



Welcome!

**LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED
2023/2024**

TELL ME AND I FORGET
TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER

INVOLVE ME

AND I LEARN

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What is LCA?

- The **Leaving Certificate Applied** is a two year Leaving Certificate available to students who wish to follow a **practical** Leaving Certificate programme with a **vocational focus**.



Rationale for LCA

1. Prepares learners for the demanding transition to adult and working life.
2. Recognises talents of all learners - programme responsive to aptitudes, abilities, needs and interests.
3. Provides opportunity to develop in terms of responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge.
4. Develops communication and decision making skills.
5. Helps learners achieve a more independent and enterprising approach to learning and to life.

Questions to ask yourself

Have I.....

- ...an aptitude for practical subjects?
- ...an interest in learning about the workplace?
- ...an ability to work on projects?
- ...an inclination towards continuous assessment?
- ...a difficulty with spending hours on homework and study for the Leaving Cert ?

What is different about LCA?

- It is a practical Leaving Certificate Programme which places an emphasis on **preparation for the world of work and life-long learning**.
- **Work Experience** is a significant component of the programme: 4 placements attended in each session, **every Friday**.
- The Learning Experiences are **active** and **practical** where students apply their knowledge, skills and experience to **real-life situations**.
- There is **less emphasis on the final examination** as coursework is **assessed throughout the two years** and students' gain credits as they go along.
- Student's work is **assessed in different ways** including interviews, written, oral and practical components.
- It does not lead to the traditional CAO system.

What is different about LCA?

- **90% Attendance is required**
- **Work Experience:** Four different placements over 2 years. Takes place every Friday.

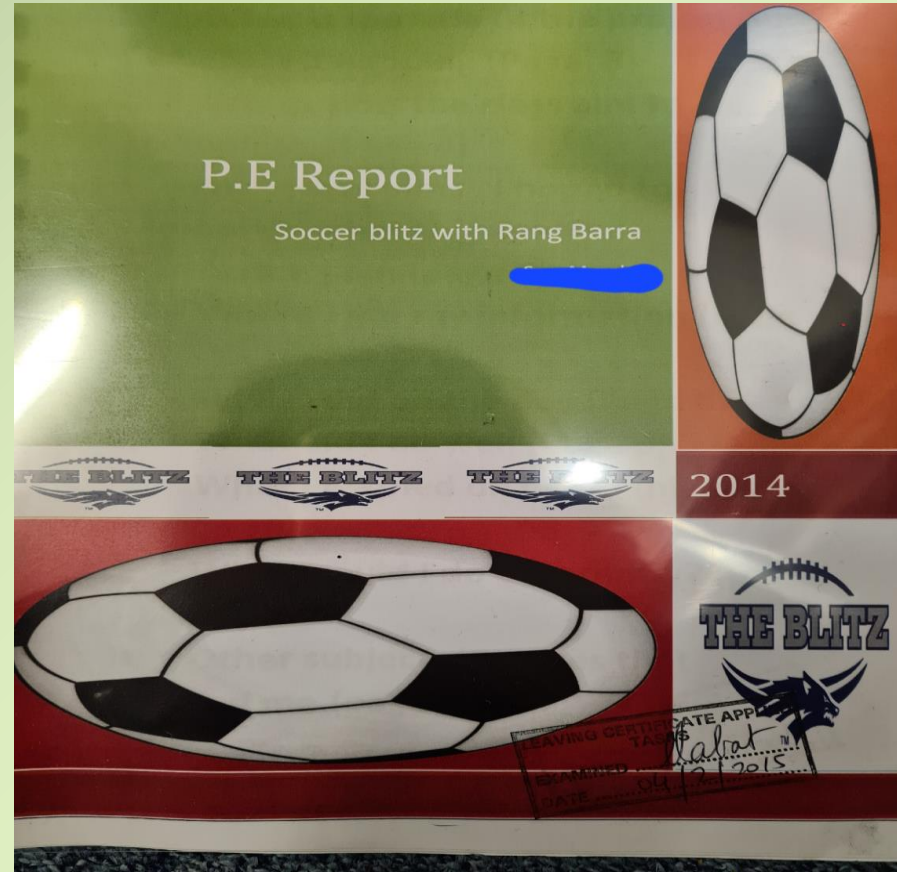
- **Tasks:**

Assessment of Tasks

Requirements

- evidence of task completion
- individual task report
- individual presentation of task at **interview** with external examiner appointed by the SEC.

Examples of Tasks



What are 'credits'?

- As students complete and submit their coursework they are awarded what are called **credits**.

