Ramsgrange Community School

Leaving Certificate Programmes 2021/2022

KNOWLEDGE IS OUR STRENGTH

LCA
LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED
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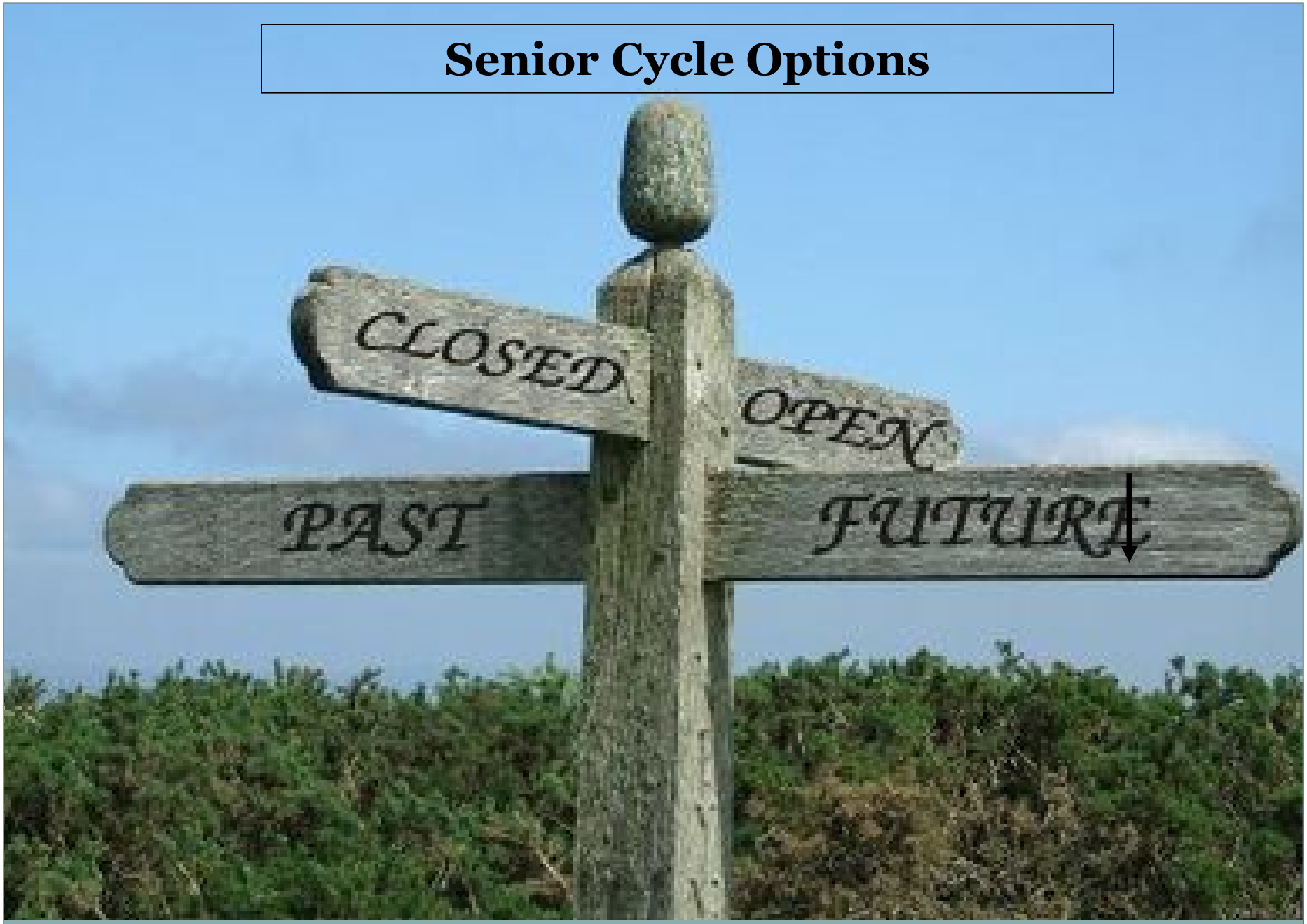
Senior Cycle Options



