

## LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME (LCVP)



Students can take the regular Leaving Certificate Examination **and** take LCVP as an **extra** subject. When students receive their Leaving Certificate results, the LCVP grade is included at the end of their subject list.

### What is needed to qualify for LCVP?

To qualify for LCVP, students must take the following:

- **Two** subjects in her/his Leaving Certificate from any one of the combinations below (See list of Vocational Subject Groupings).
- A continental language or a language module – unless exempt
- Irish – unless exempt
- A minimum of five Leaving Certificate subjects
- Cover the LCVP course – (Consists of two link modules called *Preparation for the World of Work* and *Enterprise Education*)

### Vocational Subject Groupings (as specified by Dept of Education & Science):

1. Accounting, Business, Economics (**any two**)
2. Art, **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
3. Biology **and** Chemistry **or** Physics
4. Biology **and** Home Economics
5. Construction Studies **or** Design & Communication Graphics **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
6. Construction Studies **or** Design & Communication Graphics **and** Physics
7. Construction Studies **and** Design & Communication Graphics
8. Home Economics **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
9. Home Economics **and** Art
10. Music **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
11. Physics **and** Chemistry.
12. Art **and** Design & Communication Graphics

### LCVP Course Content

60% of LCVP course is made up of portfolio work, which is completed mainly in 5<sup>th</sup> year. The remaining 40% is examined in a written exam held in May of 6<sup>th</sup> year, so all of the LCVP work is completed in advance of the June exam.

In 5<sup>th</sup> year, there are three timetabled classes for LCVP

In 6<sup>th</sup> year, there are two timetabled classes for LCVP

### Typical LCVP activities include:

- Presentations from guest speakers from the world of work
- Visit to places of work locally
- Team Enterprises
- Work Experience
- Interview Preparation and Technique
- Learning how to write up reports and plans
- Preparing Curriculum Vitae
- Investigating Careers



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### Portfolio – 60% of exam

#### A. Core items (do all four)

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Summary Report (on a visit in/out)
3. Action Plan – i.e. on learning a new skill or organising an activity
4. Career Investigation

Note: Each of these items are 2 pages in length for portfolio purposes.

#### B. Optional items (do 2 out of 4)

1. Recorded Interview – 5 minute interview on DVD
2. Enterprise Report – e.g. on organising and running a fashion show
3. Report on 'My own place' – i.e. a brief summary of what facilities are available in their local area
4. Diary of Work Experience – 3/5 days of a work experience placement

Note: Each of these items are 4/6 pages in length for portfolio purposes.

All students usually choose to do the Diary of Work Experience (Work experience placements take place during school holidays) As their second option, students take the Recorded Interview option (Student is interviewed for 5 minutes and the interview is recorded on DVD for exam purposes)

### Written Paper – 40% of exam – takes place in May in 6<sup>th</sup> year

#### Section A - Audio Visual Questions:

Students watch a video featuring a business or community enterprise and answer questions on it.

#### Section B – Case Study:

Students read a short outline of a business or community enterprise and answer questions on it

#### Section C:

Students answer 4 out of 6 general questions. Topics here include questions on careers, reports, plans, interview questions, work experience and items that have been written up in their portfolios.

### Advantages of taking LCVP

- For CAO purposes, the points achieved in **six** subjects can be used. If a student wishes, they can use the points achieved in LCVP as one of these six subjects. If a student performs poorly on one of their regular Leaving Certificate subjects on the day of the exam, they can swap this disappointing result for the result achieved in the LCVP exam.
- As mentioned earlier, 60% of LCVP course is made up of portfolio work, which is completed mainly in 5<sup>th</sup> year. The remaining 40% is examined in a written exam held in May of 6<sup>th</sup> year, so all of the LCVP work is completed in advance of the June exam.
- LCVP course develops skills involving IT, report writing, case studies, interview techniques and teamwork, all of which are very useful for third level and in employment. The LCVP qualification provides an opportunity for students to be become better informed regarding career choices.