



# LCV and LCA

- LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME
- LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

TWO ALTERNATIVE LEAVING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES AT LORETO FERMOY

# LCV - Leaving Certificate Vocational students study: six subjects plus LCV as seventh subject

- ▶ Students study Irish, English, Maths, either French or German and two other subjects. If students have an exemption from Irish they can still take LCV. However students **must** study either French or German in school.
- ▶ When choosing their two other subjects, they must have one of the following combinations in order to be permitted by the DES to study LCV as their seventh subject:
  1. Art and any Business subject.
  2. Music and any Business subject.
  3. Home Economics and any Business subject.
  4. Home Economics and Biology.
  5. Home Economics and Art.
  6. Any two Business subjects.
  7. Any two Science subjects.

# What do you learn in LCV?

The two main areas are:

- ▶ Preparation for Working Life  
and
- ▶ Enterprise Education

# Preparation for Working Life

- ▶ You will learn about:
- ▶ CV preparation
- ▶ Interview Preparation
- ▶ Responsibilities in work
- ▶ Skills and Qualities
- ▶ Health and Safety Legislation
- ▶ Time Management
- ▶ Organising and learn from work experience

# Enterprise Education

- ▶ You will learn about:
- ▶ The role of entrepreneurs
- ▶ Females as entrepreneurs
- ▶ Enterprise in Ireland and the local area
- ▶ Types of enterprise
- ▶ Funding for enterprise
- ▶ Enterprise agencies

# Skills you will develop in LCV

- ▶ Organisational skills
- ▶ Computer skills
- ▶ Report writing skills
- ▶ Job seeking skills
- ▶ Time management skills
- ▶ Communication skills
- ▶ The ability to relate learning at Leaving Cert and in the future to enterprise.

# How will you be examined in LCV?

- ▶ 60% of the assessment in the form of a portfolio of coursework completed in school over the two years.
- ▶ This report includes and CV, an Action Plan, a Summary Report, a Career Investigation and a Diary of Work Experience.
- ▶ 40% of the assessment is a written examination which usually takes place in May of Leaving Certificate year.

# Can you get points for LCV?

- ▶ Yes
- ▶ Rather than H1, H2, O1, O2 etc for LCV the results awarded are:
  - ▶ Distinction (80% and upwards) equals 66 points
    - ▶ Merit (65% to 79%) equals 46 points
    - ▶ Pass ( 50% to 64%) equals 28 points
- ▶ Your LCV points will be counted if they are in your six highest points.
- ▶ In Leaving Certificate 2017 for example, 86.3% of our LCV students counted the subject in their top 6.



# HOW DO I APPLY FOR LCV:

- ▶ Choose LCV as one of your subject choices!
- ▶ Log onto your VSWare Parent account & choose your 4 optional Leaving Certificate subjects. If you wish to complete LCV programme- LCV must be one of your 4 choices and you must have a correct subject combination as stated above\*
- ▶ Subject choice deadline for all choices: Friday February 2nd
- ▶ Click on this link for a video demonstration on how to complete subject options: <https://vsware.wistia.com/medias/kr62eqh02z>
- ▶ \*See slide 2 - subject combinations will be checked prior to confirmation of subjects for 5<sup>th</sup> year. LCV may not be studied without correct combination & modern continental language.

# I DON'T WANT TO DO LCV OR LCA!

- ▶ No problem – just select four subjects via the VSWare parent account.
- ▶ You will then be studying for the traditional Leaving Certificate – Irish, English, Maths & four optional subjects of your choosing.
- ▶ Subject choice deadline for all choices: Friday February 2nd

# Leaving Certificate Applied - LCA

- ▶ This is a two year - more practical - Leaving Certificate course.
- ▶ 12 students required to run the programme.
- ▶ Students completing LCA will be in the same 5<sup>th</sup> year classes with all other students & their timetable will be broadly similar to all other 5<sup>th</sup> year students.
- ▶ Different certification to standard Leaving Certificate with much more emphasis upon continuous assessment.
- ▶ 90% attendance must be achieved by each student following the LCA programme for their Leaving Certificate certification.

# Skills & qualities that you will develop in LCA

## SKILLS:

- ▶ Organisation Skills
- ▶ Communication Skills
- ▶ Team Work Skills
- ▶ Planning Skills
- ▶ Enterprise Skills
- ▶ Time Management Skills

## QUALITIES:

- ▶ Confidence
- ▶ Motivation
- ▶ Initiative
- ▶ Self Awareness
- ▶ Teamwork

# LCA Subjects

- ▶ English: English Communication
- ▶ Maths: Mathematical Applications
- ▶ Languages: Irish in Fifth Year and a European Language in Sixth Year
- ▶ Students will study RE , Physical Education (Leisure & Recreation) & Guidance (Vocational Preparation & Guidance) with their fellow 5<sup>th</sup> year students
- ▶ Social Education
- ▶ IT, Music or Art
- ▶ Subjects such as Childcare/Hotel and Catering/Hair & Beauty/Office Administration/ Science (This varies according to what is possible on the timetable – we will contact you later this term with more information)
- ▶ Timetabled class/es for completion of assignments and project work.

# How will you be assessed in LCA?

- ▶ 31% of assessment is continuous assessment which involves submitting class assignments and having a 90% attendance record.
- ▶ 35% of assessment is for seven projects done over the two years.
- ▶ 34% of assessment is for written examinations at the end of Fifth Year but mostly at the end of Sixth Year.

## Certification:

Distinction is 85% upwards

Merit is 70% to 84%

Pass in LCA is 60% to 69%

# Can LCA students go to universities or Institutes of Technology?

- ▶ Yes but not directly from secondary school.
- ▶ They would have to do a year in a College of Further Education and if they do well then they may go to university or an Institute of Technology.
- ▶ Of course many students who complete the Established Leaving Certificate also do a year in a College of Further Education before they go to university or an Institute of Technology.



# Courses available in Colleges of Further Education – some examples

- ▶ Office Administration
- ▶ Childcare
- ▶ Health Care Assistant
- ▶ Nail Technician
- ▶ Emergency Services
- ▶ Horticulture
- ▶ Music Management
- ▶ Dance



# Typically LCA students:

- ▶ Do better in practical assignments and continuous assessment than once-off examinations.
- ▶ Prefer learning by doing.
- ▶ Get on well in groups as there is a lot of team work involved.
- ▶ Have a good attendance record in school.
- ▶ Enjoy going on work experience.
- ▶ Are interested in careers that they can qualify for in Colleges of Further Education.

# Loreto Past LCA Pupils & their chosen career directions:

- ▶ Childcare
- ▶ Healthcare Assistant
- ▶ Hairdressing
- ▶ Make-up Artistry
- ▶ Navy Recruit
- ▶ Office Administration
- ▶ Animal Grooming

# HOW DO I APPLY:

- ▶ Please contact Mrs Holland before February 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss your wish/ your daughter's wish to complete LCA. Your daughter may call to my office for a chat about the programme or you may phone me to enrol her into the programme. Appointments can also be arranged.
- ▶ Your daughter will be met by a member of our Guidance team to ensure that she is fully aware of the programme content & learning style required for LCA.
- ▶ Your daughter's further study & career options will be discussed with her prior to enrolling into LCA.