

Maryfield College

Senior Cycle Options 2018/19

Welcome

- Information on the choices available to students entering Senior Cycle
- First decision TY or 5th year?
- If 5th year – which subjects?
- If 5th year LCVP?
- Questions and clarification at the end.

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Subject box

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Transition Year

Aims of T.Y. in Maryfield

- To provide a wide and varied curriculum which allows for personal, social, vocational and academic development.
- To help students to appreciate and interact with their own community and the world of work.
- To provide the students with opportunities which will allow them to make valid subject choices.

Aims of T.Y. in Maryfield

- To provide a year which is free from examination pressure where personal and social development can be facilitated.
- To help students become self-directed learners and to help them “learn how to learn” .

Skills Based Learning

- Develop a range of transferable skills for further study and employment
- Confidence Building/Creativity
- Team Work, Group Dynamics, Presentation skills. Report Writing, Analysis & Processing of Information,
- Literacy & Numeracy Skills

Subjects

- Young Social Innovator
- Computer Coding
- Road Safety
- Conversational Spanish
- Drama
- Film Studies
- Green Schools
- Development Education

Core Subjects

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- French/German
- Religious Education
- P.E.
- Community Action
- Careers/Work Experience
- SPAD

Sampling Subjects

- History
- Music
- Physics
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Art
- Geography
- Home Economics



Other

- Careers
- Guest Speakers
- Visits to places of Interest
- An Gaisce
- Musical
- Cinema
- School Trip 2018/19

Transition Year Programmes

Community Action Programme

- 6 week preparation in school
- 18 week Community Placement

Work Experience Programme

- Weekly Careers class
- 3 week block (one week before Christmas and two weeks after Christmas)

Extra Mural Programme

- 14 week programme of activities
- 14 week programme of Catering & Crafts

Assessment

- Journals – Reflective, Community Action, Work Experience
- S.P.A.D – ‘Soap Box’ Presentation
- Project Work
- Class Work
- Class Tests
- Self-Assessment
- Participation
- Feedback from placements

Certification of Participation

Certificate of Participation from Maryfield College

- Distinction
- Upper Merit
- Merit
- Pass

What does it cost?

- Projected Costs for 2018/19 included in the pack
- Plus the annual Administration Cost

Other Costs Associated with TY

You should budget for:

- Bus Fares (Leap Card)
- Book list/pens/paper/calculator/

An Gaisce –

- €15 for An Gaisce Registration
- Adventure Journey



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5TH YEAR

Am I ready for 5th Year?

If I am choosing 5th Year

- What subjects will I study?
- Will I also do LCVP?

What are my choices?

- The compulsory exam subjects :
- English , Maths and Irish (unless exempt),
French/German
- Three optional subjects must be taken
from the subjects on offer

Optional Subjects

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Home Economics
- Music
- Applied Maths
- Art
- History
- Geography
- Business
- Accounting
- Politics & Society

What to think about when choosing subjects

- **My Strengths:** i.e. abilities, aptitudes, academic achievements— look at the subjects you have achieved well in so far.
- **My Interests:** Subjects in which you have a strong interest and those you like – this can be the best incentive to study
- **My Careers/courses:** Subjects required in order to pursue various careers/courses in the future

REMEMBER!

- Choose with care
- What you like/are good at
- Some subjects essential
- Some subjects desirable
- Know subject content
- Don't get too hung up on career subject links
- Spread choices – open options!
- Enjoy your subjects

What do you enjoy?

- **Subjects you enjoy → greater effort**
- **Greater effort = greater success**

Get Help and Advice

- **Information on subject content:**
 - Dept. of Educ. & Sc. Website**
 - Text books for L.C.**
 - Talk to subject teachers**
- **Talk to Guidance Counsellor about careers/courses/essential subjects**
- **Consult College Prospectuses, Career Books, College websites for specific subject requirements.**
- **Listen next Tuesday**

Subject Choice Form

- Pick five subjects you would like
- Rank them from 1 to 5
 - 1=favourite
 - 2= next favourite etc
- You will be offered three out of that five

Useful Websites

- www.education.ie
- www.qualifax.ie
- www.careersportal.ie
- www.dcu.ie
- www.ucd.ie
- www.cao.ie

LCVP

- A chance to develop your interpersonal, vocational and technological skills for further education, seeking employment or planning to start their own business
- Preparation for Work
- Enterprise Education
- Irish +European Language +Subject combinations

KEY DATES

Application to TY or 5th Year 2018/19

By Monday 5th March

Choice of Subjects for 5th Year 2018/19

By Tuesday 13th March

For 3rd year students doing 5th

QUESTIONS