



# Senior Cycle Options

Guidance for parents

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- ▶ Your child entering Fifth Year in the next academic year will shortly be asked to indicate their preferences for their options subjects.
- ▶ All Leaving Cert students are assigned to 4 'options' subjects.
- ▶ On the options form, students will select 8 subjects in order of their preference.
- ▶ While every effort is made to assign students to their highest 4 preferences, this will not be possible for everyone, so it is very important that students consider carefully the order in which they put all the subjects they select, as they may be assigned to any of them.



# Before Completing the form

- ▶ Read the Senior Options Handbook

Senior Options  
Handbook

- ▶ Read the Options Form Instructions

Options Form  
Instructions

# The Options Form

- ▶ Your child's option preferences will be collected using an online form.
  - ▶ They will receive a link to the form in their school email account.
  - ▶ The email will be from our online timetabling platform, Griddle.
- ▶ In the form, students will indicate 8 subjects, in order of their preference.
- ▶ Instructions for completing the form are available for students on their Year Group Teams page and on the [school website](#).
- ▶ The options form must be completed by **17.00 on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**



# Applied Maths

- ▶ Applied Maths is offered as an optional, additional eighth subject.
- ▶ Students who choose Applied Maths have it scheduled in lieu of Career Guidance and non-exam Religion and for one additional period per week outside the normal school day from 15.30 – 16.30.
- ▶ Important course material for Guidance and SPHE is delivered for Applied Maths students in scheduled blocks over the course of Fifth & Sixth Year.
- ▶ The availability of Applied Maths is subject to a sufficient level of interest to create a viable class.
- ▶ Students who wish to apply for Applied Maths should speak with **Mr O'Dwyer** or **Mr Finlay** directly.



# Drama, Film & Theatre Studies (DFTS)

- ▶ Last year, the school was proud to be selected as a pilot school for this new Leaving Cert subject, with the first group of students beginning the course in September 2025.
- ▶ As this is a pilot subject, places are limited and it is not included in the normal subject options form.
- ▶ Students will receive a separate application for DFTS in the school email account.
- ▶ If accepted, students should be aware that DFTS will automatically take the place of their highest preference subject on the options form, and all subjects on their form will move down one place.
- ▶ Questions or queries about DFTS should be directed to **Ms Fox** or **Mr Davis**.



# Leaving Cert Applied

- ▶ Students who are considering applying for the Leaving Cert Applied programme should still complete the subject options form.
- ▶ Students or parents who have queries about LCA should contact the programme coordinator, **Ms Savage**.

