

1st Year Curriculum

St. Columba's College

2020 - 2021

14th September 2017



St. Columba's College
Stranorlar, Co. Donegal

First Year Choice of Subjects

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Each student will take the following subjects:

Irish	History	S.P.H.E.	Physical Education
English	Geography	Science	I.C.T.
Mathematics	C.S.P.E.	Religion	

Please note – a foreign language is an entry requirement for the four NUI Universities (UCD, NUIG, NUI Maynooth, & UCC) and a number of NUI colleges.

Subject	Please select in order of preference e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4.
French	
German	
Spanish	
Business Studies	

In addition First Year Students will study 2 subjects from the list below. Please select 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in order of your choice.

Subject	Please select in order of preference e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
Art	
Business Studies	
Home Economics	
Metalwork	
Music	
Technical Graphics	
Woodwork	

While every effort will be made to give students their first preference, due to Department of Education budget cutbacks this may not be possible.

Books for language and options should not be bought until September.

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- **On Wednesday, our 1st Year students had an assessment test**
- **Purpose of which was to assess the needs of students with learning difficulties and who may need learning support**
- **Students will be assigned to Maths classes according to the results of the assessment tests.**

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- **The following subjects are on offer to 1st year students:**

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1. Irish

2. English

3. Maths

- compulsory for Junior Cert and Leaving Cert, unless a student been given an exemption from Irish

- each have 5 periods per week

- All classes in both bands are timetabled at the same time for Maths, English and Irish so that additional support can be provided

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Students who are exempt from Irish and who meet the criteria for learning support receive the additional help at Irish time. The students who need support are now receiving same.

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- **Students are streamed for Maths at beginning of the year due to the needs of the students and the demands of the syllabus**
- **Streaming for Irish may take place at the beginning of 2nd Year**
- **English classes are not streamed in Junior Cert – students remain in their base classes**

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4. History (3 periods)

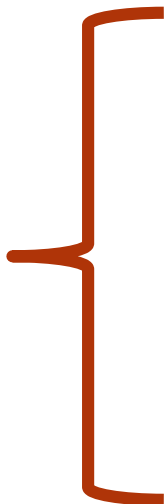
5. Geography (3 periods)

6. Science (3 periods)

Classes in both bands are timetabled at the same time for Science (Max = 24)

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7. Religious Education (3 periods)
 8. Physical Education - (2 periods)
 9. Social, Personal and Health Education -
(1 period)
 10. Civic, Social and Political Education –
(1 period)
 11. Lifeskills (1 period)
 12. ICT (1 period)

These subjects are all compulsory

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We offer three languages as options as part of the European language component and Visual Art is the non language option (3 periods)

12. German

13. French

14. Spanish

15. Visual Art (Non language option)

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**German, French, Spanish and Visual Art
are timetabled at the same time in Band 1
(Caoimhe, Cathal and Catherine)**

**Spanish is a stand alone class in Band 2
(Ciaran Claire and Cormac)**

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Optional Subjects (3 classes each)

15. Business Studies

16. Visual Art,

17. Music

18. Graphics

19. Wood Technology

20. Home Economics

21. Engineering

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Option 1

**Visual Art, Business(2), Home Economics,
Engineering, Graphics, Music and Wood
Technology**

Option 2

**Visual Art, Business, Home Economics(2),
Graphics, Engineering and Wood
Technology(2)**

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- The school also offers a wide range of extra curricular activities and we encourage as many as possible to partake in them as they go through their school life.
- These activities include - Sports, Debates, Science and Maths Competitions, Drama, Musicals, Gaisce Awards etc.

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Into next year....

The JCSP(Junior Certificate Schools Programme) is available in 2nd Year to those who opt into it. The JCSP class will normally have approximately 12 to 15 students in it. This necessitates some movement between classes in 2nd year. This programme is designed to help students who may otherwise struggle in a large class situation. More time is available to the teacher for one to one help than would be the case in a larger class.

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- The students sit the same Junior Certificate examination as everyone else with the exception of Geography .
- There will be a chance to attend a meeting (remotely or in person) in the second term where the JCSP Co-ordinator will make a presentation to interested parents and applications for a place in the class will be processed before the end of the school year in preparation for 2nd year

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- **If the contact details for parents/guardians change during the year for any reason, please let the secretary know so that we can remain in contact with you through our text messaging service and phone calls. We also communicate with parents through newsletters, information bulletins, student reports, Parent/Teacher meeting, etc**

Follow us on Facebook

The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook page for St. Columba's College. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "St. Columba's College" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search bar are navigation links: "Tom", "Home", and "Find Friends". Further right are icons for a group of people, a speech bubble, a globe, and a lock icon.

Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for "Page", "Messages", "Notifications", "Insights", "Publishing Tools", "Settings", and "Help".

The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left is the profile information, which includes the college's crest (a shield with a cross and an anchor, topped with a crown and the letters "S.R.", and a banner below that says "St. Columba's College"). Below the crest, the text reads "St. Columba's College" and "@stcolumbascollegestrano rlar".

On the right is a large cover photo of the college building, a long, two-story structure with a grey roof and many windows, set against a blue sky with light clouds. In front of the building is a green lawn and a fence.

Below the cover photo, there are three buttons: "Liked" with a thumbs-up icon, "Message" with a speech bubble icon, and "More" with three dots. To the right of these buttons is a blue "Call Now" button with a telephone handset icon.

Below the buttons, there is a section for creating a post. It includes icons for "Status", "Photo / Video", and "Offer, Event +". Below these icons is a text input field with the placeholder text "Write something...".

On the right side of the page, there is a section for "Education · Stranorlar" and a search bar with the text "Search for posts on this Page". At the bottom right, there is a "Chat (8)" button with a green dot icon.

Follow us on Twitter



The image shows a screenshot of a Twitter profile page for St Columba's College. At the top, there is a header with a background image of a large, multi-story building with a green lawn in front. The header includes a status bar with signal strength, Wi-Fi, and battery icons, and a search icon. Below the header is the college's profile picture, which is a shield-shaped crest with a cross and an anchor, and the text 'St Columba's College' below it. To the right of the profile picture are a settings gear icon and a button with two people icons labeled 'Edit profile'. Below the profile picture is the college's name 'St Columba's College' in bold, followed by the handle '@StColumbasStran'. Below the handle is a location pin icon followed by 'Stranorlar, Co.Donegal' and a link icon followed by 'stcolumbascollege.ie'. Below the link are the statistics '32 FOLLOWING' and '349 FOLLOWERS'. At the bottom, there are three tabs: 'Tweets' (highlighted in blue), 'Media', and 'Likes'.

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Jason and Austėja - Boxing Champs!



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Opening of New Building



St. Columba's College is a Voluntary Secondary school under the trusteeship of [CEIST \(Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust\)](#).

HPV ,TDAP and MenACWY vaccinations

In relation to the HPV ,TDAP and MenACWY vaccinations for 1st Year Girls & Boys. HSE has asked us to cooperate with the vaccination programme. Consent forms will be distributed to all students.

The consent form must be returned to the school by the 15th September if students wish to receive the vaccination.

The school will then forward them on to the immunisation department in Letterkenny

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**Thank you for
your attention**