# Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

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 Is an extra 8<sup>th</sup> subject students take for their Leaving Certificate

As of Sep 2023, all 5<sup>th</sup> Years take the subject.

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

The course is divided into two sections 1.Preparation for the World of Work 2.Enterprise Education

#### Link Module I – Preparation for the World of Work

- Students will research and investigate local employment opportunities
- Develop job seeking skills such as letter writing,
- CV presentation
- Interview techniques
- Gain valuable practical experience of the world of work through a week of work experience
- Interview and work shadow a person in a career area that interests them

#### Link Module II – Enterprise Education

- Students will be involved in organising visits to local business and community enterprises
- Meet and interview enterprising people on site and in the classroom
- Plan and undertake interesting activities that will build self-confidence, creativity, initiative and develop teamwork, communication and computer skills.

## **Assessment of Links**

- For the Link Modules they are assessed by
- Written Examination (40%)

 Portfolio of Coursework – (60%) – which is completed over the two years.

#### LINK MODULES - PORTFOLIO OF COURSEWORK 60%

- Students assemble the portfolio over the two years of the programme
- CORE ITEMS
  - Curriculum Vitae
  - Career Investigation
  - Enterprise/Action Plan
  - Summary Report
- OPTIONAL ITEMS (any two)
  - Diary of Work Experience
  - Enterprise Report
  - Recorded Interview/Presentation
  - Report on My Own Place

#### Certification

Grades for the Link Modules are as follows:

**Grade**Distinction
Merit
Pass

**Per cent** 80% – 100% 65% – 79% 50% – 64%

# **Leaving Certificate Points**

Higher		Ordinary		
Grde	Points	Grade	Points	LCVP
H1	100			
H2	88			
H3				
H4	66			Distinction
H5	56	O1	56	
H6	46	O2	46	Merit
H7	37	O3	37	
H8	0	O4	28	Pass
		O5	20	
		O6	12	
		07	0	
		O8	0	

#### Students comments on LCVP

loved workin as part of a team for Market Day."

decide on my

future career

*"It taught me about* my skills and qualities and helped me make college decisions

I was able To use my points from my distinction I really loved the To get into my course" "It has helped me

We got to investigate different companies and get entrepreneurs in which I really enjoyed.

week of

work experience