

# Leaving Certificate Applied

## Programme Overview

## What is Leaving Certificate Applied?

- It is a 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



## Who would benefit from Leaving Cert Applied?

- Students who enjoy more **practical based subjects**
- Students who benefit from **continuous assessment**



## What is important to know about the programme?

- LCA1 students in 2026.2027 will complete 2 block work experiences during the year (one in October/November and one in February/March)
- **90% attendance** is required in each subject throughout the year



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## Assessment:

<b>Satisfactory Completion Modules</b>	<b>62 Credits (31%)</b>
<b>7 Student Tasks</b>	<b>70 Credits (35%)</b>
<b>Final Examinations</b>	<b>68 Credits (34%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>200 Credits (100%)</b>



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## Assessment:

**Pass**

**60 - 69%**

**120 - 139 credits**

**Merit**

**70 - 84%**

**140 - 169 credits**

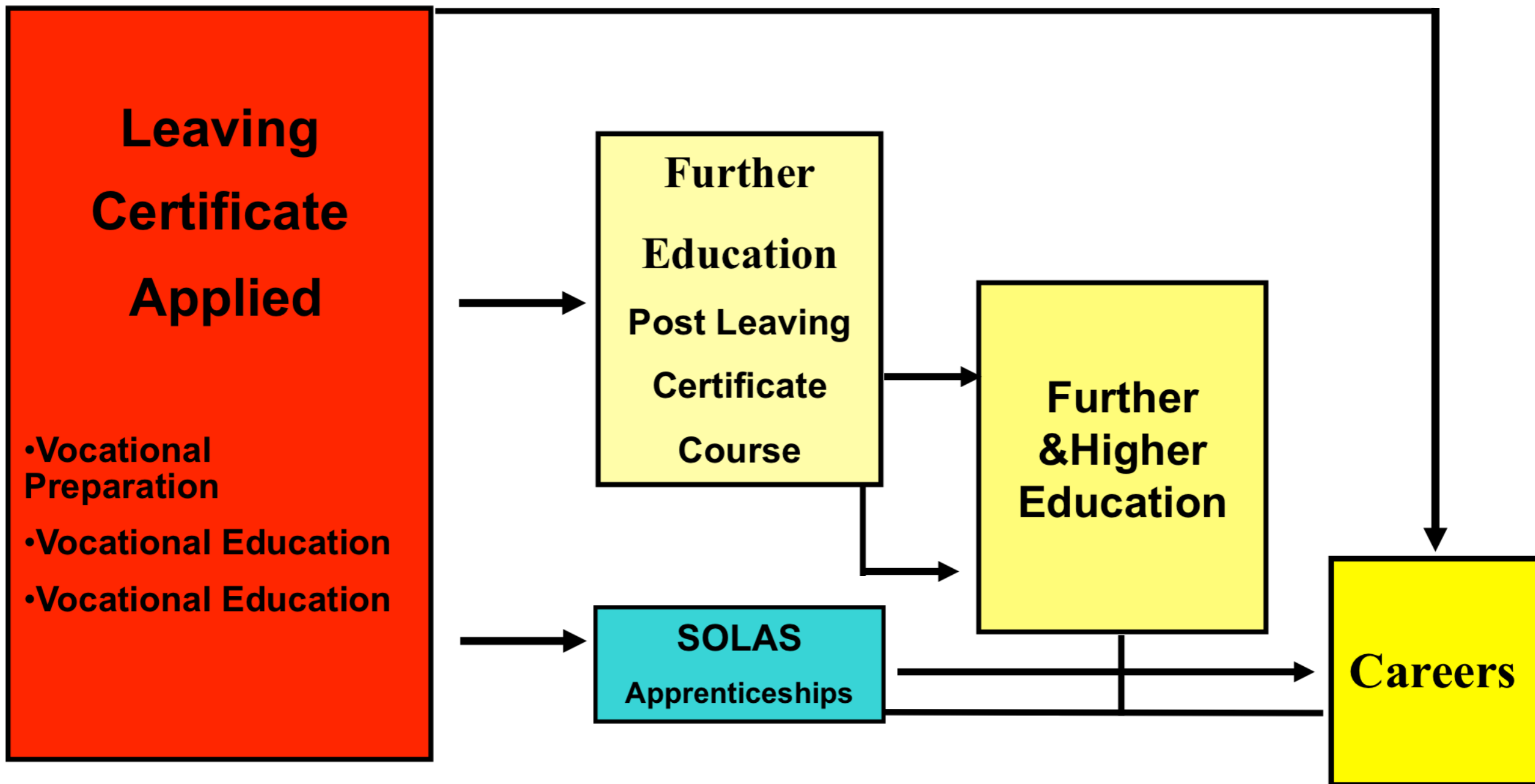
**Distinction**

**85 - 100%**

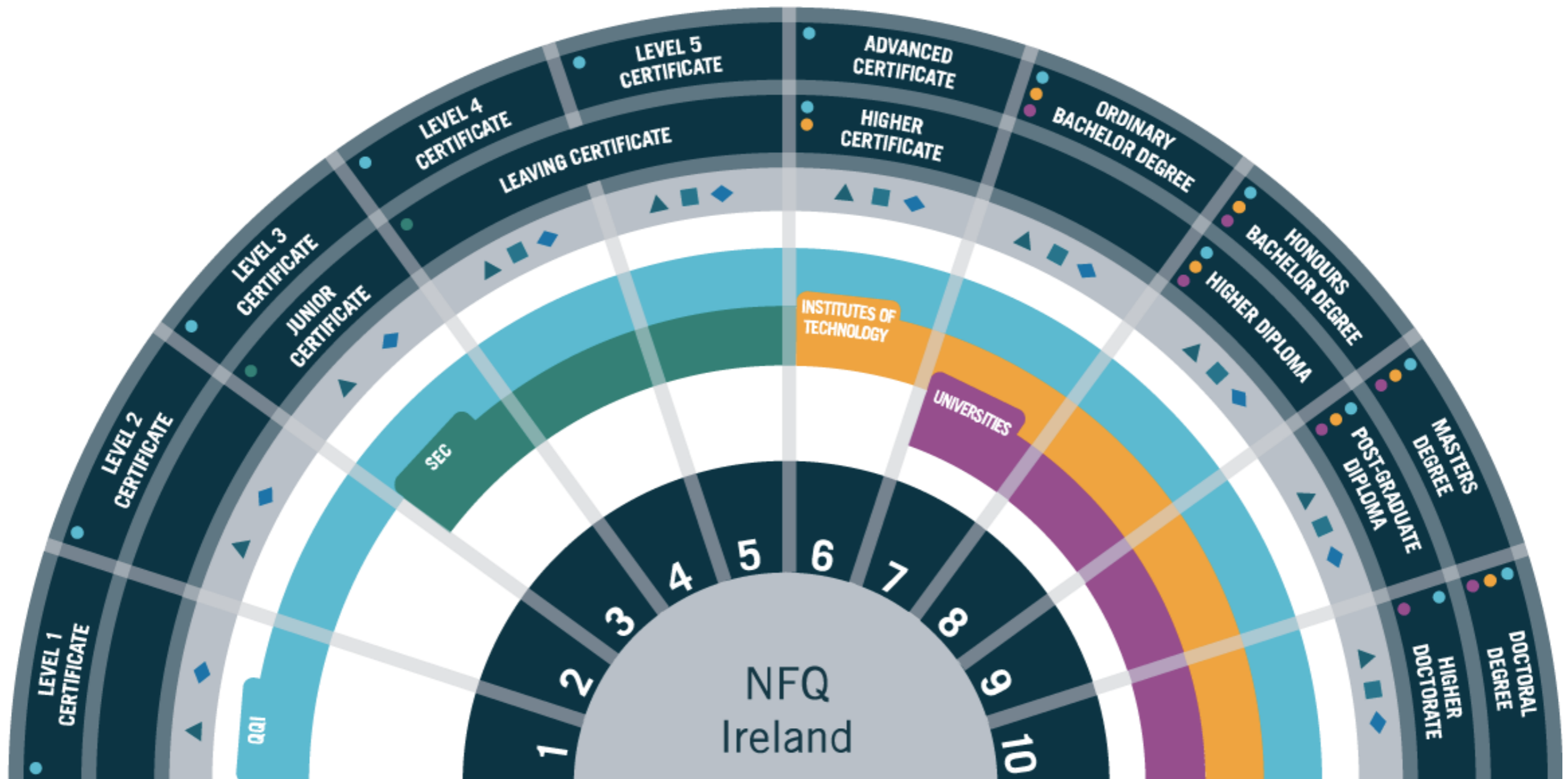
**170 - 200 credits**



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# National Framework of Qualifications Ireland



