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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 2024.

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

The exam subjects available are: French, Spanish, Geography, Home Economics, Woodwork, Metalwork, Technical 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 in the event that they do not get some of their preferred subjects. Subjects should be selected in order of preference and if a language (French or Spanish) is required it should be placed first.

Students are requested to carry out this process on-line with their Parent/Guardian using the options section on VShare. Full instructions on subject options using the Vshare app and using VShare on a PC are available on our web-site – www.dvs.ie. The options portal will be open from Friday 6th May.

Username for VShare will be re-sent to the parent/guardian nominated for SMS messages. Password can then be re-set if necessary.

Selection is to be made by 9:00pm on **Monday 16th 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 week.

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

Yours sincerely

Martin Fallon

**Unless exempt from Irish*