

# Making a Choice

## Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)

This is a two year programme available to students who wish to follow a practical or vocationally orientated programme.

### What is the difference about L.C.A?

- ✓ It is based on the principal of continuous assessment.
- ✓ It is a practical programme.
- ✓ It allows for students to set and achieve short term goals.
- ✓ It includes work experience.

### Structure of L.C.A.

- 🕒 2 year course ➡ 4 sessions
- 🕒 At the end of each session, **credits** are awarded based on key assignments (class room work) and tasks (project based with external examiner conducting the interview).
- 🕒 Written **exams** in June of both years.

Pass ➡ 120-139 credits  
Merit ➡ 140 - 169 credits  
Distinction ➡ 170-200 credits

- ★ In choosing L.C.A you have to be committed to attend school. 90% attendance (17 days absence during an academic year) is needed in order to pass each session.
- ★ As the course is based on continuous assessment, missing a class could mean missing out on a key assignment. The completion of key assignments are how credits are awarded.
- ★ Tasks are completed in different subjects throughout the sessions. These require a huge amount of work and missing class will affect your ability to do well in them.