



Welcome

LCA
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Meeting



Calendar of Events

YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO	
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
Sept – Jan	Feb – Jun	Sept – Jan	Feb – Jun

What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?

It is a distinct, self-contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing learners for adult & working life.

It emphasises forms of achievement & excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past.

It offers learners specific opportunity to prepare for & progress to further education and training.

Who would benefit most from the Leaving Certificate Applied?

Learners who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes.

Learners who choose not to opt for those programmes.

Rationale for LCA



Prepares learners for the demanding transition to adult & **working life**.

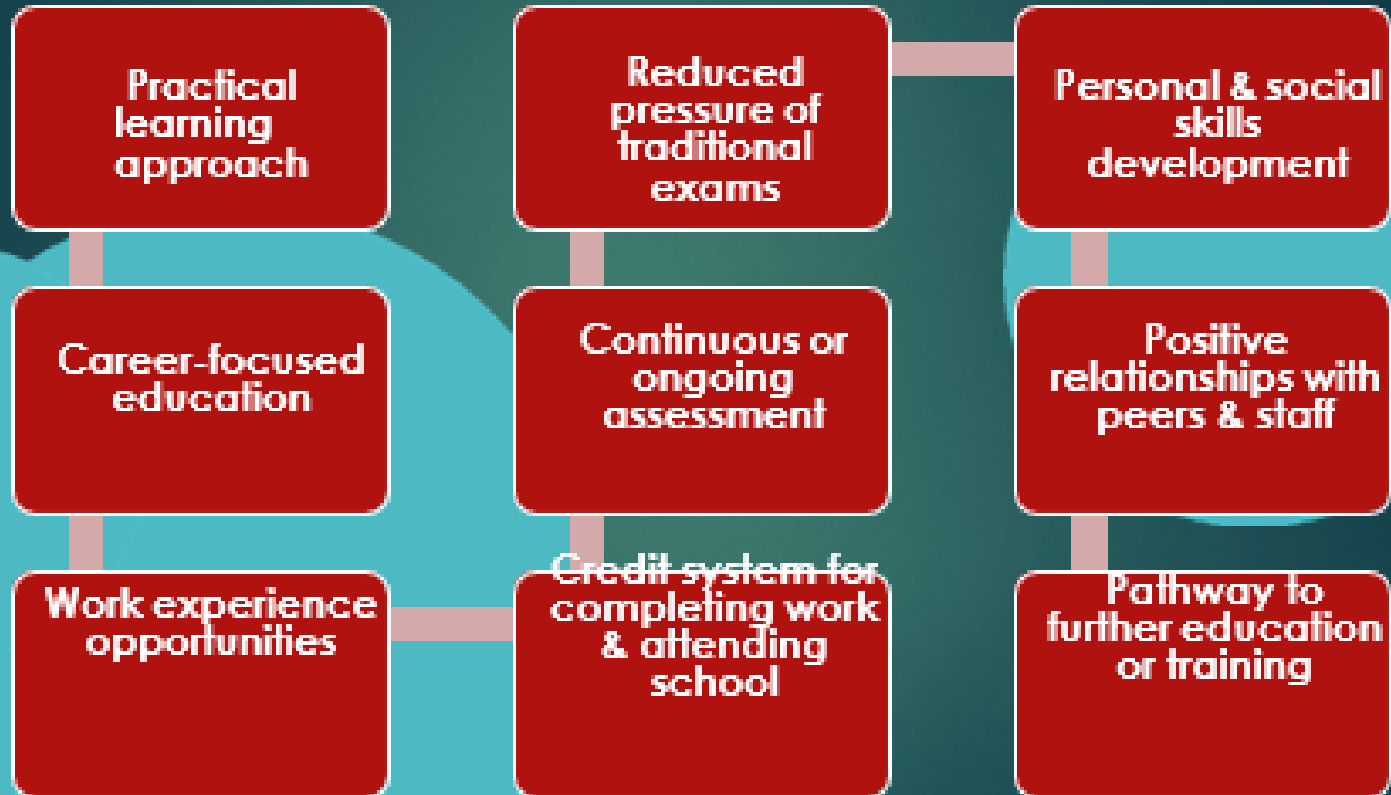
Recognises **talents of all learners** - programme responsive to aptitudes, abilities, needs & interests.

