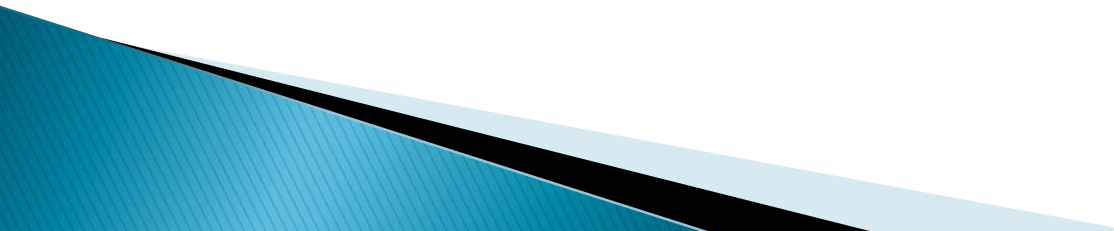


# Welcome to Borrisokane Community College

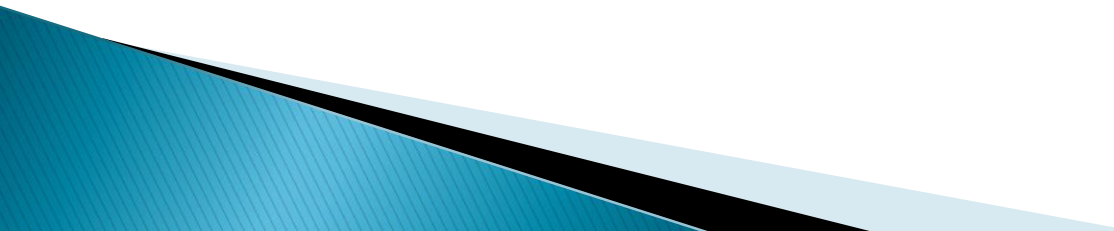
# Agenda

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

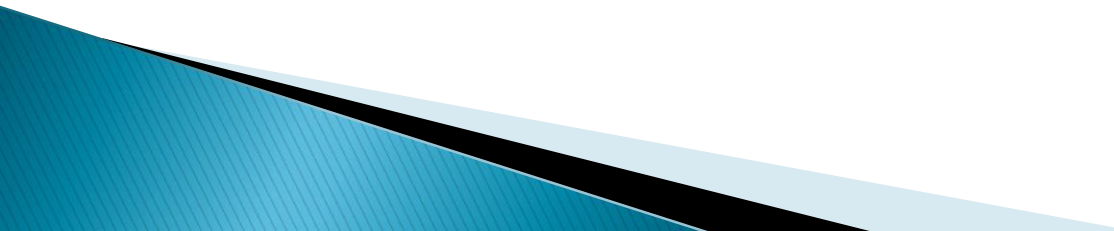
# Second Year

- ▶ Core Subjects
  - ▶ Irish, English, Maths, History, Science.
  - ▶ Irish English Maths – Higher and Ordinary Level.
  - ▶ History and Science as current classes.
  - ▶ 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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# Short Courses

- ▶ Physical Education
  - ▶ Social Personal and Health Education
  - ▶ Civic Social and Political Education
  - ▶ Coding or Digital Skills
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# Choosing Options

- ▶ Students choose five preference subjects
- ▶ Three Option Subjects.

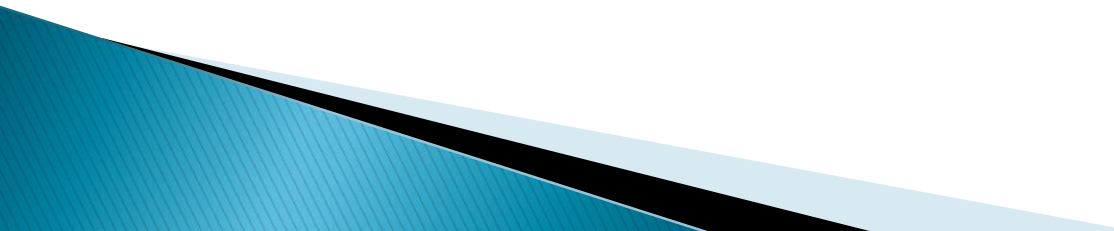
# Student Preference

List subjects in preference order

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Parents will add name to Microsoft Form to confirm involved.

