

5TH YEAR SUBJECT

CHOICE



M. RYAN



7 SUBJECT'S IN TOTAL

Irish

English

Maths

French

+

3 Others

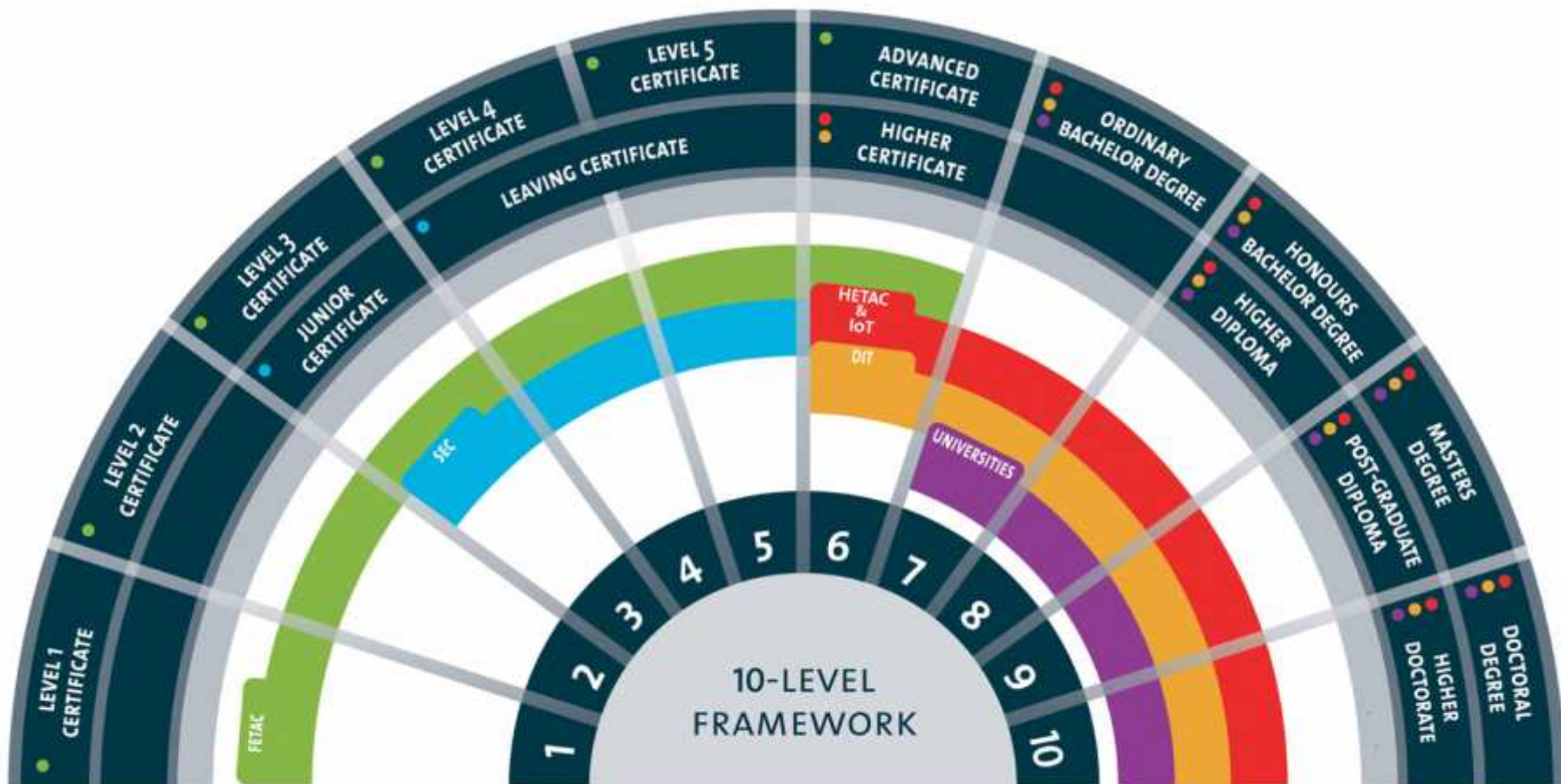
- Pick your strongest
- What you like to study
- Beware of essential Subjects (see course requirements)



