



Leaving Certificate Subject Options

Glanmire Community College

2023_2024

Outline

- Progression to **Leaving Certificate**
- General overview of Curricular Provision at Leaving Cert
- **Researching** your Option Subject Choices
- Progression from Post-Primary School
- **College Access** routes

Education Progression



Primary School
(Level 1)

Junior
Certificate (Level
2-3)

Senior Cycle

- Transition Year
(L3)

- L.C. Applied (L4)
- Leaving Cert (L4
& L5)

Routeways

- 3rd Level
Colleges (L7 & 8)
- (80-85%)

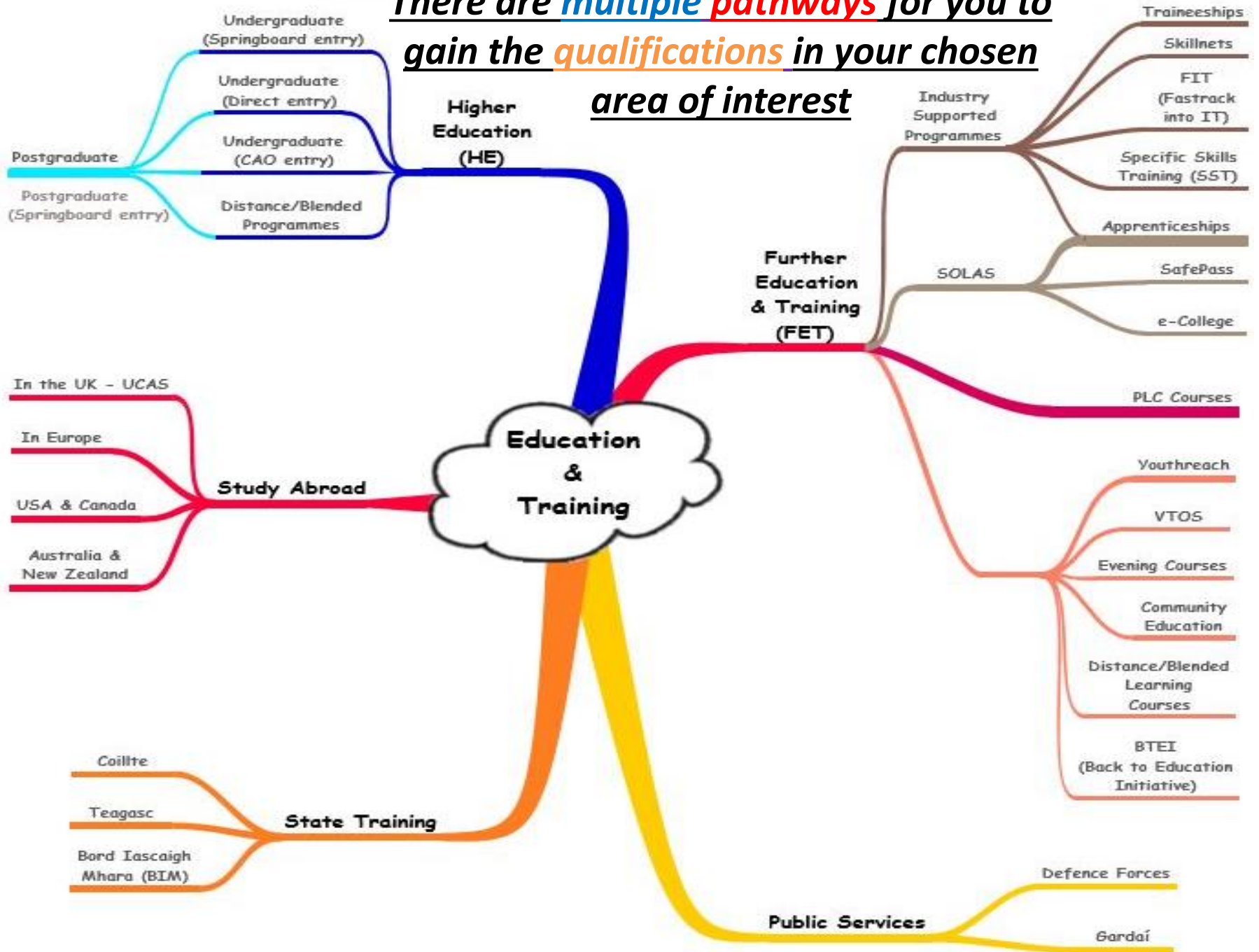
- Post L.C. Course
(L5-L6
Certificates) (6-
8%)

