




## SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

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- Transition Year - Ms. Clesham
- Leaving Certificate Applied
- Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme


## LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

- Alternative to the traditional Leaving Certificate Format
  - It is a two year leaving Certificate Programme for students who wish to follow a practical Leaving Certificate Programme with a vocational focus.
  - Particular emphasis on preparation for the world of work and life long learning
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## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

- A student who is reluctant to stay in school and get a leaving Certificate
  - Someone who prefers learning by doing.
  - Someone who would be motivated by continuous assessment
  - Someone who wants to get work experience to help them with their career choice.
  - Someone who wants to develop skills which will help them in their future career
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## LCA SUBJECTS

- Vocational Preparation and Guidance
  - English and Communications
  - Mathematical Applications
  - Information and Communication Technology
  - Arts Education
  - Social education
  - Gaeilge Chumarsáideach
  - Modern Language
  - Leisure and Recreation
  - Elective Modules
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## LCA ASSESSMENT

- Work Experience is a significant component of the programme
  - There is less emphasis on final examinations as course work is assessed throughout the two years and students gain credits as they go along
  - The LCA Leaving Certificate is awarded at three levels: Distinction/ Merit/ Pass
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## LEAVING CERTIFICATE

- Students study seven examination subjects
- English/ Irish and maths are studied by all students
- For the purpose of calculating CAO points, a students best six results are calculated.



## NEW COMMON POINTS SCALE FOR ENTRY INTO HIGHER EDUCATION FROM 2017

% Marks	New Grades	Points at Higher Level	Points at Ordinary Level
90-100	H1/O1	100	56
80-89	H2/O2	88	46
70-79	H3/O3	77	37
60-69	H4/O4	66	28
50-59	H5/O5	56	20
40-49	H6/O6	46	12
30-39	H7/O7	37	0
0-29	H8/O8	0	0



## BASIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

- Where requirements are currently 2 higher level C3 grades and 4 ordinary level D3 grades, from 2017 these will become 2 H5 and 4 O6/H7 grades
- Where the requirements are currently 5 ordinary level D3 grades, from 2017 these will become 5 O6/H7 grades.
- Where requirements are currently 3 higher level C3 grades and 3 ordinary level D3 grades, from 2017 these will become 3 H5 and 3 O6/H7 grades.



## NUI MATRICULATION

- Require English, Irish and a ***third language*** for all courses except Engineering and Science
  - UCD,
  - UCC,
  - NUIG,
  - Maynooth University,
  - RCSI,
  - NCAD,
  - Shannon College of Hotel Management,
  - Milltown Institute of Theology & Philosophy,
  - Institute of Public Administration,
  - St. Angela's College, Sligo



## SUBJECT CHOICE

- *Using the Qualifax website to find out about subject requirements.*
- **Step 1:** Log onto [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)
- **Step 2:** Select the Guidance Professionals Option
- (across the top of the screen)
- **Step 3:** Select useful tools
- (on the left hand side of the screen)
- **Step 4:** Select minimum subject requirements
- **Step 5:** Select Leaving Certificate Subjects
- **Step 6:** Complete the dialogue box:
  - Show me 3rd level courses which may or may not require the following Subject:
  - Select third level institutions if necessary and press select
- **Step 7:** Follow the guidelines given to you from now on.
- You can look up all Leaving Certificate Examination subjects in this manner to clarify any questions you may have.



## ADVICE ON PICKING SUBJECTS

- Descriptions of all leaving Certificate subjects on offer at Dunmore Community School are enclosed in your information pack.
- Pick subjects you enjoy as you will do best in them
- If a CAO course has minimum entry requirements make sure to select that subject e.g. DN300 Veterinary Medicine UCD requires Higher Level Chemistry
- Higher Level Irish is a requirement for Primary School Teaching
- Higher Level Maths is a requirement for Engineering Courses in the Universities.



## LEAVING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME LCVP

- The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is a course designed to enhance the vocational dimension of the Leaving Certificate (established). It is a combination of the established Leaving Certificate and an extra subject called **Link Modules**.
- Students qualify for LCVP depending on their choice of option subjects. A list of Vocational Subject Groupings (VSG) is enclosed in your pack



## ADVANTAGES OF LCVP

- Opportunity to go on Work Experience in 5<sup>th</sup> year
- Do a Career Investigation, CV, Factory Visit, Interview skills etc
- Counted as an 8<sup>th</sup> Subject for the purpose of calculating points. Equivalent of a H4 and greater than an O1.

Grade	Points
Distinction	66
Merit	46
Pass	28



## SUMMARY

- Check out the Qualifax.ie website regarding specific subjects
- Choose subjects you **like** and **enjoy**
- Make a balanced choice e.g. Irish, English, Maths, French, a science subject and two other subjects
- **Keep your options open** it is very early to be making definite choices there are over 1,400 courses on the CAO alone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Best of Luck

