

Scoil Dara



LCVP



LCVP Information Booklet

for

Students and Parents

Dear Parent,

By now your son/daughter has selected the three option subjects and the modern European language that they will study for the senior cycle. Arising from these selections, your son /daughter is eligible to participate in an area of study called the LCVP (Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme). This area of study is only available to students whose subject choices fit the criteria set out by The Department of Education and Skills. (The criteria for eligibility can be found on the back of the application form included with this letter.)

What is the LCVP

The LCVP combines the academic strengths of the Leaving Certificate (established) with a new and dynamic focus on self-directed learning, innovation and enterprise. This two-year programme aims to cater for the diversity of participants' needs at senior cycle. The LCVP strengthens the vocational dimension of the Leaving Certificate by linking subjects into vocational groupings which students take and by adding two Link Modules (Enterprise Education and Preparation for the World of Work) for study which sharpen the vocational focus of other subjects taken by students. The vocational dimension raises students' awareness of and prepares them for the world of work and further study.

The LCVP enhances a student's opportunity to access third level education. LCVP students have the same opportunity to proceed to universities and colleges as the student of the Established Leaving Certificate. In addition, skills learned through LCVP such as planning, researching, writing reports and making presentations are keys to your success at third level. The LCVP may be counted as one of the 6 subjects when calculating points, it is assessed in a terminal exam in May (40%) and by the submission of a portfolio of coursework (60%). Students who study the LCVP will be awarded a Pass, Merit or Distinction on its completion equating to 28, 46 or 66 points in the CAO.

Benefits of the LCVP

Students who take the LCVP will benefit in several ways. Through the Programme's focus on personal development, they will be able to:

- Communicate their thoughts and ideas effectively.
- Take responsibility for their own learning.
- Work as a member of a team or group.
- Adapt and cope with changing circumstances.

Through the Programme's focus on the world of work they will have:

- Knowledge of the world of work.
- Skills for job seeking.
- Undertaken work experience or participated in work simulation.

Through the Programmes' focus on enterprise, business and technology they will:

- Be more innovative and enterprising.
- Be used to working in teams.
- Be familiar with setting up and running enterprising initiatives.
- Have experience of using computers and audio-visual equipment.

Through these benefits, LCVP students will be more employable. They will be in a better position to set up their own business. In addition, they will have skills and aptitudes which will enable them to be more effective learners in the further education they receive at third level.

Implications of Participating in the LCVP

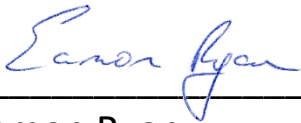
In Scoil Dara 5th year students will be timetabled for two periods each week to study the two link modules, Enterprise Education and Preparation for the World of Work. However, to provide time for their study time must be taken from other subject areas. LCVP students will not be allocated a Guidance class and the study of LCVP may have an implication on the allocation of RE classes. Even though guidance is not allocated a separate class period, career investigations are a core part of the LCVP programme in 5th and 6th year, so this should more than make up for this.

Application

Completed application forms for the LCVP must be submitted to Mr. Ryan the Programme Coordinator before the end of day on **Thursday 5th May**.

An application form is included with this letter. After application, students may be interviewed to determine their suitability for the programme.

Kind Regards,



Eamon Ryan
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LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE L.C.V.P.

What is the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme?

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is a full Leaving Certificate plus 2 link modules:

- **ENTERPRISE EDUCATION**
- **PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD OF WORK**

What is its purpose and why was it introduced?

The LCVP was introduced in response to the changing needs of Ireland's education system and the changing work and business environment. The Programme aims to prepare students for the real world where the ability to cope with rapid change is of increasing importance in preparation for social and economic life.

The programme balances the virtues of the traditionally academic Leaving Certificate with the development of skills and qualities which will prove relevant to the lives of students on leaving school for further education, the world of work or the business of making a living.

The content of the LCVP has common ground with the needs of the business community where changing work environments need new employees to be well educated in the broadest sense, adaptable self-starters, multi-skilled problem-solvers and potential lifelong learners, familiar with a range of technologies.

What value is the LCVP to a student going to third level?

The LCVP gives students every opportunity for access to third level education. LCVP students have the same opportunity to proceed to universities and colleges as the student of the Established Leaving Certificate. In addition, skills learned through LCVP such as planning, researching, writing reports and making presentations are keys to your success at third level. The LCVP may be counted as one of the 6 subjects when calculating points.

Can I use the LCVP when calculating points for third level?

Points gained in the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme may be used for entry into Institutes of Technology (previously known as Regional Technical Colleges) and Universities. Each college awards points as indicated below:

		Higher	Ordinary
Distinction:	66 Points =	H4	
Merit:	46 Points =	H6	O2
Pass:	28 Points =		O4

What do students study on the L.C.V.P.?

Currently, LCVP students take between FIVE and SEVEN Leaving Certificate subjects plus the Link Modules.

