

Welcome to Borrisokane Community College

Agenda

1. Procedure for allocating students to subjects
 2. Career Guidance
 3. CAT4 Test
 4. School App
 5. Return to School
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Second Year

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

 - ▶ Option Subjects – new classes
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Option Subjects

- ▶ 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 five preference subjects
 - ▶ Three Option Subjects.
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Student Preference

List subjects in preference order

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

Parents will add name to Microsoft Form to confirm involved.



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 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 4 and 5

- ▶ Parents can contact Class Teachers, Career Guidance Teacher or Principal for further information during the process.

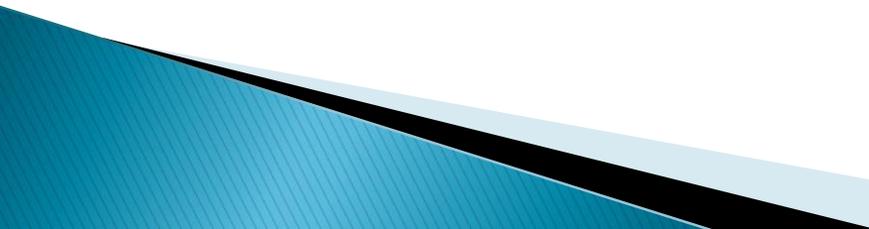
Short Courses

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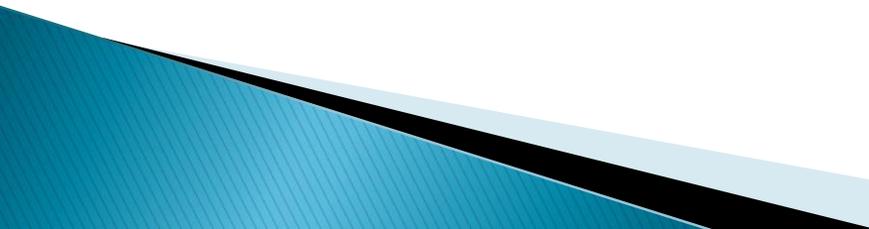
CAT4 – Cognitive Ability Test

- ▶ 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.

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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Results posted to Parents.

Profile

Verbal		
Quantitative		
Non-verbal		
Spatial		

School App

- Calendar of School Events
- School News
- Messages

- Download App - iclasscms
- Verification code: RT@7T4
- Setup your details
- Add Students and put into year groups



The graphic features the 'iclasscms' logo at the top, with a graduation cap icon above the 'i'. Below the logo, the text 'MOBILE APP INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOWNLOAD' is displayed in a white box. The background is a blue-tinted image of a school building. A central smartphone displays the app's search interface, showing a search bar, a 'SEARCH' button, and a search result for 'iClass Boys Community College' with its address: 'Hill Street Crossroads, Newtown'. Below the phone, three smaller smartphones illustrate the app's main menu, which includes options like 'Home', 'Calendar', 'News', 'Messages', and 'Settings'.

01 Go to **App Store** and Search for **"iclasscms"**

02 Install the App

03 Select School
(It will prompt your nearest school, if not simply type school name into search box)

04 Click **"Register"**

05 Add Details

06 Add Student

07 **DONE!**
Stay up to date with latest news, events and school messages

EPortal

- ▶ No Parent/Teacher Meetings
 - ▶ Follow results and feedback from teachers on EPortal.
 - ▶ Class assessments when return to school.
 - ▶ Summer Report – EPortal
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Return to School

- ▶ 12th April
 - ▶ Email sent to students – Go through PowerPoint on procedures
 - ▶ Complete Declaration.
 - ▶ Website updates – Covid 19 page.
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