- Apprenticeship
(L6) (5-6%)

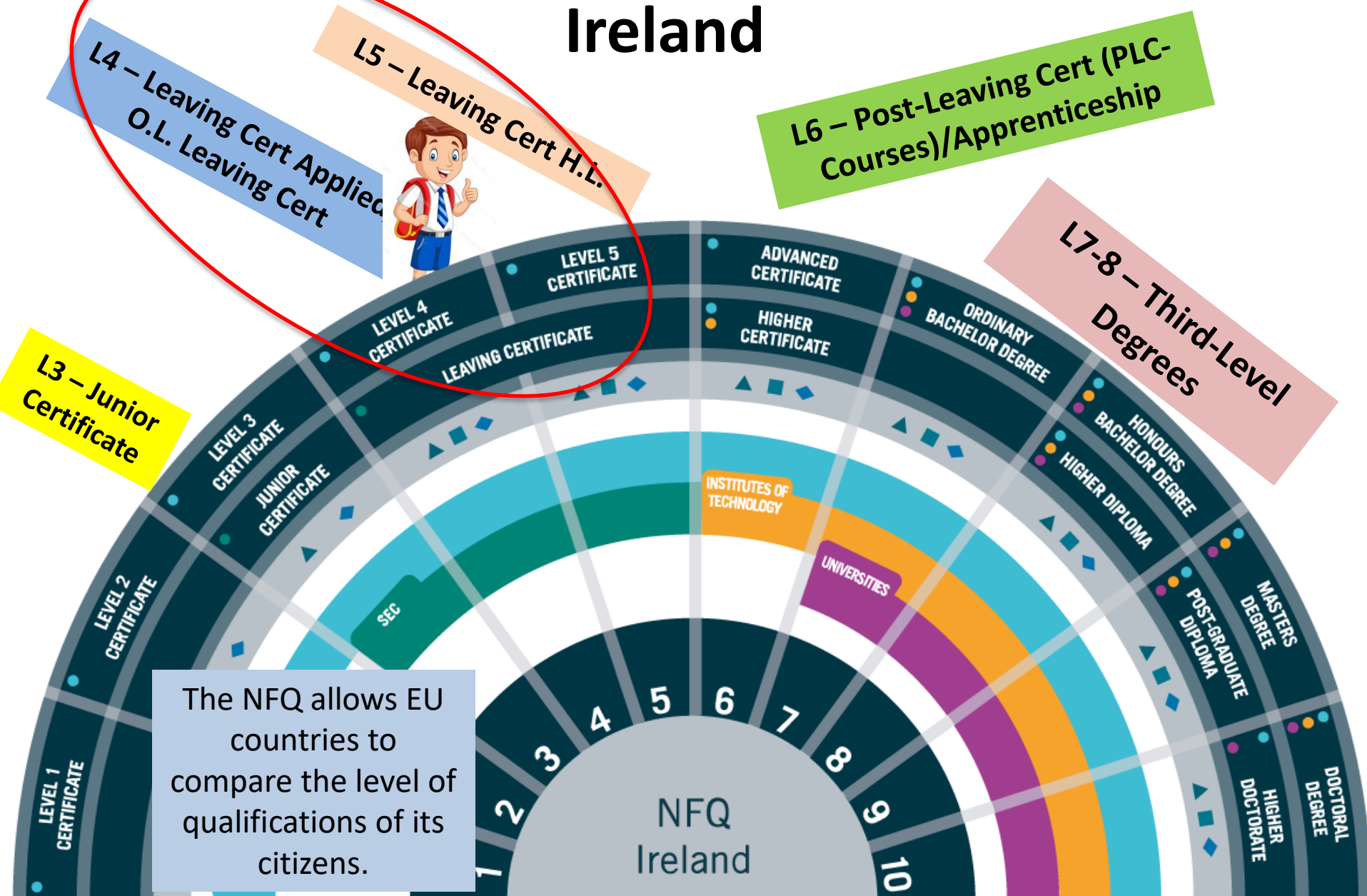
- World of Work
(1-5%)

