

EUREKA



Transition Year Programme 2023/2024

The Mission....

To promote the personal, social, educational and vocational development of pupils and to prepare them for their role as autonomous, participative, and responsible members of society.

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What is Transition Year ?

Transition Year is an optional one year, school-based programme between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle.

It is designed to act a bridge between the two by facilitating the smooth transition from the more dependent learning of Junior Cycle to the more independent, self directed learning required for Senior Cycle.

It also allows students **TIME** to acquire and develop skills and competencies.

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- Transition Year provides students with an opportunity to...
- Engage in **independent, self directed learning...**
- Which focuses on the **development of the individual student...**
- While at the same time **building self confidence, self esteem, social awareness and maturity**



Why choose TY?

Age can be a factor.

Academic Advantages.

The advantage of Work Experience & Career Investigations.

The advantage of subject choice for Senior Level.

Self confidence and Leadership.

Time to explore areas of interest and hobbies.

Personal Development.

Self discovery? – what am I good at?

Experiential education.

Social Contribution.

Transition Year in Eureka.

THE TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAMME IS SCHOOL BASED AND CONSIDERS ETHOS, RESOURCES AND THE AIMS OF THE SCHOOL.



STUDENT FOCUSED









VARIED METHODOLOGIES



SCHOOL BASED ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

What is expected of our Transition Year Students.

-  Commitment & Motivation– to the year, to work, deadlines, assignments, to each other!
-  Enthusiasm – Get involved – break the boundaries and reach for your goals, try everything!
-  Ambition – to go that one step further!
-  Co-operation – with TY teaching team, employers, guest speakers...
-  Be open – to new ideas, to forging new links and experiencing all that TY has to offer
-  Initiative – put forward ideas, learn a new skill, take an interest!

Transition Year is made up of 4 main layers

Core Layer

Irish	English
Mathematics	Religion
Modern Foreign Language	MOS
Physical Education	Career Guidance

Leaving Cert Subject Sampling Layer

- +Accounting +Agricultural Science
- +Art + Applied Mathematics
- +Biology +Business
- +Chemistry + DCG
- +Geography
- +History +Home Economics
- +Music
- +Physics

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Module or Subject Layer

Interior Design. Craft. Cookery
Film Studies - Environmental Science
– Community Care
Mini Company - Peer Education - Politics
– Public Speaking
Sociology - Technology
Young Social Innovators (YSI)
Business Enterprise
LIFT – GAA Future Leaders

Calendar 'Once-Off' Layer

Work Experience Mock Interviews
Guest Speakers Charity Fundraisers
School Musical Gaisce Awards
Meath Sports Partnership Peer Training
Day Trips (Bonding, Cultural, Historical,)
Fashion Show Portfolio Interviews
TY School Tour (May)

**Competitions: Art, Debating, Public Speaking, Poetry,
Writing, BT Young Scientist, SciFest, Graduate.ie, Rotary
Club Competition**

TY Musical –

This year the Musical
takes place on 28th, 29th
Feb & 1st March in Kells
Theatre



Sample Layer & Extra-curricular Activities





Gaisce is focused on, and driven by, the following **core values**:

- ☐ Empowerment
- ☐ Inclusion & Equality
- ☐ Respect
- ☐ Excellence



Bronze Award*	Challenge Areas				
	1.	2.	3.		
	Personal Skill	Community Involvement	Physical Recreation	Personal Skill or Community Involvement or Physical Recreation	Adventure Journey
	13 weeks	13 weeks	13 weeks	+ 13 weeks in one area	2. days, 1 night



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RCSI Transition Year Programme

All sections of the programme are carried out by leading professionals in their respective areas with a wide variety of topics – including general practice, heart surgery, pathology, paediatrics, forensic medicine, transplants, obstetrics and gynaecology being covered during the programme.

