

INCOMING 1ST YR PARENTS MEETING

FEBRUARY 4TH 2026

KEY SPEAKERS

- Ms A. Behan- SEN Co-Ordinator
- Ms C. Kenny- Career Guidance Counsellor-
Subject Choice

DEADLINE

- Subject Options- Wednesday
11th(midnight) February
- Please Choose Carefully

OPEN MORNING

- Saturday 9th May
- 10:00 - 12:30
- FCJ Secondary School
- School Week beginning Aug 24th

VSWARE LOGIN

- Message with Login details Thursday 5th
- Instructions to follow on www.fcjbunclody.ie

MOBILE PHONES

- Pouch supplied by school
- Parent to collect phone if phone found not in pouch
- Need parental support on this

UNIFORMS

Suppliers: Standard Uniform

- Matt Mernagh - Enniscorthy
- Ken Rothwell- Bunclody
(Skirts- Mid-calf Length)

Suppliers: P.E Uniform with P.E Tee-shirt

- Rathbawn Embroidery-Tullow
- O' Reilly's Sportswear- Kilkenny

FREE BOOK SCHEME

- All books, workbooks and stationery
- Further details to follow

BUSES

- Bus Eireann- school transport
- Waterford Office- 0818919910
- Contact form on Website
- Register

BUS ROUTES:

- **Willie Kavanagh - Private:**

- Ferns – Bunclody
- Enniscorthy – Bunclody (2 buses)
- **Roches - Private:**
- Ferns – Bunclody
- Ferns – Clologue – Camolin – Ferns
- Bunclody

- Ferns – Tombrack – Clohamon –
Bunclody
- Ballyduff – Ballyroebuck – Bunclody
- **Roches – Bus Éireann:**
- Ballindaggin – Bunclody
- Ballyandrew – Coorduff – Ballyroebuck
Bunclody
- Ballyandrew – Ballyroebuck Bunclody

BUS ROUTES:

- Eamonn Cowman – Bus Éireann:

- Kilrush – Clohamon – Bunclody

- Myshall – Crannmore – Kildavin
– Clonegal - Bunclody

- Larry Earle – Bus Éireann:

- Ballycarney-Ballindaggin-Bunclody

- Spruhans- Bus Eireann

- Kiltealy- Bunclody

Roberts- Bus Eireann

Kiltealy- Ballindaggin

Ballycarney- Bunclody

- Ballindaggin – Kilmyshall – Bunclody

- Castledockrell – Bunclody

- Myshall – Kildavin – Bunclody

- Myshall – Forge – Bunclody

BUS CONTACTS- PRIVATE

- Kavanagh Buses: 0872449167
- Roches Buses: 0872911965
- Roberts Buses: 0857589746

COMMUNICATION

- Via-
- Text Message
- Vsmail- turn on **Notifications**
- School App Unique- details to follow

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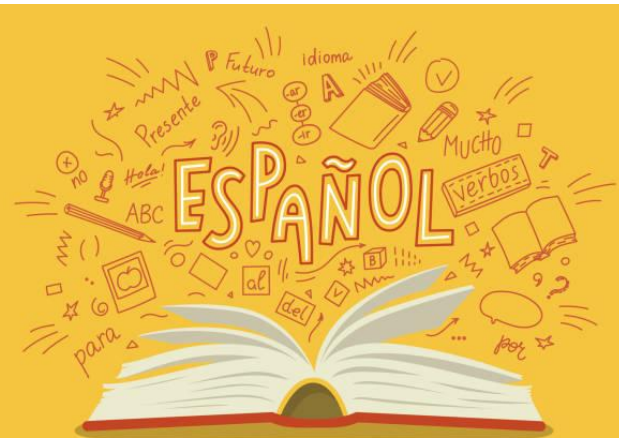
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Firstly, all students will be asked to choose a **modern language** subject from the three available options:

French

German

Spanish



The second decision students will need to make is choosing **two** optional subjects from the eight optional subjects offered in our school.

1.Applied Technology	5.Home Economics
2.Business Studies	6.Music
3.Engineering	7.Visual Art
4.Graphics	8.Wood Technology

1.Applied Technology

Applied technology is all about turning ideas into reality!

Students get hands-on with computers, CAD software, and 3D printers to design, create and innovate.

Junior Cycle students will have a choice of three projects!



Applied Technology would suit those who:

- Have an interest in design & problem solving
- Enjoy practical work – Using tools & machinery
- Can meet project deadlines

To take Technology in Leaving Certificate, students are encouraged to study Applied Technology in Junior Cycle, with preference given to those who do.



