

# Leaving Certificate Applied

- **Senior Cycle Options**
- **Tuesday January 20th January  
2026**
- **Amanda Hogan**

Leaving  
Certificate  
Applied

*...a different way*



## What is LCA

Two year Leaving Certificate Program

Aimed at students who would benefit from engaging with a practical Leaving Certificate course

Vocational focus - getting students ready for working life

# What is different about Leaving Cert Applied?

Excellence

Community

Tradition

Innovation



Practical Leaving Cert  
(particular emphasis on  
world of work & life-long  
learning)

Work Experience- both  
years

Active & Practical  
learning experiences (real  
life situations) involving  
school, work place &  
wider community

Enhancement of  
confidence & self-esteem  
is core

Less emphasis on final  
exams- continuous  
assessment & rewards  
throughout

Different forms of  
assessment- interviews,  
written, oral & practical  
components.

Regular feedback on their  
success & achievement-  
SEC results four times a  
year

What  
subjects  
are  
offered??

Vocational  
Preparation &  
Guidance

English &  
Communication

Mathematical  
Applications

Information &  
Communication  
Technology

Arts Education

Social Education

Irish (5th Year only)

Modern Language  
(Italian/Spanish)

Leisure & Recreation

Childcare/Community  
Care

Office Admin &  
Customer Care

# How is Leaving Certificate Applied Awarded?

## LCA Certification

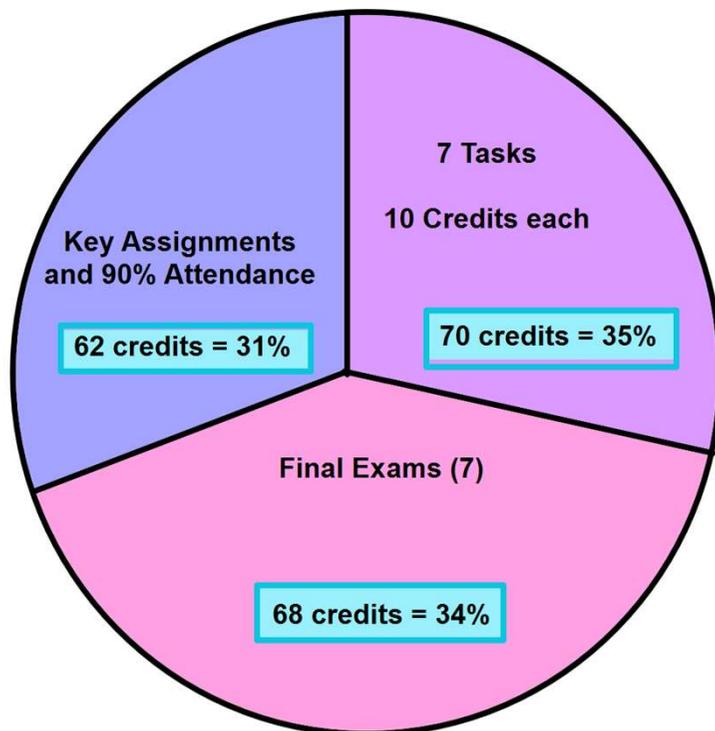
### Certification awarded at 3 levels

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".

