WELCOME TO COMERAGH COLLEGE





1st Year Information Night

Principal: Mr K. Langton

Deputy Principal: Ms K O'Donovan Ryan

Student Director Ms. Grainne Larkin

Tutors:

• Ms Cleere, Mr Foran, Mr Mahony, Ms O' Dwyer





Topics that will be covered this evening:

Vsware

Junior Cycle

Academic <u>Timetables</u>

Wellbeing

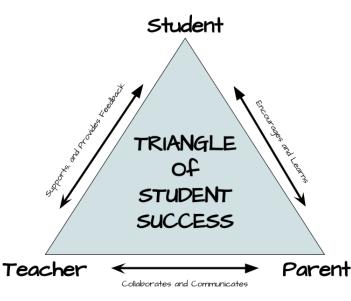
Student Learning Journal How you can support your son/daughter?

Parental involvement plays a crucial role in student success.

Academic Achievement: Students with involved parents tend to achieve higher grades and test scores. They are more likely to complete their homework and have better attendance.

Attitude Towards Learning: Parental involvement fosters a positive attitude towards learning. Students are more motivated and have a greater interest in their studies

Long-term Success: Parental involvement sets the foundation for lifelong learning and success. It helps students develop a love for learning that can benefit them throughout their lives.







VSware Platform School platform for communication

Features of Vsware







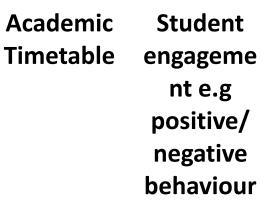




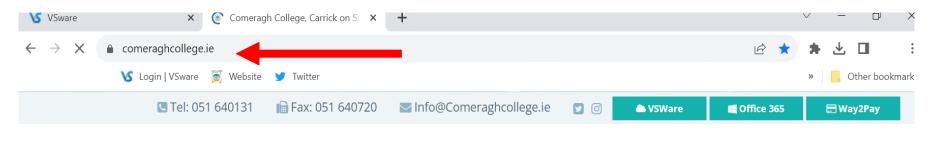


School assessments & Exam results





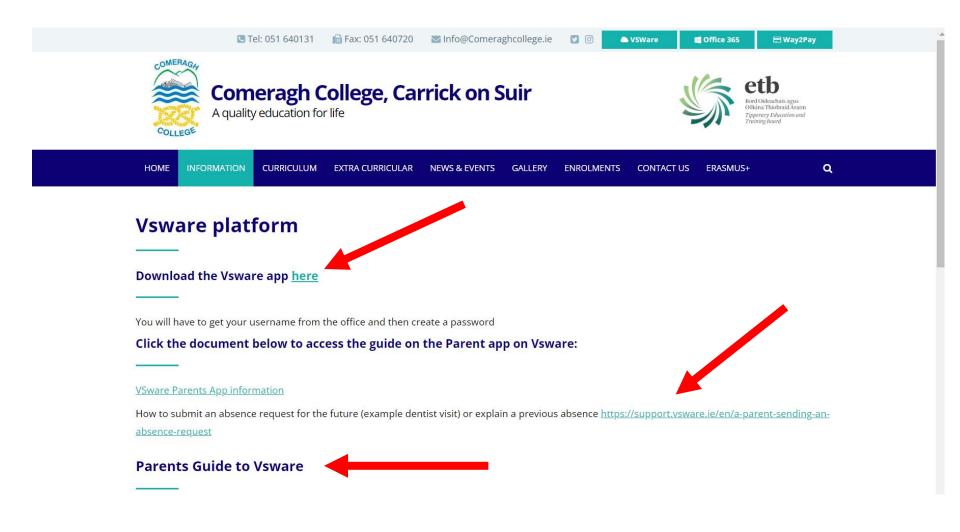




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Welcome to the Comeragh College website. I hope that your visit here will give you a flavour of our school which has offered, and continues to offer quality education for life in an innovative, responsive and caring learning environment. Students of Comeragh College are supported, encouraged, cared for and feel a real sense of belonging. We promote academic excellence and immersion in school life. Our school has and will continue to have a history of success in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. This allows students to have an opportunity to grow and develop their skills outside the classroom.



