

LCVP



LEAVING CERT VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

- LCVP is an intervention designed to enhance the vocational dimension of the Leaving Certificate Established (LCE).
- The programme was introduced in 1994 in response to the challenge placed on Ireland's education system by a changing work and business environment.
- The LCVP combines the academic strengths of the LCE with a new and dynamic focus on self-directed learning, innovation and enterprise.
- This two-year programme is part of an expanded provision that aims to cater for the diversity of participants' needs at senior cycle.

LCVP
students are
encouraged
to:

- Be innovative and enterprising
- Take responsibility for their own learning
- Adapt to changing circumstances
- Evaluate data and devise solutions to problems
- Communicate their thoughts and ideas effectively

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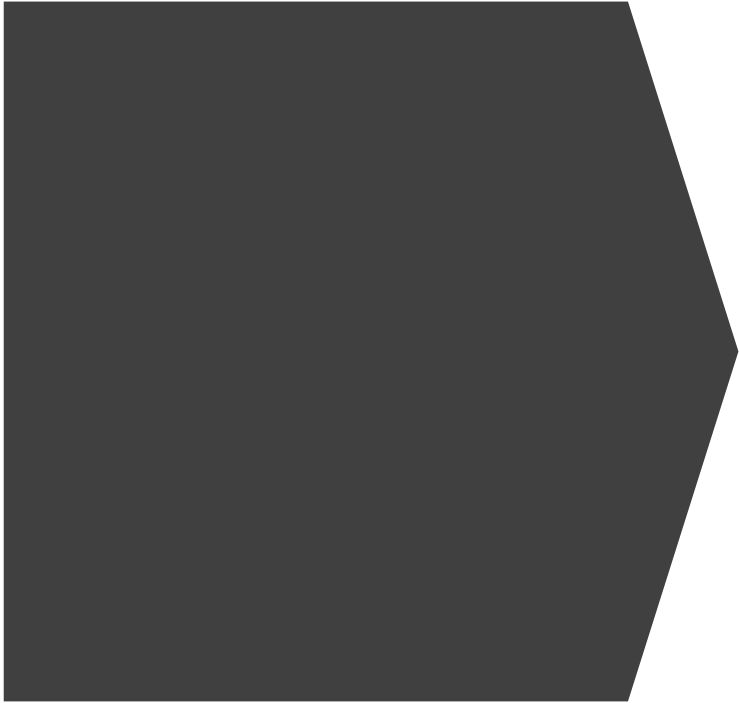
- Work with others as part of a team
- Investigate and plan career options
- Use information and communications technologies
- Investigate local businesses and community enterprises
- Learn from their experiences

LCVP Overview

- These skills and qualities are equally relevant to the needs of those preparing:
 - Further education
 - Seeking employment
 - Planning to start their own business
 - Looking to secure a traineeship or an apprenticeship
- The strong vocational focus of the LCVP is achieved by arranging Leaving Certificate subjects into Vocational Subject Groupings (VSGs)
- Through the provision of additional courses of study in work preparation and enterprise known as the **Link Modules**.

Programme Requirements

- At least **five** Leaving Certificate subjects, one of which must be Irish **plus** the Link Modules (DES Irish Exemptions apply)
- Two of the above subjects must be selected from one of the designated Vocational Subject Groupings
- Link Modules: Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education (in addition to Five subjects)
- A recognised course in a Modern European Language other than Irish or English:



**Vocational Subject
Groupings (VSGs) 2021/2022**

Vocational Subject Groupings (VSG)

Construction Studies; Engineering; Design and Communication Graphics; Technology - **Any Two**

Physics **and** Construction Studies **or** Engineering **or** Technology **or** Design & Communication Graphics

Agricultural Science **and** Construction Studies **or** Engineering **or** Technology **or** Design & Communication Graphics

Agricultural Science **and** Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Physics/Chemistry

Home Economics; Agricultural Science; Biology - **Any Two**

Home Economics **and** Art - Design Option **or** Craft Option

Vocational Subject Groupings (VSG)

Accounting; Business; Economics - **Any two**

Physics **and** Chemistry

Biology **and** Chemistry **or** Physics **or** Physics/Chemistry

Biology **and** Agricultural Science

Art - Design Option **or** Craft Option **and** Design & Communication Graphics

Vocational Subject Groupings (VSG)

Engineering **or** Technology **or** Construction Studies **or** Design & Communication Graphics **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