Link to Form – [Click Here.](#)



# Student Preferences

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

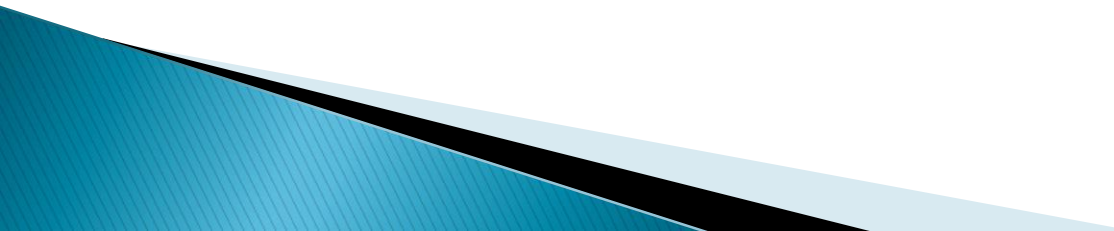


# Example of Band Set


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

Student Name:	Class Group:	Date:
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CAT4	1 <sup>st</sup> year Scores	Subjects to consider	Careers to consider
<b>Verbal</b> - to 'think' and reason with words. Communication.		English, Hist, <del>Geog</del> , Bus, Languages, Home Ec	Journalism, Law, H.R., Education, Speech Therapy
<b>Numerical</b> – to 'think' with numbers		<del>Maths</del> , Science, Bus, Home Ec, <del>Wood Technology</del>	Finance, Sales, Banking, Insurance, Architecture
<b>Non-verbal</b> – to 'think' with shapes. Reasoning		Science, Art, Hist, Graphics, Wood Technology, Engineering, Graphics, Music	Engineer, Doctor, Photography, Mechanic, Lab technician
<b>Spatial</b> – to 'think' with shapes and space. Visualise a 3D object from a 2D pattern		<del>Art</del> , <del>Graphics</del> , Wood Technology, Engineering, Music, Home Ec, <del>Geog</del>	IT, Product design, hairdresser, town planner, carpentry, <del>jewellery design</del>
<b>Mean Score</b>			

You will study 3 of these. Choose top 5 in order of preference

Pref	JC Subject	Results	Rating: 1 – I really dislike the subject, 10 I love it!
	Art		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	Business		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	Home Economics		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	Geography		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	Music		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	French		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	German		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	Wood Technology		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	Graphics		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	Engineering		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
<b>Short Courses – choose 1</b>			
	Digital Media Literacy		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	Coding		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

<b>Careers of interest</b>	<b>Any subject requirements that I know of:</b>

- ▶ **Guidance Teachers Presentation.**

# Academic Tracking – Athena

## Previous results

	1ST YEAR		2ND YEAR		3RD YEAR	
	December	May	December	May	October	Mocks
Mathematics	62 (H)	68 (H)	78 (H)	39 (H)		45 (H)
English	75 (H)	61 (H)	76 (H)		60 (H)	51 (H)
Irish	65 (H)	50 (H)	85 (O)			72 (O)
Geography	66 (H)	63 (H)	59 (H)	51 (H)	85 (H)	72 (H)
Material Technology	71 (H)	74 (H)	75 (H)	51 (H)		74 (H)
Metalwork	80 (H)					

	5TH YEAR
	December
Mathematics	46 (H)
English	20 (H)
Irish	60 (H)
Construction Studies	75 (H)
Agricultural Science	78 (H)
Accounting	54 (H)
Engineering	82 (H)

# Most recent results and CAT4

6th year October		Aptitude test results	
Subject	Result	Grade	1st year
Enterprise Education	76		Verbal SAS 123
Irish	80 (H)	H2	Quantitative SAS 115
English	84 (H)	H2	Non Verbal SAS 105
Mathematics	91 (O)	O1	Spatial SAS 111
Chemistry	49 (H)	H6	
Agricultural Science	79 (H)	H3	
French	98 (H)	H1	
Art	93 (H)	H1	
Average	81.3		
Total CAO points		509	

