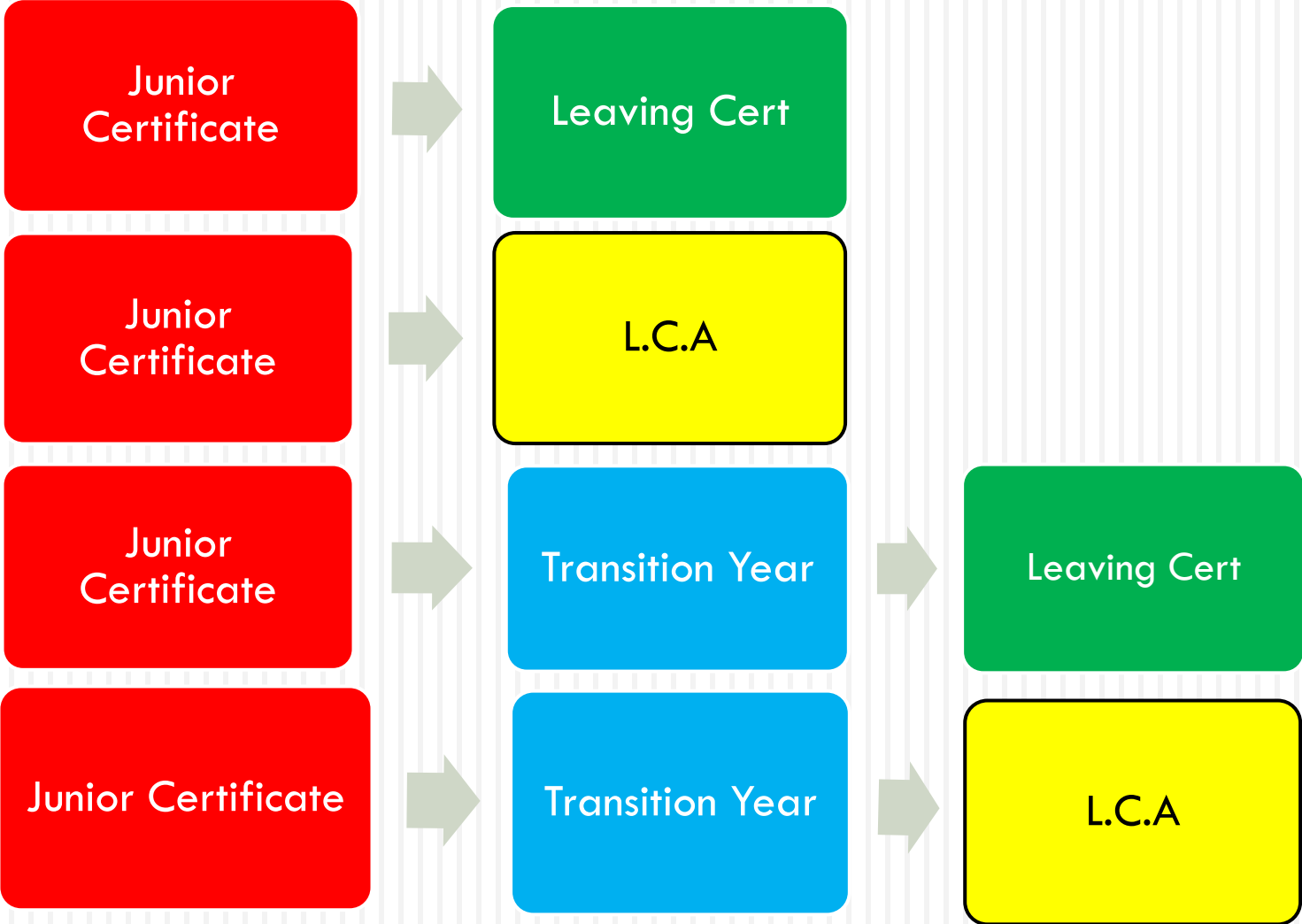


SENIOR CYCLE OPTIONS

TRANSITION YEAR
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Pathways





TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME

What is Transition Year?



