



FIRST YEAR INFORMATION FOR ENROLMENT

CURRICULUM – FIRST YEAR

Exam Subjects Full Year

- × Irish
- × English
- × Maths
- × Science
- × History
- × Geography
- × French **or** Spanish

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Exam Subjects in Block Rotation

- ✘ Materials Technology Woodwork
- ✘ Materials Technology Metalwork
- ✘ Technical Graphics
- ✘ Business
- ✘ Home Economics
- ✘ Art
- ✘ Music

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Non-exam subjects

- ✘ Religion
- ✘ Computer Studies

Wellbeing:

- ✘ SPHE/RSE
- ✘ PE
- ✘ CSPE
- ✘ Other

SUBJECT CHOICE – JUNIOR CERT

Students do all subjects in First Year (one European language) and make their choices for 2nd year at the end of First Year.

SUBJECT CHOICE – JUNIOR CERT

✘ **Maximum** number of exam subjects permitted by the DES for new Junior Cert = **10**

Or... maximum of

9 subjects and 2 short courses

Or...

8 subjects and 4 short courses

SUBJECT CHOICE – JUNIOR CERT

Core Exam subjects at DVS

- ✘ Eng, Irish, Maths, Science, History, Geography*

*(for review)

Plus - Options – 3 of

- ✘ Woodwork, Engineering, Home Economics, Technical Graphics, Art, Music, Business, French, Spanish

Non- Exam subjects

Religion

Computers

SPHE

PE

Wellbeing Modules

TIMETABLE STRUCTURE

- ✘ Each class period is 40 minutes
- ✘ Mon – Thurs , 9 periods per day to 4pm
- ✘ Friday 7 periods to 2pm

- ✘ Full week is 28.66 hours tuition time (40 mins per week more than DES requirement)

SUBJECT CHOICE PROCESS

- ✘ Group meetings with Guidance Counsellor
- ✘ Information Evening for Parents
- ✘ Students list the subjects they want in order of preference (online using Vsware)
- ✘ Options decided
- ✘ Individual meetings with Guidance Counsellor
- ✘ Changes may be permitted in September

“Parents, students and teachers reported very favourably on the arrangements for sampling of subjects in First Year” - DES

Inspectorate Whole School
Evaluation Report, January 2017

SOME KEY POINTS OF NEW JUNIOR CYCLE

- ✘ Emphasis on assessment for learning
- ✘ Continuous assessment
- ✘ Presentation skills
- ✘ Importance of co-curricular/extra-curricular work recognised
- ✘ Wellbeing
- ✘ More flexible in terms of provision of short courses as they become available

THE JUNIOR CYCLE AWARD

The Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) comprises:

- ✘ Results based on terminal exams set and corrected by the SEC
- ✘ Class Based Assessments (CBAs)
- ✘ Report on extra-curricular activities

TRANSITION YEAR

- ✘ Committed to introduction of TY for 2021/22

LEAVING CERT EXAM SUBJECTS AVAILABLE AT DVS

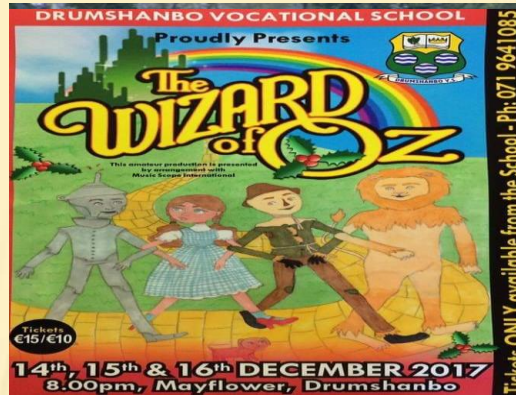
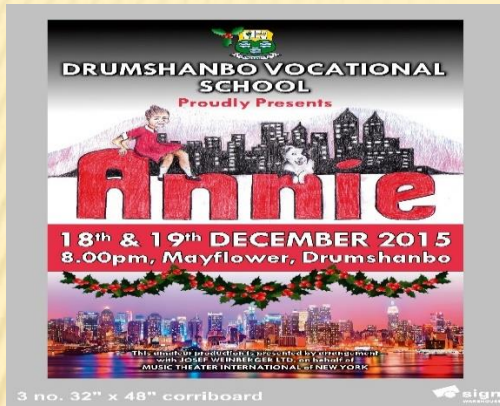
- ✗ Irish
- ✗ English
- ✗ Maths
- ✗ French
- ✗ Spanish
- ✗ Agricultural Science
- ✗ Physics/Chemistry
- ✗ Biology
- ✗ History
- ✗ DCG
- ✗ Art & Design
- ✗ Business
- ✗ Engineering
- ✗ Construction studies
- ✗ Home Economics
- ✗ Music
- ✗ LCVP
- ✗ Geography
- ✗ Applied Maths (depends on demand)

