



THE
**KING'S
HOSPITAL**
A SCHOOL AND A WAY OF LIFE

CURRICULUM – COURSE CONTENT

The King's Hospital offers a six-year system of secondary education. Students are expected to have reached 12 years of age by September 1st on year of entry to Form 1.

1. The **Junior Cycle** is of three years duration, Forms 1, 2 & 3. The State examination at the end of Form 3 is called the **Junior Certificate** examination
2. Form 4, the **Transition Year Programme (TY)**, provides an essential foundation for the Senior Cycle. This is called our Leaving Certificate Foundation Year. (A separate Curriculum sheet is available on request)
3. The **Senior Cycle** is of two years duration, Forms 5 & 6. The State examination at the end of Form 6 is called the **Leaving Certificate** examination.

Core Subjects	Language ¹ choice choose 1	Form 1* sample all 6 subjects & choose 2 to carry over to Form 2 & 3 for JC.	Notes	
Exam Subjects				
Irish			Unless exempt by DES or educated outside Ireland	
English				
Mathematics				
History				
Geography				
Science				
Religious Education				
Civic, Social & Political Education (CSPE)				
	French		Unless exempt by DES	
	Spanish		Unless exempt by DES	
	German		Unless exempt by DES	
		Art, Craft & Design	Form 2 entrants ²	
		Business Studies	Form 2 entrants ²	
		Music	Form 2 entrants ²	
		Home Economics	Form 2 entrants ²	
		Technical Graphics	Form 2 entrants ²	
		Technology	Form 2 entrants ²	
Non-Exam Subjects				
Physical Education (PE)				
Social Personal & Health Education (SPHE)				
Information Technology			Form 1 only	

Language¹: Students must choose a second language unless exempt by the DES; the school cannot guarantee pupil's first choice.

FORMS 2² & 3

Form 2 mid-stream entrants may only take two of the six choice subjects offered however there will be limited places in some subjects. Subjects are normally taken at Higher Level, but some pupils may opt for Ordinary Level in Forms 2 & 3. **Form 3 students** continue their choice subjects from Form 2.

FORM 4

All students participate in the Leaving Certificate Foundation Year (TY). The year offers a varied programme of studies. The academic content is based on the subjects taken for Junior Certificate. The programme is designed to introduce Senior Cycle material; to facilitate personal development; and to enable wise decisions to be made regarding subject choices and career paths. If applying to the school for Form 4 (TY) please request a TY booklet & Curriculum which explains the year in more detail from admissions.enquiries@thekingshospital.ie.

FORMS 5 & 6

Pupils normally take **EIGHT** subjects.

All subjects may be taken at **Higher** or **Ordinary** level.

Optional subjects:

Students are required to choose **FIVE** subjects from the following **OPTIONAL SUBJECT** list, however only **FOUR** will be allocated. At least one European Language (French, Spanish or German) should also be chosen, unless exempt. There are limited places in some subjects; others may not be offered if the number of applicants is too low.

Mid-Stream and International Entrants may not be able to take certain optional subjects if they have not previously studied them. For more information please contact admissions.enquiries@thekingshospital.ie

Mandatory Subjects	Language ¹ choice choose 1	Optional Subjects ² choose 4	Notes	
Exam Subjects				
Irish*			*Unless exempt by DES or educated outside Ireland	
English				
Mathematics				
	French*		*Unless exempt by DES	
	Spanish*		*Unless exempt by DES	
	German*		*Unless exempt by DES	
		Accounting		
		Agricultural Science		
		Applied Mathematics		
		Art		
		Biology		
		Business		
		Chemistry		
		Design and Communications Graphics (TG)		
		Economics		
		Geography		
		History		
		Home Economics		
		Music		
		Physics		
		Politics & Society		
		Religious Education		
Non-Exam Subjects				
Religious Education				
Physical Education				
Careers Education				