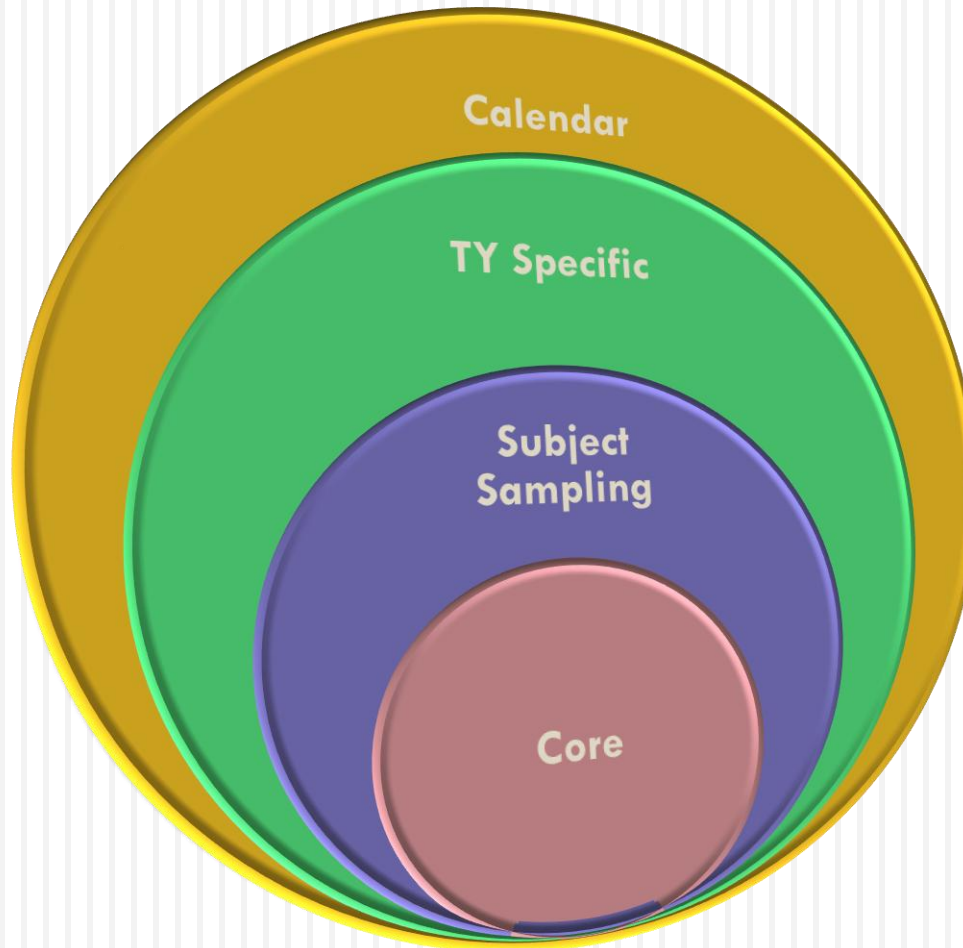
- Transition Year is a one- year programme between junior and senior cycle.

Why Choose Transition Year?