# What are credits?

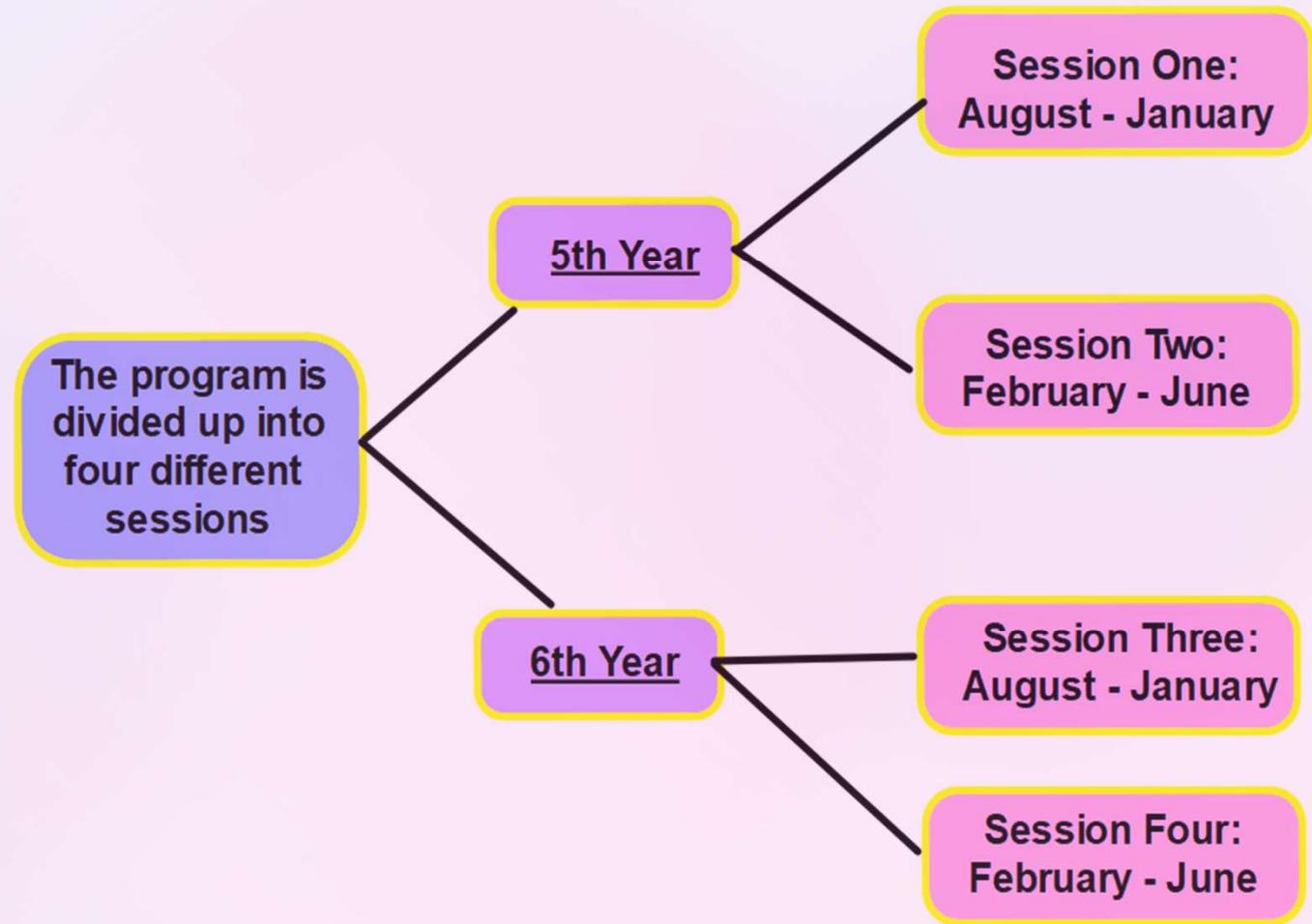
- Credits are awarded as students complete and submit coursework
- 200 credits in total



## LCA Modes of Assessment

<b>Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance</b>					<b>62 credits</b>	<b>31%</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module</li> <li>• One credit per course module in which there is a final exam</li> <li>• Two credits per course module in which there is NO final exam</li> </ul>						
<b>7 Student Tasks @ 10 credits each</b>					<b>70 credits</b>	<b>35%</b>
Vocational Preparation		Vocational Education (x2)				
General Education		Contemporary Issue				
Personal Reflection		Practical Achievement				
<b>Final Examinations</b>					<b>68 credits</b>	<b>34%</b>
English & Communication	Vocational Specialisms (x2)	Languages (x2)	Social Education	Mathematical Applications		
12 credits	12 credits each	6 credits each	10 credits	10 credits		
<b>Total</b>					<b>200 credits</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Sessions



## Year 1 (5th Year)

### Session One (Sept - Jan)

- 1 Task – 10 Credits
- 12 Modular Credits
- **Total Credits 22**

### Session Two (Feb - June)

- 2 Tasks – 20 Credits
- 19 Modular Credits
- 1 Language exam – 6 Credits.
- **Total Credits 45**