If you have an queries regarding VSware please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Curran

(Home School Liaison Coordinator)

bcurran@tipperaryetb.ie



Junior Cycle

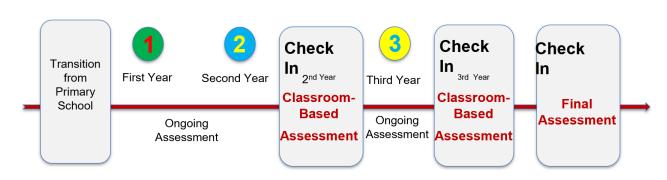


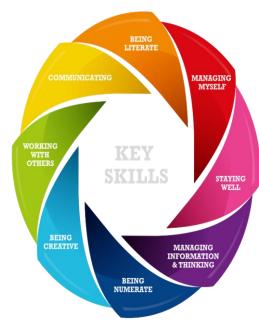
Changes to Junior Cycle – WHY?

There is now a **balance** between *preparing students for exam* AND *facilitating creative thinking and engaged learning*

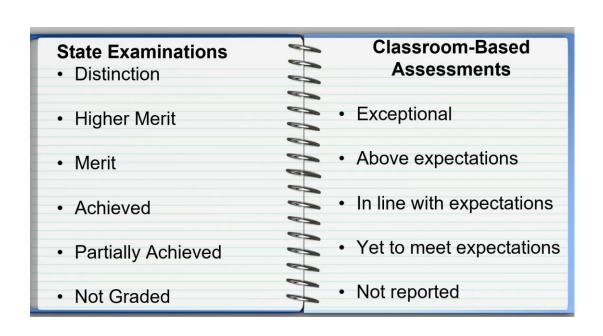
Students at Comeragh College will:

- ✓ Engage more actively with their learning
- ✓ Engage in the 8 key skills of Junior cycle
- ✓ Engage with Digital Media to enhance their learning





Reporting Participation and Engagement





Academic Timetable

08:50 - 09:48	History	Mathematics	English	History	Social, Personal and Health Education
	1His-D	1Math-2.2	1Eng-D	1His-D	1SPHE-D
	F-37	F-25	G-31	F-37	F-09
	Mr P Devitt	Ms E O'Loughlin	Mr P Lyons	Mr P Devitt	Ms N Smith
09:48 - 10:00	Wellbeing	Wellbeing	Wellbeing	Wellbeing	Wellbeing
	1we-D	1we-D	1we-D	1we-D	1we-D
	F-08	F-08	F-08	F-08	F-08
	Ms Ní Chiardubáin	Ms Ní Chiardubáin	Ms Ní Chlardubáin	Ms Ní Chiardubáin	Ms Ní Chlardubáin
10:00 - 10:58	Mathematics	Irish	Civic, Social & Political Educ.	English	Irish
	1Math-2.2	11ri-1,3	1CSPE-D	1Eng-D	1lri-1.3
	F-25	F-33	G-39	G-31	F-33
	Ms E O'Loughlin	Ms K McCole	Ms D Hyde	Mr P Lyons	Ms K McCole
10 - 11:13					
11:13 - 12:11	French	Geography	Physical Education	Geography	Engineering
	1Fre-3.3	1Geo-D	1PE-D	1Geo-D	1Engr-4.6
	F-14	F-27	G-82 A	F-27	G-61
	Ms E Sharpe	Ms J Heffernan	Ms K Barlow	Ms J Heffernan	Mr P Kennedy
12:11 - 13:09	Irish	Engineering	Religious Education	Microsoft 365	Mathematics
	1liri-1,3	1Engr-4.6	1Rel-D	1MS365-D	1Math-2.2
	F-33	G-61	F-15	G-33	F-25
	Ms K McCole	Mr P Kennedy	Ms K Ryan	Ms R Hallahan	Ms E O'Loughlin
13:09 - 13:49					
13:49 - 14:47	English 1Eng-D G-31 Mr P Lyons	English 1Eng-D G-31 Mr P Lyons	Mathematics 1Math-2.2 F-25 Ms E O'Loughlin	Home Economics 1HmEc-5.1 G-56 Ms J Doyle	
14:47 - 15:45	Science (JC) 1ScI-6.5 F-31 Ms R Casev	French 1Fre-3.3 F-14 Ms E Sharbe	Home Economics 1HmEc-5.1 G-56 Ms J Dovle	Science (JC) 1Sci-6.5 F-31 Ms R Casev	