## Curriculum:

- Vocational Preparation & Guidance
- English and Communication
- Hotel Catering Tourism or Engineering
- Agriculture/Horticulture or Office Admin. And Customer Care
- Mathematical Applications
- Social Education
- Information Technology
- Art
- Gaeilge
- Spanish
- Leisure and Recreation
- Active Leisure or Childcare
- Construction or Hair & Beauty



## Examples of Workshops/trips:

- Waterford Greenway
- International Adventure Centre
- Teamwork skills workshops
- Barista training
- Self defence workshop
- Wreath Design Workshop
- Leather Design Workshop
- Reptile Haven
- Drumming workshop
- Alive Outside Adventure Centre
- Life skills workshops
- Dunmore Adventure Centre
- Beyond the Trees Avondale
- World Skills Day
- Cinema trip
- Career workshops/trips
- National Gallery Visit
- Apprenticeship Employers SETU



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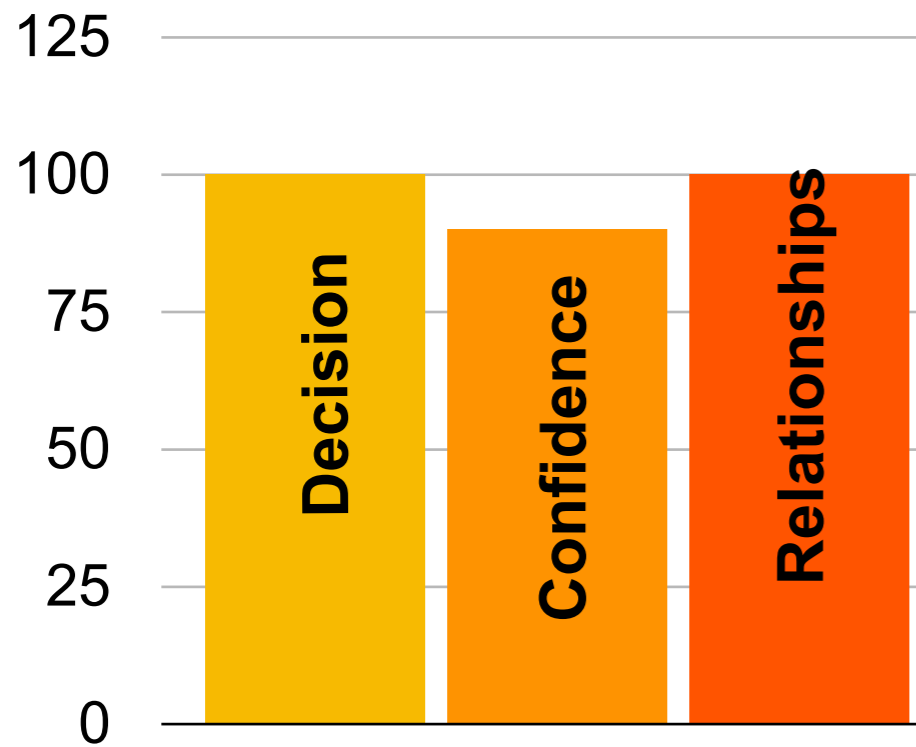
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**90% of students said they were more confident from doing LCA**

**100% of students said they were happy with their decision to do LCA**

**100% of students said they had better relationships with teachers since they started LCA**



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**“It is a great programme and I would recommend it.”**

**“It is not like you expect it to be and you can still go to college and do what you want if you would like.”**

**“It’s a great programme and definitely worth it.”**

**“It’s not as stressful as the traditional 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year.”**

**“It is more practical and easier managed.”**

**“You can go on work experience and a lot of the work is based in class.”**

**“It’s quite fun and easier.”**



## Summary:

- More **practical based** Leaving Cert. Programme
- **Continuous Assessment** - 34% based on written examinations
- **Student centered** - promotes and develops students talents
- Boosts students **self - esteem**
- Helps students choose career paths
- Develops skills essential for further education and working

## Key Dates:

- Deadline for applications: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 4pm
- Interviews (if requested): Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Offer of places: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

# Questions?