



# Senior Cycle Options

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Third Year Talk

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# Third Year Junior Certificate

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- ➤ Need to focus on study between now and exam.
- ➤ Make most of your time and abilities
- ➤ Results in Junior certificate will determine Leaving Cert choices
- Very Important exam



# Senior Cycle Options

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- ➤ Leaving Certificate Applied
- ➤ Leaving Certificate Vocational
- Transition Year





# Leaving Certificate Applied

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- ➤ 2 Year course
- ➤ Not an ordinary Leaving Certificate
- ➤ Suits students who do not like taking exams
- Assignment and Task based



# What subjects are offered in the Leaving Certificate Applied?

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## **Vocational Preparation:**

- Work experience
- Vocational Preparation & Guidance
- Enterprise Education
- English and communication
- **Vocational Education:**
- Mathematical Applications
- Information Technology



# What subjects are offered in the Leaving Certificate Applied?

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- **Vocational Education:**

Select one specialist courses from:

- Graphics and Construction Studies
- Hotel, Catering and Tourism
- Office Skills & Customer Care
- Engineering



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## **General Education:**

- Visual Arts
- Irish
- Leisure and Recreation
- Social Education
- Religious Education



# LCA Assessment

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Students work is assessed as they go along and they gain credits.

The LCA is awarded at

- Pass 120 – 139 credits
- Merit 140 - 169 credits
- Distinction 170 - 200 credits



# LCA

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- Attendance is really important!
- You must attend school 90% of the time!





# Careers and Courses Available to LCA Students

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- Apprenticeships
- Failte Ireland Courses
- Teagasc
- Aer Lingus
- Banks
- Health Boards
- Garda Siochana
- Local Authorities (civil service).
- ESB
- Bus Eireann
- Post Leaving Cert Courses
- Newry College of Further and Higher Education



# Eligibility for further education and third-level courses

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- A student who has been awarded the Leaving Certificate Applied can go on to a very wide range of Post-Leaving Certificate courses(PLCs).



# The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

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The programme consists of:

- **Leaving Certificate subjects**

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- **Link Modules**

Enterprise Education  
Preparation for Work  
Work Experience.



# The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

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Students must take at least five Leaving Certificate subjects, including

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- a Continental Language
- Optional Subjects



# Subjects Compulsory

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- English
- Irish \_ Geography for those exempt
- Maths
- Leaving Cert French or Beginners French
- Link Modules
- PE or Computers (non-exam)
- Religion (non-exam)



# Vocational Subject Options

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- 1. Construction Studies & Technology
- 2. Home Economics and Biology
- 3. Accountancy & Business

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Any one of the following:

- Art
- History
- Physics
- Communication Graphics



# Link Module I – Preparation for the World of Work

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Includes....

- CV writing
- Interview Preparation
- Investigating a career of interest
- 2 week's Work Experience
- Researching Local Industry



# Link Module II – Enterprise Education

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- Study Entrepreneurship
- Organise visits to local business and community enterprises
- Meet and interview enterprising people
- Develop self-confidence, creativity, initiative, teamwork, communication and computer skills.



# Transitional Year Programme

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- Education for maturity with the emphasis on personal development
- The promotion of general, technical and academic skills
- Bridging the gap between Foundation Level Junior Certificate and Ordinary Level leaving Certificate.
- Preparation for working life through work experience, industrial visits and guest speakers.



# Subjects in Transition Year

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- English
- Mathematics
- Engineering/Home Economics
- Woodwork/Business Studies & Typing
- Technical Drawing/Art
- Mini-companies
- History/Geography (Two 15 weeks modules)
- CAD/Hairdressing/First Aid (Three 10 week modules)
- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- Information Technology
- Careers/Personal Development



# Assessment

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- Examinations and homework
- written, practical and oral assessments;
- report of work experience;
- projects, portfolios and exhibition of work;
- pupil diary/log book to record personal progress;
- A completed journal for his/her personal evaluation;
- A pupil profile and record of achievement from the school
- A certificate of achievement from school
- CERT I Certificate
- First Aid Certificate
- R.S.A. Core Text Processing Skills



# Remember !

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- How well you do in the Junior Certificate = How well you will do in Leaving Certificate
- References for LCA and LCVP
- YOU DECIDE!