Provides opportunity to develop in terms of responsibility, **self-esteem** & self-knowledge.

Develops **communication & decision-making** skills.

Helps learners achieve a more **independent & enterprising** approach to learning and to life.

Why consider LCA



LCA

Key Underlying Principles

student
centred
curriculum

personal &
social
development

integration &
cross
curricular links

teamwork

literacy &
numeracy
development

active
teaching/learning
methodologies

reflection

community
links

Importance of Work Experience – every Wednesday



- ▶ Develop social, personal & life skills
- ▶ Make more employable
- ▶ Exposure to career options
- ▶ Build confidence
- ▶ Foster responsibility
- ▶ Build relationships
- ▶ Prepare for future college, adult, working & community life

Work Experience

- ▶ **Every Wednesday across the 2 years**
- ▶ Can change placement at any time
- ▶ **2 credits awarded at end of each of 4 sessions for doing work experience & completing diary in Vocational Preparation Class**
- ▶ If working with children or vulnerable adults, students who are 16 must be Garda vetted – forms submitted through school



Accreditation of Key Assignments



▶ Each session credits are given for modules which have been satisfactorily completed with 90% attendance & evidence of key assignments for the specific module.

▶ 2 credits

▶ Per course module in which there is no final exam

▶ 1 credit

▶ Per course module in which there is a final exam

Allocation of Credits

Mode	Credits	%
7 Student Tasks	74	37%
Completion of Module Assignments with 90% Attendance	68	34%
Final Examinations	58	29%
Total	200	100%

Credits for student tasks

Task	Credit
General Education Task – Art	10
Vocational Preparation Task	10
Vocational Education Task – <u>e.g.</u> Engineering; Graphics & Construction Studies	10
Vocational Education Task – ICT	10
Contemporary Issues Task	14
Practical Achievement Task	10
Personal Reflection Task	10
Overall Total	74

Checklist

At the end of each Session the participant will be credited on satisfactory completion of the appropriate modules.

In order to be awarded credit participants must attend the classes and out-of-school activities related to the modules and complete the key assignments related to the module.

No ranking of performance will be involved.

P.19 LCA Programme Statement

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KEY ASSIGNMENTS

CHECKLIST

I collected visual information about sound and color graphs.

I developed ideas suitable for making art work.

I imagined a plan of artwork.

I kept notes on how I did the work and described what was good and bad about the work.

Student Task

- **Definition**
- *A practical activity by which learning is applied to...*

Types of Tasks

- The development of a **product**
- The investigation of an **issue/topic**
- The provision of a **service**
- The staging of an **event**
- A **performance** by a group or individual

Purpose

Vehicle for **curriculum integration**

of as many subjects as possible



LCA Certification

Certificate awarded at 3 levels

Pass	120 - 139 credits	60-69%
Merit	140 - 169 credits	70-84%
Distinction	170 - 200 credits	85-100%

- ▶ Students who acquire less than 120 credits or who leave the programme early will receive a
▶ "Record of Experience".

Summary of Tasks



Year 1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
General Education Task	Vocational Preparation Task	Contemporary Issues Task	Personal Reflection Task Part 2
	Vocational Education Specialism 1 Task (Graphics & C/Engineering)	Vocational Education Specialism 2 Task (ICT)	
	Personal Reflection Task Part 1	Practical Achievement Task	

Final Examinations



English and Communications	12 credits
Vocational Specialisms (2)	12 credits each
Languages (2)	6 credits each
Mathematical Applications	10 credits
OVERALL TOTAL	58 credits

- **Vocational Specialisms** – currently in 5th year are ICT & Graphics & Construction, & currently in 6th year are ICT & Engineering
- **Languages** – Irish in 5th year (except those with exemption), & Spanish in 6th year

Access to LCE (Leaving

New

Certificate Established Maths

- ▶ **For LCA students who wish to study LCE Maths**
- ▶ Study LCE Mathematics instead of LCA Mathematical Applications
- ▶ LCA programme total will be over total 190 credits, instead of overall 200 credits, & will receive results of LCE Maths exam as a separate certification

If no students
who apply for
LCA wish to study

LCE Maths, it won't
be option in
September

National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)



Opening up new options

The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map



Do some research

- ▶ www.plccourses.ie
- ▶ www.careersportal.ie
- ▶ www.qualifax.ie