- RCSI TY Mini Med
- RCSI TY Mini Pharmacy
- RCSI TY Mini Physiotherapy



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COLÁISTE RÍOGA NA MÁINLEÁ IN ÉIRINN

TY Community Care



What are the Benefits of Completing TY

Academic Advantages: Students get the opportunity to sample a wide range of subject areas and can therefore make more informed choices about the kind of Leaving Certificate subjects and programme they chose.

Studies show that TY students score 50 CAO points more on average and a higher percentage go on to study in 3rd Level

The year enables students to take greater responsibility for their own learning and decision making.

Benefits...



Career & Work Experience



Time allocation to explore different career options and then pursue work experience in these areas.



Students will get interview experience, learn to write CV's, complete Career investigations and sample 3rd level courses (Mini Med)



Benefits...

Self Confidence & Leadership.

Public speaking and Debating

Leadership Courses

Community Care





Benefits...

Personal Development.

Time Management

Team Work

Independence



Certification

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Over the course of the year students take part in various certified competitions and courses such as Young Social Innovators & GAISCE.

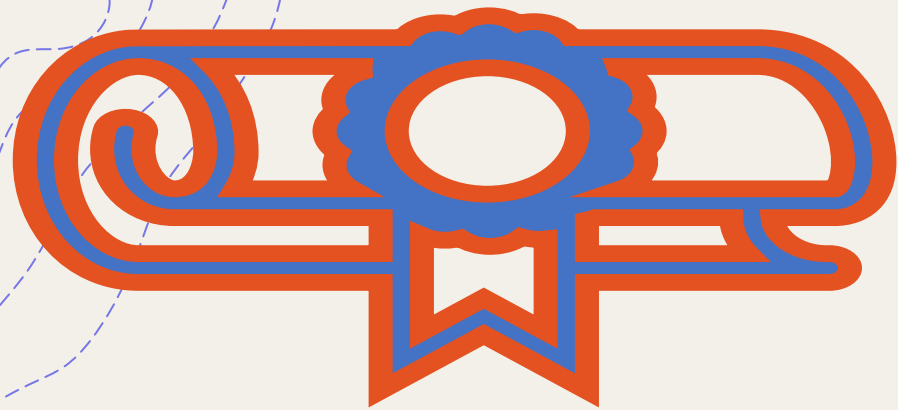
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Students will receive a certificate of completion once all credits and assessments have been completed.

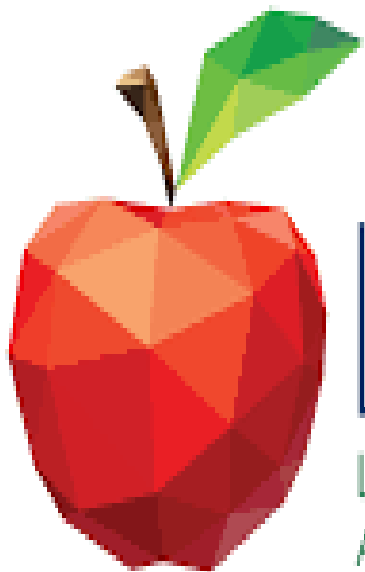


Assessment

- + We will use a credit-based system for each subject and module completed throughout the year. Grades are awarded in the Leaving Certificate Sample subjects.
- + The Credit system will be negotiated between the Teacher and the students at the commencement of each module.
- + A Portfolio interview is held at the end the school year (May 2025) to assess the programme and student learning.



Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)



LCA

Leaving Certificate Applied
Ardteistiméireacht Fheidhmeach

2024/2025

Introduction..



Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) is a practical Leaving Certificate Programme.



It places particular emphasis on preparation for the world of work and life-long learning.



The learning experiences of students are **active** and **practical**. This means that students apply their knowledge, skills and experience to real life situations in the school, in the workplace and in the wider community.



