



Subject Choice Booklet

Teacher Assembly 2026

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

The Subject Choice Teacher Assembly gives you, the student, an opportunity to learn about what is involved in each choice subject for Leaving Certificate. You will also learn about what is expected from each student in the subject, the type of student that suits the subject and what you have to do to achieve in the subject.

At the end of each teacher's presentation, complete the questions in this booklet, marking your answer from 1 to 5.

5=strongly agree

4=agree

3=neither agree or disagree

2=disagree

1=strongly disagree

Circle your answers and write your total score in the box beside the subject name. On completion of the booklet, read over the information on each subject again and consider the subjects that scored the highest for you. Write any questions you have about the subject down in the space provided. Make sure to ask these questions to the subject teacher before completing your preferences form.

Leaving Certificate Subjects are presented in this booklet in alphabetical order. Please see the list below for the subjects on offer in Comeragh College.

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ACCOUNTING

What will I learn in Accounting?

In Accounting we build upon the accounts you have completed in 3rd year, and look at them in more detail, Final Accounts, Depreciation, Incomplete Accounts, Ratios, Control Accounts, Tabular Statements etc.

What type of student suits Accounting?

The student would have to be mathematical and neat when doing this subject, the completion of accounts requires the student to learn the layout of an account and through continued practice be able to enter the figures in the correct place.

Homework and Study Expectations:

Homework in accounting will be either learning the layouts of the accounts or completing or partially completing the accounts depending on their size. Study would probably be a half hour to one hour each night.

How will I be assessed?

Written Exam: Long Questions only this is not a theory- based subject, it is the completion of an account for each exam question.

Accounting is useful for these Careers:

Accountancy, Auctioneering, Auditing, Advertising, Banking, Book-keeping, Business Law, Clerical Work, Company Secretary, Entrepreneur, Fund Administration, Insurance, Manager, Market Research, Purchasing Officer, Quantity Surveyor, Receptionist, Sales Representative, Stocks and Share Services, Taxation Consultant, Teaching, Computers.

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Accounting

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AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

What will I learn in Ag Science?

L.C. Agricultural Science involves the study of science and technology underlying the principles and practices of agriculture in Ireland and across the world.

Plants (e.g. cereals, grasslands, catch crops) and animals (e.g. pigs, dairy, beef, sheep, insects, nematodes) associated with agriculture are studied. How to care and produce a saleable product whether plant or animal is a major part of a farming enterprise. Much of the course is given to educating the student on this aspect of agriculture.

Investigations / lab work into aspects of soil, ecology, plant and animal physiology, farm crops, farming practices, genetics and microbiology are undertaken throughout the two years. Day trips are taken over the two years as part of the course.

What type of student is suited to Ag Science?

Agricultural Science is typically suited or aimed at pupils with an interest in Agriculture and Horticulture or those who wish to pursue a career in Farming, Forestry, Veterinary, and Science. An agricultural background is not a necessity. Any student who is willing to work hard from day one of 5th year at Agricultural Science will enjoy the course and do very well.

Homework and Study Expectations

Like any subject, you must be willing to study and work to get the best out of this subject, for you as an individual. There will be homework relating to aspects of the course being covered at that time.

The portfolio/project work is started from September of 5th year and worked on until May 6th year.

How will I be assessed?

Agricultural Science is assessed at two levels, Ordinary level and Higher level. This is done through a written examination, June 6th year, worth 300/ 75% marks. A portfolio / project work completed over the two years worth 100/ 25% marks, is assessed in May 6th year, at a common level.

The portfolio / project consists of a written folder, a diary kept over a 12 month period of the student's practical experience on a family or adopted farm. Also a farm plan drawing, including photographs of the student on the farm is presented. All lab work will be presented in a lab copy. This portfolio work is assessed by an external examiner, visually and verbally.

Careers: Green keeping, Horticulture, Food Science, Agricultural Advisers, Agricultural Engineering, Sports Turf Management, Environmental Science, Forestry, Farming, Marine Science, Careers in Renewable Energy and Teaching.

Agricultural Science

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ART

What will I learn in Art and how will I be assessed for Leaving Certificate?

Leaving Cert Art has 3 components:

2 Practical components worth 70%:

- Coursework: Craftwork and Imaginative/Still life. This is a project worked on over 10 weeks worth 50%.
- Life drawing - invigilated exam worth 20%.

1 Written component worth 30%:

- Irish Art history
- European Art History
- General appreciation of Art and Design.

What type of student suits Art?

