



Gaeltacht e-Hub

Information for Students and Parents

OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY HIGHER-LEVEL LEAVING CERTIFICATE PHYSICS ONLINE FROM YOUR SCHOOL

For the 2019/20 school year, Higher-Level Leaving Certificate Physics is being offered as a subject choice in your school. The course will be provided online through the school and will cover all aspects of the Leaving Certificate Physics course for 5th and 6th years. Physics will be taught through Irish by a fully-qualified teacher experienced in teaching Physics at Leaving Certificate level.

In the online course, you will work with a class group, some of the students may be in your school, but most will be from other Gaeltacht post-primary schools. You will have access to an e-Hub room with web-conferencing facilities in the school. You will have the same number of class periods as you would have if you were attending a normal Physics class at Leaving Certificate level.

At the timetabled class period, you will go to the e-Hub and log onto the course. Typically, you will see and hear your e-Teacher and do group work with the students located in the other post-primary schools. The teacher will ask questions, engage in discussion and demonstrate experiments. You will carry out experiments and assignments with the e-Teacher and other students in your school, and occasionally off-site visits will be arranged. You will be able to share your work with the teacher and get feedback and one-to-one help as required. Expect to be given homework and to have to study in your own time. You will need to have access to a computer or laptop. Access will be provided to a mentor teacher in your school who will provide support and ensure that you can participate in the online classes. You will sit the Leaving Certificate exam in 2021 in the normal way.

In choosing this course, you will:

- Have access to Leaving Certificate Physics which would not otherwise be available in your school
- Work in a safe, monitored online environment
- Have ongoing support and advice from a school-based mentor
- Learn how to use technology as an essential tool for learning
- Have the opportunity to participate in class discussions with more ease than face-to-face class sessions.

“Taking part in the online course offers a new experience of 'blended learning' which will be good preparation for further learning, at third level and beyond.”

If you are interested in participating in this online Leaving Certificate Physics course, please discuss this with your school. Please note that there are a limited number of places available on this online course and it may not be possible to make this available to every school that applies.

If you wish to choose Higher Level Physics for the Leaving Certificate, please apply through your school by **Friday 29th March 2019**.



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