



Senior Options Information Evening 2023

LEAVING CERT APPLIED- LCA
MCS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



Goals of Presentation:



1. To explain what Leaving Certificate Applied is all about
2. To show the subjects
3. Tasks- explain what they are
4. To explain how LCA is assessed
5. Importance of attendance at school
6. How can a student progress in their education with LCA
7. Why would one consider LCA?



Two year Leaving Certificate Program

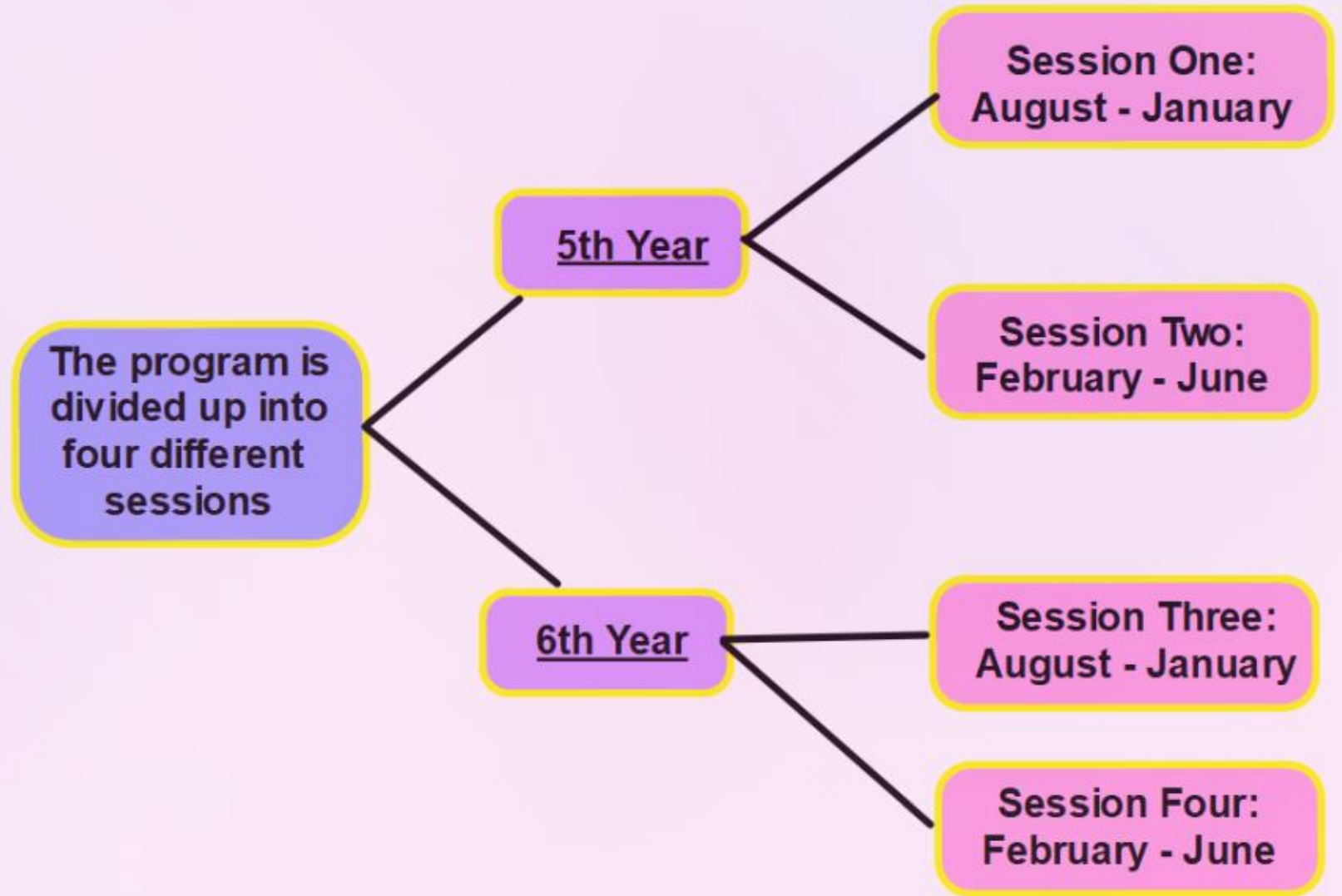
Aimed at students who would benefit from engaging with a practical Leaving Certificate course

Vocational focus – getting students ready for working life



WHAT IS LCA?

