

Coláiste Muire
Ennis



SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

2020/21

Transition Year

Leaving Cert Established

Leaving Cert Vocational

Leaving Cert Applied

TRANSITION YEAR

Transition year is a one year programme. It provides a bridge to enable students to make the transition from Junior to Senior cycle. It encourages personal and social development and recognizes the need for students to grow in independence.

Transition year fosters academic achievement as students prepare for a Leaving Certificate Programme, further study and adult and working life. It encourages the development of a wide range of transferable critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills.

Curriculum

Core Subjects

Irish (4), English (4), Maths (4), French / German (4), Japanese (1) I.T. (3), Biol / Chem / Phy (4), Business Studies (3), History (2), Geography (2), Tech Ag. Science / Art (4), Careers (1), Chinese (1), Music / Home Ec / Philosophy (2), P.E.(2), Religion (2).

Modules / Additional Activities may include

- Driving Tuition
- Cardiac First Responder Course
- All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad (AILO)
- Outdoor Pursuits- Birr Outdoor Education & Training Centre
- Activities as part of Science Week, Engineers Week
- TYPE – Transition Year Physics Experience, TCD
- BEES – Biological, Earth and Environmental Science (TY Work Experience Programme)
- Biochemistry & Immunology TCD (TY Programme)
- Pathology Department Open Morning - Limerick Regional Hospital
- Radiography Open Afternoon – Limerick Regional Hospital
- TYNDALL lecture, UL (Physics)
- CanSat
- VEX robotics
- STEPS: 'Engineering your Future' – TY Programme
- Prep for Med Programme UCC, RCSI Mini Med Programme
- Law Education for Schools
 - Visit to Criminal Courts of Justice / Mock Trial
- Songschool (Createschool), Drumkit Workshop
- Easter Camp to China
- Visit to National Ploughing Championships, Brigits Garden, Kilmainham Gaol, Irish Workhouse Centre Portumna, Clonmacnoise, Spike Island.
- Mini Company

- Industry Visit – Zimmer Biomet, J & J Visioncare, Ericsson
- NUI Galway Arts Taster Day
- Geography Fieldwork Burren OEC
- Third Level Open Days (NUIG /UCC / UCD / TCD / UL / Mary I)
- TY Drama Festival, Briery Gap, Macroom.
- ECO- UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards
- Young Social Innovators (YSI)
- Future Leaders TY Programme (GAA / PDST joint initiative)
- Pope John Paul II awards
- GAISCE Bronze Award
- Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal
- LGFA Coaching, Refereeing & Event Management
- Gaelbhratach
- Press Pass student journalism & news literacy programme
- Junior Conference (St. Vincent de Paul)
- Community Work (1 week) & Work Placement (1 week)

Selection Criteria

- ❖ Satisfactory completion of TY Application Form and / or Personal Statement

Assessment

- ❖ Inspection of Journals (December & May)
- ❖ Class tests /Project Work / Assignments / Presentations
- ❖ Work Experience –Diary & Workbook (2)
- ❖ ePortfolio Assessment & Interview - May

Certification

- ❖ Distinction (360 – 400 credits)
- ❖ Higher Merit (300 – 359 credits)
- ❖ Merit (220 – 299 credits)
- ❖ Achieved (160 - 219 credits)
- ❖ Partially Achieved (0 – 159)

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

The Leaving Certificate is a two- year programme. Students study seven subjects for their Leaving Cert Examination. Subjects can be taken at Ordinary or Higher level.

CORE SUBJECTS:

Irish, English, Mathematics, French or German

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (Select one from each group)

1. Biology/ Accounting/ Technology / Home Economics /History
2. Physics / Biology / Business / Geography / Music / Japanese
3. Chemistry / Economics / Art /Ag Science / History / Business / PE

NON- EXAMINATION SUBJECTS:

Religion/Social & Health/Humanities/Physical Education/ Guidance & Counselling

When selecting your optional subject it is useful to consider:

- ✓ Essential subject requirements
- ✓ Subjects that you are interested in and prepared to work at
- ✓ Subjects that suit your strengths and talents (Refer to CAT4 G results)
- ✓ Particular subject combinations
- ✓ Manner in which subject is assessed

Useful websites

www.curriculumonline.ie

www.careersportal.ie

www.qualifax.ie

www.cao.ie

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

LCVP is an enhanced Leaving Certificate

In addition to the core and optional subjects offered as part of the Leaving Certificate, students pursuing the Leaving Certificate Vocational study two link modules.

- Preparation for the world of work
- Enterprise Education

There is a strong focus on self-directed learning. Active teaching and learning methodologies are hallmarks of the programme. Typical LCVP activities include: invited visitors, site visits, case studies, team enterprise, work experience, using computers and video interviews. Students develop a range of key transferable skills including team working, critical thinking, flexibility, communication, initiative & enterprise, leadership and the motivation to learn. These skills are equally relevant to young people progressing to further study, working for themselves or going directly into employment.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS FOR THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL

To be eligible for the above programme students must select one of the following combinations from our school's range of optional subjects.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Physics & Technology ❖ Technology & Economics or Business ❖ Home Economics, Agricultural Science, Biology (any two) ❖ Agricultural Science & Technology ❖ Home Economics & Art ❖ Art & Accounting or Business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Home Economics & Economics or Business ❖ Agricultural Science & Accounting or Economics ❖ Accounting or Economics or Business (any two) ❖ Biology, Chemistry, Physics (any two) ❖ Agricultural Science & Physics or Biology ❖ Music & Accounting or Business
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Assessment and Certification of the link modules

The assessment comprises two elements

1. Written Examination – 40%
2. Portfolio of Coursework – 60%

<u>Result</u>	<u>University / I.T. points</u>
Distinction (80% - 100%)	66 (H4)
Merit (65% - 79%)	46 (H6/O2)
Pass (50% - 64%)	28 (O4)

LCVP students receive the same certification as established Leaving Certificate students. In addition their certificates include an additional statement of the results of the Link Modules

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

Leaving Certificate Applied focuses on the needs and interests of pupils using a variety of methodologies. It is a self-contained two year course designed to meet pupils needs not adequately catered for by either Leaving Certificate or Leaving Certificate Vocational programme.

Curriculum:

Vocational Preparation

Vocational Preparation and Guidance

*English and Communication

Vocational Education

*Mathematical Education

*Vocational Specialisms (2)

General Education

Arts Education

*Social Education

*Languages

Leisure & Recreation

Elective Courses

Science

Hair and Beauty

Assessment

Modules (44) - 62 Credits (31%)

Task (7) - 70 Credits (35%)

***Final examination** - 68 Credits (34%)

Total: 200 Credits (100%)

Course Design

4 Sessions

- Half year Blocks
- September-January
- February-June

Certification

(120-139 credits) **Pass** – (60-69%)

(140-169 credits) **Merit** – (70-74%)

(170-200 credits) **Distinction** – (85-100%)

Options after

L.C.A :

P.L.C → Further & Higher Education

Work → Career

Apprenticeship → Career

What does LCA do?

- ✓ Prepares students for adult working life
- ✓ Focuses on the needs and interests of students
- ✓ Uses a variety of different teaching methodologies
- ✓ Recognises that students differ in how they process, assimilate and recall information
- ✓ Promotes self-confidence, responsibilities, co-operation. teamwork, problem solving, independence, decision making and initiative