

# St Louis Secondary School

## LCA Information Evening 2022 - 2024



# Senior Cycle

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# What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?

- The Leaving Certificate Applied is a distinct, self-contained two-year programme

**(operates separately to traditional LC)**

- The aim of the LCA is to 'prepare students for adult and working life'.

**(skills/interviews/work placement).**

- The LCA puts an emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past.

**(Holistic development of the student/Multiple Intelligences)**

# LCAs Vs Traditional LC

## Leaving Certificate Applied

- **Work Experience** one day a week. 4 placements in 2 years.
- **Practical / Project Work**
- **Continuous Assessment**
- (Tasks/Key Assignments)
- **Small Class Sizes** (more 1 to 1 tuition)
- **Irish / Spanish** completed in 1 year [\*Exam @end of LCA 1]

## Traditional Leaving Certificate

- **LCVP Work Experience** one week in 5<sup>th</sup> Year only.
- **Academic / CAO points oriented.**
- **LC Exams** count for majority of marks.
- **Generally bigger classes**
- **Irish compulsory for 2 years**



# Rationale for LCA

1. Preparation for **working life**. Recognises **talents of all learners** – aptitudes, abilities, needs and interests.
2. Provides opportunity to develop in terms of responsibility, **self esteem** and self knowledge.
3. Develops **communication** and **decision making skills**.  
Helps learners achieve more **independent** and enterprising approach to learning and to life.
5. Helps students **apply** what they learn in the **real world**.

# Who would benefit from the Programme?

➤ LCA is intended to meet the needs of:

1. **Those students who are not adequately catered for by other LC Programmes.**
2. Students who find **difficultly with learning by rote** rather than learning by doing.
3. Students who have **difficulty with essay style** answers.
4. Students with **poor attention span and retention** skills.
5. Highly **anxious** students.

# Support for the LCA Student

School  
Management

Class Tutor

LCA  
Co-ordinator

Career  
Guidance



LCA  
Teaching Team

Learning  
Support

# Programme Outline

- The programme is divided into half year blocks called '**sessions**' of which there are **four** over the two year programme.
- Students are assessed on their work in **January** and **May of each year** when a session ends.
  - LCA 1: Sept to Jan = Session 1
  - LCA 1: Feb to June = Session 2
  - LCA 2: Sept to Jan = Session 3
  - LCA 2: Feb to May = Session 4



# In St Louis SS we offer our LCA students a variety of subjects under the following headings...

## ➤ Vocational Preparation

- English
- Job Search & Guidance

## ➤ Vocational Education

- Maths
- ICT
- **Hotel, Catering and Tourism**
- **Hair And Beauty**

## ➤ General Education

- Visual Art
- Social Education
- Leisure and Recreation
- **\*\*Irish (Year 1)**
- **Spanish (Year 2)**
- Religion
- Childcare

**\*\*Students can retain exemptions in languages**

**\*\*Note: State Exam for Irish in June of LCA 1**

# Do LCA Students Receive a Leaving Certificate?

Yes, students who successfully complete the programme will receive a Leaving Certificate from the State Exams Commission.

**The Leaving Certificate Applied Assessment takes place over the two years of the programme under 4 headings:**

- A. Satisfactory completion of **Modules**
- B. Performance of Student **Tasks**
- C. Performance in the Terminal **Examinations**
- D. **90% Attendance in all subjects**

All credits awarded will be recorded on the LCA parchment.

