

Leaving Certificate Applied



What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?

- It is a **two-year** Leaving Certificate programme.

Why choose LCA ?

- You learn best by doing - hands on, practical type of work
- Exams stress you out
- You struggle with essays and analysing written material
- If you know that it will get you into the course you want to do

What I liked about LCA was the fact that you can get as marks as you go along and I liked doing the tasks and assignments.

I choose it because it was more practical and you had assignments which was the same for college

We wanted to do LCA because it meant we only had to go to school for 4 days a week

Why I chose LCA

I liked the idea of doing tasks in LCA so that's why I chose to do it.

I wanted to do LCA because exams stressed me out. It has made me more confident.

I didn't feel I could cope with the workload for LC

Rationale

- Builds confidence
- Prepares students for adult and working life
- Prepares students for further education.
- Promotes communication and decision making skills.
- Less stressful.
- Caters for and rewards all types of learners

CURRICULUM

Vocational Preparation	Vocational Preparation & Guidance English & Communications
Vocational Education	Mathematical Applications Engineering/Hotel Catering & Tourism/Childcare/Graphics & Construction Information Communication Technology
General Education	Art Social Education Irish (year 1) & Spanish (year 2) Leisure & Recreation

Outdoor Activities



Work Experience

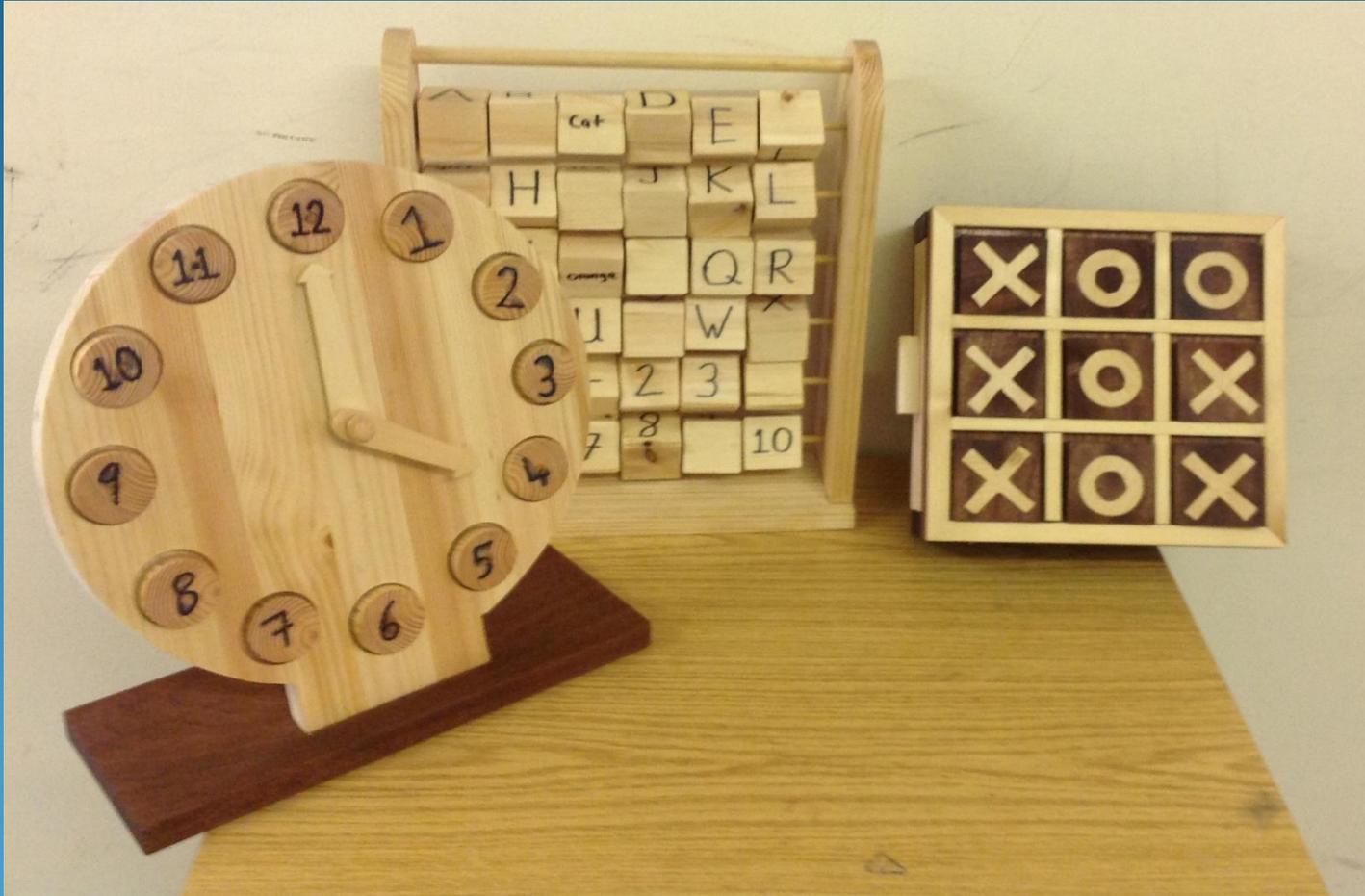
- 1 day per week
- Experience different types of work
- Find out if its the type of work you want to do
- Develop life skills

Team Building



Subjects

Graphics & Construction



Art

School
Sign
designed
by
Leaving
Cert
Applied
Students
and Mr
Byrne



Junk
Kouture
2014



Hotel Catering and Tourism



Sale of
Breakfast
rolls

Engineering



Skills for the future

✘ Interviews

✘ Presentation

✘ Team work

✘ Personal responsibility

Assessment

3 Modes

Completion of subjects (continuous assessment)	(31%)
7 projects (continuous assessment)	(35%)
Final Exams (June of 2 nd year)	(34%)
Total (100%)	

Leaving Certificate Applied Qualification

Certificate awarded at three levels:

Pass 60-69 % (120 - 139 credits)

Merit 70-84 % (140 - 169 credits)

Distinction 85-100 % (170 - 200 credits)

How LCA helped me?

"I just feel with LCA you get better one on one teaching"

"It gave me an idea of what I wanted to do when I am older."

"It made me more confident"

"It helped me because it got you ready for college"

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

"It gave me the chance to Grow up"

"I really loved the 1 day a week work experience"

A message from a past pupil

I enjoyed it very much, I thought is less stressful than doing straight 4th and 5th year. I thought the work load was just right and easy to complete as the teachers were more than helpful. I would recommend it to other students who are unsure what to do, I thought LCA was good because you got to do a lot of practical tasks which meant you were not doing theory all the time and that gives you a sense of freedom to use your practical skills and not be shy with others. I also feel that it has prepared me more for future life and that helped me to get into NWRC and that the skills I used in MCC I can apply these at college. It has helped me now because I am now more organised. When I give presentations at college, I am able to do it with confidence, it has also helped me as it makes me more professional .