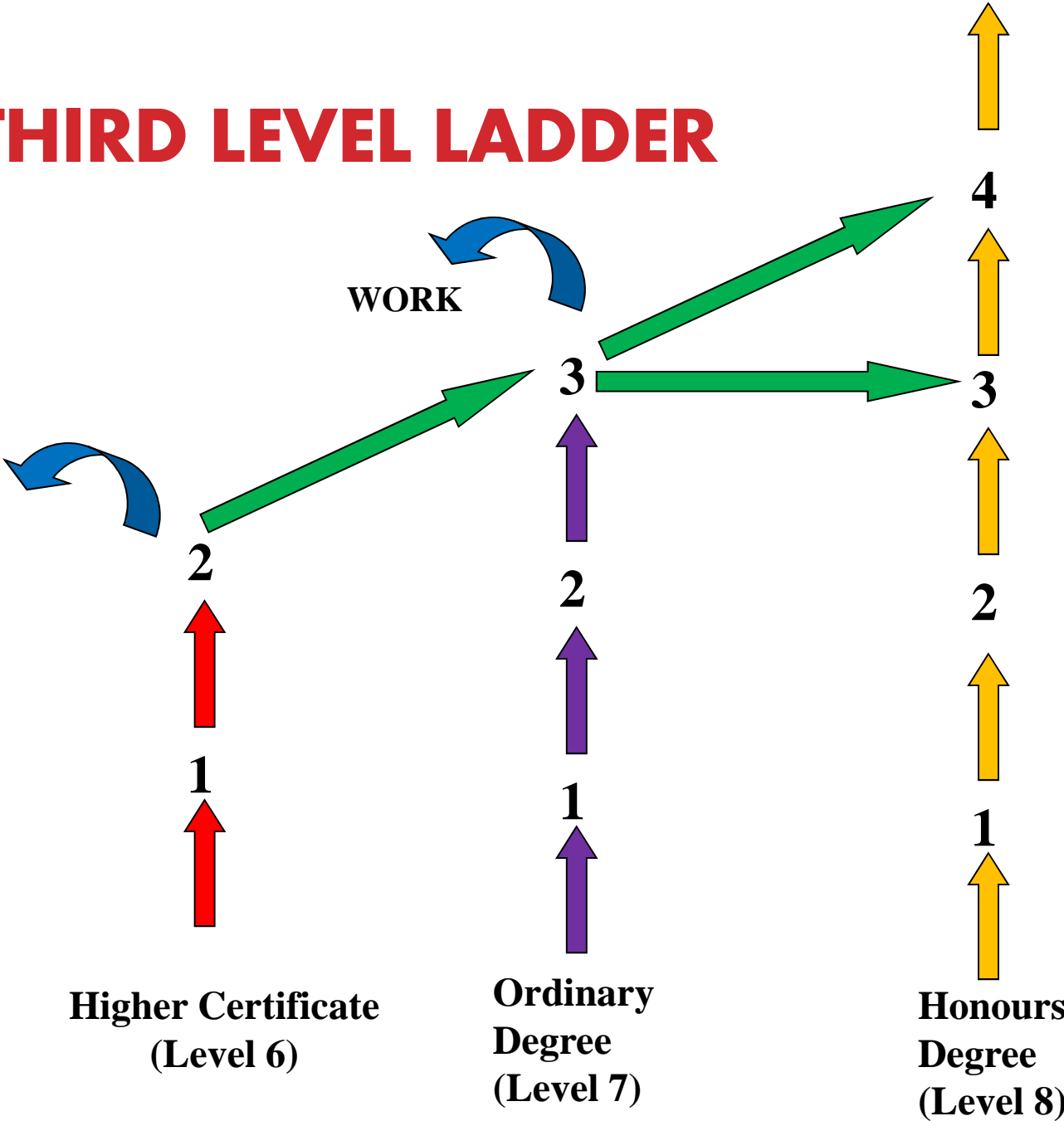
OPTION SUBJECTS

- **History**
 - **Geography**
 - **Home Economics**
 - **Music**
 - **Art**
 - **DCG (Tech Drawing)**
 - **Business**
 - **Accounting**
 - **Chemistry**
 - **Biology**
 - **Physics**
- Choose 5 and rank in order of preference
- **LCVP (8th subject)**

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS



THIRD LEVEL LADDER



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

NUI Universities (level 8): English, Irish, and **four** other subjects in the Leaving Certificate.

