

# Leaving Certificate

# Applied Booklet



# 2 YEAR PRACTICAL LEAVING CERTIFICATE



## **How is Leaving Certificate Applied Different?**

- **Preparation of students for Adult & Working Life**
- **It offers an alternative to the Traditional Leaving Certificate**
- **Students are assessed in a different way – Attendance, Task Work, Assignments, Work Experience and Examinations**
- **There is an emphasis on the personal and social development of the student**
- **Provides access to Further Education & Training**

### **Layout of Leaving Certificate Applied**

**2 Year Programme – Course is divided into 4 sessions**

#### **Year 1**

**Session 1 September – January**

**Session 2 February - May**

#### **Year 2**

**Session 3 September – January**

**Session 4 February – May**

At the end of each session, students do Task Interviews from external examiners based on their Tasks (projects) they do in class. On top of this, teachers award credits based on students attendance and work in class. All these credits go towards the students Leaving Cert results.

# **Courses**

## **Vocational Preparation**

- ✓ Vocational Preparation & Guidance
- ✓ English & Communications
- ✓ Mathematical Applications

## **Vocational Education (Specialisms)\***

- ✓ Information Technology
- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Hotel & Catering

## **General Education**

- ✓ Social Education
- ✓ Irish
- ✓ Spanish
- ✓ Visual Art
- ✓ Leisure & Recreation

## **Elective Courses\***

- ✓ Childcare
- ✓ Construction
- ✓ Craft & Design

## **Work Experience**

**All students must take part in work experience:**

**Year 1 – Full Day**

**Year 2 – Full Day**

**\*These vary from year to year**

## Assessment of LCA

### ✓ Continuous Assessment

The main feature of the LCA is continuous assessment. Students regularly hand up assignments and task work, which means their result, is not solely based on an examination. Students are awarded credits by teachers and examiners for all their work.

### ✓ Attendance

90% attendance is required.

<b>Modules/Assignments</b>	<b>62 credits</b>
<b>Tasks</b>	<b>70 credits</b>
<b>Examinations</b>	<b>68 credits</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>200 credits</b>

## Awards

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

## **Important Terms**

### **Course:**

**A course refers to the different subjects, e.g English, Engineering.**

### **Module:**

**A module is a part of a course. In general, one module is done per session in each course.**

### **Key Assignment:**

**A Key Assignment is a piece of work that a student is required to complete in class.**

### **Task:**

**A task is a project.**

### **Credit:**

**A credit is the mark awarded for completed work. There are 200 credits in total to be earned.**