The core of the LCVP includes the following elements which students MUST TAKE:

- Two Leaving Certificate subjects from ONE of the Subject Groupings
- A Leaving Certificate Continental Language Module
- Two Link Modules – Enterprise Education and Preparation for the World of Work

How is the LCVP different from the established Leaving Certificate?

The LCVP strengthens the vocational dimension of the Leaving Certificate by linking subjects into vocational groupings which students take and by adding two Link Modules (Enterprise Education and Preparation for the World of Work) for study which sharpen the vocational focus of other subjects taken by students. The vocational dimension raises students' awareness of and prepares them for the world of work and further study.

In what ways will students benefit from taking LCVP?

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Through these benefits, LCVP students will be more employable. They will be in a better position to set up their own business. In addition, they will have skills and aptitudes which will enable them to be more effective learners in the further education they receive at third level.

What do employers think of the LCVP?

Employers are very enthusiastic about the LCVP and LCVP students. For many years, employers have felt that the education system did not prepare students well for the world of work and for the business of making a living. In a rapidly changing, increasingly technological world, employers feel more than ever the need for new employees to be well educated in the broadest sense, adaptable, multi-skilled, good communicators, capable of making decisions and potential lifelong learners. The LCVP contributes to meeting these needs directly so it is no surprise that employers, familiar with the LCVP, see its students as being generally more employable.

What is the difference between a subject and module?

A module can be described as a self-contained unit of study on a particular topic or theme. A module can usually be combined flexibly with other modules leading to certification. This is the case with the LCVP where the two Link Modules are combined for the purposes of assessment and certification. Generally, less time is given to covering a module than would be given to a full Leaving Certificate subject. For example, the two LCVP Link Modules would take 3 classes per week compared with a Leaving Certificate subject which normally take 5 classes per week.

What is a Link Module?

Students take two Link Modules or short courses as part of the LCVP. These are:

Enterprise Education

- Meet and interview enterprising people in business and in your community.
- Plan and undertake activities with the class to develop self-confidence, creativity and initiative.

Preparation for Work/Work Experience

- Develop job-seeking skills such as letter writing, CV presentation, interview preparation.
- Research and investigate local employment opportunities.
- Gain valuable practical experience of the world of work.
- Investigate and work shadow a person in a career of interests.

How are Link Modules Assessed?

The two Link Modules are treated as a unit for assessment purposes. Assessment is at a common level. On completion of the programme, students must present evidence in relation to the specific learning outcomes. The evidence will be provided in the form of an **Exam** and a **Portfolio**.

Terminal Examination Paper – 40% of Total Marks

Date: End of final year of the LCVP (normally in early May)

Duration: Two and a half hours

Content: **Section A:** Audio-visual presentation

Section B: Case Study

Section C: General Questions
(four out of six)

Portfolio of Coursework – 60% of total marks

Date: Assessed at the end of the final year of the LCVP

Duration: Assembled over two years of the Programme

Content: **Section 1:** Core Items:

Curriculum Vitae

Career Investigation

Summary Report

Action Plan

Section 2: Optional Items: (two out of four)

Diary of Work Experience

Enterprise Report

Recorded Interview/Presentation

Report on “My Own Place”

Grades: Grades awarded are:

Distinction: (80 – 100%) Merit: (65 – 79%) Pass: (50 – 64%)

How much extra study is involved in the Link Modules?

The Link Modules are activity-based so there is very little extra study involved as such. The activities involved in the Link Modules, such as the organisation and the running of mini enterprises, visits to businesses and industry and investigations of the local community, do take time, but some of these activities take place outside school hours. The enthusiasm of LCVP students for these activities means that they seldom associate them with the idea of “extra study”.

Vocational Subject Groupings (VSGs)

Two subjects are selected from one of the Vocational Subject Groupings. These subjects provide students with a focus for developing vocational skills and exploring their career options.

The Specialist Groupings consist of subjects which complement one another naturally. The Services Groupings comprise subjects which complement one another in a commercial context.

Vocational Subject Groupings (VSGs) 2022/2024

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



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LCVP Application Form 2022-2024



Name	
Class (TY or 3 rd Year, <u>E.g.</u> 4A)	
Do you intend studying Irish for the Leaving Certificate? (Yes/No) If <u>no</u> you must study a minimum of 5 other subjects to qualify for LCVP.	_____
What foreign language do you intend studying for the Leaving Certificate?	_____
Please list the option subjects you intend studying for Leaving Certificate.	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
Under which of the Specialist or Services Groupings on the rear of this form do you qualify for LCVP? (1 to 16)	Grouping _____ Subjects that qualify me 1. _____ 2. _____

Please note that should you change your foreign language or your options that this may affect your qualification to study LCVP.

I _____ understand the requirements for the participation in the LCVP and have checked the programme requirements to determine my own eligibility and that I may be required to partake in an interview to determine my suitability for the programme.

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Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____