Sessions



LCA Subjects at MCS

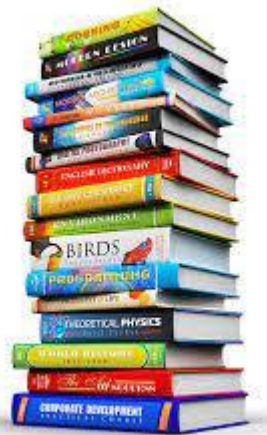


- **English & Communications**
- **Mathematical Applications**
- **Social Education**
- **Spanish**
- **Office Administration & Customer Care (Business-related)**

- **Hotel, Catering & Tourism**
- Leisure and Recreation
- Guidance & Vocational Preparation (VPG)
- Information & Communication Technology (ICT)
- Engineering
- Science

Note: Students who have an Irish exemption will carry this into LCA, while students without one are required to study Irish for 1 year.

*****Subjects in yellow have final exams**





Specialisms & Elective Subjects

Specialisms- subjects that have a final exam, key assignments and task project

Electives- subjects that have key assignments only.

Specialisms	Electives
Office Administration & Customer Care	Engineering (5th Year)
Hotel, Catering & Tourism	Science (6th Year)

Work Experience:



- ▶ Students attend school from Monday to Thursday
- ▶ Work Experience takes place during school hours every Friday
- ▶ Students must source their own work placements.





Seven Student Tasks

- A practical activity or large project whereby the students
 - Make a product
 - Investigate an issue
 - Provide a service
 - Run an event
- Do a report on the Task work
- Are examined through an interview by an **external examiner** after the task



Student Tasks

Session 1

- General Education Task

Session 2

- Vocational Preparation Task
- Vocational Education Task
- Personal Reflection Task Part 1

Session 3

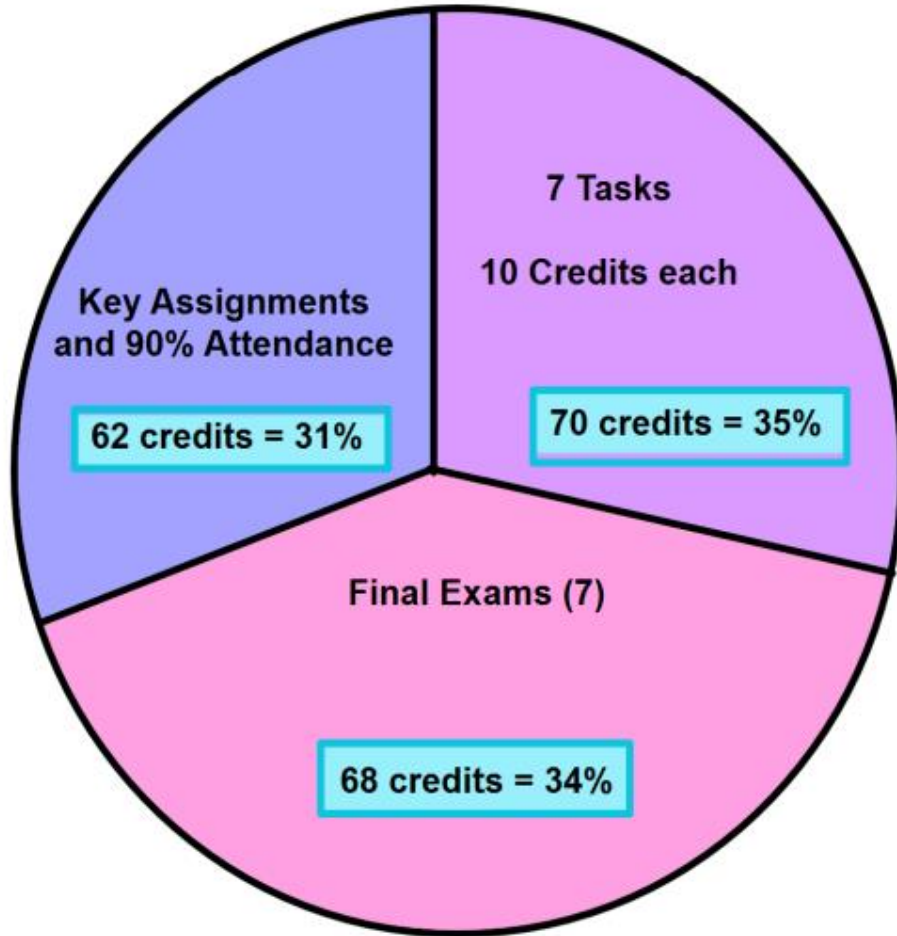
- Vocational Education Task
- Contemporary Issue Task
- Practical Achievement Task

Session 4

- Personal Reflection Task Part 2

What are credits?

- Credits are awarded as students complete and submit coursework
 - 200 credits in total



LCA Modes of Assessment

Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance					62 credits	31%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module• One credit per course module in which there is a final exam• Two credits per course module in which there is NO final exam						
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%



Attendance

- 90% in each subject
- Being on time for school
- Being on time for each class
- Not going home early

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

How is Leaving Certificate Applied Awarded?