Timetable 2025/2026

Key changes to timetables this year:

- 58 minute classes
- Wellbeing daily check-in (12 mins/ 10 mins on a Friday)
- Finalised timetables Monday 6th October



Wellbeing classes

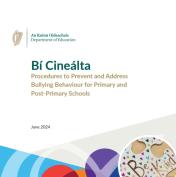
Chance to check in daily with tutors

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Current focus on organisation, transitioning from primary school

Whole school focus for wellbeing: School attendance strategy. Weekly reflections on attendance in the journal.

Bí Cinéalta- Anti Bullying Procedures



Student Surveys

Full Name:	Year :
Date:	
Answer YES or NO to the following questions:	
Are you being bullied?	
Do you know someone who is being bullied?	



Student Learning Journal

- Journal is key tool for students and parents
- New to students responsibility to record homework on students
- Record of all class work completed for each subject each day
- Homework/ revision/ topic covered each class
- Tick when completed
- Helps to organise and manage their time effectively.
- Parental support essential

Comeragn College - Journal Lot Week Commencing Monday 9th September ✓ Due Date Homework/Revision Monday 9th September Subject Period Done Constructive Plate boundary Revise 8.50-9.48 P1 Geography Done an accomply

Sets test on Wednesday 3 Questions

Sets test on Wednesday egg 140

Revise for Set Test on Wednesday egg 140

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What climate action is and why is imported.

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experients and how to use stuff English Science

Tuesday 10t	th September	Homework/Revision	1	Due Date
Period	Subject	Homework/Revision		
8.50-9.48 P1	Mathematics	Hw pg 4/Ex11/ learned factors Os 11/12/14/ primes		
9.48-10.00	Tutor / Wellbeing	Cont noin timetables Dounload Harris		
P2	Irish	Done a tiny Reamhford p13 US 1-t		
P3	History	Red History Book As Done anchaeology PM Well for Thursday Done Timelines FROT		
P4	Visual Art	Done Drawing + 5 Ketching		
P5	English	hearning about reviews.		
P6	French	Ms Sharpe was not is so we had a subsitute and played booklet instead.		

Wednesda	y 11th September		1	Due Date
Period	Subject	Homework/Revision	V	Due Date
8.50-9.48 P1	English	Wrote Diary Entrys out so we had a Mr h, O, Ponovon was subsitute		
9.48-10.00	Tutor / Wellbeing	Went over stuff and expectations		
P2	Religious	Went over stuff and expectations Done Rules in our copy On a page		
P3	P.E	Pone 12 min walkting Done basketball		
P4	S.P.H.E	Teacher not in so we did Broket Kanoot		
P5	Hathematics	Done Test Reviewed		
P6	wood work	Dane board games		

eriod	Subject	Homework/Revision	1	Due Date
P1	C.S.P.E	Ms Hyde was out gone colowing		
48-10.00	Tutor / Wellbeing	Fire Orill		
P2	Geography	Pg 23 Q (i) -7(v) Done Constructive plates Done Destructive plates aswell 1-5		
P3	History	HW pg 16 section on Pollen Anylis's Stratigraphy Learned about geophysical thing archaeologist		
P4	English	Done More about neview + Done Questions Read Reviews Luca HW		
P5	Wood Work	Done board games \ cards for the first fourty 5 minutes		
P6	wood work	Done woodwork cloing an cup holder Knot done yet finishing on Monday		

Period	September Subject	Homework/Revision	1	Due Date
8.50-9.48 P1	Minosoft	Greated folders in logged into teams aswel # set up teams and Vsware		
9.48-9:58	Tutor / Wellbeing	Went wer important information stuff	-	
P2	Irish	Got our test back corrected Homework		
P3	Visual out	Done sketching drawing tomal sketching		
P4	Mathematics	teacher went home Done our work		

Parent/Teacher Correspondence

Notes to/from Parents/Guardians Notes to/from Parents/Guardians

A	TTENDANCE STRATEGY
Absence this week:	Total Number Absences to date:
I covered the material I was absent for	and completed the tasks.
Lates this week:	Lates to date:

