



Year 11 2017

For Year 12 in 2018

Subject Choice

**It's your life we are
talking about
choose wisely.**

Where Do I Fit?

- **REMEMBER ...**
- **That you need to be REALISTIC – not everyone is going to be a doctor, lawyer or the prime minister, nor a plumber, electrician or chef.**
- **You need to think very carefully about your career pathway and make sure that you are being realistic without dashing your dreams.**

How do you choose your subjects?

The Right Way



- You should think about these questions:

What do I think I may want to do for a job?

What am I good at?

What really interests me?



How do you choose your subjects?

The Wrong Way



What are my friends doing?

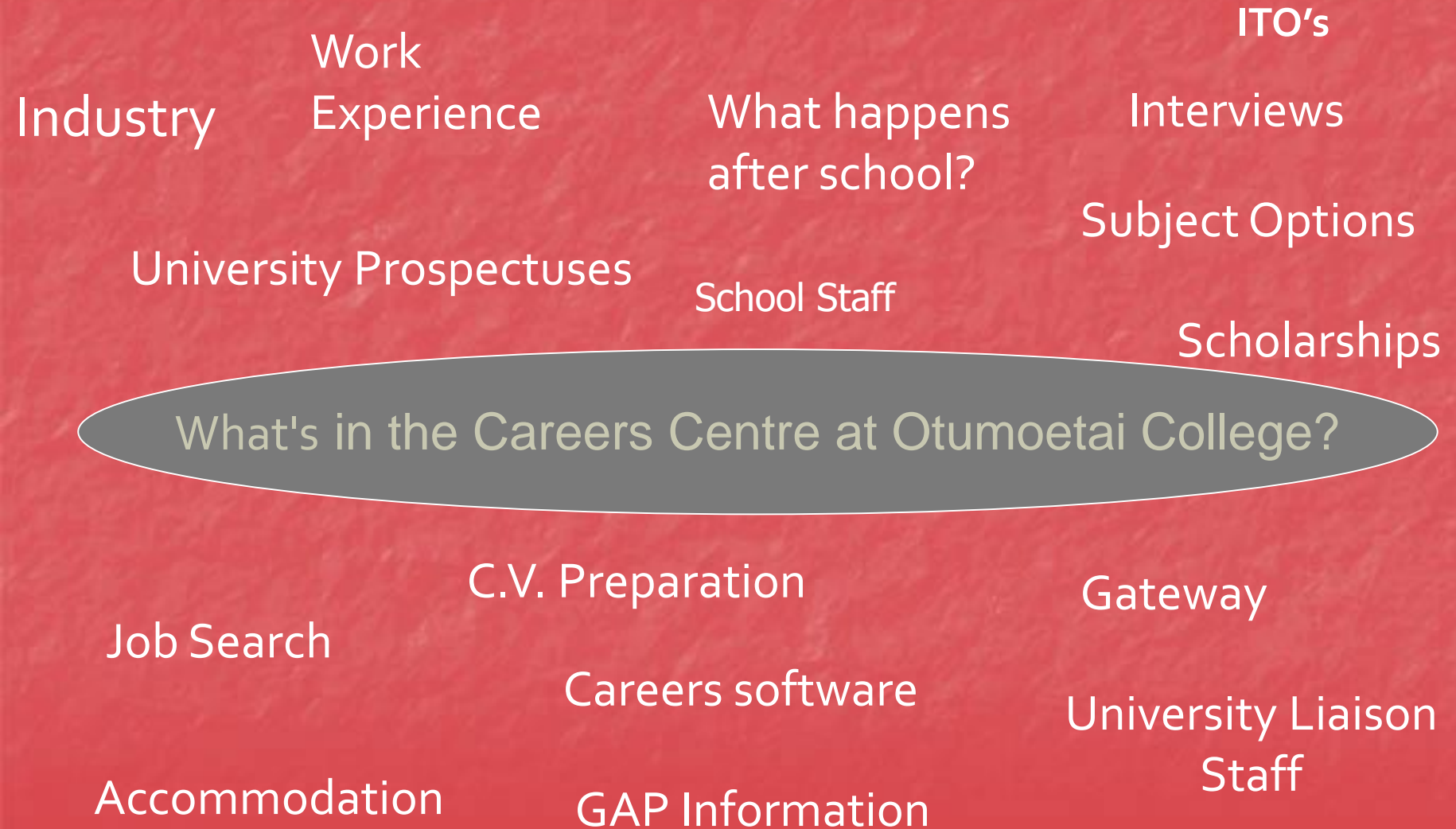
What is the easiest?

What has the easiest forms of assessment?

Who will be the teacher?



How Can School Help





The Best One Stop Shop Is Career Services

- They will help you decide on the job, training or career path that's right for you, with information and support at any age or stage of your life.
- You can phone them direct on 0800 222 733 or check out how they can help online.

GO TO.... www.careers.govt.nz

Your subjects should ...



- Challenge you to make the most of your capabilities
- Provide you with the qualification that you need to pursue your career and ambitions after you leave school
- Allow you to enjoy studying
- Offer a range of study that is manageable i.e. think about choosing a balance between theoretical (often written) and practical subjects
- Provide life skills

How does NCEA work?

