



LCA AT BALLYMAKENNY COLLEGE

What is LCA?



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Introduction to the
LCA Programme

What is the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)?



The LCA is a two-year practical and career-focused programme designed for students who learn best through hands-on experiences.



It prepares students for adult life, further education, training, and employment.

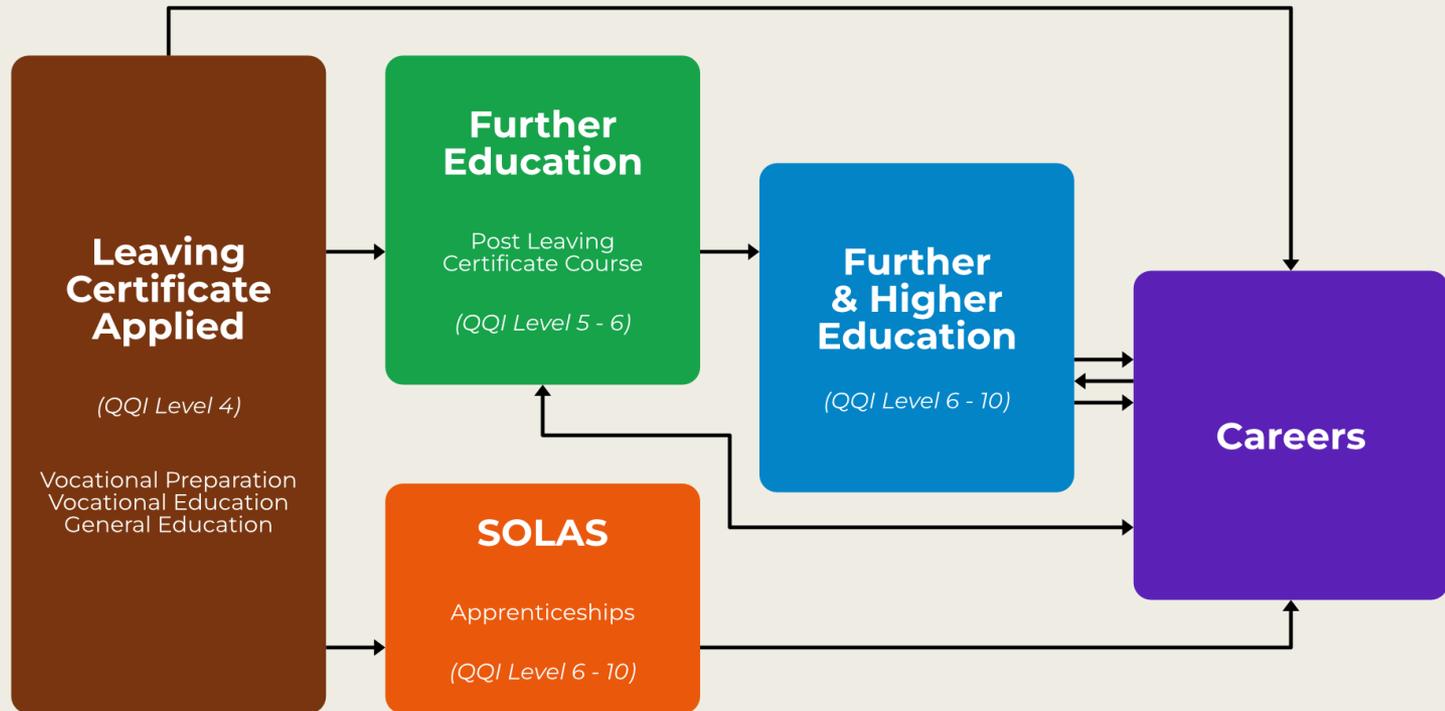
Who is the LCA for?

- Students who prefer practical learning

- Students interested in work and life skills

- Students aiming for further education, PLCs, apprenticeships, or employment

Pathways after LCA



LCA Team



LCA 1- 5th Year Year
Head



LCA Co-ordinator –
Phil Bergin



LCA Tutor- To be
assigned



Work
Experience/Guidance
Link- Nicola McEvoy



Class Teachers



Management

How is it assessed?

LCA Modes of Assessment

Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance					62 credits	31%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of completion of key assignments for each module One credit per course module in which there is a final exam Two credits per course module in which there is NO final exam 						
7 Student Tasks @ 10 credits each					70 credits	35%
Vocational Preparation		Vocational Education (x2)				
General Education		Contemporary Issue				
Personal Reflection		Practical Achievement				
Final Examinations					68 credits	34%
English & Communication	Vocational Specialisms (x2)	Languages (x2)	Social Education	Mathematical Applications		
12 credits	12 credits each	6 credits each	10 credits	10 credits		
Total					200 credits	100%

Final SEC Examinations

Final Examinations

Area	Credits
English & Communications Oral and written incorporating audio visual	12
Vocational Specialisms (x2) Practical and written - practical briefs issued in advance	12 each
Languages (x2) Oral and written incorporating aural	6 each
Social Education Written incorporating audio	10
Mathematical Applications Written	10
Total	68

Subjects



• ENGLISH &
COMMUNICATION



• MATHEMATICAL
APPLICATIONS



• ICT



• SOCIAL
EDUCATION



• MODERN
LANGUAGE:
IRISH & MFL



• VOCATIONAL
SPECIALISMS
1. GRAPHICS AND
CONSTRUCTION.
2. HOTEL CATERING
AND TOURISM



ELECTIVE- SCIENCE



LEISURE AND
RECREATION

Key Assignments and Final Exams

- Students will engage in project work in their general education subjects such as English, Maths, Language, Social Education and Specialisms.
- Students are expected to complete a number of projects in class, guided by their teacher.
- Students are also expected to keep up no 90% attendance unless otherwise certified.

