

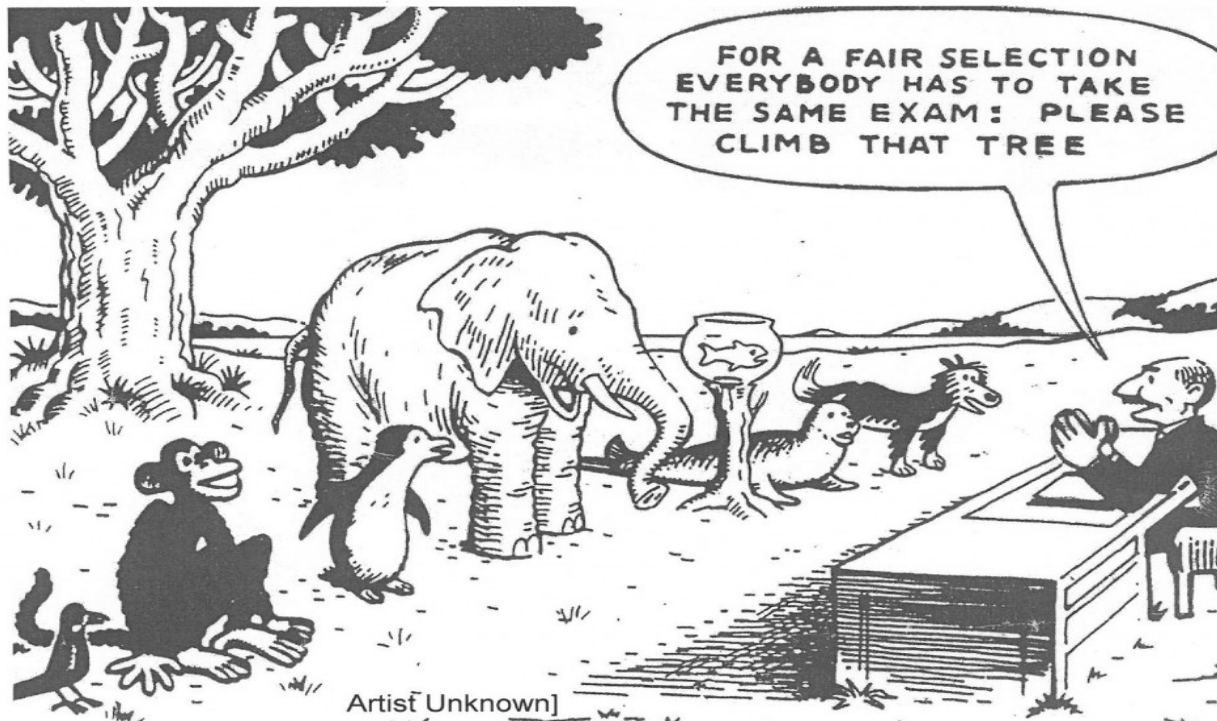


# Loreto College

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED 2024/25

# What is LEAVING CERT APPLIED?

- ▶ The Leaving Cert Applied is a **2 year programme** aimed at preparing learners for adult and working life.
- ▶ It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the traditional Leaving Cert has not recognised in the past.
- ▶ It is designed for students who wish to follow a practical Leaving Cert with a vocational focus.



## Everyone learns differently

The Leaving Cert Applied recognises the talents, aptitudes, needs and interests of all students.

# Who should consider the LCA?

- ▶ Someone who wants to **stay in school** and get a Leaving Cert.
- ▶ Someone who prefers **learning by doing**.
- ▶ Someone who is motivated by **continuous assessment**.
- ▶ Someone who wants to get **work experience** to help them with their career choice.
- ▶ Someone who is not quite ready for college or university and would like to progress to a PLC **first**.

# What is different about LCA?

- ▶ LCA 2 year programme is divided into **4 “Sessions”**
- ▶ Sessions 1 and 2 are completed in Year 1.
- ▶ Sessions 3 and 4 are completed in Year 2.
- ▶ Students gain **credits** for completing **key assignments** that are handed up for assessment at the end of each **module**.
- ▶ Students will complete **7 tasks** over 2 years.
- ▶ Course work is **assessed continually** throughout the two years.
- ▶ Students' work and skill development is assessed in different ways- including **interviews**, **written**, oral and **practical components**.


# ATTENDANCE\*

- ▶ Students **must** have **90% attendance** in each of their classes to gain credits for assignments.
- ▶ If work is done and attendance is below 90%, credits are NOT awarded.
- ▶ If attendance is satisfactory and assignments are not submitted, credits are NOT awarded.

# What courses/ subjects are on offer?

**All LCA students take the following subjects:**

- ▶ English and Communications
- ▶ Mathematical Applications
- ▶ Information and Communication Technology
- ▶ Vocational Preparation and Guidance
- ▶ Gaeilge (year 1 or 2)
- ▶ Modern Language (year 1 or 2)
- ▶ Social Education
- ▶ Arts Education (Music)
- ▶ Leisure and Recreation
- ▶ Elective Modules



In addition to these, students will complete two Vocational Specialisms.