LCA Modes of Assessment							
Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance						62 credits	31%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of completion of 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 & Communications	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%

Overall Assessment

- **Certificate awarded at three levels:**
- Pass 60-69 % (120 - 139 credits)
- Merit 70-84 % (140 - 169 credits)
- Distinction 85-100 % (170 - 200 credits)

What **courses** (subjects) are offered in LCA?

- All LCA Students take the following:
- Vocational Preparation and Guidance.
- English and Communication
- Mathematical Applications
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Arts Education
- Social Education
- Gaelige Chumarsáideach
- Modern Language – Spanish
- Leisure and Recreation
- Electives: Religion and Science



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In addition to this, students also complete two specialist vocational courses:

In GCC students choose **two** of the following:

- Graphics and Construction Studies
- Hair and Beauty
- Technology
- Hotel, Catering and Tourism

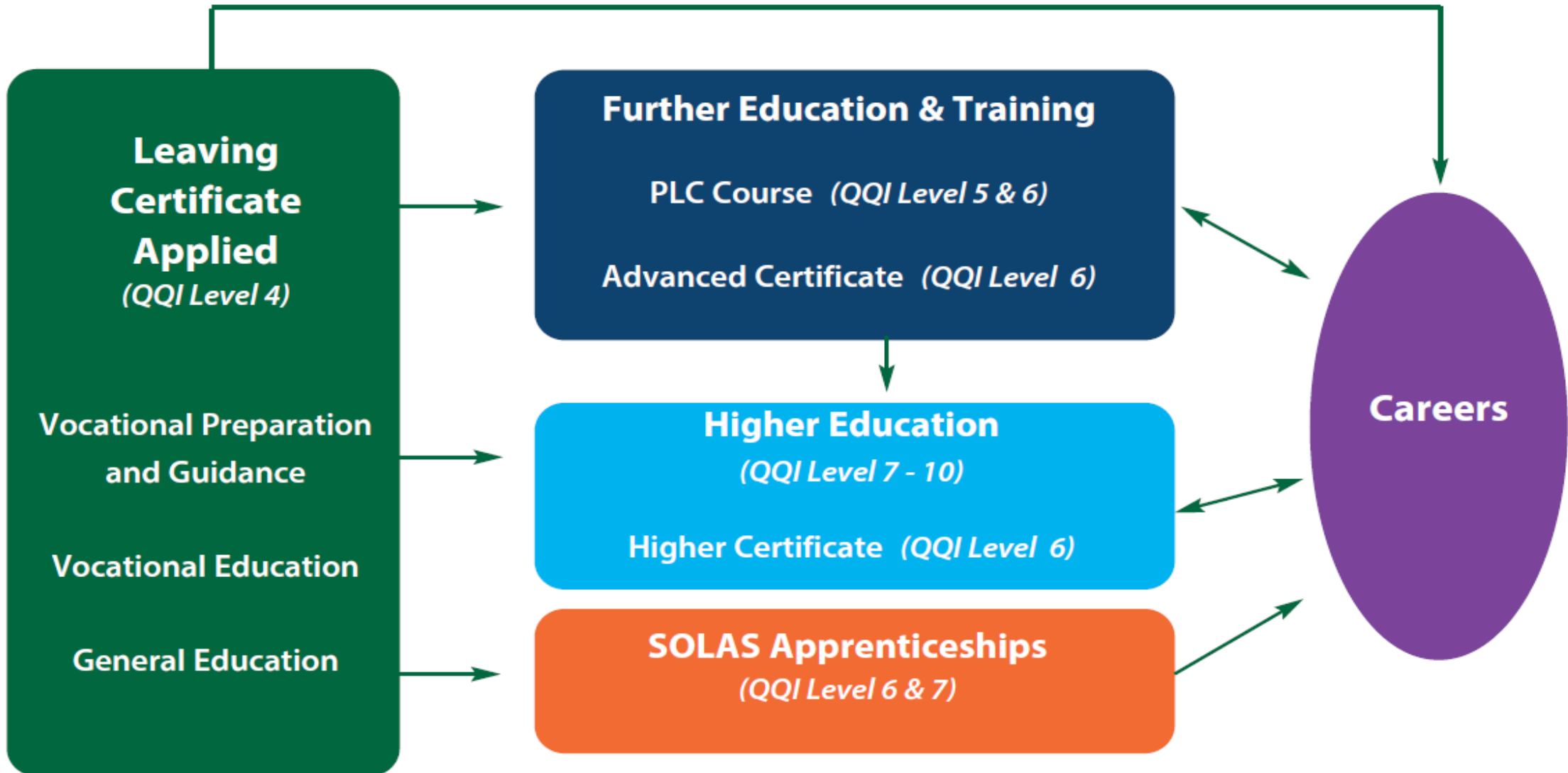


What Can I DO with LCA?

