



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 in a co-educational environment. With more than 970 students currently enrolled, we are excited as our major school building project continues to ensure Lucan Community College caters for current and future generations. 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, positive and supportive.

Our focus as a community college is on:

- Academic Excellence
- Comprehensive Curriculum
- Extensive Subject Choice
- Wellbeing Programme
- RSE Programme
- Caring Pastoral Care system
- Positive Code of Discipline
- Extensive Extra-Curricular Programme
- Established Transition Year Programme
- Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle Programmes
- Inclusive Education
- Supportive, Safe & Friendly Environment
- Digital Literacy



Dear Prospective Students and Parents/Guardians, Welcome to Lucan Community College.

Choosing a post-primary school is an important step, and we're delighted that you're considering joining our school community. Our school motto, Aontas - Unity, reflects who we are. Community is at the heart of everything we do: students, parents/guardians, staff and our wider community work together to create a welcoming, respectful and supportive environment where every young person can belong, thrive and succeed.

At Lucan Community College, the learner is at the heart of our work. We support students to achieve their potential while building confidence, independence, friendships and the personal skills they need for life beyond school. Through a broad curriculum, strong pastoral care, extensive subject choice and varied extracurricular opportunities, we aim to educate the whole person.

We value the partnership between home and school and look forward to working with you as your child begins this exciting next chapter.

Le meas,
Stephen Brett
Principal
Lucan Community College



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. Students also complete Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) in all subjects during Junior Cycle and these are reported on in their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA). The 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.



"My days in this school has given me an experience that will last a lifetime, friends I will never forget and teachers I will always remember" (Kevin)

Junior Cycle Subjects

Core Subjects:

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)

Civic Social Political Education (CSPE)

Social Personal Health education (SPHE)

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



Going to school in LCC was a great experience for me. I recall it as a really happy time. There was always a great feel to the place. I think they struck a really nice educational balance between what was on the curriculum and broader teachings about life, society and relationships. (Aidan)

Senior Cycle Programme

Senior Cycle caters to students aged 16-19 and provides a broad and balanced educational experience. Students develop key competencies including critical and creative thinking, communicating, working with others, managing information and thinking, and being personally effective, preparing them for further education, training, employment and active participation in society.

Transition Year Programme

Discover, Develop, Thrive

Transition Year at Lucan Community College provides students with a unique opportunity to grow both personally and academically in a supportive and challenging environment. Guided by the new national Transition Year Programme Statement, students experience Personal Growth through activities that develop confidence, resilience, wellbeing, leadership and self-awareness. The programme encourages students to embrace new challenges, reflect on their achievements and develop the independence needed to flourish as young adults.

Learning Through Experience

At the heart of our Transition Year programme is the development of Being a Learner. Students engage in innovative, active, and experiential learning that fosters curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Through project work, workshops, educational visits, and interdisciplinary learning experiences, students take greater ownership of their learning while developing the skills and competencies needed for Senior Cycle and lifelong learning.

Engaging with the World and Planning the Future

Transition Year empowers students to become active participants in society through Civic and Community Engagement, while also exploring future opportunities through Career Exploration. Work experience, volunteering, enterprise projects and community initiatives help students appreciate their role as responsible citizens and contribute positively to their communities. At the same time, students gain valuable insights into further education, training and career pathways, enabling them to make informed choices about their future with confidence and ambition.



I have so many fond memories of my time as a student in Lucan Community College.
I loved it so much that I never really left! (Cian)





When I look back on my time as a student at Lucan Community College what I remember most are the friendships formed, the supporting learning environment I was welcomed into every day, as well as the many extra-curricular activities and trips I participated in over the 6 years. (Faye)

Leaving Certificate Programme

The Leaving Certificate is the final stage of post-primary education and is completed by students during Senior Cycle (5th and 6th Year). It is the key qualification for progression to higher education, further education and training, apprenticeships, and employment. As part of the redeveloped Senior Cycle, students experience a broader and more engaging approach to learning. Alongside building strong subject knowledge, they develop essential skills such as critical thinking, communication, creativity, and independent learning. Many subjects now include Additional Assessment Components (AACs), such as projects, investigations, practical work, performances, or portfolios, allowing students to demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways throughout the course.