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Period 9	th September	Homework/Revision	✓ Due Date	Period	Subject	Homework/Revision		
8.50-9.48 P1	Geo Graphy	Le learnt about Convection Currents Revise Plate bounda		8.50-9.48 P1	C.S. D. E	We drew pictures.	✓ Due Date	
9.48-10.00	Tutor / Wellbeing	update	7	9.48-10.00	Tutor / Wellbeing	(Pire drill Process talk.)		
P2	Maths.	Maths test on Sets on wed.		P2	Geography	Pg 23 Q(i)->(v)		
P3	C.a	We learn't about Sustainable energy.		P3	History	We learnt about Newlange.		
P4	grish.	Study for our test tonorrow.		P4	English.	We learn about Diary entire		
P5	English.	We did revising on nouns		13.49-14.47 P.5		Played board gares.		
47-15.45 P6	Science.	Light chenicals on fire with a bursen burner.		14.47-15.45 P6	11.11	made Cup holders.		
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eriod 50-9.48	Subject	Homework/Revision	✓ Due Date	Period	Subject	Homework/Revision	✓ Due Date	
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8-10.00 0-10.58	Tutor / Wellbeing	pg g O 1+4	An Inches	9.48-9:58	Tutor / Wellbeing	every class.		
2	grish	Bring Both History books on		9:58-10:56 P2	Irish	fire drill happened.		
23	History	Thursday Write Paragraph P9 14.		11.09-12.07 P3	Act	We Scethed and shaded.		
9-14.47	otrt.	Revieus		12.07-13.05 P.4	malla	We did factors an LCM.	10	
5	English			F4	J laths			
96	French!	We Played Blooket			Notes to/from Parents/Gu	Parent/Teacher Correspondence Parents/Guardians Notes to/from Parents/Guardians	ians	
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eriod 0-9.48	Subject	We wrote draw en tree	✓ Due Date					
1	English	3						
-10.00	Tutor / Wellbeing	Wedate We drew out and Decorated		1 1 1			ACCUMENTS.	
3-12.11	Religion De	115 Cunning rules				ATTENDANCE STRATEGY		
1-13.09	P.E 0 11 C	Run 8 Laps of the court. Play blocket.		Absence	this week:	Total Number Absences to date:		
4-14.47	M. II C	We did a best.		I covered	I the material I was absent f			
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How can you support??

- Be familiar with timetable
- Attendance- please log absences on VSware app
- Student Learning Journal- check, read, ask
- Check VSware regularly- behaviour/ attendance/ assessment reports
- Attend Parent / Teacher Meetings with your student
- Create a learning friendly environment for homework/ study



Routine is the key to SUCCESS

Study space at home

- Same place every night, if possible
- Quiet space
- Table and chair
- Good lighting
- Not too comfortable
- Background music not recommended
- Eliminate distractions



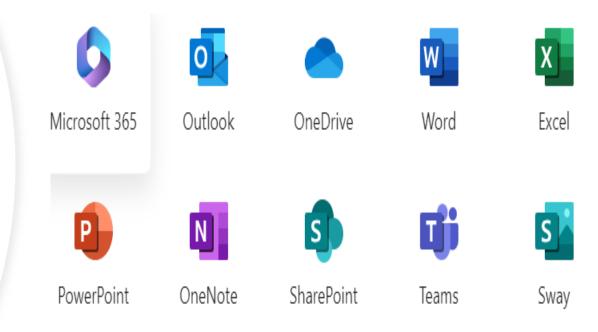
Points to note

- Morning learning hub
- Fobs
- Voucher system
- Emails & Passwords



Microsoft – school platform

- Every student has a Microsoft account – logins and passwords have been given out
- Outlook (email)
- One drive (storage)
- Teams (classes/ communication)





Open Night -25th September

Communication

1. Reporting Absences:

The Comeragh College uses the Vsware App for reporting absences, partial absences, and pre-arranged appointments. This is the only system used by the school for such reports.

