



Senior Cycle - Link Modules

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is an intervention designed to enhance the vocational dimension of the Leaving Certificate (established).

The primary goal of the LCVP is to prepare young people for adult life by ensuring that they are educated in the broadest sense, with an ability to cope and thrive in an environment of rapid change. Participants in the programme are encouraged to develop skills and competencies fundamental to both academic and vocational success.

Throughout the programme students are encouraged to:

- Be innovative and enterprising
- Take responsibility for their own learning
- Adapt to changing circumstances
- Evaluate data and devise solutions to problems
- Communicate their thoughts and ideas effectively
- Work with others as part of a team
- Investigate and plan career options
- Use information and communications technologies
- Investigate local businesses and community enterprises
- Learn from their experiences
- These skills and qualities are equally relevant to the needs of those preparing for further education, seeking employment or planning to start their own business.

Programme Requirements for students:

- At least **five** Leaving Certificate subjects, one of which must be Irish **plus** the Link Modules
- Two of the subjects must be selected from one of the designated Vocational Subject Groupings. The Specialist Groupings consist of subjects which complement one another naturally. The Services Groupings comprise subjects which complement one another in a commercial context.
- Link Modules: Preparation for the World of Work and Enterprise Education (in addition to Five subjects)

- A recognised course in a Modern European Language other than Irish or English:

Vocational Subject Groupings (VSGs) 2018/2019

Specialist Groupings
1 Construction Studies; Engineering; Design and Communication Graphics; Technology - Any Two
2 Physics and Construction Studies or Engineering or Technology or Design & Communication Graphics
3 Agricultural Science and Construction Studies or Engineering or Technology or Design & Communication Graphics
4 Agricultural Science and Chemistry or Physics or Physics/Chemistry
5 Home Economics; Agricultural Science; Biology - Any Two
6 Home Economics and Art - Design Option or Craft Option
7 Accounting; Business; Economics - Any two
8 Physics and Chemistry
9 Biology and Chemistry or Physics or Physics/Chemistry
10 Biology and Agricultural Science
11 Art - Design Option or Craft Option and Design & Communication Graphics
Services Groupings
12 Engineering or Technology or Construction Studies or Design & Communication Graphics and Accounting or Business or Economics
13 Home Economics and Accounting or Business or Economics
14 Agricultural Science and Accounting or Business or Economics
15 Art Design or Craftwork Option and Accounting or Business or Economics
16 Music and Accounting or Business or Economics

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; interview and work shadow a person in a career area that interests them. They will then report on aspects of the world of work and examine their career choices against their proven skills.

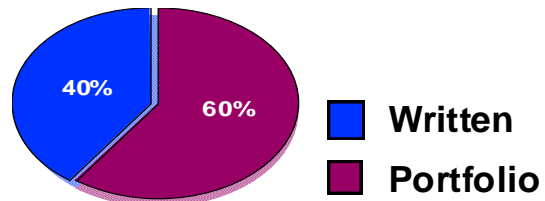
Link Module II – Enterprise Education

Students will be involved in organising visits to local businesses 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. They may also carry out fundraising for local charities.

Typical LCVP Activities

- Invited Visitors
- Site Visits
- Case Studies
- Team Enterprises
- Work Experience
- Using Computers
- Video Interviews

Link Modules Assessment



- The Link Modules are assessed by written examination and portfolio.

Link Modules Assessment - Written Examination

- Section A - Audio Visual
 - Video sequence of an enterprise
- Section B - Case Study
 - Received 4 weeks in advance
- Section C - General Questions
 - Choice of 4 questions from 6

Link Modules Assessment - Portfolio of Coursework

- **Core Items**
 - CV
 - Career Investigation
 - Enterprise/Action Plan
 - Summary Report

- **Options - any two from:-**
 - Diary of Work Experience
 - Enterprise Report
 - Recorded Interview/Presentation
 - Report on “My Own Place”

Link Modules – Results

Distinction	80% - 100%	= 66 points
Merit	65% - 79%	= 46 points
Pass	50% - 64%	= 28 points