

Senior Cycle Subject Options Evening 2019



Why is Subject Choice so important?

Certain College courses need specific school subjects

Empower you to get the best results possible

Happiness over the next two years

Enables you to reach your goals/ points!

The Irish Third Level System

- CAO College choices range from
 - Honours Bachelor Degree (Level Eight)
 - Ordinary Bachelor Degrees (Level Seven)
 - Higher Certificates (Level Six)

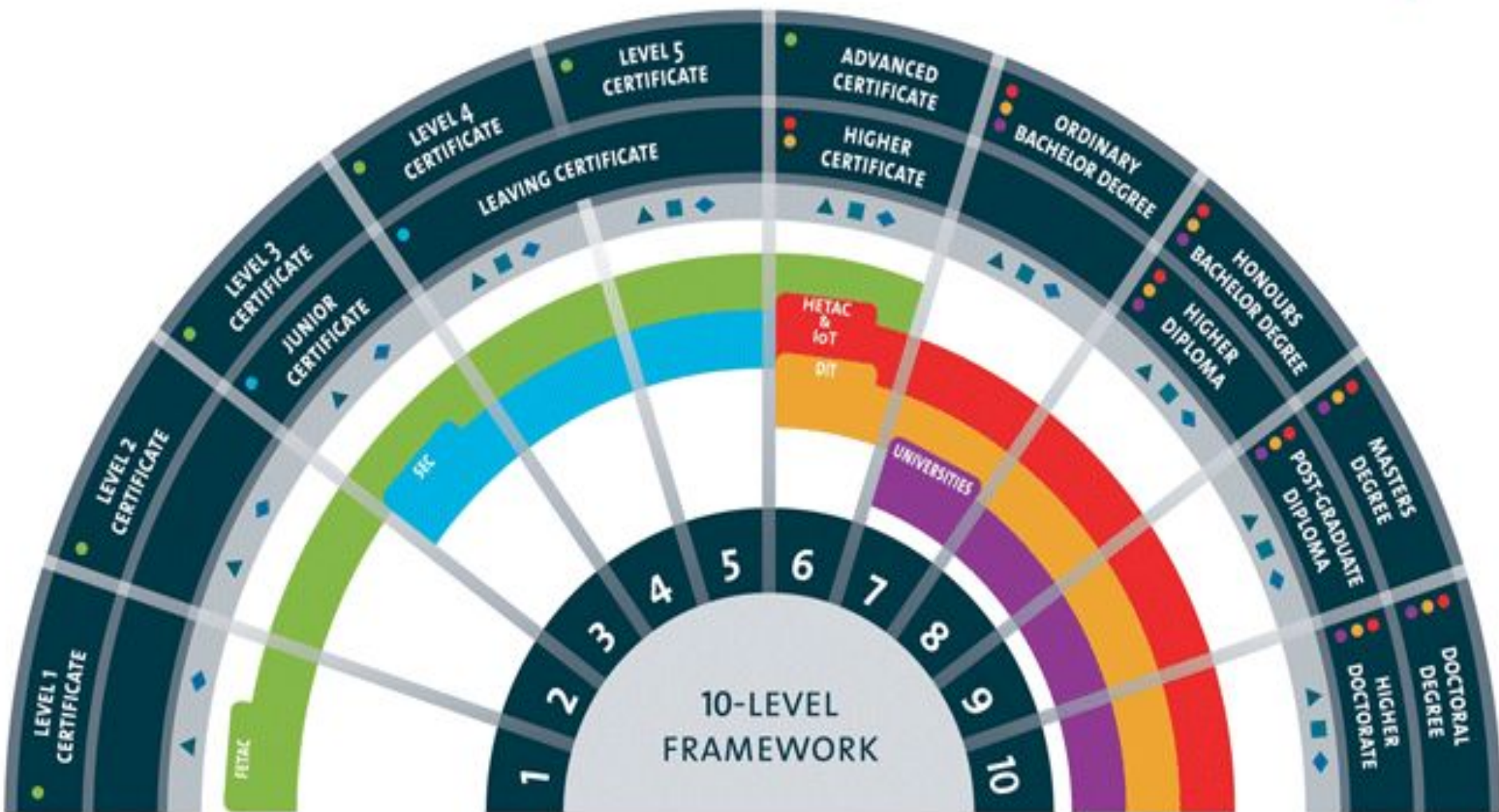
- **Education Ladder system**

There is a place for everyone

Fetac (PLC) courses begin at Level 5 and 6 and you can continue on to a level 6/7/8 Course!

NATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS

Údarás Náisiúnta
Cáilíochtaí na hÉireann
National Qualifications
Authority of Ireland



Some Popular Options

UCD /TCD/ DCU/ NUI Maynooth

Guided Tours to these Universities are organised for TY students during Career week.

DIT (Career Fair and Lunch time talk!)

IT Tallaght..Computer Science workshop organised!

IADT - Institute of Art, Design and Technology

NCAD - National College of Art and Design Open Day

FETAC Courses (Level 5 and 6 courses) (PLCS!)

SOLAS/ ESB/ GARDA

UCAS/ EUNICAS/ USA (Sports Scholarships)

(Many of these Colleges were here at the Career Fair)



Leaving Certificate Applied

A different way



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CERTIFICATE
APPLIED

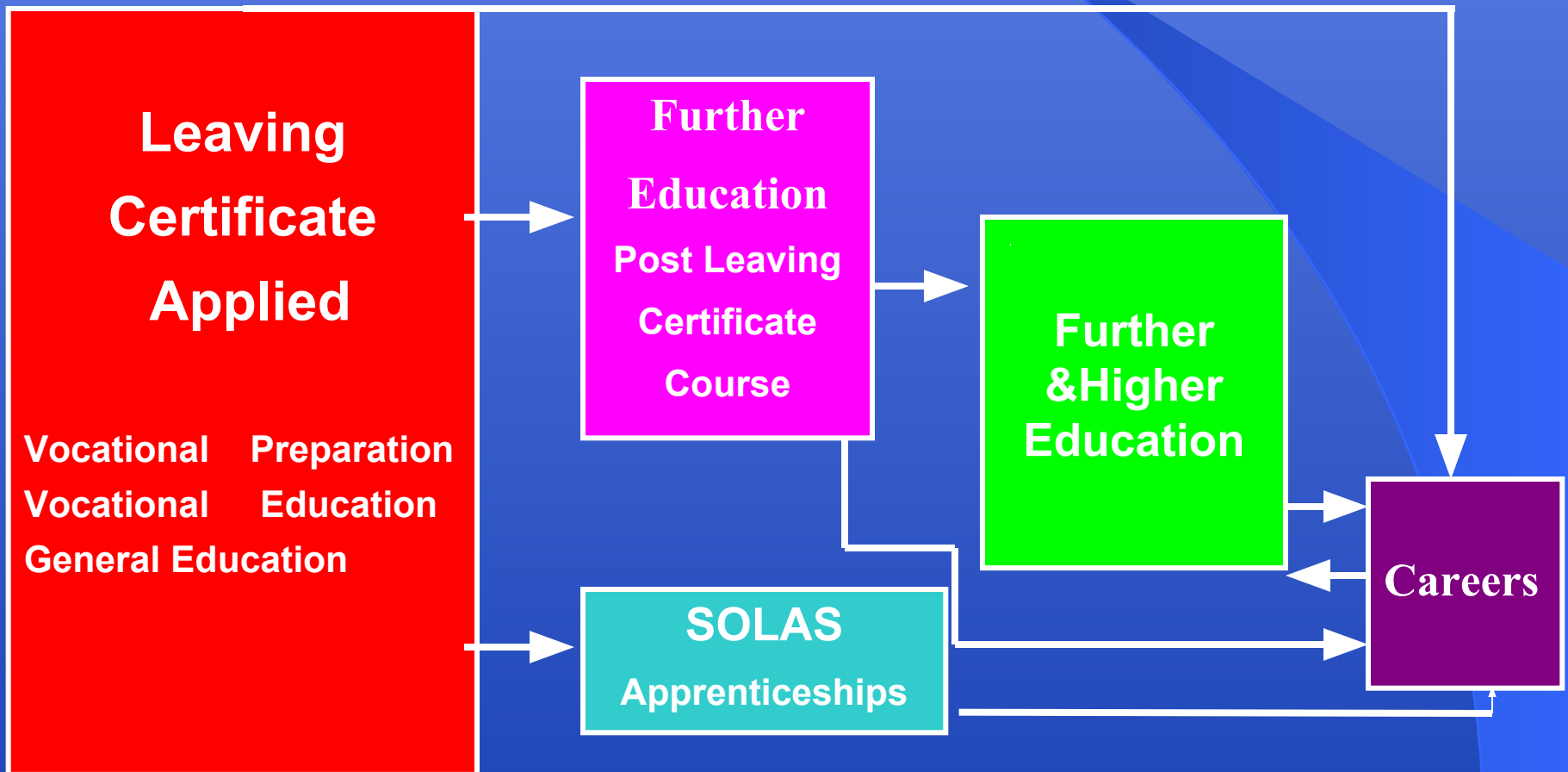
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What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?

