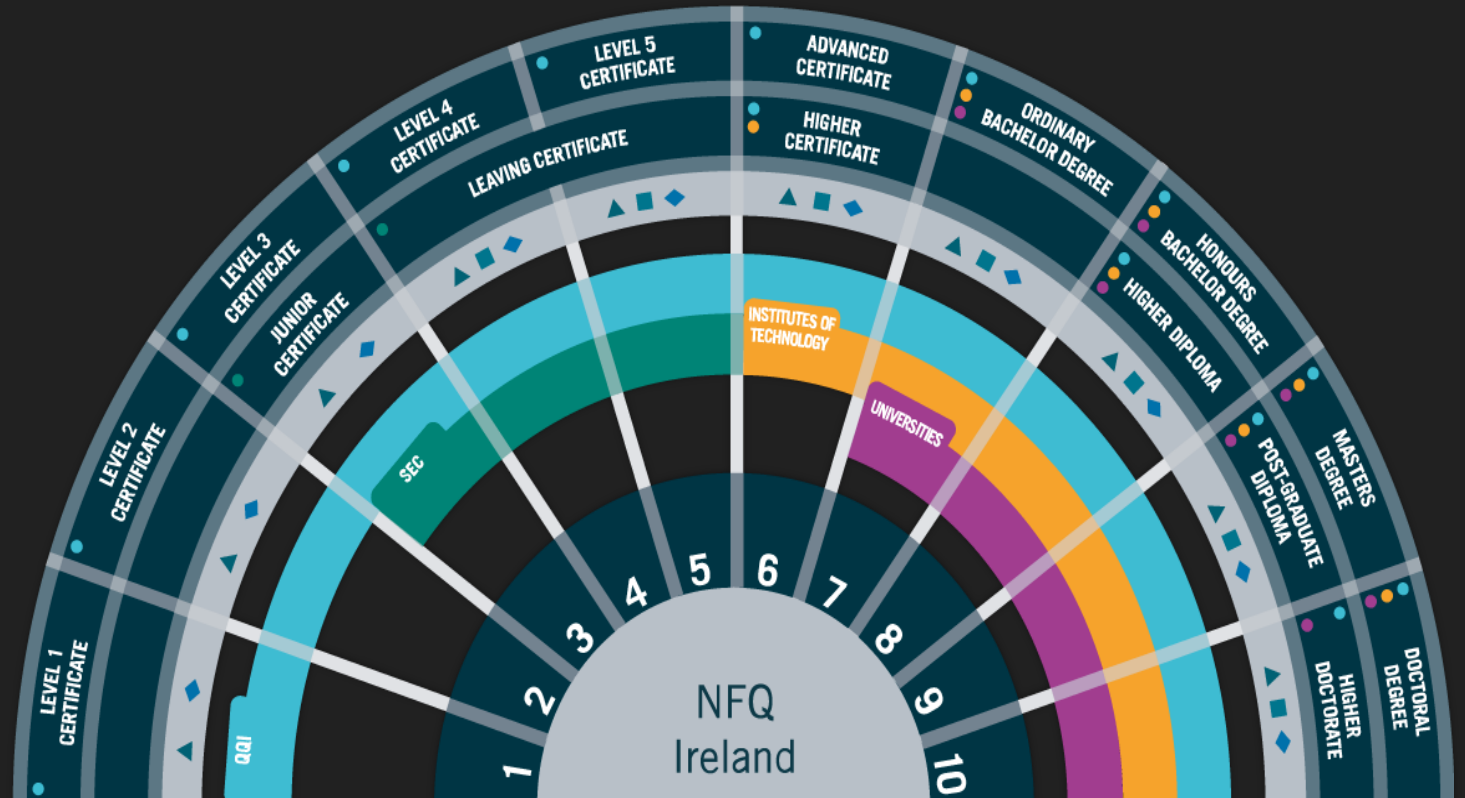
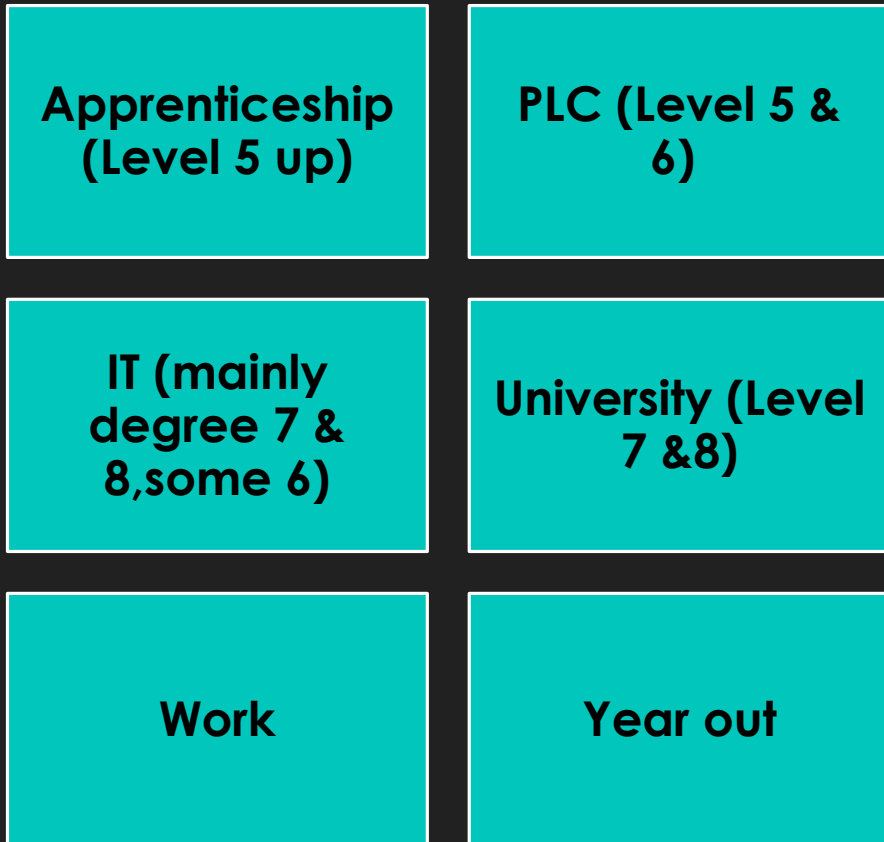


