



## Subject Choice 2020

Students study seven subjects for their Leaving Certificate and their best six grades, achieved in one sitting of the Leaving Certificate or its equivalent, will be used to calculate their point score for entry purposes to college courses.

All students study Maths, English, Irish\* and French\* or German\*

\*Unless exemptions granted by the Department of Education and Skills

### Subjects on offer in Dominican College 2020:

Biology Physics Chemistry Computer Science	Business Accounting Link Modules (LCVP)	Music Art	Geography History Home Economics
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### Resources:

- Careersportal.ie – click on **School Students / Leaving Cert Subjects /** subject you want to research, for example **Biology**. Contains useful information such as: Course Overview, Course Content, Exam Structure, Career Possibilities and what 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses the subject is required for. Links to exam papers and marking schemes are also found on this website
- Qualifax.ie – click on **Students / Courses Finder / Higher Education CAO /** type in the course title or keyword and press search / click on the course link to find out more information about the course such as the entry requirements and the points in the past few years.  
*Note – some courses are open to mature students only (you must be older than 23 to apply for these.)*
- Qualifax.ie – click on **Students / Useful Tools / Minimum Subject Requirements / Leaving Certificate Subjects /** click the different drop downs to search for specific subject requirements for 3<sup>rd</sup> level courses. For example search to see what third level courses require a science subject.
- Curriculumonline.ie – this website gives detailed information on all Leaving Certificate Subjects.
- Examinations.ie – this website provides access to past exam papers and marking schemes
- Text books – visit one of the book shops in town and ask to see the text books.
- Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year
- Teachers
- You – as parents or guardians you can be a great source of knowledge when it comes to subject choice. You can help your daughter to weigh up the pros and cons of taking a particular subject and you can be helpful in identifying their strengths and aptitudes.
- Your daughter – remember your daughter will have a good idea what she likes or doesn't like.



## New points system from 2017

Higher Level Grades	Higher Level Points	% Bands	Ordinary Level Grades	Ordinary Level Points
H1	100	90-100%	O1	56
H2	88	80-89%	O2	46
H3	77	70-79%	O3	37
H4	66	60-69%	O4	28
H5	56	50-59%	O5	20
H6	46	40-49%	O6	12
H7	37	30-39%	O7	0
H8	0	0-29%	O8	0

### LCVP

- Distinction – 80 to 100% = 66 points
- Merit – 65 to 79% = 46 points
- Pass – 50 to 64% = 28 points

### Higher Level Maths

- 25 bonus points for grades H6 and above – this is applicable for 2019, but may change in the future