

Open Night

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Junior Cycle

Core subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- German / French
- C.S.P.E
- Business Studies
- History
- Geography
- Science
- Religious Education

Plus one option subject:

- Art, Craft & Design
- Music
- Home Economics
- Technology
- Technical Graphics
- Second Modern Language

Option Subject

Preferences 1 - 6

- Technology
- Technical Graphics
- Home Economics
- Art, Craft & Design
- Music
- Second Modern
Language

**Form issued with offers.
To be returned with
acceptances.**

Junior Cycle

Level

- All subjects are offered at higher & ordinary level

Non-Exam subjects

- S.P.H.E. (1)
- P.E (2)
- Choir/Computing

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Contains information about the various materials and publications developed especially for parents to inform them about curriculum and assessment.

➤ [Junior Cycle Factsheets](#)

New Junior Cycle English

Focuses on the development of language and literacy in and through the 3 strands

- Oral language
- Reading
- Writing

Focus on communicating, on active engagement, with an exploration of a range of texts, shape and structure of language

...learning through oral language...

- This makes the English classroom an active space, a place of “classroom talk” where learners explore language and ideas as much through thinking and talking as through listening and writing.

Assessment

Visit www.examinations.ie

The State Exams Commission has prepared sample exam papers which can be which can be downloaded. These provide a guide to the structure and content of the assessment in accordance with the specification.

Art Craft & Design (75% Assessed in May)

Project (What's the weather like? The Seasons, Hiding and masquerade, My favourite waste of time, Poem:Forever)

- Painting or
- Graphic Design and
- 3D Studies:
 - Modelling
 - Carving
 - Construction



Options (selected from a list including)

- Bookcraft
- Batik
- Fabric Printing
- Calligraphy
- Etching
- Screenprinting
- Puppetry
- Pottery
- Embroidery



Drawing: (25% assessed in June)

- Life (1 hour)
- Object (1 hour)



Home Economics

- Practical Cookery 35% +
Project (Childcare) or Craft (Textile) 15%
(March / April)



- Written Exam: 50% (June)

Nutrition
Consumer affairs
Resource management
Social and health
Textiles



Modern Languages

Requirement for many courses in N.U.I. Colleges

Useful for a variety of courses & careers.

- **French** – a language that is both European and global...spoken on 4 continents.
- **German** – world literature & music, art & architecture, philosophy & sciences would be unthinkable without contribution by German speakers. Germany of today is also the undisputed powerhouse of Europe. Studying German offers an array of cultural and business opportunities.