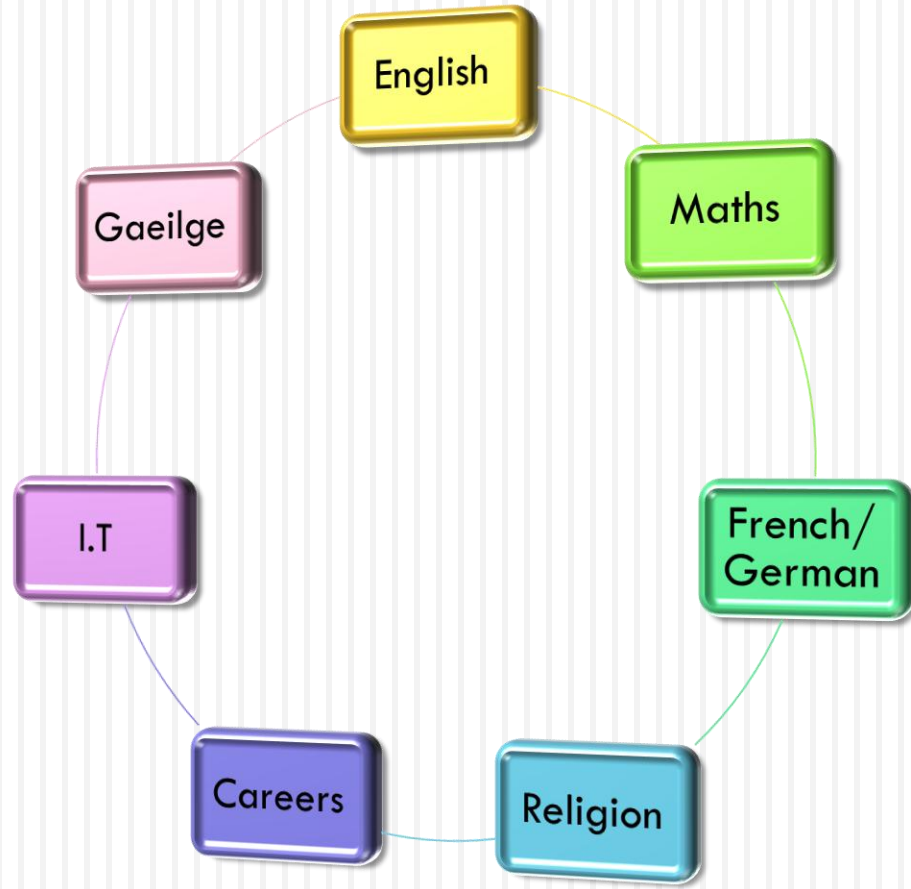


- Age
- Maturity
- Ready to start Leaving Cert Programme 2 months after the Junior Cert?
- Economic situation
- Improve knowledge & skills?
- Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa

