



Comeragh College Subject Options 2022/2023 Guide to Junior Cycle Option Subjects



In Comeragh College, students study nine subjects for the Junior Cycle Programme. All students study English, Irish, Maths, Science, Geography and History.

Students also study *non-examination subjects* including PE, Religion, Microsoft 365, CSPE, SPHE and Preparation for the World of Work.

Students choose three other subjects to study. Students must choose a foreign language ie. either German or French or Spanish. The subjects on offer are:

- **Art**
- **Business Studies**
- **German or French or Spanish**
- **Home Economics**
- **Engineering**
- **Music**
- **Graphics**
- **Materials Technology**

In this booklet, you will learn about each of these choice subjects under the following headings:

- **What I will learn in the subject**
- **How I will be assessed for Junior Cycle in the subject**
- **What type of student suits this subject**
- **Careers that link with this subject**

This booklet will give you a brief overview of each of the optional subjects.

For more detailed information on these subjects visit www.curriculumonline.ie

Things to consider when choosing your Junior Cycle subjects:

The most important thing to consider when choosing your subject options is **INTEREST**. Ask yourself the following questions for each subject. The subjects where you answer Yes to all of these questions are the subjects you are most interested in and would like to study.

- Are you motivated to learn this subject?
- Does the thought of studying this subject excite you?
- Will you work hard to do well in this subject and take your time to do all assigned tasks and homework?
- Have you already learned something about this subject or have you shown previous interest in this subject?

Another thing to think about when choosing your subject options is your **CONNECTION TO THE SUBJECT**. This means that you already have some knowledge of this subject through your family, friends or neighbours. Perhaps you have a family member who lives in Germany who you would like to visit in the future. Maybe you have a neighbour who is a talented carpenter and you enjoy helping them every so often giving you a connection to Materials Technology. Maybe your sister is currently studying Art in college and she could help you improve your artistic skills. Think about the people in your life and consider any connections you may have with your option subjects. It is always nice to have someone extra at home to help and encourage you in the subject. Remember that your interest in a subject always comes first and then consider your connection to subjects.

ABILITY- do you think you can do well in this subject? Have you shown a previous ability in activities related to this subject? Are you a talented baker? If yes you might suit Home Economics? Have you made your own money by making and selling items in primary school? Business Studies could be for you. Do you have an interest in designing/drawing products or buildings? Graphics might be right up your street! You have won talent shows for singing- Music is probably for you! Your primary school teachers always congratulated you on your artwork- continuing studying Art would be a good idea. You enjoy making things and would love to learn how to make things with wood- Materials Technology may suit you. You are curious and like to find out how things are made and how you could design and build things- Engineering could help develop your curiosities!

Keep these 3 things in mind when choosing your subjects and writing down your preferences. Remember having an interest in learning the subject is the most important.

INTEREST

CONNECTION

ABILITY

Art

What will I learn in Art?

- Learn a variety of new skills such as imagining, experimenting, making, displaying and evaluating.
- Learn to work in 3D. e.g. sculpture or clay
- Apply these new skills to create and design new objects and images.

How will I be assessed in Art?

Students who select Art, Craft and Design will have Classroom based Assessments in 2nd year and 3rd year.

In 3rd Year students will complete a project during the year. There will also be a day exam in May on Life Drawing and Object Drawing.

What type of student suits Art?

Ask yourself the following questions when considering Art:

- Do you enjoy drawing, painting or making things?
- Do you have a sketch book that you use regularly to draw for yourself?
- Do you think you are good at art?
- Are you creative?

Careers that link with Art

- Artist
- Art Therapy
- Crafts - Textiles, Ceramics, Glass, Painting, Sculpture and printmaking
- Architecture
- Photography
- Film and Media Arts
- Design -Interior, Fashion, Jewellery, Graphic Design, Website Design & Garden Design
- Video game creation
- Marketing
- Illustration and Animation
- Education- early years education, primary teaching, secondary teaching, museums, galleries
- Science/maths/engineering
- Multimedia

Business Studies

What will I learn in Business

- Learn to collect, organise and record financial information.
- Learn their rights and responsibilities as a consumer.
- Learn to calculate wages and read payslips.
- Find out why our membership in the EU is so important to our economy.
- Develop entrepreneurial skills and communication skills such as letter writing and report writing.

How will I be assessed in Business

- Classroom-based assessment in 2nd and 3rd year.
- Common Level Exam at the end of 3rd year.

What type of student suits Business

Someone who is interested in the world of business or may want to set up their own business in the future.

Careers that link with Business

Accounting, Banking, Investment & Financial Services, Book-keeping, Clerical Work, Company Secretary, Administration, Project Management, Human Resources Management, Insurance, Purchasing Officer, Sales, Marketing, Advertising, Public Relations, Merchandising, Exporting and Importing, Taxation, Teaching, Law, Business Management, Entrepreneur, Business Consulting

German or French or Spanish

All students (unless you have an exemption) will study a foreign language- you will have to choose either German or French.

What will I learn in German or French or Spanish?

- Actively engage in language activities and task.
- Communicate effectively in the target language.
- Learn to enjoy and language learning.
- Learn about the different cultures and their way of life.