A **third language** is needed for Arts, Human Sciences, Law, Social Science, Commerce, Medicine and Health Sciences and some other degrees.

Courses in the Sciences (i.e. Science, Agriculture, Engineering, Food Science and Technology, Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, Veterinary Medicine) **Mathematics and a Science subject are required.**

Institutes of Technology (level 7 & 8): a pass in 5 subjects including **Maths and English OR Irish.**

Certain courses have **specific requirements/recommended** subjects. For example level 8 engineering requires a higher C3 in Maths.

FETAC (level 5 & 6): A **pass** in the Leaving Certificate and an interview.

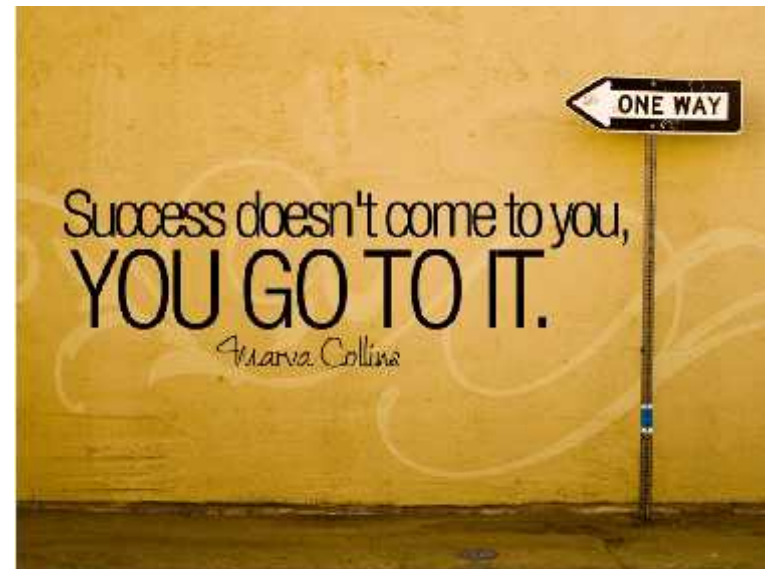
Remember

- **Specific Course requirements** – is there a subject I need to study
- **Points**
 - Choose subjects you are strongest at/ like/ interested in
 - Is there a practical element to the subject/ project work
- **Research:** ask questions, ask other students, ask teachers, use the websites.
- **Think about the future:**
Where do I see myself in 10 years?



IN SUMMARY

- Select a balanced range of subject to keep your options open.
- Keep in mind what you want to do when you leave school – does this require you to keep on a specific subject.
- Consider what courses you may be excluded from if you take or don't take a particular subject for leaving certificate.
- Research your options
 - Subject choice handbook – school website
 - www.careersportal.ie (transition year section, subject choice)
 - www.qualifax.ie
 - www.cao.ie



TRANSITION YEAR

N. POWER



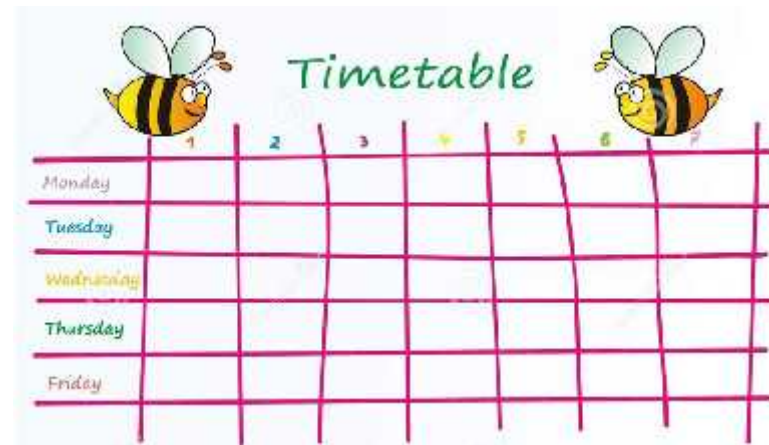
AIMS

- **Maturity**
- **Self Directed**
- **Preparation For Leaving Certificate**



TIMETABLE

Core



- Irish, English, Maths and French

Options (pupils choice)

- Home Economics, Geography, History, Music, Business, and Technical Graphics.