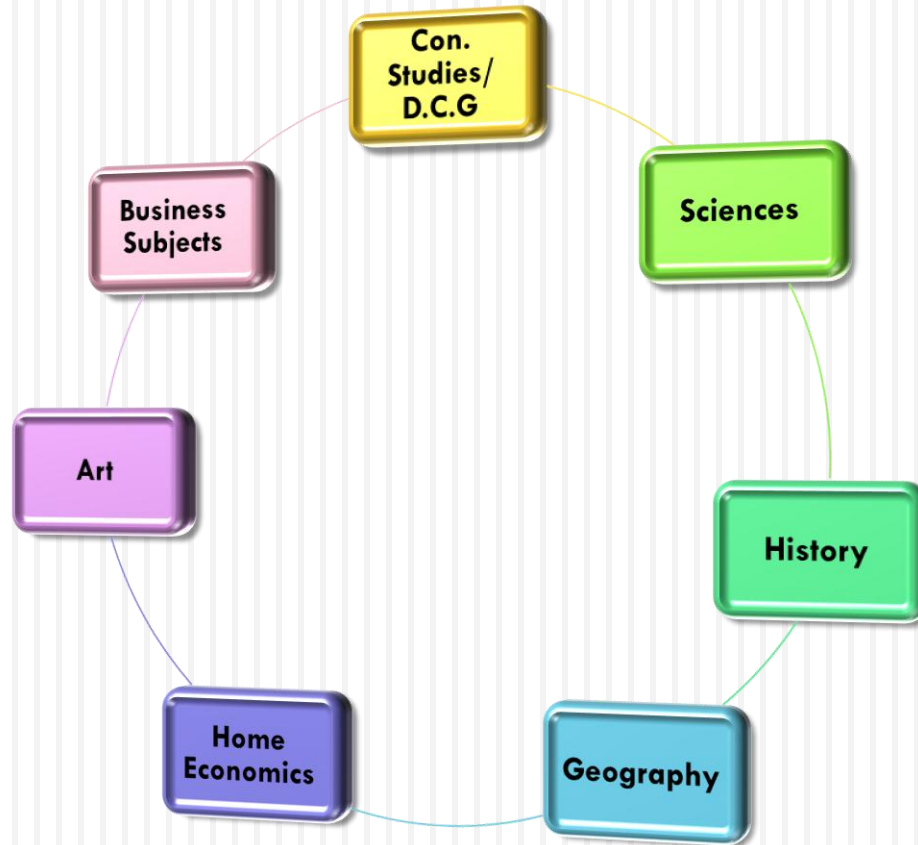
TY: The Parts of Transition Year



TY: Core Layer



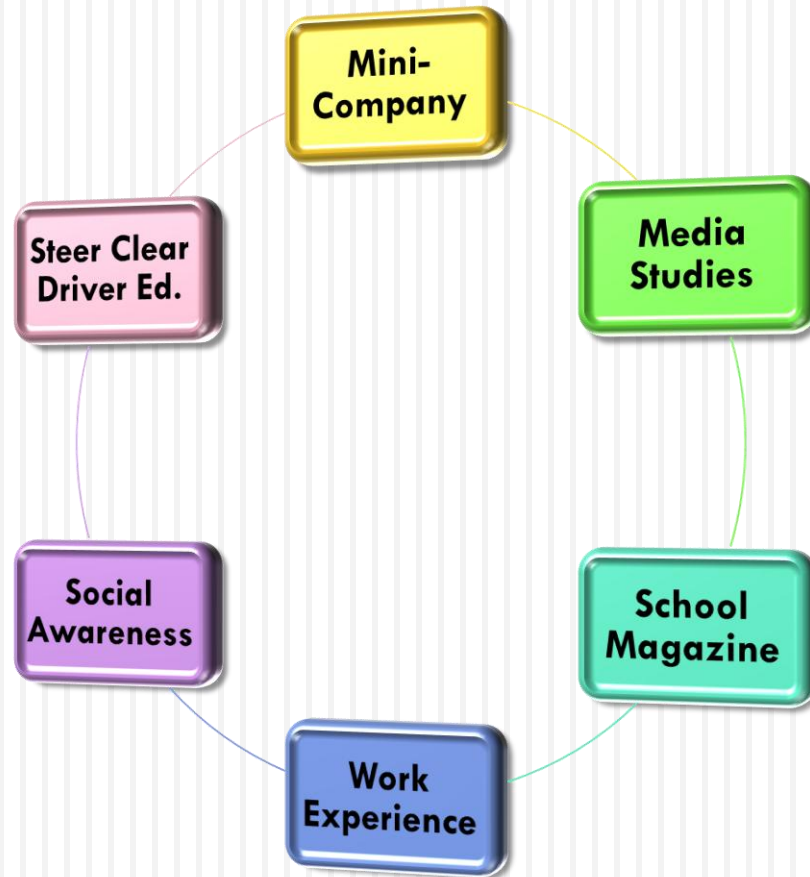
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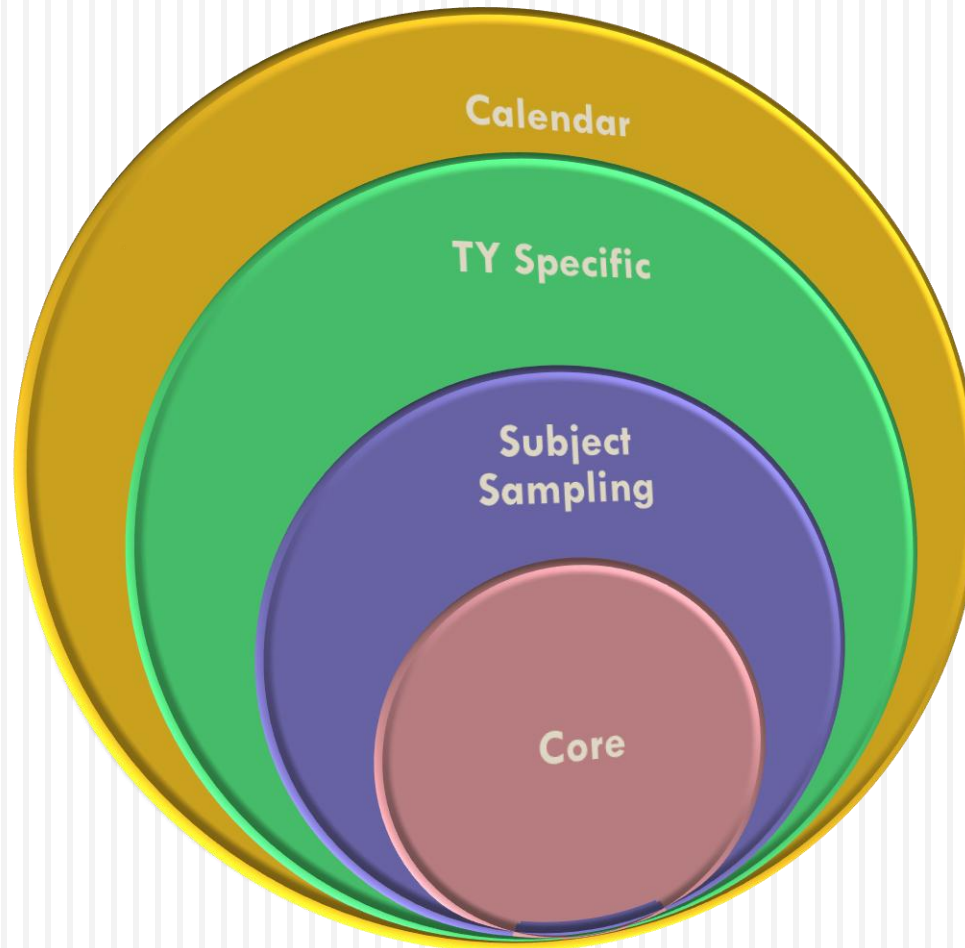
TY Specific



TY: Calendar Layer



The Parts of Transition Year



TY: Work Experience



- Every Friday for the full year
- Placement can be anywhere of your choice
- Only limited by your imagination, interests and ambitions (and our insurance!)