- Do you enjoy drawing, painting, print making or making things in clay or mixed media?
- When did you last make a drawing for **yourself**? When did you last take a photo that wasn't a selfie?
- Have you studied Art up to Junior Cycle level?
- Have you a sketch book? Do you use it?
- Do you think you might be good at art?
- Are you a creative thinker? Have you a creative mind?
- Do you have an interest in studying Art, Craft or Design at third level?

Homework and Study Expectations

Homework is to be expected in both Art History and Practical work and will be given weekly. For Leaving Cert Art History exam 3 essays are expected. 3-4 A4 pages long for each question with drawings to support the written work is standard.

Careers related to Art

Artist, Art therapy, Architecture, Craft, Textiles, Ceramics, Glass, Painting, Sculpture and printmaking, Film & media arts, Design -Interior, Fashion, Jewellery, Graphic Design, Website Design & Garden Design, Video game creation, Marketing, Illustration & Animation, Education (primary & secondary & third level), Museums and Galleries, Engineering, Maths & Science, Multimedia, Photography

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BIOLOGY

What will I learn in Biology?

3 Units

1. The study of Life: Food and Ecology
2. The Cell: Genetics, Evolution, Genetic engineering and following the genetic patterns, Photosynthesis, Respiration, how to break down food to give you energy.
3. The Organism: Plants and Animals including all the human systems.

What type of student suits Biology?

- A knowledge and understanding of biological facts and contemporary issues.
- Be aware of science around them and it's impact on society.
- To be confident in carrying out experiments in the lab on their own and as part of a team.

Homework and Study Expectations

Students are expected to do Learning, Written questions and Revision as part of their homework. To achieve the best possible results in this subject, it is important to spend a minimum of 30 mins studying per night in addition to the homework given.

How will I be assessed?

- The terminal exam in your leaving cert is worth **60%**
- Biology in Practice Investigation which is worth **40%**
- You will have to complete experiments
- 1 Ecology field study

Careers that link with Biology

Healthcare occupation e.g Physiotherapist, Nurse etc, Veterinary, Dentistry, Agriculture, Applied Biology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Botany, Ecology, Earth Science and Environmental Science, Genetics, Marine Science and Aquaculture, Microbiology and Zoology, Psychologist, Astronomer, Teacher, Dietician and Researcher.

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BUSINESS

What will I learn in Business?

Legislation governing consumers, employees, employers, Marketing, the EU, Economic Variables, Categories of Industry, International Trade, Insurance, Taxation

What kind of student suits Business?

This is a theory-based subject, note taking, exam-based questions and keeping up to date with current affairs is important. Homework will require you to do 20 to 30 minutes of written work each evening along with additional study.

How will I be assessed in Business?

Written exam worth 60%

Business Alive Investigative Study worth 40%

Business is useful for these Careers:

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

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Chemistry

What will I learn in Chemistry?

- Rates of reaction
- Acids and Bases
- Titrations and concentration of solutions
- The Atom and Periodic Table
- Chemical bonding
- Organic Chemistry
- Environmental Chemistry
- Stoichiometry (Calculations - Mathematics)

What type of student suits Chemistry?

- This subject is all about understanding concepts. It's not about learning all of the material off by heart. Once you understand a concept, you can build on that to figure out another. It's like building blocks.
- Hard work is required from the beginning of 5th year. Some topics take time to get your head around, but you have to stick with them!!
- For some sections of Chemistry, you need to carry out some mathematical work. So it is important that you feel comfortable carrying out basic maths calculations.
- There is a lot of practical work involved so people that enjoy experiments are suited.

Homework and Study Expectations

You will be expected to recap over the day's lesson each night, as well as completing 25 mins of written work. Revision is essential as you need to understand the basics to progress onto more difficult material.

How will I be assessed?

- There are multiple experiments
- **60% written exam**
- **40% Chemistry in Practice Investigation**

Careers that link with Chemistry

Medicine, Pharmacy, Veterinary, Food Science and Nutrition, Biological, Chemical and Pharmaceutical Science, Engineering, Nursing, Dentistry, Biomedical technology, Teaching

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CONSTRUCTION

What will I learn in Construction?

- Leaving Certificate Construction Studies provides students in senior cycle with an introduction to the knowledge and skills involved in construction technology and construction materials and building processes.

What type of student suits Construction?

- Students develop their ability to communicate ideas and information and to apply accurate observation and scientific investigation through exploring materials and processes.
- Students that are interested in building, trades, designing, modelling and management.

How will I be assessed in Construction?

