Senior Cycle Options 2026-27

Information on senior cycle options for all 3rd year students.
3rd year students need to consider three options:

1. Applying for Transition Year
2. Going straight into 5th year, and if so, making their subject choices
3. Going straight into Leaving Cert Applied

Information presentation for parents:

A Senior Cycle Options presentation will be available to parents of 3rd year. This will provide information on Transition Year, 5th year Subject Choice, and Leaving Cert Applied. It will take place on Monday 2nd March at 7pm in Coláiste Bhaile Chláir.

School website: The presentations from last year are available on the school website:

https://colaistebhailechlair.com/page/Senior-Cycle-Options/42902/Index.html

Information for students:

An information assembly will be given to 3rd year students on Wednesday 4th March during school. All students should attend school those days.

A Subject Symposium event will take place on Tuesday 24th March in school-the week of the deadline. This will allow 3rd year students, considering going straight to 5th year, an opportunity to talk to current 5th year students from each of the Leaving Cert subjects available. This has proven very popular for students to find out information from their senior cycle peers.

Individual Research:

Any students considering 5th year should complete the ***subject choice booklet*** (link below). By completing this, you can gain a greater understanding of what subjects are available for Leaving Cert. You should also understand what the subjects involve, e.g. what does the curriculum cover, how are they assessed, is there project work? etc. Talking to your current subject teachers is an excellent way to find information.

Leaving Cert Subject Choice Booklet.pdf

The following links will provide guidance in researching Leaving Cert subject options:

Leaving Cert subjects Info:
https://careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer_more.php?parent=2034&ed_sub_cat_id=388&menu_parent_id=
Guide to choosing subjects:
https://careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer_more.php?parent=2034&ed_sub_cat_id=388&menu_parent_id=
Subjects linked to certain pathways:
https://careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer_more.php?parent=2034&ed_sub_cat_id=393&menu_parent_id=

Transition Year applications:

The application form for 3rd year students considering TY will be available on Tyro. It is a detailed form that will require you to sit with your son/daughter and discuss answers, international trip options etc. Not all students can be accepted into TY so submitting a strong application is important.

Making your choices:

The facility to apply for Transition Year or choose your Leaving Cert subjects is available on Tyro.
The deadline for submitting your subjects is Friday 27th March 2026.