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

- ❖ Provided subject to demand
- ❖ Exams spread over two years
- ❖ More practical & Project Based
- ❖ Can lead to apprenticeships & entry to Level 5 PLC Courses

“Subject choice for students at DVS is very broad and balanced” ... DES Inspectorate Whole School Evaluation Report, January 2017

EXTRA-CURRICULAR



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- ✘ Volleyball
- ✘ Basketball
- ✘ Football
- ✘ Girls Active
- ✘ Healthy Schools Project
- ✘ Chess
- ✘ Coding
- ✘ Art club
- ✘ Library Club
- ✘ Musical
- ✘ Enterprise
- ✘ Gaisce
- ✘ Supervised Evening Study
- ✘ Boys active
- ✘ Subject & Class Outings
- ✘ Sci-fest
- ✘ School Bank
- ✘ Decoupage ('18/'19)

“The school curriculum is complemented by a wide and holistic range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities” - DES

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BOOKS & EQUIPMENT

- ✘ Text Books supplied by the school under the Book Rental Scheme

FACILITIES

- ✘ Two fully equipped Science Labs
- ✘ Fully equipped Specialist Rooms for all practical subjects
- ✘ Computer Room
- ✘ Music & Drama Room
- ✘ Meditation Room
- ✘ Access to on-site sports facilities
- ✘ Learning Support Rooms
- ✘ Mayflower for Lunch
- ✘ Small Library with extensive range of books, Irish and International
- ✘ Lockers

“Classrooms & specialist rooms are very well organised” and “buildings and grounds are maintained to a very high standard” -DES Inspectorate
Whole School Evaluation Report,
January 2017

USE OF ICT FOR TEACHING & LEARNING

- ✘ All students get free access to the MS Office 365 suite at home & at school via their dvs.ie e-mail account
- ✘ Students will be able to view class material & submit work on-line using MSTeams
- ✘ Rooms equipped with data projectors, visualisers & PCs
- ✘ Free access to StudyClix

PASTORAL CARE & STUDENT – FORMAL STRUCTURE

- ✘ Year Heads & Class Tutors
- ✘ Weekly meeting of Pastoral Care and Student Support Team
- ✘ Guidance Counsellor
- ✘ Learning Support Co-ordinator
- ✘ Sligo Leitrim Home Youth Liaison Service
- ✘ See our Pastoral Care Policy on our web-site

PASTORAL CARE & STUDENT SUPPORT

“The overall quality of student care is a significant strength” -
DES Inspectorate Whole School Evaluation Report, January 2017

DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

- ✘ Code of Behaviour – see Journals and our website – www.dvs.ie
- ✘ Year Heads
- ✘ Ladder of Referral
- ✘ Report Cards
- ✘ Suspensions
- ✘ Right of Appeal

REWARDS

Annual Awards Ceremony

- ✘ Class Prizes
- ✘ Junior Cert & Leaving Cert Practical Projects
- ✘ Computer Programming Prizes
- ✘ Prizes for Enterprise
- ✘ Leaving Cert Student of the Year
- ✘ Gaeltacht Scholarships

NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS

- ✘ JP McManus scholarships
- ✘ DIT Awards
- ✘ Teacher Association Awards
- ✘ UCD Awards /Scholarships

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- ✘ Bottle green v neck jumper
- ✘ White shirt
- ✘ Black trousers/green tartan skirt
- ✘ Black shoes
- ✘ PE gear

School uniform available in The Magnet, Carrick –
on-Shannon

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME & SCHOOL

- ✘ Student Journal for Learning
- ✘ Parent/Teacher Meetings
- ✘ Class Tutors/Year Heads
- ✘ Principal/Deputy Principal
- ✘ Guidance Counsellor
- ✘ Learning Support Co-ordinator
- ✘ School web-site – www.dvs.ie
- ✘ VShare – parents can contact teachers by vsmail

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM - VSWARE

- ✘ Parental Access to Vsware
- ✘ Drumshanbovs.vsware.ie
- ✘ Link also available on our web-site
- ✘ Parents can view their child's attendance & punctuality live in addition to term reports
- ✘ Used for selecting subjects
- ✘ Timetables

ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

- ✘ Submit completed Enrolment Application Form
- ✘ You will receive an Acceptance Form that requires more detailed information
- ✘ Students will be invited to “ice-breaker” in June

Thank You

Questions ?

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