

WESLEY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

CURRICULUM - SCHOOL-YEAR 2010/2011

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The Wesley College Curriculum comprises the following components:-

Preparatory Class equivalent to sixth class in the primary school

Junior Cycle Programme:

Junior Certificate Course: a three year course, in which 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year are involved, leading to the Junior Certificate examination.

Senior Cycle Programme:

4th Year - Transition Year: a one-year programme with many new curricular options, as well as incorporating preparation for the start of the Leaving Certificate course.

Leaving Certificate Course: a two-year course operating in 5th and 6th Year leading to the Leaving Certificate examination.

2. 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).
3. **A subject choice may be cancelled where there are insufficient numbers to form a class or where there are timetable difficulties.**

B. PREPARATORY CLASS

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

C. 1st Year, 2nd Year and 3rd Year (Junior Certificate Programme)

1. **CORE SUBJECTS** - Irish, English, Modern European Language (French, German, Spanish), Mathematics, General Science, History, Geography, Religious Education, CSPE (Civic, Social and Political Education), SPHE (Social, Personal and Health Education) and Physical Education. Choir is also a core subject in 1st Year.
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.

D. 4th YEAR - TRANSITION 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 3rd Year. There will be a course in practical skills for pupils who are not studying a continental language.

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

Experimental Organic Chemistry

Human Biology

Environmental and Food Science

Science in the Media

Forensics

Electronics/Robotics

Business Programme:

Sampling the 3 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

Legal Studies

Mini-Company

Model Making

Music

Music Technology

Sports Science

Fashion Design

International Relations

European Studies

4. **PRACTICAL SKILLS** (*Pupils study each of these for 11 weeks in rotation*)

Bridge

Home Economics

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

Architecture & Design (CAD)
 Horticulture and Landscape Design
 Medical Science and First Aid
 Astronomy and Space Science
 Photography and Graphic Design

5. **NEW EXPERIENCES** (*Pupils study each of these for 11 weeks in rotation*)

Drama

Introduction to Music or Art or Judo

ICT Course (Project based)

6. **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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

7. **OUTDOOR PURSUITS**

A week long Outdoor Pursuits course will be held during March 2010

E. **5th and 6th Year (A two-year course for the Leaving Certificate)**

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

NOTE:

1. 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 2010/2011. Information regarding the availability of Subjects is available for new pupils who enter the school mid-year.

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