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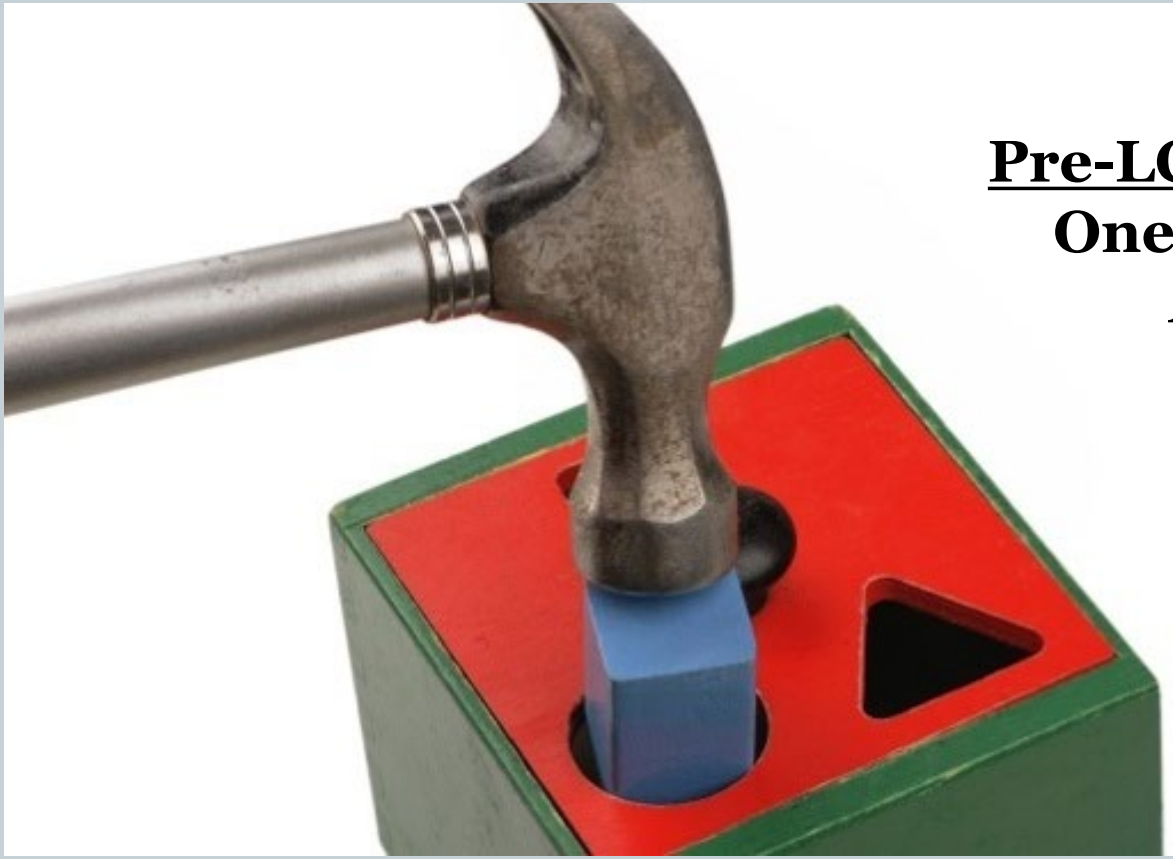


Pre-LCA Introduction
One Size Fits ALL Approach

Senior Cycle Options

Junior Cycle

Traditional Leaving Certificate **With** Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme(LCVP)

Transition year

Leaving Cert Applied

FETAC Courses

Institutes of Technology

- Higher Certs.
- Ord. Degrees
- Honours Degrees

University

Honours Degrees

Apprenticeships

Note: LCA does NOT inhibit student progression to further education!

What is Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)?

- Established in 1995
- The Leaving Certificate Applied is a distinct, self-contained two-year programme **(operates separately to traditional LC)**
- The aim of LCA is…. to "*prepare students for adult and working life*". ***(skills/interviews/work placement)***
- It consists of Continuous assessment over the 2 years
- The programme puts an emphasis on forms of achievement and excellence, which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past. **(Holistic development of the student/Multiple Intelligences)**

LCA V'S Traditional LC

LCA	Traditional LC
• **Work Experience** one day a week. 4 placements in 2 yrs.	• LCVP work experience one week in 5th year only
• Practical/ project work	• Academic/points orientated
• Continuous assessment (Tasks/Key assignments)	• LC exam counts for majority of marks
• Small class sizes more one to one tuition	• Generally bigger classes
• Irish/French completed in one year [*Exam @ end of LCA1]	• Irish compulsory for 2 years

Rationale for LCA

1. Prepares learners for the demanding transition to adult and **working life**. Recognises **talents of all learners** - programme responsive to aptitudes, abilities, needs and interests.
2. Provides opportunity to develop in terms of responsibility, **self-esteem** and self-knowledge.
3. Develops communication and decision making skills.
4. Helps learners achieve a more independent and enterprising approach to learning and to life.
5. helps students **apply** what they learn in the **real world.**

Who would benefit from the Programme?

