

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

LCVP combines the academic strengths of the Established Leaving Certificate with a dynamic focus on learning, enterprise, work and the community.

The primary aim of the LCVP programme is to prepare young people for adult life, and to ensure that young people develop skills and competencies fundamental to academic and vocational success

Why Study LCVP?

LCVP helps students to 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 students will have:

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

Who Would the LCVP Programme Suit?

- This is a practical subject/programme that suits practical students.
- It is a real preparation for the world of work.
- The bulk of marks (60%) go for the portfolio which is done over the 2 years
- Links with other option subjects which can enhance performance in those subjects.
- Promotes skills and qualities of self-reliance, innovation and enterprise
- 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.

Requirements for LCVP

LCVP students must take a minimum of **five Leaving Certificate Subjects** (at Higher, Ordinary or Foundation Level) including Irish

- Two of the above must be selected from one of the designated Vocational Subject Groupings outlined below
- They must study the two Link Modules, **Preparation for the World of Work** and **Enterprise Education**
- Students are required to follow a recognised course in a Modern European Language (other than Irish or English)

Vocational Subject Groupings

Students must study **two subjects** from one of the sixteen Vocational Subject Groupings below.

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

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 Economic

Leaving Certificate Subjects in LCVP

A student's subjects for their Leaving Certificate could be:

Irish

English

Maths

French/Spanish

Two subjects from Vocational Subject Groupings

LCVP Class (Preparation for the World of Work in Fifth Year, and Enterprise Education in Sixth Year)

Link Modules

There are two link modules- Preparation for the World of Work (5th Year) and Enterprise Education

Link Modules provide a setting in which students can begin to link their vocational subjects to the world outside school

This will aid students in researching future studies and careers, preparing students for life after school.

Preparation for the World of Work

In this module, students:

- Develop an understanding of the world of work
- Be introduced to career research
- Be provided with knowledge and skills required to find employment

Students must complete a career investigation and engage in a work experience or work shadowing placement

Enterprise Education

In this module, students:

Develop creativity, resourcefulness, self-confidence and initiative

Interview enterprising people, and investigate local enterprises

Set up their own enterprise project

Assessment

Assessment of Established Leaving Certificate subjects will take place as normal.

Link Modules are assessed at a Common Level with a final exam (40%) and a portfolio of coursework (60%).

The Portfolio is compiled over the two years of the course, and will include a CV, an Enterprise/Action Project, Career Investigation report and a Summary Report, as well as two from Diary of Work Placement, Enterprise Report, My Own Place Report and a Recorded Interview/Presentation. The Portfolio is submitted in March of Sixth Year.

The Exam takes place in May of Sixth Year.

LCVP Portfolio	
<i>Compulsory Items</i>	<i>Optional Items</i>
<u>Curriculum Vitae</u>	<u>Diary of Work Placement</u>
<u>Enterprise/Action Plan</u>	<u>Enterprise Report</u>
<u>Career Investigation</u>	<u>My Own Place Report</u>
<u>Summary Report</u>	<u>Recorded Interview/Presentation</u>

From the Portfolio and Exam, the students will earn one of the following grades.

Distinction- 80-100% This is worth 66 points in the CAO system

Merit- 65-79% This is worth 46 points in the CAO system

Pass- 50-64% This is worth 28 points in the CAO system

Most LCVP students count their LCVP class towards their Leaving Certificate points for CAO applications.