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GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING SCHOOL PLAN

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Introduction

The following is an outline of Maryfield College subject choice policy:

First Year students:

- Students will be given an open choice of three subjects from five, in addition to core subjects.
- Parents and incoming students are invited to an evening meeting in the school, in the December, before entry to Maryfield College . A presentation on subject choice is given by the Guidance Counsellor.
- Parents and students are welcome to consult the Guidance Counsellor regarding their subject choices.

Third year students:

- Students will be asked to choose between Transition Year and Fifth Year in the March of Third Year.
- Presentation on subject choice is given by the Guidance Counsellor and the LCVP Co-ordinator to students and parents at an evening meeting.
- Presentation given, by teachers of optional subjects, to third year students in school
- Students are encouraged to talk to teachers of optional subjects and ask questions
- Students are welcome to consult on a one-to -one basis or in small groups with the Guidance Counsellor before making final decisions.



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Transition Year students:

- During Transition Year students sample all optional Leaving Certificate subjects.
- The Guidance Programme in Transition Year facilitates students to make informed choices through Work Experience and Career research.
- Students are also encouraged to talk to teachers of optional subjects and ask questions
- Students are also welcome to consult on an individual or group basis with the Guidance Counsellor before making final choices.

Student changing a subject:

- Student first consults the Principal
- Principal liaises with the Year Head and subject teacher
- Principal may refer the student to the Guidance Counsellor to obtain guidance and advice on the career implications of changing a subject
- Other considerations may be: timetable restrictions, numbers in classes, amount of course covered at the time of request
- In the case of a student wishing to discontinue a subject the above procedures apply also.