2. Emergency Contact:

In case of an emergency where you need to talk to your son/daughter, please contact Elaine in the school office or email the 1st Year Student Director, Ms. Ní Chiardubháin at snichiardubhain@tipperaryetb.ie

Welfare Concerns:

For any welfare concerns, contact the 1st Year Student Director, Ms. Ní Chiardubháin, at <u>snichiardubhain@tipperaryetb.ie</u> or leave a message on the appropriate phone extension.

Academic Concerns:

For concerns about academic progress, contact the subject teacher directly through the school office.

. Anti-bullying Concerns:

For anti-bullying concerns, please contact the student director to complete an Anti-bullying record template.

Canteen Issues

For issues related to the school canteen or canteen fob, contact https://schoolfoodcompany.ie/.

7. Payment Issues:

o For issues with "way to pay" links, contact Elaine in the office directly at office@comeraghcollege.ie or by phone.

8. Children Allowance Forms:

o For completion of children's allowance forms, contact Elaine directly in the school office.

Medical Updates:

For student medical updates, contact the Health and Safety Officer, Ms. O'Loughlin at eoloughlin@tipperaryetb.ie and cc the Student Director.

10. Updating Records:

O To update VSware records, contact details, or change of address, contact Elaine in the school office.

11. Academic Progress Reports:

O Academic progress reports are available to view online through the VSware App. Alternatively, you can arrange to collect a copy from the school secretary or send in a stamped addressed envelope.

12. Student Behaviour Records:

Student behaviour records are available to view online through the VSware App

1ST YEAR PARENTS' SUBJECT INFORMATION



Items for Discussion

- Core and optional subjects in Comeragh College
- Advice on how best to choose subjects
- Information on optional subjects
- Subject choice procedure

CORE SUBJECTS

- Irish (unless exempt)
- English
- Maths
- Geography
- History
- Religious Education
- Computers
- Wellbeing: P.E., S.P.H.E., C.S.P.E.,



OPPORTUNITY TO TRY!

The **Subject Sampling Process**

happens during September giving students an opportunity to try out all the subjects on offer. Students try out the following subjects:

French, German, Spanish, Business Studies, Music, Art, Home Economics, Wood Technology, Engineering, Graphics & Science





How best to choose subjects?



PITFALLS TO AVOID WHEN CHOOSING



- 'My friend is doing it'
- 'X said it was easy'
- 'X said the subject I like is too hard'
- 'X wants me to do it'

If you are finding it hard to choose, go back and talk to the teachers



Information on Optional Subjects



FRENCH/ GERMAN/ SPANISH

Students will:

- Learn to converse in the language.
- Learn to listen, read and write in the language.
- Grammar skills.
- Learn about the different cultures and their way of life.

Assessment:

- 2 CBAs over 2nd and 3rd year in Oral Communication and a Language Portfolio
- 90%- Written exam at common level with an aural component
- 10%- written reflection task

Careers:

Translator, Interpreter, Tourism,
Journalism, Management,
International Business,
Human Rights/NGO work,
Teacher – and more!

SCIENCE

Students will:

- Students will learn about the Biological world, the Chemical world, the Physical world and Earth and Space.
- This will be carried out through an inquiry-based teaching style where the students will learn how to research information, question it, develop practical skills, analyse information and form conclusions.

Assessment:

- 2 CBAs over 2[™] and
 3[™] year in
- Extended experimental investigation and Science in society investigation
- 100%- Written exam at common level

Careers:

- Teacher
- Lecturer
- IT
- Astronaut
- Lab technician
- Forensic scientist
- Micro-biologist
- Pharmaceutical scientist
- Environmental consultant

- Doctor
- Nurse
- Physiotherapist
- Nutritionist
- Vet
- Ocupational therapist
- Engineer
- Electrician
- Research scientist
- Farmer
- Management

Science can be a requirement for entry into certain degree courses at University including Nursing, Medicine, Dentistry, Dietetics, Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Science & some Teaching programmes

BUSINESS STUDIES

Students will:

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

Assessment:

- 2 CBAs over 2nd and 3rd year in Business in Action and a Business-related presentation
- 90%- Written exam at common level
- 10%- written reflection task

Careers:

Accountant, Entrepreneur, Economist, Financial Advisor, Banker, Business Manager.

ART

Students will:

- Learn a variety of new crafts.
- Learn to work in 3D.
 e.g. sculpture or clay work.
- Learn about the design process.
- Apply these skills to create and design new objects and images.

