

# WESLEY COLLEGE DUBLIN

## CURRICULUM 2017-2018

The Wesley College Curriculum comprises the following components:

<b><u>Preparatory Class</u></b>	:	equivalent to sixth class in primary school
<b><u>Junior Cycle Programme</u></b>	:	a three-year course, in 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year leading to the Junior Certificate Examination.
<b><u>Senior Cycle Programme</u></b>	:	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Year - Transition Year:</b> a one-year programme with many new curricular options, as well as incorporating preparation for the start of the Leaving Certificate Course.  <b>Leaving Certificate</b> a two-year course operating in 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Year leading to the Leaving Certificate examination.

Except for the Preparatory Class which has no subject choices, the Curriculum for each pupil consists of:

- (a) **Core Subjects** (normally taken by all pupils);
- (b) **Chosen Subjects** (selected by the pupil after consultation with parents and Year Head, bearing in mind the pupil's aptitudes, interests and career requirements).

### **Preparatory Class**

All pupils take Irish, English, Mathematics, a Modern European Language, History, Geography, Science, Art, Religious Education, Physical Education and Musicianship.

### **Junior Certificate Programme**

#### ***1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year***

1. **CORE SUBJECTS** - Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, General Science, Religious Education, Modern European Language (French, German, Spanish), SPHE (Social, Personal and Health Education) and Physical Education, Wellbeing, Digital Literacy (inc keyboarding)  
**Modules taken in 1<sup>st</sup> Year** - Musicianship / Citizenship (CSPE)  
**Modules taken in 2<sup>nd</sup> Year** Citizenship
2. **CHOSEN SUBJECTS** - Pupils select **two** subjects from the following:  
Art, Craft and Design; Classical Studies; Business Studies; Home Economics; Music; Technical Graphics; Materials Technology (Wood) and Technology.

## **Transition Year**

*4<sup>th</sup> Year - A one-year course with continuous assessment*

### **1. CORE SUBJECTS** *(All Pupils take the following courses)*

**Communications and Media Studies**

**Faith in the Community.**

**Continental language** – French, German or Spanish continued from 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

**Guidance** (careers, welfare, progress evaluation).

**Irish and Irish Heritage Studies.**

**English**

**Mathematics.**

**Physical Education and Outdoor Pursuits.**

### **2. CORE MODULES** *(Each pupil takes the Transition Year Science Programme, Business Programme and either Environmental Studies or European Studies).*

**Science Programme:**

Applied Science

Carbon Chemistry

Human Biology

Environmental and Food Science

Science in the Media

Forensic Science

Waves and Vibrations

**Business Programme:**

Sampling the three Leaving Certificate subjects, Accounting, Business and Economics

Global Economics or Government and Economy

Enterprise and Business or Marketing

Business and the Stock Exchange or Foundation Accounting (incl. computer applications)

**Environmental Studies or European Studies**

Historical Studies

Geographical Studies

### **3. PERSONAL INTERESTS** *(Pupils select TWO of these, each for half a year)*

**Arts and Crafts**

**European Computer Driving Licence**

**Fashion Design**

**Legal Studies**

**Mini-Company**

**Model Making**

**Music**

**Music Technology**

**Sports Science**

**Wood Turning**

4. **PRACTICAL SKILLS** (*Pupils study each of these for 10 weeks in rotation*)

**Bridge**

**Home Economics**

**Science and Technology** (a choice of 1 course from the list below)

Applied Biology  
Architecture & Design (CAD)  
Astronomy and Space Science  
Experimental Chemistry  
Robotics

5. **WORK EXPERIENCE**

The College requires that every pupil obtains unpaid work experience for three periods.

6. **OUTDOOR PURSUITS**

A week long Outdoor Pursuits course will be held during March 2018.

**Leaving Certificate Programme: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year**

CORE SUBJECTS	CHOSEN SUBJECTS - ONE FROM EACH GROUP			
	GROUP I	GROUP II	GROUP III	GROUP IV
Irish	Art	Agricultural Science	Accounting	Applied Mathematics
English	Business	Biology	Biology	Business
Mathematics	Chemistry	Classical Studies	French	Construction Studies
Religious Education	Geography	Economics	German	French
Physical Education	History	History	Spanish	German
Choir or Film	Home Econ. (S&S)	Home Econ. (S&S)	Technology	Geography
	Design and Communication Graphics	Physics	Construction Studies	Music Spanish

**NOTE:** Only pupils who have achieved a reasonable standard in Junior Certificate (Higher Course) Mathematics should select Applied Mathematics.

**This document is a summary of the Curriculum for 2017-2018. Information regarding the availability of subjects is available for new pupils who enter the school mid-year.**

**The College reserves the right to change or cancel a subject choice if it proves impossible to timetable, or if there is an insufficient number of pupils to form a class.**