- Self contained two year Leaving Certificate programme
- Aimed at preparing students for adult and working life
- Emphasises forms of achievement and tasks which are often practical
- Continuous Assessment

Opening up New Options

The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map



LC Subject Choice

- *Students take seven subjects for Leaving Cert*
- The essential core subjects: Irish, English, Maths
- A continental language
- A choice of three other subjects

A balanced choice of subjects may include...

- Irish
- English
- Mathematics
- A Continental Language
- A Science

(As well as 2 other subjects)

There are three hurdles for college entry

1. Matriculation Requirement
2. Subject Requirement
3. Points

New Leaving Certificate Points

The new scale has 8 grades,
Grade 1 to Grade 8.

Leaving Certificate Grading Scale 2018

New Grades	% Marks
H1 / O1	90-100
H2 / O2	80<90
H3 / O3	70<80
H4 / O4	60<70
H5 / O5	50<60
H6 / O6	40<50
H7 / O7	30<40
H8 / O8	0<30

Basic Matriculation Requirements

- 5 O6/H7 grades for Level 6 and Level 7 Courses
- 2/3 H5 and 3/4 O6/H7 grades for Level 8 Courses (Depending on the College)
- These grades may have to be in certain subjects (often need to get a pass grade in maths/ english for example)

Subject Requirements

- To check the subject requirements for any CAO course check out the qualifax link on the school website.
- The NUI Colleges require a **third language** for some courses.
- If you are considering Medical, Paramedical, Nursing, Science or Engineering courses you should select a **science subject** (or two for some courses).

Points

- Points are allocated to the **six best grades** of an applicant.
- These grades must be achieved in **one** sitting of the Leaving Certificate Examination.
- Entry to a course which is competitive will be granted to those holding the highest number of points.

Points Scale

Higher		Ordinary	
Grade	Points	Grade	Points
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

Higher level Maths

25 bonus points will be awarded in for higher level mathematics, at grades H6 and above.

Leaving Certificate Option Subjects

Science Group:

Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Ag Science and Applied Maths

Business Group:

Accounting, Business, Economics

Social/Artistic Group:

History, Geography, Art, Home Economics (Social and Scientific) and Music

Practical Subject Group:

Engineering, Design and Communication Graphics and Construction Studies

Option Subjects Assessment

- Remember in many subjects assessment not just by written exam.
- For example History, Geography, Music, Art, Construction Studies, Home Economics, Engineering, Technical Drawing, Design & Communication Graphics.
- LCVP

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

LCVP is an enhanced Leaving Certificate where students take seven subjects plus the Link Modules

Link modules are covered in one double period per week over two years.

LCVP students receive the same Certificate as other Leaving Certificate students but their Certificate includes an additional statement of the results of the Link Modules.

