

LCVP

Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

The programme is offered to all Fifth and Sixth-Year students who study the qualifying Leaving Certificate subjects. The list of qualifying Leaving Certificate subjects can be viewed at www.pdst.ie. The teaching team believe that the subject provides students with a valuable insight into the world of work, career paths and report writing. It was decided that we would change the name of the subject within the school from LCVP to Enterprise Education.

What is the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme?

- It is an enhanced subject offered as part of the Leaving Certification.
- It is a subject that is self-directed (through your portfolio).
- 60% of the marks go towards your portfolio which is completed in 5th year.
- 40% of the marks are awarded from the end of year exam in 6th Year. This takes place in early May.
- The highest marks awarded are 66 points for a distinction – equivalent to a H4 or O2. More students are counting LCVP in their points towards courses.
- You never know what can happen on the day of an exam – LCVP is a fantastic subject to have on hand.
- We had a record number of Distinctions in O'Carolan College this year.

What are the benefits?

- Only some students qualify for this Programme. This depends on your current subject choices.
- The Programme recognises a 'gap' in vocational skills that can be taught through this programme.
- Key Transferrable skills that make you more employable – Critical Thinking, Teamwork, Flexibility, Basic IT Skills, Communication, Motivation, Leadership.
- Portfolio – Career Investigation, CV, Action Plan.
- Gives you an opportunity to explore career options and time to learn and make informed decisions when you start thinking about your next steps after O'Carolan College.

What is involved?

Students are encouraged to complete four portfolio items in Fifth Year and the remaining two portfolio items in Sixth Year. Students can avail of plenty of help from our excellent Career Guidance team in the school in securing work experience placements and preparation with their career investigations.

The portfolio accounts for 60% of the final examination and teachers spend considerable time correcting these in conjunction with the Departments marking scheme. All resources received at in –

service are shared within the department, any relevant information on grade improvement i.e. sample portfolio work are distributed to students.

The written paper accounts for 40% of the final examination and students are encouraged to actively discuss answers in class, visit www.pdst.ie and www.examinations.ie to gain a better understanding of the standard of answering required to achieve that distinction.

How is the subject awarded?

- Distinction = 66 points = H4 grade L Cert Honours
- Merit = 46 points = O2 grade L Cert Ordinary
- Pass = 26 points



Students spending the day the Chocolate Factory as part of their Summary Report; a key element of their Portfolio. Students saw how the factory operates on a day to day basis, got to make and taste fresh chocolate!



Students during a talk this year relating to Local Enterprise – this helped students form part of their Career Investigations. Another key element of their Portfolio.