Rationale

- + 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

Leaving Certificate Applied

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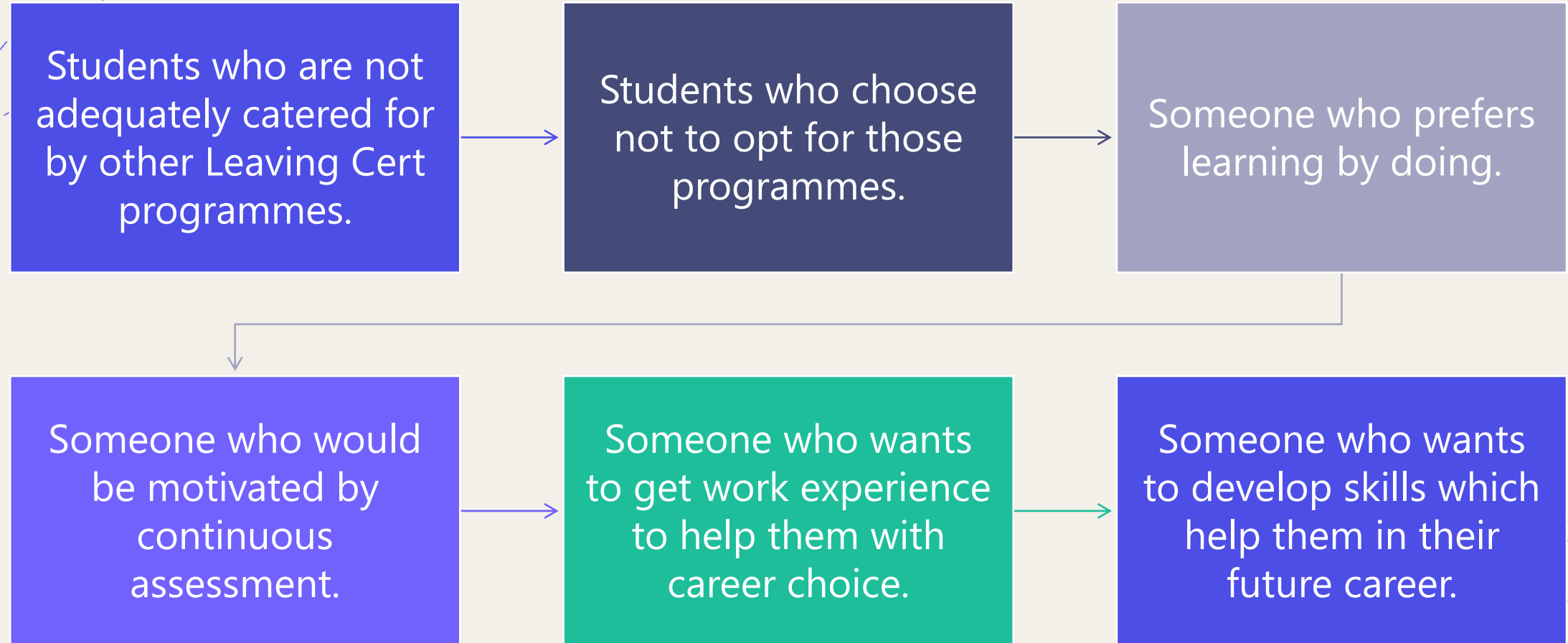
What does LCA Provide?

Provides students with a wealth of opportunities which enhance the self esteem and confidence of students.

Provides an opportunity for work experience which is a significant component of the programme. Students get to sample a range of jobs and get first hand experience of the world of work.

Provides regular feedback from SEC which can shape their future successes and achievements.

