



Leaving Certificate Applied

A different way

Programme Overview



What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?



- It is a distinct, self-contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life
- It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past

Who would benefit most?

- The small cohort of students who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes
- Admission to LCA is restricted to only those students who would benefit most from the programme

Why I chose LCA

I wanted to do LCA because it was a more active course and was very different from the Traditional Leaving Certificate.

I felt that there were more opportunities in LCA for me and I liked the idea of continual assessment.

What I liked about it was the fact that you got credits as you went along and I liked doing the tasks and assignments

I chose to do LCA because I enjoyed doing project work and independent research.

I loved the idea of doing projects and assignments in LCA so that's why I chose to do it.

I had heard that LCA was mainly based on continuous assessment. That was very appealing to me

I decided to do LCA because I felt it would help me learn more about life today.

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

Curriculum

Vocational Preparation & Guidance

English & Communications

Mathematical Applications

Information Technology

Vocational Specialisms

Arts Education

Languages

Leisure & Recreation

Social Education

Elective Modules





Assessment

3 Modes

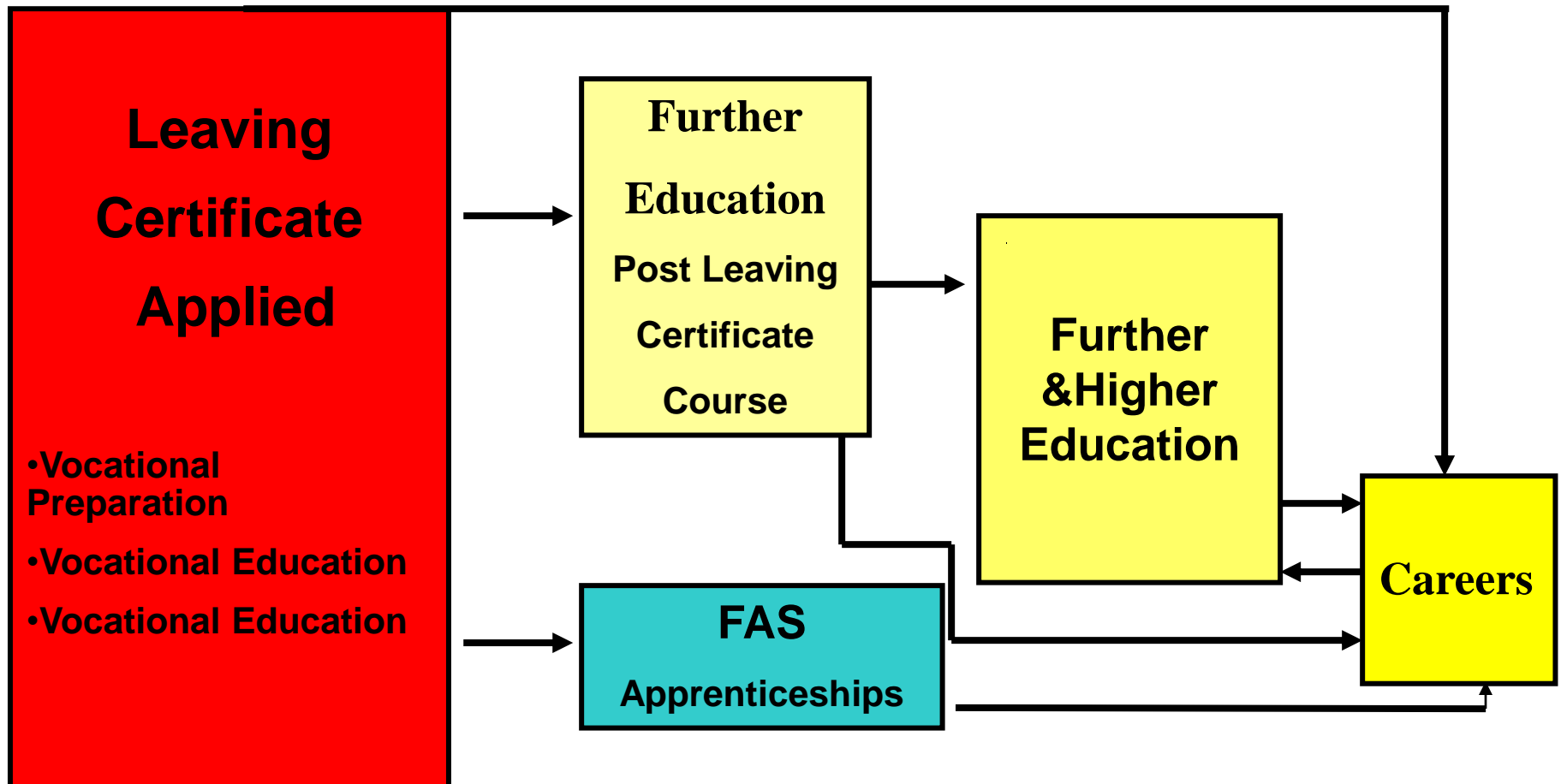
Satisfactory completion of Modules	62 credits (31%)
7 Student tasks	70 credits (35%)
Final examinations	68 credits (34%)
Total	200 credits (100%)

Certificate awarded at three levels:

Pass	60-69 %	(120 - 139 credits)
Merit	(70-84 %)	(140 - 169 credits)
Distinction	(85-100 %)	(170 - 200 credits)

Opening up New Options

The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map



Some comments from our graduates



"It gave me a boost of confidence in myself and helped me communicate better with others"

"It taught me about hidden skills and talents I had and it set me on the right career path"

"I think it matures you a bit more and it really prepares you for when you leave school"

"You also get to learn more about yourself and what you're capable of doing."

"It was my foundation and helped me become what I am today"

I really loved the four sessions of work experience

Trips and out of school activities include:

- Cinema
- Ice Skating
- Bowling
- Adventure centre
- Restaurant
- Farmers Market
- Gym and exercise classes
- Airtastic

LCA at Carrignafof Community College



- Increasing students self-confidence
 - Boosting students self-esteem
- Finding and promoting your students talents
- Lots of work experience – to help them discover their chosen career.