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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Following our information evening & discussion held before the Easter break, we are now ready to proceed with formulating the exam subject options for next year's second year students. These will be the options for the Junior Certificate 2026.

In addition to the core examination subjects, Irish\*, English, Maths, History and Science, all students will take **four** optional subjects from the following list:

French, Spanish, Geography, Home Economics, Woodwork, Engineering, Graphics, Business Studies, Visual Art, Music.

Students are now asked to select their **preferred four subjects** from this list and then their **three reserve subjects** that may be offered if they do not get some of their preferred subjects. Subjects should be selected in order of preference but if a language (French or Spanish) is required it should be placed first. The language picked should be the one they had for First Year.

Students are requested to carry out this process on-line with their Parent/Guardian using the options section on VSware. Full instructions on subject options using the Vsware app and using VSware on a PC are available on our web-site – www.dvs.ie. The options portal will be open from this evening, Monday, April 8th.

If you have forgotten your username for VSware, please contact the school. Password can then be reset if necessary.

Selection is to be made by 9:00pm on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.** Changes can be made as often as necessary until that date.

The Guidance Counsellor will explain the process to all First Years in the coming weeks.

It is our objective that most students will get subjects they are happy with. However, we also need to ensure nobody is precluded from a particular career path because of the options we provide and the decisions they make.

Yours sincerely

Martin Fallon

\*Unless exempt from Irish