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Senior Cycle in St. Farnan's PPS

Dear 3rd year Students, Parents & Guardians,

In St. Farnan's Post Primary School, we offer a number of pathways following the 3rd year of Junior Cycle. An explanation of the pathways will be given at the Transition Year/Fifth Year Information Evening but can also be found in the Senior Cycle Student Options Handbook.

Please complete the table below indicating which preferred pathway that you wish your son/daughter to follow for the 2022-2023 academic year.

STUDENT NAME: _____ Current 3rd year class: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

Please TICK the course that you wish your son/daughter to follow this August 2022:

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Transition Year (4th year)

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5th Year (Leaving Cert Year 1)

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Leaving Cert Applied
Year 1

- The **Transition Year Programme** will be explained in detail at the Information Evening meeting.
- **Leaving Cert Applied (LCA)** is split into four half-year *sessions*, with more emphasis on continuous assessment instead of the end of year exams. Students are awarded a Distinction, a Merit or a Pass. The Leaving Certificate Applied has a strong vocational dimension which equips students with skills for the world of work and life-long learning. Credits are also dependent on 90% attendance in LCA classes.

The following subjects are taken during the 2 years of LCA: Irish, Maths Applications, English & Communications, Intro to ICT, Vocational Preparation & Guidance, Work Experience, Social Education, Leisure & Recreation, Hotel & Catering, Visual Art, Engineering, Modern Foreign Language.

Students wishing to further their education after LCA can do so by progressing into Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses. These are one-year courses (two in some cases) in a very wide range of specialist areas. PLC courses are at level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications (www.nfq.ie). Students may then proceed to college or university to undertake further study.

- The **Established Leaving Certificate** information and Options Subjects choice are on the reverse of this page and includes information on the **Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)**.

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The **Established Leaving Certificate** examination subjects available to our students are: **English, Irish and Maths** (alongside non-exam subjects RSE, Tutorial, Careers/Guidance, Religion, PE etc.). **Four** other **optional subjects** must be taken by students sitting the Leaving Certificate Established.

There is also the availability to take the **Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)** - the programme consists of the normal 7 Leaving Certificate subjects, together with three compulsory link modules on enterprise education, preparation for work and work experience. Only students taking particular Leaving Cert subjects may undertake this course.

Please choose your top 6 choices by inserting the numbers 1 to 6 in the corresponding boxes to highlight your subject choices in order of preference. 1 being the subject that you most want to study etc.

Subject	Order of Preference 1-6
Agricultural Science	
Art	
Biology	
Business	
Chemistry	
Construction Studies	
DCG Design & Communication Graphics	
Engineering	
French	
Geography	
History	
Home Economics	
Music	
Physics	

Please Note:

It is important to note that all students may not receive their first four choices and all these options are subject to change depending on course uptake.

We will endeavour to get you as many first choice options as possible.

Information relating to course content, assessment procedures, links with other subject areas and third level/career options are available for each of the below subject areas in the Senior Cycle Student Options Handbook. This can be found on the school website www.stfarnans.ie under the tab labelled Parents and in the Student Options Subject section

Please ensure that you spend time to review each subject area and carefully make your decision. Under each subject area you will find the key staff to speak with regarding any queries about the subject.

Please return to Mr. Little on or before Wednesday 30th of March. Please note you can return by handing to Mr. Little/ Jenna in the front office or by email to alittle@stfarnans.ie

Late returns may not get their preferred options.

This is only the first stage of options selection. Final selection of options will occur the week after March 30th through our online portal VSware.



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LCVP	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		Please tick <i>Yes</i> LCVP box if you are interested, subject choice dependent.