TY: Social Awareness Placement



- Two weeks in the Spring
- Work in a 'care' environment: e.g. hospice, day- care centre, workshops/schools for those with intellectual/physical disabilities

TY: New Ways of Learning



- Group and pair work
- Role plays
- Project and fieldwork
- Visitors in and visits out
- Practical work
- Work experience

TY: Challenges

Personal

- Develop your personality
- Develop your character

Study/ Work

- Develop independent work and study habits
- Prepare for 5th year with a positive attitude

Career

- Become familiar with careers and workplace
- Investigate college and training options
- Prepare for interviews
- Complete CV's and application forms

Social

- Become better at dealing with adults
- Gain a better understanding of members of the community
- Better with peers
- Improve/ increase your confidence through working

TY: What is Required from Students?



- A mature attitude
- Ability to behave responsibly
- Respect for all
- An enthusiastic attitude

TY: NCCA Study



- Students who complete Transition Year outperform those who do not
- TY more valuable than a repeat Leaving Certificate
- TY Students make more informed subject choices

TY: Application Process



- Application form (Friday March 9th)
- Interview
- €100 TY Fee



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LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED (LCA)

What is the LCA Programme?

- It is a distinct, self-contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life
- It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past



LCA: Who does it suit?

- Students who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes
- Students who choose not to opt for those programmes

LCA: Key Features

- Prepares students for adult and working life
- Recognises talents of all pupils
- Promotes communication and decision making skills
- Applies knowledge and skills to the solution of real problems



LCA: Curriculum

- Vocational Preparation & Guidance
- English & Communications
- Mathematical Applications
- Information Technology
- Vocational Specialisms
- Arts Education
- Languages
- Leisure & Recreation
- Social Education
- Elective Modules



LCA: Assessment

- 3 ways of assessment:

□ Satisfactory completion of subjects	62 credits	31%
□ 7 student tasks	70 credits	35%
□ Final Examinations	<u>68 credits</u>	34%

Total: 200 credits

LCA: Local Community

Learning in Leaving Certificate Applied involves students in many out-of-school activities including:

- Work Experience
- Enterprise
- Visits outside school
- Investigations in the community
- Working with community groups
- Outings e.g. outdoor education etc.
- Interviews
- Surveys
- Visitors etc.

LCA: In- School Experiences

Learning in Leaving Certificate Applied involves students in new and different learning experiences in school including:

- Group work/Discussion
- Brainstorming
- Oral Presentations
- Visitor to the classroom
- Role Play
- Questionnaires/Surveys/Displays/Exhibitions



LCA: Students

FREEDOM

To engage in a different and new range of learning experiences both in and out of school

To take personal responsibility for their learning and to approach all activities in a mature, responsible fashion