- LCA is intended to meet the needs of:

Those students who are not adequately catered for by other LC programmes

- Students who would take all ordinary level subjects at Leaving Cert. aspiring to a grade D (O6):

12 points x 6 subjects= 72 points (WIT HC in Business=200 points)

- Students who find difficulty with learning by rote rather than learning by doing.
- Students who have difficulty with essay type answers.
- Students with poor attention span and retention skills.
- Highly anxious students

Support for the LCA student

School Management

Tutor

LCA Co-ordinator

HSCL/ SCPPW (school completion)

Learning Support

Career Guidance

Student of the Year 2020; Craig Bradley

While the LCA programme is a separate programme to traditional LC, the LCA students are very much part of the whole school community in RCS

Programme Outline

The programme is divided into half year blocks called **'sessions'** of which there are **four** over the two year programme.

Students are assessed on their work in **January** and **May of each year** when a session ends

- LCA1: Sept- Jan= session 1
- LCA1: Feb- June= Session 2
- LCA2: Sept- Jan= Session 3
- LCA2: Feb- June= Session 4

In Ramsgrange CS we offer our LCA students a variety of subjects under the following different headings…

Vocational Preparation

- English
- Job Search & Guidance

Vocational Education

- Maths
- I.C.T.

2 of the following:

- Hotel, Catering and Tourism
- Engineering
- Childcare
- Graphics & Construction

General Education

- Art/Music
- **Irish (Year 1)/ French (Year 2)
- Social Education
- PE
- Horticulture

**students can retain exemptions from Irish

(note: exam in June of LCA1)

Do LCA students receive a Leaving Certificate?

- **Yes.** Students who successfully complete the programme will receive a Leaving Certificate from the State Examinations Commission.

THE LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED ASSESSMENT TAKES PLACE OVER THE TWO YEARS UNDER 4 HEADINGS:

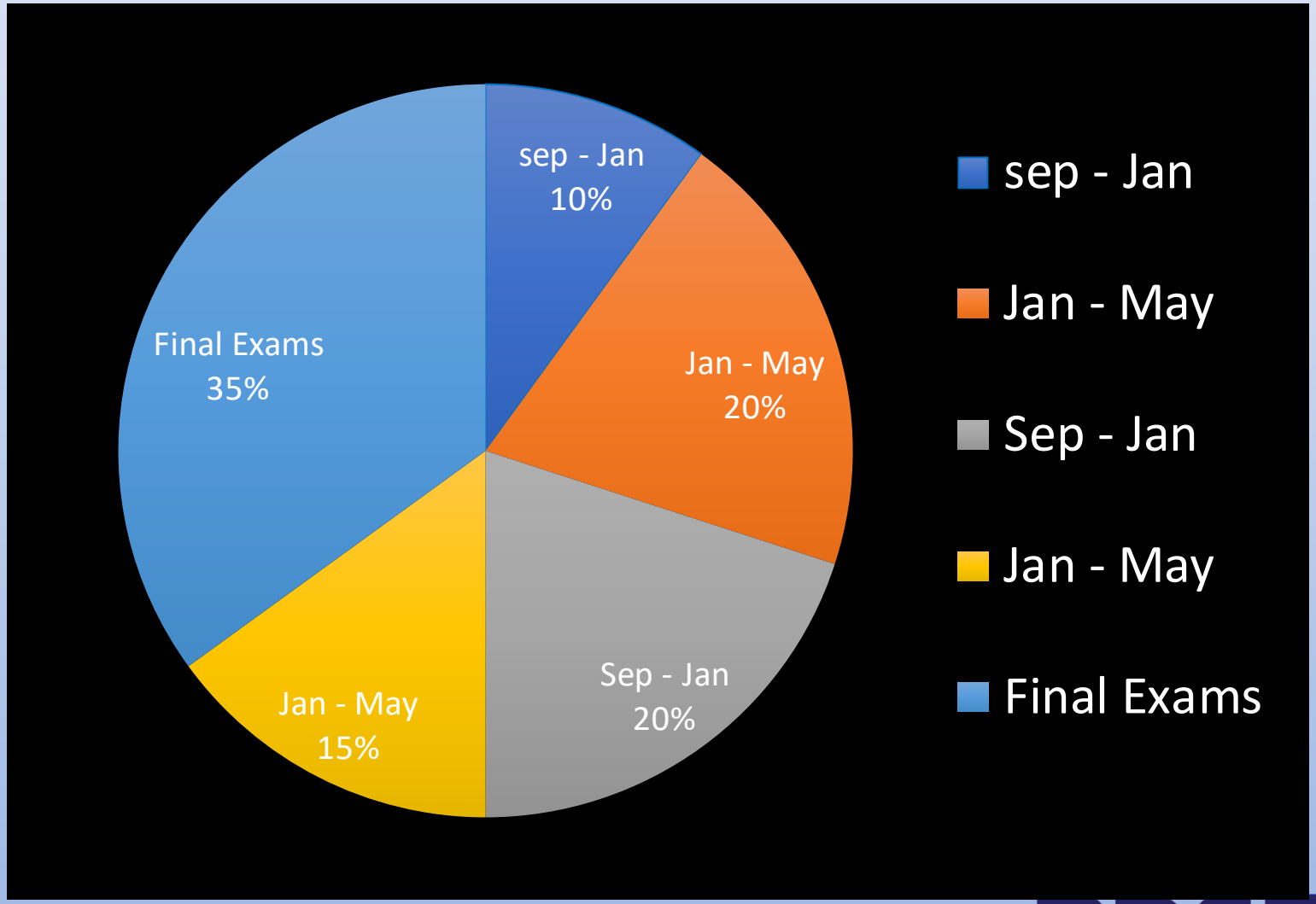
A. Satisfactory Completion of **Modules**
B. Performance of Student **Tasks**
C. Performance in the Terminal **Examinations.**
D. 90% attendance in <u>all subjects</u>

