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LCVP
Leaving Certificate Vocational
Programme

PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

- At least **five** Leaving Certificate subjects, one of which must be Irish **plus** the Link Modules(something similar to taking short courses in the Junior Certificate)
- If you have an exemption from Irish you must still have 5 Leaving Certificate subjects.
- **Two** of the above subjects must be selected from one of the designated Vocational Subject Groupings
- **Link Modules:** Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education (in addition to Five subjects)
- A recognised course in a Modern European Language other than Irish or English(speak to me if you don't study a foreign language)

Vocational Subject Groupings (VSGs) 2018/2019

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

ASSESSMENT IN THE LINK MODULES

- LCVP students follow the same subject syllabi and are assessed in the same way as their peers in the Leaving Certificate. For the Link Modules they are assessed by **Written Examination** (40%) and by **Portfolio of Coursework** (60%).
- The Portfolio of coursework must be submitted on the first Wednesday in March. The written examination takes place the first Wednesday in May of the Leaving Certificate Year. The examination is of two and a half hours duration and consists of three sections which are outline below.
- The structure of the Written Examination is as follows:
 - **Section A** Audio Visual Presentation
 - Section B Case Study (received in advance by students)
 - Section C General Questions (4 out of 6)
- The Portfolio of Coursework accounts for 60% of total marks. Students assemble the portfolio over the two years of the programme and it is assessed at the end of the final year of the Leaving Certificate. The Portfolio and Written Examination are externally assessed by the Department of Education & Skills.

GRADING

Grade	Universities and Institutes of Technology Award Revised points 2017 onwards
Distinction	66 points
Merit	46 points
Pass	28 points

LCVP students receive the same certificate as other Leaving Certificate students but their Certificate includes an additional statement of the results of the Link Modules. The Link Modules are recognised for points purposes by the Institutes of Technology and the Universities. The points are allocated as follows:

Points system

Higher Level Grade	Points	Ordinary Level Grade	Points
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

LINK MODULES

Link Module I - Preparation for the World of Work

Students will research and investigate local employment opportunities, develop job seeking skills such as letter writing, CV presentation, interview techniques; gain valuable practical experience of the world of work; interview and work shadow a person in a career area that interests them.

LINK MODULES

Link Module II - Enterprise Education

Students will be involved in organising visits to local business and community enterprises; meet and interview enterprising people on site and in the classroom; plan and undertake interesting activities that will build self-confidence, creativity, initiative and develop teamwork, communication and computer skills.

PORTFOLIO

LINK MODULES - PORTFOLIO OF COURSEWORK

CORE ITEMS

Curriculum Vitae

Career Investigation

Enterprise/Action Plan

Summary Report

OPTIONAL ITEMS (any two)

Diary of Work Experience

Enterprise Report

Recorded Interview/Presentation

Report on My Own Place

TIMETABLE

- **3 CLASSES A WEEK IN FIFTH YEAR**
- **2 CLASSES A WEEK IN SIXTH YEAR**