RESPONSIBILITY



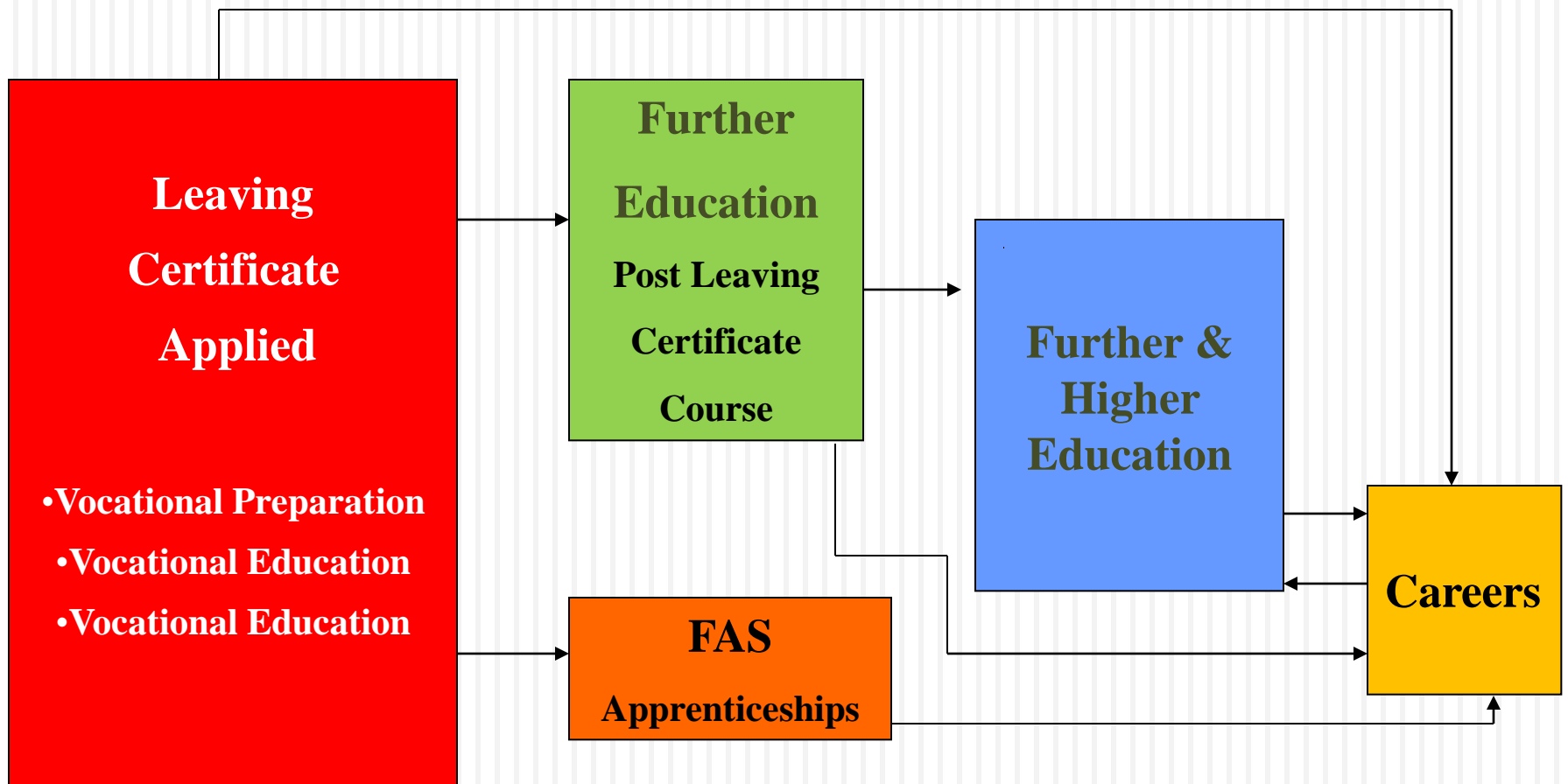
LCA: Certification

□ Certificates awarded at 3 levels:

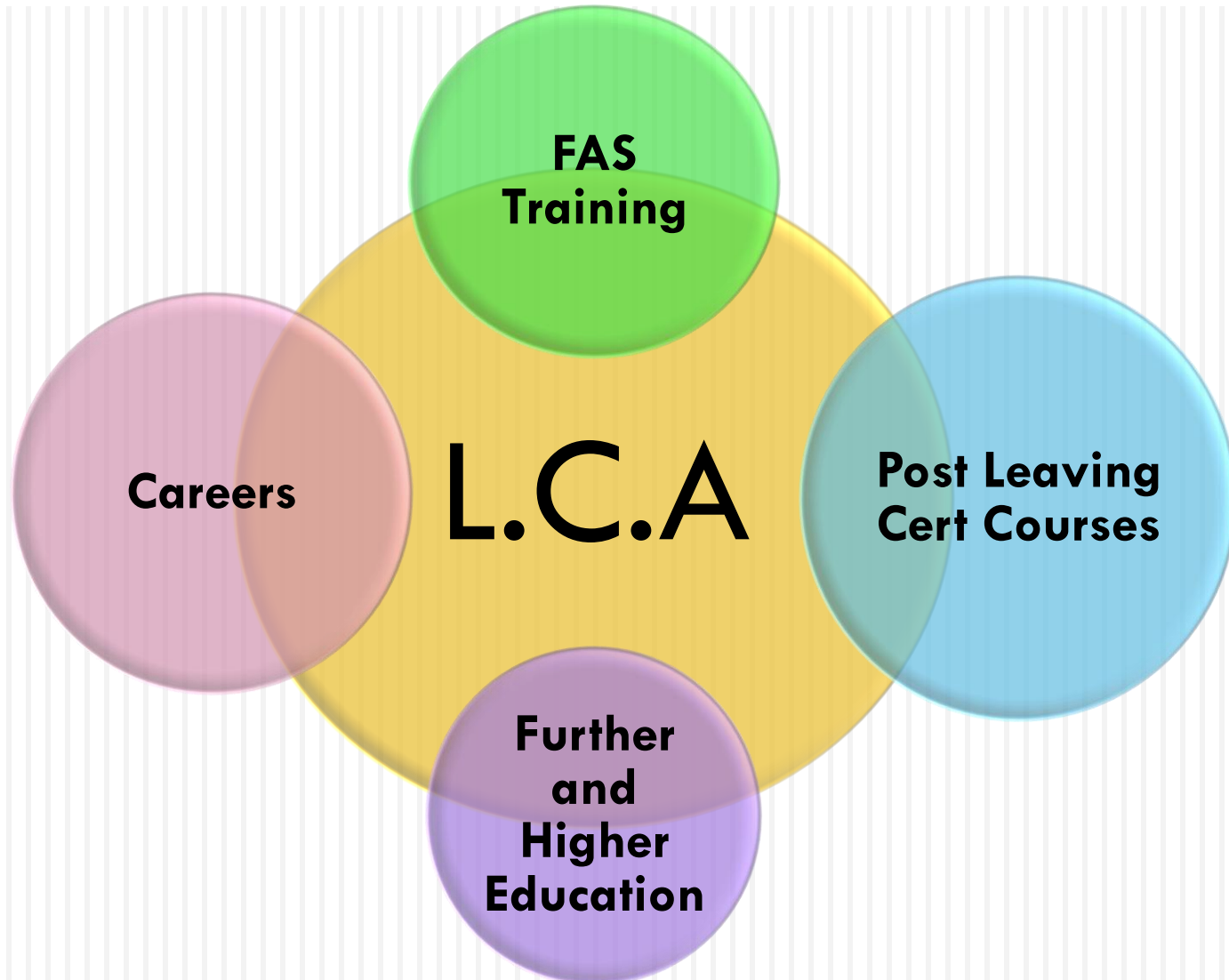
□ Pass	60- 69%	120- 139 credits
□ Merit	70- 84%	140- 169 credits
□ Distinction	85- 100%	170- 200 credits



LCA: Career and Study Options



LCA: Further Education & Careers





LEAVING CERTIFICATE SUBJECT CHOICES



Subject Areas

- **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agri. Science
- **Business:** Accounting, Business, Economics
- **Foreign Language:** French or German
- **General subjects:** History, Geography
- **Specialist subjects:** Art, Music, Home Economics, Construction, DCG, Technology

Foreign Language Requirement

If you wish to go to the following colleges you need to must have a 3rd language in your Leaving Certificate: UCC, UCG, NUI Maynooth and UCD for their Arts, Commerce and Health Science Degrees (excluding Nursing).

It is no longer a requirement for the majority of science or engineering courses. To undertake training for the cadets in the Defence Forces a 3rd language is also required.

Foreign Language Requirement

- For the University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate, Trinity College, DCU or any of the Institutes of Technology you do not require a foreign language for entry unless it is a specific requirement of the course e.g. Business with French

Careers: Medical

- **Nursing**

1 science subject, does not need to be at Honours Level, no foreign language requirement for any college

- **Medicine**

2 science subjects, Honours Chemistry

- **Dentistry**

2 science subjects, Honours Chemistry

Careers: Medical

- **Physiotherapy**

 - 1 or 2 science subjects/maths

- **Occupational Therapy**

 - 1 science subject

- **Radiography**

 - 1 Honours Science – Physics particularly helpful

- **Pharmacy**

 - 2 science subjects, Honours Maths may replace science, Chemistry most relevant

Careers: Medical

- **Dietician (DIT only)**

C3 Chemistry

- **Other science careers**

e.g. Laboratory Technician, Biotechnologist etc.

Degrees in this area usually require at least one science subject.

Careers: Psychology

□ **Psychology**

Usually no specific subject requirements for the degree itself except in NUI Maynooth which requires a science subject.

Careers: Teaching

- **Primary**

C3 in Honours Irish compulsory, foreign language not a requirement

- **Secondary**

Degree in specialist area followed by a one year Higher Diploma in Education

- **Specialised Degrees with Higher Diploma included in Degree**

Science Teaching (UL) – at least one science

Careers: Teaching

- **Construction or Engineering Teaching (UL)** – Construction Studies/ DCG/ Technology helpful
- **PE Teaching (UL/UCC/DCU)**

Careers: Engineering

□ **Engineering**

Honours Degrees – C3 in Honours Math, Physics helpful

It is possible to do engineering without Honours Maths to Ordinary Degree Level at the Institutes of Technology

Careers: Trades

- **Trades**

No specific subjects required. Maths helpful in most trades.