Home Economics **&** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

Agricultural Science **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

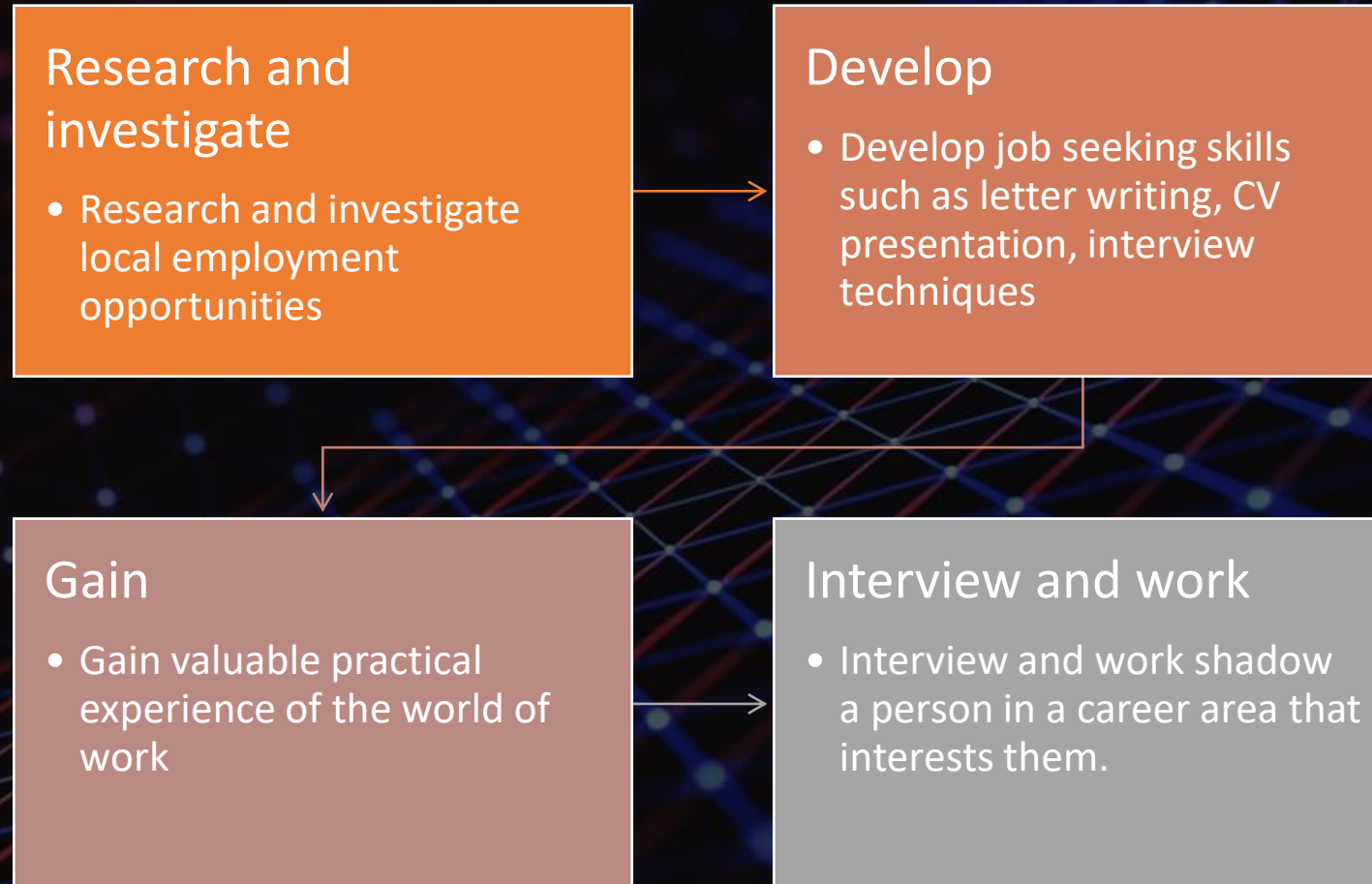
Art **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

Music **and** Accounting **or** Business **or** Economics

The link Modules

- Students taking the Leaving Certificate Examination will follow two Link Modules over the course of the two years.

Link Module I – Preparation for the World of Work



Link Module II – Enterprise Education

Involved

- Involved in organising visits to local business and community enterprises

Meet and interview

- Meet and interview enterprising people on site and in the classroom

Plan and undertake

- Plan and undertake interesting activities that will build self-confidence, creativity, initiative and develop teamwork, communication and computer skills.



Schedule of Work in 5th Year

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| Sep/Oct | Introduction to world of work and job-seeking skills Preparation for CV for the portfolio |
| Nov/Dec | Preparation Visit in or Visit out (Introduction to enterprise education) Production of a Summary Report based on visit |
| Jan/Feb/Mar | Preparation for work placement Going on work placement (3 days post mid-term) Writing up Diary of Work Experience |
| April/May | Completing first 3 portfolio items Revision of year 1 work Summer exam preparation |



Schedule of Work in 6th Year

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| Sep/Oct | Preparation for Career Investigation Production of Career investigation |
| Nov/Dec | Enterprise Action plan (visit out/in or other activity) |
| Jan/Feb | Completion/refinement of overall portfolio Recorded interview Preparation for Mocks |
| Mar/April | Exam preparation for early May |

ASSESSMENT OF LCVP

- LCVP students sit all LC subjects as normal.
- The Link Modules are assessed by Written Examination (40%) and by Portfolio of Coursework (60%).
- The Portfolio of coursework must be submitted on the first Wednesday in March. The written examination takes place the first Wednesday in May of the Leaving Certificate Year.
- The examination is of two and a half hours duration and consists of three sections which are outline below.

ASSESSMENT OF LCVP

The structure of the Written Examination is as follows:

Section A Audio Visual Presentation

Section B Case Study (received in advance by students)

Section C General Questions (4 out of 6)

The Portfolio of Coursework accounts for 60% of total marks.

Students assemble the portfolio over two years.

The Portfolio and Written Examination are externally assessed by the Department of Education & Skills after the March submission in 6th yr.

LCVP SEC Certification

LCVP students receive the same certificate as other Leaving Certificate students but their Certificate includes an additional statement of the results of the Link Modules.

The Link Modules are recognised for points purposes by the Institutes of Technology and the Universities.

LCVP Grade Descriptors & CAO Points

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| Distinction | 66 points |
| Merit | 46 points |
| Pass | 28 points |





Timetabling of LCVP

- LCVP is considered an extra subject in Garbally
- You choose it in addition to 7 other subjects
- It is timetabled for a double class period (80mins) every week in 5th and 6th year.
- Against Double PE
- It meets entry requirements for Third Level
- It can be counted for points purposes as part of your best 6 grades in the leaving cert

Successful LCVP Student

Highly motivated

Students using LCVP for points

Self Directed & Self Regulated

Good Time Management Skills

Good Listener

Digital Literacy

A student that wants to learn about the world of work

Don't opt for
LCVP if

You are a PE Dodger

Lack personal responsibility

Student taking 6 or 7 higher subjects
may have enough on..

Not counting LCVP for points