



Scoil Dara

Senior Cycle Programmes

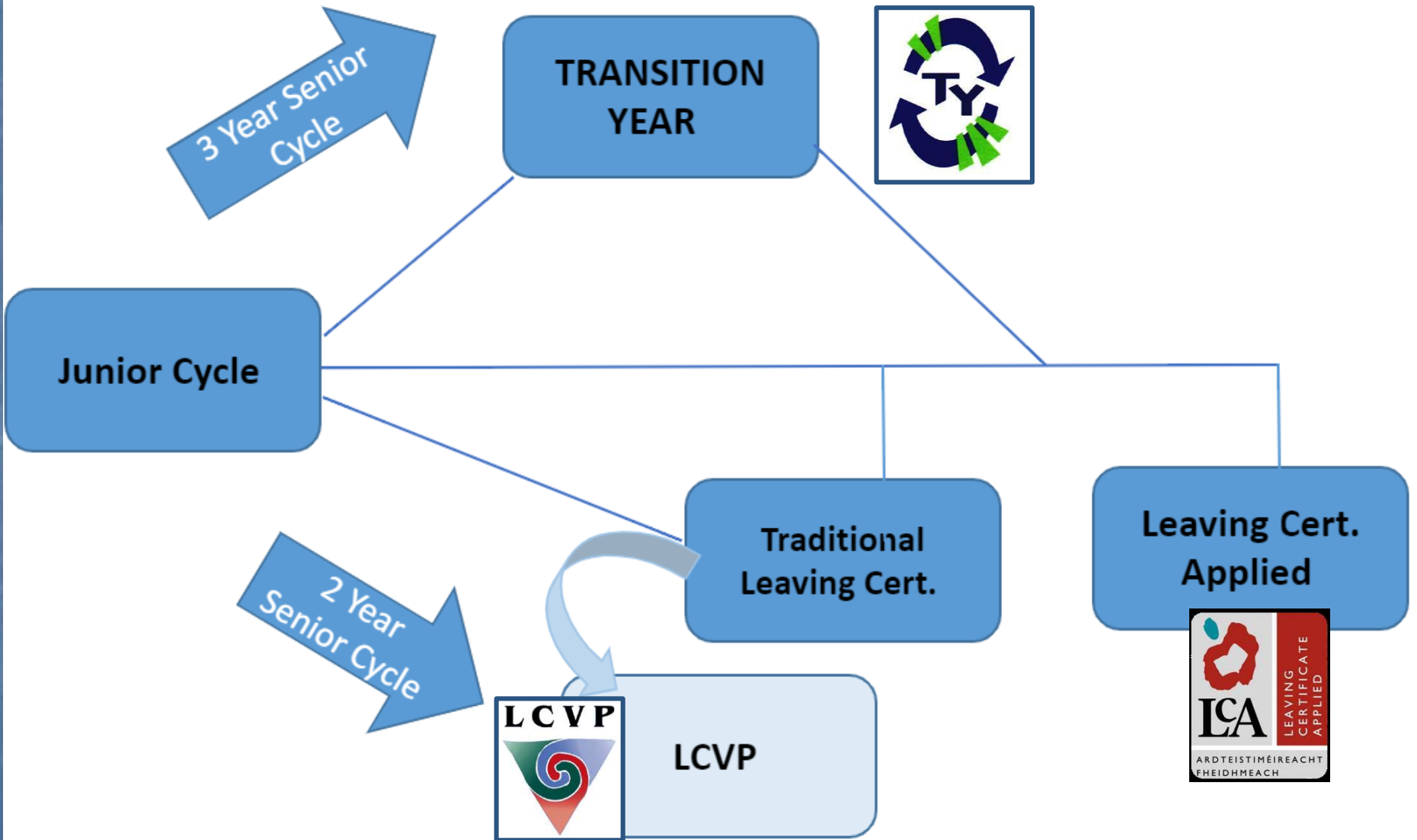
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Leaving
Certificate
Established



The Road Map



Established Leaving Cert : Core and Option Subjects

CORE



OPTIONS - from which students select 3

English

Irish

Maths

MFL (German/French)

PE (piloting as a LC subject this year)

Career Guidance

Religious Ed.



Biology	History	Chemistry
Agricultural Science	Geography	DCG
Economics	Accounting	Music
Art	Home Economics	Construction Studies
Physics	Engineering	Politics & Society
Business Studies	Technology	

Leaving Cert. Exam and CAO

Opportunity to take 7 subjects
forward to the LC Examination

Subject	Level	Grade	Points
Maths	Select..		0
Subject 2	Select..		0
Subject 3	Select..		0
Subject 4	Select..		0
Subject 5	Select..		0
Subject 6	Select..		0
Subject 7	Select..		0
Subject 8	Select..		0
LCVP		Select..	0
		Total	0

From the results attained
students select the **CAO**
(Central Applications
Office) points total from their
best **6** subject awards as
means of applying to
universities and colleges.