- All credits awarded will be recorded on the Leaving Certificate Applied parchment.

LCA Modes of Assessment

Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance •Evidence of completion of **4 key assignments** for each module •One credit per course module in which there is a final exam •Two credits per course module in which there is NO final exam	62 credits	30%
7 Student tasks @ 10 credits each *Vocational Preparation* / *Vocational Education (x2)* / *General Education* *Contemporary Issue* / *Personal Reflection* / *Practical Achievement*	70 credits	35%
Final examinations **English & Communication** — **12 credits** **Vocational Specialisms (x2)** — **12 credits each** **Languages (x2)** — **6 credits each** **Social Education** — **10 credits** **Mathematical Applications** — **10 credits**	68 credits	35%
Total	200 credits	100%

Assessment progress



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Students are motivated by continuous assessment

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Final Examinations

Area	Credits
English & Communication Oral and written incorporating audio visual	12
Vocational Specialisms (x2) Practical and written – practical briefs issued in advance Graphics and Construction Studies **or** Childcare Engineering **or** Hotel, Catering and Tourism	12 each
Languages (x2) [Irish LCA1/ French LCA2] Oral and written incorporating aural **French exam June 2019	6 each
Social Education Written incorporating audio	10
Mathematical Applications Written – research topic (Q. 2. issued in advance)	10
Total	68

LCA Certification

Certificate awarded at 3 levels		
Pass	120 - 139 credits	60-69%
Merit	140 - 169 credits	70-84%
Distinction	170 - 200 credits	85-100%

Students who acquire less than 120 credits or who leave the programme early will receive a **"Record of Experience".**

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How to apply for LCA?

- **LCA (electronic version) application form** by Thurs 4th March 2021
- **Interview** takes place March 10th and 11th 2021
- **Code of behaviour** …Only students who we feel will benefit most from the course will be considered.
- Unsuccessful applicants may **appeal to BOM**
- Access this power point presentation on **our school website**

Student Evaluation

"LCA is good because when I was in a big class I didn't have as much one- to- one communication with teachers as I do in LCA. I think you learn a lot more and get more confidence"