You are now entering the **Leaving Certificate Programme**. This provides you with access to a range of options when you graduate from Post-Primary school. Depending on your interests and academic achievements, you choose which routeway you wish to pursue to further your career and future goals. In G.C.C 80-85% of our graduates pursue 3rd level qualifications

There are **multiple pathways** for you to gain the **qualifications** in your chosen **area of interest**



National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) Ireland



The NFQ allows EU countries to compare the level of qualifications of its citizens.

Leaving Certificate Examination Subjects

- Students will study SEVEN examination subjects at Leaving Certificate.
- This will be made up of THREE core subjects and FOUR optional subjects.
- The purpose of this presentation is to help you to make informed option subject choices

Curricular Provision – Leaving Certificate

3 X Core
(Non-Exam)

- Senior Cycle Physical Education (SCPE)
- Religious Education
- Guidance

3 X Core
Subjects
(Exam)

- Irish
- English
- Maths

4 X Option
Subjects

- Art, Music, Leaving Certificate Physical Education (LCPE), Home Economics,
- French, History, Geography
- Accounting, Business, Economics
- Biology, Physics, Chemistry
- Technology, Engineering, Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics (DCG)

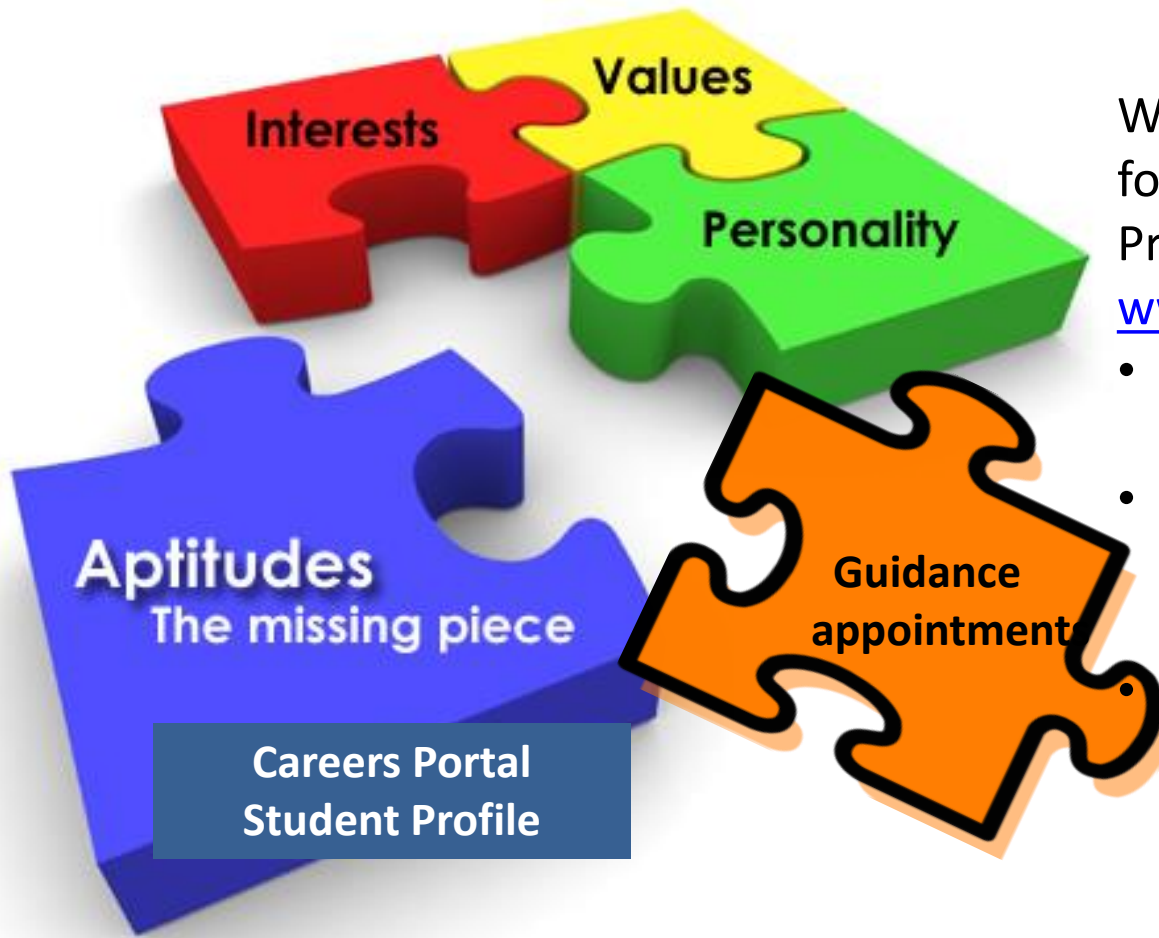
Subject Selection Process

- Leaving Certificate Students for 2023-2025 are required to select **FOUR** Option Subjects in order of Priority
- Students should also select two additional subjects – 5 & 6, in case its not possible to accommodate one of the first four subjects.
- Students who are passionate about studying Physical Education as an exam subject, should ensure to select this as your first preference subject. Similarly students who require a third language should select French as part of your top four.
- Parents will receive a text message on 27th January to log into VSWare account to enter option subject choices. A further guide to entering options subjects on VSWare will issue with this text.

How to Select Your Subject

- 1. Research** your Career and further education interests
- 2. Identify the Course and Entry Requirements**(CAO Points etc.) needed to gain qualification.
- 3. Identify the Required Subjects** and level of achievement at Leaving Cert (Higher/Ordinary grades)
- 4. Review each subject specification** including content and assessment requirements (e.g. projects/practical/oral/written exams) to determine if you will be interested and committed to studying this subject.

Research – Your Journey to date



Weekly Guidance Lessons have focused on your Personal Profile on

