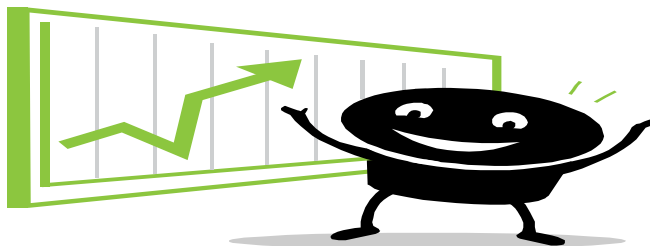




DRUMSHANBO
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

LCA: LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a two-year programme available to students who wish to follow a **PRACTICAL** Leaving Cert Programme with a **VOCATIONAL** focus to prepare students for **adult and working life.**



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Leaving Certificate Applied

Ardeaisáiméireacht: Fheidhmeach

- A Different Way

2 Year Practical Leaving Certificate

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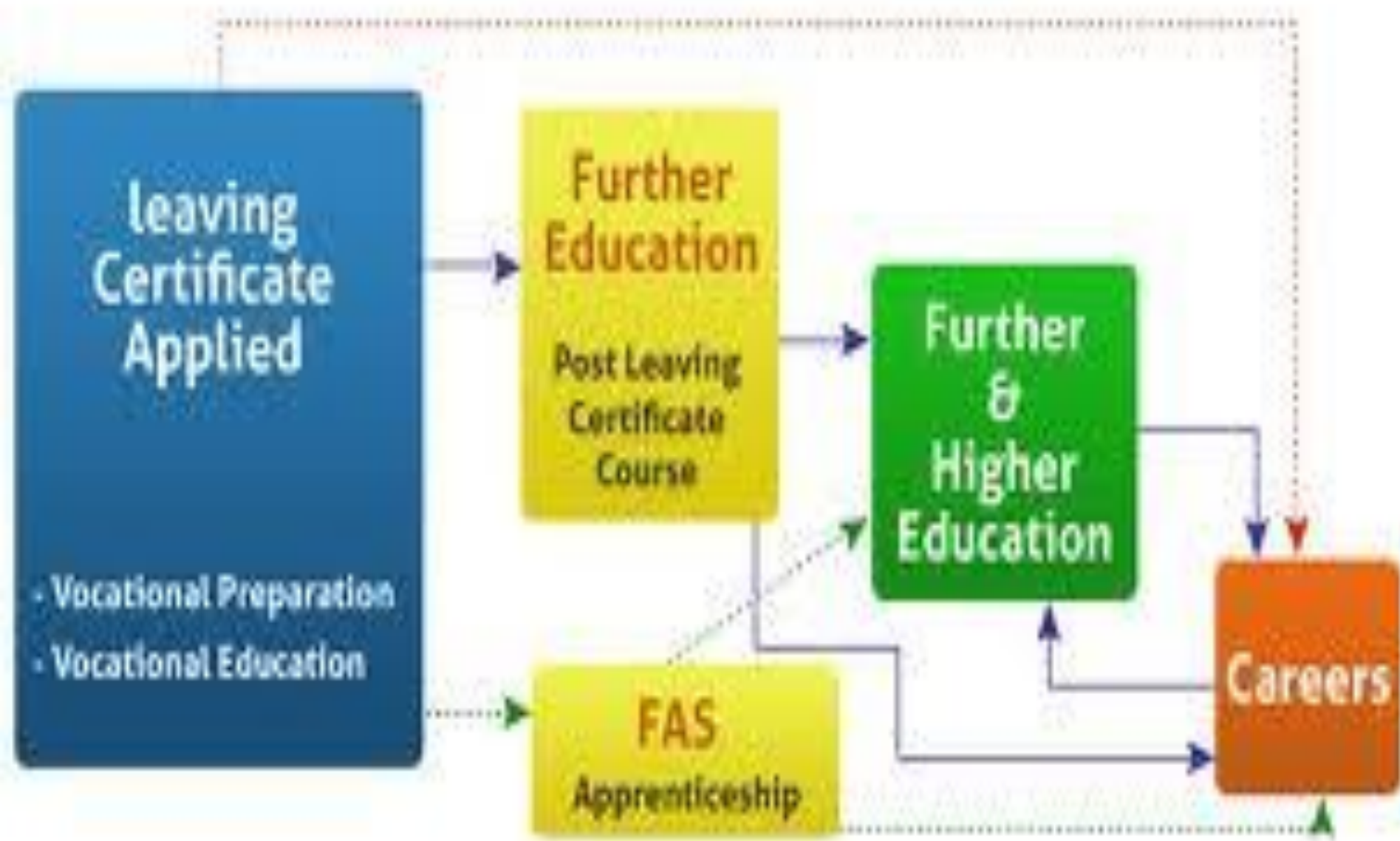
success
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The LCA Route Map.

