

## Options choices for students starting S4 in 2015, applicable for the pre-orientation S4-S5 cycle

The weekly timetable in S4-S5 must total between 31 and 35 periods, broken down as follows:

- 27 or 29 periods of compulsory subjects (according to the Maths option chosen, see below)
- 4 to 8 periods of options.

### Compulsory courses:

| Subject             | Number of periods  | Teaching language  |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| L1                  | 4                  | L1                 |
| L2                  | 3                  | L2                 |
| L3                  | 3                  | L3                 |
| Maths               | 4 or 6 (see below) | L1                 |
| Biology             | 2                  | L1                 |
| Chemistry           | 2                  | L1                 |
| Physics             | 2                  | L1                 |
| Geography           | 2                  | L2                 |
| History             | 2                  | L2                 |
| Physical Education  | 2                  | Mixed (EN, FR, DE) |
| Ethics and Religion | 1                  | L2                 |

**Optional courses:** *An optional subject can only run if chosen by at least 7 students.*

| Option                                  | Number of periods | Teaching language  |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| ICT(1)                                  | 2                 | Mixed (EN, FR, DE) |
| Latin (incompatible with Economics) (2) | 4                 | L1                 |
| Economics (incompatible with Latin) (3) | 4                 | L2                 |
| Ancient Greek                           | 4                 | L1                 |
| L4 (incompatible with ONL) (4)          | 4                 | L4                 |
| ONL Irish (incompatible with L4)(5)     | 4                 | ONL                |
| Art                                     | 2                 | Mixed (EN, FR, DE) |
| Music                                   | 2                 | Mixed (EN, FR, DE) |

### Remarks related to Mathematics:

Students must choose between:

- **Mathematics 4:** for students who do not plan to focus on scientific studies, for which Maths is an important requirement.
- **Mathematics 6:** essential for students who will study scientific subjects, or those requiring a profound working knowledge of Mathematics. **Please note that students with an average mark of below 7/10** should seek advice from their Maths teacher.
- Changing from Maths 6 to Maths 4 is possible following agreement of the class council and a written request to the Deputy Director, as long as the student is still left with a minimum of 31 periods per week after the change is made. It is not possible to take a new option at this stage in order to complete a timetable.

### Remarks:

- (1)-ICT may be taken in S4 if the student did not choose it as an option in S3, following a skills test organised by the ICT department.
- (2)Latin may be taken as an option in S4 if the student did not choose it as an option in S3, as long as the student is able to pass a test organised by the Latin department.
- (3) Economics is usually taught in L2. If an insufficient number of students choose Economics, meaning that a class cannot be organised in the individual students' L2, an Economics class may be organised in the native language of the country in which the school is located.
- (4) Any official language of the European Union, not taken as L1, L2 or L3. This is a beginners' class.
- (5) For students with Irish nationality in the anglophone section only.



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The options are chosen for the entire S4-S5 pre-orientation cycle

Please complete this form and hand it to your class teacher by the **20th March 2015**.

**Last name:** ..... **First name:**..... **Class:** .....

**Religion/Ethics:**

Choose by ticking a box.

| Ethics | Catholic | Islamic | Jewish | Orthodox | Protestant |
|--------|----------|---------|--------|----------|------------|
|        |          |         |        |          |            |

**Options:**

The compulsory subjects make up a total of 23 periods, excluding Mathematics. You must choose between 8 and 12 periods. The total number of periods per week must be between 31 and 35 inclusive.

| Maths 4 periods   |           |  | Maths 6 periods   |           |  |
|---|-----------|--|---|-----------|--|
| Choose by ticking a box.<br>Minimum 4, maximum 8 periods                  |           |  | Choose by ticking a box.<br>Minimum 2, maximum 6 periods                  |           |  |
| ICT   | 2 periods |  | ICT   | 2 periods |  |
| Latin (incompatible with Economics)                                       | 4 periods |  | Latin (incompatible with Economics)                                       | 4 periods |  |
| Economics (incompatible with Latin)                                       | 4 periods |  | Economics (incompatible with Latin)                                       | 4 periods |  |
| Ancient Greek   | 4 periods |  | Ancient Greek   | 4 periods |  |
| L4 (incompatible with ONL)  | 4 periods |  | L4 (incompatible with ONL)  | 4 periods |  |
| ONL Irish (incompatible with L4)  | 4 periods |  | ONL Irish (incompatible with L4)  | 4 periods |  |
| Art   | 2 periods |  | Art   | 2 periods |  |
| Music   | 2 periods |  | Music   | 2 periods |  |
| total number of periods<br>23 (compulsory subjects) + 4 (Maths) + options |           |  | total number of periods<br>23 (compulsory subjects) + 6 (Maths) + options |           |  |

**4th language choice (if applicable):**.....

**Student's signature:** ..... **Date:** .....

**Parents' signature:** ..... **Date:** .....