Programme Requirements

To be eligible for LCVP students must

- Take at least five Leaving Certificate subjects, one of which must be Irish (If a student is exempt from Irish the student should replace Irish with another subject)
- Study two subjects from the designated LCVP Subject Groupings (see Journal)
- Study two Link Modules: Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education
- Take a recognised course in a Modern European Language other than Irish or English:

Link Modules

- **Link Module I – Preparation for the World of Work**

Topics include local employment opportunities, job seeking skills, letter writing, CV presentation, interview techniques.

- **Link Module II – Enterprise Education**

Areas covered include visits to local business and community enterprises; meeting and interviewing enterprising people, communication and computer skills.

Assessment of the Link Modules

- Written Examination (40%)
- Portfolio of Coursework (60%).

Students assemble the portfolio over the two years of the programme and it is assessed at the end of the final year

Certification

- LCVP students receive the same certificate as other Leaving Certificate students but their Certificate includes an additional statement of the results of the Link Modules.

Grade	Percent
Distinction	80% – 100%
Merit	65% – 79%
Pass	50% – 64%

Points

The Link Modules are recognised for points purposes by the Institutes of Technology and the Universities.

Grade	Points
Distinction	66
Merit	46
Pass	28

Every year most sixth year students who study LCVP use it as one of their six subjects for points purposes

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The Leaving Certificate

Established Leaving Certificate

Students usually take seven subjects

Best six subjects used for points

Choose higher or ordinary levels

Irish/ English and Maths also have
foundation level

What's for me?

No Idea?..... A balanced choice might include:

Irish

English

Maths

A continental language

A science subject

Two other subjects

Considerations...

Ask yourself:

1. Which subjects am I most interested in?
2. Which subjects am I likely to do best in? (Previous exams)
3. How difficult is it for me to achieve good results in each subject?
4. Which subjects will I need?

For extra information

- Seek information from the subject departments/ teachers/ guidance counsellors/ students/ subject textbooks/school website!
- All TY students have guidance one to ones.
- During Career Week, ask the Admission Officers.
- Career Class using qualifax, REACH programme, subject requirements booklet.
- Past pupils and Admission Officers from the Career Fair.
- NB: Taster Modules..this really helps!

Procedures

- Gather Information during Career week
- Discuss Options with relevant individuals
- Complete Subject Options form 1 to 6
- Return Options Form to the Main Office by Wed. 27th Feb.

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GARDA
VETTING
2019

Garda Vetting

New Procedures in place this year

Now forms needed for students turning 16

Forms available on desk near main office

These must be submitted to the TY office as
students turn 16

Procedure

Parent completes NVB 3 Form

Student completes NVB 1 form

Both forms returned to the school with **2**
PROFF OF ADDRESS documents

School checks documents + posts to ACCS
once student turns 16.

ACCS emails parent and Parent enters email
address, student DOB and completes form

Procedure ctd.


ACCS checks form and submits it to the NVB
National Vetting Bureau

NVB processes application and sends vetting
disclosure to the ACCS

ACCS emails the outcome of the vetting disclosure to
the Principal at a dedicated email address

Principal informs applicant of outcome and keeps it
on file in a secure location.

School organises joint agreement with relevant work
placement organisations.



Thank you for your
cooperation with
Garda Vetting

Killary 2019



Killary Dates

Tuesday March 19th to Friday March 22nd

Bus will leave school at 7.15 on the 19th

Return to school on Friday 19th circa 3.00pm

Activities

Students will complete five activities from:

Turf Challenge

Killary High Ropes

Killary Challenge

Abseiling

Skyfall

Giant Swing

Gorge walking

Laser Combat

Fee €200

Covers all meals at the centre

All activities and instruction

Full Insurance

Coach Transport to and from Killary

€200 Please pay online by March 1st

Killary Pack 2019

Letter of information

Kit List and Itinerary

Contract and Emergency Details

Please complete and return to TUTOR by 18th
Jan.

Summary

- Sign and return Killary medical/diet, and behavioural contract
- Complete Options form and return to Main Office by **Feb 27th** .

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Thank You