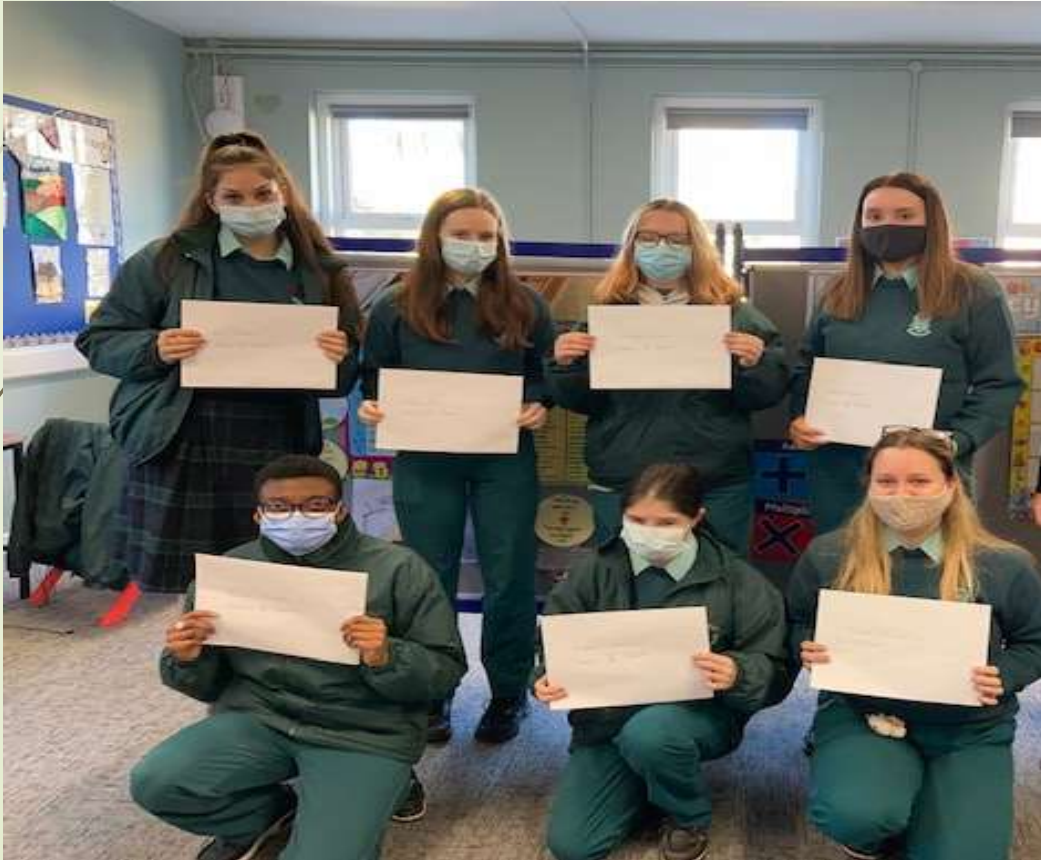
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|   |                             |                           |                  |                           |                    |             |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <b>Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance</b>  |                             |                           |                  |                           | <b>62 credits</b>  | <b>31%</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module</li> <li>One credit per course module in which there is a final exam</li> <li>Two credits per course module in which there is NO final exam</li> </ul> |                             |                           |                  |                           |                    |             |
| <b>7 Student Tasks @ 10 credits each</b>  |                             |                           |                  |                           | <b>70 credits</b>  | <b>35%</b>  |
| Vocational Preparation  |                             | Vocational Education (x2) |                  |                           |                    |             |
| General Education   |                             | Contemporary Issue        |                  |                           |                    |             |
| Personal Reflection   |                             | Practical Achievement     |                  |                           |                    |             |
| <b>Final Examinations</b>   |                             |                           |                  |                           | <b>68 credits</b>  | <b>34%</b>  |
| English & Communication   | Vocational Specialisms (x2) | Languages (x2)            | Social Education | Mathematical Applications |                    |             |
| 12 credits  | 12 credits each             | 6 credits each            | 10 credits       | 10 credits                |                    |             |
| <b>Total</b>  |                             |                           |                  |                           | <b>200 credits</b> | <b>100%</b> |



# Students are Motivated by Continuous Assessment



# Final Examinations

| Area   | Credits   |
|--|-----------|
| <b>English and Communication</b><br>(Oral and written incorporating audio visual)                                  | 12        |
| <b>Vocational Specialism (X2)</b><br>Practical and Written – practical briefs issued in advance<br>(HCT and H & B) | 12 each   |
| <b>Languages (X2) [Irish LCA 1 / Spanish LCA 2]</b><br>Oral and Written incorporating Aural                        | 6 each    |
| <b>Social Education</b> - Written incorporating Audio  | 10        |
| <b>Mathematical Applications</b><br>Written – Research Topic (Q2 issued in advance)                                | 10        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>68</b> |



# LCA Certification

## Certificate Awarded at 3 Levels

|                    |                   |           |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| <b>Pass</b>        | 120 – 139 credits | 60 – 69%  |
| <b>Merit</b>       | 140 – 169 credits | 70 – 84%  |
| <b>Distinction</b> | 170 – 200 credits | 85 – 100% |

Students who acquire less than 120 credits or who leave the programme early will receive a '**Record of Experience**'