Subject Requirement for Certain 3rd Level Courses

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Subject Requirements Module

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Show me 3rd level courses which may or may not require the following Subject:

Any

Narrow down your list of courses using one or a combination of:

Only show courses from this CAO course provider:

Any

Only show courses offered in this Province:

Any

Only show courses offered in this county:

Any

Only show the course with this CAO code:

Speak to the Career Guidance professionals in the school:
- Ms. Payne and Ms. Moran



Leaving Certificate Established & LCVP

- English
 - Irish
 - Maths
 - European language
 - 3 Option subjects
- R.E.
 - Guidance
 - P.E.
- LCVP (Link Modules)
 - Eligibility
 - Option Subject Choice
 - Studying a foreign language (French, German, Others)
 - Studying Irish
 - Study a minimum of 5 Subjects for LC & LCVP Link Modules



What is the LCVP

- An **enhanced** Leaving Certificate
- Two linked Leaving Certificate Subjects (Vocational Subject Groupings)
- Modern European Language
- Two Link Modules:
 - Preparation for the World of Work
 - and Enterprise Education.

LCVP Vocational Subject Groupings

Specialist Groupings

- 1 Construction Studies; Engineering; Design and Communication Graphics; Technology - **Any Two**
- 2 Physics **and** Construction Studies **or** Engineering **or** Technology **or** Design & Communication Graphics
- 3 Agricultural Science **and** Construction Studies **or** Engineering **or** Technology **or** Design & Communication Graphics
- 4 Agricultural Science **and** Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Physics/Chemistry
- 5 Home Economics; Agricultural Science; Biology - **Any Two**
- 6 Home Economics **and** Art - Design Option **or** Craft Option
- 7 Accounting; Business; Economics - **Any two**
- 8 Physics **and** Chemistry
- 9 Biology **and** Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Physics/Chemistry
- 10 Biology **and** Agricultural Science
- 11 Art - Design Option or Craft Option **and** Design & Communication Graphics

Services Groupings

- 12 Engineering **or** Technology **or** Construction Studies **or** Design & Communication Graphics **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
- 13 Home Economics **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
- 14 Agricultural Science **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
- 15 Art Design or Craftwork Option **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics
- 16 Music **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

Link Modules

Preparation for the World of Work	Enterprise Education
Unit 1. Introduction to working life	Unit 1. Enterprise Skills
Unit 2. Job Seeking skills	Unit 2. Local Business Enterprises
Unit 3. Career Investigation	Unit 2. Local Business Enterprises
Unit 4. Work Placement	Unit 4. An Enterprise Activity

ASSESSMENT

Portfolio of Coursework 60%

Core Items

CV

Career Investigation

Enterprise/Action Plan

Summary Report

Terminal Exam (May of L.C. Yr.)
40%

2 hour written exam , 3 parts

Audio Visual , Case study, General
Qs

Distinction 80% - 100%

Merit 65% - 79%

Pass 50% - 64%

Certification

CAO Points From LCVP

- Distinction 66 points
- Merit 46 points
- Pass 28 points



Leaving Certificate Applied

A different way

Programme Overview



What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?



- It is a distinct, self-contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life
- It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past

Why I chose LCA

I wanted to do LCA because it was a more active course and was very different from the Traditional Leaving Certificate.

I felt that there were more opportunities in LCA for me and I liked the idea of continual assessment.

I loved the idea of doing projects and assignments in LCA so that's why I chose to do it.

What I liked about it was the fact that you got credits as you went along and I liked doing the tasks and assignments

I chose to do LCA because I enjoyed doing project work and independent research.

I decided to do LCA because I felt it would help me learn more about life today.

I had heard that LCA was mainly based on continuous assessment. That was very appealing to me

Rationale

- Prepares students for adult and working life
- Recognises talents of all pupils
- Promotes communication and decision making skills
- Applies knowledge and skills to the solution of real problems

Curriculum

Vocational Preparation & Guidance

English & Communications

Mathematical Applications

Information Technology

Vocational Specialisms

Arts Education

Languages

Leisure & Recreation

Social Education

Elective Modules





- 2 Year Programme
- Divided into 4 half-year blocks called Sessions
- Key assignments must be completed during each session
- 7 Tasks
- It is continuous assessment- marked over the two years
- 90% attendance is a major part of this course
- Work experience every Friday

Credits awarded for the following elements:

- ⦿ *External examiner interviews covering specific tasks*
- ⦿ *Continuous assignments*
- ⦿ *Attendance/Participation*
- ⦿ *Final Exams*

Satisfactory completion of Modules	62 credits (31%)
7 Student tasks	70 credits (35%)
Final examinations	68 credits (34%)
Total	200 credits (100%)

Do Leaving Certificate Applied students receive a Leaving Certificate?