German

L.Cert 31

- A1 (6) 19.4%
- A2 (4) 12.9%

J.Cert 41

- A (8) 19.5%

French

L.Cert 63

- A1 (3) 4.8%
- A2 (8) 12.7%

J.Cert 84

- A (14) 16.7%

2015

Technology



- Project (30%) & Folder (20%) - May
- Written Exam (50%) - June

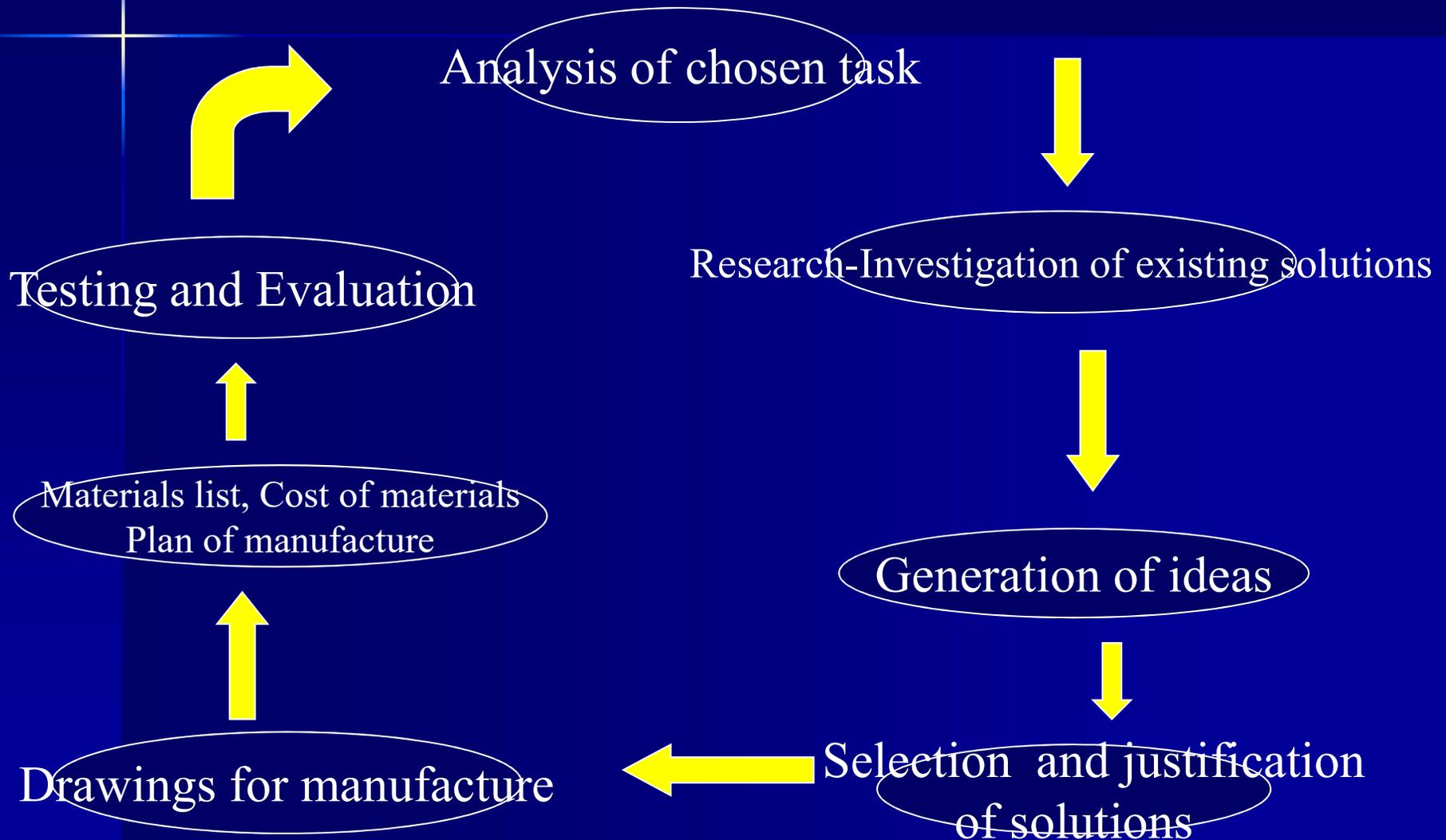
Electronics
Structures & Mechanisms
Communications
Materials



Technology Design Tasks 2016

- In recognition of Ireland's commemoration of the 1916 Rising, design and make a working model of a flagstaff that raises a flag automatically in the morning and lowers it automatically at nightfall.
- Design and make a working model of an adjustable pet-grooming table where the height of the table can be adjusted electro-mechanically. Your model should incorporate appropriate safety features.

Technology - Design Tasks



Technical Graphics

Drawing And Presentation
Techniques

Freehand Drawing
And Sketching

Surface
Development
And
Modelling

Basic Geometric
Constructions

Orthographic
Drawing

Graphical Design
And
Communication

Simple Pictorial
Drawing

Computer Aided
Drawing
Fundamentals

Basic
Graphicacy

Music



- Practical (25%)
(Singing, playing an instrument)
(March / April)
- Aural + Written Exam (75%)
(June)



Senior Cycle

- Transition Year
- Leaving Cert
- Leaving Cert Vocational
- Leaving Cert Applied

TY Curriculum

- Irish (4)
- English (4)
- Maths (4)
- French/ German (4)
- I. T. (3)
- Biol/Chem/Phy/Ag Sc (5)
- Business Studies (3)
- Heritage Studies (4)
- H.E. / H.E. / Art / Tech (4)
- Japanese (2)
- Classical St / Music (2)
- Religion (2)
- Careers (1)
- Chinese (1)

