



Presentation Secondary Wexford

LEAVING CERT APPLIED

What is Leaving Cert Applied?

It is a two year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing learners for adult and working life. It is especially designed for students who prefer to learn by doing.

It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past.

It offers a specific opportunity to prepare for and progress to further education and training. Work experience is a key component which will be completed on one day per week.

There is less emphasis on the final examinations as coursework is completed throughout the two years.

Why choose LCA?

- **Prepares students for transition to adult and working life**
- **Recognises talents of all learners**
- **Opportunity to develop responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge**
- **Develops communication and decision making skills**



Assessment

MODULES - 62 credits total (31%)

- Satisfactory completion of modules AND 90% attendance in each module
- Completion of Key Assignments in each module

STUDENT TASKS - 70 credits total (35%)

7 tasks @10 credits each

FINAL EXAMINATION- 68 credits total (34%)

- English and Communications
- Mathematics
- Vocational Specialisms (H&B, HTC)
- Languages (Gaeilge and MFL)
- Social Education

Total = 200 credits

LCA CERTIFICATION

Distinction- 170-200 credits 85-100%

Merit- 140-169 credits 70-84%

Pass- 120-139 credits 60-69%

**What is a credit?
As students complete and submit their coursework they are awarded 'credits'.**



PRESENTATION SECONDARY WEXFORD

SUBJECTS

Vocational Preparation and Guidance (VPG)

Skills required
for starting work

Religion
Promoting
personal growth
and facilitating
spiritual
development

English and Communications

English for
everyday life

**Information and
Communication
Technology –
Basic ICT skills**

Mathematics
Leaving Cert
Established

Arts Education Visual Art

Individuality
and Identity
and The Local
Environment

Gaeilge Chumarsáideach

Irish culture and
conversation

Social Education
Personal and social
development

Hair and Beauty
Knowledge and
practical skills of
haircare, beautycare,
bodycare, customer
care, salon care

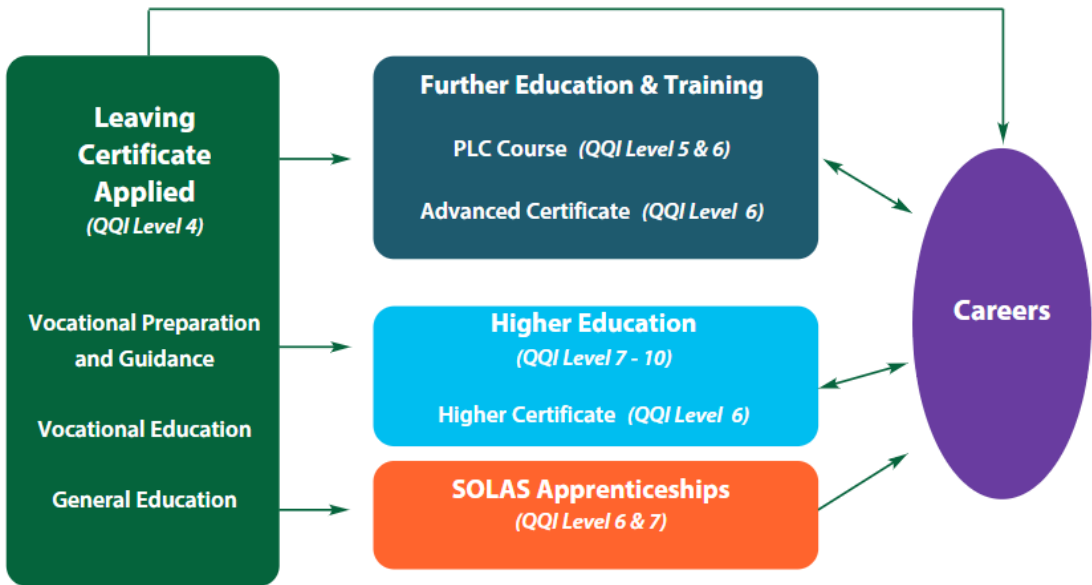
Hotel Catering and Tourism

Develop
competencies of a
broad personal and
vocational nature

**Leisure and
Recreation**
Acquire and
develop skills to
encourage
students to
participate in
active leisure
pursuits



My future



Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ)



WORK EXPERIENCE

Students may arrange their own work experience placements.

Placements should ideally reflect the career path that students would like to follow after finishing LCA.

Work Experience should be organised before the return to school in August.



It is recommended that work experience be completed in at least 3 different career areas.

Students are not allowed to complete their work experience in a work place in which they already have a part- time job.

For each work experience placement students must complete satisfactorily and return their Work Experience Diary.

Employer Report Cards must also be returned. Failure to return or complete satisfactorily the above two documents will result in students losing vital credits.

Students will be monitored carefully on Work Experience placements and where possible a member of the teaching staff will visit and interview both the student and their employer.