Careers: Business Related

□ **Business-related careers**

Accountancy or Business or Economics helpful although these are not usually a requirement of business courses.

Sometimes Business Degrees are taken with a language and the level of proficiency required varies from course to course.

Careers: Computers/ IT

□ **Computers**

For computer engineering degrees Honours Maths is required.

For most other computer-related courses the only requirement is at least a “B” in Ordinary Level Maths.

Experience in the area is desirable because programming is not for everyone!

Careers: Arts

- **Arts (general subjects at university)**

In most Arts Degrees you pick 4 subjects in First Year. After this you usually specialise in two subjects.

Useful for secondary teaching but difficult to find employment otherwise without further qualifications

Careers: Art/ Design/ Architecture

- **Art/Design/Architecture**

Usually a portfolio of your drawings/art work is required. You will also attend an interview.

Careers: Music

□ Music

You can study music as an arts subject/music performance/music technology.

Most music courses require that you do an audition or have achieved an appropriate level of performance in an instrument.

In any case you won't survive on these courses if you are tone deaf

Careers: Social Care

- **Social Work/Social Care/Social Science/Childcare**

No specific subject requirements.

CAO Points

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Higher</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>HL Maths Bonus</i>
<i>A1</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>A2</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>B1</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>B2</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>B3</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>C1</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>C2</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>C3</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>D1</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>D2</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>D3</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>25</i>
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<i>F</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>NG</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

LCVP	
Distinction	70
Merit	50
Pass	30



**LEAVING CERTIFICATE
VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME
(L.C.V.P)**



What is LCVP?

- The LCVP is the standard Leaving Certificate with an added vocational dimension.
- This is delivered through two 'modules': Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education
- 2 periods per week

LCVP: Subject Groupings

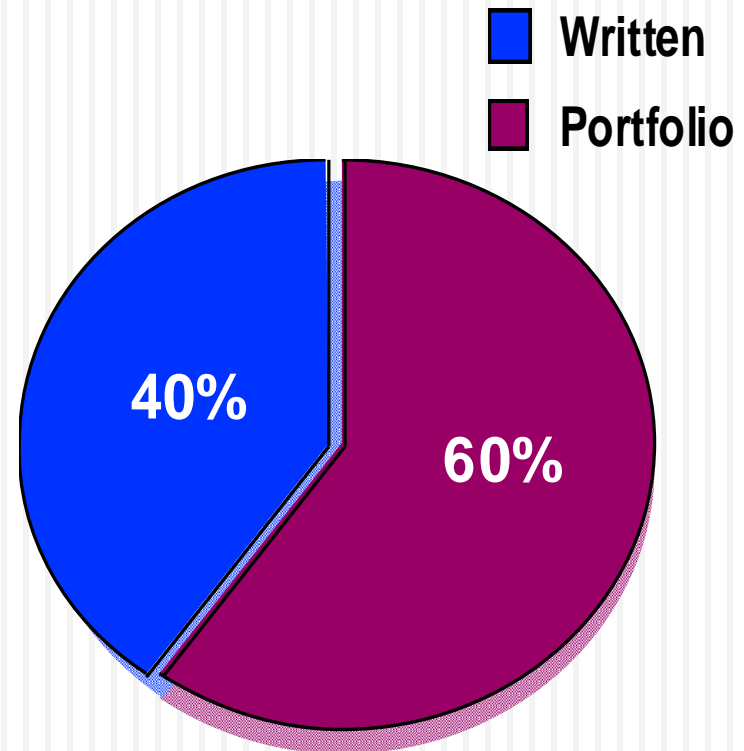
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3. Agricultural Science **and** Construction Studies **or** Engineering **or** Technology **or** Design & Communication Graphics
4. Agricultural Science **and** Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Physics/Chemistry
5. Home Economics; Agricultural Science; 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** Economics

LCVP: Typical Activities

- Invited Visitors
- Site Visits
- Case Studies
- Team Enterprises
- Work Experience
- Computer skills
- Video Interviews

LCVP: Assessment

- Assessment is 2-fold:
 - Portfolio
 - Written Exam



LCVP: Recognition

- Recognised as a LC subject for points purposes by Universities and I.T's
- Results on 4 levels:
 - Unsuccessful
 - Pass 30 CAO points
 - Merit 50 CAO points
 - Distinction 70 CAO points