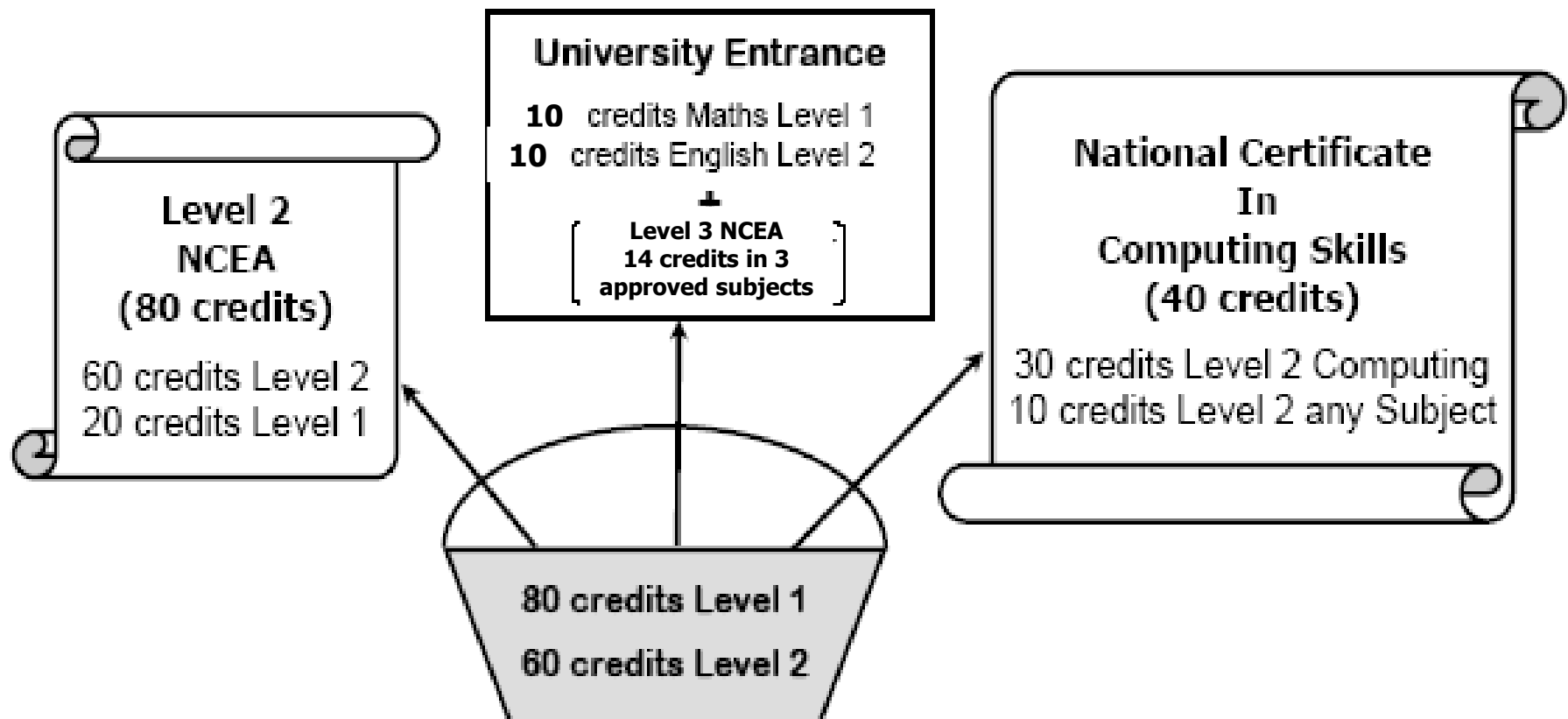
Level One with 80+ credits = pass
Literacy(10) + Numeracy(10)

Level Two with 80+ credits 60/20 = pass
Literacy for UE (5 Reading/5 Writing)

Level Three with 80+ credits 60/20 = pass
Credits can be accumulated over more than one year.

Gaining Credits

Using credits to gain 2 qualifications and numeracy literacy requirements for University Entrance.



Difference between Unit Standard and Achievement Standard

Achievement Standards (AS)

- Offer both internal and external assessments
- Can be awarded with Achieved, Merit, Excellence or Not Achieved

Unit Standards (US)

- Internally assessed only
- The majority are awarded as only Achieved (A) or Not Achieved (NA)



All Year 12 students
will take some form of the following
ENGLISH



Now carefully choose four more subjects

Keep it balanced

- Science subjects?

- Written based subjects?

- Practical/technical subjects?

- A language?



**If you wish you may take a sixth subject, applications
are available in the Learning Centre**

Be VERY Careful

■ DO you plan to go to
University/Polytechnic or a job?

THEN

- You must have subjects that link to a pathway.
- If you plan to go to University, subjects need to be mostly Achievement Standards.
- **Some students will be finishing L1 then moving onto L2**

Subject Choice Tips

Steps to make an informed decision:

- 1. Check out your career implications – will you keep your options open?**
 - Work out all your current career ideas
 - Check the subject requirements (for higher study)
 - Weigh up the 'essential' subjects, then the 'useful' subjects
- 2. Think about your abilities – can you do well in these subjects?**
- 3. Think about your interest levels – will you have the motivation?**
- 4. Weigh up any differences between interests, abilities and career ideas.**
- 5. Talk it over with people who know you well. Is the choice balanced and marketable?**

Checklist

The ABC Subject Selection Checklist



When you have made your choices, follow this simple checklist:

Ability and Attitude

– are you able and will you be interested?

Balance

– will you have a range of options open for future career ideas?

Choice

– are they your own decisions or have you been swayed by others?

Check You Have ...

- **Course eligibility** – *this will come from your Year 11 grades and how well you have done throughout Year 11, and finally from your exams.*
- Discussed choices with family, teachers, careers staff, deans etc.
- Check out www.careers.govt.nz and look ahead.

Now Choose

- ENGLISH

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- Application

WELL DONE

