



# Introduction to Leaving Certificate Applied

# What is LCA?



- A two-year programme
- Aimed at preparing learners for adult and working life
- A practical approach to the Leaving Certificate with a vocational approach

# Why LCA?



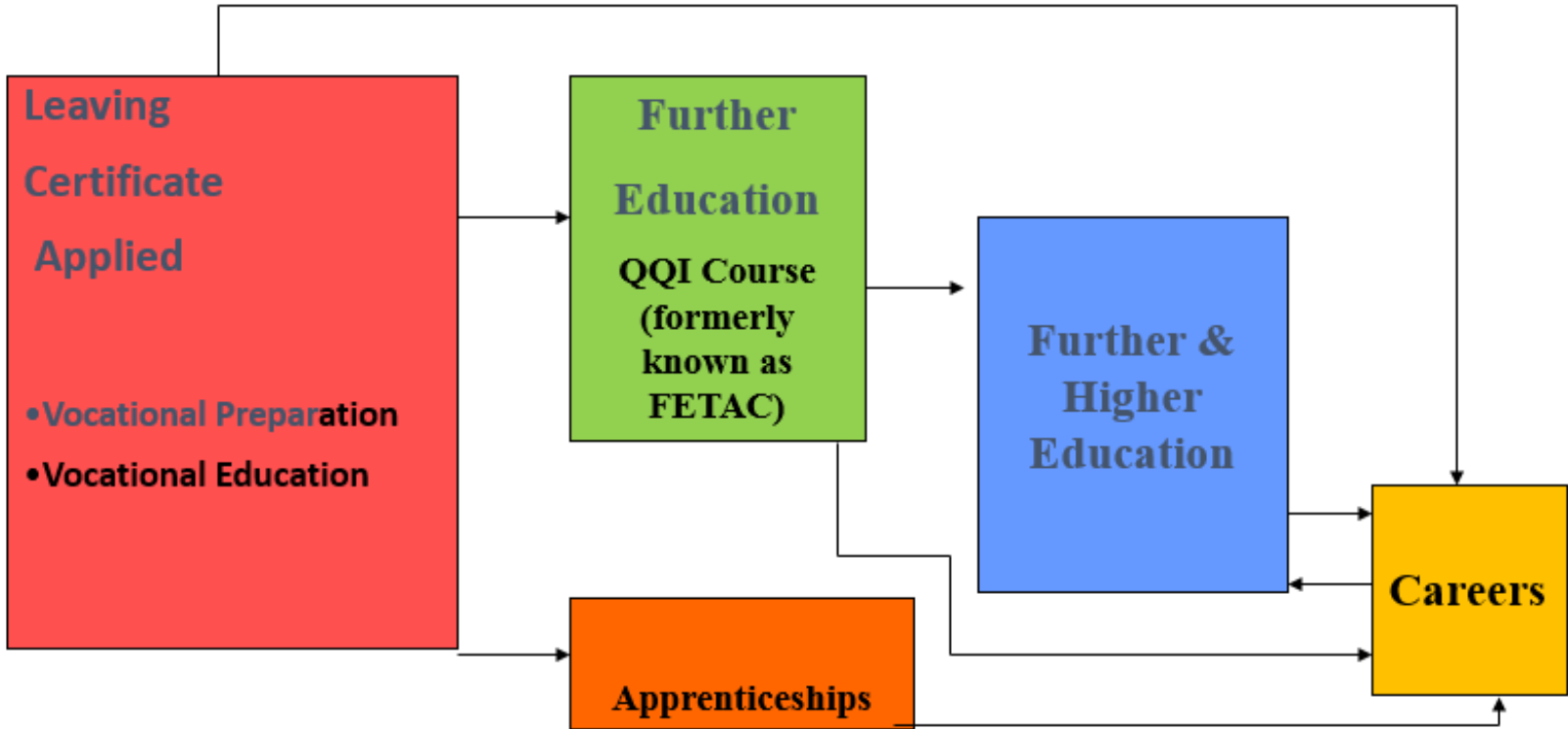
- Based on the recommendations of GCC DEIS report
- Increase in numbers within the school
- To cater for the demands of our student cohort
- Programme was previously delivered in GCC

# Who might choose LCA?

- Someone who wants to stay in school and get a Leaving Certificate
- Someone who prefers learning by doing
- Someone who would be motivated by continuous assessment
- Someone who wants to get work experience to help them with their career choice
- Someone who wants to develop skills which help them in their future career

# The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map

What are the progression paths for LCA?



# What is studied in LCA?

All students of LCA take the following courses (subjects):

- Vocational Preparation and Guidance
- English and Communication
- Mathematical Applications
- Information and Communication Technology
- Arts Education
- Social Education
- Gaeilge Chumarsáideach
- Modern Language
- Leisure and Recreation
- Elective modules



# Plus Specialist Vocational Courses

Schools pick **two** Vocational Specialisms from the following list:

- Active Leisure Studies
- Agriculture/ Horticulture
- Child Care/ Community Care
- Craft and Design
- Engineering
- Graphics and Construction Studies
- Hair and Beauty
- Hotel Catering and Tourism
- Information and Communication Technology
- Office Administration and Customer Care
- Technology



# What is different about LCA?

- It is a practical Leaving Certificate programme
- 90% attendance is required
- Work experience is a significant part of LCA
- The learning experiences are active and practical
- It provides opportunities which enhance the self esteem and confidence of our students



# How is LCA assessed?

- Students' complete terminal exams
- However, there is less emphasis on the final exams
- Coursework is assessed over two years
- Students gain credits over two years
- Students are assessed in different ways such as interviews, written, oral and practical components
- Students receive regular feedback on their success and achievement – four reports from the SEC.

WEEK	TIME	COURSES
9	2.00 – 4.00	Social Education
THURSDAY 10	9.30 – 10.30 9.30 – 12.30 2.00 – 4.30 2.00 – 3.00	George Chamandilach Sign Language (see Note 1) Sign Language (see Note 1) French / German / Spanish / Italian
FRIDAY 11	9.30 – 11.30 2.00 – 3.30	Mathematical Applications Hotel Catering & Tourism
MONDAY 14	9.30 – 11.00 2.00 – 3.30	Engineering Child Care / Community Care
TUESDAY 15	9.30 – 11.00 11.30 – 1.00 2.30 – 4.00	Graphics & Construction Studies Hair & Beauty Office Administration & Customer Care
WEDNESDAY 17	9.30 – 11.00	Agriculture / Horticulture

# LCA Certification

Certificate 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”**.

# Next Steps

- For more information contact our HSCL, Róisín Donnelly, on 0858797991.
- School will approach individual parents regarding LCA suitability.

