

# CURRICULUM

## Junior Cycle

CBS Roscommon strives to create a learning environment that is exciting, innovative and inspiring.

Students enrolling in the CBS will follow the Junior Certificate Programme for their first three years here. Students must study eight subjects from the core group below, a foreign language and one other optional practical subject. They will have to chance to try out these practical subjects when they come in to first year before they make their final decision.

Students choose their foreign language (French or Spanish) before they come in, but may have the option of transferring from one to another in September if required.

English, Irish and Maths are assessed at Higher and Ordinary level. All other subjects are assessed at Common Level. Students decide on these levels when entering 2nd year and may change levels up to and including 3rd year.



### Core Subjects

Irish	English
Mathematics	History
Business Studies	Science
Business	Religious Education

### Optional Subjects

French or Spanish (Choose before entering) , Geography

Graphics or Wood Technology or Visual Art (Tasters until Christmas and students then choose one to bring to Junior Cert)



### Wellbeing

Students also follow a Wellbeing programme which is a combination of PE, SPHE, CSPE, Guidance and ICT. They participate in Wellbeing Week each year in which they participate in workshops with experts about nutrition, exercise, mental health, exposure to technology and importance of regular sleep.

### PE

Physical Education is also an integral part of the timetable for Junior Cycle students and a double class of PE occurs once a week. All students – regardless of their sporting ability – are encouraged to get involved and get active.

### Assessment

Junior cycle students will receive a new Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA). As well as their final exam, this will complete Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) which provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their learning and skills in ways not possible in a written examination, for example, their verbal communication and investigation skills. CBAs are undertaken in subjects and short courses and are facilitated by the classroom teacher. Students will complete one CBA in second year and one in third year. At the end of third year, students will sit the final examination in June.