

Next Steps ...

Parents and students complete the Application form together and return it to the Main Office in KCS by the deadline.

Depending on the numbers of students who apply for the various Senior Cycle Options, meetings may be held with the students and/or parents to discuss what the best option is for their education.

A minimum number of students is required for some of the Options to occur.



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Senior Cycle Options

When students finish 3rd year in KCS, they have three options available to them for Senior Cycle.

Information is provided on all these options in this leaflet and more information is available from the school. An application form must be completed by Parents/Guardians and returned to the school.





Option 1: Transition Year = 4th Year

The focus of Transition Year is to give students a chance to develop and mature, try new things, explore their world and learn about themselves and to gain confidence.

It is ideal for students who are not ready yet to start studying for their Leaving Cert. It gives them a chance to undertake projects, try out different subjects and gain some work experience.

- Core subjects of Maths, English, Irish and PE and shorter courses in other subjects.
- TY may include doing the Driver Theory Test, the Gaisce President's Award, outings and workshops, and helping produce the School Magazine Penpoint.
- Students will come to school for classes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.
- On Wednesdays, students will undertake community involvement e.g. volunteering in childcare, in an old people's home, with St. V. De Paul, or teach technology to others.
- Students will do 2 weeks of work experience in a workplace of their choice.
- Students will still get homework and do exams in some subjects to ensure they don't fall out of the habit of studying.
- The cost of Transition Year is €200 per student and this includes school journal, trips, books and materials needed.



Option 2: Leaving Certificate Traditional = 5th Year LCT

Students complete their Leaving Cert over 2 years and study 7 subjects. All students do Maths, English and Irish and then a choice of subjects from History, Geography, Business, Practical subjects, Art, Languages, Sciences, Home Economics. Some subjects involve field trips and project work.

Students have PE, Religion and SPHE each week to help their personal development. Visits are also arranged to Colleges and Universities to help prepare students for courses after their Leaving Cert.

Students are in school for classes Monday to Friday. An annual enrolment cost of €30.00 is payable to the school to contribute to the cost of items such as the Journal and photocopying.



Option 3: Leaving Certificate Applied = 5th Year LCA

The focus of LCA is to prepare students for adult and working life. Students study a range of subjects including Maths Applications, English & Communication, Irish, Hair & Beauty, Technology, Craft & Design, Construction Studies. Students also do PE, Religion and Social Education.

In LCA, students are continuously assessed through a combination of exams and project work.

Students work on key assignments throughout the year and have a mix of practical work to help develop various skills.

Students are in school four days a week and spend the fifth day on work placement. Different work placements can be used in 5th and 6th year.

An annual enrolment cost of €30.00 is payable to the school to contribute to the cost of items such as the Journal and photocopying.



Students who complete 4th year successfully, can choose to do either the Leaving Cert Traditional or the Leaving Cert Applied the following year.