## Year 2 (6th Year):

### ● Session 3 (Sept – Jan)

- 3 Tasks – 30 Credits
- 12 Modular Credits
- **Total Credits 42**

### ● Session 4 (Feb - June)

- 1 Task – 10 Credits
- 19 Modular Credits
- 6 written exams – 62 Credits
- **Total Credits 91**

# Breakdown of each session:

# Student Tasks

## Session 1

- General Education Task

## Session 2

- Vocational Preparation Task
- Vocational Education Task
- Personal Reflection Task Part 1

## Session 3

- Vocational Education Task
- Contemporary Issue Task
- Practical Achievement Task

## Session 4

- Personal Reflection Task Part 2



# Seven Student Tasks

- A practical activity or large project whereby the students
  - Make a product
  - Investigate an issue
  - Provide a service
  - Run an event
- Do a report on the Task work
- Are examined through an interview by an **external examiner** after the task

# Final Examinations

**These exams take place during the Leaving Certificate Exams in June**

- **Maths**
- **English & communications**
- **Language :**
  - **Irish in year 1- exam June of 5th year**
  - **Modern language in year 2- exam in June of 6th year**
- **Childcare**
- **Social education**
- **I.T. (Held in May of 6th year)**

# Attendance

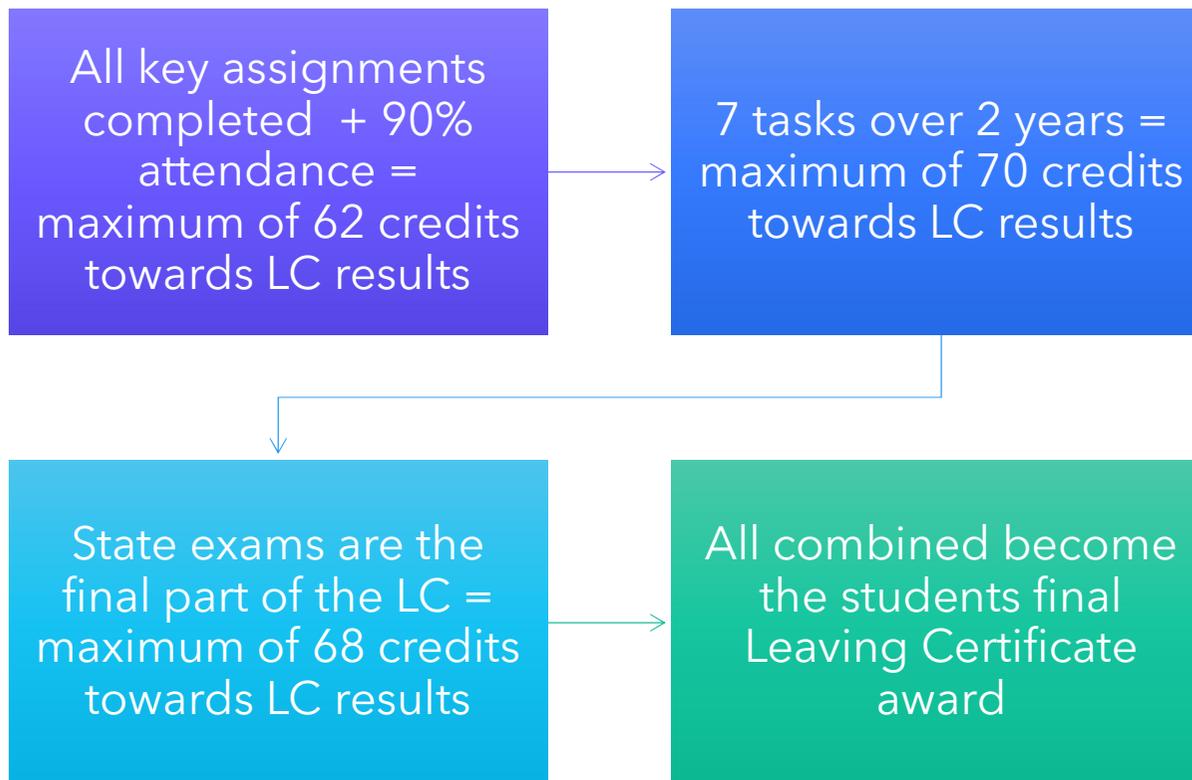
- **90% in each subject**
- **Being on time for school**
- **Being on time for each class**
- **Not going home early**