www.careersportal.ie

- Interests, Values, Personality
- Using this information, you have begun to focus on careers that interest you.
- You have also begun to research what courses may help you to achieve the qualifications to pursue your future career interests

Build on your experience and interests from Junior Cycle and/or Transition Year

Research – www.careersportal.ie

The screenshot shows the careersportal.ie website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site logo, 'Home', and links for 'Join' and 'Log in'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories: 'COMMUNITIES', 'EXPLORE', 'MEDIA', and 'TOOLS', along with a search icon. The main content area is titled 'Select School' and features six user profile cards, each with a circular image and a description. The 'School' card is highlighted with a red circle. At the bottom of the page, there is a green cookie consent banner and a Windows taskbar with various application icons and system information.

Home Join Log in

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Select School

School
I am a second level student researching my subjects, courses and career options

Graduates
I am an undergraduate/graduate researching career opportunities

Adult Learners
I want to return to education and explore options and supports available

Job Seekers
I am interested in upskilling, changing career or finding a job

Parents
I want to understand my child's educational and career options

Guidance / Teaching Professionals
I want key tools and resources to support my guidance / teaching practice

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The screenshot shows the CareersPortal.ie website. The browser address bar displays 'careersportal.ie/school/index.php'. The page has a blue header with navigation links: 'Home', 'Join', 'Log in', 'COMMUNITIES', 'EXPLORE', 'MEDIA', 'TOOLS', and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the header, the 'School' section is highlighted in a dark teal bar. Underneath, there are three main content areas: 'CareersPortal @ School', 'Junior Cycle', 'Transition Year', and 'Leaving Cert'. The 'Leaving Cert' section is circled in red. At the bottom left, there is an 'EVENTS CALENDAR' link, and at the bottom right, there is a 'View All' button.

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School

School Starting your Career Path What's it like to be a ...

CareersPortal @ School


CareersPortal provides all the tools you need to help you find and develop your career. We believe you deserve the best, and encourage you to spend time discovering what makes you different and unique, so you can build your own future.

