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OVERVIEW

LCA

- LCA = Leaving Certificate Applied
- Two Year Leaving Certificate Programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life.
- Marked differently than traditional Leaving Certificate.
- Students are rewarded for Project Work

Why Study Leaving Applied Programme?

Who is LCA aimed at?

- Students who are preparing for the world of work.
- Students who work well at and who enjoy project work.
- Students who work well in a supported learning environment.
- Students who work well on short term goals.

Why I Chose LCA

- I prefer practical work to theory work.
- I prefer project work to exams.
- It gives you the opportunity to do work experience.
- It suited me best.
- I liked the variety of subjects.
- What I liked was that you got credits as you went on.

What are Credits?

- **Credits** are marks that are give to the student after completing each key assignment or piece of work.
- Each subject has **Modules**.
- Each Module has **four key assignments**.
- Each Module has **two credits**.
- You need credits to pass each subject.
- There are **200 Credits overall** in LCA.

Credits

Ongoing attendance, class work and assignments	62 credits (31%)
7 Student Tasks (project work)	70 credits (35%)
7 Final Exams	68 credits (34%)
Total : 200 Credits	

Requirements:

- 90% Attendance
- Evidence of the completion of four key assignments for each module/subject

What subjects do you study in LCA?

- Vocational Preparation & Guidance
- English & Communications
- Mathematical Applications
- Languages -Irish & Modern Language
- Vocational Specialisms (2)
- Information and Communication Technology
- Arts Education
- Leisure & Recreation
- Social Education
- Science/Religion/Child-Care/Hair and Beauty

Formal Examinations

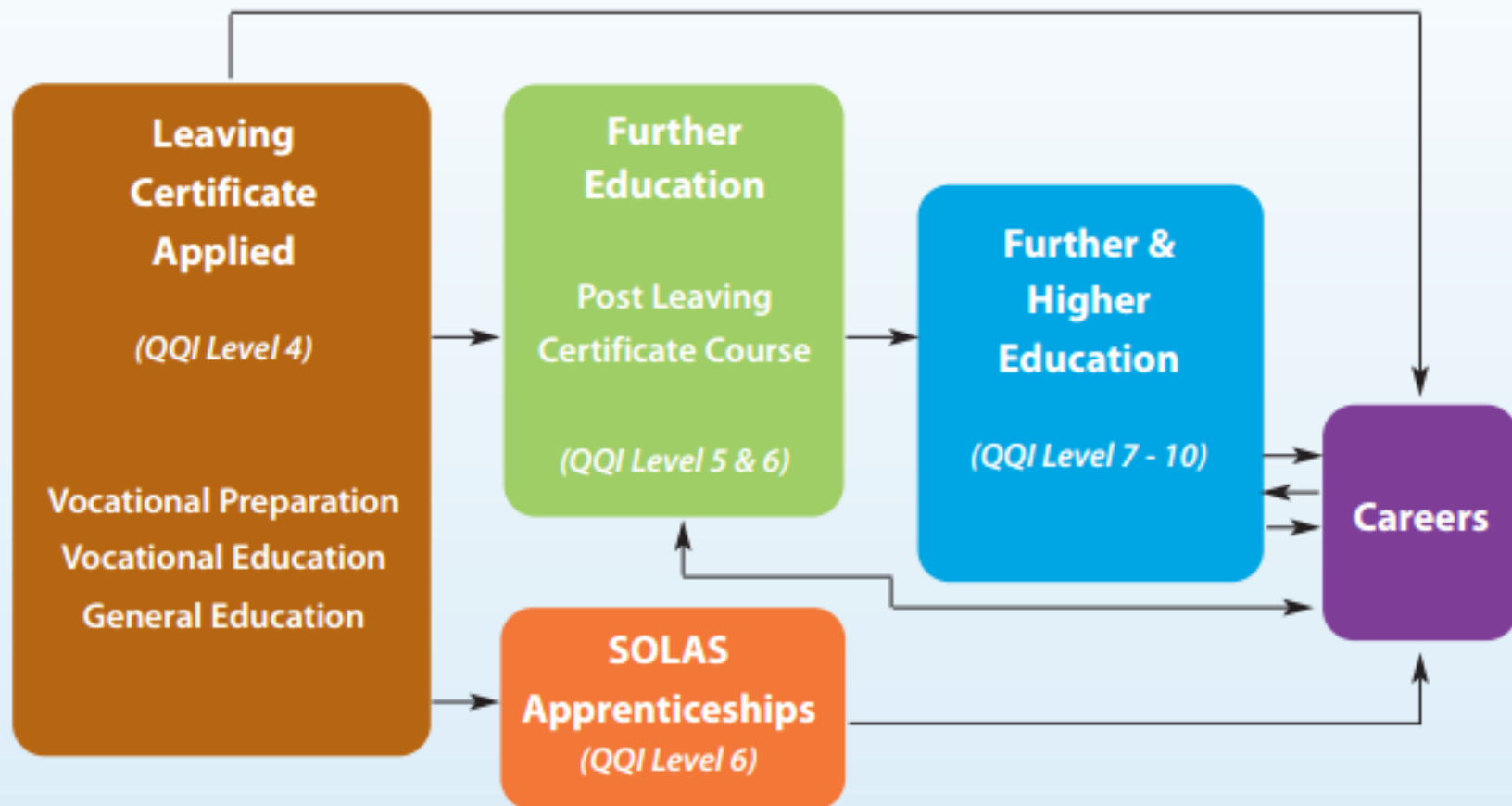
- English & Communications
- Mathematical Applications
- Language – 1 in each year
- Vocational Specialisms (Practical and written)
- Social Education

How is LCA Marked?

- At the end of the two years you get:
- Distinction 85-100 % (170 - 200 credits)
- Merit 70-84 % (140 - 169 credits)
- Pass 60-69 % (120 - 139 credits)
- If you would like to go to a University or an I.T. after LCA you must first do a PLC course.
- A PLC course usually takes a year.

Opening up New Options

The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map



Two Year Practical Leaving Certificate

- Continuous assessment ◀
- Individual talents recognised ◀
- Community as classroom ◀
- Work & career focus ◀
- Success & achievement ◀
- Different ways of learning ◀
- Pathway to further education & training ◀

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