Construction studies is assessed at two levels, Ordinary level and Higher level, by means of a written examination, a day practical test, and an assessment of student project work.

- Written exam 50%
- Project and Portfolio 30%
- Day Practical Exam 20%

Careers linked with Construction

- Building
- Trades
- Designing
- Modeling
- Architecture
- Construction management
- Engineering courses
- Furniture design and making
- Property Surveyor
- Sustainability Manager

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DESIGN AND COMMUNICATION GRAPHICS

What will I learn in DCG?

- DCG is a follow-on subject from Junior Cycle Graphics.
- Problem Solving Subject in both 2 Dimensional and 3 Dimensional format.
- Graphics and designs are communicated using; Traditional draughting, CAD (Solid Works) and freehand sketching skills.
- There is a great emphasis in the Leaving Certificate course on comprehension, analysis and problem solving.
- Creative thinking skills are developed.
- Applications include Roads, Mining, Structural forms, Roof Geometry, Industry Applications etc.

What type of students suits DCG?

Students that are interested in;

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

How will I be assessed?

It is assessed in the following two areas.

1. Student Assignment 40%
2. Terminal Exam 60%.

DCG Assignment 40%: Every year 6th year DCG students are given a brief in the second week of September. The project is generally due the 2nd week of January. Each student must submit 14 A3 pages, including sketching, research, working drawings, design concept sketches etc. The brief changes every year.

This subject will be of use to you if you want to progress into careers such as;
Architecture, Engineering, Interior Design, Product Design, Manufacture/Production Tech., Furniture Design & Manufacture, Animation, Web Design, Various Careers in Construction Industry, Automation, Teaching.

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Economics

What will I learn in Economics?

Economics is the study of the processes and decisions that influence the production and consumption of goods and services by individuals, firms, governments and other institutions in an economy.

What type of student suits Economics?

- Someone that enjoys working with graphs.
- Someone that enjoys carrying out their own research.
- Someone that can work with math equations.
- Someone that can apply theory to everyday scenarios.
- Someone that is interested in the economy and how it affects us all.

Homework and Study Expectations:

Homework will be approximately 20 minutes per evening and will include your own research. Study will be an extra 15/20 minutes after each class to ensure that you understand what was covered in class.

How will I be assessed?

20% Research Study: 6-8 week research study on a topic of economic relevance. Report filled out.

80% Written Exam with Section A worth 20% with a choice of short answer questions and Section B worth 60% with a choice of extended response answers.

Economics is useful for these Careers:

Actuarial analyst, Data analyst, Economist, External auditor, Financial risk analyst, Investment analyst, Political risk analyst, Statistician, Stockbroker, Entrepreneur, Banking, Exports & Imports, Taxation, Teaching & Law.

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ENGINEERING

What will I learn in Engineering?

- ❖ Engineering continues from Junior Cycle with a much more in depth look at manufacture and design with the addition of a full design project.
- ❖ The course content is quite science and technology based with the goal of preparing you for most first year Engineering degree courses.

The following topics will be covered in Engineering: safety in a manufacturing environment, materials science, polymer technology, machining, computer aided design/manufacture, materials joining, applied dynamics, design and realisation.

What type of student suits Engineering?

If you liked Engineering for Junior Cycle, interest in design, practical work, working independently, science.

How will I be assessed?

Engineering project:

- SEC-specified design brief; includes a manufactured artefact and a design folio.
- Worth 50% at Higher level and 50% at Ordinary Level.

Written Exam:

- Three-hour theory paper; covers workshop processes, materials, and engineering principles.
- Worth 50% at Higher level and 50% at Ordinary Level.

Careers: Manufacturing, mechanical and electrical engineering, production management, industrial design, environmental engineering, biomedical engineering, teaching and many more.

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FRENCH

What will I learn in French?

You will develop the four key skills of language learning (reading, writing, listening and speaking). Topics include: Myself, Family, Young People, School, Free time, Holidays, Health, Technology, The world today.

What will I be able to do?

- Read a comprehension in French and answer questions
- Listen to a CD in French and answer questions in relation to it
- Speak about different topics in French (e.g. Your interests, family, school etc)
- Give your opinion on topical issues in French

What type of student suits French?

- Someone who has an interest in languages
- Someone who is not afraid to make mistakes and work hard
- Someone who is an excellent researcher and communicator

Homework and Study Expectations

I should spend a maximum of 30 minutes a night between studying and doing homework.

Studying a language does not necessarily mean learning information every night. It does involve on occasion listening to Music and watching TV in the language.