Modules / Additional Activities

- Community work (1 wk)
- Work Placement (1wk)
- Ploughing Championships
- Outdoor Pursuits Horizon
- Law Education for Schools
- Easter / Summer Camp to China
- Tour of Criminal Courts of Justice, Kilmanham Gaol
- Environmental Fieldwork
- Cycle training
- Cast Film Festival
- Industry Visit: Roche, LM Ericsson.
- Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal
- TY Drama festival. Briery Gap
- Outreach English
- Musical
- Open Days: NUIG, UL, MARY I, UCC, UCD, TCD.
- Songschool
- Lyric FM Ed & Outreach
- Cardiac First Responder Course
- YSI
- School Bank
- BOI Bond Trader Challenge
- Health Fest 2016
- Mini Company

Leaving Cert. Subjects (7)

Core (4):

Irish

English

Maths

French/German

Non-Exam:

Guidance, P.E. Religion

Optional (3):

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Ag Science

Accounting

Economics

Business

Geography

History

Home Ec

Tech

Music

Art

Japanese

Religion

Leaving Cert. Vocational

4 Core

3 Optional

Plus 2 Link Modules

→ Preparation For Work

→ Enterprise Education

Assessment:

Portfolio of Course work Plus Written Exam

Leaving Cert. Applied

- Vocational Preparation
- Vocational Education
- General Education

Assessment:

- ✓ Modules/Attendance
- ✓ Tasks
- ✓ Written Exam



Academic Achievement

- 107 students sat their Leaving Cert in 2015. Exceptionally high grades were recorded across 24 different subjects.
- Irish, English, Maths, French, German, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agricultural Science, History, Geography, Accounting, Economics, Business, Music, Art, HESS, Technology, Applied Maths, Japanese, Spanish, Polish, Lithuanian & RE.
- Our results are significantly higher than the national averages when compared by points bands.
- Cumulatively, the comparisons are equally impressive.

L.Cert Results 2015 (107)

	Coláiste M		Nationally	
>600	2	1.9%	215	0.4%
550-595	9	8.4%	1562	2.8%
500-545	26	24.3%	3869	7.0%
450-495	15	14.0%	6379	11.6%
400-445	16	15.0%	7718	14.0%
350-395	13	12.1%	7723	14.0%
300-345	10	9.3%	6723	12.2%
250-295	5	4.7%	5362	9.7%
200-245	5	4.7%	4406	8.0%
150-195	3	2.8%	3608	6.6%
100-145	2	1.9%	2954	5.4%
<100	1	0.9%	4526	8.2%
Total	107	100	55045	100

L.Cert Results 2015 (107)

- 35% achieved in excess of 500 points. (4 B1 & 2B2)H
(10% nationally)
.....37 of 107 students
- 49% achieved in excess of 450 points. (6 B3) H
(20% nationally)
.....52 of 107 students

Placements (107)

Medical & Health Sciences (9)

Medicine – TCD

Physiotherapy –UCD, UL

General Nursing (4) – DCU, UCD, NUIG, WIT.

Podiatry – NUIG

Occupational Therapy - Cardiff University

Science (21)

Veterinary –University of Bristol

Medicinal Chemistry – TCD

Nutritional Science – UCC (2)

Human Nutrition – Sligo IT

Dental Hygiene - TCD

Pharmaceutical & Industrial Chemistry UL

Science (4) – NUIG (2) UCD, TCD

Biological & Chemical Sciences UCC

Biomedical Science – University of Hertfordshire, NUIG (2)

Biomedical Science – UCAS (2)

Forensic Science with Foundation Year - University of Kent

Health & Society - DCU

Applied Freshwater & Marine Biology – GMIT

Health & Leisure – Tralee IT

Law (1)

Law & German – TCD

Engineering / IT/ Architecture (7)

Undenominated Engineering – NUIG

Process & Chemical Engineering – UCC

Mechanical Engineering – UL

Computer & Electronic Engineering – GMIT

Computer Science & French – TCD

Computer Science – Essex University

Architecture – UCD

Education (10)

Primary Teaching – Mary I (2)

Early Childhood Care & Ed – Mary I (2) , Tralee (2)

HE with Irish – St. Angela's Sligo

Science with Concurrent Teacher Ed (2) – UL

Outdoor Education & Leisure - GMIT

Humanities (16)