Student Evaluation

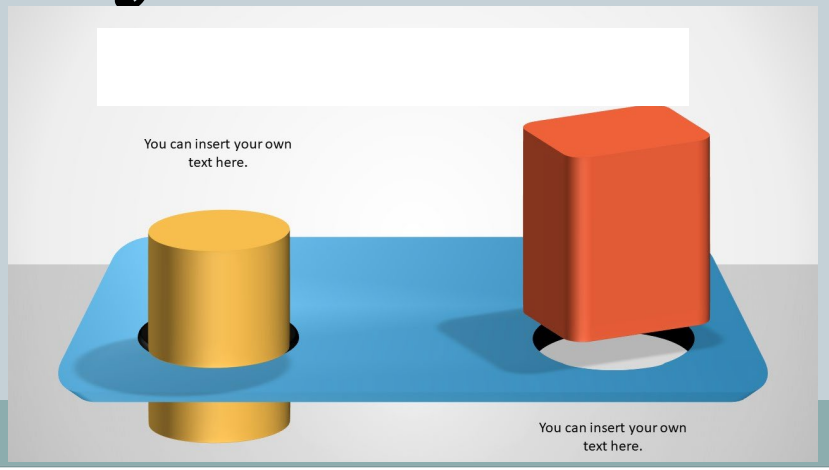
"LCA is a program that I really enjoy, it is a practical type of Leaving and we all get along so well"

Student Evaluation

"I Find LCA brilliant because you still do work but it's explained more clearly and we do a lot of typing instead of writing, which is much better"

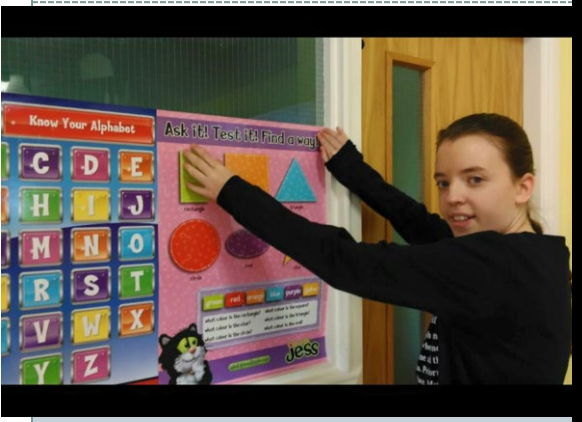
Student Evaluation

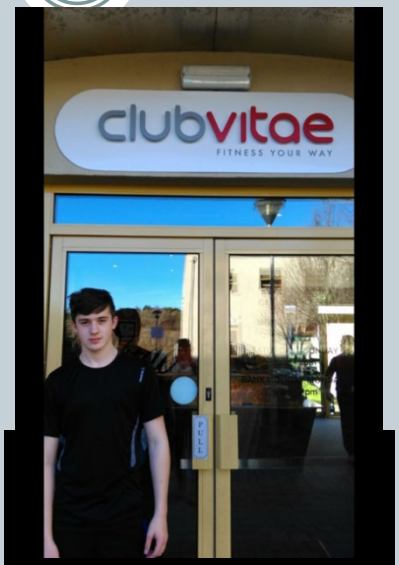
"LCA is better than I expected, I feel that I can be myself"