How will I be assessed for Leaving Certificate?

Higher Level: Written 100 marks (25%); Oral 100 (25%); Aural - 80 marks (20%); comprehension 120 marks (30%).

Ordinary Level: Written 60 marks (15%); Oral 80 (20%); Aural - 100 marks (25%); comprehension 160 marks (40%).

French is useful for these careers:

Translator, Interpreter (EU / UN), Proofreader, Tour guide, French Teacher, Business Industry, Brand Ambassador, Sales Associate, Technical Support for multinationals (Google, Apple, HP, Vodafone).

French

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GEOGRAPHY

What will I learn in Geography?

Leaving Certificate Geography has three core strands:

- The physical environment
- The human environment
- The global environment

What type of student suits Geography?

- Students considering further study in areas such as geography, economics, environmental science, or politics.
- Students with the following skills or who wish to develop these skills: information gathering, presentation and communication, social skills and evaluation skills
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How will I be assessed?

There will be separate exam papers for Higher and Ordinary level students. The **examination paper will have an assessment weighting of 60%**. The report on the **Geographical Investigation will have an assessment weighting of 40%**.

Homework Expectations: 30-40 minutes a night

Study Expectations: 1-2 hours per week

Careers: Cartographer, Commercial/residential surveyor, Environmental consultant, Geographical information systems officer, Planning and development surveyor, Secondary school teacher, Town planner, International aid/development worker, Landscape architect, Logistics and distribution manager, Market researcher, Nature conservation officer, Sustainability consultant, Tourism officer, Transport planner

Geography

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GERMAN

What will I learn in German?

- How to develop the four key skills of language learning (reading, writing, listening and speaking) in great detail
- Topics : Building on topics covered for Junior Cycle e.g. family, leisure activities, where I live and adding new topics e.g. plans for the future, social problems, life in Germany, the experience of learning German.
- What will I learn?
 - To read literary texts and journalistic passages and understand them
 - To develop listening skills
 - Speak about different topics in German e.g. your interests, family, school etc.
 - To write more developed letters about yourself and your life and paragraphs on topical issues.

What type of student suits German?

- Someone who liked German in Junior Cycle.
- Someone who is not afraid of work and someone who is not afraid of making mistakes in the process.
- Someone who can study independently as well as participate fully in class.

Homework and Study Expectations

To achieve maximum results in this subject, it is important to spend a minimum of 30 mins studying German per night. It is also important to practice oral skills (by recording yourself and listening back).

How will I be assessed?

Higher Level: Oral 25%; Aural 20%; Reading 30%; Writing and Grammar 25%

Ordinary Level: Oral 20%; Aural 25%; Reading 40%; Writing and Grammar 15%

Oral exams take place in March/ April of the Leaving Cert year. Materials for Oral are prepared throughout 5th and 6th Year. The exam is conducted by an external examiner and lasts for approx. 15 minutes.

German is useful for these careers: Translator, Interpreter (EU / UN), Tourism Industry, Hospitality Industry, Engineering, German Teacher, Business (working with German or multinational companies), German is the most widely spoken language in Europe and the EU and German speakers are widely sought by many companies.

German

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HISTORY

What will I learn in History?

You will learn about 20th century world history. There are 4 main topics to cover which include: Europe, USA and 2 Irish topics.

What kind of student would suit History?

Students should have a general interest in History and current international events.

Higher level students be prepared for serious study and notes.

Essays written 4 to 5 pages.

How will I be assessed in the Leaving Certificate?

Final written exam in June 80%.

Research project on personal chosen topic (local, national or international) worth 20%.

How will History help me in the future?

History helps in overall understanding of the world today.

Is advantageous in other subjects for example English, Geography.

A good academic subject to have to help overall intelligence and knowledge, for example in interviews.

History can help prepare students for essay writing and research at University.

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HOME ECONOMICS

What will I learn in Home Economics?

Food Studies 45% -Nutrition, Diet and Health, Food Commodities, Food Industry, Microbiology

Resource Management and Consumer Studies 25% -Family Finance, Housing Finance, Household Technology

Social Studies 10%-Family, Marriage, Family Law

There are three electives studied in 6th year from which **one** must be chosen: 20% Home Design and Management **or** Textiles Fashion and Design **or** Social Studies.

What type of student suits Home Economics?

- A student who is willing to hard work from the start of 5th year.

Assignments which account for 20% of the overall grade are covered in 5th so students need to apply themselves straightaway to research and writing up of coursework.