TSM – TCD (2) English Lit / History, English Lit / Ancient History & Archaeology

Psychology – UCD

International Languages – UCD

Arts (3)– NUIG, UCC , UCD

Arts with Music - UCC

European Studies – UL

Liberal Arts – UL (3)

New Media & Journalism -UL

New Media & English -UL

Music – CIT Cork School of Music

Social Care - LIT

Art & Design (4)

Creative Digital Media - Blanchardstown IT

Art & Design – LIT

Portfolio Preparation –Graphic Design – LCFE

Make Up Artistry – LA College of Creative Arts, Dublin

Other (2)

Culinary Arts – LIT

Ballet – Ballet West, Scotland.

Business / Maths (9)

Business Studies –UL

Commerce & French – UCC

Commerce – NUIG

Economics - UCC

Economics & Mathematical Sciences – UL

Financial Maths –UL

Food Marketing & Entrepreneurship UCC

eBusiness Management Systems – LIT

Event Management with Public Relations – GMIT

Deferred Entry (4)

Applied Languages – UL

Arts (2) – UCC

Biomedical Health & Life Sciences –UCD

PLCs (9)

Music Technology & Sound Production - LCFE

Photography – LCFE

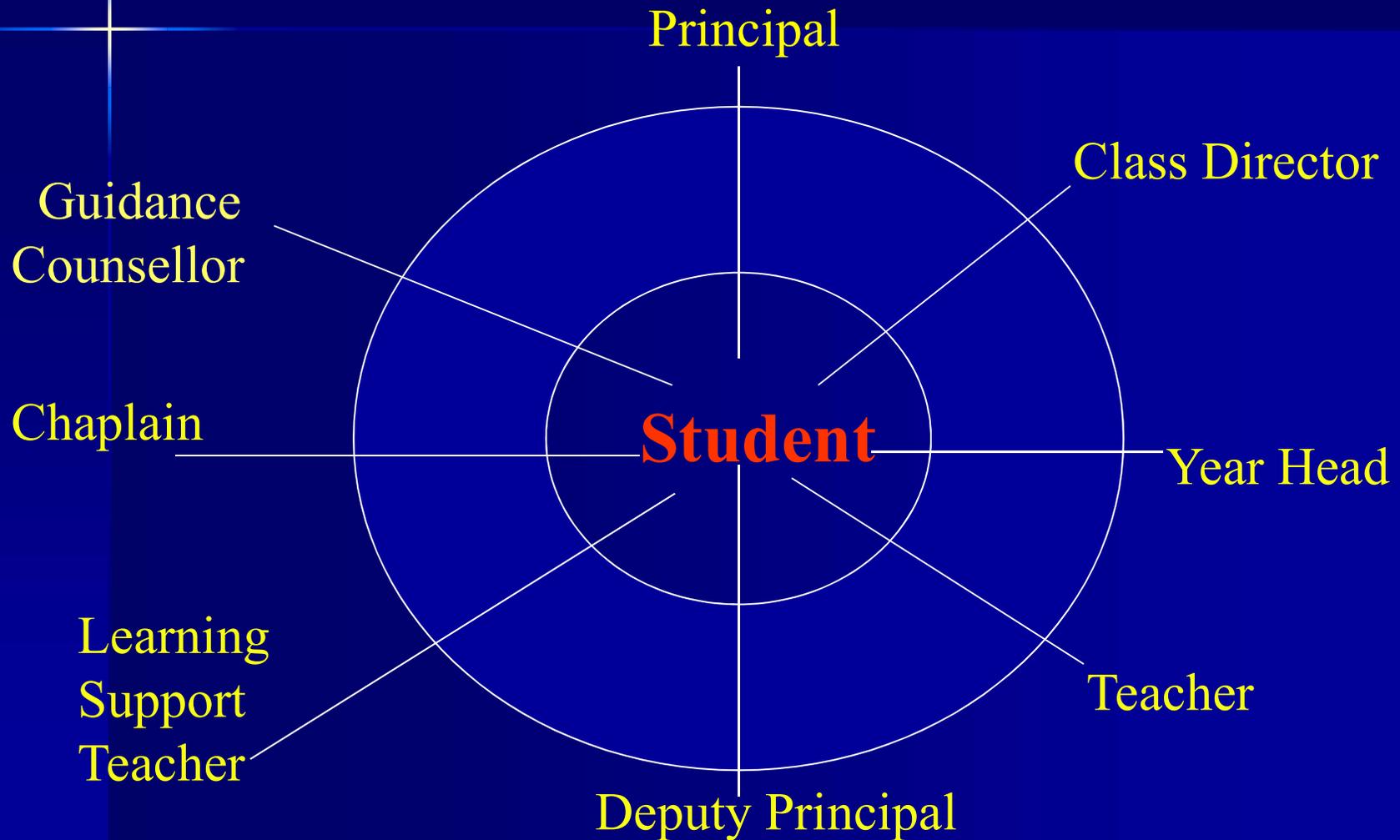
Nursing Studies – CCL (3)