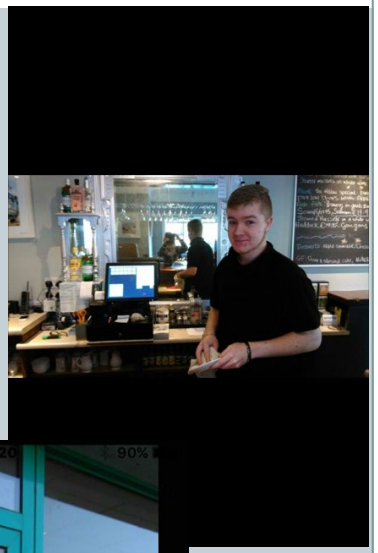


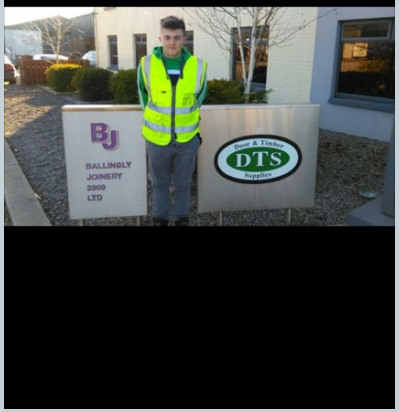
Celebrating LCA Success

Students on Work Experience









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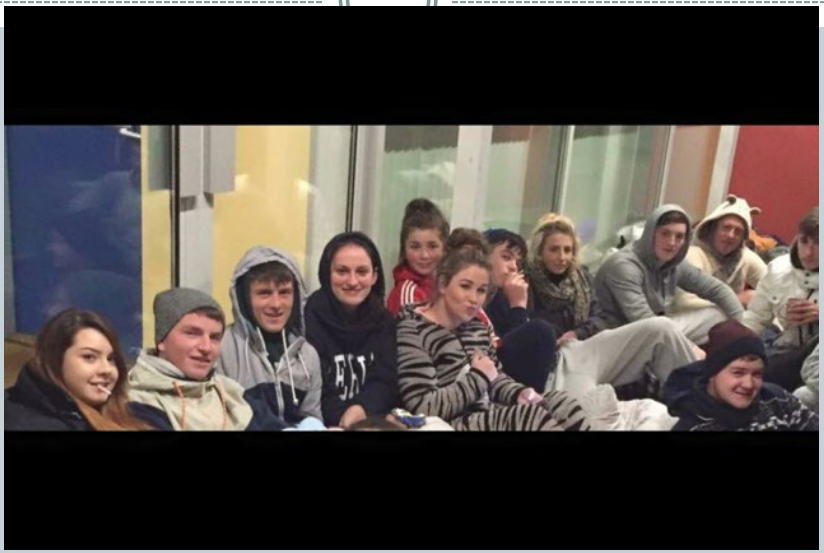

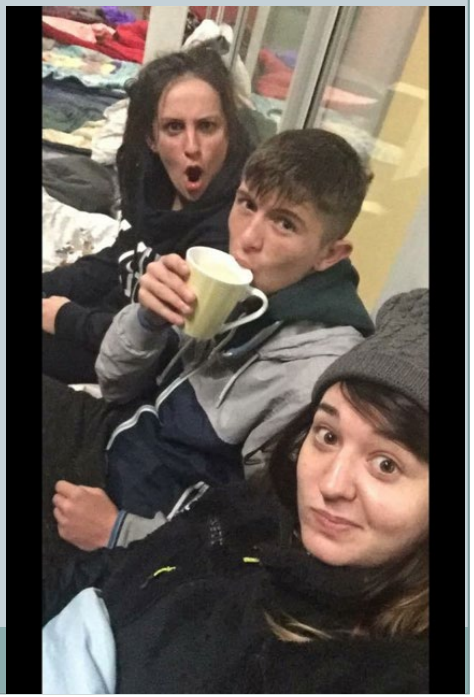

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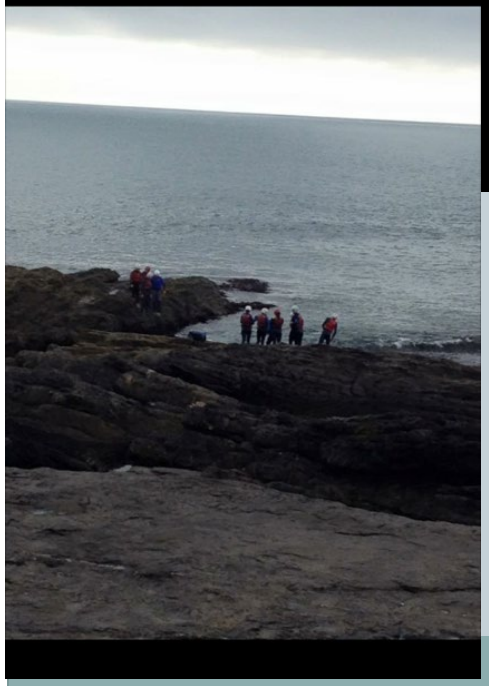

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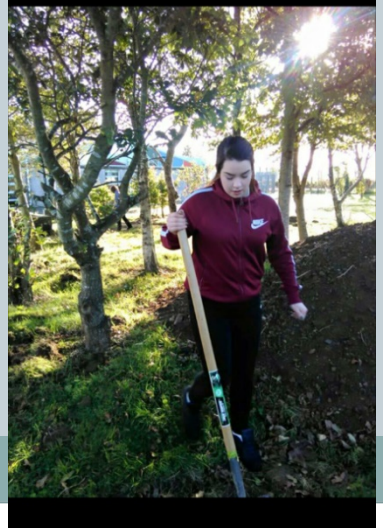

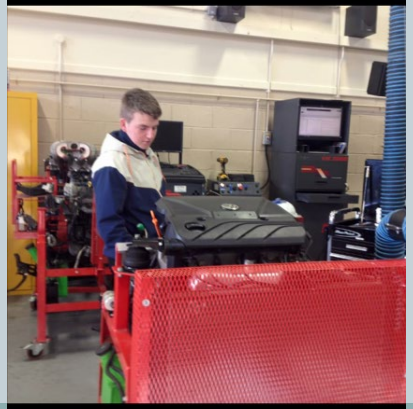

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