Examples include:

- ▶ Craft and Design
- ▶ Hotel Catering and Tourism
- ▶ Hair and Beauty
- ▶ Childcare

**\*It is important to note that these may change from year to year\***



Hair and  
Beauty  
tutorials by  
qualified  
MUAs and  
hairdressers



Preparing home made face masks



# Active Learning

# Work Experience




- ▶ Students will attend WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT every Wednesday.
- ▶ Students are encouraged to find placements in sectors that are of interest to them.
- ▶ Placements in existing part time jobs are discouraged.
- ▶ This placement must be secured by June.
- ▶ Students may change their placement in session 2.



# Are there exams?!

- ▶ The answer is
- ▶ **YES!....**
- ▶ *This is a Leaving Cert.*


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- ▶ \*Please note that the Language students study in LCA year 1 is examined in June of year 1\*
  - ▶ \*Oral exams are held in May\*
  - ▶ Please do not book holidays which clash with exams.

# LCA Modes of Assessment

Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance					62 credits	31%
<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>						
7 Student Tasks @ 10 credits each					70 credits	35%
Vocational Preparation		Vocational Education (x2)				
General Education		Contemporary Issue				
Personal Reflection		Practical Achievement				
Final Examinations					68 credits	34%
English & Communication	Vocational Specialisms (x2)	Languages (x2)	Social Education	Mathematical Applications		
12 credits	12 credits each	6 credits each	10 credits	10 credits		
Total					200 credits	100%

# How is the LCA awarded?

<b>PASS</b>	<b>120-139 Credits</b>	<b>(60%-69%)</b>
MERIT	140-169 Credits	(70%-84%)
DISTINCTION	170-200 Credits	(85%-100%)



Nationally, 70% of students  
achieve either a Merit or a  
Distinction

# How is this achieved?

- ▶ **90% attendance** is mandatory in both school and out of school activities.
- ▶ Co-operation with teachers and having an understanding that success is based on **teamwork**.
- ▶ Submitting coursework and key assignments **on time**.



Lunch  
beautifully  
prepared and  
served by our  
LCA class 2019

# Hotel, Catering & Tourism

- Our Loreto Education Officer, Caroline Clarke visiting the LCA class to congratulate them on great results achieved.





# High Flyers!

LCA 1 TRIP TO RUSSBOROUGH HOUSE FOR TEAM BONDING.

# Costs involved in LCA

- ▶ The estimated costs of LCA amount to €250 per student per year.
- ▶ Students receive the following:
  - ▶ Books
  - ▶ Craft & Design materials
  - ▶ Ingredients for Hotel, Catering & Tourism
  - ▶ Hair and Beauty requirements
  - ▶ Trips
  - ▶ Bus hire (local bus fares are payable by student)
  - ▶ Insurance


# How to apply for a place in LCA 2024/25

1. Student fills out an **Application Form**. This must be returned by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**.
2. Student attends a short **interview**.
3. **The LCA Core Team assesses applicants suitability to the programme**
4. Applicants are placed in **order of merit** and 16 students will be offered a **provisional place** on the programme.
5. Student and parent read, sign and return the **Attendance and Behaviour Contract**.
6. A **letter of acceptance** is sent to parents.
7. Parents make the first payment of €62.50 via the school app or pay a cash **deposit of €100 by April 26<sup>th</sup> 2024**.
8. **Student secures a work placement and fills in the form. This must be returned by June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

# The following criteria will help ascertain suitability for the programme:

- ▶ Performance of the candidate at interview.
- ▶ Willingness to participate fully in all elements of the LCA programme.
- ▶ Student's attendance record in Loreto College and/or any previous school which the student attended. Students must demonstrate the ability to meet the 90% attendance requirement of this course.
- ▶ Student's behavioural record over the three years of Junior Cycle and TY (where applicable) in Loreto College and/or any previous school which the student attended.
- ▶ Recommendations of the student's teachers.
- ▶ The student's classwork record (completion of projects, capacity to meet deadlines etc.)
- ▶ The applicant's academic and pastoral care needs as communicated by the Year Head, HSCL, Guidance Counsellor and/or other professionals in the school(s) attended by the applicant.
- ▶ Student's scores in the following tests are taken into account: CAT 4s, NGRTs, PTMs.

# Interview



○ Attendance	20
○ Interview	20
○ Behaviour Record	20
○ Application Form.	20
○ Overall Suitability	20
▶ <b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

# IMPORTANT!

- ▶ \*Students who are not securing credits either through lack of work or poor attendance will move to traditional Leaving Cert\*.
- ▶ Student progress is monitored closely and parental co-operation is expected.
- ▶ Please do not hesitate to contact [sbyrne@loretocrumlin.ie](mailto:sbyrne@loretocrumlin.ie) should you have any questions regarding the programme.