



# Leaving Certificate Applied



# What is Leaving Certificate Applied?

- It is a two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life.
- It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past.
- It recognises talents of all students



# Curriculum 2025/2026

Vocational Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vocational Preparation &amp; Guidance</li><li>• English &amp; Communications</li></ul>
Vocational Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mathematical Applications</li><li>• Vocational Specialisms - Hotel Catering &amp; Tourism, Graphics &amp; Construction</li><li>• Information Communication Technology</li></ul>
General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arts Education (Music, Drama or Art)</li><li>• Social Education</li><li>• Languages - Spanish/French/ Irish</li><li>• Leisure &amp; Recreation</li><li>• Office Administration or Science</li></ul>



# Work Experience

- Leaving Certificate Applied work experience will take place every Tuesday.
- Students will complete four different placements throughout the two-year programme.
- All students are covered through the insurance policy within the school.





# Assessment



Satisfactory completion of Modules	68 credits (34%)
7 student tasks	74 credits (37%)
6 final state examinations	58 credits (29%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>200 credits (100%)</b>

## Certificate awarded at three Levels

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



# Assessment Modules

(68 credits - 34%)

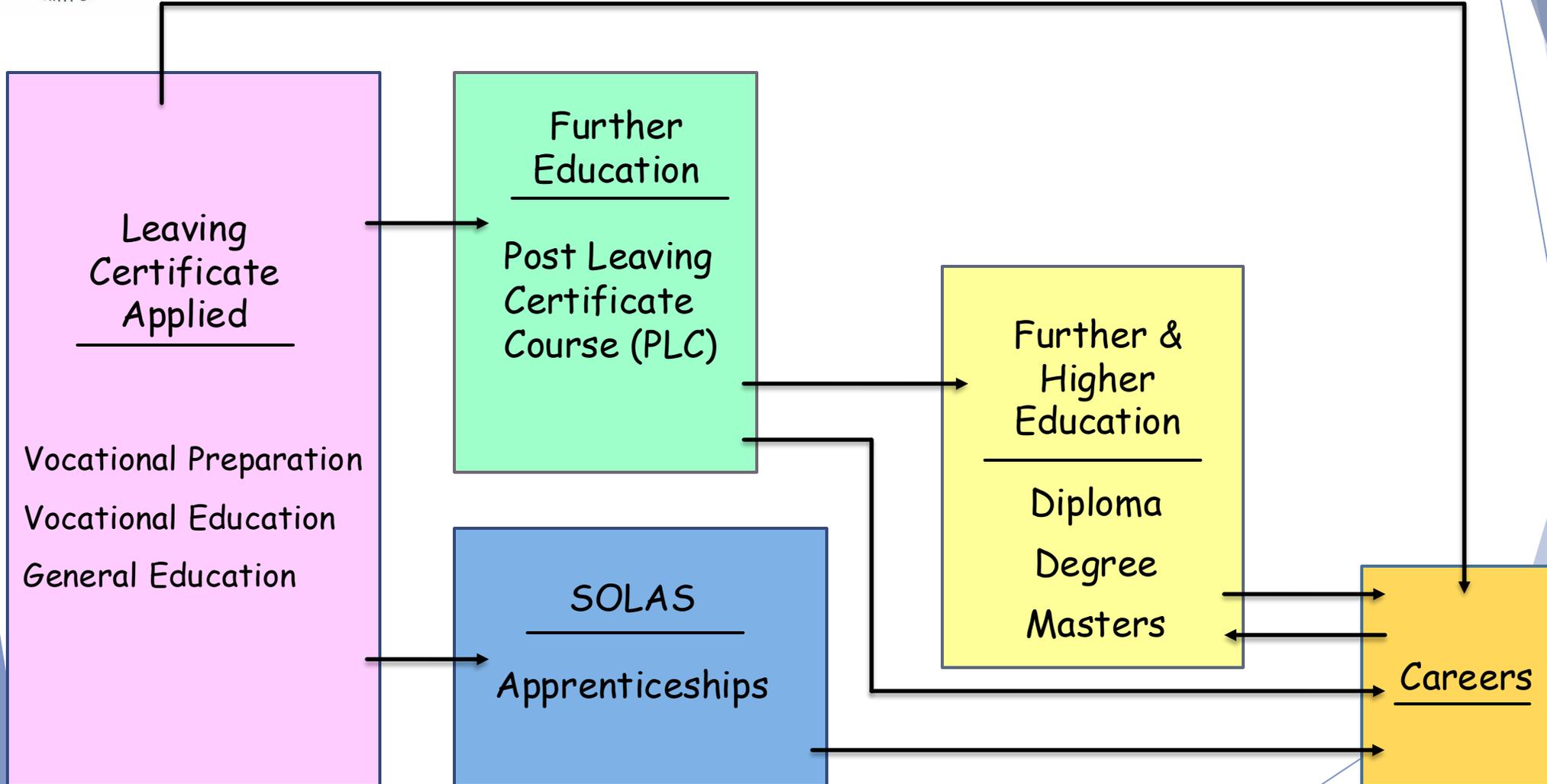
## Requirements

1. 90% attendance
2. Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module





# The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map





# Application Process

All existing 3<sup>rd</sup> year students are eligible for Leaving Certificate Applied.

12 places are available for 2026/2027.

Closing date for application is **12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

LCA application form available today, **25<sup>th</sup> November.** This form is to be completed by both parent/guardian and student.

If LCA is oversubscribed, interviews will take place to determine students' suitability and commitment to the programme.

A letter confirming the status of your application will be sent to all applicants by **30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

# Student Feedback

*"It's definitely worth doing, it is easier to learn in LCA and is so much fun"*

*"I just feel with LCA you get better one on one teaching"*

*"It is easy to learn in LCA, as it is more hands on"*

*"Its less stress and work experience is helping me pick a career"*

*"I find it easier to learn in LCA"*

*'It has given me the chance to get a taste of the real world through work experience"*