FOR THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED



Course Structure

- 2 Year Programme with Work Experience **every Friday** (4 days in D.V.S., 1 day “at work”)
- Divided into 4 half-year blocks called **Sessions**
- **Key assignments** must be completed during each session
- It is **continuous assessment**- marked over the two years
- **90% attendance** is a major part of this course



Course Structure cont'd

- There are **7 tasks (projects)** to complete over the 2 years
- English and Communications, Mathematical Applications, Social Education, Spanish/French, Hotel Catering and Tourism, Irish, Agriculture & Horticulture



Subjects

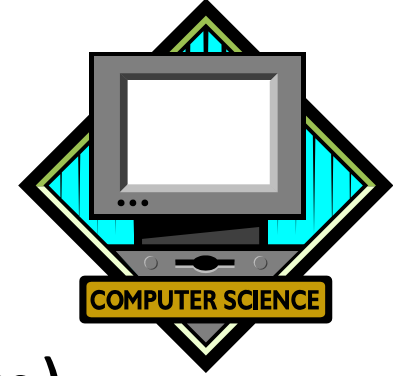
Students must complete all of the following subjects in LCA:

- English and Communications
- Mathematical Applications
- 1 of Gaeilge (Irish) and Spanish / French will be covered each year i.e. ONE in 5th year and ONE in 6th year
- Vocational Preparation: Guidance, Jobsearch, Enterprise 1 & 2, Work Experience 1,2 & 3 , Community Work, Work and Living





Subjects



- Hotel, Catering and Tourism (Specialism)
- Agriculture and Horticulture (Specialism)
- Introduction to Communication and Technology (ICT) in 5th Year & 6th Year
- Engineering (Elective)
- Graphics and Construction Studies (Elective)
- Music / Drama (Elective)
- Social Education
- Leisure and Recreation



Do Leaving Certificate Applied students receive a Leaving Certificate?

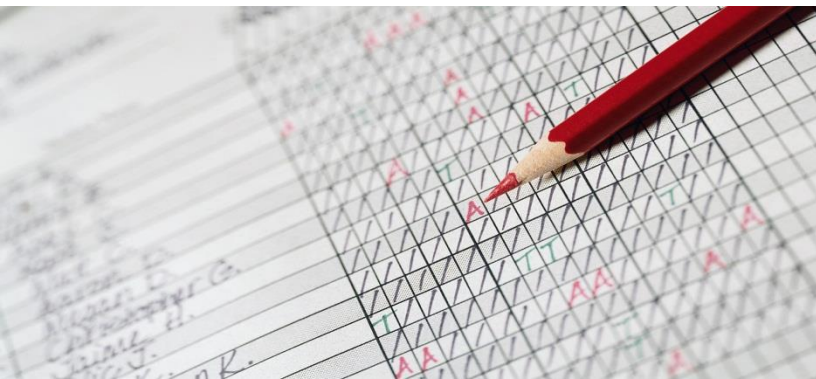
- **Yes.**

Students who successfully complete the programme receive a Leaving Certificate from the State Examinations Commission. All credits awarded will be recorded on the LCA parchment.



RESULTS: GRADES

- Students can get 200 credits over the two years.
- 62 in school: Attendance and completing Key Assignments
- 70 from tasks: projects and interviews
- 68 from exams



Students can obtain a total of 200 credits over 4 sessions in two years:

Year 1

Session 1: 26 credits

- 16 credits for completing modules
- 10 credits for completing a task

Session 2: 45 credits

- 19 credits for completing modules
- 20 credits for completing tasks
- 6 for an examination

Year 2

Session 3: 42 credits

- 12 credits for completing modules
- 30 credits for completing task work.

Session 4: 87 credits

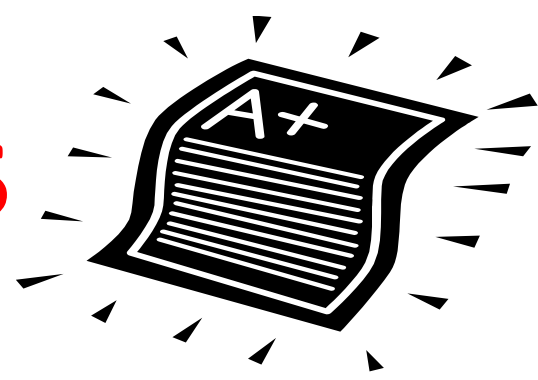
- 15 credits for completing modules
- 10 credits for completing task work
- 62 credits for examinations

EXAM CREDITS:

- English and Communication- 12 credits
- Vocational Specialisms -12 credits each
(Agriculture / Horticulture AND Hotel,
Catering & Tourism)
- Languages- Spanish/French (6 credits),
Irish (6 credits)
- Social Education- 10 Credits
- Mathematical Applications- 10 Credits

**Students obtain a total of 71 credits in LCA1 and
129 credits in LCA2.**

RESULTS: GRADES



- Students need:
- 60% to Pass: 120 credits
- 70% to get a Merit: 140 credits
- 85% to get a Distinction: 170 credits



WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO WHEN THEY FINISH LCA?



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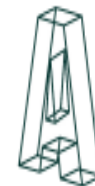
- Look for a job
- Get an Apprenticeship (SOLAS)
- Apply to do a Post Leaving Certificate course (PLC)
- Complete PLC course and continue onto college or get a job.
- Apply to become a guard, army officer, cadet, hotel employee, Civil Service clerical officer, a bank clerk.....and lots lots more!!

SOLAS
learning works

YOU CANNOT GO DIRECTLY INTO THIRD LEVEL COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES



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