**Attendance Matters**



**Every Day Counts....**

# In Summary



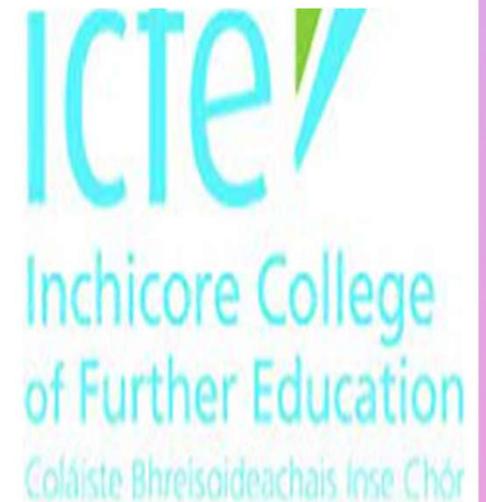
# Can a student go on to further education and training?

## **Absolutely!!**

- Accepted for a wide range of Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses at FETAC Level 5.
- Access to most apprenticeships & other vocational training awards

## **Higher Education**

- No direct access through CAO
- Can progress through successful completion of PLC



# Is LCA the right choice for you?

*LCA is catered towards students who...*



Want to stay in school & get a Leaving Certificate

Prefers learning by 'doing'