2. Business Studies

Business Studies has 3 interconnected strands.

Strand 1: Personal Finance: Students develop smart financial decision-making skills.

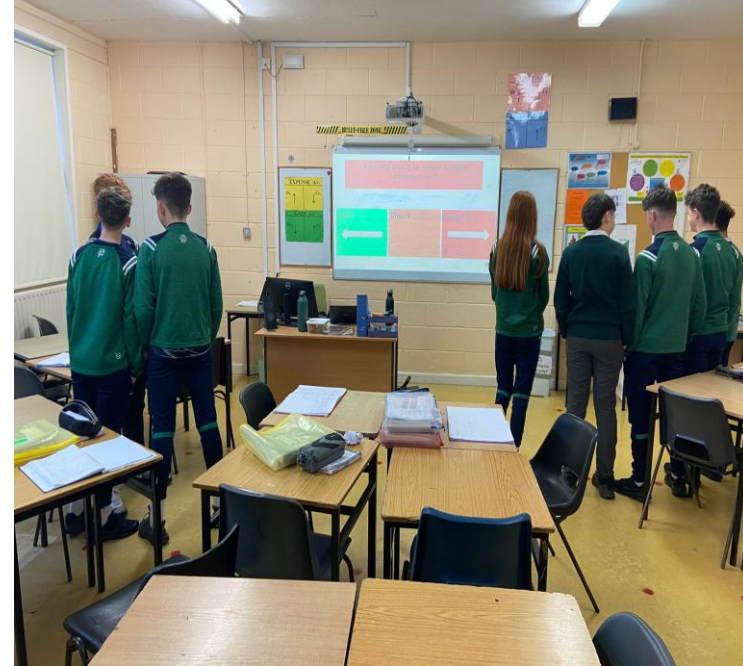
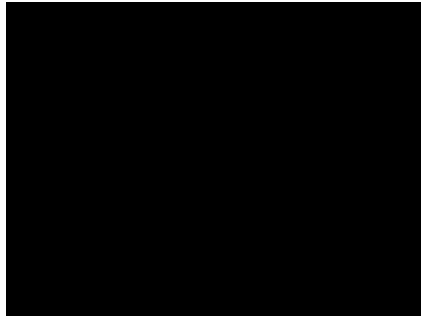
Strand 2: Enterprise: Students build their understanding of the financial and marketing side of a business!

Strand 3: Our Economy: Students will learn how local, national, and global economies are interconnected.

Who would benefit from choosing Business Studies as a subject?

It's perfect for those who like to understand how businesses work, manage money, and explore real-world challenges.

Studying Business Studies at Junior Cycle provides a foundation for studying Leaving Certificate Business, Accounting and Economics.



3. Engineering

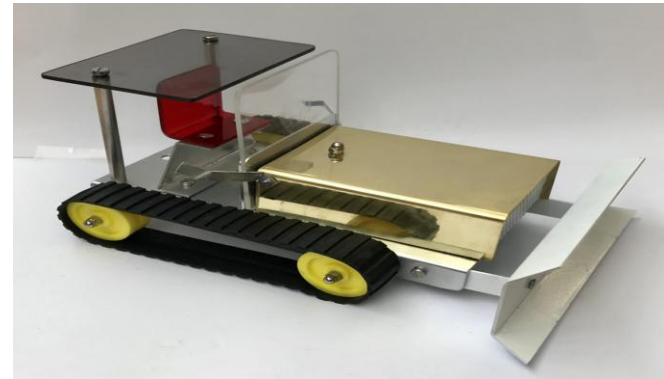
Engineering is all about bringing ideas to life! Students work to a drawing.

Students get hands-on with designing, building, and learning how things are made. **Good hand skills are important.**

Who would Engineering suit?

Engineering is ideal for those who enjoy working with tools, and exploring how things are made.

Students are encouraged to take Engineering in Junior Cycle, as those who do will be given preference in the Leaving Cert Engineering class.

