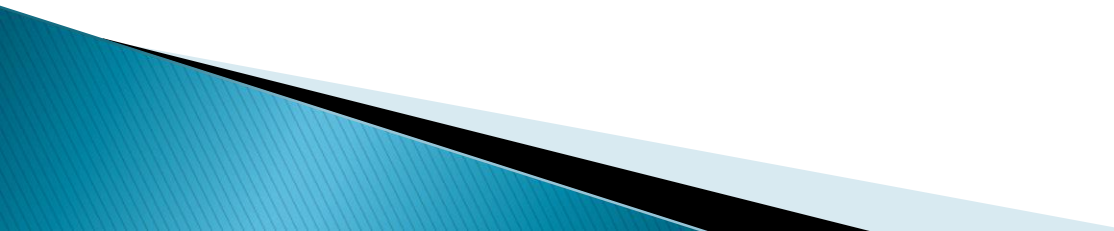


Welcome to Borrisokane Community College

Agenda

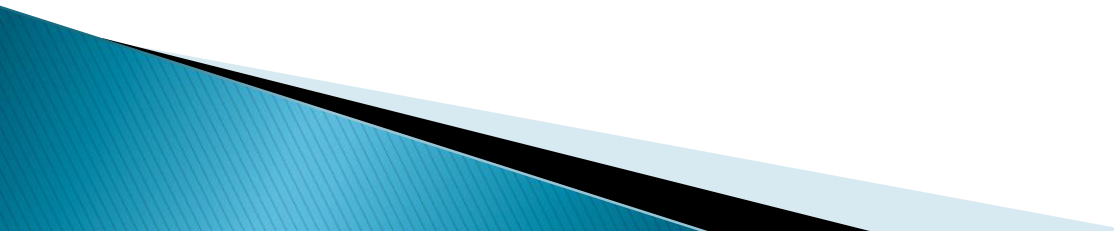
1. Procedure for allocating students to subjects
 2. Career Guidance
 3. CAT4 Test
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Assessment

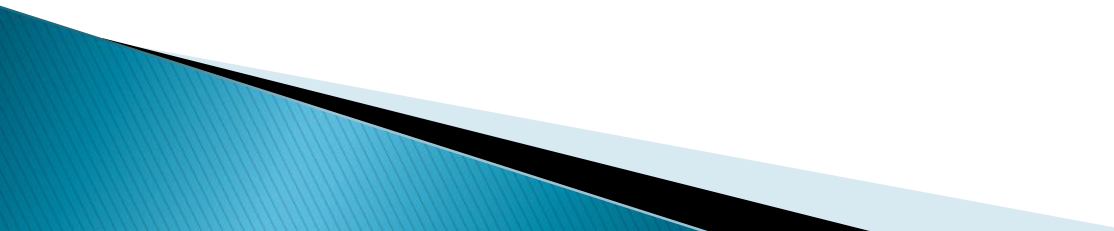
- ▶ Monthly Assessments in class by teachers. Results and comments on EPortal.

Second Year

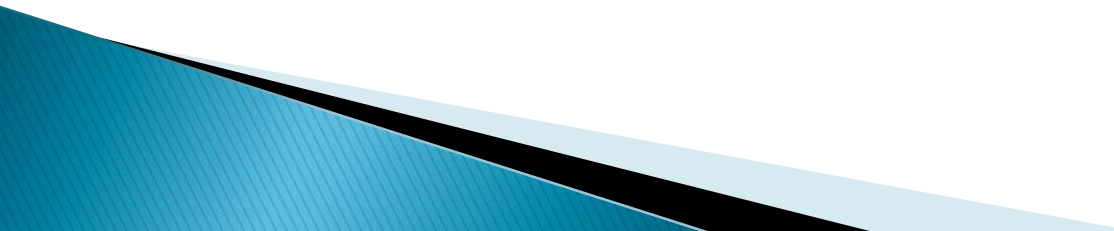
- ▶ Core Subjects – as current classes
 - ▶ Irish, English, Maths, Science.