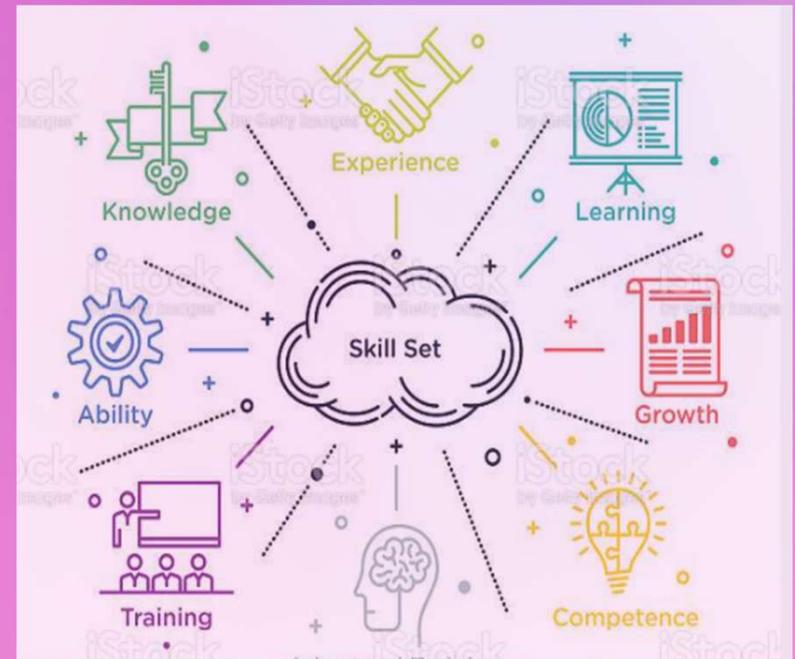
Is motivated by continuous assessment

Wants to get work experience to help them with their career choice

Wants to develop skills which help them in their future careers

# Skillset developed through this program

COMMUNICATE	TEAM WORK	ENTERPRISE	ORGANISATION
SELF AWARENESS	CONFIDENCE	SELF ESTEEM	MOTIVATION
	INITIATIVE	PLANNING	





**Today is your opportunity to build the tomorrow you want.**  
 —KEN POIROT



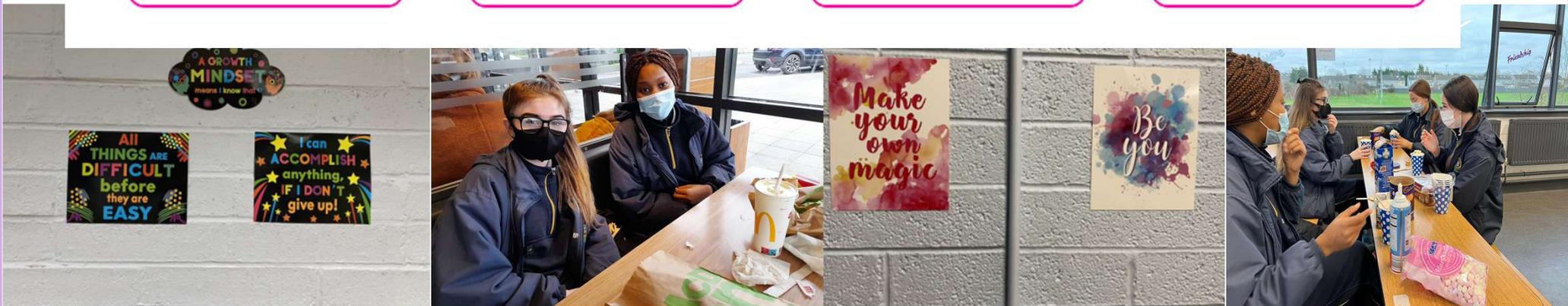
## look like

Dedicated & passionate team

Teachers, Tutors, Parents, Year Heads, Guidance Counsellors, Deputy Principal & Principal

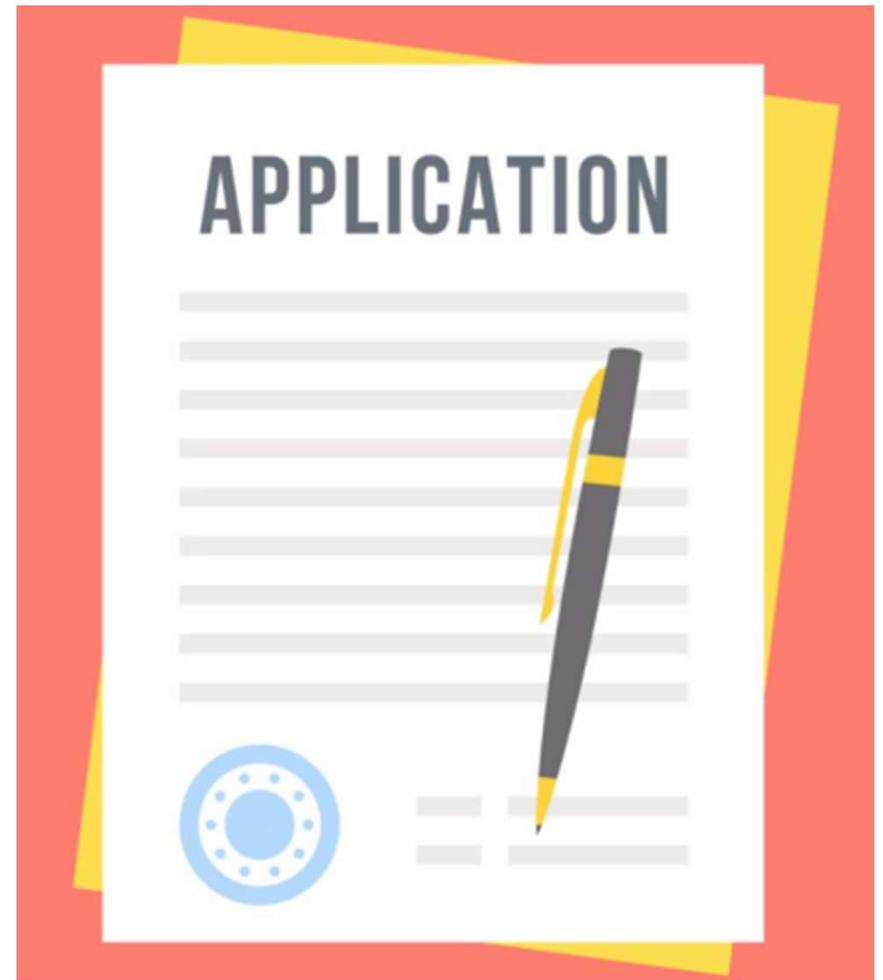
Celebrating success & rewarding achievement

Focus on student well-being



# Applications

- Applications for LCA open - tomorrow Tuesday **Jan 21st**
- Application forms can be found in reception, on the 3rd Year team and on the TY team
- Closing date is **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**
- If you have any questions, please see Ms. A.Hogan (M3)



# The experience of past LCA students





*Thank you so much for listening*