- Yes. Students who successfully complete the programme receive a Leaving Certificate from the State Examinations Commission



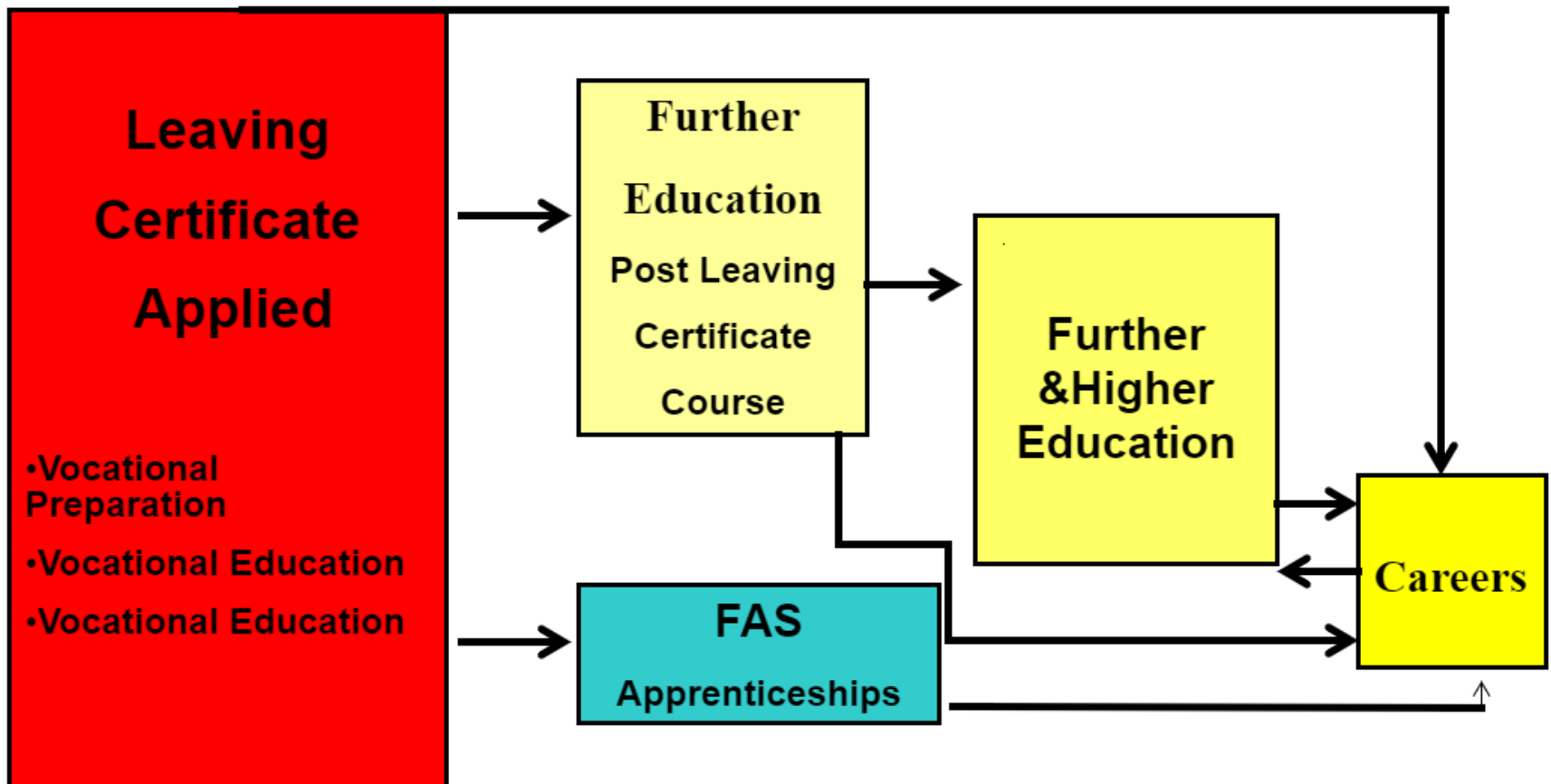


Certificate awarded at three levels:

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

Opening up New Options

The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map





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Transition Year 2019 – 2020

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Programme Coordinator Mr. E. Ryan



What is Transition Year



- Transition Year is a one year school based programme.
- It provides a bridge to enable students make the transition from Junior to Senior cycle.
- It encourages personal and social development and recognises the need for students to grow in independence.
- TY is designed to aid the transition from the more dependant learning of Junior Cycle to the more independent self-directed learning required for the Senior Cycle.