Early Childhood Care & Ed – (2)

Hairdressing & Cosmetic Studies – LCFE

Business Studies - CCL

Pastoral Care



Support Structures to assist First Years

- A Peer Helper System
- Personal Counselling
- Induction Day
- Smaller Classes
- Lunchtime Activities

Special Needs

- Identification
- Smaller classes
- Learning Support (One to one tuition)
- S.N.A.
- "Reasonable Accomodation" in state exams
- DARE (CAO)

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Aim

- Ensure all relevant information for application for resource hours and SNA support are submitted to the NCSE on time.
- Prevent a delay in identifying students requiring additional support
- Flag students for monitoring to their teachers
- Allow time to liaise with primary school

Lunch time activities

.....include

- Camogie
- Athletics
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Soccer
- Gaelic Football
- Traditional Music
- Library
- Computer Room
- Green Schools

Communication (Structure)

- Reports (Christmas / Summer)
- Information Meetings
- Web text
- Parents Association
- Parent / Teacher Meetings
- Website

Sample - Introduction to 2nd Level Programme

- ...a Coláiste Muire initiative..
- Designed to give 6th class students an insight into a typical day in Secondary School.

9.15 Tour of school

9.35 Science

10.15 French

11.55 Break

11.10 Option subject (Tech/ Tech G/ Music / Art / H.E)

12.50 Core subject

12.30 Lunch

1.30 German

2.00 Information session – Curriculum

.....to be offered to students after they have accepted a place in Coláiste Muire

iPads

Introduced for all 1st yrs 2012/13 following discussion and consultation with parents' association and parents of incoming students.

Technology not an end in itself but

- to enhance Learning and Teaching
- to eliminate inordinate weight of school bags

- All books available for Junior Cycle.
- Wireless sites are blocked in school.
- Internet Safety applies.
- All 1st, 2nd & 3rd yrs have a special iPad locker.

Entrance Assessment

- Test produces scores in the Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning , Non-Verbal Reasoning and Spatial domains.
- Timed portion amounts to 72 minutes in total

Diagnoses pupils' cognitive strengths and weaknesses

Identifies pupils' learning style preferences
gifted and talented pupils
pupils needing support
assessing spatial ability

Test date : Saturday 6th February

Example of a 1st Year Timetable

	8.55- 9.35	9.35- 10.1 5	10.1 5- 10.5 5	11.1 0- 11.5 0	11.5 0- 12.3 0	13.3 0- 14.0 0	14.0 0- 14.4 0	14.4 0- 15.2 0	15.2 0- 16.0 0
Mon	BST T33 R25	IR	GEO	MAT	HIS	ACD	ACD	SCI	SCI
Tues	GER	R.E.	CSP E	MAT	ENG	BST	HIS	SCI	IR
Wed	BST	MAT	GER	R.E.	ENG	SCI	GEO	ACD	
Thu	R.E.	SPHE	ENG	I.T.	GER	BST	IR	HIS	CHO
Fri	GER	IR	MAT	GEO	ENG	ACD	P.E.	P.E.	

Dates to note/Admissions Policy

- Thurs 7 Jan: Advertisements re. enrolment
- Fri 22 Jan: Closing date applications
- Thurs 28 Jan: Offers posted
- Fri 5 Feb: Acceptances deadline @4pm
- Admissions Policy (“**About Us**” section of Website)
150 students...

Thank you for attending our
Information Night!