# Borrisokane Community College

## Senior Cycle Subject Options

Wednesday, 27th February

# Life after school

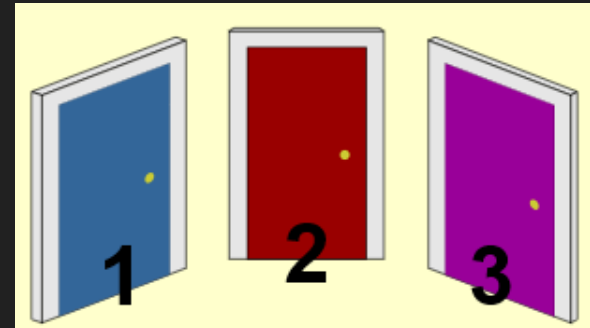


# Focus on IT & University Entry

## CAO

- The national database for sorting students' college applications.
- Each student fills in their own CAO application in 6th year, choosing the courses they are most interested in, in order of preference.
- In August, the CAO offer places if the student meets 3 criteria.

3 criteria or, the 3 doors



- Minimum Entry Requirements
- Subject Specific Requirements
- Points requirement

Subject choice can be supported by aptitude tests such as DATs...

## Aptitude & Subject Choice

### Verbal Reasoning:

- Language
- History
- Classical Studies
- Biology
- Music

### Numerical Reasoning/ Arithmetic Calculations

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Accounting
- Music

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### Spelling:

- Language

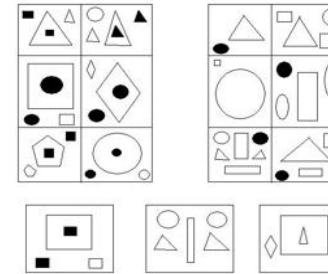


### Working quickly and accurately:

- Accounting
- Geography

### Abstract Reasoning:

- History
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Economics
- Music



### Spatial Reasoning:

- Art
- Physics
- Home Economics
- Music



# A word of caution with DATs/aptitude tests

- Can help choose education and career options based on strengths and weaknesses
- Help understand why you do well/poorly in certain subjects
- Can suggest new career options not previously considered
- They *don't* take into consideration: work experience, interest, goals, personality, values, family and environmental influences.
- They *don't* factor how you were feeling on the day (tiredness, boredom, unwell, lack of interest, frustration, losing your place on the test sheet).
- A person can have an aptitude for a particular area but have no interest in it, vice versa.
- They don't measure determination to succeed, leadership, empathy, interpersonal skills, being realistic, optimism, independence, stress tolerance, ability to help others succeed and the list goes on!

# The work of the Guidance Department

## 1 class a week

- Study skills
- Budgeting
- Grants -  
SUSI/HEAR/DARE
- CAO/PLC/Apprenticeship etc.
- Studying abroad

## 1 to 1 meeting

- Personal interests &  
hobbies
- School results
- Aptitude tests
- Family background  
and interests