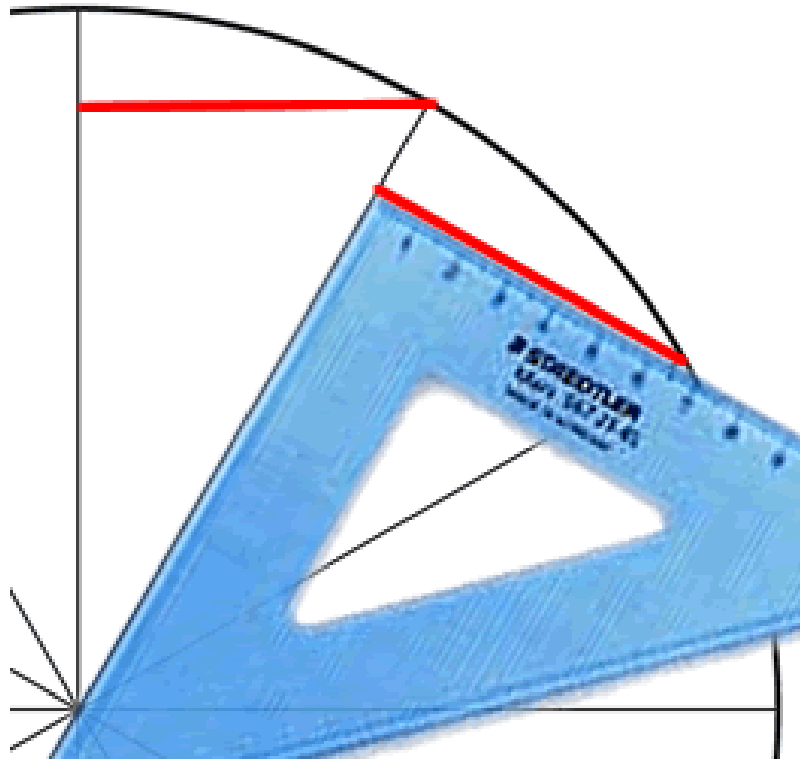
Examination: a state certified project



Career options: Graphic Design, Film, Animation, Teaching, Fashion Designer, Make-up Artist



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Technical Graphics

Technical Graphics teaches you how to represent 3-D objects on paper and on computer. Students develop their creativity, spatial ability, and capacity to reason and communicate ideas through engagement with abstract and applied geometric problem-solving activities.

Three main sections: 1) Applied Graphics 2) 2D Graphics 3) 3D Graphics

Examination: a final project (30%) and a written exam (70%)

Career options: Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Construction Management, Architecture, Product Design, Quantity Surveyor, Draughtsman, Graphic Design and Teaching

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Applied Technology

Applied Technology offers students a lens through which to view the role and impact of technology within their classroom, their community and the world.

Three main sections: 1) Principles and Practices 2) Energy and Control 3) Technology and Society

Examination: a final project (70%) and a written exam (30%)

Career options: Software developer, Computer systems analyst, Web developer, Computer network architect, Computer games developer, App developer

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Music

Music allows students to develop their imagination and curiosity, where individuality and personality are given the opportunity to grow and have a voice. Students will learn how to sing and play an instrument, learn how to read and compose music and be exposed to many genres of music such as pop, classical and traditional Irish music.

- Three main sections: 1) Procedural Knowledge 2) Innovate and Ideate 3) Culture and Context
- Examination: a practical exam worth 30% and a combined aural and written exam (70%)
- Career options: Composer, Conductor, Sound Engineer, Primary School Teaching, Drama & Theatre Studies
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Classical Studies

Classical Studies focuses on the study of the life and culture of Ancient Greece and Rome and of their continuing influence on the world today.

The course comprises three strands, and students will study two out of these three strands. The first strand, core component (myth and daily life) will be taken by all students. Alongside this, students have the option of studying either the Classical Studies component (World of Achilles and Rome, Centre of an Empire) or the Classical Language component (Latin or Ancient Greek).

Examination: an assessment task (10%) and final written exam (90%)

Career options: Law, Media, Politics, Teaching, Archivist, Tourism and heritage, Museum researcher

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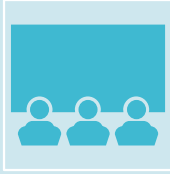
Look through textbooks and exam papers to view subject content

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Students can complete an Interest Test on careersportal.ie

What can I do to assist my child?

Useful websites



Further online research:



<https://oide.ie/post-primary/home/>
information on the new Junior Cycle



www.careersportal.ie subject information
and useful links