



# LUCAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Coláiste Phobail Leamhcáin



## Fáilte /Welcome

Lucan Community College, situated in Esker, Lucan Co. Dublin first opened its doors in 1987, but has a much longer history, as it was built to replace Lucan Vocational School on Esker Hill, which had served the surrounding area since the early 1950s.

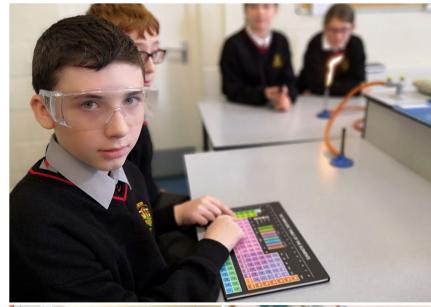
We offer Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle programmes to our students, both boys and girls. With more than 920 students currently enrolled, the college completed a much needed extension to the original building in 1998 and plans for further refurbishment and extension works are at an advanced stage.

The college is also a thriving centre for adult education in the Lucan area.

Lucan Community College is an environment in which students can develop naturally, achieving their academic as well as their personal goals – we educate the whole person. Students, staff, parents and everyone involved in the College work together to create an atmosphere which is highly productive yet free of wasteful tension and stress.

Our focus as a community college is on:

- Academic Excellence
- Comprehensive Curriculum
- RSE/SPHE Programme
- Caring Pastoral Care system
- Extensive Subject Choice
- Strong Code of Discipline
- Varied Extra-Curricular Programme
- Impressive Transition Year Programme
- Junior Cycle/LC/ LCA/LCVP
- Inclusive
- Supportive, Safe & Friendly Environment
- Digital Literacy



















# Junior Cycle Programme

The Junior Cycle features newly developed subjects, a focus on literacy, numeracy and key skills, and a variety of approaches to assessment and reporting. As a school we have more freedom to design programmes that meet the learning needs of our students. Most subjects have common level specifications with a Common level taken by all students. The exception to this are the subjects English, Gaeilge and Mathematics where the specification is at two levels, Higher level and Ordinary level. The new subject specifications involve increased student use of ICT.

The Junior Cycle is of three years' duration. The Junior Cycle covers a vital period in young people's lives when they encounter significant changes in their educational experience. While a majority of subjects are assessed as part of the State Examination, the Junior Cycle provision also includes a number of subjects that are integral to the curriculum, but are not formally assessed in this way. The inclusion of these subjects in the curriculum ensures that students receive a broad, balanced education that introduces them to all the areas of experience relevant to the needs of learners at this age and stage of their development. In this way students engage in personal development and achieve a level of competence in these courses, which will enable them to flourish and proceed to Senior Cycle Education.

Students take all of the core subjects listed opposite and three option subjects. Students engage in a selection process of option subjects upon enrolment.

In Lucan Community College all students have access to subjects at the highest possible level and students and parents will be supported and advised by subject teachers, resource department teachers and guidance counsellors on the appropriate choice of level for each subject before final assessments take place.

Junior Cycle is a time of transition from primary to second level, from childhood to young adulthood and we ensure that students are well supported in their academic and personal growth through our resource, guidance and pastoral care programmes.



## Junior Cycle Subjects

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English

Gaeilge

Mathematics

Modern Foreign Language: French or German

Geography

History

Religious Education

(This course is suited to students of all faiths and none)

#### **Wellbeing Subjects:**

Physical Education (PE) (Other Areas of Learning)

Civic Social Political Education (CSPE) (Other Areas of Learning)

Social Personal Health education (SPHE) (Other Areas of Learning)

#### **Option Subjects:**

Visual Art

**Business Studies** 

**Home Economics** 

Wood Technology

Junior Engineering

Music

Science

(the college ensures that all students who seek science as a priority option subject will be facilitated.)

Graphics

Applied Technology

## Senior Cycle Programme





### Transition Year in LCC

Transition Year is compulsory in Lucan Community College unless students progress directly to LCA. It provides an opportunity for students to experience a wide range of educational activities, community involvement, and work experience at a remove from the examination focus.

This is a unique one-year programme for students. It provides a bridge to enable students make the transition from Junior to Senior Cycle. It encourages personal and social development and recognises the need for students to grow in independence. Transition Year fosters academic achievement as students prepare for a Leaving Certificate programme, further study and adult and working life. It encourages the development of a wide range of transferable critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills.

## The Leaving Certificate

The Leaving Certificate examination is held at the end of the Senior Cycle in post-primary schools. The Senior Cycle caters for pupils in the 16 to 19 year old age group. Students normally sit the examination at the age of 17, 18 or 19 after six years of post-primary education.

Students following the established Leaving Certificate programme usually take 7 subjects, including Maths, English, Irish and a modern language and option subjects.

#### **Core subjects:**

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Gaeilge
English
Maths
Modern Foreign Language: (French/German)
Religious Education (non-exam subject)
Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) (non-exam subject)

### **Option Subjects:**

Accounting	Construction Studies	Music
Applied Maths	Design and Communication Graphics (DCG)	Physical Education (Exam Subject)
Art	Economics	Physics
Biology	Engineering	Politics and Society
Business	Geography	Religious Education (Leaving Certificate examination subject)
Chemistry	History	Technology
Computer Science	Home Economics (social and scientific)	

# Leaving Certificate Applied

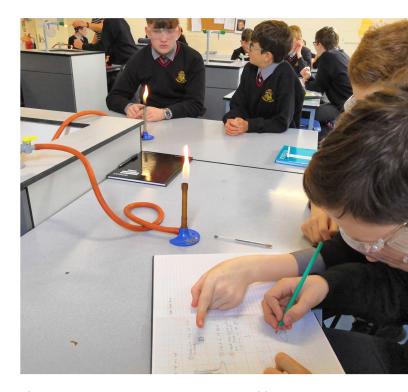
The Leaving Certificate Applied programme is a distinct, self-contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life.

The programme puts an emphasis on forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate had not recognised in the past. It is an innovative programme in the way students learn, in what they learn and in the way their achievements are assessed. It is a person-centred programme involving a cross-curricular approach rather than a subject based structure. It has as its primary objective the preparation of participants for adult and working life through relevant learning experiences which develop the following areas of human endeavour; spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, aesthetic and physical.

The framework of the Leaving Certificate Applied consists of a number of modules grouped under three general headings:

- General education
- Vocational education
- Vocational preparation

The Leaving Certificate Applied is intended to meet the needs of those students who either chose not to opt for other Leaving Certificate programmes or who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes.



LCVP is also offered as an additional subject in LCC if there is sufficient student interest, as well as career guidance classes and individual appointments with guidance teachers.







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