How will I be assessed in German or French or Spanish?

- Classroom-based assessment in 2nd and 3rd year.
- Common Level Exam at the end of 3rd year.

What type of student suits German or French or Spanish?

- Someone who has an interest in languages
- Someone who is willing to try something new
- Someone interested in travel and culture-learning about new places and people
- Currently there is a shortage of qualified people in languages so there are many opportunities in this area

Careers that link with German or French or Spanish

Translator, Interpreter (EU / UN), Proofreader, Tour guide, Air Hostess, Tourism and Hospitality, Teacher , Business Industry, Human Rights, Brand Ambassador, Sales Associate ,Technical Support for multinationals (Apple , HP , Vodafone)

Home Economics

What will I learn in Home Economics?

Home Economics teaches essential life skills and helps develop personal independence. Students will:

- Learn practical food and health literacy skills.
- Learn creative design and textile skills.
- Learn to make responsible decisions in terms of consumer choices and sustainable living.

How will I be assessed in Home Economics?

- *Classroom Based Assessments in 2nd and 3rd year*
- CBA 1 (year 2) Creative Textiles
- CBA 2 (year 3) Food Literacy Skills Brief
- Practical Food Skills Exam (year 3) will account for 50% of overall result.
- Written Exam (year 3, state exam) will account for 50% of overall grade.

What type of student suits Home Economics?

- A student who is creative and has an interest in design/upcycling/textiles.
- A student who has an interest in food, nutrition, healthy eating and diet.
- A student who has an interest in consumer issues, money management, household budgeting.
- A student who wants to develop and enhance their culinary skills

Careers that link with Home Economics

- Home Economics Teaching
- Chef/Culinary Arts
- Nutritionist /Dietitian
- Food Science/Food Technology
- Food Industry
- Fashion and Design
- Hotel and Catering
- Social Studies

Music

What will I learn in Music?

- Discover the key features of various styles of music.
- Learn how to read & compose music.
- Perform music, including vocal, instrumental and digital pieces.

How will I be assessed in Music?

- Classroom Based Assessments in 2nd and 3rd year.
- Common Level Exam (70% Written and 30% Practical)

What type of student suits Music?

- Students who have shown an aptitude for music and are keen to develop and practice more.
- If you can read music and have a competence in singing or playing an instrument
- Anyone considering a career in a creative discipline such as singing, playing in a band, music production and performance technology and management.
- Those interested in the rock and pop areas of music can develop their talents
- Students who are looking for a break from intensive memory-work in their other subjects

Careers that link with Music

Music is useful for the following careers: media work or studies, Primary Teaching, Secondary Teaching, Sound Engineering, Public Relations, Library Work, Speech Therapy, Physical Education, Communications, Production, Performance, Composing, Event Management and Music Management.

Engineering (Metalwork)

What will I learn in Metalwork?

- Work with metals and other materials such as wood and plastic.
- Assemble these materials into useful and interesting items.
- Develop skills in shaping, cutting and joining materials.
- How to read and follow technical drawings.
- Leads on to Engineering at LC.

How will I be assessed in Metalwork?

- Classroom Based Assessments in 2nd and 3rd year
- Individual Practical Project
- Written Exam

What type of student suits Metalwork?

Students that have an interest and ability in practical work and design. Students that are interested in studying/working in Engineering, Construction or Science after school.

Careers that link with Metalwork

- Manufacturing Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Production Management
- Industrial Design
- Environmental Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Teaching and many more

Graphics (Technical Graphics)

What will I learn in Technical Graphics?

- Learn how to represent 3D objects on paper and on computer.
- Develop problem solving and creative thinking skills through the solution of graphical problems.
- Builds on skills learned in Maths. E.g. 2D and 3D shapes, lines and angles.
- Leads on to Design & Communication Graphics at LC.

How will I be assessed in Technical Graphics?

- two Classroom-based Assessments: Communicating through sketching and Presentation of research
- a project
- a written examination

What type of student suits Technical Graphics?

You will do well in Technical Graphics if you are interested in:

- Drawing
- Problem solving
- Designing
- Modeling
- Computer drawing
- 3 Dimensional Printing

Careers that link with Technical Graphics

Architecture, Engineering (Civil, Mechanical & Electronic), Interior Design, Product Design, Manufacturing/Production Technology, Furniture Design and Manufacture, Animation, Web Design, Construction Industry careers, Automation and Teaching

Materials Technology (Woodwork)

What will I learn in Woodwork?

- Learn to design small items.
- Use equipment and tools to create these designs.
- Work mainly with wood but also with other materials.
- Learn about wood as a material.
- This leads on to Construction Studies for LC.

How will I be assessed in Woodwork?

- Classroom Based Assessments in 2nd and 3rd year
- Individual Practical Project which will include a design portfolio
- Written Exam

What type of student suits Woodwork?

If you are interested in any of the following you will suit Woodwork:

- Building
- Trades
- Designing
- Modeling
- Architecture
- Construction management
- Engineering courses
- Furniture design and making

Careers that link with Woodwork

Woodworker, Carpenter, Engineer, Product Design, Forestry, Furniture Design and Manufacture, Construction.