Attendance and continuity are a crucial aspect of the LCA programme.

Vocational Preparation & Guidance



Focuses on the world of work and adult life



Career Investigation



Work Experience



Preparation for Employment



Enterprise Education

Work Experience!

Compulsory component of LCA.

Students must obtain their own placements.

Students who are enrolled in LCA will be given support and information on obtaining work experience prior to the next academic year.

Students will engage with work experience for one full school day each week of the academic term.

This is a great way to link students to their local community and help them gain valuable knowledge in the working sector.

Students reflect on and evaluate their work experience in class with a designated teacher.

Student Tasks



Students complete key tasks such as:



- Practical projects



- Group Work



- Work experience evaluation



Students will be interviewed by external examiners on work they have completed throughout the school year in relation to their tasks.

LCA 1		LCA 2	
Session 1 Sept – Jan	Session 2 Jan – June	Session 3 Sept – Jan	Session 4 Jan – June
1. General Education Task: Anchored in PE and supported by Social Ed, Maths, ICT, English & the Tutor	2. Vocational Preparation Task: ICT, Career Investigation	4. Contemporary Issue Task: Social Ed	7. Personal Reflection Task: (incorporating Reflective Statements 1 & 2)
	3. Vocational Education Task: Graphics & Construction	5. Vocational Education Task: Office Admin	
	Reflective Statement 1 (Part of the Personal Reflection Task)	6. Practical Achievement Task	Reflective Statement 2

Certification & Progression

- PLC courses

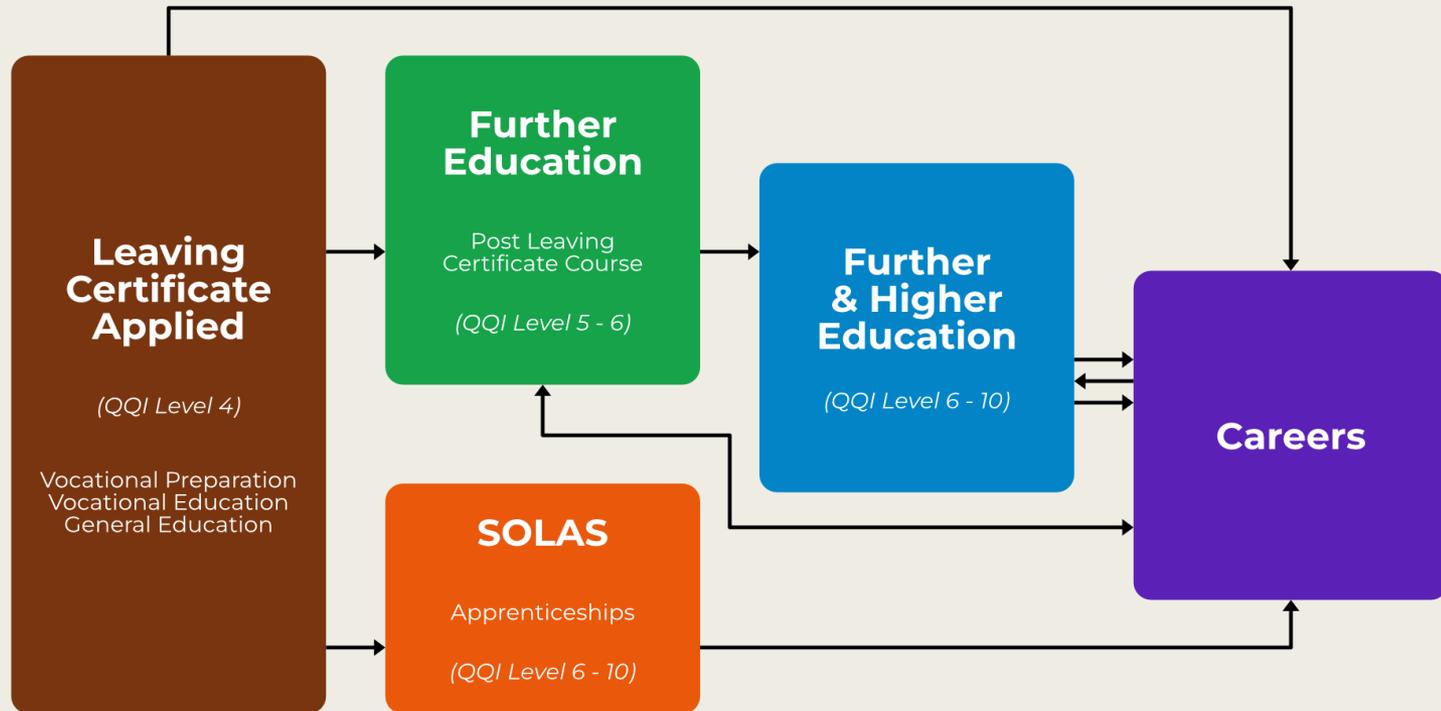
- Apprenticeships

- Further Education

- Employment

The LCA is recognised by employers and further training bodies.

Pathways after LCA



STUDENT PERSPECTIVE



**HANDS ON: DUBLIN TEENS ON
STUDYING LEAVING CERT APPLIED**

Moving Forward...

- An Expression of Interest form will be sent out to all parents of 3rd and 4th Year this week.
- There will be a strict deadline on completing this form but you will be notified of this.
- Based on these forms, we will then send out application forms to those interested in applying to LCA.
- A later date will be set for student interviews which will support individual applications.
- If you have any questions regarding LCA at Ballymakenny College, feel free to email me at:

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