SOCIAL PLACEMENT

E.g.

Primary Schools

Nursing Homes



WORK EXPERIENCE

2 Weeks after February mid-term

E.g

Hospitals

Court Service

Office Work

Chemist

GET EXPERIENCE

**STAND OUT
FROM THE CROWD**





- Speech and Drama**
- Self Esteem course**
- Film Making**
- First Aid**
- Surfing**
- G.A.A Skills**
- Fundraising**

EXTRA CURRICULAR

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS

- 1. A completed Admissions Form submitted before the closing date.**
- 2. Payment of a deposit of €200 with application. Total cost of Transition Year 2009/2010 is €400.**
- 3. A pupil's behaviour record is the critical factor in acceptance for the Transition Year. Pupils with excellent disciplinary records will be given first choice. If there is a surplus that fit the criteria for TY, a lottery system will be put in place.**
- 4. The TY consists of one class group.**

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

LCVP



B. LUCEY



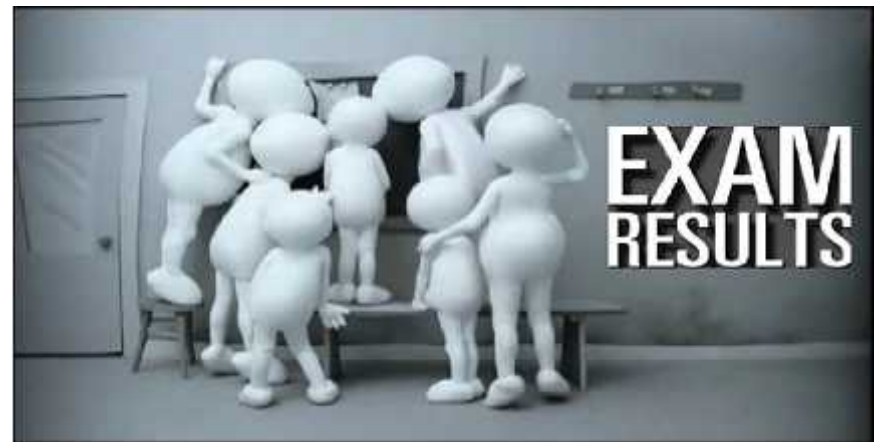
LCVP

**LCVP is studied as a subject for the Leaving Cert –
2 class periods per week**

**The points gained from studying LCVP are now
acceptable in all 3rd level institutions.**

Points awarded:

- Pass Award = 30 points
- Merit Award = 50 points
- Distinction Award = 70 points



LCVP REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must study Irish and a Modern Language (French in our case)

They must also satisfy one of the following subject groupings:



VOCATIONAL SUBJECT GROUPINGS

Physics & Chemistry

Biology & Physics

Biology & Chemistry

Home Economics & Biology

Home Economics & Art

**Home Economics &
Business**

**Home Economics &
Accounting**

Accounting & Business

Business & Art

Accounting & Art

Business & Music

Accounting & Music

PORTFOLIO ITEMS – 60%

1. **Curriculum Vitae**
2. **Enterprise Action Plan**
3. **Career Investigation**
4. **Summary Report**
5. **Work Experience Diary**
6. **Recorded Interview**



THEORY – 40%

2 modules are studied over the 2 years:

- **Enterprise Education**

- Introduction to enterprise at home, school and in the community
- Skills and qualities of entrepreneurs
- Various business related topics

- **Introduction to the World of Work**

- CV, Work Experience,
- Career Investigation,
- Job seeking skills,
- computer skills



ASSESSMENT

2 aspects to the examination:

- **Terminal Exam – 40%**
 - Held in 1st week of May
 - 2.5 hour exam
- **Portfolio of Coursework – 60%**
 - 6 items to be presented in the Portfolio
 - To be completed in March of exam year
 - This is on-going over the 2 years

