



What is the Leaving Certificate Applied

THE LCA IS A TWO YEAR LEAVING CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO WISH TO FOLLOW A PRACTICAL LEAVING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME WITH A VOCATIONAL FOCUS.



What is different about LCA

It is a practical Leaving Certificate programme which places emphasis on preparation for the world of work and life-long learning.

Work experience is a significant component of the programme and students get to sample a range of jobs and get first-hand experience of the world of work.

The learning experiences are active and practical where students apply their knowledge, skills and experience to real life situations in the school, in the workplace and in the wider community.

The programme provides a wealth of opportunities which enhance the self-esteem and confidence of students.

What is different about LCA

There is less emphasis on 'final examinations' as course work is assessed throughout the two years and students' gain 'credits' as they go along.

Students' work and skill development is assessed in different ways including interviews, written, oral and practical components.

Four times throughout the two years students get a statement of their results from the SEC. In this way they experience regular feedback on their success and achievement.

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

What are 'credits'?

As students complete and submit their LCA course work they are awarded 'credits'.

There are 200 credits available in total which are awarded as follows.

- 62 Credits: 61% ongoing attendance, class work and assignments.
- 70 Credits: 35% 7 Student Tasks (project Work)
- 68 Credits: 34% 7 Final Examinations

Total: 200 Credits: 100%

How is the LCA awarded?

The LCA is awarded at three levels:

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

Students who accumulate fewer than 120 credits receive a Record of Experience

Further Education Options

LCA is accepted for a wide range of PLC courses at QQI Level 5.

It also provides access to most apprenticeships and other vocational training awards.

Graduates of LCA do not have direct access through the CAO.

However, achieving an appropriate QQI Level 5 may provide access for those who wish to apply to courses in Third Level.

Who should consider LCA?

Someone who finds studying and exams very challenging and difficult.

Someone who wants 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 help them in their future career.

Conclusion

Thank you for your time.

If you have questions or queries, please talk to me afterwards.

Please consider LCA it's a wonderful opportunity for students to shine who normally find school a challenge.

There is a display of some of the work our students have done in the last year on display also.

Finally I would like you to listen to one of our current 6th yr LCA students Chloe Fleming who will tell you about why she enjoys it so much.