Who should consider LCA

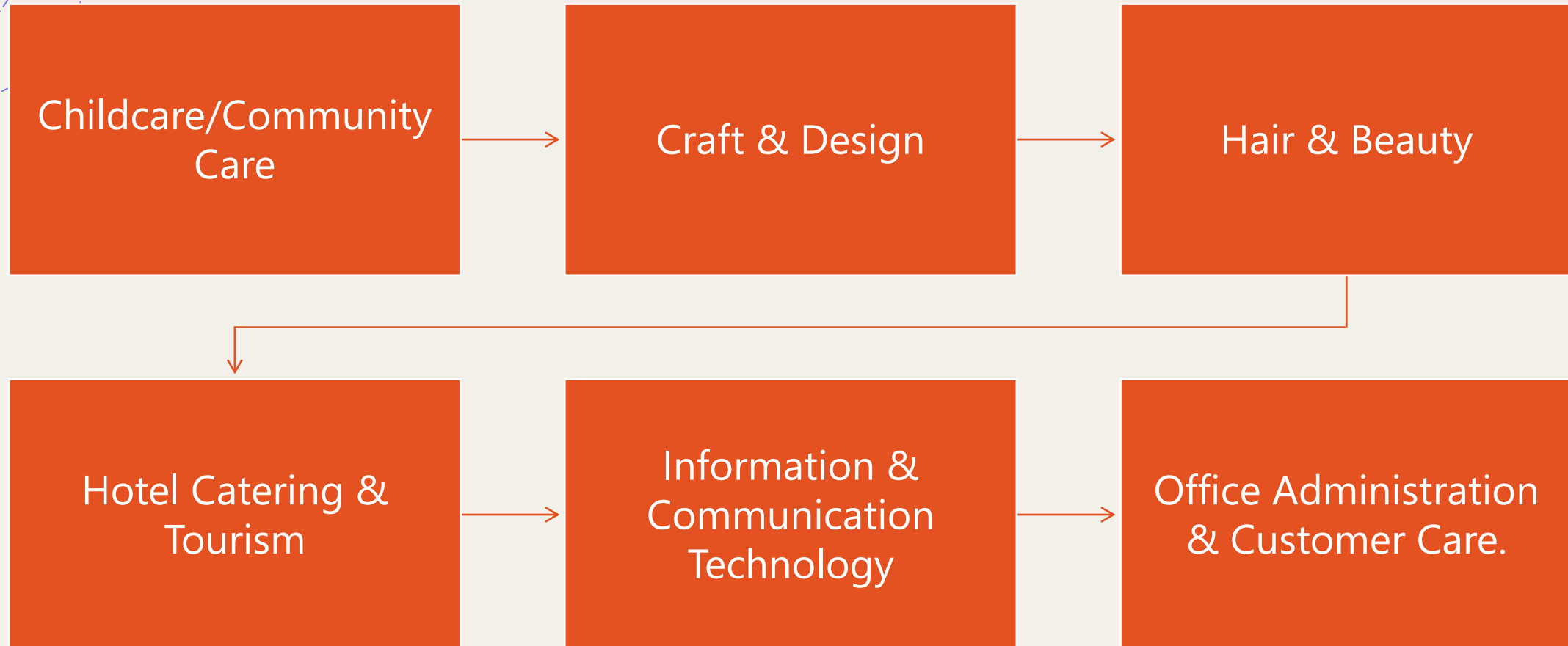


LCA Curriculum (2 Years, 4 Sessions)

- + Vocational Preparation & Guidance
- + English & Communications
- + Mathematical Applications
- + Information Technology

- + Vocational Specialisms
- + Arts Education
- + Languages
- + Leisure & Recreation
- + Social Education
- + Elective Modules

Specialisms here in Eureka





Assessment of Modules

Requirement:

- + **90% Attendance across all modules.**
- + Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module
- + Modules of non-examination courses have a value of two credits (Religious Ed, Drama etc)
- + Modules of courses which have a final examination have a value of one credit (Mathematical Applications, English, Languages etc)

Assessment Tasks

Requirements:

- +Evidence of task completion
- +Individual task report
- +Individual presentation of task at interview with external examiner (except Personal Reflection task)



Certificate awarded at three levels:

<u>Award</u>	<u>Mark (%)</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Pass	60 – 69	120 – 139
Merit	70 – 84	140 – 169
Distinction	85 - 100	170 - 200

Thank you.

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- +Thank you for your time and attention.
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