Here you will find links to our Junior Cycle, Transition Year and Leaving Certificate pages. Select the programme which is relevant to you and make use of the resources we have developed to guide you in exploring your future.




Junior Cycle

Start exploring some of the amazing careers that your Junior Cycle prepares you for. Learn how to study better and check out Subject Choices for Leaving Cert.



Transition Year

Get prepared for your World of Work Experience and discover the World of Work. Explore the skills you need for a successful career.



Leaving Cert

Explore all your options after school, including CAO and PLC Courses. Improve your Study Skills to maximise your results.

EVENTS CALENDAR View All

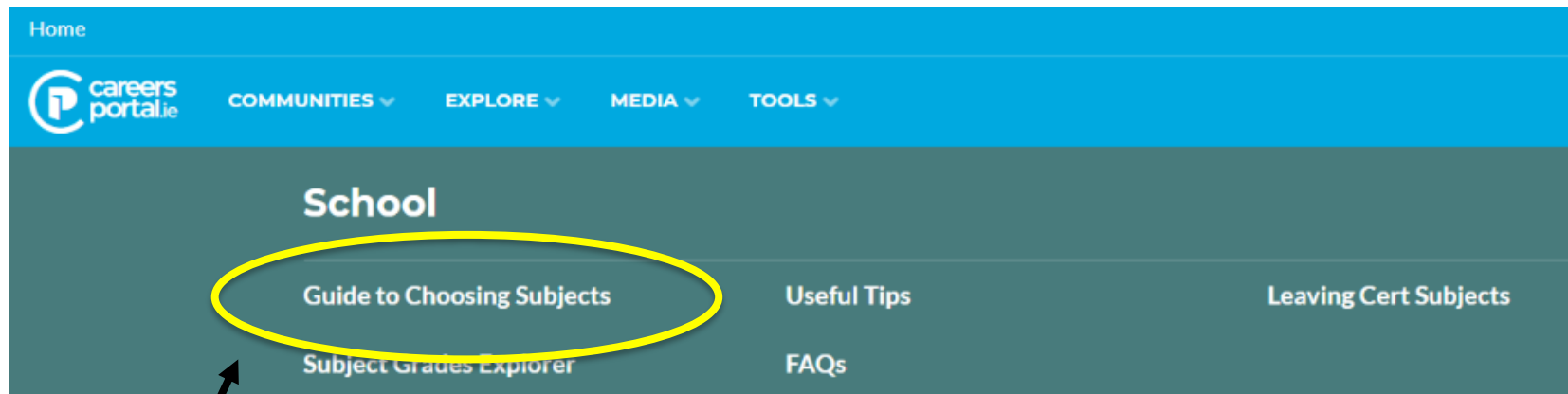
Select Leaving Cert

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The screenshot shows the homepage of careersportal.ie. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the site logo and menu items: COMMUNITIES, EXPLORE, MEDIA, and TOOLS. Below this is a search bar with two input fields: 'by Course Title or Code...' and 'by College here...', followed by a 'SEARCH NOW' button. The 'QUICK LINKS' section contains ten icons with labels: Interest Profiler, Career Events, Higher Education Links, Going to College, Scholarships, Leaving Cert Subjects (circled in red), Video Library, Languages Connect, Work Experience, and EU Careers. At the bottom, there are five horizontal buttons: BECOME A MEMBER!, SELF-ASSESSMENT, CAREER RESEARCH, COVID-19, and CALCULATE YOUR POINTS. A black arrow points from the text below to the 'Leaving Cert Subjects' icon.

Click on Leaving Cert Subjects

Research – www.careersportal.ie



Please ensure you read this Guide first.

Leaving Cert Subjects

Practical Group

These subjects are 'hands-on' and involve working with tools and machinery on physical things like wood, metals and plastic. They may involve designing, planning and building things.

Construction Studies

Engineering

Design & Comm
Graphics

Technology

Click on Guide to Choosing Subjects. This will give you good advice, particularly about courses that require a Third Language, Science subjects and HL Maths etc.