LCA Certification

Certification awarded at 3 levels

PASS	120 - 139 credits	60-69%
MERIT	140 - 169 credits	70-84%
DISTINCTION	170 - 200 credits	85-100%

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

Can a student go on to further education and training?

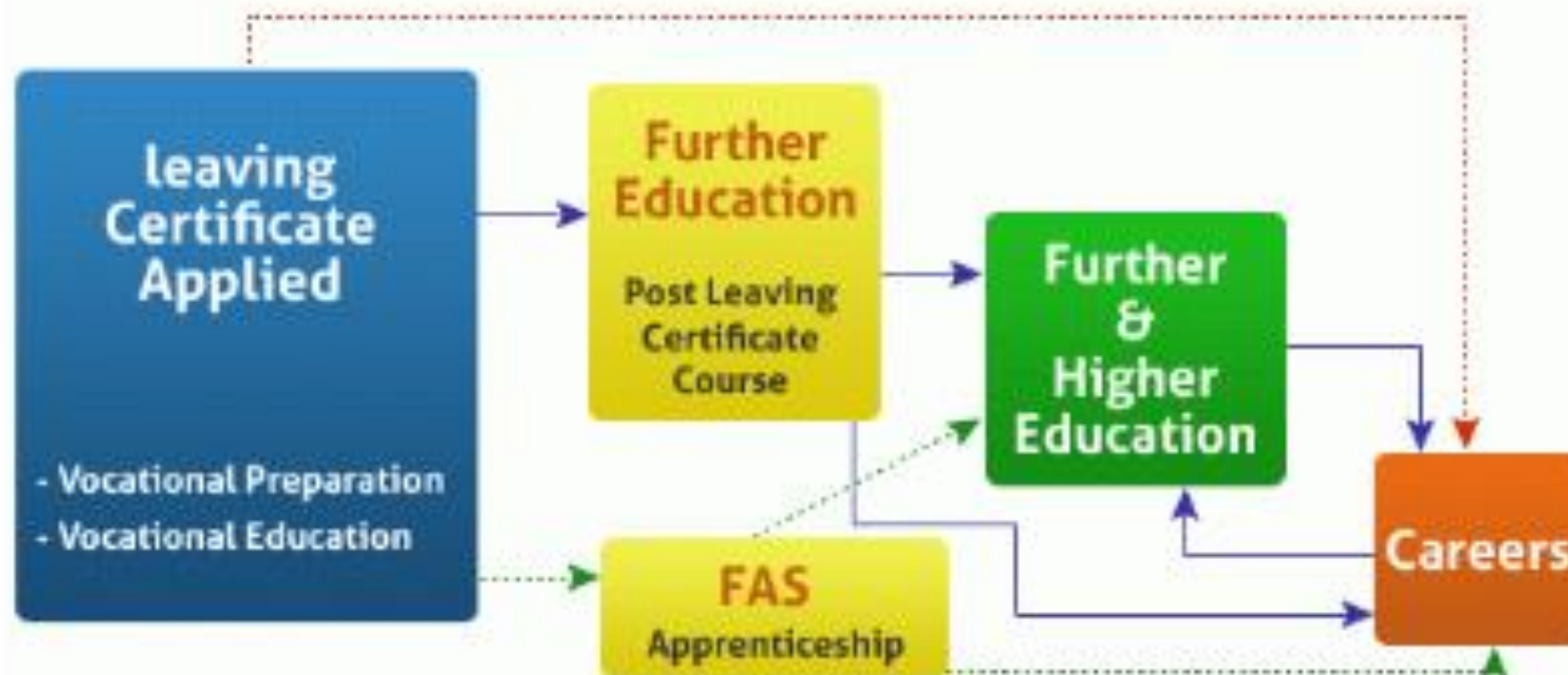
- **Absolutely!!**
 - Accepted for a wide range of Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses at FETAC Level 5.
 - Access to most apprenticeships & other vocational training awards
- **Higher Education**
 - No direct access through CAO
 - Can progress through successful completion of PLC



Progression from LCA



The LCA Route Map.



Is LCA the right choice for you?

LCA is catered towards students who...



Want to stay in
school & get a
Leaving Certificate

Prefers learning by
'doing'

Is motivated by
continuous
assessment

Wants to get work
experience to help
them with their
career choice

Wants to develop
skills which help
them in their future
careers



Final Examinations

These exams take place during the Leaving Certificate Exams in June

1. English & Communications
2. Maths
3. Office Administration & Customer
4. Spanish
5. Office Administration & Customer Care
6. Hotel, Catering & Tourism



Leaving Certificate Applied

- A Different Way

Remember doing LCA:

- ✓ gives you a qualification
- ✓ develops your skills
- ✓ broadens your horizons
- ✓ builds your confidence
- ✓ opens doors to your future career