Aims of Transition Year

Education for *MATURITY*
with emphasis on social
awareness & increased
social
competence

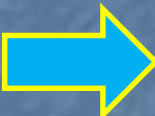
Education through
experience of *ADULT*
& *WORKING LIFE*
as a basis for personal
development & maturity

Promotion of general,
technical and academic
SKILLS with an emphasis
on
interdisciplinary and
self-directed learning

Benefits of Transition Year

- Make more informed subject choices for Senior Cycle
- The chance to catch up or fill in gaps
- Practice meeting deadlines for assessments
- Make new friends & refine teamwork skills
- Take on new challenges and experiences
- Develop better links in the local community

Research – Transition Year

- NCCA Longitudinal Study
 - Report of Commission on Points System
 - Skills Initiative Unit Report
 - NCCA – Senior Cycle Consultative Paper
 - ESRI Evaluation 2003
 - ESRI Assessment of the TYP 2004
 - NUI, Maynooth: 2007 Report to DES – “Attitudes to Transition Year”
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- Positive impact on a students Leaving Certificate performance - On average a TY graduate will **achieve 26 more CAO points**
 - Enhances the students capacity to navigate senior cycle effectively
 - On average a TY graduate will achieve 26 more CAO points
 - On average a repeat student gains only 5 extra points
 - TY graduates are more likely to progress to higher education
 - Positive impact on student personal development

Is Transition Year suited to everyone?

- All students can benefit from the Transition Year Programme
- However what you get out of TY depends hugely on the attitude he/she takes to it in the first place.
- An open minded motivated individual with the courage to grasp the opportunities afforded to them will gain most from the year.
- What you get out of TY is Heavily dependant on what you are prepared to put into it.

Subject Range

Core Subjects	Subject Sampling	Subject Options
Irish	Chemistry	YSI
English	Biology	Sports Science
Maths	Ag Science	Dance
French/German	Business (Ac.,Bus.,Ec.)	GAA Coaching
Religion	Physics	Cultural Studies
Health Ed.	Earth Science _(Geography)	Spanish/Italian
Physical Education	Woodturning _(Woodwork)	Enterprise/Comm. Care
ICT	Music	Food Science
Guidance	Home Economics	Road Safety
Life Skills _(Friends for Life)	Art	Drama & Theatre
	Politics & Society	Public Speaking
		Childcare

Calendar - "Once Off" Layer

- Work Experience
- Community Work
- Adventure Centre
- Religious Retreat
- First Aid Workshop
- Road Safety Workshop
- Finance and Savings Workshop
- Guest Speakers
- Gaisce – The Presidents Award

SAMPLE

Assessment

- Credits System
- Rewards
 - Academic Ability in exams
 - Participation in class
 - Project work
 - Group work
 - Social Work
 - Work Experience

- Pass or Merit or Distinction (500 credits)
- Scoil Dara TY Certificate presented at Graduation

Work Experience

- Mandatory part of TY
- Beneficial and Rewarding Experience
- Guides subject selection for LC and CAO course selection
 - Opportunities to build up Practical Skills
 - References on CV
 - Chances to Impress Potential Future Employers
 - Networking!

Work Experience

- Structure
 - Friday
 - 3 sessions (3 different employers)
 - Block week (Subject to approval by the Coordinator)
 - Work Experience Journal.

Gaisce

- The Presidents Award – Bronze Award
- Personal Challenge
- Ideally suited to Transition Year
 - Community Involvement
 - Personal Skill
 - Personal Recreation
 - Adventure Journey
 - 1 hr per week for 13 weeks (+ 13 weeks extra in one area)
 - €15

TY Funding

- TY student contribution of €300
- Transport, resources, YSI fees, entrance fees, etc.
- Payments at Acceptance of Place in Programme & Registration
- Online Payments only
- Payment in full or payment in 3 Instalments
- Easy Payments System on the school's website.

Key Dates & Application Process

■ Key Dates 2019-2020

- Thursday 10th Jan 2019 Distribution of Senior Cycle Programme Form 2019/2021 & T.Y. Application & Personal Statement Form
Briefing Meeting for parents/guardians of 3rd year students at 7.00 pm
- Friday 18th Jan 2019 Deadline for return of Senior Cycle Programme Form 2019/2021 & T.Y. Application & Personal Statement Form
- Monday 21st Jan 2019 Distribution of list of applicants to teaching staff and 3rd Year Head for professional advice.
- Friday 8th Feb 2019 Deadline for submissions from teaching staff and 3rd Year Head on the applicant list.
- Monday 25th February Interviews begin for students who have applied for Transition Year
- Thursday 14th March Interviews Conclude & written offers of places in TY posted along with Acceptance Form.
- Thursday 11th April Deadline for return of Acceptance Form and first TY moiety
Meeting for parents/guardians of students accepted into T.Y. programme. (students welcome)

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