- LCA is accepted for a wide range of PLC courses at FETAC Level 5 in further education centres such as The College of Commerce or St John's College of Further Education, Colaiste Stiofain Naofa (CSN)
- Students then use this qualification as a stepping stone to some universities.
- Apprenticeships for example The Cork Training Centre
- Join the Defence Forces
- Join The Gardai
- Employment

Leaving Certificate Applied Pathways

Route Map Options



The student voice: why would you recommend LCA?

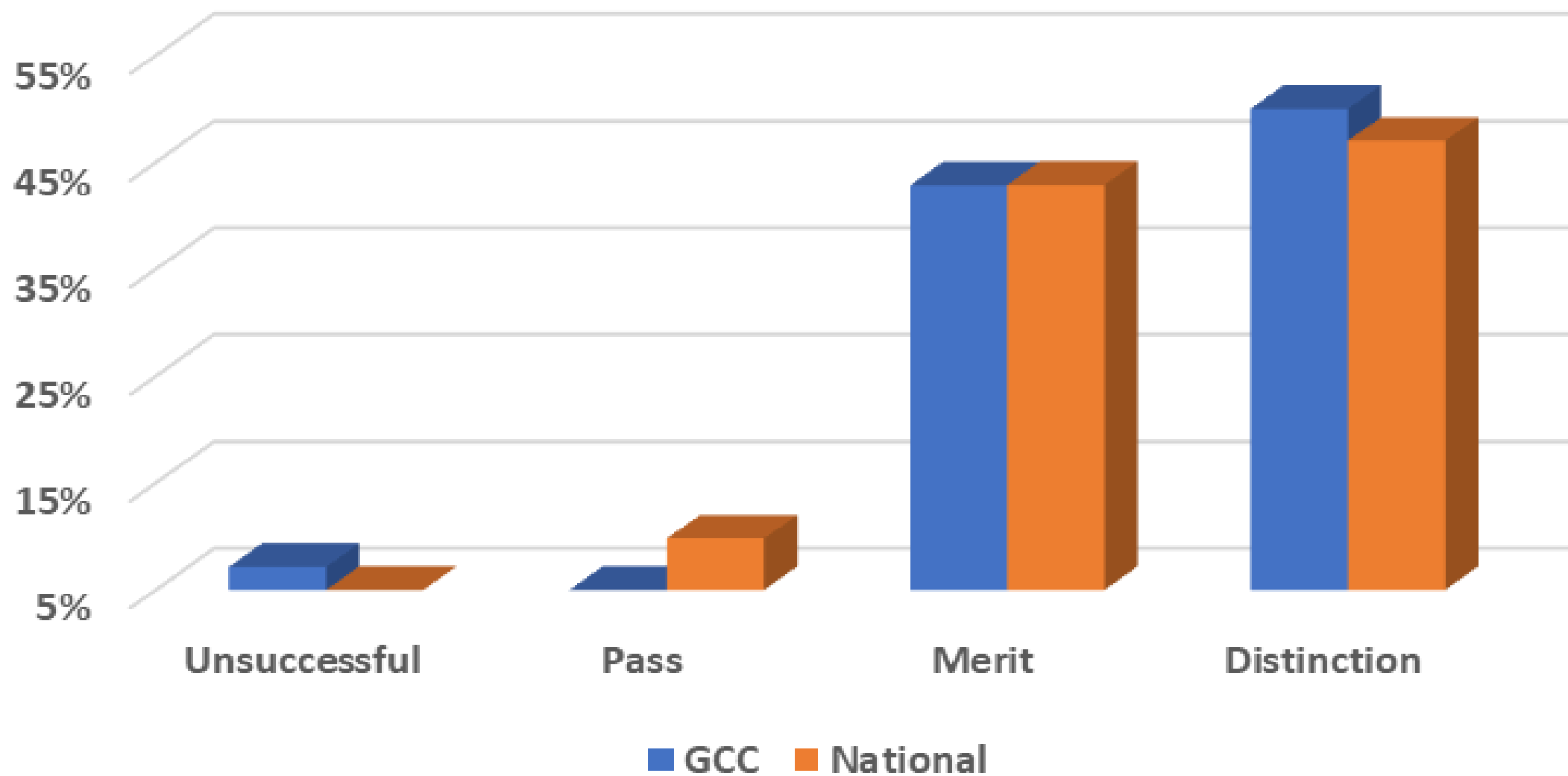
- No school on Fridays
- Work Experience
- No homework
- Teachers interact with you more
- Trips outside of school
- Practical Learning
- Learning about real life







LCA Results 2022



DATES!

25/11/2022 - Electronic form will be sent via text to parents.

09/12/2022 - Deadline for completed forms online.

27/01/2023 - Notification of place in LCA Programme

10/02/2023 - Deadline for acceptance of place in LCA

THANK YOU!