 - ▶ Option Subjects – new classes
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Option Subjects

- ▶ History
 - ▶ Geography
 - ▶ French
 - ▶ German
 - ▶ Business Studies
 - ▶ Home Economics
 - ▶ Music
 - Graphics
 - Art
 - Engineering
 - Wood Technology
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Choosing Options

- ▶ After Easter process commences
 - ▶ Students choose six preference subjects
 - ▶ Four Option Subjects.
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Student Preference

List subjects in preference order

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Parents will sign this sheet.



Student Preferences

Analysed by computer to form a set of bands which satisfy the majority of students.

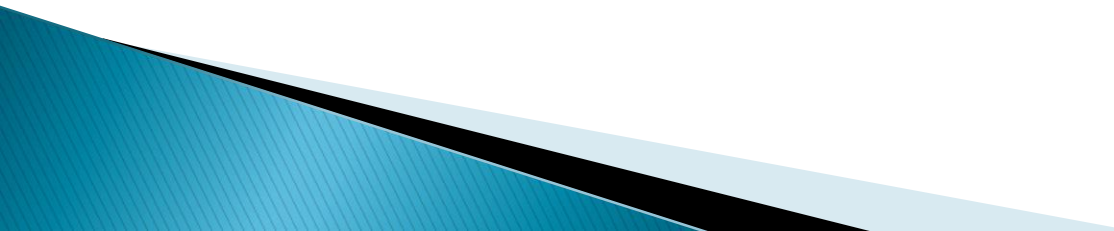
Example of Band Set

Geography German Wood Tech. Home Ec.


French Geography Business St. Art

Home Ec. Engineering Music History

French Wood Technology History Graphics



Constraints on achieving Options

1. Number of pupils opting for a subject
Class size
 - Maximum 24, 30
 - Minimum 10 approx.
 2. Two required subjects on one line when making choices
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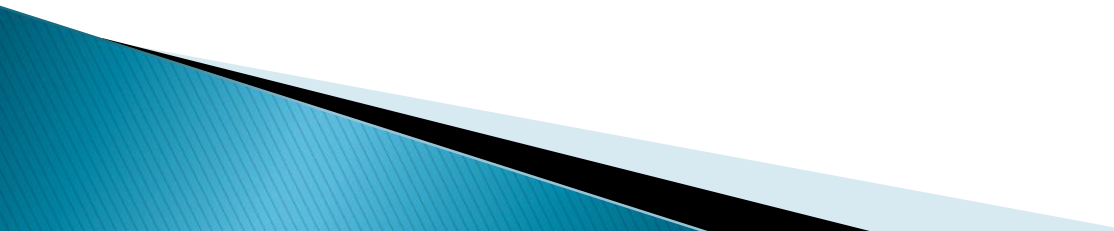
Constraints on achieving Options (contd)

3. Availability of Teaching Staff

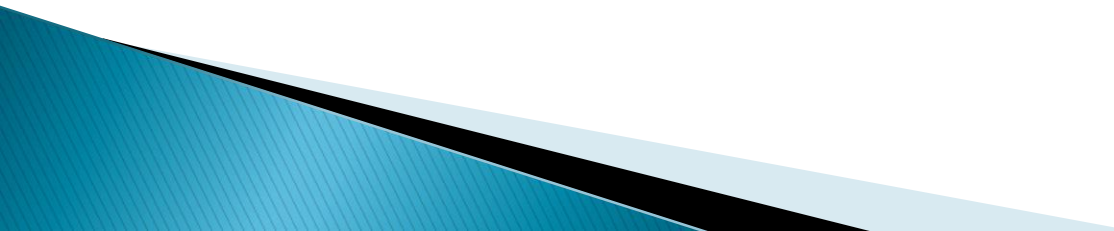
e.g. 32 students ask for subject X

- ▶ class size maximum 24
- ▶ no teacher available to form a second class

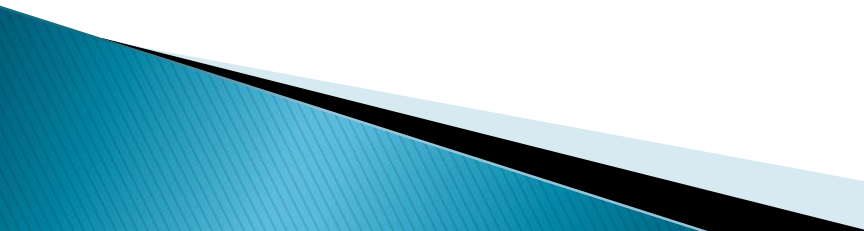
Result: Eight students will be placed in another class on that option line based on Preference 5 and 6