- A student who has an interest in Food, Nutrition and Diet, Social Studies or Consumer Studies, Textiles or Home Design.
- A student who has preferably studied Home Economics at Junior cycle.
- A student willing to dedicate at least a half hour to study of work covered in class each night to maximise their results.

Study and Homework Expectations

Students are expected to study and make notes on work covered after every class.

Learning homework should be done each night even if written homework is not prescribed.

Written work must always be attempted. Work on Journal assignments **must be completed by deadlines** given. These assignments will also involve student research.

How will I be assessed for Leaving Certificate?

20% - Coursework (4 coursework assignments completed in a Journal-Majority of this completed in 5th Year)

80% - Final Written Examination

The following are some of the careers that studying Home Economics will benefit:

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

Home Economics

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MUSIC

What will I learn in Music?

Leaving Certificate Music combines Performing, Listening, Composition, Elements of Music and Music Technology. The study and appreciation of a broad range of styles of music from popular, jazz, classical and traditional.

What type of student suits Music?

- Students who have shown an aptitude for Music either in school or outside of school 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 in a number of courses in Performance, Technology/ Sound Engineering and Music Management.
- Students who are looking for a break from intensive memory-work in their other subjects

Homework and Study Expectations for Leaving Cert Music

Students are required to do a lot of active listening at home which will form an integral part of their homework for Leaving Cert Music- This includes listening to their prescribed set works / traditional Irish Music/ various other genres of music / orchestral instruments. Students are required to study notes taken in class on set works / Irish music etc. Students are required to practice their music technology as part of their homework. If a student decides to do solo singing/ play an instrument as part of their practical examination, they must research songs/ pieces of music that they could possibly perform for their practical examination. Students are required to practice composition pieces at home.

How will I be assessed in Music: **Listening Paper 25%** : Examined in June of 6th year , 90 minutes duration , Four set works, Irish music and general listening skills.

Composition Paper 25% : Examined in June of 6th year , 90 minutes duration. Melody writing and harmony. **Performance 50%** : Examined in March/April of 6th year , Candidates may perform as a soloist or as part of a group or both.

Careers: Music is useful for media work or any creative discipline, Primary Teaching, Childcare, Sound Engineering, Public Relations, Library Work, Speech Therapy, Film, Physical Education, Communications, Production, Performance and Music at third level.

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SPANISH

What will I learn in Spanish?

How to develop the four key skills of language learning (reading, writing, listening and speaking) in great detail

Topics : Myself, family, hobbies, school, where I live and adding new topics, what I'd like to do after school, past holidays, social problems, Spanish culture

What will I learn?

To read literary texts and journalistic passages and understand them.

To develop listening skills.

Speak about different topics in Spanish (e.g. Your interests, family, school etc).

To write more developed letters about yourself and your life and paragraphs on topical issues.

What type of student suits Spanish?

- Someone who liked Spanish in Junior Cycle.
- Someone who is not afraid of work and someone who is not afraid of making mistakes in the process.
- Someone who can study independently as well as participate fully in class.

Homework and Study Expectations

To achieve maximum results in this subject, it is important to spend a minimum of 30 mins studying Spanish per night. It is also important to practice oral skills (by recording yourself and listening back).

How will I be assessed?

Higher Level: Oral 25%; Aural 20%; Reading 30%; Writing and Grammar 25%

Ordinary Level: Oral 20%; Aural 25%; Reading 40%; Writing and Grammar 15%

Oral exams take place in March/th April of the Leaving Cert year. Materials for Oral are prepared throughout 5th and 6th Year. The exam is conducted by an external examiner and lasts for approx. 15 minutes.

Spanish is useful for these careers:

Translator, Entering into courses in N.U.I.s, Interpreter (EU / UN), Tourism Industry, Hospitality Industry. Engineering, Spanish Teacher, Business (working with Spanish or multi-national companies), Did you know Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world?

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| 1. I am interested in learning more about this subject. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. I am motivated and prepared to work hard at this subject. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. My personality and learning style suits this subject. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. I am interested in the careers that link with this subject. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Any questions _____

Now look back over your scores and write down your top 8 subjects.

	Subject	Score
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

- **It is important to read through this booklet again with your parents/guardians before completing your subject preferences form.**
- **Consider your scores and the information learned during the Teacher's Assembly before putting your subjects in order of preference.**
- **Make sure to ask the subject teacher/your guidance counsellor any questions that you noted.**
- **Keep this booklet safe in your journal, your guidance counsellor may ask to see your scores during your individual meeting.**
- **Remember to take the decision seriously, there will be no changing classes in September.**