# Regional Recipient of the Feargal Quinn LCA Award 2016

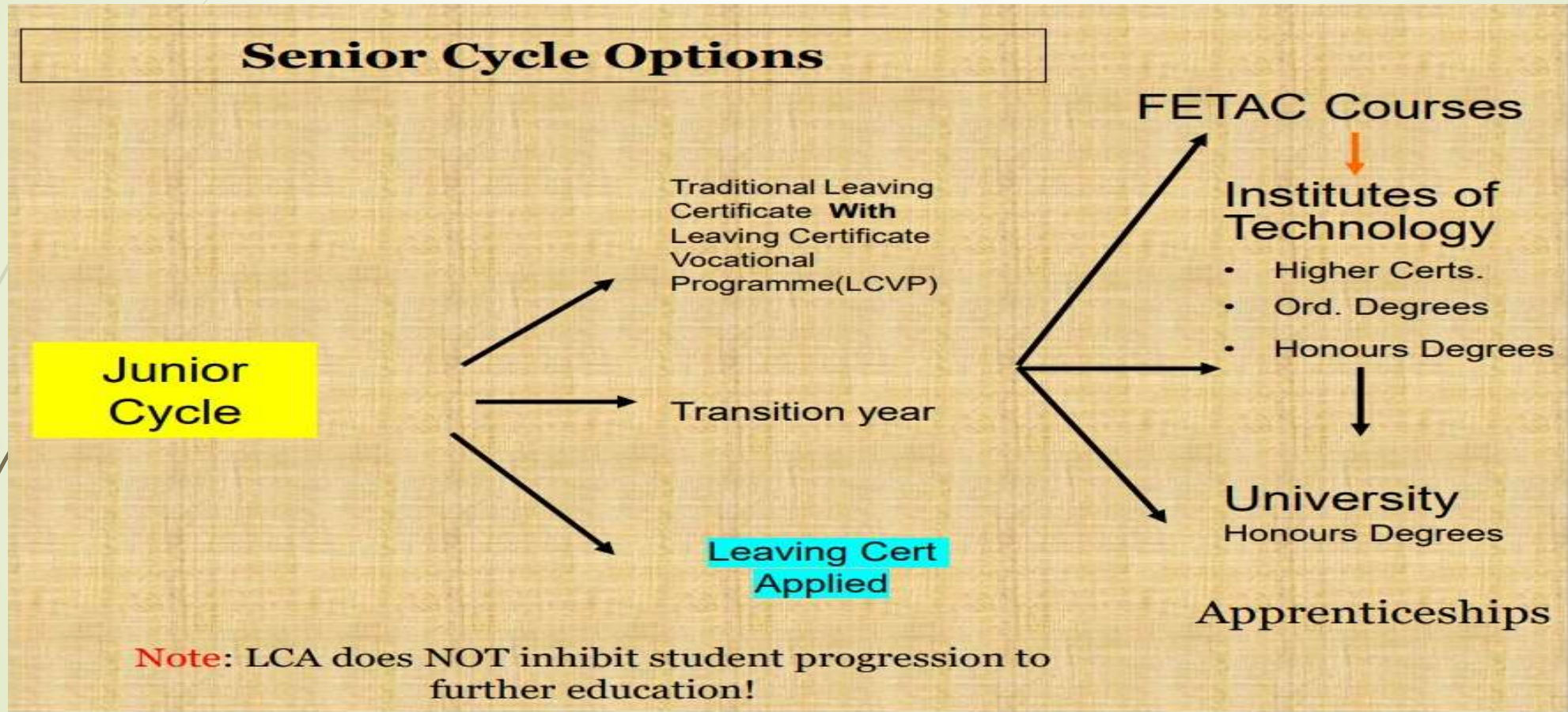


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# How to Apply for the LCA?

- LCA **Application Form** by Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022
- Access to this powerpoint presentation on our **school website**.
- Any further questions you can contact the LCA Co-ordinator on:
- [lynchs@stlouiscmx.com](mailto:lynchs@stlouiscmx.com) or (042) 9961587



# Leaving Certificate Applied

Different, NOT Less



**Pre-LCA Introduction**  
**One Size Fits ALL**  
**Approach**




# Student Evaluation

- ➔ LCA is good because when I was in a big class I did not have as much one to one communication with teachers as I do in LCA. I think you learn a lot more and get more confidence'



# Student Evaluation

LCA is a program that I really enjoy, it is a practical type of Leaving Certificate and I have definitely built a better relationship with my teachers.



# LCA Successes

Bawili Kindembo receiving  
Student of the year in LCA  
in 2018.

Rang Aisling receiving results  
In 2021 (below)





# LCA Activities





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# Testimonies

➤ Sophie Gartlan

➤ [Sophie Gartlan.mov](#)