Assessment:

- 2 CBAs over 2nd and 3rd year which are the foundation for the final project
- No written exam
- Students create 2 Artefacts from their developed ideas through their CBAs- worth 100% of final grade

Careers:

Animator, Film maker, Fashion Designer, Creative Director, Industrial Designer, Games Developer, Ceramic Designer/Potter

MUSIC

Students will:

- Learn about many types of music.
- Learn how to read & write music.
- Learn how to sing songs and maybe how to play an instrument.

Assessment:

- 2 CBAs over 2nd and 3rd year in Composition and programme Note
- 70%- final exam at common level
- 30% practical either solo or group

Careers:

Teacher, Sound- Engineer, Composer, Performer, Conductor.

HOME ECONOMICS

Students will:

- Follow recipes and cook dishes.
- Carry out projects on foods.
- Hand and/or machine sew to make small items.
- Become more experienced at managing resources and time.

Assessment:

- 2 CBAs over 2nd and 3rd year in Creative Textiles and Food Literacy Skills
- 50%- Written exam at common level
- 50%-practical food skills exam

Careers:

Chef/cook, catering, fashion and textiles, child care, teaching, food industry, tourism, health and nutrition.

ENGINEERING

Students will:

- 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.

Assessment:

- 2 CBAs over 2nd and 3rd year in Engineering in Action and Research & Development
- 30%- Written exam at common level
- 70%-practical exam set by the SEC

Careers:

Engineering, Architecture, Welding, Product Design, Industrial Design, Education, Construction, Crafts Worker.

WOOD TECHNOLOGY

Students will:

- 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.

Assessment:

- 2 CBAs over 2nd and 3rd year in Wood Science and Self-Evaluation
- 30%- Written exam at common level
- 70%-practical exam set by the SEC

Careers:

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

GRAPHICS

Students will:

- 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.

Assessment:

- 2 CBAs over 2nd and 3rd year in Communicating through sketching and Graphical skills
- 30%- Written exam at common level
- 70%-project task set by the SEC

Careers:

Graphic Design and Illustration,
Architecture, Product Design,
Engineering, Industrial Design,
Education.

How to Select Subject Preference

Help your child to complete their subject preference form and return by **Friday 26**th **September @9.a.m.**

Step 1: On the form, students will rank their preferred subjects from 1 to 9, with **1** being the subject they want most. Only include one language. If exempt from a language, rank preferences from 1 to 8.

How to Select Subject Preference

Step 2:

Rank the languages in the order you would like to study them.

Step 3:

Help your son/daughter to indicate their preference within each subject band (this is the time the subjects are happening on the timetable).



COLLEGE		Stu	ident Name:
Dear Parent/Guardia	n,		
Students will choose the office by 9.a.m .			sign it and ask your child to return it to the post box outsic
The subjects on offe	r are:		
Art	Music	Business Studies	Home Economics
Engineering	Graphics	Wood Technology	Science
Foreign Language:	German	French	Spanish
Step 1 : Rank your pr choices as fairly as p	•	- •	ct you want most. This helps us assign students to their top
If you have a languag	e exemption, do not	include a language. Instead, rank	your subjects from 1 to 8.

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Step 2: If you are studying a language, please rank your preferred languages from 1-3.									
Band One:	French	German	Spanish _	Climate Actio	n (Exemption)				
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Step 3: Flease fic	k which subject you	would most like to stud	ly on each line.						
Band Two:	Engineering	Home Ec	Science	Art	Wood				
Band Three: _	Business	Engineering	Graphics	H. Ec	Science	Art			
Band Four:	Business	Graphics	Music	Science	Wood Techn	ology			
									
Student		Parent/Guardian							

KEY MESSAGES

- The form must be back on Friday 26th September
- Giving serious thought to the order of preference is essential
- Interest is the most important factor in choice
- Further subject and course research* can be done on careersportal.ie *check science and 3rd language requirements
- The process is fair, we encourage students to focus on what they did get and not to dwell on a subject they didn't
- If you have any questions regarding subject choice, please contact Gemma O'Neill on goneill@tipperaryetb.ie

Guidance Counsellors

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- Cairdeas & Eagna- Gemma O'Neill

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