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College**

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Information for parents of 1st years: September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

11th February 2022

We look forward to welcoming your child to Creagh College in September. This communication is to inform you about your VSware account, an important communication tool we use in Creagh College, and to brief you on using VSware to let us know your child's preferred 1st year subjects.

VSware

"VSware" is the school management software system that we use. We use it to organise our timetable, to maintain contact details, to monitor and record attendance, to distribute school reports and various other aspects of school life.

We have setup parent VSware accounts for our incoming 1st years. You will in the coming days receive a text message with a link to your VSware account (please note, we will be unable to issue text messages if we don't have a valid mobile phone number: if you have not received the text message by Friday, 11th February email creaghcollege@wwetb.ie and we should be able to rectify the issue for you). Once you receive the text message, please follow the instructions to create your password and log-in to your account.

You will need this account to make the **4 choices** outlined below. Between Friday, 11th February and Friday, 18th February we need to gather which optional subjects, which short course, which modern European language and which wellbeing activity your child would prefer to study. There is a guide to entering your child's preferred options at <https://support.vsware.ie/parent-app-notes-options>.

Choice 1: Optional Subjects

Detailed information about our 1st year curriculum is on our website: <https://creaghcollege.ie/academic/junior-cycle-curriculum/>.

All first year students will be studying 3 subjects from the list below. Between the 11th and 18th of February, log in to VSware and place ALL of the subjects listed below in order of preference:

Applied Technology Business Studies Classical Studies Engineering Graphics
Home Economics Music Religious Education Visual Art Wood Technology

Please note that no student is guaranteed a place in any subject and the availability of any subject is dependent on there being sufficient demand. In recent years there has been sufficient demand for all of the above optional subjects to run in first year, with the exception of Religious Education.

Places in subjects, especially practical subjects, are limited due to maximum class size and students cannot therefore be guaranteed their first preferences. In recent years however, there have been very high rates of access to students' top choices in 1st year.

As mandated by the Department of Education, all Junior Cycle students must study English, Irish (unless exempt), Maths and History. All students must study Wellbeing (which incorporates PE, SPHE and CSPE).

It is the policy of Creagh College that ALL Junior Cycle students study Science (up to 3rd year).

It is the policy of Creagh College that ALL FIRST year students must study a Modern European Language (French or Spanish) AND Geography.

At the end of first year, students will choose which three subjects from five (Modern European Language, Geography and three optional subjects) they will continue with up to 3rd year.

Creagh College students sit the following in their Junior Cycle (Junior Cert exams) in third year: English, Irish, Maths, Science, History, three optional subjects. They will also be assessed in PE short course and one other short course.

Choice 2: Short Courses

Students study one short course for the three years of Junior Cycle. More information about the short courses can be found on our website <https://creaghcollege.ie/short-courses/>.

Between the 11th and 18th February, log in to VShare and place ALL of the short courses listed in order of preference:

Coding Digital Media Literacy GAA Going Well Performing Arts Philosophy

Please note that no student is guaranteed a place in any short course and the availability of any short course is dependent on there being sufficient demand.

Choice 3: Modern European Language

It is the policy of Creagh College that ALL FIRST year students must study a Modern European Language.

Between the 11th and 18th February, log in to VShare and place the languages below in order of preference:

French Spanish

Choice 4: Activities

As part of the college's Wellbeing Programme, students choose to participate in one activity from the list below. Activities run in first year only.

Between the 11th and 18th February, log in to VShare and place ALL of the activities listed in order of preference:

Art Club Baking Basketball Drama GAA Science Club

Please note that no student is guaranteed a place in any activity and the availability of any activity is dependent on there being sufficient demand.

We will be back in touch with you again to confirm dates for entrance exams for your child. We are awaiting advice from the DES regarding COVID measures from 28th February before we can confirm these dates. We will issue letters confirming subject options, iPad information and booklists etc later in the Spring.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Glynn
Principal