Students typically study a range of subjects and are assessed through a combination of written examinations, coursework, practical assessments, oral examinations, and AACs, depending on the subject. Results are awarded using a national grading system, and points from a student's best six subjects may be used for entry to universities and colleges through the Central Applications Office (CAO).

The Leaving Certificate is designed to support students in achieving their full potential while preparing them for the opportunities and challenges of the future. Through a strong focus on student engagement, wellbeing, real-world learning, and academic achievement, Senior Cycle equips students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to succeed in further study, work, and active participation in society. Students usually study seven subjects, including English, Gaelige, Maths, a modern foreign language, and a selection of optional subjects that reflect their interests and strengths.

Core subjects:

Gaeilge

English

Maths

Modern Foreign Language:
(French/German)

Religious Education
(non-exam subject)

Relationships and Sexuality
Education (RSE)
(non-exam subject)

Option Subjects:

Accounting

Applied Maths

Art

Biology

Business

Chemistry

Computer Science

Construction Studies

Design and Communication
Graphics (DCG)

Economics

Engineering

Geography

History

Home Economics
(social and scientific)

Music

Physical Education
(Exam Subject)

Physics

Politics and Society

Religious Education
(Leaving Certificate
examination subject)

Technology

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Programme

Learning for Life, Work and the Future. A Practical and Engaging Pathway

Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) is a distinctive two-year senior cycle programme designed for students who learn best through active, practical and experiential approaches. The programme places a strong emphasis on developing real-world skills, problem-solving abilities and personal confidence. Through a combination of classroom learning, projects, tasks and practical activities, students experience a curriculum that is relevant, engaging and closely connected to everyday life and future opportunities.

Building Skills for Employment and Further Education

LCA equips students with a wide range of transferable skills that are highly valued by employers, further education providers and training organisations. Students develop communication, teamwork, digital literacy, and organisational skills while gaining valuable experience through vocational specialisms and work-related learning. The programme encourages students to discover their strengths, set achievable goals and build the confidence needed to progress successfully into employment, apprenticeships, training programmes or further education.

Supporting Personal Growth and Success

At the heart of the Leaving Certificate Applied programme is the development of the whole person. Students are encouraged to become independent learners, responsible citizens and active members of their communities. Continuous assessment allows students to experience success throughout the two years, recognising achievement across a variety of areas rather than relying solely on final examinations. As a result, many students leave LCA with greater self-belief, a clearer sense of direction and the practical skills required to thrive in adult life.

I was encouraged to develop my interests, build my confidence and get involved in school life, experiences which I still value today. To now work in the school and have the opportunity to support and encourage a new generation of students is something I am very proud of. (Jordan)



Extra Curricular Activities

At Lucan Community College, learning extends beyond the classroom through a wide range of extra-curricular activities that encourage students to discover new talents, build confidence, and make lasting friendships.

- Art Club
- Athletics, incl. Cross Country
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boys Gaelic Football
- Boys Hurling
- Boys Soccer
- Camogie
- Choir
- Green Schools
- Gaisce
- Golf
- Rugby
- Games/Chess
- Girls Gaelic
- Girls Soccer
- Lónra
- Girls Hockey
- Seomra na Gaeilge
- Student Council
- Maths Hub
- Young Scientist & Sci Fest
- Volleyball
- Debate Club
- Coding Club
- First & Second Year Drama
- Polish Language Club
- Fantasy Football
- Showjumping
- Christmas Doors
- Ultimate Frisbee





“Looking back on my time as a student in LCC, I have so many amazing memories.
It is such a privilege to be part of the school community again
and to help create the same special memories and opportunities for students today”
(Róisín)





Student Supports in Lucan Community College

At Lucan Community College, a wide range of supports are available to ensure that every student is known, valued and supported throughout their school journey.

- Lónra
- Student Council
- Prefects and School Captains
- Student Digital Leaders
- Tutor
- Year Head
- Guidance Counsellors

- Special Needs Assistants (SNAs)
- Extra Curricular Teachers & Leaders
- SEN Support Teachers

Our Commitment

Every student at Lucan Community College has access to a network of caring staff and student leaders who work together to support academic success, personal development, wellbeing and inclusion.

Parents Association

The Parents Association supports school life through fundraising and the organisation of the annual Debs Ball. We encourage all parents and guardians to get involved.



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