- ▶ Parents can contact Class Teachers, Career Guidance Teacher or Principal for further information during the process.
 - ▶ Parent/Teacher Meeting 19th March 4.15pm to 6.45pm in the school.
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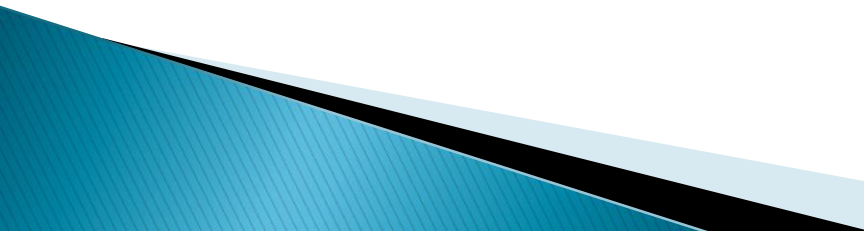
Short Courses

- ▶ Physical Education
 - ▶ Social Personal and Health Education
 - ▶ Civic Social and Political Education
 - ▶ Coding or Digital Skills
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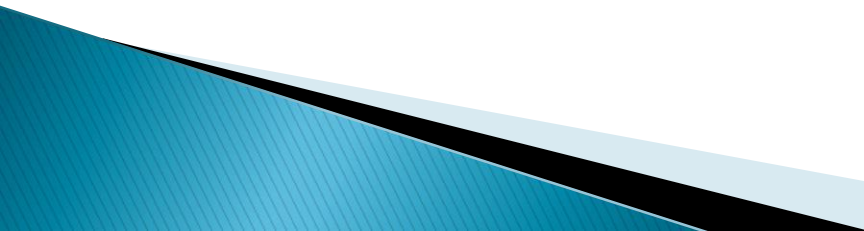
CAT4 – Cognitive Ability Test

- ▶ A test of students ability
 - ▶ Similar to Micra T and Sigma T from Primary School
 - ▶ Give Statistical Indication of student achievement not of actual results.
 - ▶ Shows areas of strength
 - ▶ Need also to consider students motivation, school attendance, effort, etc.
 - ▶ Identify areas where students may need support.
 - ▶ Teachers with students can set targets based on results.
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CAT4 – Cognitive Ability Test

- ▶ Established for over 30 years
 - ▶ Tests students reasoning ability in the following areas:
 - Verbal – Words
 - Quantitative – Numbers
 - Non-verbal – Shape, patterns and sequences,
 - Spatial – Space, e.g. Three Dimensional (potential in STEM areas)
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Subjects linked to the four test areas:

- ▶ **Verbal:** Languages, CSPE, History, Geography
 - ▶ **Quantitative:** Maths, Science, Physics, Business Studies, Home Economics, Practical Subject – Measurements etc.
 - ▶ **Non-Verbal:** Graphics, Engineering, Wood Tech, Art, Home Ec, Geog, Music, Higher Maths, Science
 - ▶ **Spatial:** Graphics, Engineering, Wood Tech, Art, Home Ec, Geog, P.E., Science. (STEM Subjects)
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Profile

Verbal		
Quantitative		
Non-verbal		
Spatial		



Borrisokane Community College Parents Association

BCC Parents Association invites you to a free

Talk by Pat McKenna of Childwatch.ie

on the topic

“Protecting Your Child Online”



TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2020 @ 8pm

in Borrisokane Community College. ALL WELCOME!



It's a Free Talk About...

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