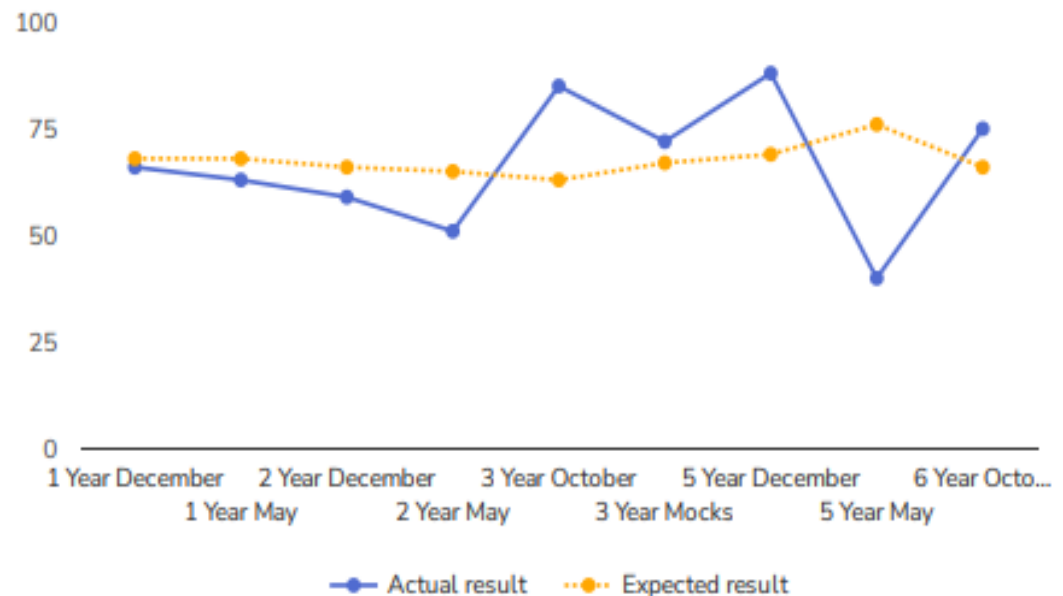
# Graphs for each Subject

## Geography

4/9 exams above expectation

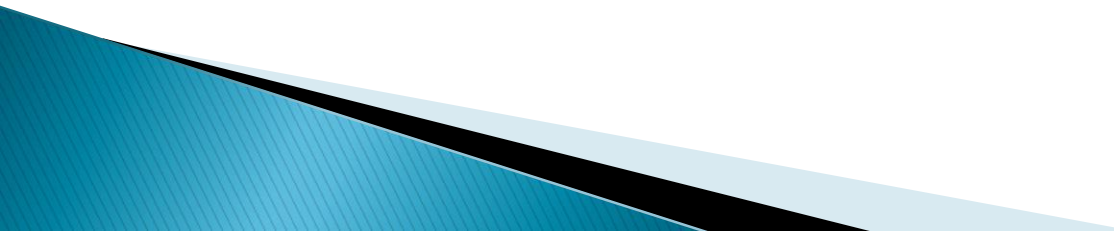


Exam	Result
1st year December	66 (H)
1st year May	63 (H)
2nd year December	59 (H)
2nd year May	51 (H)
3rd year October	85 (H)
3rd year Mocks	72 (H)
5th year December	88 (H)
5th year May	40 (H)
6th year October	75 (H)

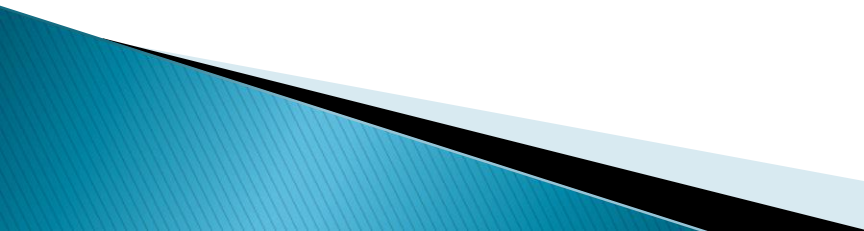




# Supporting your Child

- ▶ Review Athena Report following examinations
  - ▶ Set targets for the next examinations
  - ▶ Time for study – setup a timetable and area for study.
  - ▶ Summer Exams during final week of term – 6 weeks.
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# Books 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year

- ▶ €350 in first covers all books for next two years except novels and plays for English and Exam Papers.
  - ▶ Ipad Insurance €30
  - ▶ Locker €10
  - ▶ Personal Accident Insurance €10
  - ▶ Journal €10
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# Courses requiring Third Language – i.e. French/German

- [Click on this Link](#)

[https://www.qualifax.ie/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=77](https://www.qualifax.ie/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=77)

- Select Junior Certificate or Leaving Certificate Subjects
- Use the first drop down menu to filter courses that require your interested subject e.g. 'A Third Language'.
- Click on the option "Courses that definitely require" to gain a full list of courses that demand your interested subject as part of their entry requirements.

## Minimum Subject Requirements

Qualifax – National Learners' Database of course and career information. The site has a listing of all courses in Ireland.  
[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

- ▶ Thank You for attending.
  - ▶ Presentations will be on school website in School News Section over the weekend.
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