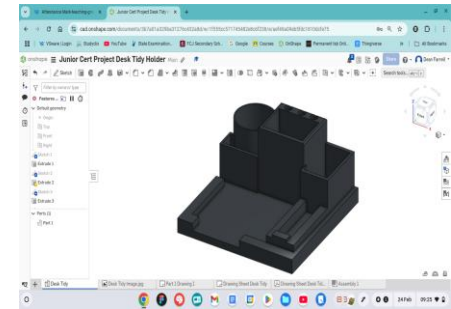
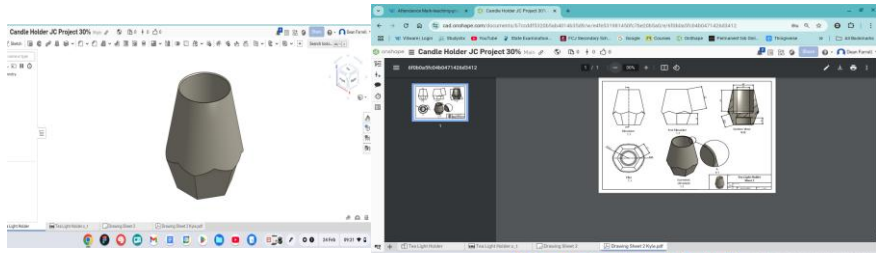
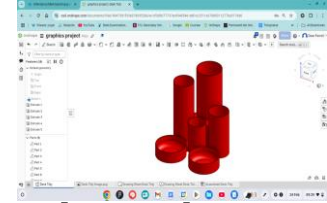


4. Graphics

Graphics, students will dive into the world of design, learning how to sketch, and create drawings!

It's the perfect subject for future designers, and anyone who loves to get creative with visuals!

Graphics covers a wide range of cross curricular links, these include Wood Technology and Applied Technology. From studying two of these subjects, it allows students to make connections between different subjects, enhancing their overall understanding.



Who would Graphics suit?

The subject suits students who have good attention to detail, are able to think visually and work with software.

Students who enjoy working with Lego usually enjoy Graphics.

Being able to draw neatly and clearly is essential.

To take DCG in Leaving Certificate, students are encouraged to study Graphics in Junior Cycle, with preference given to those who have done so.

5. Home Economics is a great subject as it gives students so many life skills.

Students will learn everything from cooking to mastering essential skills for everyday life!

Students also dive into practical tips on budgeting, time management, and making healthy food choices.



6. Music

Students learn how to play, compose, and even perform their own music. If students play an instrument, it's a plus but most start from scratch in 1st Year.



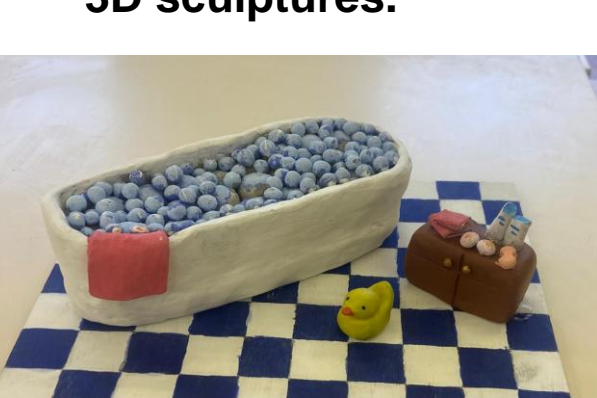
It needs to be emphasised that Music is for any student that is interested in listening and playing Music. Sometimes there is a perception that it suits students that don't play sports!! We have lots of students that play music and play with various teams.

7. Visual Art

Students have the opportunity to express their creativity using a wide range of materials.

In Junior Cycle, students are given a theme to explore, brainstorm ideas, and develop them into unique designs.

These designs come to life in finished pieces like paintings, pottery, lino prints, or 3D sculptures.



Who is Visual Art for?



- Students who are eager to develop their artistic skills.
- Students who love exploring ideas through drawing and have a passion for creativity.



8. Wood Technology

Wood Technology is split up into two domains. Practical and theory.

The practical aspect of the course focuses on teaching students the safe and effective use of hand tools and machines.

The theory component covers wood processing techniques.



Who would this subject suit?

Students who like to assemble things and like working with tools and equipment.

Students who have good hand to eye coordination.

Students who have the ability to get stuck into a task and have the patience to see it through.



To take Construction in Leaving Certificate, students are encouraged to study Wood Technology in Junior Cycle, with preference given to

What is important when choosing subjects?

There are many factors to consider when choosing subjects, most importantly students' interest in the subject and their ability in it.

Students are advised to **consult** with their 6th class teacher when making their choices, as their knowledge of the individual student can be very helpful.

Recap & Conclude

Students will be asked to choose their option subjects on VSware. On the website there are tutorials on how to use VSware for subject choice.

VSware will open tomorrow, Thursday 5th February and close on Wednesday 11th February.

Firstly, Students will be asked to choose their language preference.

Secondly students need to choose **two optional subjects from the 8 available**.

Students will be asked to put in four choices on VS Ware in case they do not get their top two preferences.

Please ensure they fill out their options in **genuine order of preference**.

<https://careersportal.ie/>