



Curragh Post Primary School

Leaving Cert Applied Admission Policy

Background to the LCA

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a distinct, self-contained two year 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 has 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.

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

The advantage of the Leaving Certificate Applied is that it focuses on the talents of each individual student and helps students apply what they learn in the real world. The two year programme consists of four half year blocks called sessions and achievements are credited in each of these sessions.

Pupil Selection

Students are selected for the LCA based on their suitability for the programme. The selection process involves:

- Liaison with the pupil's parents: An Information Session on the Programme is provided for parents and students
- Application form: A written application form must be completed in respect of each student intending to enrol on the LCA programme.
- Interview: All Prospective candidates for the programme are interviewed by the LCA coordinator and another Teacher
- Academic Review: Class tutors, Year Heads and core subject teachers are consulted to assess the student's performance in the school up to Junior Cycle.
- Preference will be given to 5th year students who apply for LCA if the numbers applying exceed the number of available places.
- Preference is given to student already enrolled in Curragh PPS and then transfers will be considered if there are places.
- There are 12 places in total in LCA.
- Attendance, discipline report sheets, report cards and suspensions are taken into account when students are being selected for LCA.
- In relation to attendance, a student who has not provided the LCA coordinator with proof of doctor's cert/visit to dentist etc. and does not have 90% attendance may be removed from the LCA programme. The student will move into traditional Leaving Certificate. A cert should be provided within a week of returning from an absence.
- Where a student is not engaging with the LCA Programme appropriately, they may

be removed from LCA and placed in Traditional Leaving Certificate.

- Late applications for LCA or transfers into Curragh PPS for LCA are dependent on availability of a place in the course, as size of classes are limited, as stated by LCA guidelines. Late transfers must have a completed application form and a satisfactory interview with the Principal and LCA coordinator.

Based on the above the student's suitability for the programme is assessed and if his/her application is deemed successful, the student will be offered a place on the programme for the following September

